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## HOME CONFERENCES.

Conversions and Accessions.	Conversions.	Acc's.
Wilderlyville	15	13
Rockdale	12	10
Lawndale cir.	12	10
Iredell	10	8
Abbott	10	8
Crystal Falls	10	8
Lampasas	10	8
White Rock camp-meeting	10	8
Letot	10	8
Paluxy cir.	10	8
Rowe	10	8
Merrilltown	10	8
Children's camp-ground	10	8
Troupe	10	8
Cottonwood cir.	10	8
Hico	10	8
Paluxy cir.	10	8
Forney	10	8
Rocky Point	10	8
Santa Anna	10	8
Garvin	10	8
Roanoke cir.	10	8
Comanche cir.	10	8
Crockett cir.	10	8
Cleburne	10	8
Chillicothe	10	8
Leaky	10	8
Greenville	10	8
Waltney	10	8
Bremont	10	8
Correll City	10	8
Petty and White Rock	10	8
Donabara	10	8
Itasca	10	8
Bruceville	10	8
Lewisville	10	8
Cedar Hill cir.	10	8
Center	10	8
Grandview cir.	10	8
Woodville	10	8
Lipan	10	8
Cleburne cir.	10	8
Judith Creek cir.	10	8
Round Mountain cir.	10	8
Wita Place	10	8
Metrege	10	8
Orange	10	8
Asaph	10	8
Farmer	10	8
Archer City	10	8
Bristol	10	8
Cottonwood	10	8
Mineola	10	8
Gilmer	10	8
Total	2,051	1,472

## Dalby Springs.

J. R. Jones: Conversions during the year, 103; additions, 75.

## Cleburne.

A. P. Taylor, Sept. 1: Closed a two-weeks' meeting here last night. Sixteen conversions and thirteen accessions to the church.

## Saint Jo.

W. B. Godbey, Sept. 2: Glorious meeting at Dye's Memorial Camp, near Saint Jo, Texas. Rev. T. L. Adams, pastor. God bless the Advocate.

## Leaky.

Jas. Hammond, Sept. 2: Last week our meeting of ten days' duration closed. The Lord greatly revived his cause in the Frio canon. Over 4000 subscribed to build a Methodist Church. Rev. John L. Harper, local elder, contributed largely to these gracious results.

## Center.

W. L. Pate, Sept. 1: My camp-meeting at Newburn closed last Friday night. We had a fine meeting; ten conversions and four additions to our church. Bro. T. W. Johnson, Geo. W. Riley and W. P. Pledger were with us and did excellent work.

## Santa Anna.

J. W. R. Bachman, Sept. 1: I closed a protracted meeting last night five miles northeast of this place, at Bethel. Fifteen conversions, eight accessions to the church and three children baptized. Bro. Holmes, late from Arkansas, assisted part of the time. Praise the Lord.

## Mansfield.

B. J. H. Thomas: Our last quarterly conference is over. Bro. Cox was present. His parting words were very affecting, because of the love he had justly merited in his three years' counsel in Fort Worth district. His health forbids his preaching. We are loth to give him up.

## Rocky Point.

D. C. Morehead, Sept. 5: Just closed a meeting which resulted in eight conversions. Organized a church with eighteen members. Bro. Gardner was with us part of the time and did good preaching. Bros. Willes and Belcher were with us all through the meeting and did good preaching. We had a glorious time praising God for his presence.

## Itasca.

J. W. Sansom, Sept. 5: I closed a protracted meeting last night at Union Valley. I was assisted by Bro. S. B. Ellis. Results, eight conversions and six accessions to the church. I am now through with my protracted meetings for this conference year. After having labored almost incessantly for sixty-five days, thus far we have received into the church by letter and profession 125 members and have dismissed 41.

## Rockdale.

F. E. Hammond, Sept. 2: I closed an eight days' meeting last night five miles from Rockdale, resulting in thirteen accessions to our church and the Christian people being greatly revived. Many who were not converted have resolved to lead better lives. The meeting has done great good in the community, for which we praise the Lord.

## Bruceville.

E. F. Boone, Sept. 4: Three more meetings on the Bruceville circuit. Results, twenty-six conversions and thirty-two accessions. During these meetings two have died, Mrs. Lizie Wood, a most excellent and estimable lady, and Rufus Pool. This young man was received into the church one Sunday and died the next from a hurt received in a gin. How sad. Trust he was prepared.

## Flatonita.

B. J. Guess, Sept. 1: We closed a profitable meeting in Flatonita station Sunday night. The meeting consumed one week, during which time the Lord manifested himself very graciously unto his saints. "Fruitful conversions and blessings flow." We were assisted by Bros. E. S. Smith, L. B. Graves and J. M. Sitton.

## Troupe.

C. H. Smith, Sept. 2: My protracted meeting at this place closed Sunday night last. It lasted nine days. Visible results, church much revived, forty professing religion, fourteen united with the Methodist Church, South. Bros. John S. Mathis, Albert Little and Spruce did valiant service. May God bless them and give them many souls for his hire.

## Leesburg.

P. R. Eagleburger, Sept. 4: The meetings for Leesburg circuit have all been held. The results have been very satisfactory. We had forty-five accessions

and about fifty conversions; the church has been greatly revived. We believe a new era has dawned upon us. We confidently expect the circuit to come to the front. To God be all the glory.

## Abbott.

S. B. Ellis: Meeting at Willow resulted in fifty-four conversions, thirty-nine additions to the church, eleven children baptized. Uncle Billy Vaughn preached several sermons for me with his usual power. He is full of the Holy Ghost. Many will rise up in the last day and call him blessed.

## Letot.

C. I. McWhirter, Sept. 4: I closed last night at Letot a meeting of great power and wonderful results. Forty-six public professions and fifty accessions. Among the conversions were eleven persons between forty and seventy years of age. The community has been literally transformed. Bros. W. H. Hughes and D. P. Brown were with us part of the time. Brethren and sisters from adjoining neighborhoods attended and worked faithfully. The praise of the Lord is heard everywhere. Amen.

## Wilderlyville.

J. P. Skinner, Sept. 2: Closed our meeting at Rosebud last Sunday night with grand success, assisted by Dr. W. C. Hedrick. The Lord was with us in the power of the Holy Spirit, and many rejoiced in a Savior's love. We organized in Rosebud in May with nine members, and we now number twenty-eight. Results of the meeting were fifteen conversions and nineteen accessions; many penitents at the altar the last night of the meeting. May God bless and save them. Bless the Lord. Amen.

## Petty and White Rock.

R. R. Nelson, Sept. 4: Our meeting at Petty continued eight days. Bro. R. N. Brown, of Brookston and White Cut, was with us all the time, preaching with profit and to the delight of all. Conversions, six; additions, four. Our meeting at White Rock continued eleven days. Bro. Kimble, local preacher of Brookston, was with me from first to last. The good his preaching did here cannot be fully known until the day of final accounts. Results, thirty-five conversions and forty-six additions.

## Lampasas Circuit.

Daniel Morgan, Sept. 2: Fifty conversions and fifty-four additions up to date; fifteen removed by letter. Rev. H. M. Brown helped me at three meetings. Bro. Lee Brooks was with us some. Our presiding elder was with us several days; also, Bro. Price Garrett, in bounds of this work, and now and then a preacher for a day or so. A number baptized and the conference collections all up and we are happy. Many thanks to our presiding elder, Bro. Vinson, Putnam and all the rest for faithful help in time of need. We thank God and take courage.

## Whitney.

J. M. Bond, Sept. 1: Bro. George Clark's meeting at Yates' school-house closed yesterday. Twenty-eight joined our church yesterday at the close of 11 o'clock service; six went to the Baptist; one to Cumberland Presbyterian. We had thirteen conversions since my last report, making forty eight in all. Thirty-five have been reported before other churches. Our protracted meeting at Cedar Creek Saturday. I do wish all our local preachers would hold meetings at those neglected places. Bro. Clark is a whole team.

## Fontotee.

R. M. Leaton, Aug. 29: Our long drought of twelve weeks came very suddenly to an end last night. It lasted from June 7th to Aug. 29th. It has now been raining for eleven hours, and is still raining—much of that time very hard. The earth is thoroughly saturated with water, and is a great many places water is coming on top of the ground. Thank God for the rain. The late cotton will be greatly benefited, the discouraged people will be glad and go on their way rejoicing toward Canaan. "All is well that ends well." So be it.

## Smithfield Circuit.

Jas. I. Lavender, Sept. 1: Our camp-meeting closed some two weeks ago, but have been so busy we did not report it. Conversions and reclamation were thirty-five, besides the whole church greatly revived; nine accessions to our church. Our meeting at Elizabethtown closed last night. One conversion and one accession; the church warmed up. In both our meetings we are indebted to visiting brethren from our church and from other churches. Our protracted meeting at Roanoke will begin the fourth Sunday in September. We will appreciate some ministerial help. Brethren, please come and assist us, and God will reward you.

## Crystal Falls.

M. M. Smith, Sept. 1: We have just closed a splendid revival at Peach Creek, attended with good results. Fifteen repented of sin, professed faith in Christ and now have a hope of immortal pleasure. Eleven of the number cast their lot with the M. E. Church, seven by profession of faith and four by certificate; seven children were dedicated to God by baptism. God bless all parents who start their children to heaven in youth. Bros. Wood, of Weatherford; Bloodworth, of Ballinger; Payne, of Breckinridge, were welcome visitors and did us good service in the name of the Lord. Bro. Wood is pastor in charge of the Old School Presbyterian Church at Weatherford.

## Roanoke Circuit.

Z. Parker, Aug. 30: We are now in the midst of a gracious revival of religion at Ravenna; thirty-five professions to date; interest spreading. Rev. W. F. Clark has been with me from the beginning, preaching with power. Rev. I. W. Clark, of Honey Grove College, came on Tuesday last and remained until Friday morning, and preached three powerful sermons. To God be all the glory. Will report the number of additions to the church for the circuit when I get through with the protracted meetings.

## This Place.

N. B. Reads, Sept. 4: We closed a successful meeting at this place last night; but while the meeting has ceased, a work goes on that will never cease until time ends and eternity begins. All during the meeting showers of blessings were sent upon us. Last night was the crowning hour of all. Surely the best of the feast was reserved until the last. I held an old-time experience meeting. Many of God's children gave ringing testimony of his goodness and mercy; young converts took up their crosses and testified to

what the Lord had done for them. Gordon has been visited by a Pentecostal shower of Divine grace. The visible results of the church, eleven children baptized. The church wonderfully revived, family altars erected, souls converted and eleven accessions to our church. Bro. Stevens came the last week and did some good preaching. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

## Orange.

J. F. Henderson, Sept. 4: I have closed a meeting eleven miles west of Orange, of six days' duration, with powerful convictions and awakenings. Convictions still rest upon the people. I had eleven accessions and more to follow, and several will join the Baptist. I baptized nine adults and four children.

## Merrilltown Circuit.

J. W. Harman, Sept. 2: At Cypress school house we closed our meeting last night. The Lord was with us from the first to the last. We continued the meeting ten days. The last Sunday of the meeting our hearts were made to rejoice in a Savior's love. Thirty-two came forward and joined the church. The results of the meeting were thirty-two additions to the church, five children baptized and the church wonderfully revived at this place. I must say before I close that my people on this work intend to meet all of their assessments this year, and, I think, will overdo it. To God be all the glory.

## Garvin.

J. M. Baker, Sept. 1: Our meeting at Garvin resulted in twenty-five conversions and twenty accessions to our church. Bros. Bryant and Ellis, local preachers, have just closed the most wonderful meeting ever held in this country at Union Grove, which resulted in ninety-three conversions; one man sixty-six years old converted, some of the hardest cases in this country; some joined our church; some the Free-Will Baptist; some the Cumberland Presbyterian; others the Missionary Baptist. Glory to God for converting power.

## Comanche Circuit.

W. C. Hillburn, Aug. 28: On the 20th instant we closed a glorious meeting at Farmer's Chapel. The church at this place has been in a very low state spiritually and otherwise, but the power of the Holy Spirit came down, and the church was wonderfully revived. There were eight conversions and one accession to the church. Three promised to erect family altars and a prayer-meeting was appointed. We were assisted by Bros. Coker and Johnson, local preachers of this charge, and Bro. Thos. Ewell, local preacher of Carbon circuit. Bro. Hopkins, of the M. P. Church, preached once. The Lord bless them.

## Howe.

G. C. Hardy, Sept. 2: I closed my camp-meeting at Cedar Aug. 31. The Lord did bless us wonderfully. Nearly twenty-five conversions, twenty accessions to the church. Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, my presiding elder, and T. L. Miller, another evangelist belonging to the North Texas Conference, were with me in the spirit of the Master. My local brethren did efficient work in the name of the Lord. I held a meeting at Ferguson Chapel embracing the second Sabbath in August, resulting in twenty-two conversions, twelve accessions. Rev. P. L. Smith, the son of our painted J. Clark Smith, was with me. Has not the cloak of Elijah fallen on Elijah?

## Metrege.

H. B. Henry, Sept. 5: We rejoice to report a most successful meeting at Metrege. There were eight conversions, and several additions. I held the meeting a week before our help, Rev. Jno. M. Lane, of Cisco, came, and really our meeting was just taking hold when his throat and lungs failed. He was with us only four nights. Let me say to any of the brethren, Bro. Lane must stop and rest or die prematurely. He is a good worker, but is not now in condition to do any work. He did us much good, and carries home the love and prayers of our whole people. I contemplate another meeting here before conference.

## Bremont.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Sept. 1: Am able to report another good meeting. Closed last night after a two weeks' siege at Reagan. The interest was good all during the meeting and we write it down a success. There were twenty-four conversions and sixteen additions. Bro. J. S. Tunnell, of Northwest Texas Conference, stationed at Taylor, was with us ten days and did us faithful work. We will remember him gratefully. The last night of the meeting I called on the congregation for a thank offering for our conference claimants and they gave \$19.25. This is to be paid in and is over and above our assessment. The year is closing up very well; collections are coming up nicely, and we expect a clean sweep on the salaries. Our mission interest was good, to wit, at least 50 per cent above assessment. God grant that it may be.

## White Rock Camp-Meeting.

C. I. McWhirter: The White Rock camp-meeting continued eight days from August 14 to 21. The meeting was attended with gracious results to the church. There were thirty-three conversions. Bros. T. R. Pierce, W. H. Hughes, J. R. Allen, J. W. Blackburn, D. P. Brown, L. A. Hanson, W. A. Clark, Omer, J. M. Dunn, H. C. Parrott, D. J. Martin, W. R. Manning, C. I. McWhirter were the preachers present. The meeting was closed under the most favorable prospect for an extensive work of grace. Great interest is being manifested in perpetuating this annual meeting. The altar will be at once re-covered and new tents will be erected before the next meeting. There was an increase in the number of campers over former years.

## Iredell.

J. C. Phillips, Sept. 3: The camp-meeting at Iredell began the 16th day of August and closed the 23rd. Bro. B. F. Badgett, P. C., began several weeks before the time set for the meeting to begin, to prepare for it. The first thing he did was to secure Bro. Jim Colard, Jr., to assist him in the meeting. We paid Bro. C. \$132 for his labors with us and for us, and to help him on his way. It is conceded by almost every one who attended this meeting that Bro. Colard is one of the grandest men that has ever been in this country. Every single move of the meeting was a perfect success. I fully believe that if the meeting could have been continued one week longer the devil would have evacuated the place in toto. This people here would say to our community, if you want to burst asunder

the fortifications of old Satan, get everything ready and send for Bro. Jim Colard. Bro. Moore, of Cleburne, conducted the singing. The visible results of the meeting were one hundred and forty-eight conversions and reclamations and eighty-six additions to the church, with others to follow; some joined other churches. Up to date there have been in this circuit 250 conversions and 144 additions to the M. E. Church, South, and the work still going on. All collections well up. To God be all the glory.

## Cedar Hill.

R. A. Thomason, Sept. 4: Just closed a great camp-meeting at Ovilla last night of seven days' length. Bros. Armstrong, Shutt and Culberson dropped in and preached twice. Bro. Bunch, of the C. P. Church, came in on the home-stretch and preached twice. Rev. Jas. Walkup came in the second day and stayed till the close. Sixty persons claimed conversion and reconversion, thirty-three joined the Methodist Church, four joined the C. P. Church, several family altars will be erected. The last night, after the benediction, two souls were converted, four renewed and everybody who remained were made happy. Glory to God.

## Paluxy Circuit.

J. D. Logan, Aug. 30: Our pastor, J. W. Kizzlar, commenced a camp-meeting at this place on the 23rd and closed the 29th. He was assisted a part of the time by Bro. Hall, of Green's Creek circuit. The preaching was plain, powerful and accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost. The church was stirred to greater depth than for several years in the past. Old and new were forgotten and new converts were formed to a number. The love of Christ, accessions thirteen by ritual, three by certificate, conversions twenty-six. We closed with a goodly number of penitents seeking for mercy at the altar.

## Farmer.

S. J. Vaughan, Sept. 4: We have just closed our fifth camp-meeting. Have two more meetings to hold. We think there have been about 100 conversions and seventy-two additions to the Methodist Church. I never witnessed greater demonstrations of Divine power in all my life. The above report includes an appointment at Winn Hill filled the last two years by Bro. H. B. Whittenberg, a local preacher, because the pastor could not attend. This camp-meeting was a continuation of our quarterly conference, and just such a revival as Bro. W. had in seldom witnessed. Bless God for such local preachers. Some twenty-five additions and more to follow. Bros. Jackson, Allen, Owens, Hawkins, our local band, were valued helps, ever ready to stand and be spent for Jesus. God bless them all.

## Hico.

J. C. Carter, Sept. 1: We have had several meetings on the Hico circuit. At Alexander we had no conversions and but few in attendance, owing to sickness with some of our own families and a spirit of indifference on the part of others. At Duffan we had but little interest, some revival in the church. At Green's Creek, the new Christians there much revived and several earnest seekers, but no conversions. At Union a good meeting with the church and seven conversions and three additions. At Murtle Gap (a new place) a good meeting, seven conversions, four additions and a church organized with twelve members. At Trimble Spring we had a good meeting from beginning to end; Christians much revived, with twenty-three conversions and eighteen additions to the M. E. Church, South, and four to the Methodist Protestant Church. In all, we have had thirty-seven conversions and twenty-five additions.

## Amphion.

J. A. Wright, Sept. 3: The revival has not been at Amphion only, but some have been converted at every point in the work. Results at other points, about sixty conversions and fifty-three accessions. We have had many shouts in the camp of Israel this year; but we have a religion on Amphion circuit that does something besides shout. At this place we will build a \$1000 church as a result of our revival, and the churches all around the circuit will meet their obligations in paying assessments. We will soon have three churches of our own. Methodism is getting a firm hold in this country. No preacher of any other denomination has an appointment at any church or school-house where I have preached this year—except my fifth-Sunday appointment. Thanks to Bros. Waller, Coker and Cunningham, who assisted me at different points on the circuit.

## Chillicothe.

Jas. D. Odum, Sept. 1: Our meeting at this place closed yesterday. Results, three conversions and five accessions. In some respects this was one of the best meetings I have ever attended. Christian character was built up among our people. The preaching was good. Bro. Odum, of Vernon station, did the greater part of it. Bro. S. W. Turner, one of our dearly beloved local preachers, preached four sermons for us, to the delight of all who heard him. You will remember him, Bro. Editor, as once an honored member of our conference. Many of your readers will rejoice with Bro. Turner in the recovery, to a considerable degree, of his health. He is getting along well. Bro. Hindrie, a local preacher of Vernon, preached two sermons for us. All these brethren did faithful work. May the Lord bless them. During this meeting \$52.50 was raised for different purposes. Our people have learned, experimentally, that God blesses the cheerful giver. May the Lord bless them all.

## Cottonwood.

D. C. Stark, Aug. 30: On the third Sunday in July I assisted Bro. Hillburn in a meeting, of which I have never seen mention in the paper. It was held at a point in the bounds of the Corbin circuit, but where there was no circuit preaching. There were ten conversions and some six or eight gave their names to join the church—have since been received. At Cottonwood we held a meeting embracing the second Sunday in August. Two conversions and two additions to the church; believe good was otherwise done. At Cross Cut we held a meeting commencing Friday night before the third Sunday in August. This meeting was of inestimable good to the community, and especially so to the church. Results, about twelve conversions and sixteen additions to the church. Some of the best material of the country was converted here and brought into the church; many backsliders re-

claimed; eternity alone will reveal the good that was done. At Caddo Peak, where we had a small class of only about sixteen members, we have built a neat church-house 24x40 feet. This is well done, all things considered. The class is small in membership, but they are true gold, tried in the fire. Of course we received help outside of the church, for where we are truly grateful. Hope to M. E. Church, South, and the work still going on. All collections well up. To God be all the glory.

## Round Mountain Circuit.

H. S. Anglin, Sept. 4: The protracted meeting at Sand Hill, Round Mountain circuit, was a grand success, twelve conversions and backsliders reclaimed. The church was made alive unto God. The meeting was conducted by Bro. R. W. Welborn for eight days, then it was left in the hands of Bro. W. W. Gresset, local preacher, and in all it lasted ten days. The last two days and nights were a little ahead of anything that I ever witnessed. I preached on Saturday night to a large congregation and had a glorious revival. On Sunday, at 11 o'clock, I preached on "Consecration;" called for persons to come to the altar who wanted to be consecrated, and there were about seventy-five who came and knelt for full consecration. At 3:30 Bro. Gresset preached on consecration again, and I concluded for him on the call to the ministry, and called for persons who felt that they were called to the ministry to come and kneel at the altar for consecration, and six noble men came and knelt.

## Corvett City.

W. B. McKeown, Sept. 2: Just closed my camp-meeting at Lane's Chapel. Present results, fifty-one conversions, forty-four accessions, four family altars established and Christianity raised to a higher and truer plain. Bro. Shook had the meeting well under headway when I arrived Sunday, at 11 o'clock, from my New Hope meeting. As I drove up and my sight gave me the first information of a new, spacious plank arbor, I could not exclaim, these brethren want a meeting. Bro. Shook remained with me till Wednesday evening, when, just as he was leaving, Bro. J. J. Davis drove up and our meeting moved grandly onward. Bro. Davis remained till Friday morning. My local preachers again did me most excellent service. How could our church prosper and machinery without her local preachers? Bro. Estes, of a sister church, distinguished himself as a leader of revival song. I thank God for the success he has given me and take courage. All honor to his name.

## Pottsboro.

E. Josie Crutchfield, Sept. 4: A very successful meeting has just closed at this place. Many of the prayers sent to heaven by the good citizens, while they were erecting a pavilion under which to worship, were sent back in showers of blessings. Bro. Vinson, of Van Alstyne, his amiable wife, his niece, Miss Barton, and her friend, Miss Boone, were with us the first week. The former two did excellent preaching for us, while the latter helped to lift the souls of sinners heavenward on the wings of song. Many valiant soldiers of the cross came to our assistance, especially from Preston, where they know how to appreciate refreshments from the Lord, having recently participated. Thirty-one souls brought from darkness to light, many prodigals returned to their Father's bosom, and faithful Christians made better, are the visible results, while, no doubt, good has been done which the great day of assizes alone can reveal.

## Crockett.

T. W. Boynton, Sept. 1: We have just closed our fifth protracted meeting. Results, Center Hill Church greatly revived, twenty-two conversions, eleven accessions to the M. E. Church, South, and eleven to other churches. Second meeting, Pleasant Grove, commenced on Friday night, I left Tuesday and my local preacher carried on the meeting until the next Sunday night with good results. God bless them. There were fifteen conversions and thirteen accessions. Third meeting, Wesley Chapel Church, greatly revived, conversions, three; accessions, two. Fourth meeting, Shiloh camp-meeting, twenty-five conversions, twelve accessions. Bros. J. T. Smith and A. J. Frick did most of the preaching. Bros. Moore, John Box and Robt. Snell preached several times. All of these brethren rendered me valuable service during my meeting. May God bless them. Fifth meeting, Porter's Springs Church greatly revived, conversions, thirty; accessions, fourteen. One of the good sisters pounded my wife with about \$4.50 worth of goods, for which we desire to thank her. May our Father's choicest blessings rest upon her and her little ones.

## Woodville.

J. C. H. McKnight, Sept. 4: The meeting at Mt. Hope lasted nine days, with good results. The church came to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Seventeen were added to the church and as many professed conversion. I did not arrive at Steele Grove until three days after the meeting had begun. When I arrived there I found a good interest awakened, principally by a Baptist brother, assisted by two Congregational brethren. We preached there four times and had seven conversions and six additions to our church. We organized with twelve members, with a good prospect for several more. The people in this community deserve credit for the efforts they have put forth to build them a house of worship. Steele Grove is comparatively a small community, but the people have undaunted courage, and when they get their house completed, which will not be very long, they will have a house that will be an honor to most of the towns in this part of the country. May God bless them and the brethren that helped us in the ministry.

## Palmetto Circuit.

D. C. Neal, Sept. 1: Have just closed my third protracted meeting for this work—place, Holmes' Chapel. It was also the occasion of our third quarterly conference. Our presiding elder, Bro. U. B. Philips, was present, looking faithfully after all the interests of the church. He preached us two awakening and stirring sermons. During the delivery of those two sermons it appeared to your humble correspondent that the divine power was moving. Bro. Philips was for a special purpose. Bro. J. P. Huddleston, L. E., preached a stirring sermon on Saturday night, which set some of the members of

the church to thinking over the sad state of the poor backslider, as he enters the sanctuary of his Master, and instead of coming forward to the amen corner, to nerve and fire the heart of his pastor, he silently drops down on a back seat. The sermon did good. I was assisted also by Bros. LaClere and J. S. Murphy, from Palestine. These good brethren did me great and efficient service. The sermons each were stirring and were heavy appeals to the conscience of all who disregard the word of the Lord. Good seed were sown that will bring forth fruit in days to come. Three were converted and united with our church. One came to us from the Missionary Baptist Church. The meeting ran nine days. A deep interest was manifested throughout the meeting.

## Lewisville Circuit.

O. S. Thomas, Sept. 5: I have held three protracted meetings on my work, resulting in eighty-six conversions, many re-animations and the church greatly revived. New resolutions have been formed, new vows made, family altars erected and higher and broader views of Christian life and obligation taken. The Lord was with us in great power from the beginning. Many old men who had not been touched for years bowed themselves in submission to the will of the Father, and gave their hearts to Christ, consecrating their lives to his service. O. S. Boyd, of Wills Point, and J. J. Moore, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, were each with me seven days, doing faithful and efficient work. Bro. Pierce, our presiding elder, was with us and preached three of his piercing sermons. I believe there is more preachability per square inch in that man Pierce than any other man in Texas. Such sermons as he preached for us were few and we rarely get in the Cross Timber. I begin my meeting at Lewisville next Sunday. Pray for us that the baptism of the Holy Ghost may be upon us.

## Indian Creek Circuit.

Jas. W. Storn, Sept. 2: We are ready to report a glorious revival in this charge. On the 17th of August we closed a meeting at McAnany. Eternity alone will tell all the gracious results. The church was quickened, aroused and wonderfully strengthened; sinners were converted, mourners converted and backsliders reclaimed. There were about twelve conversions and five accessions to our church; others will join the Baptist Church. I was assisted in this meeting by local brethren, W. B. Cross and Joseph Hall. God bless them for their faithful service. But this is not all. The 31st of August our meeting closed at Oswalt Chapel. It was truly "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." The following are the visible results: seventeen conversions, fourteen accessions to the church and eight infants baptized. I was assisted in this meeting by Rev. J. A. Bittick and Rev. Jno. C. Baird. Bro. Bittick did not remain with us long, but preached one soul-stirring sermon, and did faithful altar work. Bro. Bair

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OKLAHOMA.

Let me say a few words to your Texas readers about our new-old country. First, our drouth came to an end about a month ago. It hurt nothing but corn, and did not hurt the corn much where the land had been broken last year. But there was but little of this, and so we have a scarcity of corn. Well, we are much consoled (?) by learning that many of our surrounding States have also partially failed in the corn crop. There is but one opinion about this country standing a drouth, and that opinion is that it beats all. It has been my good, or bad fortune to have been through and through about half the States and Territories of this Union, and I feel certain, after a sojourn of a little more than a year, that I am now on top as far as country is concerned. The two great staples grow to perfection here, corn and cotton. My neighbor (I live on a farm, on North Canadian river,) will have about a bale to the acre. Talk about this country standing a drouth, just come over and get a watermelon of fifty pounds (there are hundreds of thousands of them from ten to seventy-two pounds) for thirty-five cents. Come over and get some of our fine tomatoes for two and a half cents per pound. Now, let me broadly say that all this stuff that is being published about the people in general needing government help is false. There is a class of people that always need help. There are also a few worthy families that came here with but little cash and have exhausted their little cash and may be pinched a little, but they will not starve if they are willing to live hard, and anybody ought to be willing to live hard one year to get a hold in this country. I have lived hard this year and worked hard, too, and don't regret it at all. Up in the northern part of this territory there is a community called Lincoln, where there are a good many Kansas idols (negroes), and I understand that from nearly all the northern part, the extreme northern part, there is more "nip and tuck" for bread than down in the central and southern part (Democratic). In round numbers, all this blow is hush, for we are not starving nor suffering. Now, if there are any Texans that want good homes and are able to pay from \$600 to \$1500 for them, say with some plowing and small house and some fencing, they can get them now, and a few months will close up the main chances. About one claim in ten only can be bought for any less than land in Texas or other States. But there is here a class of people that never had homes before and don't want to have to stay anywhere, and that have always rented, and they will sell. There is another class of claim-holders that came to get claims purposely for sale. Many of them have good homes "back-yonder" and they will sell. This fall, between now and Christmas, will pretty much settle the matter of cheap claims, for those who "fix up" for winter will stay another summer, and then they will stay longer. Texas Methodist, let me say to you that we (South M. E.) are doing well all over this country and especially in the central and southern parts. A. J. WORLEY.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

I feel constrained to write again concerning our opportunity in this territory. It will be remembered that long since I made a call for a teacher for the capital, La Paz. Since that time I have spent several days in the city, and looked into the matter, and can write more fully of the situation. While there I conversed with the governor and several of the most influential men, both native and foreigners, and am more fully convinced that we ought to go up and possess the land. We are able to do so. Permit me to state a few cold facts concerning that country: POPULATION. There are about 20,000 inhabitants in this part of the territory, and some 5000 are in La Paz. The others are in small towns and ranches, scattered throughout the territory, and not more than 150 miles from the capital. THE HEALTH. This is considered the most healthful place in all this coast country. The water is good and the nights cool. While it is warm during the day, a cool breeze comes on at night, and it is quite refreshing to come here from any part of the States of Sonora or Sinaloa. THE WEALTH. This consists in the silver output in the various mines, the Carmen Islands (from which are taken some eighty tons of salt daily), the Ponce de Leon sugar farms, pearls, shells, etc. All of these industries are prosperous in a very high degree throughout the territory. CONVENIENCE. It would be more correctly stated to say the inconveniences are very great and the isolation enough to satisfy the most solitary. There is an American steamer running from San Francisco to Guaymas and touches at La Paz twice a month. Also a Mexican steamer running from Manzanillo to Guaymas goes to La Paz four times a month. Except small sailing vessels that are constantly coming and going, there is no other communication with the outside world. LIBERAL PEOPLE. I have never been in any Mexican town where the priest has less influence than in La Paz. If the Church of Rome has ever had any influence in this place it has been lost. They say the priest personally is all right, but they have no use for his church. EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES. The general government gives the

governor \$10,000 per annum for sch. ol purposes. This he uses as he pleases, employing his political friends, etc. He says he will give us \$75 per month next year, if we will establish a school here. I heard of one little private school in a mining town and one Catholic school. Aside from these, the public school, badly managed, is all they have. Those who desire to educate their children send them to San Francisco, Cal., or Guadalajara, Mexico, which is so expensive none but the rich can afford it, or move away from the territory. OUR OPPORTUNITY. It is the general desire that we establish what they call an "evangelical school" there. They understand that it is to be a Protestant school, in which the Bible will be read, songs sang and prayer offered. While I was there a paper was circulated and about fifty boys of the best families in town were subscribed. They will pay about \$100 per month. I am sure that in less than ten months after the school opens there will be at least 100 paying pupils enrolled. WANTED. 1. A first-class young man, married or single, to apply to Bishop Haygood for this work, sending testimonials and writing fully on the subject. 2. Some conference in Texas to undertake his support until the school is self-sustaining, which doubtless will be in a short time. But at present, and for some time to come, all the funds collected from the school ought to be used in furnishing and employing assistance. It seems to me that the North Texas Conference ought to want the honor of giving both the man and his support. THIS IMPORTANT WORK. It is useless to present an argument in favor of this work. There is nothing within our reach that will be more powerful in the evangelization of that place than this school. The teacher can have charge of the mission, preach from time to time, superintend the Sunday-school and come in contact with people that a Mexican preacher can never reach. CONCLUSION. If any brother, who reads this, and feels called of God to this particular field, let him write to Bishop A. G. Haygood, Sheffield, Ala. Don't write to me asking what kind of buildings we have? If the people are Protestants? How many months in the year he will be occupied, etc? I hope the Lord will send the man and means and lead in the whole matter. JOHN F. CORBIN.

NOVALES, A. T.

THE CLASS OF NOVEMBER, 1857.

Near the middle of November, 1857, fourteen men reached the town of Rusk, Cherokee county, Texas, where the session of the East Texas Conference convened for that year. The conference boundary at that time embraced all Texas east of the Trinity river and south of Red river to the gulf of Mexico. These men were applicants for admission on trial into the itinerant ranks. They were all young men, except Rev. W. N. Bonner, who was then a little past fifty years, though active and strong and ready for work. They were all admitted early in the session, and the absorbing question with them from that hour until the appointments were announced was, "Where will I be sent?" The session was protracted, and after a ten days' session, we were separated and journeyed to our different fields. This writer, Bros. Binkley and Moore, had our home together during our stay at Rusk. J. M. Binkley was recognized as the theological leader, and Moore as the eloquent spokesman of the trio; and the poor, unfortunate disputant who happened to fall into their hands was scathed and pelted before he could take himself away. We enjoyed the occasion as only young preachers attending their first conference can enjoy a privilege of that kind, discussing the leaders of the conference and the sermons to which we listened. One morning, as we were starting for the conference room, a long, large, young man, with massive head and firm step, was seen approaching our group. "Who is he?" was asked. "That is John Adams. He is here for admission on trial, and he knows more about theology than any of us, if he is ugly," was the answer given. Here began an intimacy and real brotherly regard that has been augmented through all the years that have elapsed, and is never to be rivaled. John Adams has filled circuits, stations and districts from that time until the present with marked ability. His friends and admirers are legion. He is an able theologian, a wise counsellor and faithful servant of the Lord. It is not necessary for me to write of him. He stands foremost at home, and is known favorably abroad. He has represented his conference for four sessions in the General Conference. They now call him Dr. Adams, but, with his permission, I still insist on saying John. He is now presiding elder of Tyler district. Jacob M. Binkley is a native of Kentucky. He came to Rusk in 1857 from Kentuckytown, Grayson county. He has done faithful work since he became a traveling preacher, as a circuit preacher, in stations and on districts. It is remarkable to note that more than half of his ministry has been given to the Sherman station and district. He is now presiding elder of the Bonham district. He has served in four General Conferences and is a leading man in his conference. This writer is the last of the effective men of the class of 1857. He has served the church as pastor and presiding elder, and at this writing he may be found occupying the position of presiding elder of the Waxahachie district; has been elected three times a delegate to the General Conference.

Rev. W. N. Bonner still lives, an honored and holy man. He has passed four score years. He is still able to preach and occasionally writes for the press. He is the father of Hon. T. R. Bonner, of Tyler, with whom he resides. His sons and daughters were men and women of great value to the church and have been a great comfort to their honored father in his declining years. May the Lord deal tenderly with him, and may his sun of life set in heavenly brilliancy. Rufus B. Womack, the calm, dignified and pure was another of the fourteen. He labored successfully for a number of years in the East Texas Conference—transferred to the Northwest and did effective work in this section. He died in 1875 and sleeps quietly in the Waxahachie cemetery. He was faithful, laborious and successful, affable, cheerful and patient. He lived happily and died in triumph. Recently his companion passed away and is sleeping by his side. Rev. Harwin W. Moore did good work until the close of the war. He then located, studied law, married Miss Cooper, of Crockett, an estimable lady, and lives happily with her, enjoying the confidence of those who know him. His success in business has been satisfactory, and he has labored faithfully in the local ranks. What further good he might have accomplished in the itinerancy had he continued in the ranks, is known only to the Great Head of the church. Rev. R. A. Wooten was sprightly, fluent and kind, possessed a liberal education and bid fair to be a very useful man. He traveled for a short time, located, married and joined the Baptist Church. Recently he has returned to the old field, and to his first love. He lives in Nacogdoches county. Rev. Elisha Blanton traveled two years, located, went to Arkansas, where he joined the Baptist and is still of that persuasion and is living in Hood county, Texas. Rev. J. T. Kenedy was a graduate of McKenzie College, a sweet-spirited man, feeble in health, only traveling one year, located and died in 1859. Virgil Brown traveled until the commencement of the war—volunteered as a private, went to the seat of war—and has never been heard of since by this writer. Rev. J. L. Terry continued a few years in the active work. Located, studied medicine, and is living at Longview, a useful and upright man. Rev. J. H. Lowe located years ago. He lives in the bounds of the Gatesville district, Northwest Texas Conference. He was a true man, and did his work well as long as he continued in the pastorate. Rev. J. W. Harwell transferred to the West Texas Conference in 1859. I have heard that he was dead, though I do not know it to be true. Bro. Harwell was a young man of great promise. He preached well in the commencement of his pastoral labors. He was genial, clever and pious. The last name we bring before your readers is that of the sainted Edward P. Rogers of blessed memory. A purer man I did not know. For years he went willingly to hard fields of labor, and did a work that survives him. He did faithful work for nineteen years. He exercised a wonderful influence with children and young people wherever he went. Many valuable men and women in the front ranks of Methodism owe their happiness and usefulness to the deep impressions made by this good man. He was never distinguished as a preacher; but his chief excellence was found in his faithful pastoral oversight. In 1876 he took a supernumerary relation, which he retained as his useful life drew gradually to a close. Finally, in 1884, the chariot came for his deliverance, and in triumph he halted its coming, saying: "I shall soon be eating of the fruits of the tree of life." He died near Jacksonville, Texas. Happy life. Glorious death. A few more years and we three who are now active of the original fourteen of 1857 will have ceased to work. May we all be ready. E. L. ARMSTRONG, WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS.

IS THE WORD SPRINKLE IN BIBLE?

REV. A. C. BENSON.

This head-line will appear foolish to some, but the question is so often propounded that I think it well enough to give the desired (?) information, especially for the benefit of many to whom the question is propounded. I give first some passages that refer to the sprinkling of blood for the purpose of purifying. We find the law for the ceremony in Leviticus xiv:4-7. The priest took cedar, hyssop (a plant), "scarlet wool," (see also Heb. ix:19), and a living bird, dipped them in the blood of another bird and sprinkled it on him that was to be cleansed. David referred to this cleansing by blood when he said in Ps. li:7, "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean." St. Paul leads us into the true significance of the sprinkling of blood. He says, in Heb. ix:13-24, "For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean sanctified to the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" He says, in Heb. xii:24, "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel." In Heb. x:22, we have this expression: "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Now, some passages on the sprinkling of water. In Numbers viii:7, we have this: "And thus shalt thou do unto them to cleanse them; sprinkle water of purifying upon them." And in Num-

bers xix:13, this also: "Because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean." See also verses 17-19. Isaiah says (lii:15), "So shall he sprinkle many nations." Ezekiel (xxxvi:25) prophesied, "Then shall I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean." That these "ceremonial cleansings" with the laver "washings" were baptisms is not denied. Dr. Ditzler, in his work on baptism, page 58, says: "We are all agreed that the laver washings were baptisms. We have no dispute here. It is a unanimous agreement on both sides. In Hebrews ix:10, Paul tells of the tabernacle services that 'stood in the meats and drinks, and divers baptisms'—divers washings in our version." The same author proves conclusively that these laver washings, baptisms, were by sprinkling or pouring (pages 59 to 69). Alex. Campbell calls these baptisms "ceremonial cleansings." Paul calls them "divers washings." Mr. Wesley, referring, doubtless, to the Biblical use of the word, says: "The Greek word [baptize] means indifferently either washing or sprinkling," and refers to Mark viii:4, where Mark speaks of these "ceremonial cleansings." Dr. Ditzler says: "We are all agreed that they are baptisms."

Now, if these baptisms were purifying cleansings, washings, how is it possible for them to be so and at the same time "set forth" the death, burial and resurrection of our Savior? Again, the disciples of John the Baptist and the Jews understood washing and baptism as the same. "Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying; and they came unto John and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan to whom thou bearest witness, he beheld the same baptizing and all men came unto him." (John iii:23, 26). If baptism and purifying were not the same, how could they expect to settle a question about purifying by inquiring into the question of baptism?

Now, how can washing, purifying, cleansing, baptism "set forth" death, "set forth" burial, "set forth" a resurrection? The truth is every time the people had their hearts purified, "sprinkled from an evil conscience," baptized by the Holy Ghost, the washing, baptizing with clear water was practiced to "set forth" this inward spiritual cleansing. Just as Abraham's righteousness by faith was "set forth" or sealed by the circumcision of the flesh. Romans iv:11. The only difference between the rites is, one was a bloody rite, while the other was by water. We are met here with this question: "If the spiritual cleansing is to be set forth by cleansing the body, ought not the body be washed all over?" The above passages show that the cleansing was done by sprinkling, and without reference to the quantity of water. Our Savior said to Peter: "He that is washed, needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit." (John xiii:10.)

Baptism by sprinkling fulfills Ezekiel's prophecy (xxxvi:25), but the immersion theory, that does away with sprinkling, does away with its fulfillment. It makes no difference when nor where this sprinkling was to take place, the immersionists have made this change; that while Ezekiel associated the sprinkling with time and place of our receiving new hearts and the spirit within us, the immersionists have continued the idea of having new hearts, but have discontinued the association of sprinkling clean water upon them, and have adopted dipping in water instead, and this dipping for a sign of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, when our Savior says, emphatically, that "No sign shall be given you but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Math. xii:39, 40.

Is the word immerse in the Bible?

DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Being one of that much-pitied class, summer widowers, I gladly availed myself of the opportunity of escape from the loneliness of home for a few days and accepted the invitation of the superintendent, Rev. F. S. Jackson, to attend the first session of the Corpus Christi District Sunday-School Institute, which was announced to meet at Beeville, Aug. 5, 8. Beeville is beautiful for situation, and has made remarkable growth during the past eighteen months and is still growing. It was the home of my earliest childhood and I remember well the one store and the little school-house in the grove, near where the depot now stands, and my father's house that stood, it seemed to me, a long distance from the town, but whose site is now in the center of the residence portion. The old home is gone now and a modern building occupies its place, but when I passed by and saw the grove in the yard, where the swing hung from the branches, and recognized here and there familiar objects, I seemed to hear the ring of childish laughter, and familiar faces rose before me like the memories of some half forgotten dream. Some are among them that are asleep and others still are scattering sunshine as in those happy days, but our meetings are not often. When we all, who love and labor here, shall change this life for the brighter one above, what a meeting that will be! The town has spread out to and around the old graveyard on the hill,

and the low, green hills on every side are covered with comfortable dwellings. Its thrift and enterprise give prophecy of permanency and prosperity. The Sunday-school Institute convened Tuesday morning. There were only three pastors of the district present, but a number of Sunday-school workers, men and women, came and entered heartily into the work. A program had been prepared, embracing almost every question bearing on the Sunday-school interests of the church, but much had to be omitted on account of the absence of the preachers and others to whom parts had been assigned, but a great many subjects were discussed carefully, and I am sure that those who attended were benefited. The Sunday-school Institute is a new departure in this conference, and its good results are so potent that it is to be hoped that one will soon be held in every district. Much is to be gained by a gathering of all the Sunday-school workers of a district in council. There is a demand for workers who appreciate the Sunday-school as the place where all, old and young, assemble to study God's word. Surely there is no more important interest than that—and of intelligent, systematic methods of instruction. What is more conducive to this than the assembling of workers where methods are compared and questions of vital interest discussed by men and women who love the work and have had experience in it? With full appreciation of the consideration of the Sunday-school interests in the district conference, I believe that it is very far from meeting the demand. With from two hours to one day (the most ever given) for the work, the consideration and discussion needed cannot be had, and the Sunday-school convention is tacked on to the end of a district conference and very little thought or attention is given it. To accomplish the best results, I believe we should have a Sunday-school institute, or convention, separate and distinct from the district conference, of which all the officers and teachers of Sunday-schools shall be members, and of course, the pastors. It will be objected that the people will not and cannot attend. They can attend. There are very few who cannot find time to attend a political convention, or a fair, or some assemblage for secular purposes. When we Christians become as concerned for heavenly things as we are for earthly, there will be no trouble. Men are sparing no pains or expense in these times to gain the best results for worldly advantage, and it is to our reproach that "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Of course we cannot expect perfection of operation or results at once, but all advancement comes of earnest effort. Let us move forward. After careful consideration it was decided to hold a session of the institute for Corpus Christi district next year, at such time and place as the presiding elder should designate. Bro. Jackson, through whose efforts mainly the institute was held, left a few days after its adjournment for the New Mexico Conference, the field of his future labors. We are sorry to lose him; earnest, thoughtful, aggressive, he is much loved by those who know him best. We hope that he and his family will find health in their new home, and pray the Father's blessing upon them always. STERLING FISHER, VICTORIA, TEXAS.

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About the Lesson.

LESSON XI, SUNDAY, SEPT. 14.

PARABLE OF THE POUNDS. Luke xii:11-27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Unto every one which hath shall be given." (Verse 26.)

MEMORY-VERSES, 12, 13.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is the subject of this lesson? The Parable of the Pounds.
2. What is the Golden Text? "Unto every one which hath shall be given."
3. Why did Jesus speak this parable? Because they thought the kingdom of God would immediately come.
4. Whom did he say went into a far country? A certain nobleman.
5. Why did he go? That he might receive a kingdom.
6. Whom did he call to him? His servants.
7. How many came? Ten.
8. How much did he give them? Ten pounds.
9. What did he tell them to do with the money? To use it for him.
10. How did the citizens feel toward him? They hated him.
11. Did he receive the kingdom? Yes.
12. What did he do on his return? He called these servants.
13. What did the first say? "Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds."
14. What did the lord say to him?

"Well, thou good servant: . . . have thou authority over ten cities.
15. What had the second gained? Five pounds.
16. What did the lord give him? Five cities.
17. What said another? "Behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin."
18. Why had he done nothing? "For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man."
19. What did his lord say? "Why did you not lend my money?"
20. What did he do to him? He took from him his pound.
21. To whom did he give it? To the one who had ten pounds.
22. What did he do to his enemies? He had them slain.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—There are none recorded.

Place.—In Jericho, perhaps still at the entrance to the house of Zacchaeus, possibly within the house.

Time.—As before, probably on Thursday evening, 7th of Nisan, March 30, 783 A. U. C.; that is, A. D. 30. Some think the lesson should be assigned to the next morning, just before the departure for Bethany.

Persons.—Our Lord, with a crowd of hearers, not further described. In the parable, a nobleman and ten of his servants, three of whom are mentioned particularly; citizens of the nobleman's domain, others standing by when the reckoning was made.

Incidents.—The occasion of the parable; the journey of the nobleman; the trust committed to his servants; the rebellious embassy of the citizens; the reckoning with the servants when the nobleman had received the kingdom; the answer of the first faithful servant, and the reward promised him; that of the second followed also by a reward; then the answer of the wicked servant, with the reply of his master and the judgment pronounced upon him; the objection of those that stood by; the reward of faithfulness and the punishment of unfaithfulness; the judgment of the rebellious citizens.

Parable Passages.—The parable of the talents (Matt. xxv:14-30) resembles this one, but is not strictly parallel.

LESSON SUMMARY.

This lesson presses home the truth of our personal accountability, and emphasizes the fact that our reward for well-doing will be in accordance with not only our fidelity, but our efficiency. The parable itself was evidently spoken for the purpose of showing that work must be done before the reward for it shall be received. There were those in that day who seemed to think that the time for reward was close at hand, but our Lord would have them know that their present duty demanded the exercise of all their powers; and that the measure of their reward, when it came, would be according to the efficiency of their labors meanwhile. The truth of this parable is for us, as well as for those who first heard it.

Herein is a difference between this parable of the pounds and the parable of the talents; a talent is a very large sum of money; a pound is a small sum. In the one parable, five talents are given to one man, two talents to another, and one talent to a third, "each according to his several ability." In the other parable, one pound is given to every man alike. He who has most talents made more use of them; he who had less talents, and used them wisely made a correspondent gain. These two users of their talents were commended and rewarded alike. But one user of his pound made ten other pounds, while another with the same capital made only five pounds. The measure in each of these cases was proportioned to the results of wise labor.

The one parable shows that fidelity in service is sure of a reward, apart from the question of ability in service. The other parable shows that the more ability we display in our faithful service to our Master, the larger will be our consequent reward. On the one hand, he who is simply faithful to his duty shall have his reward; and, on the other hand, he who is energetic and efficient in faithful service shall have a larger reward. He who has longed for his Master's return, being true to his Master's interests meanwhile, shall be commended when his Master is here. But he who just jumps to service in his Master's absence, with the feeling that, the longer his Master delays his return the more he can accomplish in that service, will have with his Master's commendation a larger sphere of responsible service in his Master's new kingdom. What an inspiration and incentive to downright hard work in the Master's service this parable supplies to us.

In both parables, however, he who does nothing with the treasure committed to him has that treasure taken away from him, and is censured besides, when his Master returns. In the one case, the unused talent is buried in the earth; for it is too big to be wrapped in a napkin. In the other case, the unused pound is laid up in a napkin. Whether our possessions be those which we have in common with all our fellows, or are far inferior to those which have been given to others about us, we must use what we have, or suffer permanent loss from its not using. Fidelity is a duty for all. High efficiency is a privilege for those who are capable with it. Every one of us must be faithful, or suffer for lack of faithfulness. Any one of us who uses his powers to the best advantage may be sure that he will be the added gainer eternally because of his added zeal and added effectiveness, while awaiting his Master's coming again.

ADDED POINTS.

Point after point was our Lord's way of teaching. He did not attempt to include all truth in one lesson. It would be better for every teacher to act according to our Lord's method so far.

A test of our fidelity is our action while we are separated from those to whom we are responsible. It is while the teacher is out of the room that a scholar shows his spirit as a scholar. It is while a boy is away from his parents that he shows how true he is to their teachings. Eye-service is poor service at its best.

He who has done his best in the execution of a trust has an added interest in showing what he has done. Even if there were no reward from the Master, a faithful servant would find a reward in a consciousness of his own fidelity and efficiency.

How prone men are to find fault with others as an excuse for their own failures! There are men to-day who squarely say that they make no attempt to do their whole duty, because so many professing Christians are hypocrites. As if that were any excuse for their shortcomings!

A poor excuse always reacts on the man who offers it. Out of his own mouth comes his condemnation. His fault stands out more clearly when he states it himself, in trying to show that it was excusable.

A man is sure to be a loser by a failure to do his simple duty. He not only loses the reward of his well-doing, but he loses much of his manhood as was put to the test and failed him, when he ought to have done well and refused to do it.

Old and Young.

"HE GIVETH US RICHLY ALL THINGS."

CHARLES F. DEEMS, D. D.

Whence came the soft and milky corn Enriching lowly valleys? Whence in northern blossoms that adorn Our lonely country alleys?

Whence came the clouds that hang aloft, O'er earth the grand pavilions? The herds on meadows and in croft, That feeds earth's hungry millions?

Whence came the flowers that fill the air With perfume and with beauty? And whence came all things pure and fair Which win men unto Duty?

Whence came the rays of swift and bright, On sea and land so glorious? And that unseen imperial might Which makes man's will victorious?

Whence came the father-heart in man, The mother-heart in woman? The love throughout the cosmic plan Which makes God's children human?

These never came: that we control Is good because 'tis given, And all made better to man's soul By the sweet touch of heaven.

A HORSE SERMON.

"HUS."

You've all heard of good, old horse sense, did you ever hear of a good, old horse sermon?

'Twas my pleasant lot to spend a summer near the Tennessee mountains, and I think their lofty peaks, pointing heavenward, gave scarcely more food for thought and better life than the daily walk and work of an old blind mare, owned by my host.

Kit was blind when he purchased her, from some cause unknown to him, in the family said a stroke of lightning did the work.

I heard several sermons in the little frame church gleaming white through forest monarchs, which were limited in quality if not in quantity, but Kit preached sermons daily, and all the time. Of course, being blind, she must have a yoke-fellow. Beck—did you ever know a man who had but one name, whose name was not Beck?—was as stubborn and lazy as Kit was otherwise. She seemed to have studied the mule problem, which is best to take care of a plow, was going along briskly and steadily as did Kit and minus the licks, and coolly evolved the solution of licks and laziness.

Kit, having no part in these delays and tugging hard at the tongue to prevent them, was, of course, unpunished. Out went the licks, and the plow was the same way. Kit would turn her poor, sightless eyes out toward where her nose caught delicious whiffs of the sweet, earthy smells of harvest to come, but would go bravely, patiently along, dragging the sulky through continuous furrowing, with the content that her master was at the lines.

When "Shep" came bounding to the pasture and in victorious generalship marshaled all the cows, with their tinkling bells, up to the pen, where "Hike" waited to milk them, when the lonely mare broke the drowsy stillness and the cowbells, from their leafy parlors, began their concert, Kit would prick up her ears and sniff in the twilight breeze, for she knew her work was ended and rest to follow. The master never forgot to give her an approving pat and she would whinny and paw the air in his palm, as if she understood it all, and munch contentedly her good and abundant supper. Sometimes she would stumble over a bit of rough road, then she would turn her head toward you and meekly apologize. The old mare set me thinking how many creatures are sometimes teach man, with reason, useful lessons. How often do we receive misfortunes as Beck does her licks, stubbornly, stopping in the pathway of duty, disregarding the hand that guides us, instead of keeping straight on. We may, like Kit, be the better for it.

When even patient Aunt Barbara pined a little because the rooms in the new house were so few and small compared with their old home, a rosy face was thrust into hers with the suggestion, "But then, little rooms are best to endure all up together in; don't you think so, auntie?" "Better call her 'Little But Then,' and have done with it," declared Rob, half-joking, half-languishing. "No matter how bad a thing is, it is always ready with her 'But then,' and some kind of consolation on the end of it." "Just look at all the snow going to waste without our having a chance to enjoy it," said Will one day; "and the ice too—all because we couldn't bring our sleds in when we moved." "But then you might make one yourself, you know. It wouldn't be quite so pretty, but it would be just as good," said little "But Then."

"Exactly what I mean to do, as soon as I can get money enough to buy two or three sleds, I haven't a doubt, you know, and the winter is nearly half-gone." "If we only had a sled to-day, sister could ride, and we could go on the river," said Bob. "It's just as near that way, and we could go faster." "It's a pity," admitted the little girl. "But then, I thought of something—that old thing in the shed! If we turn it down its back would be almost like runners." "Hurrah! that's the very thing!" interrupted the boys. The old chair was dragged out, carried down to the river, and a way was made the merry party.

"What is that?" It looked like a great bundle of clothes," said Will, pointing to a dark spot a little way out on the ice. "It was a bundle that moved and moaned as they drew near, and proved to be a little girl. I slipped and fell on the ice," she explained, "and I've broken my leg long and bad." The poor girl was borne safely home, and the children lingered long enough to bring the surgeon and hear his verdict, that "young bones do not mind being broken; she will soon be out again, as well as ever."

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little while would go over in a grand tumble. But Johnny persevered. He gave the colt's legs a good rubbing every day. After awhile, to his great joy, the little fellow could stand alone and could walk about with some ease. Whatever the matter was, he grew stronger every day. For two years Johnny took good care of him, and at the end of that time he sold him for \$50.

The money was placed in the savings bank in Johnny's name. But his father was doing a good deal of business, and with Johnny's consent, drew out his \$50 and used it. By-and-by he failed and was compelled to make an assign ment.

Then Johnny's heart was almost broken. He was told that he would never see his \$50 again. But for all that he was not discouraged. He went straight to the president of the company and told him how he had earned the money and lent it to his father, and claimed that it would be no more than fair to treat him as the other creditors were treated, and allow his proportion of what there was to divide among all the creditors. He said he did not want to be left out in the cold because he was a little boy.

His request was granted. He received back just one-half the money. But in the meantime he had picked up small sums in various ways. He had an uncle who kept a cattle ranch in Texas, and Johnny went to live with him. He at once bought four heifers, and with the money that he had, and his uncle let them run with his own herd, charging nothing for their pastorage. Each heifer was branded with a letter "J" on its side to show whose heifer she was.

Johnny's experience at home had put two good ideas into his head. He had learned patience and perseverance in taking care of the colt. His father's failure in business had taught him to be careful in money matters. It made him afraid to run in debt. He turned a certain portion of his wages into Texas cattle as fast as he earned anything, and when he was twenty-one years old he was well started in life, and he now has every prospect of being not merely a cattle-driver, but a well-informed, substantial business man.

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"BUT THEN."

It was a queer name for a little girl, and it was not her real name—that was "But Then," but everybody called her "But Then."

"My real name is prettier, but then, I like the other very well," she said, nodding her brown curls merrily; and that sentence shows how she came by her name.

Willie complained that it was a miserable, rainy day, and they couldn't go out-of-doors, Lizzie assented brightly; "Yes; out then it is a nice day to make our scrap-books."

When Rob fretted because they had so far to walk to school, his little sister rallied him, "Then, it's all the way through the woods, you know, and that's ever so much nicer than walking on the hard pavements of a town."

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MENDING WITH PINS.

"Oh, that's nothing," said a young woman, "I'll put a pin in. I can't stop to mend it now." It was a hole in her pocket that Helen Russell mended that morning with a pin. Several days passed, and she forgot the circumstance. "Pinning it up" was one of Helen's favorite makeshifts.

"I hate to mend," she would say, "and, after all, pins will do. They have to do, anyway."

Even holes in her stockings were caught together in this fashion, and a button off her glove was replaced by the same makeshift expedient. It was not that she lacked time to use needle and thread, but simply that she had fallen into a lazy habit.

Helen Russell was a school teacher, and a few days after pinning up the hole in her pocket she went to the town treasurer and drew sixty dollars, her earnings for ten weeks' teaching. She put the money into her purse, and the purse into her pocket.

Then she made a few calls and went into the postoffice. As she was descending the steps of the postoffice, she caught her foot in the trimming of her skirt, which had ripped and had been fastened with a pin; she tripped and fell heavily on the stones.

Her wrist was broken by the fall. A pin, which fastened her glove in default of a button, was plunged into the palm of her hand and inflicted a painful wound.

She was taken home in a carriage and her injuries were dressed. A few hours afterward she thought of her money, and felt in her pocket for her purse. It was gone. The pins which had repaired the hole in the pocket were likewise gone; so there was no doubt as to the way in which the purse had disappeared.

Searching and advertising proved of no avail. She had saved a few sticks at the expense of ten weeks' wages, a broken wrist and sundry painful bruises. "Twas all my own fault," she said, penitently. "I'll never mend with pins again."—Youth's Companion.

A FAMILY IN A TREE TRUNK.

A great deal has been written regarding the big trees of California. We see photographs of them in parlors and drawing-rooms; but even with these aids it is difficult to form an accurate conception of their gigantic proportions. About two and one-half miles east of Healdsburg, California, is a large redwood tree, twenty-four feet in diameter, which is hollow. The inside having been burned out many years ago. The tree is in a lonely place, and is seldom visited by any one save an occasional hunter, who may stop there for a shelter from the storm. A few days ago a hunter was attracted to the spot by the sound of voices. What was his surprise to find snugly ensconced in this novel place a family, consisting of a man and his wife and three children. To close the opening in the tree, a rude door had been constructed of deer skins. Inside the tree benches and tables had been constructed of redwood bark, fastened together by wooden pins.

The head of the family stated that he came from Oregon last fall, and not being able to pay rent for a house, had moved his family into this living home. He had thus far made his living by odd jobs on farms near by, being careful to never state where his home was. One of his children, a lad about fifteen years of age, stated that he had caught about seventy-five coons and forty foxes in a steel trap, and had disposed of the skins for enough to clothe the family. The boy himself was dressed in a suit of coonskins. The mother bore the appearance of a once beautiful woman, and here she showed that she had been well cultured. They were all very reticent about their former life and how they had been reduced to such straits. They expect to spend the remainder of the winter in this sylvan nook.—Evangelist.

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HOME CONFERENCES

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hearty hand-shake and a broad smile upon his face that those who saw it will not soon forget. Bro. Stephens was soon preaching and, oh, how he did preach! The people seemed to be charmed and fascinated, but the visible results did not compare with the sermon. Bro. S. left us Monday morning, and Bro. M. and I continued the meeting up to Thursday night. We had a good revival in the church, one conversion and three accessions to our church. We did not take the missionary collection at Big Valley, but they will pay their assessment. I went from thence to New Salem and began my meeting Friday night before fourth Sunday and continued up to Wednesday night following. The church was quickened and greatly revived and four additions to the church. I feel indebted to the following brethren for efficient help rendered: Rev. Bro. Polk, of the Methodist Protestant Church, and Bro. G. W. Dickenson and M. P. Morton, local preachers, and C. N. Norton, exhorter, of our church. New Salem gave an excess to the missionary collection. To God be all the glory for our success.

Bristol.

W. E. Hawkins, Sept. 6: We are now through our round of protracted meetings. Some good has been done; eighty-five professed faith in Christ and seventy have united with the church. We look at the great number of sinners who have attended these meetings and then inquire, why not more converted? God was with us. We had the most efficient help and yet failed to move the masses. God bless the brethren who so earnestly and efficiently labored with us, and the local brethren who have ever been faithful and true. Our collections up in cash and subscription.

Archer City.

E. D. Cameron, Sept. 5: Archer City mission has been blessed with two good revivals of religion. At our camp-meeting on Holiday Creek, commencing on the first Sunday in August, we had more than twenty conversions, many backsliders reclaimed and sixteen accessions to our church. On the third Sunday in August we began a meeting in Archer City. It would be hard to find more irreligious towns than Archer City was at that time, but God gave us a great victory over sin and death and to-day there is scarcely a more religious town in Texas than Archer City. In this meeting there were about thirty conversions, thirty or forty backsliders built up and I received twenty-three members into our church, with more to follow. The Baptist received thirteen members and the C. P. Church three. We started in at Archer City the first of the year with seven members and no church-house. We now have forty-three members and a church-house. I have had a net increase of over two hundred on my entire mission. To the work, to the work! God be with you till we meet at Texarkana.

Glimer.

W. J. Rudworth, Sept. 4: I have just closed my round of protracted meetings for the Glimer circuit. We have been most wonderfully blessed. Visible results, forty-nine additions, about the same number of conversions and reclamations and twenty-two children baptized this month. Bro. J. Jones, local elder, was the efficient worker in both of the meetings. Revs. W. B. Walker, W. C. Holeashed and J. W. Felts rendered services where they could willingly. Our third quarterly conference was held at Marion Chapel in connection with our last meeting. It was when where the realization of the old adage took place, "The best of the wine for the last of the feast." Indeed, it was a feast. Bro. Fladger, our presiding elder, was in his best preaching mood, and in the chair no pleasanter man ever sat, in the verdict of all who know him. The spiritual state of the church kept promising at before his hearers. The quartette for the third quarter is the best on record for many years past; people seem to be thoroughly aroused on all the duties of the church.

Cottonwood.

N. Martin: Bro. J. R. Henson, preacher in charge of Quarah and Childers, began a meeting at this place, seven miles east of Childers, on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August; was taken suddenly sick on Saturday at the close of his first sermon, but did not go on the best we could and he would send for ministerial help; but the preachers were all busy on their own charges; said he was determined to have a meeting and would send word to us to "hold the fort" until he got able to preach, and the people had a mind to work. So we held on, preaching a little and holding prayer and social meetings, calling mourners, and they came and we all prayed and sung and shouted until the last of the week, when Bro. Henson got able to preach, and such an other meeting I never saw—hard-hearted sinners converted, and converted and spoken out in public for the Master, prayed in public, and we all shouted and praised God together. It was good to be there. We closed Sunday night. Had ten conversions and a glorious revival. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and to him be all the glory. Bro. Henson is doing a great work on this charge. We all love him.

Mineola.

J. C. Calhoun, Sept. 5: Last night, after one week's duration, we closed an interesting meeting at Big Sandy. Results, seventeen conversions, five reclamations and fifteen additions; organized a young men's prayer-meeting and left the church and community in the best of feeling. Be it said to the honor of Big Sandy, thus early in the conference year, my salary was paid, and overpaid, with many handsome presents added, as I left for

home, which was sooner than the meeting otherwise would have closed, to assist in attendance at the bedside of my brother-in-law, C. A. Moore, who is now gone to the twenty-fourth day with malarial fever. This will explain why I could not assist Bro. Crawford at Lindale, and Bro. Fontaine, of Tyler. I had no assistance in the meeting, and it was a long, tough old pull for me alone. This fact more vividly impressed me than ever before as I beheld the wickedness of that "hard town," that it is very unwise to depend much upon foreign help for a revival. So we entered the engagement, and commenced to dig, and we dug, and dug on, till finally the church struck fire, and the whole town came out to "see us burn," and thank God, many are happy now who were slaves to sin. This closes the last of my meetings for this year. Thank God we were blessed with a good revival at each appointment. Fifty conversions in all; fifty-three accessions. The Advocate boasts.

Hancho.

L. Gregory: Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Sandy's Chapel on Saturday, September 30. The presiding elder, Bro. Brown, was with us and brought the business of the conference to a conclusion with his usual tact and humor. The stewards attended well, and considering the season of the year, presented a fairly good financial report. These brethren have not been behindhand in looking after the interests of the church, and in consideration thereof were all re-elected for the ensuing year. It is hoped that they will, as heretofore, do solid work in looking after the ways and means. Notice was taken of the retirement of Bro. Brown from the presidency of the district in a series of resolutions recognizing his official ability, which was proposed by Bro. Nixon and signed by the members of the conference. Bro. Gregory added some suitable remarks, after which Bro. Brown feelingly responded. The religious services were, from first to last, well attended. Bro. Brown preached with his usual power twice on Saturday and again on Sunday morning. After the latter service the Lord's Supper was impressively administered. We had a good time in the love feast, under the conduct of Bro. S. Malloy, from an adjoining circuit. The Sunday night service was conducted by the Rev. T. Gregory, who has recently come to this country. The departure of Bro. Brown was again alluded to and the greater part of the congregation, amid many signs of emotion, shook his hand as a pledge of meeting him in the other and happier life. May these wishes be realized!

Jonestown.

Louisa Hall, Sept. 1: Truly God is good to Israel. Mount Zion and Weaver Chapel came together, built an arbor between the two churches, in a nice grove, handsomely situated for the occasion, convenient for all to get to, and held a camp-meeting. The Lord was with us in power from the first hour's service to the close. The meeting commenced Aug. 15 and lasted ten days. The pastor and people rallied their forces and went to the rescue of the church, with the enemy of souls to flight; the present results thirty conversions and twenty-five accessions, and more to follow. Praise God, who hath given us the victory. Eternity alone can reveal the vast amount of good accomplished at such a meeting as this. Several Sunday-schools were happily converted to God. Praise the Lord for Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings. Several anxious penitents at the altar at the close of the meeting. We trust their conviction will be deepened until they are brought to a saving knowledge in Christ Jesus. Our pastor was blessed with ministerial help. From first to last there were eleven preachers who assisted in the meeting, all preaching in the spirit of the Master. God bless those preachers. The last Sunday of the meeting they took a missionary collection, which resulted in \$75 in cash and subscription—got it in a very few minutes without a murmur; and that evening and night we had a baptism of the Holy Ghost, many shouts of victory went up, and no doubt but the heavens rang out with sweet songs of joy and gladness, for several sinners repented and gave God the glory. Surely it was good to be there.

Lawdale.

J. C. Burgamy, Sept. 3: Since writing last, I have held one protracted and one camp-meeting. The protracted meeting closed about a week ago. The church was greatly revived. The members claim it to be the best meeting they have had for many years. I am unable to say how many conversions. Six additions to the church. I have never labored among kinder people. All seem to appreciate their pastor. I had to do all preaching with the exception of two sermons. Uncle James Sewell was with me two days, and preached for me twice. He is a good man. The meeting lasted six days. On Friday night before the fourth Sabbath in August we opened up at the camp-ground (Merideth camp-ground). Unfortunately for our meeting, the small-pox excitement was so high during the entire meeting that it retarded greatly the interest of the meeting. The excitement on Wednesday evening became so great, owing to some coming into camp from Canton, that it was thought best to close out. So we closed out on Wednesday night. While the meeting was not as great a success as we desired, it was by no means a failure. The membership was greatly revived. Some ten or twelve conversions, four joined the church and a large number promised to erect a family altar of prayer, organized a prayer-meeting, Sabbath-school and class-meeting. All of these meetings have been neglected in the past. I am of the opinion that there is a bright future ahead for Merideth camp-ground. We hope in the near future to have a nice church-house at that place. Quite a number are going to erect tents for the next meeting. Our dear presiding elder, John Adams, D. D., was with me until Wednesday morning, preaching with great power every day; also, Dr. T. H. Hall, from New York, Henderson county. He preached to the delight of everybody. Bro. Sam. Allen was with me until Wednesday morning. He, too, did noble work, delighting every one who heard him. Bro. Everett also preached two good sermons. May the blessings of God attend these dear brethren.

Grapevine.

W. H. Stephenson, Sept. 1: I closed my meeting at Grange hall last night with the following results: fifty were happily converted and reclaimed, twenty-eight joined the Methodist Church, nine the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, five the Baptist Church, twenty-one adults and three infants baptized. The first week I was alone, doing all the preaching. On the second Saturday of the meeting, it being the time for the holding of our third quarterly conference, Bro. E. R. Pierce, our beloved presiding elder, came to our help, preaching three soul-stirring sermons. I cannot describe Bro. Pierce's preaching, for it is just indescribable and inimitable. I have never seen our presiding elder in just such a way before. He got after us. His sermon on Saturday—well, it just beat anything I have ever heard. Penitents, at the close, came rushing into the altar without

being asked and one was converted. His sermon on Sunday will never be forgotten by those who heard it. Glory be to God. Bro. Mothershead, the pastor of the Baptist Church, joined with us in the meeting on Sunday night, preaching acceptably to every one until Friday noon, when we were left alone again to close the meeting, as we had begun it. The Christians worked in perfect harmony from the beginning to the end. It was impossible for a stranger to tell the Baptist from the Methodist. It was, taken altogether, the best meeting I have ever attended. One of the converts was fifty-four years old. It was my happy privilege to receive him, his wife and four children into the church. The last Sunday of the meeting was a grand day. I preached to a large congregation and then gave an opportunity to those who wished to join the church. One came forward for membership in the Baptist, nine in the Cumberland Presbyterian and ten in the Methodist Church. After the meeting I then gave an opportunity to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as they are without a pastor at this time. Then there was such a hand-shaking as I had never before witnessed. The young men agreed to organize a young men's prayer-meeting Wednesday night; besides that, we had a general prayer-meeting every Sunday night. To God be all the glory, now and forever.

Grandview Circuit.

W. W. Henderson: "Glory to God in the highest." I closed my protracted meeting at Grandview on Sunday last night. We have had "wars without and wars within," yet in every place the victory has been ours through the never-failing grace of our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We commenced at Roberts' Chapel, June 28, 1890, and closed July 24, with fifteen conversions and ten accessions to the church; at Auburn, July 12th and closed July 18th, sixteen conversions and twenty-three additions; at Grandview, July 20th, and closed July 28th, seventeen conversions and twelve additions; at Barnesville, July 31, and closed August 7, forty-two conversions and thirty-six additions; at Price's Chapel, August 17, and closed August 24, thirty-two conversions and forty-three additions; at Rock Tank, August 24, and closed August 30, seventy-six conversions and twenty additions; at Greenbrier, August 31, and closed September 7, twenty conversions and forty-one additions; at Greenbrier, July 7, and closed July 11, four conversions, making in all 232 conversions and 185 additions since June 28, 1890. There is an additional report to this of a meeting renewed at Barnesville by one of our local preachers, no report being rendered to the yet. I would explain why so few additions at Round Tank when there were so many conversions, i. e., thirty-two of the converts of Rock Tank after their membership placed at Price's Chapel and a few at Greenbrier, also at other places. A noble band of workers never stood up any preacher in charge than those of this circuit, who labored so faithfully and efficiently with me during these meetings. They won many souls for Christ and doubtless added many stars to their crowns. God bless the Lord and put the enemy of souls to flight; my heart's desire and prayer to God. We are indebted to Rev. John R. Steel, of West circuit, for aid at Roberts' Chapel, Auburn and Greenbrier. The people all loved him much. Bro. McKay, a local preacher of Bristol, rendered his good services with the scholars were happily converted to God. Praise the Lord Presbyterian Church, joined me at our meeting at Grandview. He is a pleasant yoke-fellow and won the hearts of the people. Rev. C. S. McCarver, of Alvarado, also preached some good sermons. Our pastor was blessed with ministerial help. We baptized fifty-five infants since June 28th, 1890. To God be all the glory.

P. S.—I forgot to say that our faithful and worthy preacher in charge was on hand and did some of his best preaching at our third quarterly conference at Roberts' Chapel, and the subscription got it. Lord spare him to do much such work yet, is our prayer.

Weatherford.

D. S. Switzer: The wall of our church, which has been the abode of the bats and birds for a year or so, is beginning to throw around themselves the wings of good foreboding better things for the worship of our God. The church, when completed, will cost near \$20,000. From its present appearance we rather think that it will be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." A revival of religion, which has done much good for the church, was in progress some time since. Bro. John Barrens, of Fort Worth, conducted the services and did most of the preaching. He dealt in nothing but sound gospel truth, which was effective in arousing the Christians to a higher degree of spirituality and holiness. The church was blessed with an obligation to God. There were some conversions and quite a number joined the church. Dr. James Mackey, our beloved pastor, is the same untiring, consecrated minister of the gospel that he has ever been. In his pastoral work he can be said to have done his duty. He speaks of going about doing good. "He speaks of truth with boldness." Bro. M. is not one of your spread-eagle preachers, but all feel on hearing him that they have been benefited by coming up to the house of the Lord. Would that we had more like him, who feel the weight of immortal souls. The chapel of Weatherford, which has been used for several years as our place of worship, and will still be until about the first of October, when we expect to get into our new church. Its seating capacity is about 500, that of the church will be over 900. Dr. Mackey preaches to the largest congregation in the city. Taking out the summer months the seats are nearly always filled. The school adds considerably, when in session, to the congregation as well as to the Sabbath-school, which enrolls about 500. Weatherford College, which has been lately moved to this place, is the central figure of the church. It certainly has the affections of her members as well as the admiration of the citizens of Weatherford and the people within the bounds of Northwest Texas Conference. The outlook for the college is very flattering. When we consider the healthfulness of its locality, and the moral and religious influence brought to bear upon the youth that attend the college, we are forced to believe that none of our schools are more favored.

Galveston District Conference.

Seth Ward, Secretary: The twenty-third session of the Galveston District Conference was held in the town of Columbia, Texas, August 14-16, 1890. Bishop Galloway and promising to be with us at that time, but pressing duties detained him in Mississippi, and, much to our regret, we were deprived of his presence on that occasion. In the absence of the bishop, Dr. Philpott, presiding elder of the district, filled the chair with his usual ease and dignity, and the work of the conference was done in good order and in good time. Of the twelve pastors in the district, ten were present, but the attendance of laymen was deplorably small. Bro. E. W. Tarrant, of Chappell Hill Female College, was our only visitor from beyond the borders of our district. Bro. E. R. Pierce, our beloved presiding elder, and I, just beat anything I have ever heard. Penitents, at the close, came rushing into the altar without

his liking, we are going to try and send him some pupils for the excellent school under his charge. The conference resolved itself into a committee of three, and whole of the transaction of the greater part of its business. Almost an entire day was devoted to the consideration of mission work within the bounds of the district. The importance of sustaining missions in the cities of Houston and Galveston was recognized by all, and proper steps were taken in that direction. Friday evening a missionary mass meeting was held. The principal address was delivered by Bro. J. B. Sears, pastor of St. John's Church, Galveston, and president of our Conference. Board of Missions. The address was marked by spirit, faith and enthusiasm, and made a deep impression on the audience. Bro. John E. Green, secretary of our Board of Missions, made an exhortation and took a collection that more than met the assessment on Columbia and Brazoria charges. After the meeting the committee of three, part of this money was paid by members of the Woman's Missionary Society in Columbia. During and following the conference considerable revival influence was manifest; the church was warned of its peril and several persons professed saving faith in Christ. A spirit of deep earnestness seemed to pervade the community and it was the purpose of the pastor to continue the meeting at least another week. A district conference was never more royally entertained. Bro. Sears and his excellent people left nothing undone that was necessary to our comfort, and I am sure all who were in attendance will cherish most pleasant memories of their stay in Columbia. Wharton was selected as the place for the next conference. Bro. R. H. Barrow, J. J. Newell, H. J. Compton and T. W. Dealey will be in charge of the annual conference, with T. W. Dealey and L. W. Waller as reserves.

Forney.

W. M. Adams, Aug. 30: We have had a precious revival of religion at each of our regular appointments, and one other of unusual interest. Pleasant Springs school-house, where we have been preaching once a month most of the year. We have written you about our revival at Forney Church; so after our return from Woolan Wells and Lampasas Springs, which trip was very beneficial, we returned to our church, at Pleasant Springs, elder of our church, at Crandall. Bro. Dawson had met this appointment for us on Saturday night, July 19, and continued the meeting until we reached him on Wednesday, the 23d. We found a glorious revival in progress. Notwithstanding our return is now seventy years of age, yet he preaches with power, and is a very good revivalist, preaching much after the old Methodist style. He continued with us until Sunday night, meantime Bro. A. F. Hendrix, of Kaufman charge, joined us, preaching with power and authority. Bro. J. B. Barrens, of Clifton, our intimate, presiding elder, preached us one good sermon. We had a glorious time. Thirteen conversions, four backsliders reclaimed, four accessions and most of our brethren and sisters revived. We took a collection for our district, which amounted to \$20. Our next meeting was held in connection with our third quarterly conference at Lone Star. Our presiding elder, Bro. Clifton, was on hand in due time. We had a real old-fashioned "quarterly meeting," i. e., dinner on the ground every Sunday, and Bro. Clifton preached us some powerful sermons. Then we continued the meeting most of the week, increasing in strength of soul and body, notwithstanding we held every service (our presiding elder leaving us on Sunday evening, night and day, and on Monday morning, we had "Hallelujah!" At this meeting God convicted, converted, reclaimed and sanctified wholly the people. Praise his holy name. Next we moved to Lawrence, on the Texas Pacific railroad, beginning on the 15th and closing on the 25th inst. Near thirty nights we were in Lawrence, and with great earnestness, and thank God, he gave us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. This was one of the most powerful revivals we ever attended. Dr. W. B. Godbey reached us from Scottsville, Holiness camp-meeting on the 19th inst. The Camp meeting was a most interesting one, and including many poor souls by giving them nothing better than water baptism; but Bro. Godbey soon silenced their battery and kept our meeting all on fire of the Holy Ghost at the same time. One brother said to me, "I never saw a revival kept in full blast as this one is." We had at the same time a false doctrine exposed and demolished as Dr. Godbey is doing Campbellism." Bro. Godbey was with us for five days and nights, and I don't think I ever heard more powerful sermons from any man, and his Bible readings from the Holy Scriptures were most instructive and edifying. Bro. H. V. Haslam, pastor of the Free Methodist Church at Lawrence, and his many good workers did us valuable service during the meeting. Then our last meeting, at Pleasant Springs school-house, was a glorious success. This meeting was conducted mostly by Bro. W. Jordan, a local preacher. We went back and forth to this meeting and the one at Lawrence, as they were in progress at the same time. We raised at Lawrence the rest of our missionary money for that church, in cash and subscription, \$100. A raised \$20 for the one at Godbey. The results visible of our meetings and labors to the present are, to the best of our knowledge, as follows: Conversions, seventy-five; reclamations, eight; sanctifications, between ten and fifteen; accessions to the church, fifty-three; children baptized, fourteen. Praise God for this success. We are sincere thanks to the above mentioned brethren who helped us in these meetings; also, to Bro. G. S. Inge, J. M. Dunn and Bro. and Sister H. C. Parrott. God bless them all.

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. This paper will select from the books sent as for notices such as we think interests our readers, and will have a separate acknowledgment of all books received. Harper's New Monthly Magazine, September number, New York, opens with an interesting article by Theodore Child, entitled "Across the Andes." The Missionary Review of the World, for September, is promptly to hand with a rich and varied table of contents. The leading article is from the pen of the venerated Dr. Anderson Thomson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, known the world over for his work and high position. His subject, "The Mission in Basuto Land," will intensely interest every reader. Funk & Wagnalls, New York. The September number of the Arena, Boston, Mass., opens with an article on the race question, by U. S. Senator, Jno. T. Morgan. The New England Magazine, Boston, Mass., September number, opens with an article on "The Revival in New York," by Frank Mason. It discusses in another paper, by Edward B. Williams, the condition of the farmer.

SUNDAYS AT THE FAIR.

The Pastors of Churches Write a Letter to President Armstrong.

He Advocates Desecration of the Sabbath by Leaving the Gates Open.

The following is the correspondence relating to the opening of the State Fair on Sundays. The News was handed a letter addressed to President Armstrong and then sent to the latter for his reply, so that both sides might have a hearing:

DALLAS, Sept. 1.—Mr. J. S. ARMSTRONG, President of Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition: Dear Sir—As pastors of the city of Dallas, the undersigned are interested in all that pertains to the prosperity of the city and the welfare of her citizens. Hence, in common with our fellow-citizens, we are interested in the success of the great institution which you represent. But there are some things in connection with the workings of the fair which have caused us great pain, and we especially desire to present to you, and through you to the association, our united protest against the public and conspicuous desecration of the Lord's day which has heretofore characterized the management, and which we understand is to be continued this year. In the name of our congregations, and in the name of our Master, we enter this, our formal and earnest request, that you put your great enterprise upon a basis that a Christian man may be true to his Lord and yet be an ardent supporter of your, and our, State exposition. With great respect, W. B. FARRE, pastor First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. R. B. OLIVER, pastor Second Cumberland Presbyterian Church. W. L. LOVANCE, pastor City Park and Oak Cliff Presbyterian Churches. A. M. SIMMS, pastor First Baptist Church. JOHN R. ALLEN, pastor First M. E. Church, South. J. I. McLAUGHLIN, pastor Tabernacle M. E. Church. B. H. CREMPTON, pastor Washington Avenue M. E. Church. J. J. KIRKLE, pastor German M. E. Church. A. P. SMITH, pastor First Presbyterian Church. D. P. BROWN, pastor Trinity M. E. Church, South. T. R. PRICKE, presiding elder Dallas District, North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South. L. A. HANSON, pastor Oak Lawn M. E. Church, South. SAM R. HAY, pastor Floyd Street M. E. Church, South. J. S. ARMSTRONG, pastor Dallas City Mission, M. E. Church, South.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Sept. 6.—Rev. WALTER B. RIGGS, pastor Second Presbyterian Church; Rev. A. M. SIMMS, pastor First Baptist Church; Rev. A. J. Smith, pastor First Presbyterian Church; and Messrs. Gentlemen—Replying to your favor of the 1st, during the time we were preparing for the first fair and exposition in this city, the question of admitting visitors on Sunday was discussed and thoroughly considered by the directors. There was a strong disposition to open the grounds on Sunday only. We were petitioned, however, by a large number to be permitted to visit the grounds on Sunday, claiming, should we close the gates on Sunday, that a large percentage of the working people, clerks, employees of stores, etc., would be deprived of attending the exposition, and that we think, concluded that it would best to open the gates on Sunday in order that all might have an opportunity of seeing the great display of art, handiwork, agricultural, mineral and mechanical exhibits. While I appreciate the motive which prompts you to make the request, yet I believe a large per cent of the attendance on Sunday will be benefited and improved by a day spent on the grounds. To deny them this privilege would be a deprivation to a class of people who need every hour of recreation and enjoyment that any institution can afford them. Very truly yours, J. S. ARMSTRONG, President.

Rev. Mr. Riggs' Rejoinder—A Stockholder's Views on the Sabbath. Mr. J. S. ARMSTRONG, President of Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition: Dear Sir—My fellow-pastors have requested me to reply to your courteous note of appreciation, published in the morning News. You have chosen the very strongest argument with which the opening of the fair on Sunday can be defeated—the interests of employees. He who said that the Sabbath was made for man has taught us the great importance of human welfare. We plead for increase of privileges. We wish the working people of Dallas to keep their rest days and to have another day to go to the fair. Let "Dallas day" bear with more pressure upon every employer because his workmen cannot go on Sunday instead. Do not give the laborer something in place of the Lord's day, but something in addition. Let it be borne in mind also that Sunday opening will require Sunday labor from that army of employees engaged about the exposition, and in conveying the crowds to and from the grounds. This matter awakes our apprehension, because Sunday opening tends to make Sunday like the other days in the week. Its peculiar value depends upon its being different. When once this bar is swept away and worldly traffic rolls unhindered from one week into the next, then the great brightness of every son of toil in a Christian land is sootiered and unremembered labor makes the workman a mere worky. Far hence be that time from Americans! However your opinion may differ from ours, as just stated, there is another matter which does not afford room for debate. A large number of Christian people in this community hold the Sabbath to be sacred and the fair open at

day to be a desecration. They are not a few of morbid conscientiousness, but a multitude of your most intelligent fellow-citizens. We tell you in the plainness of kindly speech that Sunday opening wounds their feelings, sully their enthusiasm for your great enterprise and tends to alienate them from any institution which ought to be the worthy pride of all our city. Yours sincerely, WALTER B. RIGGS.

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The Number of Railroad Men.

Statistics just printed by the Interstate Commerce Commission show that there are more than 700,000 railroad employes in the United States, distributed as follows: General officers 7,734; General office clerks 29,817; Station agents 24,171; Other station men 36,463; Firemen 31,952; Conductors 23,109; Other train men 23,109; Machinists 23,214; Carpenters 22,221; Other shopmen 73,586; Section foremen 35,044; Other trackmen 14,941; Switchmen, flagmen and watchmen 33,044; Telegraph operators and dispatchers 16,877; Employees—floating equipment 6,808; All other employes 80,890; Not distributed 16,240; Total 701,741.

The estimate is added that "the railway industry of the United States provides a living for 3,000,000 persons, or about one in twenty-two of the total population of the country." This of course, not including railway stockholders, who in many cases obtain their support largely from the earnings of the roads.

Many Persons Are Broken Down by Household Care—Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

—St. Paul's charge, Denver, Col., of which Rev. Jno. M. Crowe is pastor, paid last year for all purposes \$3540. This is remarkable growth for a Western church that only a few years since was a mission church. This year they set their figures at \$5000.

A Hope-Old Age.

Joseph Williams, probably the oldest man in the United States, died near Austin, Monday, September 1, aged 113 years. He leaves a large number of descendants.

"Catherine" or Extract Mexican Cactus, cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, etc. Pleasant and easy to use.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date. Includes Bonham sta. (Sept. 20, 21), Honey Grove (Sept. 21, 22), Wolf City and Mount Carmel (Sept. 27, 28), Lubbock (Sept. 28, 29), Brookston cir. at White Mt. (Oct. 4, 5), Perry and White Mt. cir. at White Mt. (Oct. 5, 6), Leonard cir. at Orange Grove (Oct. 12, 13), Guber cir. at Guber (Oct. 18, 19), Ben Franklin, at Resby Mount (Oct. 25, 26), Farris cir. at Resby Mount (Oct. 26, 27), Farris cir. at Resby Mount (Oct. 27, 28), Stephens cir. at Stephensville (Nov. 8, 9), Stephensville cir. at Stephensville (Nov. 15, 16), etc.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH QUARTER.

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We want to get rid of scrub land and scrub farming, as well as of scrub stock. Grade up all along the line!

Boston papers tell of a man who has made a fortune in frog legs. His cash is in green-ba-cs, presumably.

The wedding ring still rules, and it is the only kind of ring rule that is unobjectionable.

The force bill which the South most fears is that which belongs to the mosquito.

A Fair Trial

Of Hood's Sarsaparilla will convince any reasonable person that it does possess great medicinal merit. We do not claim that every bottle will accomplish a miracle, but we do know that it produces positive benefit. Its peculiar curative power is shown by many remarkable cures. It purifies the blood, cures scrofula, skin rheum, all humors, dyspepsia, catarrhs, and rheumatism.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass.

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Breech-loaders, \$10 to \$50. Winchester 12-bore Rifle, \$11 to \$15. Breech-loading Rifle, \$24 to \$30. Double-barrel Shotgun, \$25 to \$30. Send to, or apply to, the undersigned for prices of all the above. GRIFFITH & SEMPLER, 512 W. Main, Louisville, Ky.

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be in the home of every Methodist family in Texas; especially should its weekly visits cheer the households of those who are unable to pay for it.

To this end, an account has been opened, and contributions are solicited. All donations will be acknowledged in the Advocate.

Advertisement for CUTICURA. Text: "EVERY SKIN DISEASE CURED BY CUTICURA." Includes an illustration of a woman's face and a bottle of the product. Text describes various skin conditions treated by Cuticura, such as itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusty, pimply, blotchy, with loss of hair, from pimples to the most distressing eczema, and every humor of the blood, whether simple, scrofulous, or hereditary. It is speedily, permanently, and economically cured by CUTICURA REMEDIES, consisting of CUTICURA, the great skin cure, CUTICURA SOAP, an excellent skin purifier and beautifier, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT, the new Blood and Skin Purifier and greatest of Humors Remedies, which the best physicians and other remedies fail to cure. Thousands of grateful testimonials from infancy to age attest their wonderful, curative, and incomparable efficacy. Sold everywhere. Price, CUTICURA, 50c; SOAP, 25c; RESOLVENT, \$1. Prepared by FOSTER DRUG and Chemical Corporation, Boston, Mass. Send for "How to Cure Skin and Blood Diseases."

Texas Christian Advocate

Drawing Teacher—Now, this is a symmetrical figure. Can any one tell me what symmetry is? What is symmetry, little boy? Jimmy Scamion—Please, sir, it do be a place where they carries dead pa's.

You Take No Risk In buying Hood's Sarsaparilla, for it is every where recognized as the standard building-up medicine and blood purifier. It has won its way to the front by its intrinsic merit, and has the largest sale of any preparation of its kind. Any honest druggist will confirm this statement. If you decide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy anything else instead. Be sure to get Hood's.

Erudite: "Jones prides himself upon his learning." "So I believe," "Self-educated?" "Wholly so." "Does he know Latin?" "Know Latin? I should say so. Why, man, when he writes to the papers he signs himself 'Pro Bono Publico'."

The World is Deafened To produce a better remedy for Diarrhoea, Flux, Summer Complaint, Cholera Infantum, Colic and all bowel troubles peculiar to Babies and feeble children, than Morley's Blackberry Balsam or Neutralizing Cordial. This is a strong assertion, but we mean it. Price, 25 cents per all dealers.

A Lovely Time: Maud—Did you have a good time at the beach, Alice? Alice—Didn't I! I was engaged to all three of the young men at the hotel at the same time, and the other girls were perfectly furious.

The only reliable vegetable substitute for calomel, which acts on the liver, kidneys and stomach, and has no dangerous or active ingredients. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all druggists.

Prices on all kinds of leather have advanced considerably within the last three weeks, consequently the prices of shoes have an upward tendency also.

Columbus discovered America, and Dr. H. Robinson, of Waco, Texas, has discovered that Catarrh, which deranges the most delicate of the human system, can be cured by the use of his Catarrh. Which deserves the most credit?

Chief No Neck may possibly go to congress, but his wife and daughter can never enter the best circles of Washington society if their name means anything.

FOR DYSENTERY Use Morley's Iron Bitters. Physicians recommend it. All dealers keep it. \$1.00 per bottle. Genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

"My dear Maud," said the mamma mosquito, "don't you try to bite that Chicago man." "Why not?" "His epidemics will take the edge off your bill."

It is strange that people persist in paying when there are about forty thousand patent medicines ready to yank them from the grave. The truth is, most of these medicines fail to yank when put to the test. "Heatham's Tasteless Chilli Tonic has never yet failed."

He Read the Newspapers: Mr. Whacker—I don't care whether you think you're right or not, Bobby; your're wrong! Bobby—I say, papa, don't you think it's pretty rough to Tom Reed a fellow this way?

THE BOSS. SANTIAGO, Tex., December 11, 1888. Morley's T-X-S-Agure Tonic at 50 cents per bottle is the "Boss Chilli Cure." We have sold it for years under a guarantee and have never had a T. E. TOMLINSON & BRO.

Tramp (to boxom farmer's wife, standing at the porch and looking up at the sky)—How's the weather this morning, ma'am? Farmer's Wife (turning suddenly and catching up a pair of "suds")—Clear! And the tramp clears.

Worth Hundreds of Dollars. My wife used only two bottles of "Mother's Friend" before her third confinement. Says she would not be without it for hundreds of dollars. Had not half as much trouble as before. DICK MILLS, Lincoln Parish, La. Write The Head Held Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., for further particulars. Sold by all druggists.

She Did Well, Considering: Girl friend kissing the bride ecstatically. Oh, Fan, you did splendidly at the altar, and this is only your second! Bride (compunctively)—Yes, I've really had but very little practice.

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

In his zeal to suppress all letters relating to lotteries will Wauwauker go so far as to prohibit the carrying of love letters in the mails? Because everybody knows that "marriage is a lottery."

The Best Advertising. The most efficient advertising in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla is that which comes from the medicine itself. That is, those who are cured by it, speak to friends suffering similarly, who in turn derive benefit and urge others to try this successful medicine. Thus the circle of its popularity is rapidly widening from this cause alone, and more and more are becoming enthusiastic in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla as it actually demerits its absolute merit. All that is asked for Hood's Sarsaparilla is that it be given a fair trial. If you need a good blood purifier, or building-up medicine, try Hood's Sarsaparilla.

An Experienced Husband: Mr. Summers (to watering place hotel clerk)—Is he kind enough to have me called at four o'clock to-morrow morning? Hotel Clerk—Four o'clock, Mr. Summers—Yes, Mrs. S. is with me, and I desire her to be up in time to catch the 9 o'clock train.

CHOLERA. Darrhoes, Colic Cramps, Pains in the Stomach, Lameness, Sprains, Lumbago, Swellings, Fains in the head or body, Neuralgia, Rheumatism and Toothache, all pain, internal or external, cured quicker with Wonderful Eight than any other remedy. We guarantee that Wonderful Eight will cure and relieve your pain.

He Wasn't Supersensitive: Teacher (in grammar school)—Your lesson to-day is on nouns. Nouns are names of things. Small Noun—Is ghost a noun? Teacher—Yes. Small Boy—How can it be? They ain't no such thing as a ghost.

Prosto! Change! Gray and faded beards made to assume their original color by applying Buckle's Dye for the Whiskers. It never fails to satisfy.

"Schoolmasters were the original switch men," remarked the horse editor. "Yes," replied the snake editor, "and they struck frequently, too."

Waco, the home of Catherine Medicine Co., is almost free from Catarrh. They use Catherine and get cured.

An Italian astronomer has discovered that Venus turns around only once a year. This would indicate that her dress doesn't hang well in the back.

Mechanics, Laborers, Train Men, Farm hands should never be without Pond's Extract. Invaluable in case of accidents, for cuts, burns, wounds, abrasions, broken limbs, etc.

John Brown, son of John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame, lives quietly at Put-in-Bay, O., where he cultivates a small vineyard and fruit farm. It is an old man now.

For stiffness and strains, rub with Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, and then bind in flannel.

Had To Be: "Is she animated?" "Animated? Well, I guess she is. She can't help herself. She's got St. Vitus' dance."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

It is a curious fact that some men would rather stake five dollars by trading horses than twenty-five dollars by housing farming implements.

Produced from the laxative and nutritious juice of California figs, combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds and headaches, and curing habitual constipation.

Get a stencil and put your name on your larger farming implements, sacks, etc. Get a die and stamp your name on smaller implements.

If you will try a 50-cent bottle of Morley's F-X-S-Agure Tonic on some old case of chronic chills, where Physicians and all other medicines have failed, it will certainly cure. One bottle has cured from three to six persons. Easy to take. No Cris, No Fux.

Customer—The suit is all dusty. Shromburg—Ah, mein vrent, dot comes from cer schalk were ve marks dem down so often.

No medicine has achieved greater success than "Catherine," or Extract Mexican Cactus.

Examiner (in Physics)—What happens when a light falls into the water at an angle of forty-five degrees? Pupul—It goes out!

You swallow the medicine—we do the rest. The medicine referred to is "Cheatnam's Tasteless Chilli Tonic and the 'pepp' that we propose doing is to cure the chills if you have them; to prevent their coming if not.

Chili has bought fourteen Krupp batteries. She intends to make it warm for Chili enemies.

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

If your horses shrink from you, when you enter their stalls, do some detective work on your hired help, or—yourself.

Every mother should have a copy of the book "The Care and Feeding of Infants," issued by the proprietors of Morley's Food—the Food for God's Children. It contains advice of the greatest value and is indispensable to her who has a child to care for. It will be mailed free to any address.

The base ball player doesn't get busy in summer. When other people are rest with their outtings he has to take his innings.

If your head aches, if you have dyspepsia, or are bilious, with torpid bowels, one or two doses of Bailey's SALINE APERIENT will cure you. It cools the stomach, acts pleasantly upon the bowels and costs only 50 cents. It is used by physicians in place of senna, castor, and pills, as its action is more pleasant and speedy.

Mrs. Dorothy Stames, it is said, cares little or nothing for dress. Which will make her quite a social favorite in Congo.

It is a pleasure to witness the modest yet thorough, way the Catherine Medicine Co. is putting Catherine in the front ranks. Hurrah for Texas and Catherine!

A score of farmers fall because they try to do something other than farming where one fails by sticking to farming.

Where there's a Will there's a Bill.

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The complete story of Stanley's recent thrilling adventures, by one of the world's greatest discoverers, will appear for the first time in this work.

READY IN JULY. Written by H. H. HARRIS, author of "The Darkest Africa," "The Lost Expedition," "The Mystery of the Nile," etc.

AGENTS are in the field taking orders, and the work will be published in July. Anticipate should not experience "Stanley books" have been offered as "counterfeit" and "spurious." To no one of these has Stanley contributed a line.

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FITS STOPPED FREE. I have persons restored by KLINE'S GREAT NERVE RESTORER.

"I tell you, money talks," said Hardhead, "I suppose that's why you wear such a loud check," observed Webber.

"What a stout, heavy race the Germans are!" "Yes, they're all Teutons, you know."

The amateur photographer never takes a rest. It is about the only thing he doesn't take, however.

The best fruit tree is the last one attacked by insects.

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S STEEL PENS. GOLD MEDAL, PARIS EXPOSITION, 1889. THE MOST PERFECT OF PENS.

R. E. GARNETT, Manufacturer of CISTERNS. Write for REVISED PRICE-LIST.

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Devotional.

HIGH AND DRY.

From hour to hour the tide drops down, With lessening force the currents flow, The shoveling banks are bare and brown, And narrower yet the river grows, And where its broader flood was spread, Shines slender as a silver thread.

Let high upon the shingly shore, The vessel lie with slanting keel, Till all around her hull come more The slow-returning waters steal, And lift and bear her out and far, To where the fuller currents are.

So we, whom fortune's ebbing waves Have left upon a barren beach, Whose hopes are laid in nameless graves, Whose joyes are passed beyond our reach, May patient wait, awaiting pain, The tide that ebbed into low again.

And as it deepens—lo! the bark Of life, with all its good and ill, Shall rise upon the waters dark, Its prows shall lift, its sails shall fill, And, borne by currents strong and free, Glide onward to the shoreless sea.

—Household Words.

SORROWS TURNED INTO JOYS.

We often make sad mistakes as to what is best for us. We often hide our richest blessings under a pall, and decorate with garlands our temptations, or the sorrows of our grand old sorrows and shame. The poor old patriarch Jacob was shrouded in gloom when he wailed out: "All these things are against me!" Joseph is gone; Simeon is gone, and they have carried away also Benjamin, who bore in his boyish face the photograph of the patriarch.

He calls his lot a sad one. But the returning caravan is almost in sight which brings to him the joyful invitation to go and see his long-lost Joseph as premier of Pharaoh's kingdom. His dark hour is just before the dawn. While he regarded as a sorrow has grown into the greatest mercy of his life.

We have a striking illustration of the mistakes that short-sighted people often make by turning to a verse in the fourth chapter of the first book of Chronicles. There we read that "Jabez was more renowned than his brethren; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying: 'Because I bore him with sorrow.'" For some reason or other she puts the mark of her grief on the brow of her child and calls him "sorrowful." Yet the very child who was born in tears and children's danger, and cares little how late he travels. He, on the contrary, that carries gold and jewels will be a cautious traveler. He will look well to his roads, his horses, and his company, and run no risks. The fixed stars are those that tremble most. The man that is most fully in the light of God's countenance will be a man tremblingly afraid of losing his blessed emotions and jealously fearful of doing any thing to grieve the Holy Ghost.—Bishop Ryle.

Remember in Christian life every moment and every act is an opportunity for doing the one thing, of becoming Christ-like.

Marriages.

DEATON—MIKE.—September 3, at the residence of the bride's father, in Bryan, Texas, by the Rev. H. M. Sears, Mr. Willie A. Deaton and Miss Maggie Mike; all of Bryan, Texas.

KEYKENDOLL—MOORE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. E. Moore, in Bryan, Texas, by the Rev. H. M. Sears, Mr. W. E. Moore and Miss Maggie Mike; all of Bryan, Texas.

HILL—YOUNG.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. E. Moore, in Bryan, Texas, by the Rev. H. M. Sears, Mr. W. E. Moore and Miss Maggie Mike; all of Bryan, Texas.

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ADRISSON—MORRIS.—By Rev. J. B. Morris, in the Methodist Church in Linden, August 28, 1890, Mr. W. S. Addison, of Sulphur Springs, and Miss Alice May Morris, daughter of Rev. R. A. Morris, of Linden.

Obitaries.

REV. IRA B. HENRY. Rev. Ira B. Henry, a superannuated member of the Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church, died in great peace in Mason, Texas, August 11th, 1890. Bro. Henry was born August 2, 1820, in Pennsylvania, and in childhood moved with his parents to Polo, Ill., where he grew to manhood. At the age of eighteen he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. While attending school at Aurora he enlisted in the 13th Illinois cavalry and served for more than three years in the Union army. He graduated from the North Western University in June, 1870, and in October of the same year he also graduated from the Garrett Biblical Institute. On August 10th, 1870, he was married to Miss Nellie Case, and she with her interesting daughters, mourn their loss. Our brother was admitted on trial in the Illinois Conference in the fall of 1870, and served the following named charges: Virginia, Island Grove, Bloomington, Pittsfield and Trinity Church, Quincy, when, alas! disease lunged in and he was laid up. In December, 1878, he came to Texas in hope of regaining his health. The genial climate assisted him very much in his struggle for life, and he was able to do a great deal of work for the Master. He was, as supply, in charge of the M. E. Church at Mason for several years, and made an earnest pastor and a very efficient Sunday-school worker. Bro. Henry and I have been very closely associated in our work at Mason. He was a man of culture, of broad views, a splendid preacher, faithful in all his duties—a man of God and a leader in the Lord's hosts. At the end he suffered greatly, but was patient and happy. His last words were words of triumph. Surely we may say of him: "Servant of God, well done: rest from thy loved employ." May God be very gracious to the bereaved family.

of the self-reliant ones, who had so far recovered their resolution and bodily vigor in the home as to be confident of their ability to say to the waves, "Thus far and no farther;" but they have seen, and are now experiencing, the power of the Lord and sing praises to the Lamb. May the great Father heal the broken-hearted. J. D. BURKE, P. C.

DIKES.—Sarah C. Dikes was born in Bruce county, Ark., A. D. 1847; joined the M. E. Church, South, 1880, and died in Kerrville, Texas, August 2, 1890. Sister Dikes has always lived on a ranch; her husband owning sheep and continually having to move them, naturally deprived her of any church privileges. She was taken sick and moved to Kerrville for medical attention and there died. The husband has our sympathy and prayers. J. W. SIMS.

HUGHES.—Ophelia Leo Hughes was born February 21, 1880, and died August 23, 1890. One by one the children are gathering home. The Savior said: "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." Her suffering was very severe but short, but she bore it with fortitude. Accompanied by a host of weeping relatives and friends, we will lay her to rest in the churchyard at Sardis with her little brother, Jacob, who preceded her one month. Weep not, fond parents, for you will meet them again. J. D. BURKE, P. C.

LOVELL.—One by one the children are gathering home. Carrie Irene, infant daughter of Henderson and Lula Lovell, was born August 19, 1880, and died July 14, 1890, of congestion, after a short illness of about eighteen hours. Parents, another vacant place within your home; another tie to bind you to that happy world beyond the reach of sighs and tears. May the good Lord sustain the bereaved family and relatives, that we may make an unbroken family in heaven. Her aunt, ANDRE E. WINDHAM.

ANDERSON.—The death angel has again visited the home of our dear sister, Ann Anderson, and called from this midst the precious babe, Willie Paine, who was born March 26, 1880, and died August 17, 1890. He was a promising child. He suffered a great deal before he passed away. Weep not, loving parents; he was too pure for this world; the Lord has only plucked the bud to bloom in the paradise of God. We know it is heartrending. Three precious ones have been called from your home since the third of last August, but we would be satisfied. The Savior said: "suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of God." Well might we sing, "How came those children there," singing glory be to God on high. Be faithful; it won't be long till we will join them on the other shore. LOTTIE HALL.

HENDERSON.—Sister Elizabeth Henderson was born in Coffee county, Ga., May 27, 1840; died August 19, 1890. She came to Texas in 1870 and had been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, some thirty-two years. In the death of Sister Henderson her husband loses a sympathizing companion, her children a loving and attentive mother, and the church and community a devoted friend and helper in time of need. She was sick only eight days, and during her illness talked much of heaven, calling her children to her bedside admonished them to live religious and meet her in heaven. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be upon the bereaved husband and children, and may they live that they may be an unbroken family in the bright realms of eternal bliss and glory. W. F. MOORE.

ROBINSON.—Sister Elizabeth Robinson was born in Shelby county, Tenn., December 25, 1829. In February, 1856, she was married to Miss Martha M. Smith, with whom she lived till October 23, 1890, when death took her from him. Soon after the war, in 1862, she was married to Miss Sarah Clegg, with whom she lived a faithful husband till August 13, 1890. When a young man, Bro. Robinson gave his heart to God and joined the Methodist Church in Tennessee. Two years later, December, 1860, he moved with his family to Texas, where, in the church, he gave his life and labor to the cause of Christ. He was a true and faithful member of the church, and a true Christian. He died in the faith. A son by his former wife is, I think, living in California. A wife, three daughters and two sons-in-law remain in Waco—all of whom may be glad to receive a remembrance of their dear mother. Her body was deposited in Oakwood cemetery, in Waco. G. J. IRVIN, Pastor.

CARAWAY.—William H. Caraway, born in Gibson county, Tenn., November 3, 1817; died February 18, 1890. The church preached his funeral September 1, 1890, at Marvin's Chapel, in Hood county, and where their membership had been, and where two of their little girls are buried. His wife, Mrs. E. and Alice Caraway, all three sleep side by side awaiting the resurrection morn. The widow and three little ones are left to mourn their loss, but not as those who have no hope, for Bro. Caraway was a model Christian, faithful in discharge of his duties as a worker in the Sunday-school, in the prayer meeting, in all fraternal societies, and in his work. Oh, how Marvin's Church miss his prayers, his songs, for he was a sweet singer. He sang as long as he lived. His last song as he was crossing the river, "Jesus lover of my soul," was finished in a whisper. With a bright face he said, "I am in heaven." Thus departed a true and faithful member of the church, and a true Christian. This way, wife; this way, children; this way is home. J. J. HARRIS.

MITCHELL.—Bro. R. C. Mitchell was born in Gainesville, Ga., January 12, 1842. He went to Arkansas in 1869, and in 1870 he was married to Miss M. V. Park, in Washington county, Ark. The next year they moved to Collin county, Texas, afterward to Hunt county, and made his last home in this world in Morris county, Texas, in 1885. He died at his home, near Belden, at 2:30 p. m. August 18, 1890. Bro. Mitchell professed religion when about sixteen years of age, and has since lived a consecrated life to the service of God. He was what he was by the grace; he was no half-way man, nor half-way Christian; he was religious in all places and all relations—a religious neighbor, religious husband, religious father, religious member of the church. Bro. Mitchell was an intelligent Christian. Dr. Clarke's Commentaries helped him in the study of the scriptures. He had other good books, and read them. He watched with unabating interest the progress of the church. How he loved and studied his TEXAS ADVOCATE! He knew the leading men of the Methodist Church and wherein they were useful. He leaves a widow and two daughters, who suffer most. God bless them, as he blessed their husband an I father. A. C. BENSON, P. C.

HUGHES.—Samuel T. Alphin was born March 18, 1823, in the State of Illinois; came to Texas November, 1834; joined the M. E. Church in 1839; married Ellen Black in 1855. He spent the greater part of his life in Madison county, where was born to him seven children, three of whom preceded him to the glory world. A dear, good wife and four children live to mourn their loss. He was known in the business circles as a business man, and in the church as a high-toned, Christian gentleman. In the Masonic circle he was recognized as a brother beloved and courteous. He was regular in attendance at church and did his part cheerfully toward the support of the ministry. His home was the home of the Methodist preacher. A Christian of strong faith, of consistent life, his loss will be sorely felt in Madisonville Church. He died August 3, 1890, in the full triumph of a victorious faith. J. A. SAVAGE, P. C.

TRIBLE.—George C. Tribble was born in Essex county, Va., Nov. 23, 1812, and leaving his father's home in early manhood, he spent most of his successful life in Mississippi. In Warren county he married, first, Miss Mary J. Bolls, who died in the Lord Sept. 14, 1853; December 14, 1854, he was married to Miss Rebecca Cameron, who also died in peace July 10, 1880, and Tribble was converted and joined the church in 1817. His conversion followed deep conviction of sin, a solid evidence of his lost condition without the forgiving grace of God. Deep penitence for sin continued for several years. His true and earnest soul could not be satisfied until the evidence of God's pardoning love were positive and clear to his mind. The work of saving power was so assuring that his conversion that he led him to be a faithful witness for his Savior through life. The spirit of God in his inner life opened a living fountain and flowing out in love and will to all. His household was wisely controlled and its inmates largely partook of his happy disposition. His neighbors loved him for his pure example, prudent counsel and his many acts of kindness to them. His home was the preachers' resting place and when they left they bore away tokens of his thoughtful kindness. In public or in private it was a benediction to hear his Christian experience, for it was a living evidence of Christianity. His sympathy for the cause of Christ, and his vows as a member of the church, made him "diligent" in business, fervent in spirit, and the service of God was a delight to him in his family and in the sanctuary of the Lord. He was a safe friend to his pastor and a wise adviser in church affairs. In bed with his illness, he opened his eyes and said: "I am in heaven, and I will be there to all. His household was wisely controlled and its inmates largely partook of his happy disposition. 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Texas Casualties.

David Thomasson, a farmer of Milam county, lost his life in a gin. Crinor Johnson, colored tenant on the plantation of Col. Sam. Johnson, in Falls county, was last week shot and killed by Synley Johnson, son of Col. Sannet Johnson. The negro and his wife had both attacked young Johnson. Constable J. S. Vernon was shot and killed by J. I. Lebus, at Rockdale, Sept. 5. Lebus had been fined, refused to pay the fine and attempted to escape when Vernon was shot. Mrs. Ida White, of Dallas, undertook to light the fire from a kerosene can with the usual result. She died in great agony in a few hours from the effects of burns. John James, a piano tuner, recently from Cuero, committed suicide at Laredo, Sept. 3. Fred Clark and Julius Jones fought about twelve miles northwest of San Augustine Saturday. Clark shot Jones twice with a gun. All parties are colored. E. W. Messmore, in the last stages of consumption, and on his way from St. Clair, Mich., to San Francisco, got off the train at Fort Worth and fell upon the platform. He was removed to a hotel and in a few moments died. N. C. Kinney, a farmer living near Honey Grove, lost his life by the stumbling of his horse, throwing him upon the ground head first. Pink Cameron, living near Whitesboro, Grayson county, was killed by his brother-in-law, Curtis Johnson. The difficulty arose because of Cameron's cows getting into Johnson's field. Cameron was shot seven times. Ed Kennedy, formerly of Denison, was stabbed and killed by Farris Mosely at Fort Worth, September 8, and was in turn wounded in the thigh by a brother of Mosely. The trouble grew out of attendance by Mosely to Kennedy's wife. Thom. L. Flemming, treasurer Madison parish, La., committed suicide in Dallas, Sept. 6, because of despondency arising from continued illness. Joel Hawkins, a 12-year old son of a farmer living near Basin Springs, Navarro

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county, was, September 8, thrown under a wagon by a runaway team and the wheels passed over him, inflicting injuries from which he died.

Albert Brown, of Galveston, while out hunting lost his life by the accidental discharge of his gun, which he was pulling toward himself, having hold of the muzzle.

In a row at a disorderly house in Pleasant Hill, Washington county, John Parker, a young farmer, and Oliver Hughes were fatally shot.

A man by the name of Walter Mabry, apparently a laborer, died at the National hotel, Dallas, from effects of an overdose of morphine.

Cornelius Henry, an employe, was crushed to death between cars in the Southern Pacific yards at Houston.

Fire destroyed the Belton roller-mills, which is a serious loss to its owners and the community.

Texas Incidents.

The ex-Confederates of Johnson county had a reunion at Corsicana, September 7. Many were in from all parts of the county, and the place presented a veritable holiday appearance. The festivities were conducted at the City Park, where addresses were delivered by Gen. W. L. Cabell and Hon. B. D. Tarleton. Abundance of eatables appeased the longings of the assembly and everything passed off admirably.

Under the call retiring \$200,000 State frontier defense bonds September 1, \$3000 of these bonds were sent in from Baltimore.

At Baird, Callahan county, Texas, September 6, as an east-bound freight was coming down the mountain west of town and nearing the city, a number of empty cars left the track and tumbled down the dump on both sides of the track and most of them were torn literally to pieces. The crew escaped. The wreck occurred coming down the mountain, on a sharp curve. A negro tramp had quarters in one of the wrecked cars and even he came out of the mass of splinters whole, not even scratched.

Attorney-General Hogg, September 5, instituted suit in the District Court at Austin to forfeit the charter of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, alleging that the road has absorbed several smaller ones, contrary to law and in violation of its charter.

The assessments rolls show that taxable values have increased \$29,515 in Menard county, \$53,127 in Scheieler county and \$89,597 in Trinity county.

A case of small-pox, as diagnosed by a McGregor doctor, is reported near McGregor, the patient having been exposed to Waco's "chicken-pox." A Waco doctor and a quarantine officer visited the victim and emphatically deny that it is a case of small-pox.

Superintendent McCulloch of the State reformatory reports to the governor that all but one of five boys who escaped had been recaptured. The cotton crop worked by the boys has suffered severely during the month from a combination of boll-worms, drought and caterpillars, which are still at work. He has Paris green with which to fight the worm at his second appearance. About ten bales have been picked and seven sold.

The total assessments of Tom Green county, as per rolls of the county assessor, are \$4,709,947, an increase of \$23,471 over last year. In 1889 there were assessed only 818 polls, and this year the number is 919, showing an increase of 101 polls during the present year.

Rolls of counties show the following changes in assessed values: Conal county, increase \$53,573; Irion, \$85,680; Eastland, \$191,172; Delta, decrease \$85,680; Hood decrease \$84,719.

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Democratic Executive Committee Meeting.

The State Democratic Executive Committee met at Austin, September 6. The committee on ticket reported the following form of a Democratic ticket: For the amendment to article 10, section 2, of the constitution, relating to railroads; for governor, James S. Hogg; for lieutenant-governor, George C. Pendleton; for attorney-general, Charles A. Cameron; for comptroller, John D. McCall; for treasurer, W. B. Wortham; for land commissioner, W. L. McLaughlin; for State superintendent of public instruction, H. C. Pritchett; for amendment to section 9, article 8, of the constitution; against the amendment to section 9, article 8 of the constitution; for district officers; for county officers.

The committee recommended that no other form of State ticket be recognized or promulgated for the November election except the above form, and that the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee be requested to furnish each county chairman, through the executive committee, with a correct copy of this ticket. The report was adopted.

A resolution that an aggressive campaign be made and that senatorial district chairmen furnish speakers at public gatherings was adopted.

The report of the committee on campaign was made on the part of the candidates by Gen. Hogg, who stated that they had agreed to make twenty-one speeches in October, three speeches by each of the seven State candidates, the appointments to be hereafter designated. The report was adopted.

Gen. Hogg spoke about the campaign and of his intention to contend strongly that the railroad amendment is a party test. Mr. Pritchett is left out of the appointments to speak, as the office he is nominated for should be as far removed from politics as judicial offices.

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Republican Party in Texas.

The Republicans in convention at San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 5, adopted the following platform:

Section 1. Resolved, that we, the Republicans of Texas in convention assembled, reaffirm our adherence to the principles of the Republican party as expressed through its platform as adopted in national convention and through its policy in the administration of our government.

Section 2. We indorse and renew our assurances of entire confidence in the administration of President Harrison.

Section 3. We commend the Republican party for its adherence to the policy of protection and heartily favor in that connection the extension of the foreign commerce of our country by reciprocity treaties with American States. To this end we also favor the encouragement by subsidies or otherwise of lines of ocean transportation with said American States.

Section 4. We indorse the financial policy of the government as administered by the Republican party in its maintenance of the national banks, in its management of the currency and increased issue of silver money, and express our confidence in its meeting every exigency

of public requirement in maintaining a volume of currency that will in every way comply with the wants of the country.

Section 5. That in a government of the people, where the rights of the minority are as sacred as the rights of the majority, that as Republicans we emphasize our approval of the present relations of the different departments of government and adhere to the principles and policy born with the government itself of keeping separate our federal judiciary as far from the immediate influence of elective methods as practicable, and maintaining the constitutional provision of making the tenure of office for life, and the recent assaults made by the Democratic party on this, the chief bulwark and security of justice to the whole people, endangers our liberties and the entire theory of our government.

Section 6. The maintenance of free institutions depends upon free and fair elections and honest returns; therefore, no lover of liberty should oppose the enactment of any law tending to protect the liberties of the people, and we, therefore, unhesitatingly favor the Australian ballot system and all other proper measures that will render our elections a free and honest expression of the will of the people of our entire country.

Section 7. The Republican party is unalterably opposed to every legislative class legislation. It knows no class. It believes in manhood suffrage and the enjoyment by the people of every right guaranteed by our national and State constitutions.

Section 8. We recognize the right of the State to control corporations and regulate transportation companies within this State, and we favor the enactment of such laws by the legislature, and their enforcement through the courts, as will prevent unjust discrimination or extortion on the part of public common carriers against a minority of the people of the State of Texas. We are opposed, as being contrary to the theory and genius of our government, to clothe with legislative and judicial powers a railway commission, and oppose an amendment to article 10, section 8, of the constitution.

Section 9. We favor the reservation of the public domain for actual settlers only, and a broad, comprehensive legislative policy that will invite immigration to the State under assurance of absolute peace and security.

Section 10. We demand the maintenance of free public schools for all limited times, and we denounce as palpable hypocrisy the promises of the Democratic party in regard to free schools. We demand, therefore, an adequate appropriation by the legislature for a free school term of six months or more annually. We further demand a uniform system of textbooks, to be printed under the direction of the State Printing Board and furnished at cost.

Section 11. We commend to the people of Texas the establishment and maintenance of a home for the disabled and invalid Texas soldiers of the late war with those enlisted by the republic with proper provision for their maintenance at the expense of the State.

The ticket nominated is as follows: Web. Flannagan, governor; W. K. Makenson, lieutenant-governor; West-wood, De Witt, for comptroller; J. P. Hagan, of El Paso, for attorney-general; J. B. Schmitz, for treasurer, and M. Lindler, of Bexar, for superintendent of public instruction. For the State executive chairmanship, Lock McDaniels.

Miscellaneous.

The New Orleans compasses have advanced rates on cotton 10 cents a bale because they submitted to a demand by the laborers handling cotton for an increase of 2 cents a bale.

In New York, Sept. 6, a baby carriage, which was being rolled by two boys on the roof of No. 203 South Fifth avenue, broke away and with its two-year-old occupant fell five stories, Saturday. The carriage remained upright and fell on a bale of rags in the street, where it was shattered. The baby was bounced upward and was caught in the arms of a young man standing near. It was not injured.

A Memphis gambler, named Van Buren, was sitting at a faro table betting. He leaned back in his chair to enjoy a sandwich he had just ordered, when he suddenly clapped a hand to his breast and died from paralysis of the heart.

The annual convention of the American Bankers' Association met at Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 3. A large number of representative financial men of the United States were present.

The river and harbor bill, including the \$2,200,000 Galveston appropriation, has been passed by both houses of congress, and only needs the president's signature to become a law. It seems to be the generally accepted belief that the president will either oppose the bill, or allow it to become a law by a lapse of ten days without his signature.

Gen. T. S. Morgan, U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, says he is heartily in favor of dividing the reservation lands in severity among the Indians, for we have the lands to do it and the Indians are now in the honor of accepting. We can give of the reservation lands 100 acres to every man, woman and child of their race and still have left 60,000,000 acres for homestead purposes. Gen. Morgan said he was also in favor of the work of the secular education for the Indians at the expense of the national government.

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