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HOME CONFERENCES.

Conversions and Accessions.	
Converts' no.	Acc's.
Kerrville and Center Point	29
Pontotoc	15
Martin's Gap mission	17
Marquette	13
Sweetwater	56
Benvenue	70
Blue Ridge	7
Glenn Cove	17
Atoka	72
Jonesboro	10
Mt. Pleasant circuit	15
Norman	12
Atkins	13
Boons Prairie mission	19
Canton	16
Killeen	22
Orenville	43
Alto circuit	49
Sulphur Bluff circuit	35
Douglasville	75
Leasville	109
Kosse	148
Reckman Chapel	16
Hew	16
Stephenville	5
Ladon	6
Montauk	12
Delery	30
McWilliam's Camp-ground, Shelbyville circuit	15
Homer	45
Whitney	35
Clifton mission	43
Drecox	128
Wilcox City circuit	19
Cherokee	49
Bethel Church, Soudanville	38
Elan circuit	110
Margaret mission	50
Waxahatche circuit	10
Madisonville	15
Ray	112
Zephyr	12
Gainesville	36
Davilla	40
Liberty Hill	40
Park	29
Lancaster	67
Wylie	27
Martin's Gap mission	20
Total	1,504

finances some behind yet. We lack some on our conference collections. Preacher's and presiding elder's salary one-half behind. We protracted our meeting four days and nights. Bro. Allen did some good preaching. We had one happy conversion and accession, and a most gratifying time with the church members and preachers. Praise the Lord.

Kosse.
J. H. Collard, Aug. 29: Our meeting at Iredell closed on the tenth day with 148 conversions and ninety accessions. The preacher had prepared well, and hence large results. Everybody loves Badgett. He is a rustler and a good preacher. We had the old-fashioned evangelism and conversions. Old men, middle-aged, bent-over sinners and toddlers were saved and are now in the church and working for God.

Hickman's Chapel.
E. G. Duval, Aug. 29: I have just closed an eight day meeting at this place. There were five bright conversions, two accessions by ritual and baptism, the church revived and six children baptized. I am thankful to Rev. R. J. Deets, of Cooper, and Rev. T. C. Dewey, of Williamsfield circuit, for valuable services rendered. Dr. Deets is truly a revivalist. He is in his proper element when in his work.

Marion Mills. Aug. 27: Our meeting at Reece's Creek has closed; twenty-two conversions, fifteen accessions and more to follow; the church greatly revived and backsliders reclaimed. Willie Harris and Dr. J. F. Neal, of Coppens Co., rendered valuable service. The local preachers also did good work. Our meeting at Kill been is now in progress; two conversions last night. Bro. Wm. Mathews, of Lampasas, is with us. To our Heavenly Father be all the glory.

Kerrville Circuit-Center Point.
F. J. Perrin, Aug. 26: We have just closed a profitable camp-meeting. About twenty conversions, twelve accessions to the Methodist Church and several that will go to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We had a sweet season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The church was wonderfully blessed, and it seemed that we had a forest of heaven. Bros. F. H. C. Elliot and C. W. Godwin were with us, and the Lord was with them. To him belongs the glory, but to us the blessing.

Bethel Church, Boonsville Circuit.
E. J. Maxwell, Aug. 27: Our camp-meeting at this place, commenced on Friday, the 15th, and closed on Monday, the 25th of August. There were sixty conversions, some backsliders reclaimed and the church gloriously revived. Eighteen families were camped on the ground; great numbers of inquirers were present, particularly among the young. Bros. N. Gibson, of Wise, and T. G. Patterson, of Ellis county, assisted us. They both did good work and preached eloquent and soul-stirring, gospel sermons, and greatly edified themselves to our people. We are also indebted to Rev. J. C. Weaver, of Bro. Oawalt, Bloodworth and Johnston, of our conference, and Holms exhorter, and Fathers Cary and Badgett, local preachers. We are very grateful to all these brethren for the timely and efficient help rendered. The Lord rewarded them abundantly, to whom be all the glory forever. Amen.

W. W. Horner, Aug. 26: Our second protracted meeting was held at Naomah on the 15th and embraced first Sunday in August. We had no special revival in the way of conversions, but the church members who attended regularly were built up and strengthened in the faith. There were ten accessions to the church by certificate and ritual. Campbellism has a stronghold here, and there was great opposition to the mourners' bench. Our next meeting was at Sebel, and was a glorious meeting—twelve conversions and ten additions to our church. Some will join the Baptist and others the C. P. Church. We had the assistance there of Rev. Basham, of the First Baptist, and Rev. J. C. Weaver, also Bro. J. C. Bradshaw and W. F. Pitts, our local preachers. Thanks to all these brethren for valuable help. Have two more meetings to hold yet. Will write again.

W. M. Leatherwood, Aug. 30: We have just closed a profitable meeting at Winney's Chapel, on Gainesville circuit, resulting in thirty conversions and twelve accessions, making thirty-two conversions this year and thirty-five accessions. None of the above, I believe, have been reported through the ADVOCATE. Bros. Neely and Armstrong, of Gainesville, rendered some most efficient service in the absence of our local brethren and Rev. Arthur Marsden, of Gainesville, for good service. Dr. Neely's people are adding some handsome improvements to their church. Rev. M. C. Blackburn is getting to be himself again.

D. C. Ellis, Aug. 30: God has wonderfully blessed Rogers circuit this year. I have held five protracted meetings since the 1st of July, resulting in one hundred and twelve counted conversions and resulting in four hundred and thirty accessions to our church. Truly God is good. I have reported from time to time all of these meetings but one. I commenced at Grove Creek Aug. 23 and continued for six days. God was with us in power and gave us, in answer to the prayers and labors of his people, twenty-seven conversions and fifteen accessions. We are behind with our collections, though we have the greater part in subscriptions. I expect to make a full report at conference this fall. May God bless and reward the brethren who have so ably assisted me in my meetings. Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul, and all that's within me bless his holy name. I just felt like singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," all the time. "Praise ye the Lord."

H. G. Williams: On returning from district conference I learned that the ladies of Cedar Bayou had, in my absence, gave in ice-cream supper which was a grand success, being under the leadership of Sister Emma Bell and Miss Sophronia Davis. However, had it not been for the kindness and gentlemanly principles of Capt. Willie Hacen (and to whom we render grateful thanks) there might have been some mishap, as he delayed the arrival of whiskey that was purchased for the occasion. But the Lord was with those good sisters, and the result was a profit of \$20 and some odd cents, with which amount they purpose to do some work on the church. May

God bless the good women of all his churches, for when they are devoted to the cause of Christ, and being led by his spirit, they can do more than men in bringing souls to Christ. I've plucked the fruit, and gave to Adam and he did more than the wind was blown in sin. So, in like manner, she may take the lead, eat of the bread of life and give the same to those around her. Praise the Lord for Christian workers.

Liberty Hill.
J. S. McCarver, Aug. 29: Yes, we closed our protracted services at Leand, at night, 27th inst. Results: number of professions not certainly known—say forty, thirty-eight names given for membership, a number of parties declaring intention to establish family altars, men's and women's prayer meetings provided for, to meet separately. Over \$200 secured for general collections and incidental purposes and such a revival and increase of spiritual life and declared consecration anew to Christ and his cause, has not been seen and experienced, if ever, for many years here. This church's outlook here is cheering, hopeful. Rev. R. R. Raymond did all the preaching for eleven days and nights. The methods are his own, the results are such as to silence all opposition and lead to the glory of Christ and to salvation. God is honored, men saved, the church revived and strengthened and we are happy.

McWilliam's Camp-ground, Shelbyville Circuit.
Our camp meeting at this place has closed. It was a success, the church greatly revived, backsliders reclaimed and sinners converted. Between fifteen and twenty conversions and fourteen accessions to the church. The meeting was well supported. We had a plucky set of campers. They were few in number, yet they not only took care of the preachers, but of all others who did not come prepared to take care of themselves. It is impossible for us to estimate the great good done at this meeting. Figures do not tell it all by a great deal. The Lord was with us in power; to him be all the praise and glory. The following ministers were with us and did good work: Revs. Parks, E. B. Sharol, L. W. Holt, J. M. Windham and C. C. Sullivan, all local preachers. Nine infants were baptized during the camp-meeting and seventeen since conference; thirty-one members received since conference and four meetings to hold yet.

C. N. Rigan, Aug. 21: Our meeting of ten days at Ladonia has just closed. Results, fifty-four names for our church and nine for others. There were at least thirty conversions, but I am sure of fifty-four for the Methodist Church are heads of families, one being the mayor. I mention this not as being so important to Christian work in the future, but as indicating the death and power of our meeting in reaching those old sinners. To all of the following brethren we are under a lasting obligation for efficient preaching, prayer and private work: C. F. Clark, I. W. Clark, J. M. McKee, C. O. Jones, W. A. Stuckey, E. A. Butterfield, of the Methodist Church, and Bro. Eagleton, of the old School, with Bro. Backman, of the Cumberland Presbyterian. Some of these by "manipulating" skill and "preaching power," did great good. But to the Holy Ghost is the work attributed and to God the glory given, today and forever.

J. W. Groves, Aug. 27: Cherokee camp-meeting in the bounds of Cherokee mission closed after ten days' session on the 25th inst. with morning service. The Lord was with us from the beginning and there were conversions at nearly every service and some at night, at camp, after service. Nearly or quite forty conversions; complete harmony of old differences among the membership was attained. So far as I know great power rested upon the people. The meeting was conducted by Bro. Davee, of the M. P. Church, and the writer. We had abundant help from Revs. Carlton and Dawson, of the Protestant, and Chennett, M. E., and Craven, of our church. We have held three protracted and camp meetings previous to the above named, at all of which we had several conversions and the church greatly strengthened. The attendance of permanent campers was the largest ever known at old Cherokee camp-ground, and steps were taken to have the grounds surveyed with a view to permanent improvements. The Lord be praised.

A. F. Cox, Aug. 28: Our camp-meeting at Forest Oak closed on Sunday night, 24th inst., with eleven penitents at the altar, five conversions and four additions to the church by ritual and baptism. Altogether, there were ten additions, six conversions, ten children and two adults baptized. I like to take the lamb into the fold. In the beginning of the meeting the brethren made a formal consecration of themselves to God, and started out on a higher plane of holiness. As a consequence the Lord abundantly blessed them, and the shout of a King was heard in the camp. The church was wonderfully blessed. For the first four days I had no ministerial aid, but the brethren and sisters came up nobly to my assistance. Bro. W. H. Kilgough spent three days with us, preaching and laboring efficiently; then came Revs. Jim Smith, J. W. Herrington and W. F. Moore, who were retained to the close of the meeting, doing good service. At the close this writer was pretty well used up. He is now at home, after three months' absence, for a few days of rest and recuperation, preparatory to the final round-up for conference.

G. S. Hardy: Our fourth quarterly meeting was held at Bannister's Chapel the fourth Sunday in August, and at the end of our camp-meeting, at the same place, Bro. Haralson, our presiding elder, with Sister Haralson and Bro. A. B. Trimble arrived on Friday in good shape. Bro. Trimble preached us three strong sermons. Bro. Haralson preached with power and good effect, as he always does. At 11 o'clock Sunday he dedicated our new church, Bannister's Chapel, which gets its name from Uncle John Bannister, the oldest Methodist in the community. The services were impressive, and we all felt that it was good to be there. This house has been built by the community without aid from the Board of Church Extension this year, and is the first church-house erected in this county.

Our quarterly conference session was a good one, and the interest in the occasion was much intensified by it being the close of Bro. Haralson's fourth year. He has done faithful and hard service for the church during that time, and the growth of the church has been noticeable under his administration. He will carry the affections of the people of Vernon district wherever he goes. Our camp-meeting resulted in about thirty conversions and seventy accessions. Bro. J. R. Henson was with us through the first of the meeting and did some wonderful preaching. He is a power in the pulpit. Also Bro. G. A. Mitchell and other local brethren were with us and did good service. Our work is advancing steadily.

Douglasville.
J. B. Minnis, Aug. 26: I closed my last protracted meeting for Linden circuit last Sunday. This meeting was held at Union Chapel. Last Sunday was a good day for Union Chapel—said to be the largest congregation ever assembled at that place. Before preaching I baptized four children. After the sermon I received twenty-five into the church, baptized twenty adults and raised \$50 on conference collection. Our work is now in good condition. About 100 conversions during protracted meetings, seventy-six additions to the church; our finances all coming up, and I think we will be able to bring everything up in fall.

J. D. Whitehead, Aug. 24: We have held four protracted meetings in the Mt. Pleasant circuit this summer, with two others to hold yet. At Mt. Pleasant we had the able assistance of Rev. I. W. Clark, of Honey Grove, for about ten days. The meeting was held in a hall. Results of meeting, eight conversions and ten accessions to our church and two infant baptisms. Bro. T. J. Milam, of Pittsburg station, preached two interesting sermons at the close of our meeting. Second meeting at New Hope. Visible results, one conversion, one accession and two infant baptisms. Third meeting was held at Mt. Vernon, county site of Franklin county. Here we had the able assistance of our J. W. Adkinson, president of Central College, for two days, and Bro. W. M. Robins pastor of Pine Forest circuit, remained with us until the last day of the meeting, doing most excellent work. Visible results, a good revival in the church, two accessions. Fourth meeting at Centenary. Visible results, six conversions, two accessions and one infant baptism. We are looking for a revival at Bridges' Camp. We take courage and give God the glory.

J. A. Savage, Aug. 26: My third quarterly meeting is over and was a success, indeed. Bro. Mickie was on hand in the spirit and power of the Holy Ghost. He preached five sermons, and the one Sunday morning, on Matthew xxviii 19, knocked the foundation out of the water-salvation theory that has been preached for ages in that community for some time. We realized there a week and continually heard the voices of the croakers. Bro. Powlidge came Monday and preached eight good gospel sermons. The result was a gracious revival in the church, the feeble strengthened in the faith, the church and fifteen conversions, twelve accessions to the Methodist Church and two to the Baptist. We permitted a Baptist preacher to come to our altar and receive two that were converted in our meeting. He was a good worker and we take him to be a Christian gentleman. He filled the house with people at 3 o'clock. Up to this time we have received for 700 members and the church greatly revived.

J. J. Davis: My camp-meeting at Compton, on Her creek, closed the fourth Sunday at night with the following results: Fifty-five professions, fifty-eight accessions, twenty-eight adults and fifteen children baptized, about \$40 raised on the conference collections and \$9.75 incidental expenses. Several new family altars were erected and the fire on many of the old ones rekindled. The Holy Ghost came upon us in great power, and Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Campbellites all shouted the praises of God and were happy together. Indeed, it was good to be there. Uncle Tommy Stanford was with us most of the time, preaching to the comfort and edification of all. Bro. R. O. Brazelton was with us several days, rendering valuable service. Bros. Adams and Shepherd (local preachers) were in their place doing their duty well. The members generally worked well and God honored their efforts. Praise the Lord for salvation. The membership at Compton has doubled itself this year. The new church will be ready to dedicate by the fourth quarterly conference. One hundred and fourteen professions and 128 accessions to date. Praise the Lord.

C. B. Smith, Aug. 29: It is with a grateful heart I write you the results of my meeting at Bryan Chapel. It was in some respects the most wonderful meeting I have ever in. Every service was a joy. God was with us in great power; Christians were made to shout praises of God; men, women, boys and girls were deeply moved by the influences of his Divine power; sinners were convicted and came tremblingly to the altar and realized in its true sense. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Visible results, eight or ten reclaimed, twenty-five or twenty-six conversions, twenty three accessions. In this meeting I had the hearty co-operation of a working church—earnest, consecrated men and women. Bro. Crager, local deacon, preached once, Bro. W. P. Davis once. Bro. Davis has just begun to preach and is acceptable with the people. Bro. F. A. Crager is too well known to need any commendation from me. I took several very small boys and girls into the church. It would have done your soul good to hear the readiness and promptness with which they answered the questions. We bless God and take courage. Center to-morrow.

J. D. Hudgins, Aug. 29: Our camp-meeting at Red Springs was a success. The Lord was with us and greatly blessed us. There were twenty-five conversions and twenty-one additions. Our people are in a good spiritual condition at Red Springs. Bro. Moore from Florida, was with us a week. The sermon he preached would be hard to excel by our best preachers. They were grand. He preached last Sunday to over one thousand people on the money question and raised \$58 on our conference claims. We will come up

with a clean, clear report this fall. Bro. Williams of Ingersoll mission, was also here all the time and did great, good preaching and working in the altar. Our people will never forget these men of God. May God bless them, in our prayer. This quarter is almost out, and we are proud to say we are on the advance. Seventy-four additions to our church during this quarter, and thirty children baptized—in fact, every thing is moving on nicely. We need church-houses and a parsonage, and I hope we will have them soon. To God be all the praise.

Granbury.
R. F. Dunn, Aug. 27: By Episcopal appointment and the providence of God, I find myself at Granbury, to take the place assigned me in Granbury College, which opens September 8. For the first time in nine years I am without a pastoral charge, which is, indeed, a privation to me. I heartily and cheerfully resign myself to the will of God and the appointing power, believing that the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls has something for me to do in my new field of labor. The relation of pastor is one which I hold in high esteem, and in my choice, prefer it to every other relation, but as a son in the gospel, I hope to do what our bishops, in their Godly judgment, may judge best for the glory of God. As a pastor, I have always had a kind and appreciative people, and shall long remember the substantial tokens of kindness and sincere concern for my welfare, and hope still to be remembered by them at the throne of grace.

Waxahatche Circuit.
Chas. Davis: Since writing last I have held three meetings, with varied success. The meeting at Mountain Peak continued for two weeks. It was one of the most glorious meetings held here for years—Baptists and Methodists worked together. I had to leave at the end of the first week. Sixteen conversions and twelve accessions. The Baptists carried the meeting on another week with wonderful success—for between twenty and thirty accessions. We had a very good meeting at Middlethian. The church was wonderfully revived—seven accessions. The camp-meeting at Sardis was a blessed season of revival. Souls were converted every day, but the greatest victory was among the Sunday-school children and young people. How many of our dear, faithful teachers were encouraged. Seven young ladies in one class were converted. We were rained out on the 11th, so service on the 13th Sunday, or no doubt there would have been others converted and more accessions to the church, but so bless God for what he has done and press on. We are now holding our last meeting at Wyatt's Switch. Since our last writing we give you the sum total: Conversions, fifty-five; accessions, forty-two.

Ethridge and Ward Community.
G. W. Templein, Aug. 28: I commenced a protracted meeting on August 16, about seven miles north of Mullin, on Pompey creek, in what is known as the Ethridge and Ward community. It continued nine days. The attendance throughout was good and the behavior good. The good Lord was with us in great power. Many cold church members had their spiritual strength renewed and are on a higher plane in the Christian life. There were twenty bright conversions and fifteen accessions to the Methodist Church, organized on the last Sunday of the meeting a class at this point with twenty members. Closed the meeting with fifteen earnest penitents at the altar. May God save them. It is impossible for one not acquainted with the surroundings to estimate the greatness of the good done meeting. Figures do not tell it all. Rev. W. G. Turney, local preacher, was with me a short time and preached two sermons. Bro. J. H. Damon, our faithful exhorter, was with me most of the time, doing noble work for the Master. There were some laymen who did faithful work and some of the sisters worked with much zeal for the cause of Christ. May God bless all who aided in this meeting. We feel that great and lasting good has been done, for which God must have all the glory. Glory to God in the highest.

J. J. Moxley, Aug. 25: Bro. L. H. McGee closed a gracious revival at Stinson's Chapel last Sunday. It was carried on nine days with an attentive congregation, and many, both old and young, came to the altar for prayer, a number testifying to the truth as it is in Jesus; six united with the church, one of whom was a silver-haired father, sixty-one years old. Praise the Lord for salvation. The old, as well as the young, can come to Jesus. The meeting was highly spiritual. God was in the midst to bless. It was good to be there. The people of God were wonderfully revived at the chapel. Praise the Lord forever, the preacher and his flock are stronger in the Lord. Oh, the music, the music! Let me tell about it. The Christian young ladies and a few of the young men organized into a choir and the question with me is, will their voices ring sweeter in heaven? Our beloved Bro. G. T. Nichols, presiding elder, came on Friday and preached that night and on Saturday at 11 A. M. The quarterly meeting in the evening; baptized two children Sunday morning; preached at 11 o'clock and administered the Sacrament, and the meeting closed, and we bid the people a happy good-bye. Many of the happy faces we may never meet again this side of eternity. Much is due to the energy and zeal of our pastor, who is consecrated to the will of the Master.

J. A. Smith, Aug. 27: Our annual camp-meeting and our protracted meetings are over for the present year. The good Lord greatly blessed our pastors and the people of this charge this year. Our camp-meeting was a glorious success. Conversions and reclamations thirty or thirty-five, the church greatly revived. The Lord was with us in power. We had some of the brightest conversions I ever witnessed—received into the church one man six years old. Our testimony meetings were first class. It was delightful to hear the testimony of our young people and see their bright faces as they rose to tell how the Lord had blessed them during the meeting. A deep revival wave has passed over most of this work, the church is taking higher ground, the spirit of consecration is taking hold of our people and they go home to erect family altars. Lord, help us to live righteously at home. Financial outlook good. We have a noble people on theiphery.

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G. F. Boyd, Aug. 29: The amount collected from other towns and cities to aid in building our storm-wrecked church is \$1200, in place of \$1900, as the ADVOCATE made me say last week.

N. A. Keen: Good meeting at Brandon; sixteen conversions, twelve accessions. Bro. A. N. Keen, local preacher from Dallas county, has been with us in the spirit of the Master. The local brethren of the charge have rendered efficient help.

J. C. Calhoun, Aug. 28: Just completed the organization of a "Paragon Aid Society" at this place, and with the united efforts of these consecrated women of God, something profitable to the church may reasonably be expected.

J. W. Veet, Aug. 25: I have just closed a most gracious meeting at Thompsonville. Copious showers of Divine grace were poured upon us every day. The church was powerfully blessed and twenty five were added to our church.

W. S. P. McCulloch, Aug. 29: We closed a meeting at Zephyr last night. Results, seven accessions to the church and three conversions. We believe the greatest good was done among the membership.

Wm. A. Edwards, Aug. 27: I have just closed a splendid meeting at Bivins', in which Bro. Boyd, of Kidare, and Bro. Stockbridge (local) rendered valuable aid. Thirteen conversions, sixteen accessions.

L. F. Palmer, Aug. 28: Held two meetings since last report. Eighteen conversions and six additions to the church. We simply failed at Wylie. For this failure we are sorry; our physical nature could not continue the work. I must rest. Third quarterly meeting first Sunday in September, D. V.

C. G. Shutt, Aug. 30: We have had three meetings on this charge that have not yet been reported in the ADVOCATE, to-wit: Stoker Springs, Eugeneville and Hutchins, aggregating twenty-two conversions and seventeen accessions. We expect to arise and build at Hutchins.

J. T. Owen, Aug. 29: I began a meeting at Deadmans the third Sunday in August; results, forty-two conversions and thirty-two additions to the church. Next I began at Graham Chapel. Results, twenty-five conversions and twenty-five additions to the church. This makes on this work 108 conversions this year. To God be all the glory.

J. Fred Fox, P. E., and John R. Steele: We are advancing—some fifty accessions to our church, and of a superior quality. I consider the meetings better than last year. One yet to hold, where we have never had a revival (West station); would be thankful for help; if any brethren be passing please drop in on first Sunday in September.

R. V. Galloway, Aug. 29: Glorious meeting at Cove Springs; about twenty conversions, fourteen additions; every thing moved. W. V. Jones, D. C. Strange and Uncle John Latham rendered efficient service in the pulpit. The church all worked. We commenced last night at Cranfield Gap. Good prospects. Pray for us.

D. W. Grounds, Aug. 26: Bro. James Jamison closed a meeting at the Grounds camp-ground last night, which resulted in seven conversions and seven additions to our church. Bro. Jamison, our beloved pastor, did some good, sound, logical preaching. Campbellism troubles under the scriptural reasoning of such faithful men of God. He is a power in the church. Oh, God, send us more like him.

R. V. Galloway, Aug. 21: Good meeting at this place; seventeen conversions, seventeen additions to our church, one to M. E. Church and one to C. P. Church, two came to us by letter. They were generally revived and the community blessed. Bro. Joiner, of the C. P. Church, rendered efficient service. To God be all the glory.

W. F. Brinson, Aug. 29: Our third quarterly meeting for Davilla circuit was held at Lebanon the 23d and 24th. Our presiding elder was on hand seeing after the interest of the church; a good report of stewards, one local preacher;

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IN A WAGON.

We reached Archer City about 9 a. m., and felt no little disappointment at learning that my niece lived some twenty miles directly west, and as we had our faces turned toward home, we felt constrained to change our purpose and move on in the direction of Fort Worth. Bro. Cameron, P. C. at Archer City, was holding a camp-meeting some ten miles away, so we failed to get sight of him, but saw the neat church he had built and which Dr. McLeach dedicated recently.

Our drive in the evening took us through a section of good land, once the school land of Jefferson county, now owned by a cattle company and run as a ranch. Just as we were emerging from said pasture we stopped to get fresh water from a well we saw in the yard of the house by the side of our road. Mrs. Cox and Lundy went in to see if they couldn't get some butter-milk "to make biscuits." An organ attracted Lundy's attention and when Mrs. Heath, the lady of the house, found she could use it, wanted us to sing and we organized our choir and gave them a few pieces from Excell's book. We got the milk and they got the songs and we parted, as we believe, with mutual good feeling. About sunset we drove into Farmer and to the house of our dear friend and brother, S. J. Vaughan, P. C. He is the son of Wm. Vaughan, an honored superannuate of the Northwest Texas Conference, and is finishing up his second year on the circuit; has done faithful work and is in high favor among his people. This is Friday and the next morning I go with him to his third quarterly conference, fifteen miles from the Jacksboro road, while the rest remain till evening to do some cleaning up. Arrived at Winn Hill, we met Bro. H. B. Whittenburg, a local preacher, who, by arrangement, serves this place with the gospel. By the way, he is one of the local preachers that is always ready to do any work in reach of him, and you will not be surprised when you hear Bro. Vaughan say, "I don't see how I could get along with him, and think I will have to take him with me when I am moved." Bro. V. had just closed a meeting of considerable interest at Hawkins Chapel. At that meeting, as at this, the young ladies are leaders at the grove prayer meetings and in all the song service. I was shown a little boy, about five years old, who, when called on at the children's grove meeting to pray, repeated the Lord's Prayer. That's better than many of our young members do. Here I also met Bro. J. B. Hawkins, of the Tarkenton mission, in good health and spirits. He belongs to this numerous tribe who make up the Hawkins Chapel community. Bro. Vaughan gave us a cheering sermon on Saturday, at 11 a. m. The quarterly conference at 3:30 p. m. revealed a good report and the stewards, with perhaps one exception, gave assurances of bringing up the entire claim of P. E. and P. C., and the pastor felt sure of all his collections. There is a deal of territory in this country unoccupied by us which will in the near future be organized into missions. The people are ready.

Bro. Hawkins preached at night and did well. My family arrived in due time and we and our horses fared sumptuously by the cleverness of Bro. Beauchamp and others.

On Sunday, at 11 a. m., with considerable hesitancy, I attempted to preach, but realized greater difficulty than usual in passing through the thoughts I had prepared for the occasion. We enjoyed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with these brethren for the first time and we felt for the last. I met here Bro. Allen, whom I knew in Hill country when a boy. He is now a local preacher and a good man. At the conclusion of the morning service a good-looking woman came and spoke to my wife, and it proved to be an old acquaintance—Sister White, who once lived in Weatherford. After dinner we were introduced to Mr. White, whose father, Dr. White, lived in the bounds of the Corsicana circuit, my first pastoral charge. He has a son, who attends school at our Southwestern University, and is preparing for the ministry. It seemed a little strange to me when I learned that the father is not religious at all. I trust God may soon touch his heart and bring him into his fold. Clever men like him should not go to hell. In the afternoon Bro. V. preached a very affecting and eloquent sermon—the funeral sermon of a little boy who recently died.

At night, after a sermon by Bro. Whittenburg, a number of penitents were in the altar. One conversion at the grove meeting.

Monday morning we bid good-bye to this people and move on toward home. We reach Jacksboro about 10 a. m.; have some shoes put on a horse; meet the sheriff, Bro. Moore, who kindly showed my family through the courthouse, a splendid building, while I called on Bro. Sil Stark at his office, from whom I learned that Bro. E. W. Simmons had just left for his home at Whit. So I did not get to see him, but Bro. Stark gave a good report of him and his work. Jacksboro has four churches, a Masonic hall and a commodious school building; but they are feeling the effects of drought. On Lost creek, near by, we found a large spring and plenty of water and shade, where we ate our dinner. We found Bro. Favor, a relative of our old friend, Capt. Carr Forest, of Ellis county. He is a Baptist and we enjoyed the hour in his company and that of others who chanced to be there.

In the afternoon we pass over some beautiful country and not far from the home of our Bro. John Powell. We passed, also, over the section where one

said the Lord scattered the rocks and had a lot left and poured just them all out in one place.

The next day took us through a rough, sandy country in the corner of Wise county. Soon after noon we passed through the well-watered village of Agnes, and near it runs the Albuquerque railroad. The grading is partially completed. At night we camped in the yard of our old friends, Brother and Sister Abe Swallow, at Veal's Station. They have an organ and we organized a choir, and such singing as we did have! Sister Jenkins, a Methodist woman of great energy, traveled with us during the evening. Just before reaching Veal's Station we came in sight of Springtown and Fort Worth, and our children became hilarious—felt as though we were almost home.

On Wednesday morning, as we were ready to roll toward our destination, we called on Sister Rebecca Whitley, the sister of Bro. George W. Graves. We had not seen her since she was a girl, and time had dealt gently with her. Our way is down the divide between the West Fork of the Trinity and Silver creek. Some good, small farms in the valleys, but most of the land is in pastures. The old Price place was easily recognized, having changed only by slight wear and tear since we saw it twenty-eight years ago. The same old log houses stand to remind one of the days when this people could not get lumber except as they hauled it on ox wagons from the mills of East Texas. How things are changed! Then weeks were required to secure a load of lumber, now you hitch to in the morning and return in the evening. Our last dinner out was enjoyed on the West Fork. We had plenty for ourselves and our faithful horses to eat, and we ate it thankfully. A bath in these limpid waters improved our feelings. A few miles only must be traveled, but these seem long to the children, who are anxious to reach the end. Soon we near North Fort Worth and begin to note the improvements going on here and in all parts of the city—for we can see it all, or nearly so, from these high hills. Arlington Heights are to our right; South Fort Worth, with its churches, schools, hospital and palatial residences, in our front, and East Fort Worth, or Sylvania, to the left, present to the eye a wide area of country which is to be the scene of great activity for the next decade, and the filling in of which will place her alongside her flourishing older sister, just a few miles eastward. Indeed, she may step to the front place. *Quiescitur.*

At 6 p. m. we reach home and find the neighbors glad to see us. John had proven to be a clever housekeeper, for the home is in order. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his constant watchfulness over us and our long trip, and his good providence in supplying our wants of body, mind and spirit, and for his safe conduct home. In conclusion, let all who read these lines enter with us into the mutual pledge of greater devotion and more loving service to our loving, Divine Father. J. FRED COX.

NOTES—RECORDS.

H. G. H.

"History of Methodism in Texas," in naming the preachers who filled the Corpus Christi station, omits the names of N. H. Boring and H. G. Horton Young Boring was there in 1862; Horton in 1861, and again in 1871, to fill unexpired term of H. A. Graves, whose name is also omitted from the list. I. W. Brown came to Corpus the following year and received Alejo Hernandez into our church. Also same "history" says B. F. Kavanaugh was pastor of Methodist Church in San Antonio in 1865—an error, for Kavanaugh was never pastor of any church in West Texas Conference. The present writer was pastor of San Antonio church in 1865, taking charge immediately after the "reak up." In a few months Dr. Kavanaugh came on to San Antonio with many others from the disbanding armies. Dr. Kavanaugh reported to the preacher in charge, showed his credentials, identified himself with our church, was elected superintendent of Sunday-school, commencing the practice of medicine lectured for us, preached often and grandly, and in the fall he went to Galveston with the family of Gen. Smith, a refugee from Missouri. Soon Kavanaugh's family joined him at Houston. He became a member of the Texas Conference, was appointed to Chappell Hill at conference of 1866, and lost a son and daughter with yellow fever in 1867; afterwards spent many years in Houston. In many respects he was nearly the image of his brother, the old Bishop, but in preaching was heavier and more metaphysical. He was a man of learning, especially in medicine, theology, and the natural sciences. After the "break-up" and things became a little quiet in San Antonio, he delivered a series of lectures on the Book of Revelation, endeavoring to explain the mystery of the Confederate failure. Persons who heard him thought he got things somewhat mixed specially in the darkness of the terrible events then transpiring. When he preached on repentance, and visited the sick and dying, it was noticed that he was much clearer. The clouds were not full of rainbows in those days. The good old doctor died last year, a superannuated member of the Kentucky Conference.

"ENDURE HARDNESS."

A Methodist preacher has this to do sometimes. Take this: I had an appointment twenty miles distant. Wife sick; left her, hoping for the best. Weather hot as blazes! Traveled near place Saturday evening, reaching place next morning (Sunday), at 10. People going in vehicles and on horses, away over the hill in different directions. Met an old man; he said everybody was gone to a camp-meeting held by another

denomination. Stayed at church until 11, looking for some old "stand-by." He didn't stand by! Turned back. Still hot. Drove six miles; got dinner with a local preacher. Drove four miles and married a couple, then home in the rain. Wife been very, very sick all the time. Doctor with her most of the time. Now, I'm persuaded that no denomination of people would tax their pastor like that but Methodists. Selah! P. C. IN TEXAS.

OLD JASPER CIRCUIT.

After a long silence and at the solicitation of many readers of the ADVOCATE, I resume my notes on the old Jasper circuit and the ministers who have been in charge of it. As many of them are still actively engaged in the itinerary, I will only mention them and give their present location.

At the conference held in Rusk in October, 1867, Bishop McTyeire presiding, D. S. Watkins was appointed presiding elder of the San Augustine district and E. L. Armstrong was assigned to the Jasper circuit. For four consecutive years he remained in charge and at the close of the year 1871, with health shattered, he was superannuated, and continued in that relation until the close of 1875, when he was appointed presiding elder of Beaumont district by Bishop Pierce.

In 1872 J. W. Mills was the presiding elder, with A. D. Parks preacher in charge. Bro. Mills came from the South Georgia Conference in 1870. He was an earnest, successful and an impressive preacher. He did faithful work for a few years and fell on sleep and awaits the gathering of God's saints. He ranked high in his old conference and lost nothing by his coming to Texas. He has a son, Rev. J. M. Mills, who caught his father's mantle and bears it on successfully. Bro. A. D. Parks, worn and feeble, still survives. He lives in Nacogdoches county, is now a superannuated member of the East Texas Conference, and is patiently waiting the coming of the Deliverer. He began his labors in the Tennessee Conference; came as a transfer to the East Texas Conference in 1858, and was a faithful worker till failing health forced him to retire.

At the close of the year 1872 the Beaumont district was formed, embracing a part of the old San Augustine district, Jasper circuit becoming one of the first charges of the new district, Francis M. Stovall presiding elder and J. M. Bond preacher in charge. Bro. Stovall was a native of Tennessee, reared and educated in Texas. He entered the ministry in 1844; traveled as junior preacher with Rev. M. H. Jones on the Crockett circuit in 1845 and continued without a break save the two years he spent in McKenney College until 1852, when his health failed and he was superannuated. Bro. Stovall was an able preacher, gifted in descriptive powers, logical in presenting the truth, possessing a flow of language above ordinary men, and often sublime in thought and eloquent in the presentation of the gospel. He filled with marked ability circuits, stations and districts. He served for years as a curator of the Southwestern University. He left two sons, both ministers—Geo. H., a local preacher and educator of marked usefulness, and John E., who died last year at LaGrange. Bro. Stovall was a life-long friend and intimate associate of this writer. We were together as senior and junior preachers on the Henderson circuit in 1858—a year of grand results in the salvation of souls. Years afterward he was my presiding elder, and I was his. We knew each other well, and our attachment was mutual and abiding. When F. M. Stovall closed his earthly race a true, pure and upright soul ascended on high. He died in great peace at Moweb, Polk county, Texas, in 1883, leaving two sons and three little daughters and their mother to emulate his example and meet him in the better land. For nearly forty years of toil and triumph, through cold and heat, he labored faithfully and successfully with the advance guard to make possible the success of the church of the present hour. Should not Texas Methodists greet over the sleeping dust of such men as Savall, Williams and Fields an humble monument in appreciation of their labors and worth, thereby directing coming generations to the spot where their bodies await the resurrection day? Surely they deserve this much. But God is their keeper and will weave garlands of immortality which they will wear eternally.

J. M. Bond, as already stated, was pastor of the Jasper circuit in 1873. He is the son of a preacher and has inherited the zeal, determination and faithfulness that characterized his now slain father. His ministry has been attended with marvelous results in the salvation of souls. He is still actively engaged in the work, and at this time he is serving the Whitney circuit, Fort Worth district.

James R. Wages followed Bro. Bond as pastor in 1874, and served the charge in 1875. He was young, timid and retiring. His labors were blessed and the people loved him. His sermons were short, well matured and delivered with force. When he finished he quit. I heard this remark made on one occasion: "If Wages preaches he will keep you only twenty-three minutes." The remark was true, for the preacher took his seat within the limit. On one occasion, in the delivery of an earnest exhortation, he told his auditors that "time was a fragment of eternity broke off at both ends and cracked in the middle," which definition collapsed the speaker for the time. He is now presiding elder of Paris district, and from reports he is meeting the expectations of his early

friends. In 1875 E. L. Armstrong was appointed to the district, and R. C. Armstrong pastor of the circuit. He filled the work in 1876, and at the close of the year transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference, of which he is still a member. In 1877 and 1878 E. M. Sweet was pastor. At the close of the year 1878 the work was divided and E. M. Sweet was placed in charge of the station, which he filled for two years. H. H. Vaughan was pastor of the circuit in 1879. He did well in that charge, and is still in the work. He is now in charge of the Marytown circuit, Northwest Texas Conference. E. L. ARMSTRONG.

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A GREAT PERIL AND A GREAT EMERGENCY.

PROF. D. S. MARTIN.

To Christians and Patriots:

Never before has so serious and public a danger menaced the American Sabbath as the proposal now announced and urged that the Columbian Exhibition shall remain open continuously seven days in the week. An issue is raised at this point which demands the most earnest and immediate action of all Christians and the whole moral force of the country. Nothing less will avail to prevent this most painful and ominous departure from all American precedents in the interest of a godless materialism. There is danger that the emergency may be overlooked by many, in consequence of its arising at the present season, when pastors and congregations are largely scattered, and the usual religious organizations and activities are more or less reduced or suspended. But let the religious press of the whole country sound the note of alarm, and let meetings be held and resolutions adopted in every town and city and summer resort to voice the sentiment of the Christian public in tones that the authorities of the exhibition "cannot choose but hear."

It has been a matter of great interest, and a cause for great thankfulness, that heretofore, both at our own Centennial Exhibition and in the American departments of expositions abroad, God's day has been respected and God's command obeyed. The silence and suspension on the Sabbath have been a priceless testimony and a most important objection to the representatives of other nations. Shall this great and noble precedent be now reversed, and our beloved country abandon her position as a "nati in that feareth the Lord?"

Better, ten thousand times better, that the exhibition never be held, than that it should mark and establish a change from the American Sabbath to the European Sunday.

The Word of God is exceedingly clear and pointed as to the national blessings or curses that attend respectively upon the general and public regard or disregard of God's law and God's day. We cannot but think of Belshazzar's feast in connection with this proposal, and fear lest, if it should be carried out, the occasion of our pride and boast should become the signal for a divine sentence of condemnation and calamity. "The nation and kingdom that will not serve me shall perish." "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of man shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."

The protest of the Sabbath Observance League, issued some days ago, and the resolutions adopted at the Parwell Hall meeting in Chicago last week, should be taken up and followed out by similar expressions in every part of the country, and this should be done at once, as there is no time to lose. Immense efforts will be made, backed by much political and moneyed interest, to accomplish this painful innovation, and nothing but a determined and strenuous effort will avail to prevent it. From such a disgrace and sin may our God and our fathers' God deliver us! And let every Christian who loves his country, or the kingdom of Christ, see that he does all that in him lies—by prayer, by speech, by pen—to avert this peril to our priceless American Sabbath.—New York Evangelist.

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FIRST DAY.

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Lay delegates, G. W. Rubush, H. H. Neil, G. W. Hancock, W. Vansicles and J. E. Prather. Rev. J. D. Barbee, Book Agent; Rev. Jas. Campbell, editor, and Louis Blaylock, representing the publishers of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, were introduced to the conference and Dr. Barbee and Rev. Jas. Campbell addressed the conference.

Following are biographical sketches of the charter members of the New Mexico Conference: WM. DAILY CLAYTON was born in St. Louis county, Mo., Dec. 21, 1838, coming from good, old-fashioned Methodist parents.

JAMES ALLEN CRUTCHFIELD was born in Wayne county, Ky., January 23, 1840; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in his seventeenth year.

REV. J. P. HILBURN was admitted on trial in the White River Conference, December, 1880, and was stationed at Jonesboro, where he spent two years as pastor.

REV. FLEM S. JACKSON was born in Mississippi Aug. 25, 1854; was converted and joined the church July, 1870; licensed to preach at Le-Vaughan, Ark., Sept. 11, 1877.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

Following are biographical sketches of the charter members of the New Mexico Conference:

WM. DAILY CLAYTON was born in St. Louis county, Mo., Dec. 21, 1838, coming from good, old-fashioned Methodist parents; graduated at Dickinson College in the class of 1863; was converted under the ministry of Dr. Wm. V. Tudor at Centenary Church, St. Louis, Mo., in 1877; licensed to preach by the quarterly conference at Albuquerque in the spring of 1888; admitted upon trial by the Denver Conference, at Pueblo, Colo., August, 1888, and sent to Gallup, New Mexico, where he has been stationed for the past two years.

JAMES ALLEN CRUTCHFIELD was born in Wayne county, Ky., January 23, 1840; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in his seventeenth year; was licensed to preach in Missouri by Rev. Jesse Bird, of the Plattsburgh district; was admitted on trial in the Louisville Conference in the year 1862.

REV. J. P. HILBURN was admitted on trial in the White River Conference, December, 1880, and was stationed at Jonesboro, where he spent two years as pastor.

REV. FLEM S. JACKSON was born in Mississippi Aug. 25, 1854; was converted and joined the church July, 1870; licensed to preach at Le-Vaughan, Ark., Sept. 11, 1877; moved to Texas June, 1889, and admitted into the North Texas Conference Dec. 5, 1881, at Greenville, Texas; was ordained deacon at the same session by Bishop Kavanagh, and traveled the Linden circuit.

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JACKSON B. COX was born June 24, 1862, in McMinn county, Tenn. In his sixteenth year he came to Texas. In 1883 he was converted while in the cornfield, in the employment of Dr. E. C. Ragsdale, Haskell county, Texas. On the third Sunday in April, 1885, he joined the M. E. Church, South, Rev. C. Rowland, preacher in charge. On May

19, 1887, he was licensed to preach at Nolanville, Texas, Rev. Jas. Mackey, presiding elder. On October 23, 1887, at Luling, Texas, he was admitted on trial into the West Texas Conference and served Oxford circuit two years. October 27, 1889, Bishop Joseph S. Key ordained him deacon at the following day appointed him to Eddy mission, N. M. Having a very limited education, by his own effort and being assisted by friends, attended school in 1880 and 1881 at Centennial Masonic Institute, Grayson county, Texas, and in 1886 at Coggin Academy, Brownwood, Texas.

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say, however, that the greater portion of it is desert. We were surprised to find so much barren country in our State. The soil seems to be good, but the scarcity of rainfall makes it unprofitable for purposes of cultivation, yet it is said that stock do remarkably well in the greater part of this territory. About the only vegetation in sight as you pass through this country on the railroad is the cactus, which flourishes in all its varieties. New Mexico is said to consist of the same kind of country. But along the river valleys, where there is irrigation as in the valley of the Rio Grande at El Paso, the soil is very productive.

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Where a personal correspondent replies to an impersonal one, the latter has no right to rejoin except with his proper name. Perhaps a mere interchange of compliments might be an exception to this rule. But for an impersonal writer to attempt an adverse criticism would be mere savagery.

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In discussing abstract principles not involving personalities or local facts, impersonal articles should generally be preferred. They present to the reader the naked argument, neither supported nor hindered by the weight of a name.

It is perfectly competent for any correspondent to criticize adversely the editor himself. In such case, if the article be printed, the editor must reply, if at all, just as any other writer would, and under the same rules, without seeking any advantage from his position as editor. He thus puts himself on a par with the correspondent.

Have something to write rather than have to write something. Keep out of ruts. Avoid hackneyed, trite and worn out phrases. Never touch a low wit claim. Remember that writing for a religious paper is a mode of ministering the gospel.

A close observance of these rules will improve both our newspapers and their correspondents. R. S. ABNEY. YAZOO CITY, MISS.

FROM ALBUQUERQUE TO ABILENE.

Brother Hampton telegraphed the Albany preacher to "come over and help" him hold a meeting. So the Albany preacher, as is his wont, bade his wife get ready to go with him, which she did—like Sarah "obeying her lord." Bro. Fred Cox has been exploring this northwestern part of the conference in search of health, which I deeply regret to learn he did not find, and has been writing it up; but he failed to visit what we here consider the two most important points, Albany and Abilene. I will supply his omission by writing of our trip to Abilene. A good team of horses swiftly drew us, cozily seated in a new carriage, one of Armstrong's best, to the home of Bro. Mooreman, nine miles from Albany, where we spent the night. A few miles from this good home are the ruins of the old salt works, which were in operation during the war. Two immense iron kettles, half rusted away, still sit in their places, empty and useless. The salt water from these wells near by was boiled in these kettles and also evaporated in stone vats by the sun. Near by stand the stone walls of a dwelling, also corrals for stock, all built of stone, with a stern purpose of protection from the red man who contested this saline treasure with his brother in white. The stone of that section is almost ready to hand for building purposes, being taken from its bed in layers of convenient and almost uniform thickness, and broken into blocks of suitable size for building. These old relics brought us near to the old heroic days and people whose privations and struggles made our lives here safe and peaceful. With a sigh for the anxious and weary hearts that used to throb amid the dangers, we left the place. In the early morning we began the ascent of my first real mountain, though reared among the hills. The first ascent is steep and so rocky that only good horses and strong wheels, guided by a good driver, can be relied on for safety. I found that my peace of mind was best secured by shutting my eyes and trusting to my driver. As he took me safely up I resolved to store the experience away as a lesson of truth in a higher sense, not to look ahead at dangerous places, but to trust to Him who has promised to take us all safely over life's rough places. We soon got nearly to the summit of the highest point in view, but the road winding around brought in view a higher one. We drove up higher and higher in view, and this was the case for four miles, when we found ourselves really on the summit of this grand mountain range with its deep ravines and gorges, its soft green meadows and long yellow grass on which thousands of cattle were feeding, for all the country between Albany and Abilene is under fence. On the highest points of this mountain are three or four stone pillars ten or twelve feet high, that we were told were put up and used by the rangers as sign-posts in the days when there were no roads. Now they only serve to carry the mind of the passer by back to the days of peril and hardship and make him feel thankful that they are gone forever. We did not go down these mountains on the other side, at least not that we know of. We passed over a series of low hills and hollows for several miles, then came out on the prairie on which Abilene stands. Some beautiful farms gladden the eye near the city, showing by their fertility the great farming resources of this Northwest.

We found the city abtrob with life and enterprise, new buildings or additions to dwellings going up everywhere, an artesian well under way, and every evidence of prosperity. Among the first things told us at the paragon about the meeting was of the morning prayer

STATISTICS.

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT. Local preachers, 13; Members, 154; Baptized, 162; Adults baptized, 113.

EL PASO DISTRICT. Local preachers, 5; Members, 32; Baptized, 13; Adults baptized, 5.

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT. Number churches, 7; Value churches, \$12,500; Value parsonages, \$20,711; Value parsonages, \$20,711; Value other church property, \$10,125; Money expended for churches and parsonages, \$71 35.

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RULES FOR NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

1. Newspapers are made for the public, not for personal communication or intercourse among those who may wish to write for or in them. A paper sent to an editor and intended for publication does not imply a request or even a wish for its publication. It is a mere loose paper thrown into or found in the mail for the editor to use if he chooses and as he chooses.

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SECOND DAY.

The conference was opened by religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. M. Stevenson. After the reference of several connectional papers to the proper committees, question 20 was called and the characters of the following elders were passed: Olin Bogges, I. N. Crutchfield, J. W. Jackson (reported dead), J. P. Hilburn and B. T. Searcy.

Question 2 was called and J. M. Crutchfield, J. A. Crutchfield and W. H. Gibbons were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year.

Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., one of the Missionary Secretaries; Rev. S. G. Kilgore, presiding elder Durango district, Mexican Border Conference; Rev. Domingo F. Acosta, of Chihuahua mission; Jose A. de La Vega, El Paso mission, and Rev. Alejandro Fernandez, El Paso mission, were introduced to the conference.

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The conference opened with the usual religious services; Rev. J. A. King led in prayer. The Joint Board of Finance made their report, which was adopted. There was but one claimant, Sister W. J. Jackson, and the whole amount, \$98, was given her. As no assessment for the bishops was made by the proper authority, the board assessed an amount equal to



A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report, August 17, 1889.

service, at which they were usually from forty to fifty at 5:30 o'clock. To gather at so early an hour after being at night service till after 10 o'clock, showed unmistakable devotion on the part of Bro. Hampton's church. On mingling with them I found his members to be of the old, true type of Methodists who enjoy religion enough to love to work for it. The new church is a gem of beauty, a pleasant, fitting place in which to worship God. When two or three ample rooms shall be added to their parsonage the Abilene Methodist can be justly proud of their church property. I believe such an addition is contemplated before conference. I presume, if the conference is divided, Abilene will then be the most important point in the new conference. It is doubly fortunate then that the church is steadily growing. I was told that it was the exception when there were no additions on Sunday. The members were attentive at each service during our stay there, but no special work had been done by sinners. But such workers as Brother and Sister Hampton in such a field as Abilene always bring a harvest sooner or later. We were entertained part of our time at the home of our presiding elder, Bro. Wallace, which is also the home of all the preachers on his district, and any others that may come along, and Sister Wallace loves to serve them all with her very best and makes all feel at home in the "preachers' room." Her unselfish devotion will not go unrewarded.

On our return home we were on the summit of the old mountain in the afternoon. From there we had a grand view of the hills and valleys lying for miles before and beneath us, and of the blue hills in the distance. A few fleecy clouds were floating beneath the sun, casting on the hillside and valleys blue shadows that seemed like fairy islets in a sea of sunlight. I love the hills and the mountains. I am willing to climb their rock-ribbed sides for the uplift of mind and soul I get on the summit. They bring me nearer God; they make me want to get out of low valleys of Christian experience where the cloud-patches lie, away up into the mount of God's love where I can see that—

"Above the clouds is sun still shining."

Mrs. C. C. ARMSTRONG.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN: When our conference, at its session last fall, granted me a superannuated relation I anticipated visiting several pastoral charges and district conferences to enjoy your fellowship and to contribute more toward furthering the interests of church extension, but much affliction has prevented my doing so, and I hope you will give respectful and prayerful attention to this note. I am in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Morton and Morris which contains the statement that during the quadrennial session of our conference only paid 44 per cent on its assessment for church extension; and also, that in our conference last year there were eight charges which reported no collections at all for this cause. Surely it is not too much to say that every pastor ought to raise something for church extension, and in view of the relative smallness of the assessment, it seems to me that there ought to be no deficit at our next meeting. Let the stronger charges, and those whose assessments are proportionately small, raise enough over and above their assessments to make up for any deficits which may be reported from the weaker and more heavily taxed. This suggestion is important, from the fact that in some of the districts at least the district stewards apportion this assessment on a strictly per capita basis, and in consequence some very poor circuits and missions are assessed more for church extension than some strong charges, which pay four or five times as much as they for all other causes. It is easy to see that unless some of these wealthier charges go beyond their assessments our next annual report will show another ugly shortage. Respectfully, R. G. SHAW.

RELIGIOUS DEBATE.

There will be a religious debate at Nacoma, Montague county, Texas, on the night of September 22, on the distinctive doctrines of Methodist and Christian (or Campbellite) Churches, to continue several days. I wish it distinctly understood that they are the challenging party and we are called upon to defend the doctrines of our beloved Methodism. The debaters are Elder M. F. Smith and who will attend with the "single eye. Send names at once to Rev. J. T. Brownning, that homes may be arranged.

ROLINESS ASSOCIATION.

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HOME CONFERENCES.

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Oh! brethren, let us walk in the light and liberty of the gospel, and help others to do so. To strive for the highest attainments in the divine life is, I think, the only safe ground to occupy. The following brethren assisted us in our camp-meeting: R. W. Thompson, Hoston Twomey, L. C. Ellis, T. P. Smith, G. W. Longley, J. H. Westmoreland (local preacher), Bro. W. H. Ardis also attended the meeting and conducted one service. Thanks to all these brethren for faithful service rendered. And now, Mr. Editor, I cannot refrain saying a word relative to our beloved presiding elder, T. P. Smith. He is, we think, a model presiding elder, a first-class preacher and a genuine good man. He possesses in an eminent degree high honesty and genuine humility. Clear-headed, conservative and full of spirituality, he is a power in the land for good. Long may he live to advance the cause of God in these ends of the earth.

Morgan Mission.

J. H. Morris, Aug. 26: We closed our camp-meeting at Eulogy Sunday night, the 25th inst., with twelve or fourteen professions and twenty additional to the church. The Lord was with us in great power. Bro. Lathen, our old wheel-horse, was with us, preaching and exhorting—doing good all the time. May God bless him and may he live long to bless the church he so much loves. Bro. O. M. Addison was with us from first to last, working all the time. He is good here and able in counsel. We love Bro. Addison, and pray God's blessings on him in his declining days. Bro. D. C. Strange was with us part of the time and did good preaching. Bro. Strange is good help. May God bless him and make him useful all the days of his life. Bro. Finley and Bro. Willie were with us all the time, doing much good with their songs and prayers. They have been a great help to us. We feel grateful to all of the members for their faithfulness during the meeting. Praise the Lord for salvation.

Alto Circuit.

A. G. Struzs: Ever since the second Sunday in July I have been under a very great pressure. My first protracted meeting was set for that time, and with it came sickness. My daughter was taken with slow fever, which lasted twenty-nine days and nights without abating. We have held and made an effort to hold seven protracted meetings. The church has been greatly revived. There have been up to date forty-five conversions and thirty-four accessions. Have four more meetings to hold. Our third quarterly conference convened the first Sunday in August. Our presiding elder and wife stayed with us, laboring in the meeting as long as they could. At this writing, I am unable to say whether I will be able to hold the rest of my meetings or not. I am not certain, but I am on the verge of having a spell of slow fever; have had some fever since Sunday, four days. But with all the hindrances which we have had, God has given us strength and grace to undergo it all so far, and we trust for the future. We have completed our parsonage, and it is just nice enough for anybody; have been living in it since the 1st of July. We have many reasons to be thankful. Our Woman's Missionary Society in Alto is doing well. They have now taken a child to care for in Miss Nannie Holden's school. Our juvenile societies are doing well, also. We are truly thankful to all those brethren who have assisted us in holding our meetings.

Sweetwater.

J. H. Chambliss, Aug. 27: Our work here goes on well. I have nearly made a round of protracted meetings, resulting in about fifty professions. About thirty of these have joined the church. Our net increase from all sources is over one hundred. Our meetings have been very spiritual. This is especially true of the camp-meeting in Mulberry canyon and the protracted meeting at Merkel. The camp-meeting began July 25 and continued eight days. Twenty professions were a part of the results. More home religion will follow. We then had a meeting at Merkel in which Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists engaged, the pastors of these churches doing most of the preaching. Eighteen professions and increased spirituality were the results, besides quite a number added to the churches. On the second Sunday in August we used our new church at Merkel and had an overflowing house. I trust God has already dedicated it to his own use and glory, for he was evidently present to own the labors of his servants. We have organized two new societies; have projected another church building, and hope to start a third before long. Besides replenishing our church at Sweetwater. Collections will all compare favorably. These are a willing people. We are indebted to Bro. Wallace, our presiding elder; Bro. Baker, of the C. P. Church; Bro. Blair, of the Baptist Church; and our local preachers, for help in these meetings.

St. Enterprise.

W. Wells, Aug. 30: Bro. T. B. Vinson commenced a meeting last Saturday at Beck, which lasted six days; church greatly revived and in better condition than it has been for years; several penitents left at the altar; no conversions except in the church—thank God, there were a number of them, and the work was done right; will not have to be done this summer. Bro. Vinson has done ministerial help, but was visited by two of his old neighbors, Bro. and Sister Swain, of Smith county, who did faithful work—he in song, she in prayers—which will never be forgotten by us. Sister Vinson, an elect lady, was with us, faithfully doing the work of an itinerant. She recently lost her mother in a distant county. May God's grace sustain her in this severe trial, and may she realize the precious promise given in his Word: Mark x:28-30. Wednesday, his was preaching from the text: "Who is on the Lord's side?" Let him come in unto me, and I will make him a father, and he shall be called the Son of God." "He told me all that I had ever done." The last hour's service, a burning class-meeting, can't be described on paper—parents rising, pledging to erect family altars; shouts of triumph; some coming in their sins, asking to be continued in the church; others asking, out under censure; pastor standing, telling others they would have to do one of the above, or be turned out. A few more such on the work and we will be ready to attack the world. Bro. Adams, if you have any more Vinsons to spare send them to us.

Sherman Circuit.

T. L. Miller: We have received seventy-six persons into the church; some professed religion, who have joined, and others will join other churches; the membership greatly revived and encouraged. Indeed, it has been a season of triumph and rejoicing. Oh, how glad I am to be lieve we are in a condition to work more efficiently for Christ and the church. Bro. Lamb, of Denison; Clark, of Wolfe City; Ashburn, of Whiteburg; and our own presiding elder assisted in the work. I should like to make some favorable mention of the deserved merit of the

brethren if I could do so without the sometimes apparent "this is for your eye." I shall venture this much, however: Bro. Ashburn and Lamb, with their loyalty and grace, make full proof of their ministry. The inimitable Clark, with his sweet song and altar manipulation, ought never to be confined to his charge, but turned loose to help us poor fellows out. Bro. Mountcastle, our presiding elder, has had a good deal of commendation from the brethren. I think this: He has done the wise thing—put himself in the hands of the Lord, to do the work of an office, and in doing it, Bro. Jacobs, a local elder, and Gilman, a local deacon of Sherman circuit, are good and faithful brethren, doing their part of the preaching, praying, etc. Added to these, we have a good working membership—many praying men and women. Bro. Longley, the instrument used, and by his abundant mercy, God has given us a glorious victory over Satan. We want to hold the ground taken.

Boone Prairie Mission.

R. J. Fort, Aug. 25: Our third quarterly conference convened at Wesley's Chapel, August 6. Rev. H. M. Sears was with us and preached two able sermons. He was accompanied by his wife and niece, whose presence we greatly enjoyed. The meeting was presided by the united efforts of Willow and Wesley Chapel Churches. Was ably assisted by Revs. J. R. Taylor, J. N. Sorrells, T. L. Lummus, J. I. Davis, E. F. Walker and E. Holliday. The lay brethren also did good work by prayer, song and exhortation. There were three conversions, just closed a meeting at eleven children baptized. We had a glorious time. The Lord was with us in power; the church was greatly revived and shouts of praise went up to God, significant of his presence. Held a meeting at Elm Grove; was ably assisted by Revs. W. T. McDonald and J. L. Davis. Results: three conversions, three accessions, six children baptized, the church revived and souls made happy. The meeting near White Rock resulted in thirteen conversions and fourteen accessions, ten children baptized and the church greatly revived. Just closed a meeting at eleven children baptized, which far exceeded our expectations in attendance. Bro. W. T. McDonald did much good preaching. Bro. Gasaway preached a good sermon. Results, one conversion, two accessions, two children baptized, church much revived. The meeting at the house of the Rev. parts of the work for the generous support they gave our meetings. May God bless them.

Oenaville.

L. C. Williams, Aug. 26: Oenaville camp-meeting, conducted by E. R. Barcus, P. C. of Oenaville circuit, commenced Aug. 15 and closed Aug. 24. John M. Barcus, of Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, was with us eight days and preached twelve sermons that stirred our community from end to end. It is the sincere conviction of this circuit that as a camp-meeting preacher John M. Barcus has no superior in the Northwest Texas Conference. I am not given to fulsome eulogy of men nor do I approve of it, but say this much without any misgivings. Any man's spirit confidence to the church, that the Lord will use him as the sweet witness of his voice will thousands to Christ. Sam. J. Barcus, brother of John M., and a recent graduate of Southwestern University, did most of the preaching at the 11 o'clock hour and acquitted himself well. Indeed, some of the brethren at the meeting testified that as a camp-meeting preacher John M. Barcus has no superior in the Northwest Texas Conference. 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Robert J. Burdette once, he says, received a letter enthusiastically praising him as the writer of verses beginning "Out on the borders of moonshine land..."

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..."

Scene in an Omnibus: Thin Man (vainly endeavoring to avoid his body into a seat) "This bus ought to charge by weight..."

The World is Defied

To produce a better remedy for Diarrhoea, Flux, Summer Complaint, Cholera Infantum, Colic and all bowel troubles peculiar to Blacks and teething children...

The summer hotel keeper who advertised that there would be no tables at his hotel, swore pretty hard at the proof-reader when he was asked next day if his guests were expected to eat off the floor.

Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera Flux, Maguire's Balm, for nearly 50 years the infallible cure...

Customer (feeling his hair cut)—Didn't you nip off a piece of the ear then? Barber (reassuringly)—Yes, sir, a small piece, but not 'nough to affect the hair, sir.

Neuralgic Persons

And those troubled with nervousness resulting from care or overwork will be relieved by taking Broen's Iron Bitters. Genuine has trade mark and crossed lines on wrapper.

Ought to be Larger: Johnny Cusano—Papa, isn't the Cape of Good Hope many times its original size, now? Cusano—What makes you ask that question, Johnny? Cusano—Well, I know that it has been doubled quite often.

It is strange that people persist in dying when there are about forty thousand potent medicines ready to take them from the grave. The truth is, most of the medicines fail to yield when put to the test.

Clara—Do you know, Maude, Mr. Smithers paid me a great compliment last night. Maude—No; what did he say? Clara—He said I was among the prettiest girls in the party. Maude—Yes; I noticed you were among them.

THE BOSS.

Merley's T-X-S-Ague Tonic at 50 cents per bottle is the "Boss Chill Cure." We have sold it for years under a guarantee and have never had a single return. No chill cure could do more.

Notice your friends when they take the care of the elevated. You will find that one always takes the first car, another the last, another the middle; and you will come to observe that whenever you see a man do one thing in this regard he will do it all times.

A Kiss is a Mountain.—The Spanish student who uses personal beauty and charms of Prosperina, daughter of the King of Naples, he frequently sealed the wall at night in order to seal a kiss by moonlight while the pale moonbeams were playing upon her clasped features.

All who desire to avoid impudency and cure, should insist on having Poinsett's Extract, put up only in bottles, with our landscape trademark, on surrounding half wrapper.

Miss Tait, daughter of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, is one of the indefatigable workers among the London poor. She works necessarily and is much esteemed by all classes.

Our national game William John on of the Ayrshire Linnet, to rub the heroes? Impossible!

The commission of Justice Miller, of the Supreme Court of the United States, was signed by President Lincoln, and he has been on the bench for twenty-eight years.

FLUX CURED.

My two children had the Flux very bad, and one bottle of Morley's Blackberry Balsam cured them both sound and well.

But They Grind Exceeding Fine: "Poor fellow! But why did you reject him in such a summary way today? Well, he's all right, much worried about it. Feathery (somehow) as a loss for words of encouragement—Oh, I—w—wouldn't worry, Miss Clara, a penny is not much."

A FAVORITE REMEDY.—Simmons' Liver Regulator is one of the most meritorious and popular preparations offered to the public. It is entirely free from injurious mineral substances, and as a vegetable preparation made of Southern roots and herbs it is a sovereign remedy for all liver and bowel complaints.

The merits of this remedy commended to the public as a standard to be kept constantly in the family. It has the most unequalled endorsement of thousands of our most prominent citizens in parts of the country, who have used it and testify to its excellent medical and curative properties.

Purchasers should be careful to see that they get the genuine, manufactured only by J. H. ZEILIN & Co., Philadelphia.

Miss Clara (to Feathery, who is making an evening call)—Poor little lobby has swallowed a penny today, and we've all been much worried about it. Feathery (somehow) as a loss for words of encouragement—Oh, I—w—wouldn't worry, Miss Clara, a penny is not much."

Use Hall's Vegetable Sialin Hair Restorer and your thin gray locks will thicken up and be restored to their youthful color, vigor, and beauty.

The Salvation Army is getting ready to give Chicago what it terms a "grand glory go." The Salvation Army appears to understand just what Chicago needs.

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My wife used two bottles of "Mott's Friend" before her third confinement. Says she would not part for hundreds of dollars. Had not had as much trouble as before. Dock Miles, Lincoln Parish, La. Write The Broadfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., for further particulars. Sold by all druggists.

A good horse-meat dinner can now be had in Berlin for five cents. Americans will find no fault with the price.

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Advertisement for EVERYBODY'S MUSIC, listing various musical instruments and sheet music.

Advertisement for OLIVER DITSON CO., Boston, listing various musical instruments and sheet music.

Advertisement for BAILEY'S REFLECTORS, listing various types of reflectors and their uses.

Advertisement for The Liver, discussing liver health and the benefits of Ayer's Pills.

Advertisement for Ayer's Pills, describing their effectiveness for various ailments.

Advertisement for Act Well, discussing the importance of good habits and health.

Advertisement for Ayer's Pills, listing agents and distributors.

Advertisement for PAPER WARE HOUSE, listing various types of paper and their uses.

Advertisement for HENRY LINDENMEYER, listing various types of paper and their uses.

Devotional.

SUDDEN TRANSITION.

'There is but a step between me and death.' A step—no more—a fluttering breath...

A GOOD NAME.

A young man does not always find it easy to get on in the world without education, or family influence, or personal friends...

SEEKING GOD.

The pure in heart shall see God. This promise does not simply give assurance that those who obey God in this life shall have the blessedness of beholding Him in the life to come...

CLEAVING TO THE LORD.

There must be resistance to all the forces which would detach us from God in the midst of life in the world. As the sailor clings to a spar...

BISHOP PIERCE ON THE BIBLE.

'Here is treasure that never wastes old. Here is knowledge without decay; truth which endureth forever.'

our race. The old man leaning upon his staff and tottering to the tomb reads it and thanks God he was born to die.

TWO KINDS OF CHRISTIANS. The facetious Sydney Smith had two yoke of oxen on his little farm in Yorkshire...

O for the spirit which is content with nothing less nor lower than the highest help. To turn in temptation directly to the power of God...

It is not talent, nor power, nor gifts, that do the work of God, but it is that which lies within the power of the humblest; it is the simple, earnest life lived with Christ in God.

Marriages.

HARGROVE-McCAULEY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. George McCauley, August 17, by Rev. S. W. Jones, Mr. J. W. Hargrove and Miss Lois McCauley; all of Hopkins county.

BOGLE-DICKENSON.—At Oakley Union, August 19, 1890, by Rev. Chas. D. Jordan, Mr. Thomas Bogle, of Tennessee, and Mrs. Lantia Dickenson.

ANDERSON-BERRY.—At the residence of the bride's father, August 14, 1890, by Rev. W. L. Vinson, Mr. W. A. Anderson and Miss Julia Berry; all of Navarro county, Texas.

McAFFEE-FRYAR.—At the residence of the bride's father, August 17, 1890, by Rev. W. L. Vinson, Mr. Deane McCauley and Miss Eva Fryar; all parties living in and near Raleigh, Navarro county, Texas.

LAWRENCE-POPE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. R. J. Pope, at 7 p. m., August 18, 1890, by Rev. A. B. Roberts, Mr. John L. Lawrence and Miss Theresa Pope; all of Jonesboro, Texas.

OSBORN-ALLEN.—On June 25, 1890 at Hempstead, Texas, by Rev. W. T. Keith, Mr. George Osborne, late of England, and Miss Ernestine Allen, the accomplished daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Allen.

RAHL.—Christ said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." One by one the little ones are being gathered home. Ewing Virgil, infant son of John E. and Fannie Rahl, was born March 1, 1889, and died July 17, 1890.

WILSON.—Verdie Marvin Wilson was born in Johnson county; died in Zephyr, Brown county, Texas, August 3, 1890, aged eleven years five months and five days.

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SHANON.—Bro. James S. Shanon was born June 20, 1848, and died July 18, 1890. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for twenty years.

TOOLE.—De Annunzio son of Eli and Martha Toole was born near San Antonio, Texas, February 14, 1870, and died at Colman, Texas, July 20, 1890.

LAKE.—Died at her home, near Camp San Saba, Texas, Sister Permelia Jane Lake, wife of John Lake, sister Lake was born June 5, 1841; married to John Lake September 14, 1857.

WOODHOUSE.—Alselia B. Woodhouse, widow of Mr. T. K. Woodhouse, and daughter of Rev. William P. and Mrs. Lavina R. Bishop, was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, January 16, 1829, and died at the home of Col. B. A. Phillips, in Freestone county, Texas, August 15, 1890.

McGREGOR.—Passed peacefully to rest from Hawkins, Texas, August 12, 1890. Mrs. Josephine E., wife of A. J. McGreggor, and daughter of Rev. W. A. and Mary Revels, aged twenty years and twenty-seven days.

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MILAM.—Mrs. Lulu Milam was born May 15, 1848, in Cass county, Ga.; came to Texas in 1857; was married December 15, 1858, to B. R. Milam.

CAIN.—In the Carter House, the beautiful hotel of the classic city of Chattanooga, Tenn., on August 8, 1890, at 2:35 p. m., was a sad and most affecting scene.

NAORS.—Henry Clay Nabors was born in Calumiana, Ala., November 25, 1842; was married to Miss Hattie Wagoner by Rev. L. M. Wilson, October 11, 1879.

HONS.—The subject of this memoir, Mrs. E. J. Hons, was born Feb. 12, 1833, and died in Burton, Texas, July 25, 1890.

INGE.—Died on Thursday, 14th day of August, 1890, Cyrus Inge, son of Dr. J. K. and Mrs. Anna R. Inge, aged ten years, two months and one day.

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For two months, in closing out my third round of quarterly meetings for Weatherford district, we held two quarterly meetings a week, which kept us moving. I have just started on the fourth round. Got Bro. Mackey to hold my quarterly meeting on the Weatherford circuit Saturday and Sunday. I ran out to Clarendon to see my sick wife and two children, who are living out here. My wife came out for health, and she has improved greatly. This is a healthy country—the first water and purest air in Texas. The seasons have been fine all the year in this locality; corn and wheat fine, cattle fat and the people cheerful.

Clarendon is the county seat of Donley county. This is the end of the second division of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad. Here they have their round house, in which a great many hands are employed. It is a stirring place.

They are putting up some fine buildings; a large brick bank building has just been finished, a \$20,000 courthouse is now being built, a \$20,000 hotel will soon be built and a printing office has just been erected, to be run by steam power, under the editorship of Mr. Edgell, formerly the editor of the Vernon Guard. They say he is a man of "grit and pluck." May success attend him.

There are four hotels in this place. I stopped at the Adams hotel, under the control of Mr. Rube Douglass and wife, who know just how to run a hotel and make their customers feel at home; but we could not expect otherwise when we remember they are full-blooded Tennesseeans of the purest type, of the first families of Tennessee.

I find people coming from different localities and settling here and buying lands in this county. I met some enterprising men from Vernon who have settled here.

J. H. Roberts, a farmer living within three miles of Clarendon, has his second year's crop of corn. Says he has some corn that will make forty bushels to the acre. This is good for the Panhandle, or anywhere else; also watermelons, with a few vegetables; by the carloads.

There are two nice churches here, the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South. The latter have just finished theirs, and it is a beautiful church. We preached to a large, nice and well-behaved congregation in it yesterday. The church has a nice bell, presented to it by Mr. Goodnight, after he and his estimable wife had given \$200. They present this fine bell as a token of their love for our church at this place. She being a member of the M. E. Church, South, this makes her husband a brother to the church. So we like the kindfolk, though we never have seen them.

The Weatherford district is in good condition, the preachers are all at their post, the people pleased, and revivals all through the district. I never saw a more clever set of preachers.

Bro. Mackey is dignified and straight as a Roman, and preaches well. C. Irwin is a rustler, touching all points. M. K. Simpson means what he says and the people believe it. J. H. Trimble drives to a point of earnestness in his sermons. Bro. Maxwell sets in like a blacksmith shoeing a horse, to finish the job; if the animal don't stand willingly he makes it stand. Bro. McCluskey stands as steady as a post in preaching, giving you good thoughts. Bro. Nuby reaches a point of great force in preaching and shakes the ground. Bro. Dickey is logical, rhetorical and polite. M. M. Smith sings and preaches without the least affectation. W. L. Harris sings, prays and preaches the people into a higher life. N. B. Reed sings, prays and preaches in view of straightening all the timber. J. L. Haven gets close to you before you know it, and you have to yield or run. A. P. Payne is black-eyed and dark complexioned. He walks on, you guess at him; he starts in, you listen and say you want another guess; so when he reaches the point of desperation you say you will take back all your guesses. Brother Simmons preaches and stands square to the law and will build churches. Bro. Baker

is not afraid to do his duty, let the consequences be what they may. J. J. Canafax preaches, gets happy and is not afraid to shout and say amen. U. J. Morton will stand flat footed and pick all the theology out of his text and give it to the people. This is the kind of preachers we have on the Weatherford district.

The ADVOCATE is in good repute in our field and the editor is highly spoken of by all. Success to you. Yours in love, B. M. STEPHENS.

CLARENDON, TEXAS, Aug. 25

Texas Resources.

The statistical edition of the Galveston News, Sept. 1, gives the following: "Four years ago the total value of State products exported was \$91,007,088, and for the commercial year ending to-day such exports aggregated \$129,234,528, or an increase in four years of \$38,196,840. Previous to 1886 the greatest figures attained were those of 1883, when, through the high price of cattle and the production of an exceedingly large cotton crop, the exports aggregated \$107,842,889. This year the cotton crop is only about 200,000 bales in excess of that of 1883, cattle much cheaper, and yet the excess in total values is over \$21,391,639, thus showing a general exportation and production of other valuable wealth. The figures as to this year's cotton (1889-90) have been compiled from data furnished by the various railroads and represent only cotton originating on each line of road in contradistinction to the total amount of cotton handled over such road during the season. The crop is thus computed at 1,743,420 bales, the largest ever raised in the State. In the same way the production of wool is found to be 24,873,662 pounds, and of hides 15,691,476 pounds. Cattle, horses, mules, lumber, grain, hay, cotton-seed and cotton-seed products, together with miscellaneous products, swell the grand total of values to \$129,234,528.

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Tariff Talk.

Hon. James G. Blaine in a speech at Waterville, Me., said: "I wish to declare the opinion that the United States has reached a point where one of its highest duties is to enlarge the area of its foreign trade. We are seeking annexation of territory. Certainly we do not desire it unless it should be the volition of a people who might ask the priceless boon of a place under the flag of the Union. I feel sure that for a long time to come the people of the United States will be wisely content with our present condition, and will not launch out upon any scheme of annexation. At the same time, however, we should be unwisely content if we did not seek to engage in what the younger Pitt so well termed annexation of trade. What I mean to speak of briefly is a system of reciprocity not in conflict with the protective tariff, but supplementary thereto and presenting a field of enterprise that will richly repay the effort and energy of the American people. We shall find it instructive and valuable to examine into the sources of our imports and the destination of our exports and to strike the balance between the two. Take last year, 1889. We lost \$41,000,000 worth from which our imports were \$228,000,000, and to which our exports were only \$11,000,000. In the republic of Brazil we lost \$51,000,000. Our imports from Brazil were \$90,000,000. In Mexico we lost \$10,000,000. Our imports from Mexico were \$11,000,000. Our exports to Mexico were \$1,000,000. To sum it all up our imports from the countries south of us, both insular and continental on this hemisphere, were \$216,000,000. Our exports to them were \$74,000,000. The balance against us on our trade with those countries therefore is \$142,000,000. By no figure of speech can we flatter ourselves into the belief that our trade with our American neighbors is in a prosperous condition. How can this state of affairs be remedied? It is not due to the war tariff, for, effectively it as the war tariff has been abolished in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, the articles admitted free were considerably more than one-third of all the imports. Imported articles that paid duty exceeded \$488,000,000 in value, and the imported articles that paid no duty exceeded \$238,000,000 in value. Inevitably, therefore, I think, toward an increase of the free lists. Our great mistake was made when we began the repeal of war duties on so large an amount of exports. Any duty repealed was a favor and an advantage to the exporting country, and we have asked nothing in return. Instead of reciprocity, which I must say was one of carelessness by political parties, every repeal of duty should have been preceded by most thorough investigation, and whenever it was found practicable to export anything from the United States and thus establish reciprocity of trade, it should have been done. We do not, of course, intend to declare or to imply that we could have secured the free admission of \$258,000,000 of American products into countries whose products we purchase annually to that amount. A richer country cannot expect to get a complete reciprocity in an amount from countries less rich than we. Whatever we should have received would have been clear gain, and in all future repeals of duties whatever we may be able to get will be a clear gain. We encounter opposition to this policy from those who declare that if we enter into reciprocity of trade with one country we must do so with all countries, and thus indirectly bring about complete free trade. I do not see the logic of this, and I am sure the fact will not prove what is predicted. We may enter into reciprocity with one nation because we find advantage in it; we may decline to enter into reciprocity with another nation because we see no advantage in it. Our people do not realize the great fact that if specie payment is endangered in this country it is likely to be endangered by our present system of trade with the Latin-American States."

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange has issued the official report of the cotton crop of the United States for the commercial year ending with the close of August, 1891, made up by Secretary Hester. The report states that the total crop amounts to 7,331,322 bales, exceeding the total crop ever grown by 265,489 bales, and the crop of last year by 373,632 bales. Every point throughout the cotton belt has been thoroughly investigated. The leading feature of the report is the census of the Southern mills. Secretary Hester has obtained reports from every mill in the South, and claims that his statement does not contain a single element of estimate. Information under this heading is elaborate, embracing a larger field relating to the consumption of cotton in the South and its progress than has yet been condensed. The total consumption of the South for the past year is reported at 548,305 bales, against 481,235 last year. The number of mills in operation is 270, with 165,190 spindles. Thirty-nine new mills, with 241,864 spindles, have commenced working during this year, and fifteen new

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mills have been completed and will be at work this fall. Forty-four mills are idle, a number of which expect to start up again at an early date. The total number of mills in the South is 336, with 408,190 looms and 1,819,201 spindles. Secretary Hester says the increase of spindles during the last year is equivalent to nearly one-half of the entire number reported in the South by the census of 1880. The census of that year showed 164 mill s, with 561,360 spindles. The gain within the past ten years has been 172 mills, with 1,276,477 spindles, the increase in number of bales of cotton consumed having been 337,615, or more than 180 per cent.

With reference to the cotton movement for the year the statement makes the net receipts at delivery ports 5,857,174; the gain over last year 306,829 bales; overland direct to Northern mills 937,471; decrease from last year 1228 bales. The Southern consumption is 4,919,703, or 217 bales taken from Southern exports 516,677, a gain over last year of 67,719 bales, and a total crop of 7,311,322 bales, a gain over last year of 373,632 bales.

Foreign exports, including 55,491 bales to Canada, were 495,531, a gain over 1889 of 165,253 bales. Takings of cotton in 1890 during the year for consumption in the United States amounted to 2,346,152 bales. Of this 1,799,258 bales went to Northern spinners, against 1,755,978 last season. This shows an increase of only 13,279 bales against an increase in the South of nearly 600 bales.

One of the curious features of this year's movement was the shipping of more than 20,000 bales of American cotton through Ontario, via the Canadian Pacific railway, to Japan. Fifty bales were also shipped to Japan from ports of New York.

The watermelon now is swelling on the vine and not far in the distance, like the chills awaiting the victims. Cheatham's Taster's Chili Tonic, however, is waiting right along, curing chills by the thousands, making happy homes, bright faces and night terrors disappear. The resolution were won't to reign. Fry it, 7c.

Farmers' Congress.

The Farmers' Congress, in session at Council Bluffs, Iowa, formulated demands, among which are the following:

Resolved, that we demand of congress the most liberal appropriation for the improvement of all practical interior waterways which shall make them, instead of sources of disaster and destruction to large sections of our country, useful as great national highways for commerce and trade. We demand a limited code of silver, the abolition of national banking laws, the refusal of our national government to extend the charters of national banks now in existence, and the issuance of full legal tender treasury notes in lieu of national bank notes in sufficient volume to meet the business demands of the United States and to constantly increasing demand of trade.

Resolved, that we are in favor of a constitutional amendment making United States senators elective by the people. We believe that the farmer is paying more than his just proportion of taxes, therefore we demand that the national government to the end that the incomes of the wealthy may bear their share of governmental support.

Resolved, that the congress demand the amendment of the patent law, so that the exclusive use of invention be limited to ten years.

Coffee Production and Consumption.

The following table gives the countries where coffee is grown and where it is consumed:

Country	Production	Consumption
Brazil	49,000	49,000
India	15,000	15,000
Cuba	5,000	5,000
Java	2,000	2,000
Sumatra	1,000	1,000
Siam	1,000	1,000
Philippines	1,000	1,000
Yemen	1,000	1,000
Other countries	10,000	10,000
Total	82,000	82,000

The value of the world's production of coffee, say 17,000,000 cwt., would be about \$267,000,000 in the wholesale market. The world's consumption of coffee is as follows:

Region	Consumption
Europe	43,000
United States and Canada	26,000
Mexico, Central America and West Indies	2,000
Brazil and rest of South American States	41,000
Asia, including India, Java and Eastern Africa	40,000
Africa	20,000
Australia and rest of Pacific Isles	11,000
Natal	100
Total	82,700

When it is remembered that there are 112 pounds in a cwt. the 17,000,000 cwt. of the "fragrant plant" consumed annually will give a pretty respectable number of pounds for one year's consumption—about 1,900,000,000.—Times-Democrat.

Obituary—Texas.

Miss Sallie Patterson, daughter of Jerome Mathias, Texarkana; J. R. Kinnans, Clarendon; Mrs. Mollie Kirksey; Peter M. Wingo, near Kaufman; W. L. Bingham, Denison; C. C. Duerr, Columbus; Mrs. Magdalena Miller, Columbus; Mrs. H. H. Bowling, Gainesville; Mrs. James Anderson, Blanton; Rev. Dr. O. A. Taylor, Terrell; William Green, Greenville; Capt. A. J. Smith, Belton; Mrs. C. E. Brantley, Waxahachie; E. L. Clay, Tyler; Mrs. Susie Carroll, Denton; Mrs. Towney, Tyler; Miss Lucy McCoy, Atlanta; Robert E. Lee Russell, Bertram; John True-love, Blooming Grove; John Anderson, Dallas; N. W. Brantley, Zephyr; Mr. R. M. Wood, Eddy; the infant child of Henry Evans, Sherman; Mrs. Lee Ivy, Forney; N. J. Preezer, Galveston; Chas. F. Dyson, Brenham; T. H. Ligon, Bonham; Capt. R. S. Patterson, Greenville; Mrs. J. P. Duffey, Thomas; Mrs. Roby Weeks, Nacogdoches; J. Schuyler, Marshall; John Abes, Sherman; Prof. S. I. Comer, Lampasas; J. W. Ross, Austin; "Grandma" Morgan, Patroon; Mrs. Webb, near Timpan; Mr. Hitchcock, Ennis; J. M. Ross, Claude White, Carthage; Miss Mamie King, Oneco; Mrs. A. E. Hall, Grapevine; Mrs. Ballard Bledsoe, near Clarksville; Robert Boyd, Milford; Wm R. Green, Elmhurst; Mrs. Grisham, near Wolfe City; A. M. Boatright, Bryan; John Schied, Whitesboro; Mrs. Mattie Worrell, Albany; Mrs. S. A. Stevenson, Pickett; Judge John Pennan, Jefferson; G. W. Brantley, Zephyr; Mrs. E. W. Center, Black Jack Grove; Rev. A. J. Wilson, Black Jack Grove; Mrs. L. A. Denton, Gainesville.

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Texas Casualties.

In a difficulty between Wright Hampton and Jno. Emerson near Dublin, Emerson was killed by a knife cut in his neck. His remains were shipped to his home in Steele county.

Wm. Rusk of Delta county was caught in his gin and his arm cut off. He died from the effects.

A west-bound Southern Pacific passenger train ran over a negro boy named William Eads, nineteen years old, at a

normal temperature. Shavings, paper and other inflammable substances thrown in the well when it is hot sink to the bottom, but when the hot air rushes in they are blown to the surface, scorched to a crisp. The air is intensely hot and dry, without any odor and rushes out without making a flame or noise. It seems to be a hot air cyclone. People in the neighborhood are greatly excited over it and are afraid to go about it. No record has been kept as to the length of time the hot and cold air periods last. Judge Durant is a gentleman of high standing and no one questions his statement.

An absent-minded Michigan mother in her haste to catch a train laid her baby down in the depot and got aboard the cars without it. She awakened to what she had done as the train was pulling out, and had not a passenger caught her and held her until the cars were stopped she would have jumped off and no doubt been killed.

Her Krupp, the great gun manufacturer, has a plan for connecting the city of Vienna with the Danube by canal. The Austrian government is considering it.

One of the most fiendish acts chronicled was the releasing from a train, by parties unknown, of a raving maniac, as the train passed through Muskogee, I. T., Aug. 25. The citizens were, of course, terrorized, and the city marshal chained him to a tree in an alley, where he raved and tore the bark off the tree with his teeth. Physicians said he could live only a few days. He is believed to belong in Douglas county, Missouri.

The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic says: Interesting facts and statistics are contained in the documents accompanying the bill to prohibit aliens from hereafter acquiring lands within the United States. The House Committee on the Judiciary, when it reported this measure, declared that it obtained satisfactory evidence that it had aliens, chiefly Englishmen, now own about 21,000,000 acres in this country. To this ownership should be added that of the united alien, which is usually in smaller lots and a smaller subject of criticism. Besides this direct ownership, European capitalists have enormous sums invested in railroad and land bonds, covering, it is thought, 100,000,000 acres, and subject to foreclosure sales. While this heavy alien ownership is mostly in lands of the far West, it is not all. The case of William Scully is cited, who lives in England and owns and rents 90,000 acres in Illinois at about \$200,000 a year; while a much smaller estate, within the city limits of Pittsburg and Allegheny, yields to British subjects about half that sum. In one list, which includes a total of 20,747,000 acres, said to be held by foreign owners, one company in New Mexico is credited with 4,500,000; another in Texas with 3,000,000; a third in Florida with 2,000,000; a fourth in Mississippi with 1,800,000, and so on through a list of thirty large owners, while no attempt is made to collect the instances of alien ownership of only moderate tracts of land.

point one mile distant from the San Antonio yards. The body was cut half in two.

A woman giving her name as Mrs. Donaldson was found in the depot waiting-room at Jewett, delirious, and died after she had been removed to a house near by. Efforts to ascertain anything concerning her have failed.

Texas Incidents.

The Comanche County Fair has been chartered and will be held October 1, 2 and 3.

The Census Bureau has issued a bulletin showing the increase of street railways in fifty six principal cities of the United States. Only Dallas and Galveston, of the Texas cities, are included in the list. Dallas had four miles of road in 1880 and did not increase the length until 1884, when a quarter of a mile more was built. In 1885 there were eight and three quarters, in 1887 the length was increased to twelve and three-quarter miles, in 1888 it was increased to fifteen miles and in 1889 it was increased twenty and one-quarter miles. The increase in mileage from 1880 to 1889 is seen in the following table: Miles, or an increase of 401.75 per cent. Galveston had twenty-two miles from 1880 to 1886, when there was a little over seven more miles built. In 1887 there were 32.96 miles, the amount now built an increase of 10.87, or 49.21 per cent.

The census has issued its bulletin in regard to the increase of counties and of the debts of counties and States. There has been an increase of sixty six counties in Texas since 1880. The county indebtedness had also increased very largely. The county bonded debt in 1880 was \$1,000,000. The bonded debt in 1889 is \$6,169,072. The bonded debt of the counties in 1880 was \$468,389, in 1889 it is \$820,491. The gross debt is, therefore, \$6,678,563. The counties of Texas have more money in their treasury than the counties of any other section. The available interest charge is \$417,145, and the available resources are \$1,128,940.

The Chamber of Commerce of Fort Worth, through its president, K. M. Van Zandt, has issued a call for a convention of representative business men to be held in Fort Worth, September 24, to take into consideration the best methods for developing and extending the manufacturing mercantile interests of Texas. All trade organizations and municipalities in the State interested in this matter are earnestly requested to send delegates to this convention.

Quo warranto proceedings have been instituted for the disorganizing of Stone-wall county. The ground urged is that the organization was voted at a special election, when the law requires a general election.

The tax assessor's rolls of Hunt county show the agricultural products of the county for 1889 as follows: Number acres of cotton 71,889, bales 16,031; number acres of corn 40,951, bushels 1,737,787; number acres of wheat 29,293, bushels 25,650; number acres of oats 9,553, bushels 356,254; number acres of barley 2,100, bushels 590; number acres of rye 124, bushels 230; number acres of sweet potatoes 419, bushels 74,813; number acres of hay 5916, millet 1394, sugar-cane 61, sorghum 275. In addition to the above the rolls show a small quantity of peas, beans, Irish potatoes and vegetables.

Miscellaneous.

The National Greenback convention met in Indianapolis last week.

The James river in Dakota is rapidly drying up in its bed.

Lieut. Invidie, of the Mexican army, adopted heir of Maximilian to succeed to the throne, has been dismissed from the service for criticizing his superior officer.

A Dubuque, Ia., woman is one of three prospective heirs to an Irish estate of \$9,000,000.

September 1, national labor day, was celebrated in many portions of the country, especially north of Mason and Dixon's line.

In a London (Eng.) investigation by the Board of Trade into the burning at sea of the National line steamer Egypt some interesting testimony was given. An American expert testified that these were records of seventy-seven fires similar to that which destroyed the Egypt. The trouble was due, he said, to the American system of packing cotton. If the American shippers would adopt the method of shippers in India, insurance companies would make large reductions in rates upon cargoes composed wholly or in part of cotton, and upon the vessels carrying them. This evidence was corroborated by other insurance men.

All the aldermen in Portland, Me., were last week arrested for election frauds.

Gen. Grant, acting secretary of war, has directed the abandonment of military services at Hot Springs, Ark., as a military reservation and its transfer to the Interior Department for disposition under law.

From Judge Durant, a citizen of the Indian Territory, additional information in regard to the hot well near Goodland, I. T., has been received. He says that the hot air rushes into the well at regular intervals, after which it resumes its

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