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## HOME CONFERENCES.

**Cedar Creek Circuit.**  
W. D. White, Oct. 14: Fourth quarterly conference just over. Reported for the quarter, thirty conversions, five recantations and twenty-three accessions.

**Wootton, Oct. 20:** We have a good report to make of our services yesterday. Good and attentive congregations morning and night. Three accessions by ritual at night. We have had a net gain of thirty during the week. Built and finished a most excellent parsonage. All collections will be in full and in excess of the assessments. We, too, can sing "Praise God."

**Devine Mission.**  
W. G. Cooke, Oct. 14: Since my last report God has blessed us in the conversion of some twenty or more souls and by adding thirty-four adults to our membership. Finances are well up; building our church, finishing one and building a circuit camp-meeting shed. Our mission is aspiring to the rank of a circuit; hope we will "get there." Our Advocate popular. May we meet at conference.

**Tyler Circuit.**  
J. M. Mills, Oct. 17: We have just closed our last protracted meeting—five conversions, six additions. This meeting was at Elbel, and though they have but a small membership they are a working church. It may be said we saved the best for the last. This church prefers a week day appointment for the preacher in charge to Sunday. I wish we had a few more like it, for we are worked too hard on Sunday, trying to give everybody Sunday preaching.

**Bowie Circuit.**  
Dora Overstreet, Oct. 1: We are glad that we have such good working and praying people on our circuit—have a good Board of Trustees. They have a parsonage on foot—will commence work about the 20th. We are glad to see our local preachers doing so well. The good people of Sunset have made Bro. B. T. James a present of a nice house and lot at Sunset. How we do love to see our people show their appreciation for such men as Bro. James. Hope he will give us a regular appointment at Sparks Chapel. Success to the Advocate.

**Santa Anna.**  
G. D. Wilson, Oct. 17: I have held all my protracted meetings with the following results: At Mountain View, eight additions to the church; at Clear Creek, ten; at Salem, eight; at Tricketts, twenty-two; at Santa Anna, thirty-two; at McClellan, forty-three. Bro. J. W. Hall assisted me at Tricketts; Bro. J. R. Nelson, at Santa Anna; Bro. J. C. S. Fair, L. D. Wright, J. A. Stuart and T. Scott, at other points. Hope to bring up conference assessments in full. Preacher's salary, so far, is much behind.

**Carlton Circuit.**  
W. F. Graves: We report for Carlton circuit forty-two conversions and thirty-one accessions. Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Flat Rock, in our new church, a beautiful house just erected in time to hold the fourth quarterly conference in it. We had a good religious time, though rained out on Sunday evening. This preacher has not been able to do full work since the middle of August, but a noble band of workers helped us through and are still holding up our hands. Collections nearly up.

**Cochran and Caruth.**  
C. I. McWhorter, Oct. 20: Our fourth quarterly conference has been held. Bro. T. R. Pierce, presiding elder, never preached with more power and effect than he did on this occasion. The assessment for the support of the ministry will be fully met and, as to the conference collections, we now feel assured that the decks will be cleared; but above all, about one hundred and forty souls have been converted, and ninety-seven have joined our church, and a deep revival has swept through the charge. It is probable that the church, spiritually, was never on higher ground. We thank God and take courage.

**Brownwood Circuit.**  
Sam'l P. Wright, Oct. 13: Brownwood circuit is ahead—\$18.20 had collection yesterday for Paine Institute; the pastor's salary of \$1000 full paid, with more than 5 per cent surplus, with as much more to follow; all collections full and running over; revivals all over the circuit; a request by the quarterly conference for a junior preacher; and last, but not least, the pastor's Bro. Boone's return universally desired. Who can boast it? For that hot collection, Moody is responsible.

**Brownwood.**  
J. R. Nelson, Oct. 18: Church dedication at Brownwood, second Sunday in November. The Brownwood M. E. Church, South, will be dedicated the second Sunday in November. Dr. Jas. C. Morris, Church Extension Secretary, will preach the dedicatory sermon. We want this day to be memorable in the history of Methodism in Brownwood and this part of West Texas. A warm invitation is given to all our friends to come in and rejoice with us. Ex-preachers of the Brownwood Church and preachers to the conference at Abilene are especially invited. Brethren, drop me a card of your coming.

**San Saba Station.**  
Robt. M. Chenuit, Oct. 11: We have had a good meeting; seven souls were converted and the church revived. Net gain during the year, twelve. We have baptized fourteen infants. All the collections are paid in full, and \$30 contributed by the Sunday-school for foreign missions. Children's Day was observed by the Sunday school and a collection taken, resulting in \$10.50. The salaries of the presiding elder and preacher in charge have been paid quarterly during the year, and all join in saying "It has been quite easy to meet the demands this year." May God bless the good people of San Saba, and may they continue to prosper.

**Belle Plain.**  
M. R. T. Davis, Oct. 13: We closed an interesting meeting at Belle Plain last Saturday night. We began under unfavorable circumstances. I preached Saturday night before the first Sunday. On account of rain we did not have any service Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday night we had preaching. A small congregation was out. We continued the meeting, Monday Bro. J. P. Hulce came over to help us. He did all the preaching up to Thursday night. It was well done. God was with him and blessed his preaching to the good of us all. What he is superannuated in "word," yet he is not

"deed and truth." I will say here: May God continue blessing him wonderfully. He is good in revivals. I continued the meeting till Saturday night. The interest increased all the time. There were about eight professions and four accessions. I came on here and preached Sunday at 11 a. m. We are rounding up for conference. So you see I am still alive, if I did get thrown by a "broncho."

**Mattisonville.**  
J. A. Savage, Oct. 17: My last quarterly conference is over and the conference year about up. We had a good quarterly meeting and my year's work results are seventy-seven added to the church; the church blessed and on higher ground; thirty-four adults and church extension paid in full; missionary claim almost full, perhaps will be by conference; presiding elder's and preachers' salaries almost up; one-half of conference claimants paid and two more places to hear from. Notwithstanding many trials and hardships, the good Lord has been with me. Bless his holy name.

**Strawn.**  
N. B. Read, Oct. 13: I closed my third and last protracted meeting for this year Sunday. Notwithstanding that the merchants and farmers are very busy at this season of the year, our congregations were good and much interest was manifested. The children's meeting on Sabbath evening was a precious time to many. The good that this meeting has been to the community has not been fully realized. A good collection was taken Sunday; six accessions to the church, with about as many more to follow at my next appointment. The Advocate is loved by the people on my work.

**Milton.**  
W. H. Brown, Oct. 14: Another protracted meeting held at Mt. Gilred, on my circuit, began on the 5th and closed on the 12th. Last visible results, eighteen conversions and eighteen accessions to our church and a regular old-fashioned Methodist revival of religion. Mr. Editor, if you remember, this church was only organized last spring; we now have over forty members and a good Sunday-school and prayer-meeting and several family altars erected, and a general interest among the unconverted. We had several wealthy and influential men and women to give up sin and join the church during this meeting. Nearly all the members received were grown people; however, I do not boast of this, for I would rather get all the children in my church. Praise the Lord for his goodness.

**Smithfield Circuit.**  
Jas. I. Lavenier, Oct. 13: Last Friday night we closed our meeting at Fossil Creek. No conversions; two accessions by ritual. One brother, who is now past his four score, came and cast his lot with us. He has been for thirty years trying to serve God, but until now never joined the church. He has kept up family prayer for more than thirty years; says he would be afraid not to get on his knees before God after the day's work is done and offer prayer, and think to him who cared for him. Praise the Lord for what he has done for us so far. Up to date we have had forty-two conversions on the circuit, nineteen accessions by ritual and sixteen by certificate. While we had hoped for three times as many conversions, yet we thank God that even forty have put on the armor of Christianity. God grant that they may take heed to all they say or do, for Christ has said, "If ye contain me in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed."

**Mt. Pleasant.**  
J. D. Whitehead, Oct. 17: Since our last report we have organized one church with twenty members, most of whom were received on profession of faith, and we held one meeting with six additions, on profession of faith. Our meetings are all held for this conference year, and we are now in the field on the home stretch, getting our collections together for conference. The prospect is now that we will report our conference collections all up. We do trust the time will soon come when there will be no use for the word deficit in our church work. Will leave on the 20th to attend the session of the Indian Mission Conference. Will ask for a transfer to that conference. Have been in Texas sixteen years and have learned to love the people and especially the brethren in the ministry, but feel that it is a duty that I owe myself and family to change climates on account of poor health. May prosperity ever attend the Advocate.

**Marysville.**  
Stuart Nelson, Oct. 13: The fourth quarterly conference for the Marysville circuit met at Vanslyke October 8. Rev. C. L. Ballard arrived on the scene of action a little late, but in ample time to officiate in all the exercises and business of the day. His sermon at 11 a. m. was tolerably good, but the night edition was a soul-moving discourse that can be equaled by few. His eloquence was of such a spiritual nature that all souls were lifted nearer God, sinners were convicted, while Christians shouted aloud in the exuberance of their joy. Take it all in all, it was the ablest effort that our "unchained" distributor of ministerial dynamite has made on the Marysville circuit. Bro. Ballard is loved and respected by all who have come within the radius of his official influence, for he is impartial in his rulings and prompt in the discharge of all duties. Our finances are "well up" at all appointments except two. They are a "long ways" behind, and unless they come speedily to the relief of the preacher in charge, his purse will be empty and credit gone, while wife and children will lack new gowns, boots, shoes, etc. We have seven regular appointments, of which five-sevenths are in good spiritual condition and will pay all claims against them. For three years I have been with this circuit, and all classes have been more than kind to me and mine. I love them and their children, and pray God that his blessings may ever rest on them.

**Dallas.**  
D. P. B.: Dallas preachers met Friday morning in the parsonage of First Church. Present: Allen, president; Hay, Blackburn, Hanson, Brown. The following items for the year were given about the Dallas charges: First Church received this year 100 members; \$2500 spent for church building, repairs, etc.; per cent good for full collection. First Church received 100 members; \$5000 spent for church building, etc.; prospects good for full collections. Oakland received thirty-seven members; spent about \$1000 subscribed and \$2500 realized from real estate on church building; collections subscribed in full. City Mission added sixty-five members; paid for lodg-

ings, etc., about \$2500; collections are raised in cash and subscriptions. Trinity received about fifty members; paid about \$100 on church property; collections paid in full. The following resolutions were adopted at the close of the meeting: That we be a town of about seven hundred inhabitants; a church of about twenty members in very good working order. During the last conference year there was organized a Missionary Society, which was in obedience to a resolution adopted by the Denver Conference last year, through which we expect to raise all our collections. This is a laudable thing—the coal interest being the leading feature of it all. We have a good Sunday-school under the control of our church. Attendance at church good.

**Weatherford District.**  
B. M. Stephens, P. E.: I returned to Weatherford after three weeks' away on my fourth round on the district. This year we have had in the last three weeks rain enough to make a crop; in the sun shines brightly and in and the preachers all around the work are pressing to the front. I found when I got home to Weatherford the district parsonage high on the way to completion. It will be a beautiful building of seven rooms well finished. Let the circuit preachers and missions that have not done so, pay up the amounts they assumed and you will be proud of your district parsonage. Our Weatherford College is on a real boom—students coming in every week. The building is about half. We will have to enlarge it and will continue to do so. Our new Methodist Church, South, in Weatherford will soon be so we can go in, and when finished will be a thing of beauty and a monument for a thousand generations. May her stone walls and her spired spire symbolize the solidly and true spiritual vitality. Bro. May is consecrated to his work. Under the beneficent influence of his almost inspired counsels, the preachers are growing stronger in faith, nobler in purpose, more consecrated in heart and more Christ-like in character. The whole church is growing. There is inward vigor and outward growth on this district. In the last few years commerce and industry has called into existence new towns, new improvements, new farms and new homes. Bro. May has by his good judgment and organizing ability taken hold of these resources and advantages and turned their movements into Christian channels. The church has not only kept pace with the development of the country, but to day the church stands in the fore-front of all true growth and progress in this district. The district has built this year five new parsonages and four new churches. The record of work done shows a great advance on any previous year.

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**Zephyrus Circuit.**  
W. S. P. McCullough, Oct. 15: Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August our fourth quarterly conference was held at Mullen. Our presiding elder, Rev. W. T. Meigun, was present, and remained for two or three days during the protracted services which followed. Rev. G. W. Temple, Jr., preacher on this charge, and Rev. J. W. Hall, local deacon of Brownwood station, rendered efficient aid. Bro. Meigun, by his strong and earnest sermons, gave a decided impetus to the gracious revival which followed. On Tuesday evening Rev. Sam. J. Franks of Comanche, came to our assistance and stayed with us until the meeting closed, the following Sunday night. Bro. Franks preached every sermon but one after he arrived till the close of the meeting. The trumpet gave no uncertain sound. Such power as rested on the preacher and his audience was never known here before. From the very beginning the Lord led us victoriously. The number of conversions no one knows. No one seemed careful to count. Repentance, justification and sanctification were the prominent subjects of the discourse. Sinners were justly, and many believers, strong and praying God that his blessings may ever rest on them.

**Los Cerrillos, N. M.**  
J. M. Crutchfield, Oct. 15: I have been at this (my new) charge for more than a month. Upon arrival found this to be a town of about seven hundred inhabitants; a church of about twenty members in very good working order. During the last conference year there was organized a Missionary Society, which was in obedience to a resolution adopted by the Denver Conference last year, through which we expect to raise all our collections. This is a laudable thing—the coal interest being the leading feature of it all. We have a good Sunday-school under the control of our church. Attendance at church good.

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dedicated last Sunday. The morning was bright, the atmosphere fresh and invigorating, inspiring people to come out to religious services; hence a full house greeted the preacher. The seating capacity of the house is 400 adults. Every seat was occupied, though many were uncomfortable. The singing was good and 'tis not a wonder that the inspiring surroundings and the object of the service should have stimulated the preacher to his best effort. And so it did. The sermon was appropriate, logical and well-delivered and many were the expressions made of appreciation of the sermon to the Rev. J. A. Wallace and in mutual converse between friends. Immediately following the sermon the trustees of the church stepped forward and offered their liberal contributions to all debt, for dedication to the service of Almighty God, to be secured from all unhalloved purposes. The Rev. Wallace pronounced the sentence of dedication; then the congregation knelt and Rev. J. Hampton led in the ritual of the dedication presented by the prayer of the church. This congregation, with an elegant modern church, free from debt, with a parsonage property just across the street from the church, which is receiving valuable improvements, are in good condition for religious work, and should they be called upon for the salvation of souls as they have in building a house to the Lord, many will be the benedictions they will pour on the community. This latter is not said in disparagement of their spiritual labors in the past—this has been unimpeachable—but to spring them on to greater work for the increased opportunity. All the churches of the city, and all people who have the good of the town at heart, congratulate them on their success. Bro. Wallace expressed the thanks of the congregation to the people who had so generously aided the church in their need. Under the church giving aid were as numerous as those in, though the amounts, of course, not so large.

**Atwood.**  
T. J. Minnis, Oct. 13: Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Atwood November 11, 12. This quarter has been spent in revival work, telling God's love to the people. We have had eighty-one conversions and seventy-one accessions. Several separating churches and parsonages. Assessments, I believe, will be paid in full. Bro. May was with us and did his work well, and left nothing undone. His sermons were full of gospel meat and practical wisdom, free from sentimentalism, sound as a dollar, and full of spiritual vitality. Bro. May is consecrated to his work. Under the beneficent influence of his almost inspired counsels, the preachers are growing stronger in faith, nobler in purpose, more consecrated in heart and more Christ-like in character. The whole church is growing. There is inward vigor and outward growth on this district. In the last few years commerce and industry has called into existence new towns, new improvements, new farms and new homes. Bro. May has by his good judgment and organizing ability taken hold of these resources and advantages and turned their movements into Christian channels. The church has not only kept pace with the development of the country, but to day the church stands in the fore-front of all true growth and progress in this district. The district has built this year five new parsonages and four new churches. The record of work done shows a great advance on any previous year.

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About the Lesson.

LESSON IV, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23.

JESUS IN GETSEMANE.

Luke xii:59-61.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." (Isa. liii:3.)

MEMORY-VERSES, 40-43.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is the subject of this lesson? Jesus in Gethsemane.
2. What is the Golden Text? "A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief."
3. What was the time? Thursday evening before his death.
4. What day was it? April.
5. What day of the month do many suppose it was? The sixth.
6. Where did this event take place? In a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives.
7. Who was with Jesus? His eleven disciples.
8. What did he say to them when he was at the place? "Pray that ye enter not into temptation."
9. What did he then do? He withdrew from them.
10. Who was with him? Peter, James and John.
11. What did he then do? He prayed, saying, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done."
12. Who appeared unto him? "There

appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."
13. What is said of his feelings? "Being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly."
14. What effect did this agony have on him? "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."
15. What did the disciples do? They slept for sorrow.
16. What did he say to them? "Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."
17. Who came while he yet spoke? Judas, with the multitude.
18. What did he do? He kissed his Master, and thus betrayed him.
19. Who struck the servant with a sword? One of the disciples, Peter.
20. What did Jesus do? He healed the wound.
21. What did he say to the crowd? "This is your hour, and the power of darkness."—Illustrated Lesson Paper.

LESSON SUBROUTINGS.

Intervening Events.—The incident about the swords either immediately preceded or followed the long discourse reported in John (John xiv:17). Part of this discourse may have been uttered on the way to Gethsemane. If Peter's denial was predicted twice, then the second prediction was made on the way (so Matthew and Mark). Nothing else is recorded as intervening. Dr Robinson, however, places the institution of the Lord's Supper after the last lesson, which is open to objection.
Place.—"The Mount of Olives" (Luke), "Gethsemane" (Matthew and Mark), a garden over the brook Kidron, known to Judas, because "Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples" (John). The traditional site is at the foot of the western slope of the Mount of the Olives, and the true site is probably not far from this. Dr. Thompson, and others, fix upon a more secluded place, northeast of the traditional site.
Time.—Late on the evening of Thursday, probably the fourteenth of Nisan (according to Jewish reckoning, the fifteenth had already begun), 783 A. U. C.; or, April 6, A. D. 30.

Persons.—Our Lord with the eleven disciples; an angel; Judas with a multitude, composed of Roman soldiers, some of the temple watch, some chief priests and elders, and a mixed crowd. Peter and Malchus (so John) are referred to in verses 50, 51.
Incidents.—The departure to Gethsemane; the withdrawal of Jesus; he prays submissively that the cup be removed from him; an angel strengthens him; in an agony he prays more earnestly, his sweat becoming "as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground;" returning to the disciples, he finds them sleeping, and bids them rise and pray. Immediately the crowd appears, with Judas in the lead; attempting to kiss Jesus, he is rebuked, for his treachery; the disciples ask if they shall smite with the sword; Peter strikes off the ear of Malchus; Jesus heals him. He then upbraids the rulers for the violent mode of his arrest. (Other details are given in the other accounts.)

Parallel Passages.—Matt. xxvi:36-56; Mark xiv:32-49; John xviii:1-11.

LESSON SUMMARY.

This lesson brings us very close to Jesus as our sympathizing Savior. It shows him to us as one who has known the fullest depths of human sorrow and human suffering, and who through his struggle won a victory for himself and for all who are willing to share it with him eternally.
There is a certain comfort to us in the thought that Jesus could not accept his lot in its severest form without shrinking; that he longed for human companionship in his trial, and for a mitigation of the woe that confronted him in the path of duty. He would not have been human if he had not felt human weakness; but as we see him here we realize that he can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

Jesus knew what it was to be all alone in his trial, save as God sent a special messenger to strengthen him in the hour of overwhelming agony. No disciple of Jesus has ever had that experience, from that day onward. Jesus remembers his loneliness in such an hour, and he sees to it that no follower of his is permitted to suffer without the help that sympathy and cheer from a loving Savior can give.
The bitterest trial that can be known on earth is that which comes from the treachery of one loved and trusted as a friend. That trial Jesus experienced at its fullest and sorest. He was betrayed by a kiss from one whom he had chosen and honored, and whom he loved unto the end. In any and every approach to such a trial on our part, we may be sure that Jesus understands us, sympathizes with us, and is able and ready to give us sustaining grace.
In his weakness, in his sorrow, in his disappointment, and in his agony, Jesus in Gethsemane showed his likeness to our human nature. In his unwavering trust and submissiveness, he was an example to us all. In his triumph over all that tried or opposed him, he showed himself a Savior in whom we can trust to the uttermost.

ADDED POINTS.

We may be very near to Jesus, and yet in danger from temptation. There are perils in the path of duty; but we can have a hope of help against temptation there, as we have no reason to expect elsewhere.
Prayer is in itself a help against temptation. Jesus felt the value of prayer. Jesus urged his disciples to pray. Let us pray.
If the ordinary means of grace are not sufficient for the help of God's children, God is ready to send an angel from heaven, or a legion of angels, to give help. Whatever is our need in

an emergency, we may be sure that God is ready to meet it.
How like the early apostles we are, in our proneness to sleep when we ought to be awake, and then to try to make up for our inaction by fighting when fighting is out of place!
What folly it is to rise up with sticks and swords against one whom angels guard! But that is our way of opposing many a messenger of God.
The hour of darkness is the opportunity of the lovers of darkness. Is it light or darkness that is our hour?—Sunday School Times.

Old and Young.

(For the Texas Christian Advocate. THE AUTHOR, UNITE IN ACROSTIC. HENRY CLAY CLARKE.)

Study to fill your mind; gold and silver were originally mingled with dirt until avarice and avaricious parted them.—Seneca.
Beauty is a just reward and mutual harmony of the members animated by a beautiful constitution.—Drosten.
Suffering becomes beneficial when any one bears great calamities with cheerfulness, not through impossibility, but through greatness of mind.—Aristotle.
Children are travelers newly arrived in a strange country. We should, therefore, have conscience not to mislead them.—Locke.
Repentance so altereth and changeth a man, he is even as different, that it mislead him from his duty.—Whately.
It seems to be in the power of a reasonable clergyman to make the most ignorant man comprehend his duty.—Swift.
Burns, o'er the plough, sing sweet his wood-note wail; and richest Shakespeare was a poor man's child.—Kilvert.
Every Christian is endowed with a power whereby he is enabled to resist and conquer temptation.—Smith.
Falsely men are not to be taken into confidence, nor should men be put into a post that requires resolution.—Estrenge.
Our doubts are traitors, and give us loss of reason; they often mislead us by fearing to take a step whose virtue is clear.—Shakespeare.
Reason is always striving and always at a loss while it is exercised about that which is not its proper object.—Drosten.
There never was a law, or sect, or opinion did so much magnify goodness as the Christian religion doth.—Lancon.
How many better thoughts does the innocent man avoid! Severity and cheerfulness are his parts.—Hobbes.
Evils, like a cold, poison, numb and stupify; and conscious of its own impotence folds its arms in despair.—Collier.
Listen to advice, and to attend to counsel, is the first wisdom which God bestows on man.—Tayler.
Employment is so essential to human happiness, that he who is idly considered the mother of misery.—Baker.
Xenophon says excess of grief for the deceased is madness, for it is an injury to the living, and that grief is not.—Hobbes.
A good man's prayers will from the deepest dungeon a sinner to heaven's bright mansions, and a blessing shall be his.—Hobbes.
Sorrow is a kind of holy affliction, which God sends to make his partner, interest you in all his happiness.—Baker.
Children of wealth or want, to each is given one spirit of God, and all the kind of heaven.—Hobbes.
He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.—Carroll.
Reason cannot show itself more reasonable than to leave reasoning on things above reason.—Hobbes.
If we stand beggling at imaginary evils, let us never blame a horse for starting at a shadow.—Estrenge.
Sickness is early old age; it teaches us dignity in our earthly state, and inspires us with thoughts of a future.—Hobbes.
The greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice, and her constant companion is humility.—Hobbes.
Intemperate wine will spare neither friend nor foe, and make themselves the common enemy of mankind.—Estrenge.
A man who gives his children habits of industry, provides for them better than by giving them a fortune.—Hobbes.
No man's reason did ever dictate to him that it is reasonable for him to debauch himself by intemperance.—Hobbes.
A person who is too nice an observer of the lines of the world, will often be stung by his curiosity.—Hobbes.
Death is the liberator of him whom passion cannot release, and the comforter of him whose time cannot console.—Hobbes.
Vanity is the production of the most contemptible vice;—the vice of affectation and emulation.—Hobbes.
O fall the passions, jealousy is that which excites the narrowest spirit and pays the vilest wages.—Hobbes.
Children of men, truly wise, craves of nature, leaving the soul and the dress for philosophy and reason to lap on.—Swift.
All deception is nothing else but a lie referred to practice, and fashioned passing from words to things.—South.
The way to wealth is as plain as the way to misery. It depends chiefly on two qualities—industry and frugality.—Franklin.
Education is the most comprehensive sense of the word, may comprehend every preparation that is made in our youth for the sequel of our lives.—Fulry.

LETTER TO CHILDREN.

DEAR CHILDREN: In making my final report I am glad it is not a blank one. For the Benjamin Church, I have received from Georgetown 81, collected by Miss Annie Fain. Another club, by Mrs. Weatherly from Benjamin, Texas. I have a long list of names and \$2 from Marshall, Texas, gotten up by Georgia Irby, a little girl only eight years old. Think of that, ye large girls and boys who have done nothing for the Master, and profit by the example of little Georgia.
For the Eagle Pass Church I have another club, from Miss Ada Watson, Corn Hill. I heartily thank all who have contributed to these funds, and pray that God will sanctify the gift of each one to their good. I have received up to date for the Benjamin Church \$19; for Eagle Pass, \$18.00.
Children, please continue to send your money till these churches are filled. Send to Mrs. C. A. Weatherly, Benjamin, Texas, or to Rev. F. H. C. Elliott, Eagle Pass, Texas, and they will report to the ADVOCATE. May God bless you to do your best for the Master prays your friend and sister,

MRS. A. M. IRELAND.

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A GOOD INTENTION.

"What!" exclaimed Grandma Raynor, pausing in the act of tying her bonnet strings, "What! Not going to church?"
"It's so hot, and—I don't—feel so very well," Nell said slowly, with downcast eyes.
Grandma's plump fingers were laid on her forehead.

"You are a little flushed," she said anxiously. "Maybe you're going to have measles—I hear they're in the neighborhood. Your eyes don't look watery, though. Perhaps you're only tired out from your long tramp after berries yesterday. Well, child, maybe you had better stay at home. I don't like to leave you alone. Be sure and keep things locked up."
As the door shut out her kind face, Nell felt for the first time in her twelve-year-old life the heavy discomfort that a deceitful ail always brings. She had not wanted to remain at home because she felt too ill to go, but merely to carry out a pet plan that she had thought of the past twenty-four hours.

Now it so happened, that for a girl of her age, Nell knew a great deal about missionary work. She had read about the three Mrs. Judsons, young Harriet Newell, and many other heroines, and she was firmly determined that when she grew up she would follow their worthy example. In the meantime she meant to do some missionary work at home. Although only a little girl in short dresses, she was desirous of being a sort of "Lady of the Manor" of whom she had read in a quaint old book belonging to grandma. Nell knew her catechism well; she could recite Bible verses by the score; she had unbounded confidence in her own ability to teach—all she needed was scholars! And the day before she had found them. In wandering over the hillside for berries, she had come upon a couple of shiftless families who had taken possession of a shanty up in the grove. They must have had gypsy blood in them, for they were swartly and black-eyed, and the women wore gay scarlet cloaks and bright plaid kerchiefs. There were four children: Loretta, a tall, slim girl, a year or two older than Nell; Jack and Jerry, ten-year-old twins, of whose mischievous antics Nell stood in dread; and Carlos, a chubby boy of six years, who, with his velvety, peach-like cheeks, full, red lips, dancing eyes and tangle of ebony curls would have delighted an artist.

Acting on a sudden impulse, Nell invited the children to visit her on the following day. She meant to ask grandma's permission, of course, but after she got home and thought the matter over, she began to fear that this would not be granted, for grandma had very strict notions as to the persons with whom Nell might associate, and stragglers, with their ragged clothes, dirty faces, frowny heads and bad manners, would not be likely to receive a warm welcome.
"But how nice it would be if I taught them to be good and tidy!" Nell said, and she thought with a little glow of how the minister, dear old Mr. Dodge, would lay his hand on her head and say to grandma, "A remarkable child! An example of early piety, madam! Would that there were more such!"
You see Nell was so sure of her own strength that she felt no need of calling on grandma's good judgment. She tried to drive away her accusing conscience by gathering up Bibles and lesson-papers and carrying them out on the piazza while she waited for her guests. They were very prompt, very dirty and very noisy. They seemed a little subdued, however, by the fire, large farm-house, and peered curiously in at the long glass doors opening on the piazza, catching a glimpse of snowy lace curtains, cherry carpet and the heavy old mahogany furniture—especially the side-board with its pieces of family silver.

With a show of great dignity Nell sat down in the big rocking chair, and, opening the Bible, began to ask questions.
"You've all heard about Adam, I presume?" she began.
"Oh, yes!" Loretta rattled off glibly.
"Adam Direk. He was a man who used to go off with us. That was when we had a wagon with a white cover on it. Adam had had a splendid horse—coal-black—but—" lowering her voice—"somebody said he stole it and he was put in jail."
"He must have been a very bad man!" Nell observed decidedly. "But he wasn't the Adam I was going to tell you about. This Adam was the very first man that ever lived. Here is a picture of him and his wife, Eve," and Nell held out the Pictorial Primer.
"Oh, my eye!" squeaked Jack. "Wot's that Mis' Adam's got on—an old bed-quilt?"
"They had to make themselves clothes from skins and leaves," Nell said, "that was after they had disobeyed God," and she went on with the old story.
The twins accompanied her by sundry grins and comments that were confusing, but Loretta seemed to listen very intently, that is she had her big black eyes steadily fixed on Nell, though, if the truth be told, she was thinking about the pretty coral earrings the latter wore.
As for Carlos, he lay sprawled on the

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piazza floor asleep. Beside him lay Bower, the gypsies' yellow dog, his nose stretched out on his dirty paws, his sleepy eyes ready to fly open at any sound. And just as Nell thought she was holding her ragged congregation spell-bound by her eloquence, Bower gave a gruff bark and sprang convulsively down the piazza-steps and went tearing after a little white streak on the lawn.
"Hi, there, Bower! Sick'um! Go it old boy!" shouted the twins, waving their brimless hats.
Pictorial Primer, maps of Palestine, tracts, lesson papers fell in confusion on the piazza floor as Nell sprang up crying: "Stop him! stop him! He's after Lady Blanche, my white kitten!"

But away went the white streak, the yellow streak and the two brown streaks, as the twins, regardless of her appeal, scampered down the steps. Nell followed, sobbing and scolding.
Loretta, left to herself, stole softly in at one of the glass doors of the dining-room, figured the great silver tea-pot wistfully, slipped some spoons and Nell's gold-lined mug into her pocket, and proceeded to make a general tour of the house.
Meanwhile the kitten had taken refuge in the big maple at the gate.
"I'll just shin up and toss her down, and we'll have some more fun," said Jerry, spitting on his hand preparatory to a climb.
"Wait!" screamed Nell; "you going up there to get her for your horrid dog? You're a bad, wicked boy! Come down this instant!"

"I'd like to see you make me, missy!" said theurchin with a grin. "Say, Jack, gimme a boost."
"Oh! oh! oh!" cried Nell. "If only somebody would come!"
And somebody did come—grandma and old Doctor Gray, whom she had brought home from church.
Jack took to his heels. So did Loretta from the back door, for she had caught a glimpse of the chaise when it came down the hill. But Jerry, up among the great boughs, was nicely caught.
"Why, child! What is all this?" grandma exclaimed.
"They're gypsies! I wanted to teach them to be good! They never heard of Adam—not the first one—nor of Eve! I wanted to be a missionary—and, oh, I thought that horrid dog would eat up my kitten!" Nell sobbed.
"Cats, dogs, missionaries, Adam and Eve," said grandma.

But the doctor took in the situation. "Come down from that tree, you rascal!" he shouted to Jerry. "You belong to the gang that robbed my hen-roost last night. I'll bet a good sized liver pill!" and when Jerry descended he led him by the ear up to the piazza, where little Carlos lay still fast asleep. "Umph!" he exclaimed, with a sharp glance at the child. "Your Nell hasn't got measles yet, but she will have them—catch 'em from this youngster!" See those pimples under his chin?"
"Dear me!" groaned grandma, and Nell finished off the groan by one of her own. Her missionary scheme had been a failure. Spoons and mug stolen, her pet kitten scared out of its wits; dear grandma's heart made to ache! And, in the illness that followed—for, true to the doctor's prediction, she did have the measles—had plenty of time to consider the important truth which all children should learn—and that is, to do right in this world requires something more than a generous impulse or a good intention.—Christian at Work.

"THAT'S THEE, JEM!"
Sojourning some few years ago at a beautiful and much frequented English watering place, I met with an earnest Christian tradesman of the town who had, in a prominent place in his shop-window, an assortment of Bibles for sale.
A band or "troupe" of young men, called "Ethiopian Serenaders" with hands and faces blackened, and dressed in very grotesque costumes arranged themselves before this gentleman's door one day for an exhibition of their peculiar performances. After they had

sung some comic and plaintive melodies, with their own peculiar accompaniments of gestures and grimaces, one of the party, a tall and interesting young man, who had the air of one who was beneath his proper station, stepped up to the door, tambourine in hand, to ask for a few pennies from the people. Mr. Carr, taking one of the Bibles out of his window, addressed the youth:
"See here, young man," he said, "I will give you a shilling, and this book besides, if you will read a portion of it among your comrades there, and in the hearing of the bystanders."
"Here's a shilling for an easy job!" he chuckled out to his mates; "I'm going to give a 'public reading!'"
Mr. Carr opened at the fifteenth chapter of Luke, and pointing to the eleventh verse, requested the young man to commence reading at that verse.
"Now, Jem, speak up," said one of the party, "and earn your shilling like a man!"
Jem took the book and read: "And he said, A certain man had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living."
There was something in the voice of the reader, as well as the strangeness of the circumstances, that lulled all to silence, while an air of seriousness took possession of the youth, and still further commanded the rapt attention of the crowd.
He read on: "And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country and there wasted his substance with riotous living."
"Thats thee, Jem!" ejaculated one of his comrades; "it's just like what you told me of yourself and your father!"
The reader continued: "And when he had spent all there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want."

"Why, that's thee again, Jem!" said the voice. "Go on!"
"And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him."
"Thats like us all!" said the voice, once more interrupting; "we're all beggars and might be better than we are! Go on; let's hear what came of it."
The young man read on, and as he read his voice trembled: "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father!"
At this point he fairly broke down and could read no more. All were impressed and moved. The whole reality of the past rose up to view and in the clear story of the gospel a ray of hope dawned upon him for his future. His father—his father's house—and his mother's, too; and the plenty and the love ever bestowed upon him there; and the hired servants all having enough; and then himself, his father's son, and his present state, his companionships, his habits, his sins, his poverty, his outcast condition, his questionable mode of living—all these came climbing, like an invading force of thoughts and reflections, into the citadel of his mind and fairly overcame him.

That day, that scene, proved the turning point of that young prodigal's life. He sought the advice of the Christian friend who had thus providentially interposed for his deliverance. Communications were made to his parents, which resulted in a long-lost and dearly-loved child returning to the familiar earthy home; and still better in his return to his heavenly Father. He found, as I trust my readers will, how true are the promises of the parable of the "Prodigal Son," both for time and for eternity.—Exchange.

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LAWLESSNESS AND A REMEDY.

A writer in the October number of the Arena advocates the abolition of the death penalty and the substitution of life imprisonment.

These men should not be selected by popular vote, but appointed by the State on sufficient evidence of good moral character and ability to execute the duties of their offices.

The advantages of this system would be to remove our courts in all their parts from the influence of money and secure impartial trial to all alike—both rich and poor.

But we do not propose to continue the argument in favor of capital punishment, but call attention to the following quotation from the above-mentioned writer:

To such as believe in the deterrent effect of execution it may be well to consider the uncertainty of convictions for murder.

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ment. He has a funeral largely attended by sympathizing friends who never tire in praising his noble, plucky, but untimely death.

There is evidently great force in this argument, but it lies with about as much force against one form of punishment as another. We suppose that those who escape the death penalty are but little fewer than those who escape life imprisonment. But it goes without saying that the great number of criminals who escape punishment through the dilatory methods and technicalities practiced in our courts are only so many teachers of disregard for the law.

Only the other day the trial of a murder case was reported in the papers in which no less than a half dozen lawyers were employed on each side. It is believed that the greater part of the evil lies here. The State does not adhere strictly to the principle of the punishment of crime only by the government. The revenge of the supposed injured parties is only transferred to a different sphere of execution. The relative of the slain is not allowed to avenge the blood of his kin with the force of his arm, but he is allowed to seek his revenge by the power of his money.

If he has money the court becomes a means of revenge. He employs the most skillful lawyer in his knowledge to assist the prosecuting attorney, not to get justice, but the conviction of his enemy. On the other hand, the acquittal of the accused depends, to a very great extent, on his ability to pay attorney's fees. He hires men, of course, not to see that he has a fair trial, but to see that he escapes conviction at all hazards. If he has money he is generally able to find men who are not only willing to undertake his case, but who insure acquittal. So that it is considered by many only a question of money to be able to violate the law with impunity.

Is there no remedy? No human institution is without imperfections and absolute perfection cannot be expected in our courts of trial. Trial entirely by the State, however, would be a partial remedy at least. Individuals should not be allowed to employ attorneys either for prosecution or defense, but the State should furnish lawyers both for the prosecution and the defense. Why not provide an attorney for the defense as well as for the prosecution? The accused, until proven guilty, is a citizen entitled to protection. It is the business of the State simply to make an impartial and fair investigation of charges of crime and properly punish guilt when discovered.

The charge of crime is not a one-sided affair to the State, but the State is interested in both sides of the case. A trial on a charge of crime should not be a contest between an accused individual and the government, but it should be a fair and impartial investigation by the government; and if one or more men on each side of the case are needed to conduct the trial, the State should furnish, with equal impartiality, a lawyer for the defense of the accused, and one for the defense of those against whom the crime is committed.

These men should not be selected by popular vote, but appointed by the State on sufficient evidence of good moral character and ability to execute the duties of their offices.

The advantages of this system would be to remove our courts in all their parts from the influence of money and secure impartial trial to all alike—both rich and poor. The man appointed to conduct the trial for the defense would feel that he had discharged the duties of his office when he had shown all that was justly in favor of the accused, and the man appointed for the prosecution would only be required then, as now, to show what was justly against the accused. And with fair and impartial trial, and the faithful execution of law, our courts would be more effective preventives of crime.

SOME of the best things being said in the discussion on the admission of women into the Northern Methodist General Conference are by the women themselves. The natural instincts of the sisters are against it. To what extent the womanly instincts have been suppressed by a fanatical education we know not, but our hope for Northern Methodism just now lies in the conservatism of the laymen and the natural instincts of true womanhood.

THE TAYLOR COUNTY NEWS contains a list of those who have agreed to entertain at the coming session of the North-west Texas Conference. Abilene is going to do it brown, but do not forget to read

Bro. Wallace's letter in this issue. The conference is not exactly a convention of land speculators, but Abilene will furnish board very cheap to any who wish to look at the country.

A PRESS DISPATCH, dated October 13, says:

The bishop of London to-day performed a special consecration service at St. Paul's Cathedral to purge the edifice from the defilement caused by the suicide which occurred in the historic building on September 20. According to old traditions of the church the shedding of human blood in a place dedicated to God deprives the building of its sacred character, which can only be restored by a new consecration. A service similar to the one performed to-day is unprecedented in the history of the cathedral.

And this is the nineteenth century and enlightened England! It rivals the superstitions of Dahomy and the dark ages. But what may not be possible to those who believe in the myth of the apostolic succession? We suggest now that the bishop nail a horse shoe over the door of the cathedral to keep out the witches and place a bowl of holy water on the steps to keep out the devil.

"TAKE good, big texts, and preach plain, sensible sermons; the parables afford splendid texts—they are such that an elephant can swim in them or a lamb can wade. Don't try to do too many things at once; you can't run a saw-mill and preach; you can't speculate; you can't find time to keep up with the markets and preach. You can't do two things at once. Preach and stick to it. Don't indulge in fun and jokes in the pulpit. Any man can be funny or witty in the pulpit, and the devil will help him. The dull-est man I ever saw can be witty in the pulpit. Just think of Jesus Christ laughing or indulging in wit and humor in the pulpit."—Bishop Keener.

THE Los Angeles Advocate asks a question: Dr. G. W. Gray, one of the secretaries of the Freeman's Aid and Educational Society, was present at the M. E. preacher's meeting in this city last Monday and addressed them upon the work of the M. E. Church in the South. Indicating the need of educational work in this section, he quoted Bishop Haygood as follows: "It had not been for what the Northern churches have done for the education of the negro, the South would be uninhabitable to-day." Has Dr. Gray quoted Bishop Haygood correctly? We hardly think so.

We cannot answer the question, but feel assured that if the money spent by the M. E. Church in the education of the negro had been spent for the same purpose by the M. E. Church, South, the negro would be less troublesome than he is. But, as our church did not have the money, we are glad that our sister of the North spent it in that way. We have not done all we ought to have done for the brother in black.

We acknowledge a liberal supply of tickets to the State Fair and Dallas Exposition, from October 18 to November 2, for which we are obliged.

SOUTHERN METHODISM News, Views and Personal.

—W. B. Godbey writes: Our meeting at Mansfield, La., Rev. T. B. White, pastor, and Rev. Dr. McVay, President of Mansfield Female College, was glorious. God bless the TEXAS ADVOCATE.

—St. Louis Republic: Rev. D. C. Kelly, Prohibition candidate for Governor, was, October 15, suspended for six months by the Tennessee M. E. Conference, which is in session at Paducah, for leaving his post at Gallatin as pastor without permission from the conference.

—H. T. Cunningham, Borine, Texas, under date Oct. 16, writes: The sympathies of our brethren will go out to the family of the Rev. L. S. Barrow, presiding elder of the Oklahoma district. His son, Hill, a promising young man of twenty-four years, died here, in peace, last night. Accompanied by his brother, he had come here, by medical advice, but a few days ago. His father joined them later. His mother, attended by the writer, was on her way this morning from San Antonio, but only to meet the train bearing the son's remains.

—G. G. Smith, in Raleigh Advocate: I have known more than one preacher wrecked by making it too good for its constituency. I do not think it bad taste for the people to prefer to hear what is really going on than to read some elaborate article on a subject about which they feel no interest, even though they ought to feel it. We have a fine body of papers, and the church is much to be congratulated that all of them, except one, are independent. The effort to make one great central organ, at the expense of local papers, will be, and ought to be, unsuccessful. It is not likely to be made.

—Southern Advocate: We have no prejudice against transfers; we do not object to our bishops exercising their episcopal prerogative in transferring a preacher from one conference to another. Our Methodism is connectional, and these interchanges of fields among the laborers are often wise and expedient. If Bro. Skycraper is needed in South Carolina, let the bishop transfer him to us, but let his appointment be made just as every other appointment is made—after consultation with the elders. If he comes to "shar and share alike" with the rest of us, and to take his appointment as every other preacher takes his, he will receive a hearty welcome from preachers and people, and no one will grumble if the very best

appointments fall to his lot year after year. But if he comes to labor with us only for a season—until he has eaten out our best pastures—and then intends to transfer to other fields and pastures new—well, he had better not come at all, that's all. If our bishops wish to break down our itinerancy, they have adopted the very best plan in thus providing, months and months beforehand, for our clerical giraffes.

—Dr. S. Black, in Central Methodist: Quite a number of the preachers, or several, do not meet the wants of our people, and I do not wonder at that. This thing of taking a man from every-day business and putting him in charge of a circuit just at once is intolerable. He comes in contact with preachers of other denominations, of age and experience, and full of the spirit of proselytism, and woe be to the church under his care. The only drawback to our prosperity is, we lack ordained preachers to take charge of all our circuits; but I hope the time will come pretty soon that there will be no complaint at this point, and every circuit will have an ordained preacher in charge and every circuit will support the preacher.

—Dr. S. Black, in Central Methodist: The reports of some of the preachers were enough to make an angel weep. The salaries of Methodist preachers are the most unequal of any select body of men engaged in the same occupation of which I have any knowledge, and it is getting worse and worse. I never did like the financial system of Methodism, and instead of getting better it is getting worse almost every year, or every quadrennium. There is not near the inequality among the preachers of our conference that there is in some other conferences, because no preacher receives enough to make that inequality. I was conversing with an intelligent preacher from one of the Southern conferences, and I asked him in reference to his salary. He said that he averaged about \$1000 per year. I heard Dr. J. E. Edwards, of Virginia, say that he had not received less than \$2500 any year for the last twenty years. Some Methodist preachers receive \$5000, while many a poor fellow does not receive \$100 per year. I am no longer an effective preacher, and I want to leave my dying testimony against the inequality of the support of preachers. The Committee on Episcopacy estimates "the salary and traveling expenses of the bishops." The salary for twenty years was \$3000 per year; now \$3600 each. Bishop Asbury's salary was \$100 and his traveling expenses. He did not need much. He had no one to care for except the church. He lived a life of "single blessedness." But a preacher in our day who will not marry ought to be turned out of conference. He hardly deserves a night's lodging.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Rev. J. M. Holt and children, of Royse, called to see the ADVOCATE.

—Bro. J. H. Tucker, of Cuero, who is visiting Dallas, made us a pleasant call.

—The Revs. J. M. McKee, W. F. Clark and Rogers made pleasant calls this week.

—The Rev. A. S. Ashburn called to see us this week and reported his work in good shape.

—Bro. J. R. Manning, wife and daughter, of Sulphur Springs, made us a pleasant call this week.

—Rev. C. S. McCarver looks after his new members. He distributed last week forty sample copies of the ADVOCATE among them. A good work.

—The quarterly conference of Leesville circuit passed complimentary resolutions on the presiding elder, the Rev. R. J. Deets, who is closing up his fourth year on the Cuero district.

—The Roanoke quarterly conference passed complimentary resolutions on the faithful and efficient services of H. C. Rogers, the preacher in charge, who is closing up his fourth year on the circuit.

—The Rev. J. O. Jordan writes, under date Thornton, October 11: Bro. W. J. Rogers passed from earth to heaven this morning. He was one of the pillars of the church here on this charge.

—Rev. C. A. Hooper, Austin, writes: Bro. G. W. Briggs is here holding a meeting at our Central Church. The church was packed yesterday morning. I could not be there, but I heard they had a big time. Hope we will have a glorious revival.

—The Rev. J. B. Sears writes: Bishop Galloway will spend Sunday, October 26th, in Galveston, preaching at St. John's at 11 a. m., and at St. James' at 7:30 p. m.; also, Dr. H. C. Morrison, Missionary Secretary, will spend Sunday November 9, in Galveston. He will hold service at St. James' at 11 a. m. and at St. John's at 7:30 p. m.

—Sulphur Springs Independent: Rev. Shelton preached a very interesting sermon both night and morning of yesterday, the morning subject being "Restoration Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation," and in the evening "The Parable of the Vineyard." The house was filled to overflowing.

—W. D. Robinson, of El Paso, writes: Rev. F. S. Jackson, of Albuquerque, passed through El Paso this week en route for Goliad, Texas. Bro. J.'s peculiar state of health would not endure the strain of altitude. It is good for some persons, while it is injurious to others. The rapid changes of altitude in this conference, and the sharp demands of the itinerancy, does not indicate a resort for invalids. Brethren, take due notice and be governed accordingly. We regret to lose Bro. Jackson.

—Rev. J. S. McCarver, Liberty Hill, writes: "One more appointment closes my work here, and closes my fortieth year as an itinerant. Everything closes

out in full, and the church spiritual. Clever increase in numbers." The ADVOCATE congratulates Bro. McCarver that his fortieth year is one of such prosperity. May he live to enjoy many more, and they get better all the way.

—Dr. J. H. McLean writes: The quiet of our home and school was disturbed on Saturday, the 6th instant, in the fall of our nephew, McLean McDugald, son of Rev. James McDugald, of the North Texas Conference, from a pecan tree, and badly fracturing his left arm. Surgical aid was promptly summoned, but despite the best efforts of the faithful doctors, Petrus and Jones, amputation became necessary. A relative, Dr. F. M. Hicks, of San Antonio, kindly responded to a telegram, but arrived after the operation had been performed; He expressed great satisfaction with the operation. The little sufferer is now fast recovering, and hopes to compensate by larger investments in mind and morals. The letters from his parents were very heartening. This is about the fourth chapter of their almost tragical experiences. The father cited his son to the successful men of his acquaintance who were deprived of him. I must quote from the chastened heart: expressions of the Christian mother. After encouraging him to be a "little hero" in his affliction, and expressing her great desire to be with him, that with untiring patience she might nurse him, adds these remarkable words: "Mamma takes this, as she does all her misfortunes, as a mysterious way which our merciful Heavenly Father has chosen to answer her prayers. You may make a better and more useful man for having but one arm, and mamma's prayer is, 'Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee, even though it be a cross that raiseth me.'" Such resignation is a high compliment to our holy religion. Heaven bless all.

W. M. S. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Texas Conference.

The Woman's Missionary Society of North Texas Conference met in the M. E. Church, South, in Greenville, Texas, October 1, 1890. The opening exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Pierce, after which we listened to the kindly welcoming words of Mrs. VanAmburg, which were responded to by Mrs. Howell, of Dallas. Then followed the president's annual address, replete with earnest thought, missionary information and zeal. The pastor added some timely and well-chosen words, which were appreciated by all. We then listened to an appropriate song by the choir, and were led in prayer by Rev. E. A. Butterfield. After announcements for the morning session, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the pastor.

Second Session—The Woman's Missionary Society of North Texas Conference held its second session Thursday morning, October 2, at 9:30. Religious services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Butterfield. Mrs. Abbie Allen, president, in the chair. The corresponding secretary called the roll, then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that our recording secretary being absent on account of ill health, a secretary pro tem be elected from the Greenville auxiliary, outside of those who were already members of the conference.

The resolution was accepted and Miss Cora Kaykendall was elected. The minutes of the opening session were read and, with one correction, approved.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robinson, then read her annual report. Report of treasurer was then read, giving total receipts and disbursements for the year. Total receipts \$931.44. The president appointed the following committees: On divine service, courtesies, finance, publication of memoirs and resolutions of thanks.

On motion the meeting adjourned. At 2:30 p. m. the Woman's Missionary Society reassembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Robinson. After roll-call and reading minutes of morning session, the corresponding secretary read a letter of greeting from the corresponding secretary of the East Texas Conference Society. A resolution to request corresponding secretary to return greetings to East Texas Conference Society was adopted. A resolution to endorse the action of the corresponding secretary in pledging \$100 at the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions for on-going missionaries was adopted and the amount pledged by the members present.

Mrs. W. H. Allen suggested the propriety of holding a memorial service in honor of our late deceased missionary, Miss Dona Hamilton, and a motion to that effect was adopted and the following Friday night the time appointed for holding it. The corresponding secretary read letters from Miss C. J. Wilson, of Denton, who desires to become a missionary. Mrs. Howell suggested the appointment of a committee on missionary candidates. The following were appointed on that committee: Mrs. A. C. Owen, Mrs. P. W. Drake, Mrs. N. E. Jones and Mrs. A. L. Frost.

Report of district secretaries were called for and the following responded: Mrs. F. E. Howell, Dallas Springs; Mrs. M. A. Duff, Sulphur Springs; Mrs. P. W. Drake, Gainesville; Mrs. A. M. Covert, Sherman; Mrs. W. H. Allen reported for Terrell district. The other districts were not represented by their district secretaries in person. Fourteen new auxiliaries were reported in the various districts, and some old ones revived.

Rev. J. C. Weaver, agent for North Texas Female College, and Mrs. Pierce, wife of Rev. J. L. Pierce, were introduced to the conference. Rev. E. A.

Butterfield made a very appropriate talk; Rev. J. C. Weaver pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

The W. M. S. held its fourth session at 9:30 a. m. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. E. A. Butterfield. After roll-call, reading minutes and rules of order, reports of auxiliaries were called for, and reports from the following auxiliaries were submitted:

First Church, Dallas; McKinney, Bethel, Centenary Church, Paris; Whiteboro, Mesquite, Kaufman, Deatur, Terrell, Jefferson, Plano, Greenville, Sulphur Springs and Twin Oak.

Time having arrived for adjournment, Rev. W. K. Duff made a short, appropriate talk and dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

W. M. S. held its fifth session Friday afternoon, 2:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Owen. Corresponding secretary called the roll; minutes of morning session postponed; reports of auxiliaries continued. Pottorbo, Forney, Pilot Point, Wesley Chapel, Lamar Avenue, Paris; Collinsville, Pittsburg, China's Chapel and Whitewright were reported. The following Juvenile Societies reported:

Cheerful Givers, of Terrell; Little Friends of the East, of Deatur; Dona Hamilton Society, of Jefferson; Juvenile Helpers, of Centenary Church, Paris, and Cheerful Givers, of Henrietta.

Mrs. Howell offered the following resolution: Resolved, that we, as a Conference Society, have heard with pleasure the report from Deatur Juvenile Society, by their youthful delegate, little Ada Cates, and greet with pleasure her presence among us. Such reports are an inspiration to us other members and are calculated to urge us on to greater efforts in our noble work of missions. The question asked: "Can money of outside effort made by auxiliaries be appropriated without instruction from the W. B.?" was answered as follows: "Cannot be appropriated in any field not entered by the board." Afternoon session closed with benediction.

The Conference Society held a memorial service Friday evening, October 3, at 7:30 o'clock, at the M. E. Church, South, in memory of Miss Dona Hamilton, our late deceased missionary. The following program was carried out in full: Opening song, by choir, "Asleep in Jesus"; devotional exercises by Rev. J. L. Pierce; hymn, by choir, "We shall sleep, but not forever." A letter written by Miss Laura Haygood to Miss Hamilton's mother was read by Mrs. Robinson, followed by a short talk. Hymn, by choir, "Come let us join our friend above." Rev. J. R. Allen, pastor First Church, Dallas, who was once Miss Hamilton's pastor, made a very impressive, interesting talk, alluded to the time when she came to the altar and consecrated her whole heart to God, also to the farewell meeting held on the eve of her departure for China. Then followed a short address by Rev. J. W. Hill, who had known her in her childhood days. Hymn, "Gathering Home," was sung. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Pierce.

Conference Society met October 4, at 9:30 o'clock. Religious services conducted by Rev. W. K. Duff. After roll-call, reading of minutes and rules of order, Rev. C. O. Jones, pastor M. E. Church, South, at Honey Grove, was introduced to the society.

Report of committees was called for. Committee on missionary candidates reported the following, which was received and adopted by the society: This committee, after a prayerful consideration of the matter, have concluded to request this Conference Society to recommend to the Woman's Board our dear young sister, Miss Celia Wilson, of Denton, as a missionary candidate. Having learned that she is under the prescribed age, and that she desires to be better qualified, we would beg leave to recommend that she enter the normal school of which she has written and prosecute her studies under the direction of the learned Christian teacher who has so kindly offered to direct her course of study. We would also urge upon her the great importance of a prayerful, diligent study of God's holy word. We earnestly pray God's richest blessings may rest upon our dear young sister, and that she may have heavenly wisdom to guide her in her mission of love.

MRS. P. W. DRAKE, Mrs. N. E. JONES, Mrs. A. L. FROST.

Committee on publication submitted the following, which was adopted: Whereas, in order to be enthused with missionary zeal, it is important to be well-informed on the subject of missions. We, therefore, recommend that every member of our Woman's Missionary Society be a subscriber to the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and use her influence to get others to take this periodical, published by our Woman's Board. We also recommend that 500 copies of the minutes of this annual meeting be published for distribution among our auxiliaries, if we can raise funds to defray the expenses. We would further recommend that each preacher in North Texas Conference be furnished with a copy. We also recommend that the recording secretary be instructed to furnish the editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE a copy of the minutes of this meeting for publication, and the corresponding secretary furnish a condensed account for the Woman's Missionary Advocate. It is also recommended that the corresponding secretary be instructed to correspond with the corresponding secretary of each conference society in Texas relative to publishing a paper in the interest of the missionary work in our societies. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. J. ROBINSON, Mrs. DEJERNETT, Mrs. BOWMAN, Mrs. ASHBURN.

The committee on finance reported as follows: Resolved, that the contingent fund



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remain 25 cents; that the delegates impress their auxiliaries with the importance of collecting this fund early in the year.

2. That the expenses of our conference officers be paid to annual meeting and on any special call for the good of the work.

3. Realizing that our district secretaries' work is of such great importance, and that they have been detained in many instances from organizing for want of means, we appropriate \$10 each for their use.

4. That the law requiring each auxiliary to send a delegate to annual meeting be enforced; that each auxiliary shall defray expenses of their delegate.

5. That our corresponding secretary's expense be met fully, such as attending meeting of the board, expenses in organizing, or whatever in her judgment is for the good of the work.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. A. M. COVERT, Mrs. M. A. DUFF, Mrs. — HENDRIX, Mrs. W. H. ALLEN.

The report was adopted by items. Committee on memoirs submitted the following:

The year just passed has witnessed the departure from our ranks of several of our members, and among those who have gone from earthly labor to heavenly rest, we report Mrs. Jane Riddle, of Pilot Point, an honored member of that auxiliary, the mother of Rev. S. C. Riddle, of our conference; Mrs. C. Conger, of Bethel auxiliary; Mrs. G. W. Bowman, of Plano auxiliary; Mrs. E. Wyber, of Chin's Chapel auxiliary, and Mrs. Martha Ann Mathis, of Mesquite auxiliary. The death of these dear sisters reminds us of the fact that we are only temporary sojourners here, with our appointed work to do for the Master, and that we should be faithful to the duties assigned us, and so live that when our summons comes we may be ready to join those of our number who have gone before.

Mrs. F. E. HOWELL, Mrs. W. H. ALLEN, Mrs. E. J. ROBINSON.

The following committee on anniversary exercises was appointed: Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. W. H. Allen. After the benediction, the society adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Conference Society met at 2:30 p. m. Religious exercises conducted by Mrs. Drake. Calling roll omitted. Minutes read and approved. The Bible and training-school being under discussion, the recording secretary read a lesson bearing upon the subject. Rev. C. O. Jones made a beautiful and interesting talk on the subject, telling us of the location of the school, explaining lectureships and scholarships. Each of us not only enjoyed it, but felt benefited by it.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the North Texas Conference W. M. Society send greeting to Women's Missionary Conference of the Cumberland Church, which convenes in Dallas in spring. Mrs. Howell was appointed to extend our greeting to that body.

The society next proceeded to elect the place for holding next annual meeting. Dallas, Paris, Decatur, Forney and Plano were put in nomination. Plano was elected. The society set the time for next meeting third Wednesday in June.

The election of officers was next taken up, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. Abbie Allen, Rock Hill; Vice-President, Mrs. M. A. Allen, Terrell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Paris; Recording Secretary, Miss Cora Kuykendall, Greenville; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Allen, Terrell.

District Secretaries—Jefferson district, Mrs. T. B. Alexander, Gilmer; Sherman district, Mrs. A. M. Covert, Pilot Point; Terrell district, Mrs. Gillespie, Forney; Sulphur Springs district, Mrs. M. A. Duff, Greenville; Gainesville, Mrs. P. W. Drake, Decatur; Montague district, Mrs. Clara W. Cameron; Dallas district, Mrs. F. E. Howell, Dallas; Bonham district, Mrs. T. U. Cole, Honey Grove; Paris district, Mrs. Ora Reams, Paris; Auditor, Mr. Walton, Terrell; alternate to meeting, W. B. M. Mrs. Howell.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the Woman's Missionary Society of North Texas Conference, in annual session assembled, hereby express regret that Miss Lou Covert, recording secretary of the Conference Society, is prevented by illness from being with us at this annual meeting, and we send her our sincere sympathy and hope she may ere long be restored to sound health.

After remarks by the president, we sang, "God be with you till we meet again." Mrs. Robinson closed the session with prayer. Rev. C. O. Jones, of Honey Grove,

preached our anniversary sermon, Sunday morning, from the text: "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalms ii:8. This sermon, so eloquent, so replete with missionary facts, will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to hear it.

At 3:30 p. m. we assembled and united in a most enjoyable love feast, led by Rev. W. K. Duff. After the close of the love feast the society remained a few moments to discuss how they might raise sufficient funds to endow them a scholarship in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. It was moved and carried that each auxiliary try and raise \$50 before next annual meeting—\$2000 securing one scholarship. The society chose Mr. Lon Morris, of Pittsburg, as their financial agent to receive funds and place at interest. Miss Cora Kuykendall was appointed to inform Mr. Morris of society's desire. All funds raised for this purpose to be sent to Mrs. W. H. Allen, conference treasurer, who will, when the sum of \$100 is received, remit same to the financial agent.

The anniversary was held Sunday night. Opening song by the choir; scripture lesson by the president; prayer by Mrs. Robinson; song by the choir; reading of the minutes by the recording secretary; report of corresponding secretary; report of treasurer; song (duet), Mrs. Reams and Miss Kuykendall; resolution of thanks; address by Rev. C. O. Jones; hymn; remarks by Rev. J. L. Pierce and collection—collection, \$100.

MISS CORA KUYKENDALL, Recording Secretary.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.

Bro. Hampton and his people are wrestling heroically with the above problem, and are succeeding admirably in securing homes for all embraced in the invitation at Belton. To every prudent person it will occur that it would strain any town of this size to its utmost to entertain so large a body of men and women, free for a week, as the Northwest Texas Conference. We had thought of getting up a small margin on homes so as to entertain a few visitors extra. But, oh, my! every mail brings letters from brethren asking free entertainment for two, or three, or four, or five "good members of our church who want to look at the country out West and enjoy the annual conference." This class of applicants for homes has already reached into the hundreds. We are glad that so many of our best Methodist people want to look at our beautiful country, and Bro. Hampton and his people will do all they can to make their stay with us pleasant and cheap. So we have arranged with some of our best hotels and boarding-houses to entertain guests who are visitors to the conference at the low rate of \$1 per day; and we further promise our visitors that they will encounter as clever a set of real estate agents as can be found west of the Atlantic ocean. So, come along, brethren, one and all; you are welcome and shall be royally entertained as above.

The matter of reduced rate of rail road fare was put into the hands of Rev. Sam'l P. Wright some time ago. You will doubtless receive notice through the columns of the ADVOCATE as to the result of his labors in due time.

Abilene is 161 miles west of Fort Worth, on the Texas and Pacific railroad. We have but one passenger train a day west, which leaves Fort Worth at 9 a. m. Our conference convenes at 9 a. m., Thursday, November 13. Some of the church papers have the date wrong. J. S. A. WALLACE, ABILENE, TEXAS.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND. Let the proclerics in charge of circuits, stations and missions of the North Texas Conference see to it that the assessments for the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of deceased traveling preachers be collected in full. The assessment for this fund is now too low; hence the necessity of raising every dollar of it. I trust that each preacher in charge will bring up every cent put upon him to collect for this purpose. Our conference claimants are worthy, and they need our sympathy and the support of the church. All preachers in charge will please find out who are claimants in the bounds of their respective charges, and what their needs are and report the same to the Joint Board of Finance at our next session at Texarkana. Please, brethren, give heed to these suggestions, and let us do our whole duty towards those who have gone before in the great work of salvation. D. J. MARTIN, Chairman Joint Board of Finance of North Texas Conference.

HOUSE STRAYED OR STOLEN.

My black horse was stolen from my residence or strayed Thursday morning; seven years old, about fourteen and a half hands high, heavy set, branded 3, with a circle around it, on right shoulder, and UC on right thigh. A suitable reward will be paid for his return. W. H. LEFEBVRE, Postoffice of M. E. Church, south.

A LOST SON.

To the Readers of the ADVOCATE and to all to whom these presents may come: DEAR BROTHERS AND FRIENDS—My son, Newton Richard McLendon, a boy about fifteen years old, rather spare made, black hair, blue eyes, and weighs about ninety-five pounds, left home October 12. Any information leading to his whereabouts will be thankfully received. Yours respectfully, B. H. MCLENDON, OXFORD, LLANO CO., TEXAS, OCT. 18, 1890.

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(From the San Antonio Daily Express, Oct. 12.)

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The commercial school display, which also secured the coveted first premium, astonished the thousands who examined it. It was a marvel of excellence in every particular, and the prize secured was truly deserved. In fact, the general excellence of this educational institution is such that it ranks among the very best of its kind in the entire country. The attendance is larger at this season than ever before—a fact which gives abundant evidence of the increasing prosperity and usefulness of this school. The faculty is composed exclusively of able, educated and practical men, thorough in all they undertake, which is a guarantee that their pupils will be given the advantage of a first-class training. Young men and young ladies who desire the benefits of a thorough and practical business education cannot do better than attend the Alamo City Business College.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

West Texas Conference. The International, the Arkansas Pass and the Southern Pacific roads agree to sell round trip tickets at four cents per mile to members attending the approaching session of the West Texas Conference in San Antonio. Mr. E. G. Bieker, passenger agent of the latter road, writes as follows: "We will place on sale at all stations between Maudlin, Del Rio and Eagle Pass, on October 27 to 30, good to return until November 5, 1890, round trip tickets to San Antonio, for properly accredited delegates and their female relatives only, at a rate based on four cents per mile for the round trip, which we trust will be satisfactory."

H. S. THEALL, Secretary.

Northwest Texas. F. P. Ray, Esq., Secretary, Waxahatchie, Texas: DEAR SIR—Answering yours of October 6, beg to say that dates for sale of tickets to Abilene and return, for the conference, held at Watson's Hotel, and Wesley's Sermons. Rev. J. T. L. Anals will meet them at night, at 7 o'clock, same day, on McTyre's Catechism and Fletcher's Appeal. At 9 a. m., November 12, I will meet them on the Discipline and Wesley's Notes. Pastor at Abilene will please designate the places of meeting. Class will furnish books.

G. W. GRAVES, Chairman Com.

The class of the third year of the Northwest Texas Conference is called to meet the committee for examination in Abilene, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 2:30 p. m. W. L. NELMS, for Committee.

Northwest Texas Conference in Ballinger. In response to quite a number of letters written by brethren who generally would want to come via Ballinger, on their way to Abilene Conference, I would say the west-bound train arrives here at 2:55 a. m., and the east-bound at 2:10 a. m. For the accommodation of the members of the conference, there will be daily conveyance from Ballinger to Abilene. Stage-fare will be reduced to \$5 for the round trip. Abilene is fifty-five miles northeast of Ballinger. Road runs by Buffalo Gap. If more information is wanted, I suppose I can give it. Any wishing conveyance will write Capt. N. F. Boush a card, and he will convey you across handsomely. J. T. BLODGETT.

Underwritten has been unanimously requested to arrange with railroads for special rates to Abilene—The Texas Pacific, Missouri Kansas and Texas and Ft. Worth and Denver agree to a round trip rate of four cents per mile. The Cotton Belt, International and Santa Fe have not yet been heard from, but will, without a doubt, make a rate. Next week, full list will be given.

N. B.—Let all inquire at their ticket offices, if coupon tickets are on sale, and write me if not. SAM'L P. WRIGHT.

Committee and class of the fourth year will meet at the Methodist Church in Caldwell, Texas, Tuesday, November 11, at 9 a. m. J. F. POLLEN, Chairman.

The class of the third year will meet at the Methodist Church in Caldwell, Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock, November 11, 1890. Brethren, bring your books. J. A. SAWYER, N. F. LAW.

North Texas. The class of the first year will please meet the committee at 9 a. m. on Tuesday, November 18, in the Southern Methodist Church in Texarkana. D. J. MARTIN, Chairman.

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A MISTAKE.

In the ADVOCATE of October 9 Bro. S. W. Miller gives an account of the recent debate between Rev. C. L. Ballard, presiding elder of the Gainesville district, and Rev. J. W. Denton, of the Campbellite Church, in which he makes a mistake that should be corrected. He says: "One amusing point was made by Mr. Denton, in which he quoted from Dr. Clark, one 'Bishop Pierce, a Southern Methodist bishop.' Said he: 'That's good authority.' But the point 'Pierced' Mr. Denton rather sharply when Dr. Ballard showed that Dr. Clark, from whom he had quoted, was dead before Bishop Pierce, of our church, was born."

In reference here made to Dr. Adam Clark, the commentator? If so, it would be more mortifying to a Methodist preacher to hear a presiding elder say that he "was dead before Bishop Pierce was born" than amusing to hear a Campbellite designate him as one "Bishop Pierce," of our church. I cannot believe that Bro. Ballard would make such a mistake. Bro. Miller must have misunderstood him. Surely both knew better. Bishop Pierce was not only born, but "born again," and preaching the gospel before Adam Clark died. He was born February 3, 1811, converted in 1827, licensed to preach March 20, 1830, preached his first sermon March 28, 1830. (See Review for October, 1889, and Life and Times of G. F. Pierce, by Smith, p. 57.) Dr. Clark died August 26, 1832. (See Stephens' Hist. Meth., vol. 3, p. 475.) Thus you see that Bishop Pierce was more than twenty years of age when Dr. Clark died, and had been preaching more than two years.

H. P. SHRAEDER, DEXTER, TEXAS.

STATE ORPHANASYLUM, CORNINGA. In behalf of Superintendent Gaither and R. J. Swearingen and his Sabbath-school in this institution, we acknowledge with joy a donation of valuable books, worth \$25 from our Publishing House, through Rev. C. S. Reid, Treasurer Sunday-school Fund of the North West Texas Conference. H. M. GLASS.

Basthrop. W. Wootton, Oct. 14: Our fourth quarterly meeting was held last night. Finances reported in full of all assessments. Twenty-seven net gain to the membership during the year and a resolution unanimously adopted inviting the conference to hold its next session at this place. We feel to thank God and take courage.

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DeWitt ch. at... 1st Sun in Oct. 25, 26. Let the local preacher and exhorter be present for the examination of character and removal of license.

TYLER DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. New York ch. at... 1st Sun in Oct. 25, 26. Athens, at Athens... 1st Sun in Oct. 25, 26.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Alto ch. at Alto... 4th Sun in Oct. 25, 26. Grand Prairie ch. at Grand Prairie... 1st Sun in Nov. 1, 2.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Elyan ch. at... 4th Sun in Oct. 25, 26. Texarkana ch. at... 8 p.m. in Oct. 25, 26.

WACO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Waco ch. at... 11 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26. Mexico ch. at... 11 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Cooper ch. at... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26. Back Jack Grove ch. at... 4th Sun in Oct. 25, 26.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Redias ch. at... 11 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26. Anderson ch. at... 11 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Pilot Grove ch. at... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26. Van Alstyne ch. at... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Spratford and Goshen, at... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26. Meridian ch. at... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Saly and San Felipe, at... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26. Beville, at Beville... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26.

BONHAM DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Ben Franklin, at Brushy Mound... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26. Ben Franklin, at Brushy Mound... 10 a.m. in Oct. 25, 26.

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Rheumatism in cattle and horses may readily be detected by the indisposition of the affected animals to move, and when they do it with difficulty and with apparent pain.

I had a mare water-fouled about two months ago. She became very lame; could scarcely walk.

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For the mule the following proportion by weight will furnish abundant nutriment: Three parts corn, three parts oats, one part cotton-seed meal.

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host," well aligned and armed, will surround those who send up their earnest, confident, continual call for aid.

"God reigns and the government lives," Aye, and it shall live. Death may be the means of life...

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HOLTZMAN.—Pierce.—At the residence of Mr. B. L. Lowe, October 12, 1890, by the Rev. J. H. Chambliss...

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JONES.—Kiker.—At the residence of the bride's father, B. F. Kiker, October 9, by Rev. U. J. Morton...

PRITCHETT.—Higgins.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Thornton, Limestone county, Texas, by Rev. J. J. Pritchett...

POETER.—Swank.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. F. Swank, in Travis county, October 5, 1890...

WOOD.—Keeling.—At the residence of the bride's step-father, Mr. Elliot, October 15, by Rev. U. J. Morton...

HOOKS.—God called our young sister from the church militant to the church triumphant, September 25, 1890...

GREEN.—Wm. Albert Green was born February 12, 1876, in Choctaw county, Ala...

RESH.—Infant son of W. T. and S. E. Rush was born June 11, 1890, and died October 6, 1890...

HICKS.—Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olive Hicks, was born April 1, 1890...

BARBER.—Sister Henrietta, the daughter of D. J. and C. V. Lawrence, the wife of Albert Barber...

RUSH.—Sister Sarah E. Rush departed this life September 20, 1890; was born March 29, 1858...

LOWREY.—Sarah M. Lowrey, wife of J. W. Lowrey, was born May 1, 1826; married in Georgia July 22, 1847...

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"Arrows From Two Quivers": Sermons by R. H. Rivers, D. D., and H. C. Morrison, D. D. Printed for the authors by Barlee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn.

"Scriptural Outlines by Books and Themes," by William G. Carr. The title indicates the book. It gives the outlines of the different books of the Bible and some Bible readings.

The Quarterly Review, of the M. E. Church, South, October number, is on our table, with the following interesting table of contents: Usury and Usury Laws, J. M. Wright; Preparatory Education, from a Southern Stand-Point, Charles H. Card; Family Religion, Thomas A. Seals; Methodism and Advanced Thought, Thos. J. Dodd; A Fifth Sunday in June, J. R. G. Three Decades of Evolution, E. D. McCreary; Epigenesis versus Scriptura, William E. Edwards; Religious France in the Nineteenth Century, Jonathan Round O.; God and the Working Man, Thomas Dabney Marshall; Three Dispensations in Christian Experience, Crawford Jackson; Walks in London, William Harrison; Editor's Tables; Bishop Simpson as a Politician; Ministerial Disqualification in Tennessee; Baptism for the Dead; Temperance Legislation in the Church.

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THE GREAT DALLAS FAIR.

Dallas has more good luck to boast of than any city in the Union. The elements seem favorable to her—the rain never descending to interfere with any great occasion, but water in abundance rushing from the earth's interior in answer to her first ardent effort.

Obituary—Texas.

Mrs. Cora Wilmer, near Amarillo; Mr. Voorhees, near Andrews; Joseph Ehrlich, Archer county; Wash Vinson, near Bethany; W. R. Burris, Blooming Grove; Dr. Plien, near Breckenridge; Miss Joe Jackson, Mrs. Malone, Brennan; Miss Jeana Henry, Buena Vista; John Cook, Burnham; C. K. Robinson, Cameron; Rev. James T. Hill, Carthage; John Young, Clarendon; Jack Nabers, Comanche; Mrs. Rosette Gloude, Cat Springs; Col. W. F. Henderson, Corsicana; William Hammond, Mrs. D. J. Phillips, Mrs. Anna A. Hill, derbrand, Cuero; F. W. Harwood, Eastland; Mrs. B. D. Gruber, Gainesville; Lient. F. J. Simmons, Galveston; Miss Myrtle Hildreth, Gatesville; Miss Mollie Tant, Hamilton; J. J. Findlay, Honey Grove; Mrs. Robert Lockhart, Houston; Mrs. Lulu Waskom, near Jonesville; Dr. A. B. Park, Jefferson; Webb Fly, Laredo; Mrs. William Eilebraecht, Mason; Miss Tina Lair, Mantua; Alfonso L. Jones, McKinney; J. D. Winsett, Midlothian; E. T. Hitzelberger, Palestine; J. A. McAlpine, Pilot Point; Brier Boardman, Pleasant Springs; Mrs. B. Wetzenhopper, Parrell; Mrs. Kittie Barnes, Rockwall; Mrs. Laving Conway, Runge; Mrs. Bassett, Thomas Muldoon, San Antonio; Minnie Legerton, Sherman; Mrs. M. E. Summers, Sulphur Springs; George Holman, Taylor; W. J. Rogers, Thornton; R. E. Burton, T. C. Walker, Tyler; C. C. Sorts, Washburn; Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll, Waxahachie; H. C. Angel, Weatherford; J. B. Rayburn, Willis Point; Jesse Bowen, Wimsboro; Mrs. Henry Sternberg, Zionsville.

Texas Casualties.

Jas. Lawrence, railway station agent at Lindale, Smith county, was robbed by two masked men on the night of October 14 of \$40.

P. C. Lee, a prominent stockman of San Angelo, was killed by being thrown from his horse.

Tom Baze, a San Angelo stockman, was severely stabbed last week by a Mexican sheep herder.

George Jones, a bachelor farm hand, shot and killed himself near Taylor. The finale of a spree.

Striking tailors at Fort Worth won a victory over employers.

John Long, a mute, fell into a well and was drowned near Wylie.

The ten-year-old son of a Mrs. Brannum, of Denton, was accidentally killed while out hunting.

Mrs. McBreath, of Taylor, dropped dead while lighting her lamp, October 18. She had eaten supper heartily and was apparently as well as usual.

J. J. Finley died in Honey Grove, supposed to be poisoned.

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magnificent female college at Gainesville. The synod protests against Sunday newspapers.

Prairie fires in Crosby county are doing damage. This county is agitating the feasibility of a canal from Canyon Blanco to head of Trinity river, in case the Trinity is ever made a navigable canal.

Denison is to have another national bank; capital, \$200,000.

B. F. Fuller has recovered \$5000 damage for delay in shipping the corpse of his son for the Indian Territory.

It is to be regretted very much that the Kansas Pass railroad had to be forced into the hands of a receiver. It was strictly a home institution, not owned or controlled by any great foreign corporation.

The system was building and projecting not only in Southern and Southwest Texas, but was seeking a northern outlet, which if it had gotten would have proven of incalculable benefit to the State. We believe this road is the only road in the State that observes the Sabbath by not running trains on Sunday.

I have recently been over the line of the Cotton Belt railway, both Fort Worth line and Waco line, to Gatesville. It is amazing how vast has been the improvement of the Cotton Belt system in Texas since the appointment of Major A. H. Swanson as receiver. The road is being put in first-class shape, the road-bed widened and improved, high banks cut down, new bridges put in and the road put in better shape in all particulars.

The Real Estate Convention. The real estate men have formed a close corporation as per proceedings of their convention last week in Waco.

The following gentlemen were selected as directors for the first year: James B. Simpson of Dallas; R. W. Harris, of Fort Worth; C. Allen of San Antonio; J. C. Johnson, of Corsicana; E. L. Perry, of Velasco; W. H. Price, of Seymour; P. L. Downs, of Temple; J. H. Bright, of Houston; W. K. Dunica, of Waco; S. C. Collins, of Denison; Frank Maddox, of Austin; C. S. Hardy, of Mexia; W. C. Allen, of Fort Worth; and thereafter it is recommended that, as far as practicable, one director be selected from each congressional district and two for the State at large.

Agents were appointed to confer with passengers agents' convention at Chicago with a view to securing tourist and immigration rates, and also to secure cheap rates for European immigrants. It was resolved to employ an immigration agent, with headquarters at New York, to turn immigrants toward Texas.

Messrs. C. H. Stillman, of Fort Worth; J. F. Patterson, of San Antonio and R. T. Barry, of Dallas, were appointed a committee to recommend the board of directors of the Real Estate Agents' Association of Texas changes in and additions to the laws of Texas which may be needed for the better security of real estate titles and records.

A convention of all real estate agents of Texas was called to meet at the Commercial club rooms in the city of Houston, at 10 o'clock a. m., Dec. 10th, 1890, to complete and perfect the work begun at this convention and to bring together in close association all the members of the Real Estate Agents' Association of Texas.

The proceedings of the Manufacturers' Convention at Fort Worth were indorsed.

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Miscellaneous. The Leland hotel, five-stories, Syracuse, N. Y., burned to the ground October 16. More than fifty lives lost.

D. Hennessey, chief of the New Orleans police, was assassinated by dagos as he was on his way home the night of October 16.

The new census gives Alabama a population of 1,508,073—an increase of nearly 20 per cent.

The Mexican republic will adopt recommendations of the international American conference with regard to a uniform system of weights and measures.

Canada has removed the duty on lumber exported to the United States.

The car works all over the country have advanced the prices of building passenger coaches. A coach that was built a year ago for \$5200 the works will not build now for less than \$5500, and the car works are steadily advancing the price of box and coal cars.

Railway building in Mexico is going on at a very rapid rate. Carload after carload of material has gone through Eagle Pass, Texas, destined for the Monterey and Mexican Gulf railway, the Mexican Northern, or the San Pedro branch of the Mexican International. All of these railways will be completed in less than a year's time. They are each averaging more than a mile a day. They will open to traffic tens of thousands of miles of fertile country.

The Bishop of London, October 13, performed a special reconstruction service in St. Paul's Cathedral to purge the edifice from the defilement caused by the swine which ate the members of the historic building on September 2nd according to old traditions of the church the shedding of human blood in a place dedicated to God deprives the building of its sacred character, which can only be restored by a new consecration. A service similar to the one performed is unprecedented in the history of the cathedral.

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Thomas A. Edison is expected to attend. At least two-thirds of the street railway companies of the country are represented, and also all great electrical manufacturing companies. Colonel Thomas Lowry, president of the Minneapolis Street Railway Company, and president of the association, occupied the chair. Special committees will report on the following topics: "Perfect street railway horse," "Electric motive power technically considered," "Novel schemes for the development of street railways and public and State treatment of corporations."

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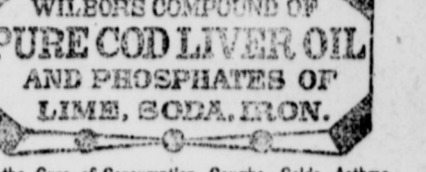
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