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HOME CONFERENCES.

Conversions and Accessions.

Circuit	Conversions	Accessions
Madisonville	10	10
Large Mission	10	10
Bowie circuit	10	10
Black Jack Grove circuit	10	10
Palatine circuit	10	10
Ingersoll	10	10
Ready	10	10
Fort Worth circuit	10	10
Rosston circuit	10	10
Tyler circuit	10	10
White House	10	10
Maria mission	10	10
Acton circuit	10	10
Greenville	10	10
Total	680	681

Rosalia Circuit.

J. B. Guber, Sept. 23: I report conversions on Rosalia circuit, 130; accessions to our church, 111.

Margaret Mission.

G. S. Hardy, P. C., Sept. 20: We have just closed a meeting at Paradise, Rosalia, eleven conversions, nine accessions and the church much revived.

Black Jack Grove Circuit.

Wm. Taylor, Sept. 24: I have held five protracted meetings, with 150 conversions and 20 accessions. Two more meetings to hold. Hope to see the number of conversions to 200 and the accessions to over 100. The church has been greatly revived and the outlook is good. I serve a good people.

Madisonville.

J. A. Savage, Sept. 16: Just closed a glorious meeting at High Prairie. We had no organization there. They asked me to come and hold a meeting for them and I did so. Received nineteen into the church, organized a society and put them to work. Many more in the neighborhood that will join soon. Bless the Lord, sixty-six members up to this time.

East Dallas.

W. W. Blackburn, Sept. 23: Our meeting at East Dallas is being protracted with good results. Quite a number have manifested a desire to be saved by presenting themselves at the altar for prayer. Seven additions to our church up to date. Bro. G. J. McVicker will be with us this week. Bro. W. H. Hughes will dedicate our church at this place next Sabbath.

Llano.

M. A. Black, Jr., Sept. 27: Bro. J. T. Hill or has just closed a gracious revival meeting at Llano. Fifty-five additions to the church and about sixty conversions. He has taken into the church this year about eighty-five. The church is in fine condition, the pastor is full of energy and hope, congregations large, the church is in good working condition.

Jacksonville Mission.

Jas. B. Laker, Sept. 24: I protracted meetings on Jacksonville mission, five in number, are over. The Lord was with us, abundantly blessing his people and saving sinners from sin. Visible results, fifty conversions and forty accessions by ritual. Finances behind, but I think we will come out right foot in front. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. To him be all the glory.

W. M. S. of East Texas Conference.

M. E. Thompson: We have organized a society at Groves Church with sixteen members—\$1 in hand. Collected from Bethel camp-ground, \$16. We reorganized at Overton with twenty members—about \$3 in hand. Oh, let us work for our Master in every way we can. G. D. has done so much for us, let us not shrink from duty. We have good news all along the line. Watch, work and pray.

East Weatherford Mission.

W. K. Simpson, Sept. 24: Our meeting for Glover's Chapel closed September 16. Bro. Fry and Bro. Ellis, local preachers of Garvin circuit, and Bro. McDevie, of Weatherford, were with us a good portion of the time and did good work for the Master. Good revival in the church. Additions nine. I also received two into the church at Godbey's chapel first Sunday in September. So the revival fire is still burning and the work is going on.

Tyler Circuit.

J. M. Mills, Sept. 22: We have just closed one of the best meetings I ever attended at Pleasant Grove. The Lord has been considered the hardest place on the circuit. Sinners rose up in the congregation and asked for prayer; backsliders got up, confessed their sins, begging pardon. We had no help, except our home force; but we have three true local preachers, P. O. Tanner, W. C. Stallings and E. J. Stephenson. About thirty conversions; twenty joined the church. A young men's prayer-meeting, with eighteen members, was organized by the young converts.

Ingersoll Mission.

J. R. Williams, Sept. 27: I have just closed my third quarterly meeting, commencing on the 16th and closing the 21st. Finances satisfactory in our quarter, though largely behind on first two quarters. Had a good meeting; nine accessions. I also closed my meeting at Ingersoll on the 14th, with nine additions. Both meetings we regard as a wonderful success, considering the exceeding wickedness and hardness of the country. Our success was largely due to the help of Bro. F. M. Moore, of Florida, who was with me and did most of the preaching. He is a power.

Smithfield Circuit.

Jas. I. Lavender, Sept. 22: Our third quarterly meeting is just over. Our beloved presiding elder was with us. Bro. J. C. Weaver was with us Friday night and preached a most excellent sermon. The finances are going to be very well arranged, considering the failure in crops. I am very sorry there was not a larger attendance of the official members at the quarterly conference. Brethren, try to attend the next quarterly meeting. It will be held at Oak Grove, embracing the third Sunday in November. Will say for the benefit of those concerned that I will fill my appointments at Elizabethtown and Roanoke the third Sunday in November, as well as October.

Harrold Mission.

A. B. Trimble, Sept. 28: My year's work is closing out. As the cowboys say, "I am now on the round-up." My camp-meeting for Long Creek lasted eleven days. I never saw a church work much

better in my life; but sinners were stubborn. The devil will get a few in every neighborhood, it looks like. Had nine conversions, six accessions. The camp-meeting for Grape Vine ran nine days; forty-two conversions and forty-six additions; from little children to strong middle-aged men converted; from the little six-year-old girl up to the gray-haired man joined the church. There are others yet to join from that meeting. I have received ninety-two. Instead of four organizations we have seven.

Brady.

Wm. J. Sims: We have just closed our camp and protracted meetings. Our meeting at Camp San Saba was a grand victory—twenty conversions and eighteen accessions to our church. Men were converted and went to praying in public for others that they might taste the good word of God; family altars were erected, and the church revived. Our meeting at Waldrop resulted in visiting the church and five accessions. Our meeting at Brady resulted in reviving the church, several conversions and eleven accessions to our church. Methodism is on the increase on the Brady circuit. Our Sunday-school is doing well and the Woman's Missionary Society is growing.

Rosston Circuit.

H. C. Rogers, Sept. 22: Revivals on the Rosston circuit: Panther Creek, six conversions, eight accessions to the church; Rush Creek, six conversions, five accessions to the church; Rosston, two conversions; Montague Springs, twenty-seven conversions, twelve or fifteen declarations, thirty accessions to the church; Round Prairie, two conversions, seven accessions to the church; Live Oak, three conversions, four accessions to the church; Inland, Baptist, thirty conversions, eleven. The membership at all these points were greatly refreshed and strengthened. To God be all the glory. Amen. Bro. McElwreth, Mitchell, Hoskins and Davis have our warmest thanks and prayers for their timely and efficient aid.

Whitesboro.

J. A. Wyatt, Sept. 24: The fourth quarterly conference for Whitesboro station embraced the 20th and 21st inst. Our Saturday services, embracing preaching at 11 a. m. and quarterly conference at 7:30 p. m., were very profitable. Bro. Montcastle not only knows how to preach directly at people, but also how to probe into every detail of church work and expose the laxness and failures if they exist. The charge will report a church report at conference. It was a joy to have the word "deficit" eliminated from our pastors' reports. Our Sunday services were rained out except that a small company gathered at night and heard a sermon from the presiding elder, containing, as do all his others, and also to the sermons in general of the preachers of the North Texas Conference, a full gospel.

New York.

D. W. Towns: We held a meeting of several days at Myrtle Springs, commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, which resulted in fourteen conversions, seven accessions to our church and two to the Baptist. I was assisted by Bro. French, a Baptist minister. There was no regular organized church there, but preach to them once a month. Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August my third quarterly meeting was held at Fincaite, at which time I held a series of meetings. Rev. Jno. Adams, D. D., our presiding elder, was with us until Tuesday. He preached six of his good sermons, to the edification of all present. I have organized churches at Sand Hill and Barnes' school-house. My protracted meetings for this year are over. I hope it is in good condition, spiritually, and I hope it will come out all right financially by conference.

Palatine Circuit.

D. C. Neel, Sept. 23: Since last report have held two protracted meetings, one at Pleasant Springs and one at Elkhart. The church greatly revived at each place. No conversions nor accessions at either place except one dear little girl at Elkhart. As we bade her fare well Monday morning and asked her to give her heart to the Lord, we observed evidences of the work of divine grace upon her young and tender heart, for which we praised the Lord. The first ran six days, the second, nine. I was assisted at Pleasant Springs by Bro. Chambers, a Baptist minister from Palestine. Bro. Fridell, Methodist, also from Palestine, and Bro. J. D. Hudson, rendered valuable services in the prayer-meetings. At Elkhart Bro. Frank Parker, of Houston county, preached one sermon for me. Bro. Phillips, our presiding elder, came and preached one time, also administered the sacrament. Except this, I was alone until the following Sabbath. However, Bro. R. D. Mavis and Wahler and Bro. Francis Boyer stood faithfully by me in the prayer-meetings. Every hour was a precious season. Praise the Lord.

Bowie Circuit.

Jas. A. Kerr, Sept. 24: We have closed the third quarter on the Bowie circuit, with the third quarterly conference held at Rock Hill, September 20 and 21. Bro. May was with us in the power and spirit of Israel's God. He preached a masterly sermon Saturday on the "Judgment." Had no meeting on Sunday on account of rain. The presence of Revs. E. L. Miller, of Sherman circuit; J. R. Randle, of Sunnet and Crafton circuit, and F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, added greatly to the interest of our Saturday meeting. Brethren, you are welcome; come again. Since our last card we have had 176 conversions, making 122 in all; sixty-eight accessions, in all ninety-one. Brethren of the local ranks did faithful work for which we are thankful, and may the Lord reward them accordingly. We feel confident that the assessments for the charge will be paid in full by conference, for they are well up now. We have a parsonage move on foot. Hope to report it ready for the next preacher.

Lone Oak.

Jas. A. Hunter, Sept. 23: The third quarterly conference for the Lone Oak charge was held at Forest Home last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Geo. T. Nichol, presiding elder, in the chair. The pastor reported one hundred conversions and fifty-seven accessions for the quarter. Finances for the year had paid up. The elder gave us two fine sermons in his usual practical style. The love feast and communion service were attended by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was good to be there. Rev. Calvin Cooke, a superannuate of the North Texas Conference, led the love feast and administered the sacra-

ment, after the sermon by Bro. Nichols, from Gal. vi:14. Old veterans of the cross were present to whom Bro. Cooke preached thirty-five years ago. Father McElroy is a veteran forty-eight years in the Methodist Church, yet his bow abides in strength and he is one of our best stewards. The testimony of these fathers in Israel, the sermon "Glorifying in the Cross," the communion at the Lord's table and the collection in full for that class, made the occasion a glorious day in the annals of the Lone Oak circuit. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Eagle Lake Circuit.

E. M. Myers, P. C., Sept. 23: The third quarterly conference for this charge is a thing in the past. Presiding elder, Rev. C. H. Brooks, was on hand looking after the interests of the church, and preached five soul-stirring sermons, to the delight of all present. We protracted six or eight days from the quarterly conference, and held a quarterly conference, all things in consideration, we had a good meeting. Rev. A. J. Anderson, of the Sealy circuit, was with me most of the time. Rev. Mr. Russell, of Hallettsville, Baptist, preached two sermons. The above brethren did good, gospel preaching for which I am thankful. I will commence a meeting at Alleyton, thirteen miles west of here, the fourth Sunday in this month. Preachers and people are invited to attend. May the good Lord bless the Advocate.

Northwest Georgetown Circuit.

Jas. M. Sherman, Sept. 24: I have held three protracted meetings on my work this summer. Forty-eight conversions and twenty accessions to the church by ritual. Many thanks to the following brethren: R. H. Simpson, S. E. Burkhead, Samuel Morris, H. N. Burks, and the local brethren, Bro. H. Anderson, E. C. Crum, who rendered us valuable services in these meetings. May God bless and reward them for their labors. Conference collections will come up in full. And last, but not least, we have raised in our district a subscription for a little over \$730 to build a church in the out-of-the-way neighborhood. Our people in the neighborhood just named gave of their means liberally. Some of the new converts gave as much as \$50 each. Some of other denominations helped us, and some few contributed subscriptions to our church. All we feel that God is with us continually. And about every quarter our noble presiding elder puts in his appearance, and with these things for us who can be against us?

Greenville.

J. L. Pierce, Sept. 28: Bro. Burnett and Mulkey and Sister Mulkey came to Greenville September 12 and remained ten days. They were cordially assisted by the local pastors and churches. God sent his blessing on their labors. The result was such a meeting as Greenville never saw. It was a perfect ground-swell and moral earthquake. Yesterday I received into the M. E. Church ninety-five members, thirty-two little folks from five to twelve, the rest ranging from sixteen to sixty. The meeting was remarkable for the number of new converts. We reached—as cultured, gifted, hard men as we had ever converted and brought into the church. The Methodist Church will receive others. The three co-operating churches, Baptist and two Presbyterian churches, reaped their pro rata. During the meeting the function of prayer was magnified. The preaching was with great plainness, tact and power. May the good hand of God continue to rest upon these evangelists.

White House.

J. W. Griffin, Sept. 22: We closed a union meeting yesterday of nine days' length at Burns' school-house. God blessed every service. Sixteen conversions, half-yearly gifts, and many accessions in spiritual life. Every religious family in the community agreed to have family prayer. Rev. D. S. Crefford, Cumberland, was with us five days; Bro. O. Fontana was with us one day and preached two sermons; Bro. N. E. Sheppard, of the Sealy circuit, was with us one day. Many thanks to Bro. E. McCreche and his wife, who remained during the meeting. Rev. W. M. Webb, Baptist, preached Saturday night and caught two of the converts. Out of the four Methodist preachers none were ordained, hence we could not receive those who—thanks to Bro. Morris for that sermon. We sang, prayed, preached and shouted and labored until the blessing came. There were four conversions. Among the number was one Catholic. The church was revived, sinners convicted and on Sunday night, when the rain came, there were ten at the altar of prayer. The opposition to the anxious seat is giving away and souls have been converted at Aledo. Thank God. Our meeting at Danlap's school-house was a good meeting. The rain interfered and yet four souls were converted. Thanks to Bro. W. P. Wilson, of Fort Worth, for valuable services, also Bro. Lockett. I have baptized seventeen infants, have had some twenty-old accessions to the church. While we have not had that success that we desired, yet we take courage and rejoice. We think the collections will nearly all be paid in full. It has been a dry year with us, but the people of Fort Worth circuit will pay. I am a happy man. Praise God.

Fort Worth Circuit.

Eugene T. Bates: Below is an account of the meetings not yet reported: Our meeting at Fort Worth was a union meeting with Rev. J. C. Weaver, a Presbyterian brother. It was a grand success; thirteen conversions and old backsliders reclaimed. Bro. R. H. Adair did us good service. Many thanks to Bro. Dick. Our meeting at Aledo was a success. This service had to hold every service except one—thanks to Bro. Morris for that sermon. We sang, prayed, preached and shouted and labored until the blessing came. There were four conversions. Among the number was one Catholic. The church was revived, sinners convicted and on Sunday night, when the rain came, there were ten at the altar of prayer. The opposition to the anxious seat is giving away and souls have been converted at Aledo. Thank God. Our meeting at Danlap's school-house was a good meeting. The rain interfered and yet four souls were converted. Thanks to Bro. W. P. Wilson, of Fort Worth, for valuable services, also Bro. Lockett. I have baptized seventeen infants, have had some twenty-old accessions to the church. While we have not had that success that we desired, yet we take courage and rejoice. We think the collections will nearly all be paid in full. It has been a dry year with us, but the people of Fort Worth circuit will pay. I am a happy man. Praise God.

Ray.

D. C. Ellis, Sept. 26: Our fourth quarterly conference is over. Finances considerably behind, but expect to come out all right in the end. The stewards will hold their final meeting at Waxahachie, October 30, 1 p. m. Our beloved presiding elder, E. L. Armstrong, was with us

in the spirit of the Master, though in feeble health. Oh, what an inspiration that man of God gave to this young throng of patients, counsel and encouragement. May he long live to bless the church. Now, a word in regard to Reazor circuit. This is our second year in the itinerant life and we have spent both of them here. We have had many hard fought battles. Satan has contested every inch of the ground. At times it seemed as if our labors were all in vain; but we put our trust in God and went forward and God gave us the victory. These trials have made me a better man and given me a richer and sweeter Christian experience. Truly, God is good. I have served a good and kind people. They have given many tokens of their love, but the crowning one (in a fine suit) was the presentation of a fine suit of clothes on the 23rd inst. The same was gotten up and engineered by Miss Lizzie Stephenson. The donations came from the masses of the people, from the boys of six years to the gray-headed sire. May God reward those donors abundantly in this life and bring them at last to the haven of eternal rest is my prayer. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me, the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Acton Circuit—Bethany.

Siddle Adair: Our protracted meeting began Friday night before the second day of this month. Though the congregations were small at first, they were attentive and seemed deeply interested. At 10 o'clock service on Sunday three young men who had been converted at home during the year came forward and offered themselves as candidates for church membership, and at night, in the presence of a large congregation, took the vows of the church. This produced a profound impression on their young companions who had been associated with them in sinful sports and pastimes. Bro. Gardner's preaching was spiritual, powerful and pointed. His theme during the entire meeting was "Holiness of Heart and Life." He fully demonstrated from the scriptures the doctrine of entire consecration, sanctification and perfect love, which even the most persistent opposer could not gainsay if he accepted the Word of God. The meeting lasted ten days. The Baptist and Presbyterian brethren joined us in our prayers and labors, and we were all blessed together in the bonds of Christian fellowship and love. The church was built up, united and strengthened, opposition overcome, backsliders reclaimed, nine professed and nine added to the church. Bro. Adair and his daughter, Miss Dora, in their departure from our midst, are followed by the love, blessings and prayers of the church, having won the confidence of all, both saint and sinner.

Ingram Mission.

J. C. Ballard, Sept. 22: This is my first year in the itinerancy, viz., the carpenter's trade. On the line of material things we have two good homes to show for our year's work. Our church house and lot, as they now stand, are worth \$500. The deed to the lot is according to discipline and we owe nothing. We dedicated our church on the 14th instant. The other home is one that I had to build in the building of a house. My house has taken a great deal of my time. I was constantly working on the church during the revival season, hence have had but one revival meeting. Said meeting was a union meeting, held by the Methodist and Presbyterians. I was sick during the meeting, but was able to preach. Rev. D. C. Robinson, local, who served this new mission one year, rendered me valuable service in the meeting for which I was very thankful. It was a good meeting. Several were converted and joined the different churches—three joined the Methodist Church. Up to date we have had thirty-seven accessions to the church, but think if we could have had time to have held protracted meetings we would have had more. As I come nearer to the close of the year I feel that I would like to have done more, but I am happy because I know the Lord has blessed all my time. Many thanks to those who have prayed for me and given me courage, and along with courage he has given me great seasons of joy. I love the Methodist Church. I love the itinerant work. May the Lord make me useful.

East Waco.

G. J. Irvin, Sept. 19: We have held three protracted meetings, the first embracing the fourth Sunday in July. We hope in this meeting much good was done. Many young men and women were converted, and were led to make good resolutions; a few were converted. At Friendship, August 16, we began our second meeting in connection with the third quarterly conference, which lasted long enough to result in a revival. This meeting was protracted by Bro. Wright, the presiding elder. By his Sunday evening the church was led much nearer God, while a number were converted from the restless ways of sin. Our meeting in East Waco began the fifth Sunday in August, which lasted near three weeks, with some intervening difficulty. On Tuesday, after the first Sunday, exercises, the pastor and wife were both led by levers and inflamed arms, resulting from vaccination, to lie up and writhe with severe pains for three days. Next, a rain cloud scattered the congregation two nights, and finally this meeting was abandoned. Bro. Law, our presiding elder, was disabled by an accident of a runaway, disabling my wife and myself. This occurred last Monday evening. Our horse was frightened so that he could not be controlled—ran about one block, when the buggy was turned over, throwing us both violently to the ground. I am able to move, but my duties, but have to leave Mrs. Irvin in the bed, where she will be confined for several days yet, even if her injuries are not more serious than I now think. This was very hard for us to bear. I am thankful to Drs. H. A. Bourland and John Bateman for zealous work in this meeting. From reports when absent, and observation when present, there was not a service that did not profit—several conversions, church revived, many seekers are on the way.

Greenville.

Abc Mulkey, Sept. 23: We are on duty again. In spite of the rain and mud we have finished up the meeting in Greenville, and according to promise give you a line of report. We began on the 12th and agreed, Presbyterians, Cumberland and Baptists also worked in perfect accord, and we believe each church was blessed, judging from the outward demonstration. Our hearts were made to shout aloud on account of the outpouring of the Spirit.

Immense crowds attended; attention given and the interest from the first was marvelous, especially among the Christian workers. I praise God for the earnest workers of Greenville. While the waters were troubled they helped many to step in and be healed. We heard the pastor announce about 200 new accessions to the different churches and many prodigals returned in re-dedication to God's service, Sunday was quite a rainy day. Steadily, all day long the rain fell heavily upon us; nevertheless, men and women donned overcoat and rubbers and waded their way to the tabernacle, regarding neither mud nor rain. As we sang "My rags round me falling, but for the showers we need," so the constant rainfall was only an omen of the spiritual blessings poured out that day. Praise God! Bro. Pierce and his co-workers left not a single stone unturned. A more faithful preparation has not been made, though, perhaps our ideas were not his altogether, yet for the advancement of the cause we ordered other methods that some might be saved. We enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Duff's home, and dear Sister Martha proved herself indeed a Christian at Jesus' feet, and received even us into her home; and also many other friends we learned to love, too, and by whose association we feel made better. We pray God to bless Greenville more and more. May both shepherd's and flocks feed in green pastures and drink from still waters. We begin in Alvarado on 25th inst. Remember us to the Lord of Hosts. Praise God for salvation. Amen.

Las Vegas, N. M.

C. H. Gregory, Sept. 24: Send the Advocate along. I am now a full-fledged New Mexico Conference preacher, after twenty-five years in Arkansas. To make this announcement stimulates one's desire. It puts us into quick step and youthful movements. Four days before starting for this conference I received marching orders quite unexpectedly to myself and the little woman who goes with me and who is always of good cheer. We are here, and if by divine order we will succeed, however unpromising the outlook. Our God is with us and in our humble way we are endeavoring to move things up—visiting, talking and praying in the social family circle, preparatory to an onward movement so soon as we are able to place for holding positions, which we have not now. If our people had builded an house for the Lord a few years ago we could have led things in this city. We have lost much by delay. We cannot afford to defer this matter longer. All appropriations are a needless waste without a church house. We must have it, and by the help of God we will. Our cause is in the interest of souls, and must prevail. The pure Word must be preached, and it will accomplish its purpose. Alas, with a handful of men and that for him, won a great victory and the whole were against him. Our God and darkness may abound the prospects, but the perspective of faith looks through them and reads the silver lining.

Our school here is prosperous. The new building having been burned crippled us. Many applications in different parts of the territory have been declined necessarily. What a pity! I think our folks waste money sometimes by insignificant appropriations. (Excuse the two long words.) I mean scattering a little money in too many places, and not concentrating this element of power so needlessly. We are not to enter a new field. The great centers are the places of influence, and these first permanently fixed, the leaven will naturally distribute itself until the whole is leavened. May the great Head of the Church guide in wisdom to ultimate victory.

Gordonville.

B. T. Hayes, Sept. 25: I make a report of my protracted meetings for the year. There have been ten conversions and three additions. There are three more who have made application for membership, two of whom want to be immersed. These are all others who will like joining. I began the meeting at Gordonville August 2 and continued it twelve days. There were only two sermons preached except those I preached. Bro. Law, my local preacher, preached one, and Jno. E. Smith one. He was present at only one service. Bro. Law could not be with me about three services. My wife was taken sick August 6 and is not yet well. For nearly four weeks she has been confined to the bed and room, so I have been hindered in my work greatly. I could not get any one to stay with her but a little while. My sister stayed one week and my sister stayed five days. I commenced at Rock Creek August 16 and closed August 22. Here we had the best meeting on the circuit, seven were converted and two joined the church. I left the altar filled with penitents to begin at Cedar Mills August 21. Bro. Law and I were with me here nearly all the time. Bro. Gardner and O. Kelly, two laymen, rendered valuable services, besides the members generally were in the spirit. The meeting increased in interest until the last. My brother, J. H. Hayes, of Collinsville, came over the third day at Cedar Mills and stayed three days. Here we had two conversions and two additions. I then began at Pleasant View September 6 and closed the 14th. Here we had one conversion. Bro. Roberts, a local preacher on the Collinsville circuit, began the meeting and stayed until the close, rendering good service in the pulpit and in the altar. Bro. Law was with me nearly every service, working faithfully. Here and at Cedar Mills we could only have meetings at night, as the people were busy picking cotton and making syrup. We have had many disadvantages to work against, of which none know except those who are acquainted with them all. I am pained that more has not been done, but under the circumstances I do not see how I could have done more. I have only reported what were received during the protracted meetings by profession and baptism.

Griffin.

Mrs. C. C. Armstrong: I have just returned from a camp-meeting so remarkable in many respects I feel that I must write about it. I am not much in favor of camp-meetings that are held annually near a town where there are ample churches and frequent services; where the people in general resort for recreation and novelty and the young folks for fun; where it requires a courageous preacher, backed by an officer of the law, to keep order. I believe in recreation and fun, but not in calling it camp-meeting. But this one was very different. Bro. J. Matthews, lovingly styled "Uncle Joe," one of the oldest settlers of this part of

Texas, desiring to do something for Christ, resolved to have a camp-meeting. Aided by his son, they built an arbor, stretched tents, and otherwise prepared a beautifully shaded place on the Clear Fork, twenty miles from any church. They also drove fifteen head of fat cattle, hired a man to kill and barbecue one a day, engaged fifty pounds of bread baked a day and provided cooks and waiters for two long tables, where every possible dish was bountifully provided. "Uncle Joe" is a Presbyterian, but having no available preachers of his own denomination, he called on Mr. Armstrong to get all the Methodist preachers he needed for help and hold the meeting. Notwithstanding the rain, which fell two or three days, people and preachers moved to the grounds and the meeting began, the crowd increasing as the weather cleared up, the attendance embracing a scope of thirty-five miles. Bro. Raymond, of Anson, was the only preacher to take the early settlement of this state, but never a church building nor a Methodist organization. The Sunday after the meeting closed Mr. Armstrong went there and organized fourteen of the camp-meeting converts into a Methodist church, they being residents of Griffin, and began a subscription for a church there, which has since been increased by the good citizens of Albany and will be built right away. A Sunday-school will also be organized and permanence secured of the glorious fruit of "Uncle Joe's" camp-meeting. This grand, good man and his good wife, "Aunt Caroline," and their son and daughter, who with their little ones endured the exposure and inconvenience to minister to all and aid in the meeting, will surely share in the eternal glory of those who "turn many to righteousness." They obediently brought their tithes into the church house, and a cloud of hosts poured out upon them a blessing. May they have the reward of a Christian community to live in.

VERNON MESLEIAN COLLEGE, ETC.

Last misapprehension occur in the minds of those who read the Fort Worth Daily Gazette concerning the school interests in this section of the State. I ask pardon for a short statement in your columns: The Gazette copied a statement from one of the Seymour papers in regard to a school enterprise at that place in which it was stated that the late session of the Vernon District Conference appointed a committee to locate a district high school, and that two of said committees had visited Seymour and called a meeting on the subject, etc., with certain results.

The district conference did no such thing. No committee was appointed to locate any school, but a special committee on education to prepare a report on the proposition to establish a college at Vernon, which had been made, was raised and to depart. The Seymour meeting was without authority as far as the church and district conference is concerned. Those brethren acted on their own responsibility, and a good work may be done at Seymour also as far as a high school is concerned. But, now, as to our enterprise at Vernon. We have 100 acres of land joining the city, laid off in lots 80x150 feet, with 80-foot streets. A campus of ten acres in the midst of it, surrounded by a 100-foot street, a beautiful location for buildings. Guaranteed street railroad from the depot to campus. These lots are to be sold at prices now ranging from \$75 to \$250—third cash and remainder in one and two year's installments. The plan of extension is in every way for the best grade, we think. Our movements are slow and cautious, but we believe are sure. It is laid on as good a business basis as we think can be. A subscription of money and other lands is to be added to the above plat of land. The plan of main building is beautiful. We are not expecting to open school before the 1st of January, if then. We want to do that, but may not be able to get the building ready by then.

The Lord has been with us in great grace, magnifying his word throughout the entire district. Churches have been dedicated, hundreds of souls have been made new and joined with our Zion. Every interest has been improved. The preachers have walked blamelessly before God and the people. All will make good reports at Abilene. The "beloved presiding elder" goes out by limitation. Four years of very arduous service to him are ended. Thanks be unto our God, for he has "helped us" abiding steadily in the way. Every body has been good to me and not a jar or ripple to disturb our fellowship, and the peace of Zion has occurred. This poor soul is filled with its best sense of love and gratitude to God and all the beloved. Those who may follow us, who have been suffering and sorrow, will find peace in the land and a goodly heritage. Bless the Lord. JEROME HARALSON.

Texas Christian Advocate.

NASHVILLE NOTES.

Wesley Hall, the home of the theological students of Vanderbilt University, has again thrown open its portals. Wornout by the two days' and nights' journey from Waco, Texas, covered with the foot which necessarily settles upon you on such a trip, weary with the trolly from the Central depot, which was foolishly undertaken with the idea that we "would stretch our legs," it was really delightful to greet the words "welcome, prophet, tramp up the wide stone steps and find a refreshing breakfast in the basement. Yes, this is Wednesday, September 17, the day on which the University opens, and Rev. Samuel Barcus and I are on time, ready for a year's work in theological studies. The hall seems like home; the three months' vacation seems not more than two weeks; so many are the familiar faces which welcome us warmly.

There is one we miss, however, the portly, scholarly, consecrated O. E. Brown, who, by this time, has arrived in China, his chosen field of missionary work, accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Muse, of Atlanta. I cannot go into the office without recalling his face. Would that there were more young men such as he. His last act for me was a favor; his last words, a blessing. In his place as post-graduate fellow and controller of Wesley Hall, we find Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, the bright, laughing North Carolinian, upon whom has fallen a father's mantle.

The personnel of our faculty has somewhat changed. We have both lost and gained since June. With regret we saw Dr. Hoss leave and take the editorial chair, but Providence was in it for how rich the Nashville Advocate now is! The chair of Bible History, thus left vacant, will be divided among the others. Ours was the gain in that Dr. A. Coke Smith, the popular Wofford man, will instruct in Practical Theology. Of this every one says: "The right man in the right place." Dr. Tillett, Dean, looks well and has his hands full of work. Recent sore afflictions have only consumed the dross of an already deeply pious character. Dr. Gross Alexander, the ready exegete of the Greek Testament, is away at present attending the Louisville Conference. Prof. Martin is on hand ready to enlighten us on the Hebrew "raka," "toho," and "bahno."

That young ministers ought to take the highest possible educational course is no longer a mooted question. Since the day of the debate of the giants (Bishops McTyeire and Pierce) on this subject we had best let it rest. The College of Bishops indorse our department, college presidents advise that we enter it, and its present opening shows that at last the church is beginning to appreciate it. Never before were so many States represented by A. B.'s and A. M.'s as at present. Thirty in the junior class, fifteen in the middle class, and four in the senior, representing, of course, almost every college in our connection. To know so many is an educating association of itself, apart from the mere "book learning."

The scientific and engineering departments open with at least seventy-five new students in the freshman class. Every one anticipates a most successful year. More post-graduates are on the campus than ever before. There are also more young ladies than last session. At least twelve will be in attendance—one being a B. S. of Cornell. Chancellor Garland, though too feeble to appear before the students sooner, preached an able annual opening day sermon this morning (September 21) at West End Church, Lake x:32. "But one thing is needful," was his text.

Says the Nashville American: "The friends of the university regret very much to have to give up Dr. J. J. Tigert, who has for several years given such efficient instruction in the school of moral philosophy and logic but the Executive Committee of the Board of Trust has empowered the chancellor to supply instruction for this school, and he has made arrangements by which Dr. A. Coke Smith, of the Biblical department, will give instruction in these branches for the present year. Dr. Smith will fill this chair ably and efficiently, as he has for the past four or five years been doing precisely the same same work at Wofford College." But this is enough. News from the Publishing House offices would make this communication too long.

DOCTRINAL PREACHING.

This was suggested by an article headed "Why Do They Leave," written by Bro. J. Vaughan. He was surely correct when he said that we are the targets for all immersionists. I used to think that we should never mention baptism, as to mode, and if we did, that we should say that any way would do, because the Bible speaks of no mode at all, and none could tell what mode was right, and immersion was just as good as anything. Such stuff for any one to think—yet I would hollow and squall that I was a regular Bible student and hold meetings, getting people to unite in getting the people converted and then let them join any church they pleased. Others joined in the meeting with us, but they let us do the work of getting persons converted and they that of getting them to join the church, telling them that we preached good sermons on repentance, conversion and other points where we had any scripture, but we could not preach on baptism, apostasy and holiness, because we have no scripture to prove our assertions, and that we would immerse if we did not think too much of our fine clothes.

Now, sir, the Methodist was feeding, clothing and educating me and I out on half-way ground helping the enemy to slip into the camps and gobble up the spoils.

At present I am serving the Ben Franklin work as a supply and we have one appointment which has had a sermon on baptism every year or two and our people welcome the preacher who stands by the doctrines of the church. Out of twenty-three infants that have been baptized during my time here, fifteen of them are in that section. At the appointment next below it the members cry peace, peace, and remain at home if they think the preacher would be likely to say anything on these subjects. They even go to a Baptist meeting rather than our own when some of the best men we have are doing the preaching, because they are afraid that they will say something about doctrine. I can't complain at them, however, for I did likewise once. Forgive me, brethren, and I'll never do so any more. At this place, where they are so much like I used to be, we have had one infant baptized, and its parents live half way between the two places. If they had been only a little nearer to where they hold their membership, don't know but they might have failed to have that one baptized.

Five others were of parents who have been converted and joined the church this year and brought their children in with them, leaving only two for those who have had fixed views on the subject for any length of time. So at seven places, without sermons on this subject, eight have been baptized, only three of them of parents who hitherto favored it, while at one place where the preacher has preached it and people have heard fifteen have been baptized, and this place has not as large a membership as some other points, hardly averaging with the others. If the other points were as well up on this subject as this one, we should no doubt have more than 125 to report. At this place there have been more adults baptized than at any other. In fact, nearly half as many as at the other seven, and not one has been dipped; but at one other place, where the stewards hang their heads and the old members gaze and shut their eyes like they are asleep when one slightly touches on these things, three have said you must dip me, for "I think that I ought to be buried with Christ in baptism," and at one other place one.

Some of these immersionists throw at our people the insult that "many who have been sprinkled become convinced that they had not been baptized, and call on them for immersion, and that no one ever renounces immersion and asks for affusion at the hands of our preachers." Now, the first is true. Many do get dissatisfied with affusion baptism and are immersed, but they are those who hear but one side and have no books except the dipping and plunging works. It is true that some have the Bible and, perhaps, all the Testament, which is nothing else except an affusionist book, no dipping, no plunging, no immersion inside its lids, but it is not read. The last part of their statement to wit: "None ever renounce immersion and demand affusion at our hands, is false. In the section of the country where our people have had an opportunity of hearing about one sermon each year in which our doctrine was set forth, three who had been dipped in some pool have decided that they had never been scripturally baptized, and when the call was made for all who wanted to be baptized to take certain seats they came and were baptized. Some had, if not all, been immersed by the authorized ministry, too, but they turned their back on it.

So my conclusion is that we are some what to blame for the falling off on this line, and I am going to do better in the future.

INDORSEMENT.

I most heartily indorse the steps taken by the ministers and Christian people of Dallas against the desecration of the holy Sabbath by opening the Texas State Fair on that day. I assure you your labor is not without reward both in time and eternity. I am also confident that their mistake of so disregarding the day of the Lord will prove to be a loss to that institution both temporally and spiritually. I for one, cannot and will not patronize or commend an error for good, as that surely is. You who oppose that great sin, by such a corporation, have only reached the height of Christian graces demanded by our holy Bible to add to your faith, virtue (i. e. courage), as brave and successful soldiers of the cross. You may "be despised and rejected" of men, but "not forsaken," thank the Lord. You have not only millions of pure hearts to beat in unison with yours, but the perfect accord of the great heart of hearts, that cries out, "well done." Yours in bonds of love, W. W. HENDERSON.

WHAT HURT YOUR CAMP-MEETING.

Your meeting was protracted nearly a week too long in hot weather. You had too much sunshine and too little shade. Your drinking water was unhealthy and scarce. The people had too much to eat, and they ate it; and often the preacher was conscious that sausage, cabbage and beef predominated over intellect in his audience. Your grove meetings were too protracted and violent, and on the return of the wearied brethren and sisters from the grove to the arbor they were asleep in fifteen minutes, and the snores of the happy sleepers mingled with the periods of the sermon. The preparation for the camp-meeting was largely material, and but slightly spiritual. The good sisters were engaged too much in cooking for and feeding too many tramps—politely called strangers. There were allowed three or four lemonade and ice cream stands on the ground—awfully

demoralizing. You compromised the Methodist methods by having too many stand-up and shake-hand conversions. Doctrinal preaching was not prominent—especially on repentance, the Holy Ghost, hell, judgment, restitution, baptism, missions, and money contributions for church enterprises. A revival that cannot stand these themes had better be closed quick. Your aiding service commenced too near bed-time. Your people did not sleep enough. They sang too loud and too much. The intellectual part of the whole proceeding was relegated to the background. How could the Holy Ghost work through exercises that violated the laws of nature and grace, science and civilization? And at the close in sadness, you attributed the failure to the devil—when probably the devil did not know the camp meeting was on hand—and likely would not have cared had he known it. And lastly, the people compelled the preacher to do about all the work on the ground and it had to be cut short in righteousness.

TEXAS PANHANDLE CONFERENCE.

As the late General Conference has authorized the Northwest Texas Conference to divide its territory and thus form a new conference, I offer the following as the most equitable division of the conference, in my judgment. I present this plan for the members of the conference to examine and thus save much time and debate on the subject of boundaries: I suggest the name of the new conference as it properly locates the conference, beginning on the Trinity river at a point opposite the southeast corner of Tarrant county; thence west to the southeast corner of Tarrant county; thence west with the south line of Tarrant county to the southeast corner of Parker county; thence west with the south line of Parker county to the east of Palo Pinto county; thence south to the south corner of Palo Pinto; thence west with Palo Pinto county line to north corner of Eastland county; thence south with the east line to the south corner of Eastland county; thence southwest to the southwest corner; thence west with the south line to the southwest corner of Eastland county; thence west with the south lines of Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell; thence south with the east line of Howard to the southeast corner of Howard; thence west with the south lines of Howard, Martin and Andrews counties; now, thence west to New Mexico; thence north to the State line; thence east with the State line to Red River; thence down said river with its meanderings to a point due north of and opposite to the head of West Fork of Trinity River; thence south to the head of said fork of Trinity River; thence down said river with its meanderings to the place of beginning.

Now, brethren, take your maps of Texas and begin at the southeast corner of Navarro county and mark the boundary line between Texas and the West Texas Conference to the line between Tom Green and Mitchell counties, then mark the boundaries as proposed above, and you will see whether improvement can be made in my proposed plan, with an eye to equitable division. Respectfully submitted, P. W. GRANT.

THE EFFECT OF CLOSING THE SALOONS. September 21 Fort Worth enjoyed a quiet Sunday, the effect of closing the saloons, which, on the whole, was well observed. The change was very apparent. The men, or rather crowds of men, who slipped in and out the back doors were not disturbing as usual the blessing and serenity of the day of rest and Sabbath calm. The County Attorney and one of our judges recently remarked that two-thirds of all crime was directly traceable to Sunday drinking and carousals; also the tragic murder cases of the past three years were traceable to the same source. Men ill at ease spent Saturday night, all of Sunday and Sunday night draining the cup and stimulating and nursing their diseased systems, so that by Monday they were unfit for their occupations and ready for any terrific deed their minds were brooding over. The rest element of saloon men, themselves, pity these poor fellows when drink has so deranged their systems and alcohol poisoned their vital physical energies, that they cannot resist the monster, and when a rest day comes we befall their families, and despair and revenge, murder and lust, lurk in their souls like a hidden foe, ready to wreak vengeance on the innocent, and lay low its own victim. While law cannot reach the heart and purify the soul, it can protect the innocent and restrain the weak. Otherwise law becomes a monster to openly license "traps" and then punish the victims who fall into them. Law is a schoolmaster to teach the ignorant, and is intended to be a parent to govern all showful children. But law winked at, allows a terrible depravity at heart of any community, and a shameful neglect of citizenship duties to the honorable; and to the Christian it becomes a deadly sin. He may care for his family and church, but if he neglects his ward and neighborhood duties, and turns politics over to the ignorant and depraved classes of his town, God will require

THRAL'S HISTORY OF METHODISM. I have this to say about this book after the third reading. There are a few mistakes, some in names and some in dates. But I don't suppose there ever was but one book written but what there can be found in it some of these things. If a critic could not see them a crank would. But I think Dr. Thrall for his work and would not be without the book for any consideration. There are some things in it I wrote last year all over the United States to get and failed. This is written not as a compliment or gush, but as a duty to my young preacher who is gathering a library. Don't fail to get this book you will need all you find. I. Z. T. MORRIS.

CHAPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE. In the last issue of the ADVOCATE is an article from Rev. E. W. Sloman, of Houston, who participated in the opening exercises of Chappell Hill Female College. His communication shows he knows a good thing when he sees it. I rejoice over the auspicious opening of this, my alma mater, and deem it no ordinary privilege to pay it a tribute, as it gracefully unfolds its dignified and Christian drapery over so many of the fair and cherished daughters of Texas Methodists. Young ladies, allow me to congratulate you on the wisdom of your selection. The mere mention of Chappell Hill Female College calls up so many blissful reminiscences of teachers and schoolmates, so many pleasant days, weeks and months spent beneath its towering dome, that my emotions scarcely allow me to concentrate and crystallize my thoughts. Being one of the alumni of this institution and my father having been one of its trustees and college physician for almost a quarter of a century, I can speak advisedly in treating of its merits, and as I am now a resident of Oak Cliff, no one can accuse me of local self-interest. That noble institution, consecrated to Methodist culture by those noble, self-sacrificing, liberal and veteran pioneer Methodists, Rev. Robt. Alexander, Rev. J. H. Stone; Rev. J. W. Matthews, Col. Browning, Judge Felder, J. W. Rutland and others who have long since crossed the Jordan and nestle in the sunshine of celestial bliss, is a grand and towering monument of the wisdom, goodness and liberality of those grand patriarchs. Not only so, but the descendants of those saintly men are to-day contributing their means and influence to foster, beautify and render attractive this institution so much cherished by their fathers. Last year the descendants of these sires built, at a considerable ex-

pense, a beautiful college home, now neatly furnished and open for students. President E. W. Tarrant, in charge, is by nature and culture richly endowed with all those rare qualities requisite to make a successful president. Scrupulously exact, painstaking and watchful over his students, both in and out of college, dignified and positive, yet kind and considerate, cultivating the heart and mind and the deportment as well, working his way through the affections of the young ladies, rather than by the rigid edicts and compulsory, austere rules, soon gains the esteem and confidence of the girls to such an extent that they would sooner cut off their right hand than give him pain through their disobedience. Often have I seen them at the college home approach him, assume the attitude of a daughter, and in gentle tone ask for information, which they always received in the same gentle, fatherly way. Whether in college, college home, on the campus, on the streets, these happy relations existed, and the college home always reminded me of a mighty mansion inhabited by one grand family. Christian friends, it is a painful yet pleasant duty, when a good and noble man dies to place on his casket a wreath of snow white flowers, to bedew it with tears of sorrow, to speak of his good deeds and Christian character, but how much grander to bestow these well-merited tributes upon the living. He is a man entitled to such a tribute, then bestow it while his big heart can respond, and when he can feel his work in the vineyard is appreciated by his fellow man. Encourage him, Christian friends, by sending him your daughters, for the burden is heavy and compensation light. I would like to write up many of the commendable features of this institution, but for fear lest I consume too much space. Suffice it to say the faculty is all that could be desired.

In conclusion, allow me to say this communication is written without solicitation and simply in the interest of an institution whose patronage would soon be doubled if its merits were only known. To all lovers of Christian education, I commend this, my alma mater.

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the blood of those who perish at his hand. His careful training in home and church duties is rendered weak by the pitfalls of the city he leaves open to his children and weak brethren. One does this not by action, but by inaction. How many men attend ward caucuses and council meetings? The "bum" elements are always there. The devil knows where to place his kindling-wood, always. How many know the character of the officers, or their names, elected in their own wards, and see to it that just men are duly nominated? How many know the ins and outs of our courts, jails and hospitals, and the import of our city laws? How many good men seek to serve as jurymen, and have the courage to stand by godly convictions? When Christian men purify politics, the corruption of it will cease.

Fort Worth has an able and true-hearted police force. Who encourages them and stands by them and tells them to do their duty if they want future election and support? The "bum" element loses no time to tell them that "mum" is the word or their re-election is a "goner." No wonder officers feel no support and yield to the clamor of the ungodly. The points are at hand—here with law in all its dignity in force, saloons are open on Sunday, gambling in full blast, brothels in every corner, officers offered bribes and courts receiving hush fines, as regular weekly pay and nothing done or said about it. The manly course of Recorder Kern is commended by every honest heart in the city for his late or for as to Sunday saloon closing. "Evil ones will do it won't last long." "Public opinion is awakened a while" is all they say. Maybe so, but our courts and juries are doing grand work. Let it go on. What are grand juries for, if not a power for good citizenship? When Steve Holcomb, the converted gambler, took hold at Louisville, Kentucky, people said it was useless. Then the city of Louisville contained 300 dens of vice. But proper officers were elected by the people and the grand jury cleaned out every den where law could reach. It was then judges, courts and officers became alarmed at public sentiment and began to do their duty to save their positions, instead of neglecting it, to hold their offices; and in a year the city was completely re-arranged; and they presented as a \$18,000 mission house to Holcomb for his services. So it is to-day. Louisville is a famous city for its charities and institutions of reform and labor. Cannot Fort Worth do likewise? This is the object of the Bethel mission, to protect the weak, restrain and teach the ignorant, give employment to the needy, reform the erring and help create a sentiment for just and righteous laws and their rigid and continuous enforcement.

Let every noble heart help create and support these sentiments and rally around every officer, court and judge who dares to do right, "and had rather be right" than to be re-elected. People will support such men. Every man to his place and let all help in this war—Union Bethel Mission in Fort Worth Gazette.

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About the Lesson.

LESSON I, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5.

PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD. Luke xx:19.

GOLDEN TEXT. "He is despised and rejected of men." (Isa. liii:3)

MEMORY-VERSES, 13-16.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is the subject of this lesson? Parable of the Vineyard. 2. What is the Golden Text? "He is despised and rejected of men." 3. What was the time? Tuesday before Jesus was crucified. 4. Where was the place? In the temple of Jerusalem. 5. What had a certain man done? He had planted a vineyard. 6. What had he done with it? He had rented it out. 7. Where had he gone? Into a far country. 8. What did he do after awhile? Sent servants to collect the rent. 9. What did the renters do? They beat his servants and sent them back with nothing. 10. What did he do then? He sent his son. 11. Why did he do this? He said "It may be they will reverence him."

12. Did they do so? No, they slew him. 13. What did Jesus say the Lord of the vineyard would do? He would come and destroy those husbandmen, and give the vineyard to others. 14. What did the Jews say? "God forbid." 15. Why did they say this? Because they knew he meant them. 16. Of what else did he tell them? Of a rejected corner-stone. 17. What became of it? It was finally made the head of the corner. 18. What would this stone do to the man upon whom it fell? Grind him to powder. 19. What did the chief priests and scribes do? Sought to lay hands on him. 20. Why did they not do so? Because they feared the people.—Illustrated Lesson Paper.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—The cleansing of the temple, according to Matthew (Matt. xxi:12, 13), was followed by some miracles of healing, and by the hosannas of the children, to which the rulers objected. Jesus then returned again to Bethany, and on the return to Jerusalem, the next morning, the company with him saw the fig tree wither away (Matt. xxi:20-22; Mark xi:20-25). On this day there is a long series of conflicts. First, the rulers challenge our Lord's authority; he responds by asking their opinion of John the Baptist; their refusal to answer is met by a refusal on his part (Matt. xxi:23-27; Mark xi:27-33; Luke xxi:8). Matthew adds, at this point, the parable of the two sons (Matt. xxi:28-32). The lesson follows.

Place.—In the temple at Jerusalem, probably in the Court of the Israelites; but Luke xxi:14 must be placed in the Court of Women. Time.—On the third day of the week, which began with the entry to Jerusalem; that is, on Tuesday, the 12th of Nisan, 783 A. U. C.—or April 4, A. D. 30. This date is based on the view that our Lord ate the passover at the regular time, on the 14th of Nisan.

Persons.—Our Lord, the listening people, with hostile rulers. In the parable: the owner of the vineyard, the wicked husbandmen, three servants sent to the vineyard, the beloved son (an only son—Mark). Incidents.—The vineyard let to husbandmen; the sending of the first servant to receive the fruit, and the maltreatment of him by the husbandmen; the second and third servant sent, with similar result; the sending of the son; the plot of the husbandmen to kill him; our Lord's prediction of the punishment of the husbandmen; the answer of the people; our Lord's citation of the Old Testament to confirm his words; the increased hostility of the rulers.

Parallel Passages.—Matthew xxi:33-46; Mark 12:1-12.

LESSON SUMMARY.

Here is a "parable," strictly speaking. Here is a narration of facts that may have occurred just as they are related, while, as they stand, they have another and a parallel meaning in the realm of spiritual truth. God is the lord of the vineyard. The vineyard is God's church. The tenants in charge of the vineyard are the members of God's church. The servants sent to the tenants, and misused by them, are God's prophets and apostles and preachers. The son of the owner of the vineyard is Jesus Christ. Originally spoken as a warning to the Jews, this parable now has its application to Christians. It is a warning to those who are the present occupants of God's vineyard here on earth. For the time being, Christians are in charge of God's earthly heritage. They are God's stewards, holding as from him and for his use all that they have and are. From time to time God sends to them his messengers asking them to give to him that which is his own. Any indignity to one of God's servants is an indignity to God, who sent him. And, be it remembered, a child, a poor woman, a person in prison or in a hospital, an applicant for help of any sort which ought to be given, and which we can supply, may be one of God's messengers to us.

Above all, Jesus Christ is to be recognized as worthy of all reverence and honor as God's loved and loving Son. If he be rejected by us, it is right that we be removed from God's heritage, and worthy workers be put in our places. What a responsibility rests upon us in the stewardship of which God has assigned us!

ADDED POINTS.

In one sense, Jesus Christ is never absent from his heritage. In another sense, Jesus Christ is away from his people until his second coming to earth. In this latter sense, we are on trial all the time as if in his absence. A servant of one whom we should honor ought to be recognized as his Master's servant, even though we have never seen him before. The responsibility is on us to know a messenger of God when he comes to us as a messenger. It is not the evil-doer alone who has to suffer in this world. God's faithful servants are sometimes ill-treated and shamefully abused just because they are God's servants. If we must suffer, how much better it is that we suffer undeservedly! God has too much love for his earthly heritage to leave it always in the hands of those who are misusing it. There is comfort in this thought to those who wish well to that heritage. Nothing makes men angrier than the truth when it comes to them as evil-doers. It is less trying to be lied about, than to have the truth that cuts come home to us.—Sunday School Times.

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THE MAN AND THE CENTAUR.

UPON the mountain-heights thou goest. As swift as some fierce wind-swept flag; Thy doom thou scornest while thou knowest Men mock thy name.

But thou—thou hast the mountain splendor, The lonely streams, blue lakes serene; Would'st thou these virgin haunts surrender For man's demesne?

Would'st thou for peaks where eagles gather When moonwhite skies show flush with dawn, Where drench'd with dew thy chieftain-father Is far withdrawn—

Would'st thou all these exchange, give over Thy wild free joys and all delights, Thy proud and passionate mountain lover, Thy starry nights,

For that dear life in huddled places Where men like ants move to and fro, Tired men, with ever on their faces The shadow of woe?

I would not change—did not the waters, I did not the winds, all sentient things Proclaim that we, the sons and daughters Of Time's first kings.

That we must change and pass and perish Even as autumnal leaves that fall, Even as the wind the hill-flowers cherish, At winter's call;

That we, even we, should know no morrow, For as our body, so our soul; O Human, fair thy life of sorrow, Thou hast a Goal!

—William Sharp, in Independent.

THAD, BUSHNELL'S RISE AND PROGRESS.

"I hold it truth with him who sings To one clear harp in divers tones, That men may rise on stepping stones Of their dead selves to higher things." —Tennyson.

"Here's yer Sun 'er a Herald, Times, Tribune—paper, sur."

"No, certainly not; don't you know it's wicked to sell papers on Sabbath, boy?" and the speaker, a lank, sepulchral-looking deacon, frowned heavily and "passed by on the other side," lamenting the depravity of the human race in general, newboys in particular.

That worthy, however, far from being suitably impressed, merely ejaculated audibly, "Gracious! ain't we pious," and continued to ply his trade with unabated zeal.

"Here's yer Sun 'er a Herald, Tribune, sur" addressing a pleasant-faced young man, wearing a red carnation in his button-hole.

"Not this time," he answered smiling, "can't you earn enough in six days of the week to support you over the sabbath?" This question, asked with simple directness, completely nonplussed the city wad.

"Dunno if I could," he said slowly. "Fact is, I never tried it on. An old chap wot just went by, asked me if I didn't know it was wicked to sell papers on Sunday. That never struck me nuther."

"What is your name, please?" inquired the gentleman, surveying the ragged figure before him.

"Thad Bushnell."

"Mine is Ralph Irving; now we shall get on better, I think. See here, Thad, if I buy up all your papers, will you promise not to sell any more to-day?"

The newboy's eyes opened to their widest extent as he listened to this unheard-of proposal; that a total stranger should evince so great an interest in him was incomprehensible.

"I won't sell any more papers terday, anyway," he said at last, "yer needn't buy 'em off of me."

Ralph smiled. "No, that wouldn't do at all. I'm not going to have you lose money by trying to do right. Make out your bill and I'll gladly pay you. What do you do with yourself on Sabbath, Thad?" he added when this little business transaction was completed.

"Me? Oh, when the papers is sold, I hang round corners with lots of other fellows and watch wot's goin' on. Sometimes we have a good, rousin' fight, but generally a cop comes along 'fore we gets our hand in," the last clause was uttered regretfully. Irving prudently concealed a tendency to shudder.

"From that, I should judge, you don't trouble church and Sabbath-school much," he said with assumed carelessness.

Thad jingled the loose coin in his one whole pocket, and shook his head. "Nary; don't ketch me goin' there."

"Why not?"

"Wot d'ye want to know for? I tell yer, Mister, 'tain' no use. I ain't a goin' ter be roped inter nun o' your misshun schools, so there!" and Thad's left foot was brought down upon the pavement with a decisive thump.

Irving drew his watch. I can't stop any longer now, Thad; I'm late for church already. But I wish you'd come and see me this afternoon. I'd like to talk with you further. Will you come?" Ralph looked him squarely in the eye as he spoke; and Thad's momentary hesitation gave place to a prompt "Yes, I'll come; where to?"

"This is my address; I'll expect you at half past three; good-bye till then;" and, raising his hat with a courtly grace which Thad secretly envied and outwardly made a ludicrous attempt to imitate, Irving went his way.

That afternoon Thad was missing from his accustomed haunts; his companions speculated as to his whereabouts, but their many surmises flew wide of the mark. What would have beheld the unique spectacle of Thad seated in a luxurious arm-chair in the Irving library, partaking of cake and almonds, and chatting with his host with a freedom which surprised himself.

"You said this morning that you were decidedly opposed to attending church or Sabbath-school; will you tell me why, Thad?" Ralph asked, when the conversation had drifted into personal channels again.

"Hain't got no objection in life. Church is orful dry; I never went only

once't, and then the minister put me to sleep quicker'n a wink. Them misshun schools o' yourn ain't no go nuther. I'd a sight ruther sell papers than hev to learn them ten Wat-er-call ums."

Ralph leaned back in his chair and stroked his mustache to hide a lurking smile. "Do you know how to read?" he inquired presently.

"A little; what I learned from the papers."

"Can you read?" The guest replied by a negative shake of his head; a shapely head it was and covered with a thick shock of brown hair, that sadly needed a brush and comb to reduce it to a normal degree of order.

A pause followed. Finally Ralph roused himself and said briskly, "Thad, I want to strike a bargain with you. Here you are, nearly seventeen; are you going to be satisfied with merely selling papers all your lifetime?"

"Wot else kin a feller do?" queried Thad dubiously.

"I'll tell you what a certain fellow can do if he's got grit enough. You can come to me three evenings a week and I'll teach you until you needn't feel ashamed to go to night school. What do you say to my proposal?"

"I'm yer man for the job and no mistake!" exclaimed Thad exuberantly. "But I say," he added thankfully, "yer doin' the han'sum thing by me, yer are."

Irving smiled as he answered, "I don't intend that the favor shall be entirely on my side. I expect you to join my Sabbath-school class and let me teach you the Ten Commandments as well as the rule of three."

"Here's my hand on it; yer kin count on Thad Bushnell ter the last innin'. Nobody ever tried to give me a lift before. Sum laughed at me, and sum preached at me; but not one o' 'em said 'Come along and I'll see how ye'll work.' What makes yer want ter help a chap like me, Mister?"

"Because," Irving spoke earnestly, "if I were in yer place, I'd want somebody to help me. I'm very sure I would. But there is One who has watched over you all your life, and is more ready and willing to help you than I am."

"Not as I know on," observed Thad sagely. "I've had ter shift for myself ever since I kin remember. Who d'ye mean?"

And then, for the first time, Thad listened to that wonderful "sweet story of old," so old, yet ever new.

The room had grown dusky when Ralph ceased speaking.

"And did he really git hung up there on that cross jist for a chap wot he didn't know nothin' about?" Thad asked, drawing a long breath. "Jimminy! but they was terribly rough on him; don't see how he ever stood it; ef I'd a bin there, I'd a pitched inter them folks like sixty. And yer said it was all gospel truth?" the hazel eyes were very wistful in their mute appeal. Irving rose and laid his hand kindly on the boy's shoulder; slight as the action was, it gave Thad a feeling of kinship with the wealthy, cultured man by his side.

"Yes, its true; every word of it. All we have to do is to believe it and try to copy his example."

Thad picked up his battered hat and put it on his head; then, suddenly recollecting where he was, he removed it again.

"I shan't sell no more papers on Sabbath, an' I'm comin' to that ere class o' yourn. Yer a brick ter lern me riter and rithnertick; I shan't forget it."

An awkward attempt at a bow from Thad, a pleasant smile and cordial hand-clasp from Ralph, and the two parted.

And this was only the first of a long series of visits which Thad paid to the Irving mansion. Though not what might strictly be termed a brilliant student, yet he proved himself by no means deficient in grit and in unaltering determination to succeed. Slowly, very slowly, he began to make perceptible progress; little by little he gained clearer views of what was right and what was wrong; his personal appearance also greatly improved as time went on. The well-proportioned, neatly-dressed young man who occupies the position of assistant book-keeper in the office of Irving & Son would hardly be recognized as the ragged, illiterate newboy whom Ralph met that Sabbath morning years ago.

Ralph Irving has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and is held in high esteem by them; but I doubt if there is one who would more cheerfully render any sacrifice, at whatever cost, for him, than his ex-protégé, Thad Bushnell.—Augsburg Teacher.

A SMART DOG.

One afternoon a group of little children were playing on a pier which ran far out into the water of a deep lake. While engaged in a game of romps one of the boys stepped back and fell into the water. His little friends called loudly for assistance, but no one came. As he was sinking for the third time, however, a noble Newfoundland dog rushed down to the pier, jumped into the water and pulled the little boy out.

The children now divided into bands—one was to take the rescued child to his mother and father; the other was to lead the dog to a baker's shop, where he was fed on cakes until he could eat no more. The next afternoon the same group of children were playing on the pier. The brave dog came trotting

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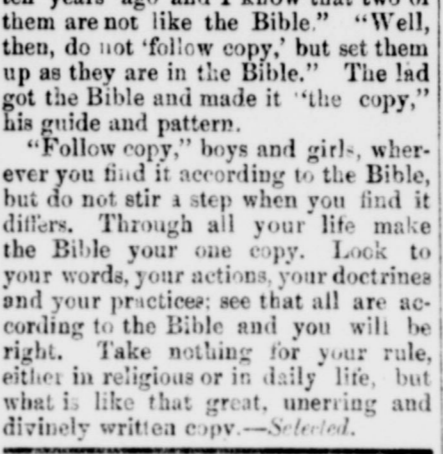
down to them, with many friendly wags and nods. The children stroked and petted him, but offered no refreshments. "Why do they give me nothing to eat?" the dog asked himself. "Ah, I see!" it is because I have pulled no little child out of the water to-day." Upon this he went up to a little girl who stood near the edge of the pier, and gave her a gentle push into the water. Then he sprang in after her, and gravely brought her to the shore. Of course, he was treated to cakes again. But on the next day the children were forbidden to play on the pier, so he had no further chance to earn his supper by rescuing a child from the water. Was he not a smart dog?—Our Little Ones.

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"Follow copy," boys and girls, wherever you find it according to the Bible, but do not stir a step when you find it differs. Through all your life make the Bible your one copy. Look to your words, your actions, your doctrines and your practices; see that all are according to the Bible and you will be right. Take nothing for your rule, either in religious or in daily life, but what is like that great, unerring and divinely written copy.—Selected.



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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

West Texas, San Antonio, Texas, Bishop Galloway, Oct. 29.

Northwest Texas, Abilene, Texas, Bishop Key, Thursday, Nov. 12.

North Texas, Texas, Texas, Bishop Key, Nov. 12.

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MEETING OF THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Joint Board of Publication will meet in session at 9 a. m., Wednesday, October 22, at the ADVOCATE office, corner of Main and Akard streets, in the city of Dallas.

J. H. McLEAN, Chairman of the Board.

CHRIST AND THE SICK.

A beautiful and touching incident in the life of the Master was the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. Nothing appealed to his heart so readily as helpless suffering, and all the manifestations of his divine power were made to supplement human helplessness. No sooner did he learn that this woman was sick than his heart went out in sympathy and his power was exerted to relieve. In all true sympathy there is a fellow ship of suffering. There is a real reciprocity. A fellowship of strength and weakness. A giving and receiving. When the Savior "touched her hand" (Matt.), "took her by the hand and raised her up" (Mark), Peter's mother-in-law felt in the touch of life the fellowship of power and helplessness. It was not the touch that expelled the fever, for Luke says that he rebuked the fever and it left her, but the touch of the hand was a sign of communication to the woman. Every one knows how much of heart communication there may be in the touch of the hand. It helped the woman to appropriate the healing power.

This fellowship of suffering by our Lord was still further manifested on the same day, when great multitudes of sick people were brought to him late in the evening after the close of the Sabbath and he healed them, so much so that Matthew applies Isaiah's impassioned utterances on the atonement, and says: "Himself took our infirmities and bore our diseases." He felt the sufferings of the people as his own, and imparted his life to them. This is the Christ-spirit, and the Christ-spirit is Christianity. Christianity is not a mere predication of heaven. It is not a mere proclamation that in heaven there will be no sin,

sickness nor sorrow, but it is the active principle of heaven in operation. The religion that neglects the sick, poor and suffering is of the earth earthy.

The greatest blessing Peter's mother-in-law received was not physical health, but the Christ-spirit. "Immediately she rose up and ministered unto them." The gift she received was at once consecrated in the service of the Lord. Her own need being supplied she began at once to supply others. The gifts of Christianity are for use. Its blessing and joys are more in the use than the possession. In fact there is no real possession except in the use. Salvation is not simply an insurance against the fires of torment, but the power of a heavenly life operating to make other lives heavenly. The man or the church which brings the most heaven to the world in this life will lead the most men to the heaven above.

THE DALLAS SUNDAY LAW FOR SALOONS.

Elsewhere we publish an article from a correspondent in the Fort Worth Gazette on the effects of closing the saloons on Sunday. The good people of that city are to be commended for the interest they are manifesting in seeing that the laws are enforced, and congratulated that they have officers who are faithful enough to the trusts committed to them to enforce the laws. We commend the example of Fort Worth to Dallas and other Texas cities on this subject. The city of Dallas has a peculiar law on Sunday observance by the saloons. We had always thought that law was to control the practice of its subjects, but the noble fathers of Dallas have reversed the old way, and instead of endeavoring to force the saloon to conform its practice to law, they have conformed the law to the practice of the saloon. In times past, when there was one Sunday law for State and city, which operated upon the saloon as upon other occupations, the saloon closed its front door in conformity to the law, but in violation of the law it kept a more or less secret entrance through the back way. This ancient practice of the saloon now conforms to laws of this city. The fathers aforesaid, in compassion to the saloon and the thirty population of the city, have classified saloon doors into week doors and Sunday doors. The front door is for secular day drinking, but the back door is for Sunday drinking. The municipal law of Dallas says to the saloon: your ancient custom is a good one—close your front door on Sunday, but you may keep open the back and side doors, except during the hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

In fact, the Dallas Sunday law, so far as the saloon is concerned, is a farce, and is but a little way removed from a complete farce in all respects, as the City Council only recognizes a seven hour Sabbath. The municipal Sunday law is enacted under the special privilege granted in the city charter to manage its own affairs in this respect. Consequently, the State Sunday law is one thing while the city law is quite another. The ADVOCATE has called attention previously to the evils of making cities exceptions to the control of State laws. Besides other evils, it puts the better classes of larger cities at the mercy of the corrupt and vicious elements which are sure to congregate in them. The Sunday laws of Dallas afford a case in point: We have only to refer to the Sunday ordinance to see the influence of the saloon element on the city government, and these schools of lawlessness are multiplying to an alarming extent in the city. Let the law and order-loving citizen of Dallas be aware.

Here is a place for reform, and it is high time that something be done. We suggest a petition to the next Legislature to so reform the city's charter as to make the laws enacted by the city government conform to the State law, and that the candidates for the Legislature be impressed with a public sentiment that will make them use their influence for such a reform.

THE COLLECTION.

We have received a complimentary ticket to the third annual Alford and North Texas District Fair, October 4th to 11th. Thanks.

When does our conference meet? November 5th or 13th? The Nashville Advocate says 5th and Texas Advocate says 13th. Who is right? E. A. SMITH.

The Texas Advocate is correct. The central organ ought to give the church a revised list of Episcopal appointments. A great many changes have been made.

"He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him." This proverb of Solomon finds an illustration in the oft repeated assertion of Episcopal papers and preachers that that church is increasing faster than any other Protestant organization in this country, and promises to absorb the others. Carefully gathered statistics recently

published in the Independent show that during the past year the Methodist Church increased 5 2/5 per cent, the Baptist 5 1/5, the Congregational 3 2/5 nearly, and the Episcopal Church 2 1/5 nearly. To an Episcopalian this may promise "absorption" of other denominations, but it doesn't appear so to his "neighbor."

It is said since Congressman Kilgore kicked open the door to break a quorum several Eastern shoe and boot firms have telegraphed him for permission to use his name for a new boot, to be called the Kilgore boot, which will be warranted to kick open any door without breaking a stitch.

DR. CHAPMAN, of the Little Rock Conference, has written a book of travels which deserves a place in every library. Most of us will never see the "Lands of the Orient," and it is a treat to have a book which so vividly describes them. As we pored over its pages we felt as if we were a fellow-traveler and beheld with our own eyes.

The book is copiously illustrated, rich in personal and historical incidents and emphasizes the mission movement. The tremendous issues at stake in the East changes rapidly going on in Eastern lands are too little realized by the Christian world. Dr. Chapman has been happy in reflecting the times, and the reading of his book will quicken zeal and inspire hope.

THE ADVOCATE congratulates the Oak Cliff precinct on the result of the local option election. Prohibition carried by a handsome majority. Our joy on this account makes us sympathize all the more with those localities which are cursed with the saloons.

THE joke is on the bishop; at least, this is our opinion. Bunking in a sleeper next to Bishop Hargrove, the porter, returning our shoes after blacking them, made an exchange. We got off first, and on putting on the shoes did not notice the difference, but after walking some distance discovered that something was wrong. Next morning an examination showed that we had the wrong shoes; and while they were a little loose on our feet, yet they were reasonably comfortable. But when the bishop went to get off at Nashville in vain did he pull and tug to draw the editorial shoes over his episcopal feet, and had to wear his slippers until he could get to a shoe store. For a little more than twenty-four hours we were in episcopal shoes and feel the effects yet; but to wear editorial shoes is more than the bishop can do.—Central Methodist.

We make no conceit or claim as a church jurist. But it has been in our mind along as a cardinal point in our economy that a bishop, and a bishop only, could transfer a preacher from one conference to another. We have not seen anywhere in our Code or Constitution that it is the functions of a General Conference to empty preachers out of one conference into another, directly or indirectly. It may have been done hitherto.—Richmond Advocate.

The College is against you there, Bro. Lafferty, but your opinion seems to us to be correct, nevertheless. There is a case on record where the General Conference cut two or three counties from one conference and gave them to another, and the College decided that the preachers in the cut-off territory were transferred with the territory. And strange to say, these men transferred by the General Conference were required to send their collections to the conference from which they were transferred, while they reported the figures to the conference to which they were transferred.

I BELIEVE that the presiding eldership is the center wheel in Methodist economy. A live presiding elder can make what he wants to make out of his district. He can do anything with it he makes up his mind to do. But there is no sinecure, no nominal position, and you may well believe it. The presiding elder ought to have the qualities of a general in him. He ought to be able to plant captains and squadrons in the field, and to lead them to victory. His position is that of a superintendent and overseer, and he ought to impress himself on every charge and every preacher on his charge, and if he makes up his mind to do it he can do it. I have seen some wonderful results brought about by presiding elders who were presiding elders—wonderful.—Bishop Key.

It is sweet and affecting when a man learns the divine art of "coming down," and himself suggests that he be placed in less imposing and less exacting work than formerly. Let such a spirit in the old preacher be drawn out and increased by a broad liberality and a tender-hearted cordiality in the churches. Make a better moneyed provision for him, in proportion; he is no longer so able to shift for himself. Provide him assistance, whether he hints for it or does not, or even objects to it. Overrule his sensitive declining, and insist on his having the aid that will take drudgery off his aged shoulders;

that will let him rest, recruit, if need be go away for a time. Our better churches have ample ability to do this. They can pay, if they will, two or three pastors. Let the aged men have easy places, and do not hasten their departure by exactions of what younger men could do.—Richmond Advocate.

REV. J. L. PIERCE, of Greenville, struck the key-note when he wrote the following: "Please send me fifty sample copies of the ADVOCATE for the new members."

THE publishers of the Southwestern Methodist and St. Louis Advocate have done a wise thing in consolidating those papers, most excellent as both are, and as much as we will miss the regular visits of the Southwestern Methodist. In addition to the other advantages, this consolidation will give the St. Louis Advocate a constituency that will not render it necessary for its publishers to continue the policy of Mr. Dameron in attempts to invade the territory of other Advocates. The TEXAS ADVOCATE assumes that it is not the desire of the new publishers to pursue a policy without any foundation in fairness.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Texas is advancing in civilization. Three or four weeks ago a letter came to the War Department from Lieut. Scott, asking to be relieved from duty at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan. He gave as a reason that he was not properly supported in his work. The War Department instituted an inquiry. The faculty, through Master Rose, of the State Grange, replied, indorsing the lieutenant's application for removal. Mr. Rose admitted that Lieut. Scott was not being properly sustained and gave as the reason that the lieutenant had actually sworn in the presence of the boys and furthermore had committed the grievous offense of going hunting on Sunday. When Secretary Proctor received the letter of Master Rose he immediately ordered Lieut. Scott to other duty and sent second Lieut. D. C. Morse of the twenty-third infantry to the highly moral Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan.—Washington (D. C.) Correspondence Dal.-Gal. News.

It is to the credit of the A. and M. College management that a quiet method to rid the college of Lieut. Scott was adopted. It has for some time been known to the faculty and immediate friends of the college that Lieut. Scott was not the proper person for the position occupied. It may be a surprise to the character of correspondents employed by the News that patrons of the college do not desire their sons under the influence of profane and Sabbath-desecrating teachers. Any sort of moral sentiment might surprise such a paper or its correspondents. Such a paper and its correspondents, for aught we know to the contrary, might be surprised that the most adroit methods of swearing, breaking the Sabbath, accepting bribes, and many other phases of immorality, are not taught at the A. and M. College. But the people will approve the A. and M. College management all the same.—Texas Farmer.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Bishop Key, after an absence of about three months, was expected to return home Tuesday or Wednesday.

—The Rev. L. P. Lively was in to see us the other day. We were glad to see him. He was looking well.

—The Rev. J. D. Martin, of Plano, who has been preaching the past week at Oak Lawn, made us several pleasant calls.

—We have learned that Miss Dona Hamilton, missionary to China, the precarious condition of whose health we published some time since, is dead. We extend sympathy to her sorrowing mother and friends.

—P. P. Norwood, Esq., once a member of the Texas Conference, died in Waco at 8 a. m. September 25 and was buried at Marlin. The ADVOCATE extends sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

—The Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of the Northwest Texas Conference, has completed the theological course in the Chautauqua University and has received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He is a hard student and well deserves his diploma.

—The friends of Rev. J. L. Kennedy, of the Texas Conference, will regret to learn that, owing to his wife's health, he has been compelled to leave his work. He is now at Boerne, Texas. His correspondents will address him at that point.

J. H. Hiner, Granbury, Sept. 24: Bro. J. W. Kizzier, who was reported dangerously sick in the last issue of the ADVOCATE, is able to be up again and is visiting his people, though he has not entirely recovered yet. Bro. J. H. Collard, Jr., is conducting a revival here, and is doing a good work.

—Mr. Thos E. Burrows sends to the ADVOCATE his wife's renewal of subscription—a business letter. The usual "postscript" however, for which womankind is noted, had to be added to the letter. We print it, with thanks: "Mrs. B. has just said, tell you she could not get along without the ADVOCATE."

—The ADVOCATE extends sympathy to Sister Bonner, wife of the Rev. M. N. Bonner, of Tyler, who has not been able to leave her room for six weeks past on account of injuries received from a fall. Bro. Bonner was eighty-four years old the last inst. He has two brothers living in Texas, one of whom is eighty-two years of age and the other eighty.

—Mr. Charles Hunter Ross, late fellow of the Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed professor of English in the Southwestern University and has arrived to take his place. In 1886 he graduated from the A. and M. Col-

lege at Auburn, Ala., with the degrees B. S. and C. E., and in 1888, after having taught two years elsewhere, he entered the Johns Hopkins University, where he won a university scholarship and a fellowship which he held during the years 1889-90. These distinctions already won prophesy for him success in his new field of labor.

—We had the pleasure of worshipping last Sunday with the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth. The pastor, Rev. R. C. Armstrong, B. D., has had a prosperous year. Nearly every Sunday additions have been made to the membership and improvements have been made on the building costing about \$6000. Comfortable circular pews have taken the place of the chairs and the whole interior of the church has been made to present a much better appearance. We heard while there a good report from Dr. Morrison, who spent several days there recently. In the afternoon we looked in on the Mulkey Memorial and found in session a most flourishing Sunday-school Missionary Society. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Brooks, stated that the collections from dues up to date amounted to about \$30.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

—Los Angeles Advocate: Bishop Fitzgerald's services were several times called into requisition during the conference in the baptism of young children, one at least of whom we remember bore the bishop's name.

—Los Angeles Advocate: One fact is worthy of note: While in the older conferences, such as Tennessee, North Georgia and others, the average contributions per capita is from 25 to 50 cents, with us the average during the past year has been about \$1—a little more—per capita. Let those who have discounted and disparaged our work in California study these figures.

—St. Louis appointments: South St. Louis District—W. R. Mays, P. E.; Centenary, B. Caradine; St. Paul's, J. H. Early; Marvin Chapel and Victor Street, J. Stepha; Carondele, to be supplied by G. W. Moore. West St. Louis District—T. M. Finney, P. E.; First Church, Felix R. Hill; St. John's, J. Mathews; Cook Avenue, B. M. Messick; Lafayette Park, S. H. Werleis; Bellefontaine, H. Hanesworth.

—Norfolk Landmark, Sept. 17: Rev. R. N. Slidd, D. D., pastor of Centenary Church, leaves to-day for Montreal, Canada, as fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Canadian General Conference, now in session in Montreal. He will be gone ten days, including one Sunday, the next, on which day his pulpit will be filled by Rev. Dr. Johnson, of Baltimore. Dr. Slidd says his time will be altogether occupied by the business of his mission, and that he will return as soon as his work is over.

—St. Louis Advocate: Bishop Key captured the Missouri Conference—and said some who ought to know. He kept the spiritual feature prominent all the way through; called for penitents at the memorial service and treated the one who came in Methodist fashion. At the love-feast he bore testimony to his personal experience of the great doctrine of Methodism. More than once he brushed away a tear; though he said he would not cry over the Missouri Conference, his tender feeling for the brethren made some of them cry.

—Statistics St. Louis Conference: Number of local preachers, 133; members, 20,314; total, 29,447; increase, 1435; infants baptized, 937; increase, 135; adults baptized, 1441; increase, 173; Sunday-schools, 214; increase, 18; Sunday-school teachers, 1747; increase, 144; Sunday-school scholars, 15,674; increase, 2578. Besides these, there has been an increase on nearly all other lines. Collections for church extensions, \$1738 40; foreign missions, \$3078 10; domestic missions, \$1866 70; total, \$6683.

—Central Methodist: During the session of the Kentucky Conference three great addresses were delivered—addresses that will live in the hearts of the people for many years. The first was by Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., on the subject of Missions; the second by Rev. B. M. Messick, D. D., on the Centenary of Kentucky Methodism; the third by Rev. J. C. Morris, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Board of Church Extensions. These brethren were equal to the occasion, and thrilled their audiences by facts and figures, as well as by their eloquence.

—Arkansas Methodist: Rev. T. H. Ware, P. E. of the Washington district, says the Little Rock Conference will need at its next session a dozen or more preachers by transfer. While we were rather surprised at this announcement, we suppose Bro. Ware has learned about the probable number of applicants for admission and readmission into the conference; hence, if there will be such a demand for more preachers, it is well to publish the fact in due time. We think the White River Conference will need a number of preachers by transfer, though we have not been so advised by any presiding elder of that conference.

—Southwestern Methodist: The present week's issue of the Southwestern Methodist closes its eighth volume and with this its history and work. On last Monday the owners of the Southwestern Methodist and the St. Louis Christian Advocate met at the Young Men's Christian Association building, in Kansas City, Mo., the resident Bishop, E. R. Hendrix, being present as chairman, and there agreed upon terms by which the property of the Methodist was consolidated with that of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. It was agreed by the owners of the Advocate to carry out the purposes of the Methodist in maintaining an editor's office and book depository in Kansas City, thus secur-

ing to Kansas City and the rapidly developing country in the west all the benefits of a local paper.

—Secretary of St. Louis Conference in St. Louis Advocate: We had one of the most quiet sessions that I have ever known, scarcely a zephyr to break the calm. Bishop Keener held the reins firmly. His sermon on Sunday morning was remarkable alike for its simplicity and profundity. Pure gospel sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. The love feast was a gracious season. All in all the session was unusually spiritual. Tears of joy and shouts of triumph were the order of the day. I am not sure, however, that there was remarkable rejoicing over the appointments. Some were disappointed; however, oftentimes the hardest appointments bring with them the greatest blessings. At least I have had that experience. Dr. Morris, Assistant Church Extension Secretary, made a forcible appeal to us on Saturday afternoon. The General Conference made no mistake in its selection in his case. Dr. Barbee was on hand, wide awake, full of business and religion, too. He usually says something when he speaks. His sermon on Christian liberality ought to be printed and circulated broadly. We had neither of the Mission Secretaries with us, but there was an admirable substitute in the person of Dr. Parker, of the China mission. He stirred up the missionary spirit among us well nigh to fever heat until it seemed as though the conference might be depleted considerably if the board were to accept all those desirous to go to the front.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

We are pleased to say to the friends of the university that we have had a most satisfactory opening. The enrollment is largely in advance of any former year of similar date. The second day showed an advance of forty-six over like date of last year. The rate of increase is slightly larger in the Annex than in the university. The total number at the close of the week is about 340, a little more than one-third being young ladies. Our enlarged patronage has brought forcefully to our consideration the need of enlarged accommodations. The new Annex building is likely to be filled to its present capacity, and it might not be amiss to be looking to the future. The helping hand is filed to overflowing. A goodly number could not be accommodated, and some have been kept from coming on this account. We need greatly the prospective West Texas cottage. This would give some relief. Perhaps our greatest need at the present is enlarged accommodations for the fitting-school. Could we have ample grounds and a suitable boarding-house in connection with this department, where inexperienced youth would be under the direct care of the principal, a most important desideratum would be met. Or, what would be still better, for some large-hearted benefactor to donate a sum sufficient to erect, upon a new campus, buildings adequate to the accommodation of the university, and transfer the present grounds and accommodations of the university to the fitting-school. In a material sense the university should be better represented than now, and we are led to exclaim, "How I grieve, O Lord, how long," before men of heart and means will turn their attention and direct their aid to the development and enlargement of one of the most potent factors for good in our great and growing State? But we shall not wait, God be praised for what has been done, and let us trust him for yet more abundant blessing. Prof. Cody having felt unable to meet the heavy and responsible duties of the chair of mathematics and the additional care of the boarding department of the Annex, resigned this last position, which has been assigned to Prof. R. F. Young. Whilst there was regret at the retirement of Prof. Cody from this important and responsible place which he had filled so satisfactorily, we are exceedingly fortunate in having one so competent as Prof. Young to succeed this worthy predecessor. Prof. Burkhead still commands the helping hand, to the delight of all. Again, do regret and delight follow in close succession, in the resignation of Prof. Callaway, of the chair of English, and in securing through his aid his fellow-student of the Johns Hopkins University, Prof. Chas. H. R. as, of Alabama. Dr. Callaway has been elected to the chair of assistant professor of English, of the State University, and will take his position at their opening on the 24th inst. Prof. Ross is en route for this place, and will be installed by his predecessor on the 22d inst. We congratulate the State upon securing the services of this scholarly, Christian gentleman, and ourselves upon being able to render such valuable aid, without detriment, as we trust, to our own institution. Miss Lula Grant, true and tried, takes the place of that efficient teacher and untiring Christian worker, Miss Lucy Harper, in the primary department of the Ladies' Annex. Miss Harper enters the service of the Woman's Board of Missions, and is assigned to duty in the Laredo Seminary. Again, we are happy to contribute to this arm of service, sorrowing to part with one so faithful and efficient, but thankful that we fill the place with a worthy successor. All who know Mrs. E. B. Harding, sister of Mrs. Bishop Parker, of New Orleans, will congratulate us upon securing the services of this cultured, Christian lady, as teacher of voice culture in the Ladies' Annex. Likewise are we fortunate in strengthening our corps of music teachers with the addition of Mrs. Maggie B. Crawford, so well and favorably known to our community. The fitting-school has a valuable acquisition in Prof. W. J. Barcus, B. S., graduate of this university, of the class of 1884. The name stands

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Church Notices.

Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec) and days of the week, listing church services.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Jasper cir. at Peach Tree. Oct 11, 12. Alton cir. at Far S. Chapel. Oct 11, 12.

MONTAGE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Burlington cir. at Burlington. Oct 4, 5. Alford cir. at Alford. Oct 11, 12.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Madison cir. at Cove Springs. Oct 11, 12. Enterprise cir. at Bethel. Oct 11, 12.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Killen cir. at Cedar Knob. Oct 11, 12. Hamilton cir. at Hamilton. Oct 11, 12.

VERNON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Plainview cir. at Plainview. Oct 4, 5. Maudslow cir. at Maudslow. Oct 11, 12.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Commercial cir. at Deshler. Oct 11, 12. DeBerry cir. at Zion. Oct 11, 12.

GLEBE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Nolan River cir. at Blinn. Oct 4, 5. Stephenville cir. at Stephenville. Oct 11, 12.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Do Rio cir. at Do Rio. Oct 11, 12. Eagle Pass cir. at Eagle Pass. Oct 11, 12.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Kyle cir. at Kyle. Oct 11, 12. Dripping Springs cir. at Wimberly. Oct 11, 12.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. May cir. at May. Oct 4, 5. Brownwood cir. at Brownwood. Oct 11, 12.

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Italy cir. at Italy. Oct 11, 12. Sins and Glenwood cir. at Glenwood. Oct 11, 12.

CALVERT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Fairfield cir. at Fairfield. Oct 4, 5. Centerville cir. at Centerville. Oct 11, 12.

CAMERON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Milano cir. at Milano. Oct 4, 5. Comstock cir. at Comstock. Oct 11, 12.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Gainesville cir. at Woodbine. Oct 4, 5. Dexter cir. at Dexter. Oct 4, 5.

SAN SABA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Round Mountain and Rockvale. Oct 11, 12. Pottocir. at Pottocir. Oct 11, 12.

CUERO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Leville cir. at Liberty. Oct 4, 5. Snyder cir. at Snyder. Oct 11, 12.

TYLER DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Tyler cir. at Cedar sta. Oct 4, 5. Lendale cir. at Lendale. Oct 11, 12.

ABELINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Stonewall cir. at Rayner. Oct 4, 5. Anson cir. at Anson. Oct 11, 12.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Augusta cir. at Augusta. Oct 11, 12. Roma cir. at Roma. Oct 11, 12.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Kelleyville cir. at Hughes Springs. Oct 11, 12. Linden cir. at Linden. Oct 11, 12.

WACO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Groesbeck Central Institute. Oct 4, 5. Thornton cir. at Thornton. Oct 11, 12.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Campbell cir. at Campbell. Oct 11, 12. Carroll cir. at Carroll. Oct 11, 12.

PORT WORTH DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Alvarado cir. at Alvarado. Oct 11, 12. Marston cir. at Marston. Oct 11, 12.

HUNTSMVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. God Spring cir. at God Spring. Oct 4, 5. M. Johnson cir. at Oxford. Oct 11, 12.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Goshawk cir. at Goshawk. Oct 4, 5. White and Marvin, at Marvin. Oct 11, 12.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Finis cir. at West Keokah. Oct 11, 12. Strahan cir. at Strahan. Oct 11, 12.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Burton and Giddings, at Burton. Oct 4, 5. Elgin and Manor, at Manor. Oct 11, 12.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Rogers cir. at Centennial. Oct 4, 5. Georgetown cir. at Georgetown. Oct 11, 12.

PARIS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Roxton cir. at Roxton. Oct 4, 5. Lamar Avenue sta. Oct 4, 5.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Belcher Ten. Oct 11, 12. Cochran and Cattell. Oct 11, 12.

TERRELL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. McClendon cir. at Blackland. Oct 4, 5. Merritt cir. at Midway. Oct 11, 12.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Merriam cir. at Merriam. Oct 11, 12. Manchaca cir. at Manchaca. Oct 11, 12.

BONHAM DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Brookston cir. at White Oak. Oct 4, 5. Leonard cir. at Orange Grove. Oct 11, 12.

COOPER'S CHRIST DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Kennedy cir. at Mineral City. Oct 4, 5. Helena cir. at Helena. Oct 11, 12.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Shelbyville cir. at Shelbyville. Oct 11, 12.

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MARRIAGES. RUSSELL-HALSIL. In the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Richardson, Texas, at 8:30 p. m., September 15, 1890.

OBITUARIES. The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 120 to 150 words.

OBITUARIES. ANOLD. Little Frank Arnold departed this life September 2. His stay on earth was short—only one year and seven months.

OBITUARIES. HAMILTON. J. H. Hamilton (67 years of age, I believe), a faithful Christian and an ardent student of Bell's Gospel.

OBITUARIES. HICKEL. Elizabeth Hickel was born in Madison County, Alabama, April 16, 1826; moved to Texas in the year 1845.

OBITUARIES. DIXON. Electra Estelle, the baby daughter of M. W. and N. E. Dixon, was born in Hunt county, Texas, August 24, 1880.

OBITUARIES. CLAY. Bro. E. L. Clay died at his home in Tyler, Texas, August 25, 1890. He was forty-seven years of age the 22d of last January.

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Obituary-Texas.

Mrs. S. A. Palmer, Albany, Co. H. W. Lyday, Bonham; Miss Laura Owen, near Bonham; Miss Sallie Souerleff, of Sherman, California; Mrs. Fannie Armstrong, Center; George Ray, Clarendon; Dr. J. D. Wright, Comanche; Mrs. John Farrer, Commerce; F. R. Brassart, Corsicana; Phil Welch, Dalby Springs; Mrs. Rebecca Tippen, Decatur; Mrs. Rosalie Hankinson, Floresville; Mrs. Eva Frison, Fort Clark; Mrs. Nora Carpenter, Gainesville; Mrs. Lizzie Burke, Gainesville; Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders, Henderson; Jopp Evans, Frank Bryant, Groves; Venus Carson, Frank Allen, Mrs. C. B. Allen, Mrs. Christian Engle, Mrs. Ellen Shaughnessy, Mrs. George Baker, Houston; M. F. Wallace, Kyle; W. H. Harper, Lewisville; W. C. Herndon, Longview; Mrs. J. J. Beard, Marble Falls; Mrs. Florence Redden, Marlin; Mrs. S. L. Garrett, of Texarkana, at Marshall; Mrs. Mary E. Mullins, Miss Lucy Furgus, Little Harry Walston, Marshall; Miss Ada B. Ainsp, A. C. Connor, Meridian; Ross O'Donnell, Mineral Wells; H. L. Pettit, Nolanville; Miss Jennie Vernon; Mrs. Nancy Magee, Quanah; Thomas M. Massey, Randolph; Will Jones, Rayner; W. C. Lanham, Mrs. Susan Ann Lanham, Mrs. John Lindsey, Rockwall; David B. Fisk, Howard Smith, San Antonio; Mrs. Jane Rose, Sunset; J. M. Matthews, Vale; Mrs. Turkin, Vernon; Mrs. Will Rush, Sully Spikes, E. P. Norwood, Waco; F. H. Stamps, Waxahatchie; Ike Davis, Whitewright.

Texas Casualties.

A freight conductor, by name of J. W. Watson, lost his life near Galveston by falling between two cars and being crushed. On the same day pieces of the body of an unknown man were found scattered along the railroad track on Galveston Island.

City Marshal Tom Nowlin, of Mexia, was shot and killed at Mexia by Constable Eubanks.

A two and one-half-year-old child of Mr. Geo. P. Taylor, of Merkle, Taylor county, was bitten by a rattlesnake and died in a few hours.

The eight-year-old son of Mr. Bev. Moler, of Greenville, lost a leg by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of a fifteen-year-old brother.

E. Christon, a young Englishman and watchmaker, fell from a tree near Dallas and broke his back. It is thought he will not recover.

Tom Greenwood, a boarding-house keeper, shot and killed a man named Henry Mason, at Houston, because Mason could not pay his board.

J. W. Day, of Bartlett, was killed September 27 by being washed to a pulp in a compress.

Some unknown party shot and killed Samuel Taylor while he was at a game of cards in a saloon at Alpine, Texas. Five buckshot took effect in the body of a bystander (Thomas, a telegraph operator), from which he died. Two years ago Taylor killed Conductor Serber, and it is supposed some friend of Serber took this method of revenge.

John Crisp, a dairyman of Fort Worth, died September 28 from effects of wounds received July 4 at the hands of a negro named Richardson. Mr. Crisp was a man of considerable educational attainments. At one time he was a man of property, living then near Sherman. The assassin has been in jail awaiting result of the wounds.

W. H. Clark was shot and killed at Marshall, Texas, by Victor S. Abbits September 28.

A railroad brakeman and a fireman had a fight at Greenville, Texas. The fireman bit of a greater part of the brakeman's chin and the brakeman bit off a finger of the fireman.

J. N. Horsford, of Montague county, exhibits a cotton-stalk six feet high and containing 900 bolls.

Henry Mason, being shot by Tom Greenwood at Houston, in his own words stated: "I believe I am going to die and you can just chuck me in the hay."

Under charges made by the First Baptist Church, of Waco, against the Baptist Church, of Marlin, the Waco Baptist Association, by a vote of seventy-seven to fifteen, withdrew fellowship from the Marlin Church.

A defaulting postmaster of De Leon, Texas, returned and paid up his shortage of \$1555.

Texas Incidents. The Fifteenth Senatorial district being unable to choose between Simpkins, Steele and Richardson for Senator, has now referred the contest to Democratic primaries. If either shall receive a majority of all votes cast he shall be declared the nominee. If not, the two receiving the highest shall be run at a second primary, to thus determine the people's choice.

Tax rolls show an increase in values as follows: Jackson county, \$119,081; Nueces county, \$18,811; Parker county, \$384,116. The Comptroller purchased Erie county bonds to the amount of \$4250 for the permanent school funds.

The Bell county fair was held the past week and was a big success. The largest attendance was on Friday, September 25, when over five thousand people were admitted at the gates.

The Callahan county fair, at Baird, the past week, proves both the wonderful resources of that section and the great enterprise of its residents. Lampasas county and Fannin county may be put down on the same list.

Sterling Price Camp, Confederate veterans, has issued the following address: "Dallas, Texas, Sept. 28.—To all ex-Confederates: Owing to the great number of Confederate reunions held in different counties throughout the State on the 7th and 8th of August, the days selected for our grand reunion at this place, and I also to the fact that we were called upon to raise funds to support the Confederate Home at Austin, where the battle-scarred old veterans, who are fast passing away, can be taken care of and their every want supplied before they are enrolled in the army of the city of the dead; and believing that it is not only for the best, but that it is our duty to make proper provisions and to give every dollar that we can spare for the benefit of our old and crippled comrades, we have, after due consideration, determined to postpone the reunion of Confederates to be held here until the 7th and 8th of August, 1891. We ask all old Confederates to be with us on the 1st day of November, it being Confederate day at our fair.—W. L. GARELL, President ex-Confederate Associates; W. L. THOMPSON, Adjutant Sterling Price Camp Filiate Veterans.

A. B. Flint, Jefferson, Texas, in the Iron News, says: There is some laundry among the farmers this season why it is that the cotton-boll does not open as fully as usual, and why it is more difficult to pick it. If they will examine they will find a new disease, or a condition, that we have never observed before. That is that nearly all the stems of the bolls are broken off about a quarter of an inch from the limb; especially is this the case in fresh land cotton, but it is more or less in all cotton. The effect is worse

than the boll-worm, as the boll perishes and in many cases only half opens and sometimes falls off. It is certainly the greatest drawback to the cotton crop that has ever occurred, as it destroys the boll after it is grown. I have about two acres that is virtually ruined in this way. It seems that the stem becomes diseased near the boll and the boll bends down, cutting off all supply from the stalk. It is certainly a diseased condition and not the oversize of the boll or the unusual length of the stem. Why has it not occurred before? It is a new thing to myself and all whose attention I have called to it.

A Tyler telegram of September 27 contains the following: On July 29 last T. M. Campbell, Master in Chancery, filed a report relating to the receipts and disbursements of T. R. Bonner and J. M. Eddy, receivers of the International and Great Northern Railway Company. All the accounts of these receivers were approved except certain sums of money paid to J. H. Brown & Co., W. Roberts, J. W. Bateman and F. T. Rembert as rebates for alleged overcharge in freight on cotton and \$1200 paid to A. H. Bello & Co., proprietors of the Galveston News and the Dallas News for advertising. The Master in Chancery recommended that the receivers receive no credit for the sums so expended, but that they be required to restate their account and credit said amounts to the general fund held by them in trust. The receivers filed exceptions to this report, denying any discrimination in favor of the persons named, and affirming that the money paid to A. H. Bello & Co. was paid for advertising under legal contract, and at less rates than those usually charged other persons or corporations. These exceptions were today withdrawn and the following order was made by Judge McCord of the Seventh judicial district: "The receivers are granted leave to withdraw their exceptions to the Master's report, and said Master's report is confirmed, and the receivers are ordered to restate their account, and it is further ordered that said receivers be charged with said amount, to-wit, the sum of \$6101.11." This order makes Col. T. R. Bonner and J. M. Eddy, the receivers, personally responsible to the general fund of the road for the amount of money, \$6101.11, by them expended in the manner above set forth.

There are many chill tonics offered the public whose efficiency depend altogether on such powerful and injurious drugs as calomel, strychnine, etc. You can not afford to take such stuff. Take the great vegetable remedy, Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It will cure you rapidly, thoroughly and permanently. Pleasant to take. Assured to cure. 75c.

The Manufacturers' Convention met at Fort Worth September 24. The nomination of temporary chairman was made by the following: J. M. Eddy, T. J. Hurley was chosen as chairman and Mr. C. C. Alan was named the secretary. A call of the list of counties revealed the following counties as represented: Baylor, J. A. Green; Bosque, T. F. Lockett; J. W. Timmes, R. E. Conning; Cass, W. McMurtry; Dallas, J. B. Simpson; Denton, C. Dickenson; Clay, W. H. Squire; D. Goodenough, W. H. Chilton; Concho, C. O. Harris; Cooke, R. D. Gribble; J. M. Lindsay; W. T. Roberts, S. J. Criss; C. Peterson, W. L. Pierce, W. E. Cunningham, J. J. Moon, J. W. Childers, J. P. McMurtry; Dallas, J. B. Simpson; Fannin, C. H. Hogue; Haskell, W. P. Poland, C. A. Gercho, J. H. Carter; Hood, A. W. Crockett, Ed Atkin, J. W. Doyle, Jesse Baker, Statten, W. A. Fields; Hill, Ed Rogers, M. D. Knox; Hopkins, W. C. Hargrove, A. P. Landers, C. O. James; Kaufman, J. H. Mueckler, A. J. Childers; McLennan, John T. Harris; Ellis, Limestone, J. F. Harley; McLennan, S. W. Skayden, A. Symes, A. J. Carruthers; Milam, John M. Hellan, J. A. Arnold; Montague, W. R. Lamb, H. A. Andrews; Navarro, S. J. T. Johnson Geo. T. Jester; Red River, H. B. Wright; Runnels, D. P. Gay, A. Mathis, J. J. Erwin, T. Tarrant, C. S. Adams, A. M. Duke, John Meagher; Taylor, James P. Masse, P. M. DeVitt, D. F. White, H. M. Henderson, J. T. Anderson, F. Bompert; Tom Green, M. Robertson, D. M. DeVitt, J. G. Murphy; Wichita, N. P. Bottie, D. C. Kelp; Willbarger, M. T. Thomas, C. H. McCarthy, L. C. Hoare; Young, J. E. Rins; Wise, J. W. Jones, J. M. Spencer.

The committee on permanent organization reported S. W. Hayden, of Waco, for the chair and Mr. Tom B. Holland for secretary. Adopted.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed: Simpson, of Dallas; Smith, of Tarrant; Taylor, of Tarrant; Carter, of Harrison; Rins, of Young; Roberts, of Cooke; Harris, of Erwin; Tennen, of Bosque; Jester, of Navarro; Symes, of McLennan; Saye, of Donley.

The following was adopted: Whereas, Texas contains and produces within her limits and at points accessible to her trade centers, cotton, wool and hides, iron, coal and timber sufficient to operate the factories of the civilized world; and Whereas, it is of measureless importance to the State that manufactures be increased and that capital be invited to

invest in manufacturing plants in Texas; and Whereas, the State of Texas, in the proper exercise of its sovereignty as a State, should advance the development of the State by legislative action in the premises; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the next legislature of Texas be respectfully but earnestly requested to submit to the people of the State a constitutional amendment exempting a designated line of the leading and most important manufacturing industries from all State, county and municipal taxation for the period of ten years.

Whereas, to the end that the products of fields, mines and forests may have ready access to the market and manufacturing centers of the State, it is of vital importance that the counties of the State be authorized and permitted to construct better systems of roads, and to the accomplishment of this end we ask the next legislature to enact such a road law as will enable counties, at their option, to issue bonds under proper and conservative limitation for the construction of such roads.

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Table with 2 columns: Year, Miles. Rows include America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Totals for Dec. 31, 1884 and Dec. 31, 1889.

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The total number of locomotives in Europe is estimated at not quite 61,000 and in other parts of the world not quite 42,000. England has 80 locomotives for every 100 miles of road and Belgium just about the same number. Germany 53, France 47, Russia 40, Austria 32, Italy 30, India 24 and the United States 19. The total railroad capital of the world is estimated at 121,440,000,000 marks (about \$30,000,000,000); \$15,000,000,000 of this is in Europe, whose railways are capitalized at \$15,000,000,000; the other 15,000,000,000 in other parts of the world, where the average capitalization is somewhat over \$50,000 per mile.

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