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EAST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

The East Texas Conference met in forty-sixth session at Tyler, Texas, in the basement of the First Baptist Church, November 26, at 9 a. m.

The bishop opened the conference by reading the fourth chapter of II Corinthians and 22nd hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive?" He led in an earnest prayer, and the conference sang, "How Firm a Foundation," and Bro. Woolam led in a melting prayer.

B. E. Bolton, the Secretary of last conference, called the roll, and L. M. Fowler was elected Secretary, and B. R. Bolton, N. J. Frick and Leon Sonfield assistant secretaries.

SECOND DAY.

The conference was opened with religious services by Dr. J. H. McLean. On motion, the calling of the roll for the remainder of the session was dispensed with. The minutes were read and approved.

An invitation from the Y. M. C. A. to visit and use their rooms was read, and on motion received with thanks.

A paper from W. N. Hays, Commissioner of Education for the C. M. E. Church in America, was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of J. T. Smith, R. W. Thompson and John R. Hearshill.

A resolution expressing sympathy with Sister J. C. Woolam in her sickness and regret at her absence from the conference was adopted.

The conference then proceeded with the regular minute questions. Dr. J. H. McLean, acting regent of Southwestern University, made a sensible talk on education.

After notices the conference adjourned to attend thanksgiving services.

THIRD DAY.

The conference was opened with religious services by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of the Texas Conference. The minutes were read and approved.

The conference proceeded with the examination of character.

Then the Committee on Colportage reported, recommending co-operation with the Texas and North Texas Conferences through the Rev. I. Z. T. Morris as colporteur. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was presented and adopted. It requests the presiding elders to bring the Bible cause prominently before the people of their districts and to try to have a Bible depository at every county site in their districts, and also appoints Easter Sunday as a day to take a collection for the Bible cause.

The Committee on District Conference Records reported.

The Committee on Temperance reported with the usual eloquence that subject calls for. The report was amended and adopted.

The Board of Education reported, and Prof. G. J. Nunn, principal of the Alexander Institute, addressed the conference, and the report was adopted. The report assesses for education the ensuing year to be divided equally between the Southwestern University and Alexander Institute, \$700, and apportioned same to the presiding elders' districts as follows: Marshall district, \$145; Tyler district, \$145; Palestine district, \$145; San Augustine district, \$145; and Beaumont district, \$145.

The presiding elders made the following nominations for the new boards and examination committees for the ensuing four years:

For Admission on Trial—G. A. LeClere, A. J. Frick and W. H. Crawford.

First Year—J. C. Calhoun, J. A. Smith and C. E. Ellis.

Second Year—W. A. Sampey, L. M. Fowler and J. L. Dawson.

Third Year—D. F. C. Timmons, J. T. Smith and J. W. Lively.

Fourth Year—J. W. Johnson, W. W. McAnally and C. E. Smith.

Board of Missions—R. S. Finley, L. M. Fowler, A. J. Frick, W. A. Sampey, J. T. Smith, T. P. Smith, J. W. Johnson, John Adams, F. J. Browning, J. S. Mathis, D. H. Connally, J. L. Holt, W. F. Davis.

Board of Colportage—C. H. Smith, John Heipenstein, A. G. Scroggs, W. H. Crawford.

Board of Education—Jas. Campbell, W. A. Sampey, E. J. Lake, R. J. Rainey, Jas. Turner, J. C. Calhoun, John T. Stark.

Board of Church Extension—J. S. Mathis, A. C. Neal, J. M. Smith, E. C. Dickerson, T. S. Garrison, G. W. Ridley, J. D. Ford.

The conference confirmed the above nominations and adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

The conference opened with religious services by J. S. Mathis. Dr. R. S. Finley in the chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported, and the report was adopted.

The committee appointed to investigate the case of E. T. Brasher, who did not attend the work assigned him, reported no trial necessary.

The Church Extension Board reported and the report was adopted.

With the consent of the conference the Nominating Committee added G. A. LeClere to the Board of Missions.

D. F. C. Timmons, H. G. Scudday, T. S. Garrison and J. B. Douglas were added to the Board of Education.

The special committee on Paine and Lane Institutes reported, recommending an assessment of \$200, and the report was adopted.

The Joint Board of Finance made their report and distributed the money to the conference claimants.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made an instructive and comprehensive report, which was adopted.

Heardson, Texas, was then selected as the seat of the next session of the conference.

The class for admission into full connection was called, and after an instructive and comprehensive address by Bishop Galloway, was admitted.

The Committee on Public Worship made the following announcements for Sunday services:

At 3:30 o'clock, I. Alexander and A. Little will hold services at the Colored M. E. Church at 4:30, Father Woolam will conduct services in the county jail; at 7:15, Rev. James Campbell will preach at the First Baptist Church, followed by the ordination of elders; in the First Presbyterian Church, at 7:15, Rev. Mr. Scudday will preach; Rev. J. T. Smith will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 7:15; at Cedar Street Church, at 7:15, F. J. Browning will preach; at 7:15, at the C. M. E. Church, Abe Mulkey and W. H. Campbell; Lovefield at 9 o'clock in the Baptist Church; Bishop Galloway will preach in the tabernacle at 11 o'clock, followed by the ordination of deacons; the Woman's Missionary Society anniversary will meet in the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock. Addresses by Bishop Galloway, Mrs. Cooks and Miss Bennett.

FIFTH DAY.

The conference was opened with religious services by J. S. Mathis. The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the name of Prof. G. J. Nunn was added to the Sunday-school Board.

Dr. R. S. Finley offered his resignation as curator of Southwestern University, which was accepted, and on the recommendation of the conference Jas. Campbell was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The bishop announced the names of those ordained by him deacons and elders (see below).

The Sunday-school Board offered their report, which was adopted after some discussion.

H. G. Scudday read for the Committee on Memoirs the memoir of Rev. L. C. Crouse, who died during the year. After J. C. Woolam, W. N. Bonner, R. W. Thompson and F. B. Pillsbury had spoken of the deceased as a faithful servant of God, the report was adopted. R. W. Thompson also raised a collection for Sister Crouse and the brethren contributed liberally.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Tyler for their hospitality and to the various churches for cordiality and to the railroads which gave a reduction of rates were adopted.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Bishop Galloway then delivered a fine address on Methodist polity and its providential origin, read out the appointments and adjourned the conference, without date, with the benediction.

MINUTE BUSINESS.

G. B. Hines, A. J. Weeks, J. C. Box, T. B. Vinson, S. N. Allen, T. W. Boynton, L. A. Webb, W. H. Dean, Charley Presley and J. W. Griffin were admitted on trial.

C. B. Smith remains on trial.

J. W. Bradford and H. Twomey were discontinued.

E. R. Large, J. L. Wyche, O. C. Fontain, V. N. Godby were admitted into full connection.

C. H. Ellis was received by transfer.

Wm. M. Sproule, J. D. Burk, J. M. Porter, W. McFisher and H. G. Scudday are the deacons of one year.

J. S. Wyche, O. C. Fontaine and V. A. Godby, traveling preachers, were ordained deacons.

A. J. Weeks, T. W. Boynton and W. F. Carnes, local preachers, were ordained deacons.

G. W. Langley, J. C. H. McKnight, A. G. Scroggs and Leon Sonfield, traveling preachers, were ordained elders.

B. F. Fincher, D. B. Banks, Edwin Mason, N. C. R. David, Jas. Warren, local preachers, were ordained elders.

S. H. Nettles and I. Alexander were located at their own consent.

W. N. Banner, L. F. Smith, J. B. Holt, R. M. Sproule, R. W. Thompson, M. Donegan are supernumerary.

R. Menifee, R. M. Kirby, H. M. Booth, A. D. Parks, W. H. Ardis, are unannounced.

L. C. Grooms died this year.

The names of all the preachers were called one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Members last year.
Marshall	31	5,697	5,697
Tyler	30	5,515	5,245
Palestine	28	4,538	4,538
San Augustine	22	5,297	5,279
Beaumont	22	2,584	2,545
Total	133	23,437	23,487
Total last year	121	20,792	
Increase	12	2,645	2,695
Decrease	21	735	1,910

DISTRICTS.	Prof. of Faith.	Of. Certif.	Removals by Death.	Removals by Expul.
Marshall	435	205	212	212
Tyler	402	205	225	225
Palestine	352	187	223	223
San Augustine	219	187	86	86
Beaumont	215	160	174	174
Total	2,139	1,226	1,661	1,661

DISTRICTS.	Infants.	Adults.	No. Value.
Marshall	124	204	\$5,590
Tyler	124	204	\$5,590
Palestine	124	204	\$5,590
San Augustine	124	204	\$5,590
Beaumont	124	204	\$5,590
Total	600	1,008	\$27,850
Total last year	515	920	\$26,810
Increase	85	88	\$1,040
Decrease	17	115	\$400

DISTRICTS.	Parsonages.	Other Ch. Prop.	Exp. Par.
Marshall	9	\$7,910	\$12,700
Tyler	9	7,909	12,697
Palestine	9	7,909	12,697
San Augustine	11	5,515	8,272
Beaumont	8	5,515	8,272
Total	46	\$35,549	\$57,366
Total last year	41	\$23,811	\$39,510
Increase	5	\$11,738	\$17,856

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Total for S. S.
Marshall	35	283	1,611	\$5,295
Tyler	35	283	1,611	\$5,295
Palestine	32	273	1,571	\$5,171
San Augustine	26	215	1,215	\$3,930
Beaumont	26	215	1,215	\$3,930
Total	154	1,269	6,223	\$19,621
Total last year	152	1,231	5,860	\$18,611
Increase	2	38	363	\$1,010

DISTRICTS.	Missions.	Day.	Objects.	Relief.	Total
Marshall	\$18.00	\$11.00	\$31.50	\$71.50	\$201.00
Tyler	18.00	11.00	31.50	71.50	201.00
Palestine	18.00	11.00	31.50	71.50	201.00
San Augustine	22.50	13.50	39.75	89.25	265.00
Beaumont	22.50	13.50	39.75	89.25	265.00
Total	\$120.00	\$70.00	\$183.00	\$422.00	\$1,260.00
Total last year	\$81.00	\$50.00	\$126.00	\$287.00	\$864.00
Increase	\$39.00	\$20.00	\$57.00	\$135.00	\$396.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS, DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Ass'd.	Pa'd.	Ass'd.	Pa'd.
Marshall	\$81.90	\$141.70	\$77.00	\$25.55
Tyler	76.00	638.15	326.90	280.25
Palestine	72.00	635.65	327.00	280.66
San Augustine	61.00	661.90	335.00	307.70
Beaumont	41.00	431.00	200.00	202.00
Total	\$331.90	\$2,112.40	\$1,565.90	\$1,141.90
Total last year	\$314.50	\$2,041.50	\$1,560.00	\$1,284.90
Increase	\$17.40	\$70.90	\$105.90	\$157.00

DISTRICTS.	Church Extension.	Education.	Relief.
Marshall	\$28.00	\$157.00	\$141.70
Tyler	280.00	216.40	117.00
Palestine	285.00	228.50	112.00
San Augustine	279.00	241.10	118.50
Beaumont	206.00	171.00	100.00
Total	\$1,078.00	\$1,114.00	\$597.00
Total last year	\$81.90	\$41.70	\$97.00
Increase	\$1,000.00	\$1,072.30	\$500.00

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Assessed for conference claimants for the ensuing year, \$1500, and apportioned as follows:

Marshall district.....\$230
Tyler district.....320
Palestine district.....320
San Augustine district.....320
Beaumont district.....230
Total.....\$1,420

For bishops, \$500, and apportioned as follows:

Marshall district.....\$105
Tyler district.....105
Palestine district.....105
San Augustine district.....105
Beaumont district.....80
Total.....\$500

APPOINTMENTS.

Marshall District.
T. S. Garrison, P. E.
R. W. Thompson, S. S.
Marshall Mission—L. A. Webb, S. S.
Tyler Mission—J. C. Calhoun, S. S.
Palestine Mission—W. F. Carnes, S. S.
San Augustine Mission—J. A. Smith, S. S.
Beaumont Mission—J. B. Douglas, S. S.

Tyler District.
R. S. Finley, P. E.
W. N. Bonner, S. S.
Tyler Mission—R. S. Finley, S. S.
Palestine Mission—W. N. Bonner, S. S.
San Augustine Mission—J. S. Mathis, S. S.
Beaumont Mission—N. J. Frick, S. S.

Palestine District.
J. S. Mathis, P. E.
W. N. Bonner, S. S.
Palestine Mission—J. S. Mathis, S. S.
San Augustine Mission—N. J. Frick, S. S.
Beaumont Mission—W. N. Bonner, S. S.

San Augustine District.
N. J. Frick, P. E.
W. N. Bonner, S. S.
San Augustine Mission—N. J. Frick, S. S.
Beaumont Mission—W. N. Bonner, S. S.

Beaumont District.
W. N. Bonner, P. E.
N. J. Frick, S. S.
Beaumont Mission—W. N. Bonner, S. S.
Tyler Mission—N. J. Frick, S. S.

TRANSFERRED—U. B. Phillips, to the North Texas Conference and stationed at Sulphur Springs; J. F. Archer, to North Texas Conference and stationed at Van Alstyne; M. G. Jenkins, to North Texas Conference and appointed to Lake Creek Circuit; R. R. Bolton, to Northwest Texas Conference and stationed at Colorado; Texas Conference and stationed at Colorado; Texas Conference and stationed at Colorado; Texas Conference and stationed at Colorado.

CRURATORS OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY—J. W. Johnson and Jas. Campbell.

JOINT BOARD FINANCE—R. W. Thompson, C. H. Smith, J. L. Dawson, Wm. Sproule, W. A. Sampey, D. H. Connally, K. Bolton, T. S. Garrison, R. B. Ridley, R. Hearshill.

VISITING COMMITTEES—Southwestern University: D. F. C. Timmons and G. V. Ridley, Alexander Institute: H. G. Scudday and A. Little.

NOTES.

The missionary anniversary was held Saturday night. Dr. W. H. Potter was expected, but he did not arrive. Then the bishop was appointed, but his state of health—he had a spell of neuralgia—kept him in his room, so that it fell on the writer to bear the disappointment of the people. He stood under it the best he could, and then J. T. Smith made a characteristic talk and lifted the collection, amounting to \$137.95 cash. There is no telling how much could have been raised on promises, but this conference believes in a cash business. It thinks that every year should provide for itself. The preachers, moreover, contribute the most of what they give on their respective charges.

The presence of the elect ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the East Texas Conference added much to the pleasure of the conference. They have been most successful this year, having collected over \$1200. They held their anniversary Sunday afternoon. We were not able to be present, but heard that they had a most delightful service. They have concluded to hold their meetings hereafter apart from the annual conference, and will hold one next session at Beaumont. They will have the prayers and best wishes of the East Texas Conference in their noble work.

The East Texas Conference appreciated the kindness of Dr. A. Fawcett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who tendered the use of his church to the conference during its session. He declared more than once that his church was the first Methodist Church during the conference and that he was the sexton. He will long hold a warm place in the hearts of the members of the conference.

Bishop Galloway made a fine impression on the conference and the people of Tyler. He carried away both their admiration and their hearts. His preaching was grand and in the chair he is all that could be desired.

The bishop paid the East Texas Conference a fine compliment. He said that when he heard that so many of the brethren wanted to transfer before he came he expected to find things in an unpromising condition, but he had not found a better spirit nor more gratifying reports.

We have come to the parting of the ways on education. You talk about education very much, but do not educate so much. The young men you are receiving have not been through the curriculum of your university. We cannot get along without educated men in the ministry.

Some of our people are—I will not say ignorant, but very innocent of Methodist doctrine and polity. I once had the daughter of a Methodist preacher to ask me if I were the bishop of Mississippi. You find Fletcher's Checks, Watson's Sermons and Institutes, and books of that class in the family of our old people, but our younger people do not read them. Let us have a revival on the reading of Methodist literature. There is no better history of Constitutional Methodism than Bishop Jones' Life of McKendree, and the History of Methodism, by McTear, is a wonderful book. Our people ought to read these books. One of the great hindrances to revival from woman's work in the church, for missions, church extension, etc., is, that it has put our good sisters to reading.—Bishop Galloway.

Every child ought to have a Bible. You can't raise a family on one of the big Bibles with pictures in it, for the reason it will never be read. The lesson printed on the Sunday-school leaves is taking the place of the Bible in our Sunday-schools. Give the children the bound volume to study.—Bishop Galloway.

The anniversary of the Church Extension Board was held Wednesday night. Dr. J. C. Morris delivered one of his usual masterly speeches and took a hot collection. He said he did not wish to drain the preachers. The collection amounted to \$85.

Thursday night was given to Rev. Wm. Hays, Commissioner of Education for the C. M. E. Church in America. He made an able appeal in behalf of his people. We wish all our people could hear Bro. Hays on that subject. The collection amounted to \$120.

Bishop Galloway preached the Thanksgiving sermon. It was pointed, practical and strong. He touched some of the living issues. He said every Christian should discharge his duty as a Christian citizenship, but maintained that preachers of the gospel have no business in politics. The sermon was well received and will do good. The text was: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

The seventeenth session of the German Mission Annual Conference convened in Houston in the First German Methodist Church, Thursday, November 20, 1890, at 9 a. m., Bishop C. B. Galloway presiding. The session opened with the usual religious services.

The secretary of the last year was called to the table to call the roll. Seventeen preachers and seven lay delegates answered to the call of their names. The lay delegates were as follows:

West Texas District—Wm. Bula, Louis Pletch, C. Wiemers and J. Stautzenberg.

Central Texas District—R. Morner, Wm. Meiler, G. Hempel and B. Hebbeler.

J. Stautzenberg being absent, Wm. Koynne, alternate, was seated in his place. Jacob Kern was elected secretary and J. A. G. Rabe assistant.

COMMITTEES.

Public Worship—Wm. A. Knolle and F. Vordenbaumen.

Bible Cause—H. Weiss, Wm. Koynne, B. Hebbeler and Wm. Meiler.

Confession Minutes—Wm. Lieser, J. Bader, L. Pletch and G. Gerdes.

D. H. Schimpf, C. Kurz and R. Morner.

District Conference Records—G. Muller, J. Merkel, G. Hempel and Wm. Bula.

Conference Relation—F. Vordenbaumen, Wm. A. Knolle, J. Kern, J. Bader and Wm. Lieser.

Church Property—A. Schenrich, Wm. Bula and E. Freuzel.

The conference boards for the next quadrennium, as nominated by the presiding elders, were presented and elected:

Admission on Trial—Wm. Lieser and J. Bader.

First Year—G. Mueller and H. W. Weiss.

Second Year—J. Bader and H. P. Hensch.

Third Year—J. Kern and Wm. A. Knolle.

Fourth Year—F. Vordenbaumen and J. A. Schaper.

Board of Missions—F. Vordenbaumen, W. A. Knolle, J. Kern, J. Bader, Wm. Lieser and J. A. Schaper.

Board of Church Extension—H. Heusch, G. Muller, Gerd. Gerdes, H. Weiss and A. Schenrich.

Board of Education—J. A. G. Rabe, D. Schimpf, J. A. Schaper, F. Vordenbaumen, J. Bader, C. Kurz and L. Pletchsch.

Board of Sunday-school—D. Schimpf, J. Merkel, R. Morner, G. Heppeler and Wm. Lieser.

Minutes, Preconferences received and referred from the Agents of the Publishing House from Dr. Cunningham, Sunday-school Secretary; from Secretary Church Extension Board; from Board of Curators Southwestern University.

Visitors introduced: E. W. Solomon, pastor of Shearn Chapel, Houston; J. E. Green, pastor of Houston Mission; D. H. Hotchkiss, pastor of McKee Street Church; E. Dossal and J. O. of the M. E. Church; Dr. J. B. A. Ahrens, from New Orleans, editor of the Familienfreund.

A communication from Dr. Ahrens relative to his paper was presented and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

The second and third days were taken up with the regular business of the conference. The disciplinary questions were not asked and answered. We were sorry for not having the pleasure of some of our conscientious officers. It would have been of great benefit and encouragement to this body.

The Conference Board of Church Extension reported \$83.75 collected for that work.

The Joint Board of Finance reported collection for conference claimants \$382.90, and paid to claimants \$382.90.

Report of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions states that this conference contributed for—

Foreign missions.....\$1,138.90
Native missions.....663.95
Anniversary collection.....100.00
Whole amount.....\$1,902.85

Collected for bishop, \$123.70.

Money expended for Sunday schools—

Missions.....\$320.20
Sunday-schools.....358.25
Total collected in Sunday-schools.....678.45
Money expended for churches and parsonages.....\$6,415.00
Presiding elders.....484.45
Preachers in charge.....3,280.15
Collected educational purpose.....422.25
Membership during last year.....1,013
Adults baptized last year.....113
Infants baptized.....113
Adults confirmed.....15
Church collections.....\$30,400.00
Parsonages.....15,000.00
Value of other church property.....8,900.00
Sunday-schools.....24
Schooners and teachers.....75
Scholars.....75

The next session to be held at New Fountain, Medina county, Texas.
J. KERN, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

West Texas District.
W. A. Knolle, P. E.
Houston Mission—F. Vordenbaumen.
Houston Mission—To be supplied.
San Antonio Mission—Kern.
Indy Mission—D. Schimpf.
Long Prairie Mission—J. Merkel.
Beaumont Circuit—Hensch.
Williamson County Mission—To be supplied by H. Hempel.

Central Texas District.
W. A. Knolle, P. E.
Houston Mission—F. Vordenbaumen.
Houston Mission—To be supplied.
San Antonio Mission—Kern.
Indy Mission—D. Schimpf.
Long Prairie Mission—J. Merkel.
Beaumont Circuit—Hensch.
Williamson County Mission—To be supplied by H. Hempel.

NOTES FROM NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

(Delayed from last week.)

Texasiana entertained the conference royally. No complaints were made. Bro. Powers had his forces well in hand. He was never in a hurry, yet everything was attended to at the proper time, and to the satisfaction of all.

The editor and publisher were in the home of Bro. and Sister Kelsey. Bro. Kelsey knows how to entertain, and he used his knowledge on this occasion to the best advantage. The few days spent under his hospitable roof will abide with his guests.

Bishop Haygood don't "leak." Being importuned by a brother for information on a certain point touching cabinet work, the bishop stressed the point that, being "fresh" in the business, he could not divulge any of the secrets, and must therefore be excused, whereupon a ministerial brother remarked: "He is innocence abroad."

Bishop Haygood is a model presiding officer. By his suave manner and unbounded patience he captured the conference.

A layman from Dallas approached the bishop early Monday morning and whispered very confidentially in his ear, "I never tell anything; I am going home. Who are you going to Dallas?"

PUBLIC WORSHIP—John Adams, D. F. C. Timmons and J. B. Douglas.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—N. Little, W. N. McAnally, J. M. Mills, C. H. Smith, W. A. Sampey, G. W. Langley and C. F. Smith.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—D. F. C. Timmons, J. C. Calhoun, J. M. McCarter, A. C. Neal, P. G. Hawkins, W. Wells and Leon Sonfield.

TEMPERANCE—J. T. Smith, A. G. Scroggs, R. R. Ridley, T. T. Booth and J. N. Smith.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS—G. A. LeClere, D. W. Towns, S. W. Allen, G. R. Hughes and G. S. Strong.

BIBLE CAUSE—G. W. Riley, D. P. Cullen, W. L. Pate, M. G. Jenkins and M. W. Long.

MEMOIRS—H. G. Scudday and J. W. Lively.

THE PRESIDING ELDERS WERE ALSO APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE NEW BOARDS AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING FOUR YEARS. D. F. C. TIMMONS AND G. A. LECIERE WERE ELECTED EDITORS OF THE MINUTES. A COMMITTEE STATING THE CONDITION OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE TO BE PROSPEROUS WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. A PAPER FROM THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE SAME COMMITTEE; ALSO A COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD; ALSO ONE FROM THE CURATORS OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE PRESIDING ELDERS WERE THEN CALLED UNDER QUESTION 20 AND MADE THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR THE MARSHALL DISTRICT, SAID: "THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE DISTRICT IS BETTER THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR AND THE PREACHERS HAVE DONE GOOD WORK." JOHN ADAMS, THE PRESIDING ELDER OF TYLER DISTRICT, SAID: "WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN ALL LINES. THE MINUTES AND G. A. LECIERE WERE ELECTED EDITORS OF THE MINUTES. A COMMITTEE STATING THE CONDITION OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE TO BE PROSPEROUS WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. A PAPER FROM THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE SAME COMMITTEE; ALSO A COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD; ALSO ONE FROM THE CURATORS OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE PRESIDING ELDERS WERE THEN CALLED UNDER QUESTION 20 AND MADE THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR THE MARSHALL DISTRICT, SAID: "THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE DISTRICT IS BETTER THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR AND THE PREACHERS HAVE DONE GOOD WORK." JOHN ADAMS, THE PRESIDING ELDER OF TYLER DISTRICT, SAID: "WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN ALL LINES. THE MINUTES AND G. A. LECIERE WERE ELECTED EDITORS OF THE MINUTES. A COMMITTEE STATING THE CONDITION OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE TO BE PROSPEROUS WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. A PAPER FROM THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE SAME COMMITTEE; ALSO A COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD; ALSO ONE FROM THE CURATORS OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE PRESIDING ELDERS WERE THEN CALLED UNDER QUESTION 20 AND MADE THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR THE MARSHALL DISTRICT, SAID: "THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE DISTRICT IS BETTER THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR AND THE PREACHERS HAVE DONE GOOD WORK." JOHN ADAMS, THE PRESIDING ELDER OF TYLER DISTRICT, SAID: "WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN ALL LINES. THE MINUTES AND G. A. LECIERE WERE ELECTED EDITORS OF THE MINUTES. A COMMITTEE STATING THE CONDITION OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE TO BE PROSPEROUS WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. A PAPER FROM THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE SAME COMMITTEE; ALSO A COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION WAS READ AND REFERRED TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD; ALSO ONE FROM THE CURATORS OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE PRESIDING ELDERS WERE THEN CALLED UNDER QUESTION 20 AND MADE THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR THE MARSHALL DISTRICT, SAID: "THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE DISTRICT

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THE LATE MRS. BOOTH.

The masses properly appreciate great talents consecrated to a noble purpose. A member of the West Texas Conference who had heard Mrs. Booth's religious talks pronounced her one of the most eloquent speakers he ever heard on the platform.

did the work of a slave. Don't you think that a few displays of humility by example as that would do more toward quieting dissatisfaction than anything else?

It is a very easy thing for the man in the "fat station" to expect the other man on the "hard circuit" to be quiet, and starve; but an exchange of positions would work a speedy change of views in the men, too.

Ab, if there are veritable heroes on earth, they are to be found in the preachers (and their wives) who travel the hard circuits in Methodism. God bless them all.

FROM THE CITY OF MEXICO.

The first order of the day is to visit the School of Mining and Engineering. The building in which this school is conducted is of grand proportions, occupying a whole block, about one hundred and sixty yards square; a two-story building, with a four-story observatory on top as large as an ordinary business house.

man's palace as an intruder I would feel humiliated; to visit it as complimentary, I would despise myself. The invitation was renewed, however, with such vigor as not to brook decline, so we went in and were shown through thirty-two rooms of the house. I was somewhat disappointed with the inside appearance. There were a few good paintings, one well furnished room and a very tastefully-arranged little family chapel, but nothing compared with the grounds. I learned that the man who constructed the grounds lost it on a loan of money. It is by far the most costly residence that I ever saw; but somehow I am not interested in it like many other places.

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the cathedrals and all other types of an imposed civilization—very large, elaborate and costly, representing big ideas, big men doing big things. Of course, those having such rare benefits and being permitted to live, are expected to pay a big tax. I remember a similar experience, on a small scale, during our days of reconstruction. The chariot is very gorgeous in appearance, and must have made an impression on the people and donkeys as it rolled in stately custom along the pise; but such a means of royal transportation was a sad comment on the skill and personal magnetism necessary to the success of a great leader.

It is a dark, rainy afternoon, very cool and disagreeable. A few unimportant visits near by will close the day. A temperance meeting is to be held at night, in which all the missionary churches are represented. Many speeches are made, but I can understand so little of them that the program appears of unusual length and I retire to rest.

and a blessing poured out which there would not be room to receive. While we are busily engaged with great things in the church and out, let us not neglect this, the greatest of all. There is a growing disposition among us to consider the religious revival a thing out of date. Some believe that it is especially adapted to the earlier periods of a church's history and to newly-settled communities where religious and educational advantages are few. But after a religious movement has crystallized into a great denomination, with its Sunday school, its educational and benevolent enterprises well developed, they contend that there is no need of revivals, but additions to the church must then be secured through the regular means of grace and from among the young people trained in the Sunday-school. They hold that people who are highly educated and refined, as they are in our older communities, cannot be moved to seek Christ by means of revivals, and that such spasmodic efforts only produce a fictitious and unhealthy church growth.

It is true that accessions to the church should be expected through the regular means of grace. Every service should tend directly or indirectly to secure the conversion of sinners and the enlargement of the kingdom of God. But those who depend on the stated services of the sanctuary alone, and ignore revivals, make a mistake. Experience has shown that Methodist churches without revivals invariably decline sooner or later, and that revivals of religion effect the healthiest growth of the church even in the most highly educated and refined communities. Let the young people in the Sunday-school be led to Christ and into the church by their teachers, and let the pastor labor for and expect a steady growth of the society under his charge by weekly additions; but at the same time we should not be satisfied with our witness sweeping revivals, before which the stoutest hearts are moved and scores gathered into the fold of Christ; together. This is the Methodist way, the Scriptural way, the philosophic way and the divine way.—New York Advocate.

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OFF FOR THE BEE CAVE.

Last Friday morning, early after breakfast, we harnessed our horses, hitched them to the hack, loaded up with the necessities, with Bro. Box, myself and wife and Sister Gray, of San Antonio, in the hack, and little Johnnie Box on his pony, we started. We traveled to the foot of the mountains, as near as we could get, then we unloaded, taking our horses loose from the hack, staked them out, prepared to ascend the mountain. Bro. Box, with two large tin cans on his shoulder, in front, the writer next, with a basket of provisions, my wife and Sister Gray, with staff in hand, fell in line; then little Johnnie Box on his pony, with sledge-hammer and crowbar, brought up the rear. We ascend to the top of the mountain, thence on the mountain to the left, about three hundred yards, which brought us opposite the cave. Just a few feet below us, and some four hundred feet from the base upon the side of the mountain, we all went down and took a look at the cave, then Bro. Box went to work with hammer and crowbar, opened the space and began to take out the honey. He got plenty of it, and it was sweet, you are right. This done, we then spread our dinner on the ground, under a little cedar tree, right on top of the mountain. We had a real picnic. Then we loaded up and went back for the hack. We hitched up our horses, boarded the hack and away we went for home, and, oh, you are right, we had a sweet time. Off for Barksdale Saturday, to my appointment; had a good service Sunday and Sunday night; back home Monday, preparing for quarterly conference next Saturday and Sunday. Yours truly, N. W. KEITH, MOSTELL, TEXAS.

FROM ROANOKE, VA.

The ADVOCATE is a welcome visitor to our home away over here between the mountains. As the time rolls by it is becoming more and more appreciated, and fills the place largely of a personal correspondence between us and the kind friends in Texas. It is a source of gratification to know that the ADVOCATE is much appreciated by its readers who are strangers personally to your vast number of writers, and to yourself. They say they like the way those Texas people discuss a subject, and speak of them as "vigorous writers." That means that they are wide-awake men, lovers of the truth, and are willing to be taught.

It takes two very superior gifts to write well for a church paper—they are grit and grace. You must have plenty of the first in order to express your convictions; and when I say "grit," I don't mean reckless nonsense, but cool, well-balanced common sense—that quality which enables a man to keep his head when hotly combated by an opponent. It is the characteristic of a Texan to have plenty of grit of the best stamp. And then the grace must enter in—grace to say the right thing at the right time and the right place.

However, I find that if you want a thing sifted your best chance to get your work done is through the TEXAS ADVOCATE. You sit at the helm of a craft which is manned with some men worthy of the name. The interest taken in the discussion recently that grew out of your editorial on "Evolution" and poor appointments spoke much, and there were evident signs of dissatisfaction somewhere. The truth is, our itinerary is a life of sacrifice—but a noble life withal, and unless the lesson of sacrifice be taught by all, the system is a failure. From the least even unto the greatest we must "leave all and follow Him."

Yet, what a refreshing we would enjoy if some of our noble presiding elders—and grand men they are—on retiring from the district would ask to be sent to some of the "hard places." At the last Passover the disciples were contending over the chief places, the positions of honor, and the Savior and Lord took a vessel and washed the feet of those who contended for honors—

THE GREATEST OF ALL.

Intelligence of extensive revivals is refreshing to spiritual minds as cold waters to a thirsty soul. In many Methodist churches, in which no considerable revival interest has been witnessed for many months or years, there ought to be a deep longing for a return of the days of God's gracious visitation. Many should be looking anxiously to see God's power and glory as they have seen them aforetime in the sanctuary.

Last another season should pass by without a revival, it may be well to begin special services early. We hear of some pastors who have determined not to postpone their efforts to secure a higher state of religious life in their churches until after the holidays. They have very wisely begun already to call the people together for united and earnest prayer, and not in vain. These pastors are even now witnessing excellent results from such a course. Here and there showers of blessings are reported. We no one underestimate the value of special services. The reason why religion is at a low ebb in some communities is that the minds of the people are occupied with other things, to the exclusion of religious meditation and prayer. They need to think on these things in order to become deeply interested. Let them be called together night after night to pray together and hear earnest and effective discourses on the subject of spiritual and experimental religion, to meditate on the Word of God, and provoke one another to love and good works. When these ends cannot be attained by the regular means of grace, extraordinary efforts are necessary. Such special meetings have been owned and blessed of God in the past. This method is commended, not only by past experience, but also by sound reason.

Special efforts are being made to advance the benevolent work of the church; to promote church extension; to secure suitable parsonages for ministers, and good church buildings; to organize the young people and the women for aggressive Christian movements; and these efforts are being rewarded with encouraging success. They are worthy of great commendation; but the principal thing to be looked after is not organization or improvement in ecclesiastical machinery, but the spiritual life of the church. Without a high state of grace among church members, there will be few conversions. Without revivals in which Christians are made holier and sinners saved, societies inside the church will be one useless machinery. If all the people would consider well this great need of the church, turn aside for a time from other cares and wait on the Lord and prove him, doubtless the windows of heaven would be opened

of modern character, or of snake) cut from stone are of snakes in the coil. The question is, where did they get them? The rattlesnake and Indian they had, and they have reproduced them to perfection. The Syrian and Chinese are also there. Where did they get them? The Creator, without features, and the man, woman and serpent are there. Where did they get the idea? This sculpturing is older than Spanish history in America, perhaps older than the Spanish people, older than Solomon, or David, or Abraham, and yet no slouch of an artist was there when the work was done. The work is unsurpassed by the fine Italian hand that produced Jarez lying in the National Pavilion, the admiration of all visitors. The sculptor who produced the symbol of creation had more judgment than the painter who adorned the cathedral; for the painter has tried to produce the features of the trinity, while the sculptor only gives enough form to preserve the idea and leaves off the head and features. If some archeologist would go among these ruins he might make some splendid guesses regarding the past history of those people. No implements of war, except arrow-heads, are in the collection—not even mementoes of the Cortez invasion. The chariot of Maximilian occupies a separate room. It is in keeping with

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A SERIOUS MATTER.

The First National Bank of Texarkana suspended December 1. We fear that this is a very serious matter for the North Texas Conference—a draft for over \$7000, in favor of F. H. Welch, Treasurer Mission Board, on National Exchange Bank of Dallas, sent here by a McKinney bank, went to protest—the Texarkana bank having no funds with the National Exchange when the draft was presented. A draft for \$500 in favor of John H. McLean shared the same fate—this being, no doubt, part of the educational fund of North Texas. Several other drafts of smaller amounts in favor of different preachers also went to protest. If our connectional officers bought exchange from the bank, and were not prompt in sending it for collection, they perhaps suffered also.

It is thought, however, that the suspension will be only temporary—as the bank officers claim assets of over \$100,000 in excess of liabilities. They also claim that the suspension was caused by the bank's heavy investments in Texarkana public works, and being unable to borrow against these by the stress of financial matters in the East. If these statements be true, the bank will no doubt be able to resume business in a short time.

HOME CONFERENCES.

Mason. W. R. Crockett, Nov. 27: I have preached at all points on my work, Mason, Loyd Valley and Menardville, and am very well pleased. As it is said, "A busy mind makes a glad heart," and I have plenty of material for a year's hard work together with some good people to help me. May the good Lord wonderfully bless our people this year and give us some old-fashioned camp-meetings and religion. Pray for us.

Independence Circuit. E. M. Myers, Nov. 27: We have reached our new work, preached three sermons and visited several families. We have a very large church, but think we can manage it if the good Lord will give us health. I must say, by the way, while on my way to conference I had to lay over in the town of Wallis, and while there Bros. D. N. Harris and Brandt made me a present of a nice pair of pants and shoes. May the good Lord bless those warm-hearted brethren and their families.

San Angelo. New Harris, Nov. 24: We arrived here Wednesday morning, Nov. 12, and found a kind and good people, who gave us a hearty welcome, and on the evening of the 18th gave us a magnificent ponding, which filled our larder full to overflowing. We will commence at once to enlarge our church building, as the present building will not accommodate the congregations. This is a growing little city, and that the cause of our Master may keep step in the march will be the object of our labor.

Pittsburg. G. C. Stovall, Nov. 28: We have met a hearty Methodist welcome in our new appointment. Preached here Saturday afternoon conference and were greeted by a good congregation on Sunday. Though we have seven in family, and have moved the year is opening up a large and warm place in our hearts in near shape—"right side up with care"—in a bustling little city, among a delightful people, with faith in our heart and hope lending its refreshing glow to the future. We are quite ready to attend ourselves to the King's business, and I pray abundant blessings on our labors among those who so graciously receive us.

Taylor. E. A. Smith, Dec. 1: On Thanksgiving day we said good-bye to friends in Mexia and boarded the train for Taylor. Here we had a warm reception and am now comfortably fixed in the cozy new parsonage. On Friday evening a delivery wagon brought to the parsonage twenty-five or thirty packages, each package containing something good to eat and bearing the name of the donor, for which we are thankful. Our first Sunday was a good day, good congregations and the marvellous presence of the Holy Ghost. Bro. Tunnell, who has gone to Mexia, has done good work here, and the fruit of his labor is seen in the general prosperity of the church. We are expecting a great revival.

Cottulla and Pearsall. I. K. Waller, Nov. 28: We were returned to this charge, so lost but one Sabatian conference. Have heard many kind welcomes since getting back. The year is opening up a large and warm place in our hearts in near shape—"right side up with care"—in a bustling little city, among a delightful people, with faith in our heart and hope lending its refreshing glow to the future. We are quite ready to attend ourselves to the King's business, and I pray abundant blessings on our labors among those who so graciously receive us.

place. Dr. Cary, of the Baptist Church, preached in the Methodist Church in the morning, and the Methodist preacher in the Baptist Church at 7 p. m. Pearsall, which was burned up on April 3, has been replaced by large brick buildings and a large increase in business. There has been raised this year the best crop in the history of the country—more than a bale of cotton per acre by some at each place. We are pressing the church building at Pearsall, and will, before conference, be in it.

Pleasant Grove. H. M. Glass, Dec. 1: Rev. Geo. S. Wyatt, presiding elder, gave his first quarterly meeting to this church. His sermons were full of gospel power, fervor andunction. The pastor's report on the state of the church being read, the presiding elder, by a happy turn, blended the current business of the conference into a class-meeting, and it was hard to tell for awhile whether the business or religion of the official hour was in the ascendant. All hearts were touched by the Divine hand and the conference was baptized with heavenly love. On all lines good reports came in and we were cheered. Nearly the entire membership and Christians of other churches commemorated the death of our Redeemer in joyful hope of eternal life. Spiritually-minded presiding elders in sympathy with the pastors and love for the people will always be a necessity in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Junior Preacher secured due attention.

Bowie Circuit. J. T. Pollard, Nov. 20: The conference year just closed. The Lord has graciously revived his work at every point on the charge. We are especially indebted to our local preachers, Bros. B. T. James, J. H. Calver, Thomson, T. B. Hulme, and Overstreet, for preaching and other ministerial duties. May the Lord continue to bless their labors as he has done in the past. Our parsonage is progressing fine under the direction of the Board of Trustees; will be finished in a few days; cost about one hundred and seventy-five dollars. We feel truly thankful to Bros. Hulm and Overstreet, of the board, for the active part they took in getting the parsonage on foot, and also in raising the funds. Bowie circuit is ready for a boom. The people are wide-awake to the interest of the church, and all we need to start the boom is an able preacher, one who is able to stand and defend the doctrines of the church and clothed with power to attend to the ministerial duties of the church. Such a man we need, and such a man we must have, or the cause will suffer as it has done in the past. Success to the ADVOCATE.

Liberty Hill. R. H. Simpson, Nov. 27: On the night of November 18, 1890, Bishop Key read us out to "Liberty Hill" and "Leander circuit." Those words severed our relation with a people, before whom we have been going in and out for four years. But while it severed our relation with a preacher and people, it did not break the ties of brotherhood that have been gathering strength for these four years. No, no; and thank God eternally will only perfect them. We only step down that another (not as worthy as the first) far more competent) may occupy that position and we fill another in the same line of battle. We love those people, and ever will. We only say: "Good-bye for awhile; we shall meet you yonder." But my eyes fall upon the prospects of my present, my own charge. We are already at work. God helping me, my forces, spiritually, mentally, materially, shall be expended this year for his glory and the salvation of this people.

Items from Itasca. J. W. Sanson: Well, I am back from conference, and find Itasca circuit still here, except that the pastor and his cabinet used up in forming a new circuit, which makes the work two appointments less than last year. Thanksgiving day, November 27, was observed more at Itasca. Stores closed at 10 a. m., until afternoon. We held service at the Methodist Church, with the assistance of the pastors of the Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches. After service, I had the pleasure of helping me up a turkey, out the broad grin came over his face when, in the evening, Dr. G. W. Martin raised the old hat from my head and placing thereon six or seven-dollar silk hat. According to our appointment, made before going to conference, I preached yesterday at Salem, six miles below Itasca, two sermons on baptism, one before and one in the afternoon. We had a crowded house and good attention. After I closed, a good lady, the daughter of a Baptist minister, came forward and joined the church. Being a member of the Baptist Church of course she had been used to hearing their side of the question of baptism; but said she was then convinced that immersion was not the only mode, if mode at all, of baptism. I have received four into the church since my return to this work, and expect to receive several more by letter in a few days.

Wichita Falls. S. C. Riddle: Those heaven-honored men of God, Burnett and Mulkey, held a meeting in this place, beginning on the 7th instant and closing on the 16th—nine days. The sun being but little seen, rain falling almost incessantly a good part of the time, and the wind demolishing the tabernacle the first Saturday night and the following Friday night. It might occur to some to ask, "How could a meeting, under such circumstances, be a success?" But it was a success, by the blessing of God. It was a strange sight in this western town—hundreds of men, ladies and youths pocking through the mud, in the face of the north wind and driving rain! On different occasions more than fifteen hundred people were assembled in the great tent, and they came to listen and to worship; they were in earnest; not the slightest disorder was observed during the whole meeting. The inimitable, original and natural Abert, the pathetic, logical and eloquent Burnett, and the sweet-singing Louisa, captured the town in the outset of the meeting, and will ever hold a large and warm place in the affections of this people. Who that has heard can ever forget Bro. Burnett's "lecture to men only," or his address to ladies, his sermon to business and professional men or that on God's love, or on "The harvest is past," etc.? There was no clap trap, sensationalism or "fox fire" about the meeting, but strong, moving, orthodox preaching, direct, earnest exhortation; the old-fashioned (Methodist) mourners' bench, and spontaneous and joyous "confession" and shoutings aloud of the praises of the great God of Israel. The moral complexion of our town was changed. It

was the first extensive revival in the history of the place. It is a general conviction that had the weather been favorable the whole town would have been taken for our blessed Lord. As it was, about one hundred and eighty were converted and a great many backsliders were reclaimed. All the churches shared in the results—chiefly the Baptist, the Presbyterian and our own. The pastors are happy and take courage, feeling that the good done for the cause of Christianity is beyond estimate, and are assured of a better and more successful work in the future. The attendance at Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings has largely increased. God bless Bros. Burnett and Mulkey and Sister Mulkey, and let all men be assured that these servants of God will do good and not evil, whenever the providence of God they may be called to labor with pastors and their people in evangelistic meetings, and their work shall abide the test of time and the fires of the last day. Glory to God! Hallelujah! amen!

Willow City. J. W. Vest, Nov. 27: Early Friday morning, Nov. 21, I left the beautiful city of San Marcos for Willow City, my new field of labor, via Purgatory Springs and the Devil's Backbone. Two hours' drive brought me, I suppose, near the spring, so I inquired of the first one that I came up with, how far it was to Purgatory, and the reply was, "My good friend, you are in the place now, if you just could realize it." To which I said: "Well, it is more pleasant than I imagined it could be." I did not tarry long enough here to receive the "invocation of saints," and I could not say that it was grounded upon "warrant of Scripture," but I felt sure it was upon a rock. And just as I left this notable place, I entered upon the old fellow's back, and was made acquainted with the fact that it was none, mine the meat and like the old darkey, I felt "mighty glad that the bottom rail was on top." Just here I had a grand view of the country. In the far east I saw the Lane-man looking wistful upon the twin sisters that cluster around Jacob's well, and in a westerly direction, toward the red City, the country is beautiful, and here I imagined that I saw the spire of the San Antonio Female College ascending the heavens. Just as I descended this lofty range of mountains I met with the Rev. J. D. Sawney, a brother in the work to San Marcos. I did not meet the children, but I am certain he had the "orthodox" number. I reached Blanco City in time to see Rev. J. B. Denton arrive with his family, and it looked as though he was "orthodox." Next morning, as I started for Willow City, I did not know but that I would have to send for Bishop Galloway, for you remember he said that he was paid to find places for preachers; but with Divine aid and a good stock of hog sense I got there all the same. And among the first families that greeted me was the junior preacher, our own TEXAS ADVOCATE, doing its work well. I hope to be able to introduce it into every Methodist family. I send you eight new subscribers by to-day's mail, and will send more by the time I get through Blow-out—if I don't blow out.

Texas. S. W. Miller, Nov. 20: On my way to conference I had the pleasure of spending one night with my good friend, Bro. English, and family at Greenville, when in the providence of God we were the instrument of getting into the church while there last year at conference. I also enjoyed the delightful association of Rev. J. W. Adkinson and family and school, for two days, at Sulphur Springs. I want to say that the children, what a right man in the right place, and all his pupils seem to love him so much. Everything moves like clock-work. They seem to know their place, and my observation led me to think they tried to keep in their places. Bro. Adkinson occupied the platform, and the children, young ladies, and Sister Adkinson with the young men and boys, so you see that there is a quiet moral as well as a social influence exerted by this over the pupils of the school which is calculated to restrain and at the same time refine the character of the children. I hope especially those who are committed to their entire care in the boarding department. The moral tone of the school is good, and if as Methodist, and especially Methodist preachers, we direct the attention of our young people and their parents to the excellent school of Home, we will be doing a noble work.

TEXAS PERSONALS. —The address of Rev. A. C. Benson is Mt. Pleasant, Texas. —The address of Rev. W. W. Horner is Franklin, Texas. —Rev. Harry May's pastoffice is Matagorda, Texas. —The correspondents of Rev. S. W. Miller will address him at Marysville, Texas. —Rev. L. S. Smith, of Kansas City, paid this office a pleasant call last Friday. Bro. Smith has taken charge of the Oak Lawn congregation, in this city. —Rev. J. W. Clifton, P. C., writes to the office that his brethren in Denton are having failed to get the plan of my work, you will please address me at Denton, giving time and place of appointment.

CORONAL INSTITUTE. Among the various religious institutions claiming attention, patronage and support of the people called Methodists there is none, according to their pretensions, have a stronger claim than the Coronal Institute. This is an institution of learning where boys and girls, by close application to their studies, and the regulations or rules imposed, may fit and qualify themselves to take honorable positions, not only in the world, but in the church. Several young men graduating there have entered the ministry and are doing faithful service for the Master in the West Texas Conference. All Methodists, and others not members of any church, may, we think, safely intrust their sons and daughters to the care of the president of the school, A. A. Thomas. Those in the bounds of West Texas Conference, and especially in San Marcos District, wishing to send their children to a high school worthy of their patronage, would do well to correspond with Professor Thomas. E. H. HOLBROOK, FRANKLIN, TEXAS.

COLPORTAGE WORK. The North Texas Conference and East Texas Conference having united with the Texas Conference in the colportage work, and the bishop having supplied Willis station, I will give my entire time to this work. As soon as I can make suitable arrangements, I hope to be able to supply all persons in Texas with all books needed at the same terms of the Publishing House. If the brethren will wait a few weeks we will be able to fill all orders. Notice will be given of the location as soon as I can get a place or two and make a selection. I. Z. T. MORRIS, MARLIN, TEXAS.

PREACHER WANTED. I want a preacher for the Fredonia and Camp San Saba circuit. The work has a parsonage and will give good support to a single man, or a man with a small family. Address me at Llano, Texas. R. O. J. DEKETS, P. E.

A CORRECTION. H. G. H. requests us to say that in his article in the "Conference" an "Over," for "Patterson" read "Potter."

are here; and watch for and welcome those that are to come. When you come bring your church letter, by all means; and if you settle in the bounds of Armstrong, Carson, Randall or Potter counties, let me know and I will come and see you, or come to church and we will receive you gladly. We are praying for and expecting a successful year.

Carbon. Aunt Mary: I expect ere this that you have received many letters relative to the session of the North Texas Conference in Abilene. But as I got several little tongue-lashings for not writing to the children often through the Advocate, I will write you. I have had great success in working among the missionary workers for Jesus (the children), and have been blessed in that work, and I feel convinced that every one should do his or her own work; therefore, I will write a short letter to the children and young people. God bless them. There is no other class for which I have greater love or a more tender regard. Oh, how carefully we should train and instruct them, for they must take our places soon. But I was going to tell you, first, about going to conference. We had one of the best of homes under the hospitable roof of Bro. McDougald. The session was pleasant, indeed. We had rain, water, mud and some cool weather, yet all seemed to be warmth and sunshine in the hearts of that noble band of preachers. With our good bishop at the helm of that blessed old itinerant ship, the business of the conference was dispatched without complaint against a man. We had some grand speeches in the interest of missions. The conference was stirred from center to circumference on that score, and I could not let it be said that Aunt Mary died trying to tell those heathens about Jesus and salvation and that her grave was in Japan or China or some of those mission fields but I can't go now. I can only, with all of you little workers for Jesus, send my love to help. Let me tell you children, what this Northwest Texas Conference did in a few minutes: They made up money and subscription money enough to send three missionaries into the field. I took one share in that and paid one share to help Aunt Mary. Sister Key called a meeting of the preachers' wives, and there were present at that paragon thirty preachers' wives. God bless Sister Key. She does not know how much she endeared herself to us, and how much good it did us all to get more intimately acquainted and to talk over our improved five card games; our hardships and toils; our prospects for heaven; our resolves to be just such helpmates for our husbands as we should. Now, children, let me tell you about our reception in Carbon for the bishop who took him. Sister Key called a meeting of the preachers' wives, and there were present at that paragon thirty preachers' wives. God bless Sister Key. She does not know how much she endeared herself to us, and how much good it did us all to get more intimately acquainted and to talk over our improved five card games; our hardships and toils; our prospects for heaven; our resolves to be just such helpmates for our husbands as we should.

Why was it and who is responsible? The Advocate has truly said that the "Northwest Texas Conference has never had such a shaking up" as it did at its last session at Abilene. We believe that the itinerant system of the Methodist Church is the grandest system in the world to evangelize the world, but the best of systems can be abused, and that abuse may prove deleterious to all the interest of the church. The question is: Why was this extreme shaking up and moving of preachers, and who is responsible for it? Who can answer this question? Oh, some one will say, it was necessary. Who knows this to be true? The time is coming when we will know who is responsible. We know of a certain preacher who for many years of itinerant married life has never been sent to a work where there was a parsonage all complete and ready for his reception, and he has never left but one work without a parsonage, and that was his first after marriage, which was a mission. He has had bought, built or improved five parsonages. He has been moved at different times from fifty to 200 miles, often getting his goods almost ruined, besides the heavy cost of moving. Last year he was moved fifty miles across the country to a certain station, costing about thirty dollars in money, besides breakage, trouble, etc., and no parsonage. After paying rent three months, with hard work, collecting the money himself, and paying fifty dollars out of his own pocket, he secured a splendid parsonage. And now, at the end of another year, he is moved again to a place without a parsonage. He has been moved at different times from fifty to 200 miles, often getting his goods almost ruined, besides the heavy cost of moving. Last year he was moved fifty miles across the country to a certain station, costing about thirty dollars in money, besides breakage, trouble, etc., and no parsonage. 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CHURCH NOTICES.

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Rector cir. Dec 13, 14. Pattonville cir. Dec 20, 21. Rosalie cir. Dec 27, 28. Lake Creek cir. Jan 3, 4. Centenary sta. Jan 10, 11. Lamar Avenue. Jan 17, 18. Macey mis. cir. Jan 24, 25. Milton cir. Jan 31, Feb 1. Woodland cir. Feb 7, 8. Detroit cir. Feb 14, 15. Ansonia cir. Feb 21, 22. Delah mis. Feb 28, March 1. Dalby Springs cir. March 7, 8. Clarksville cir. March 14, 15. Blossom sta. March 21, 22. Fowdery mis. March 28, 29. Three s. rings mis. April 4, 5. New Boston cir. April 11, 12. The district stewards will meet at the Methodist Church, Tuesday, December 4, 1890, at 11 a. m. J. R. WAGES, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Pittsburg sta. 2d Sun in Dec. Mount Pleasant sta. 2d Sun in Dec. Jefferson sta. 4th Sun in Dec. Queen City cir. 1st Sun in Jan. Coffeyville cir. 2d Sun in Jan. Atlanta sta. 5d Sun in Jan. Gilmer cir. 8th Sun in Jan. Texarkana sta. 1st Sun in Feb. Dainzerfeld, at Dainzerfeld. 2d Sun in Feb. Linden, at Longassville. 3d Sun in Feb. Barrett, at Barrett. 4th Sun in Feb. Kellerville, at Harris Chapel. 1st Sun in March. Kildare, at Trinity. 2d Sun in March. Custer, at Custer. 3d Sun in March. Texarkana mis. 4th Sun in March. Eyan mis. at Liberty. 5th Sun in March. The district stewards' meeting will convene in Jefferson, at the Methodist Church, December 17, at 10 o'clock p. m. C. E. FLADDER, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Farmerville sta. Nov 29, 30. Merit cir. at Blue Ridge. Dec 6, 7. Rockwall and Roysse, at Rockwall. Dec 13, 14. Terrell sta. Dec 20, 21. Nevada cir. at Bear Creek. Dec 27, 28. Poetry cir. at Clifton. Jan 3, 4. Wild Point sta. Jan 10, 11. Melendons cir. at Blackhawk. Jan 17, 18. Garland and Duck Creek, at Garland. Jan 24, 25. Floyd cir. at Caddo Mills. Jan 31, Feb 1. Allen cir. at Allen. Feb 7, 8. Kempy cir. at Lawrence. Feb 14, 15. Ruff mis. at Lone Oak. Feb 21, 22. Kaufman sta. Feb 28, March 1. Mesquite sta. at Farmer. March 7, 8. Roberts mis. at Sarsaparilla. March 14, 15. The district stewards will meet at Terrell, December 19, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Methodist Church. W. L. CLAYTON, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Cleburne sta. 8th Sun in Nov. Granbury sta. 1st Sun in Dec. Missouri Avenue. 2d Sun in Dec. Marytowne cir. 3d Sun in Dec. Morgan and Blum sta. 4th Sun in Dec. Cleburne cir. 1st Sun in Jan. Mulkey Memorial. 2d Sun in Jan. Fort Worth cir. Wed before 3d Sun in Jan. First Church. 3d Sun in Jan. Kopper mis. 4th Sun in Jan. Arlington and Village Creek cir. 1st Sun in Feb. Mansfield cir. 2d Sun in Feb. Bluff Dale cir. 3d Sun in Feb. Glen Rose mis. 4th Sun in Feb. The district stewards are called to meet at the Missouri Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Friday, December 12, at 9 p. m. Let the stewards of each pastoral charge press the financial claims while there is money in the treasury. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Whitt and Jackboro, at Poolville. Dec 13, 14. Weatherford cir. Dec 20, 21. Weatherford sta. at Weatherford. Dec 27, 28. East Weatherford cir. Jan 3, 4. Springtown and Goshen. Jan 10, 11. Bryson mis. at Bryson. Jan 17, 18. Finis mis. Jan 24, 25. Booneville cir. Jan 31, Feb 1. Palo Pinto and Mineral Wells. Feb 7, 8. Caddo mis. Feb 14, 15. Barton Creek. Feb 21, 22. Farmer, at Farmer. Feb 28, March 1. District stewards will please meet at Bro. Wadley's store, in Weatherford, December 17, at 11 o'clock a. m. Will the pastors please send me the name of place for first quarterly meetings? W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

BONHAM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Bonham sta. Dec 6, 7. Honey Grove sta. Dec 13, 14. Wolfe City sta. Dec 20, 21. Ladonia sta. Dec 27, 28. Bonham cir. at Fort. Jan 3, 4. Fannin, at New Hope. Jan 10, 11. Bailey and Randolph, at Bailey. Jan 17, 18. Leonard cir. at Leonard. Jan 24, 25. Golder cir. at Golder. Jan 31, Feb 1. Dadds, at at Windsor. Feb 7, 8. Brookston cir. at White Oak. Feb 14, 15. Brocky and White Rock, at Petty. Feb 21, 22. Ben Franklin cir. at Ben Franklin. Feb 28, March 1. Stephenville cir. at Lone Star. March 7, 8. District stewards will meet in Honey Grove on December 12, at 9 p. m. Let all attend, and let the stewards make liberal assessments for their pastors and collect the first quarter at once, while money is plentiful and the preachers are needy. J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. First Church. 1st Sun in Dec. Floyd Street. 2d Sun in Dec. Trinity. 3d Sun in Dec. Oak Lawn. 4th Sun in Dec. City mis. 1st Sun in Jan. Lochran and Garath. 2d Sun in Jan. Main. 3d Sun in Jan. McKinney. 4th Sun in Jan. Weston cir. 1st Sun in Feb. Bethel cir. 2d Sun in Feb. Farmers' Branch cir. 3d Sun in Feb. North and Worth mis. 4th Sun in Feb. Grapevine cir. 1st Sun in March. South and Worth mis. 2d Sun in March. The district stewards will meet in Trinity Church, Dallas, Wednesday, December 31, 1890, at 10 a. m. T. R. FISKE, P. E.

It is dangerous to neglect catarrh, for it leads to bronchitis and consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh in all forms.

It's a cold day when a big piece of ice gets left. Catarrh Is a constitutional and not a local disease, and therefore it cannot be cured by local applications. It requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, working through the blood, eradicates the impurity which causes and promotes the disease, and effects a permanent cure. Thousands of people testify to the success of Hood's Sarsaparilla as a remedy for catarrh when other preparations had failed.

"I will say I have been troubled for several years with that terribly disagreeable disease, catarrh. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla with the very best results. It cured me of that continual dropping in my throat, and stilled up feelings. It has also helped my mother, who has taken it for run-down state of health and kidney trouble." Mrs. S. D. BRATT, Putnam, Conn. "I have used Hood's Sarsaparilla for catarrh with very satisfactory results. I have received more permanent benefit from it than from any other remedy I have ever tried." M. E. READ, of A. Read & Son, Wausau, O.

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It was a witty answer by which a hero who was commissioned by the Emperor to decorate with the Iron Cross of the First Class...

Babies cry because they suffer, and the most reliable remedy for the relief of their discomfort is Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup...

Mr. Rue Wheat, Dallas, Texas, had blood poison and rheumatism and could not walk without a crutch...

The scientist who claims that the wind cannot be seen, evidently has had little or no experience with sight-drafts.

"Catherine," or, Extract Mexican Cactus, cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, etc.

First Tramp—So you want me to go and ring the door bell while you sit here and rest? Second Tramp—Yes, Clarence; you press the button and I do the rest.

My wife was suffering over two weeks with a very severe attack of neuralgia which several physicians failed to relieve...

"Bridget has Johnnie come home from school yet?" "Yes, sir." "Have you seen him?" "No, sir." "Then how do you know he is home?" "Cause the cat's hidin' under the dresser, sir."

Many Persons Are broken down from overwork or household drudgery. Brown's Iron Bitters...

He (slightly rude)—I called because I thought you were out. She (sweetly)—Well, do you know I thought I was out, too.

It is a pleasure to witness the modest, yet thorough way the Catherine Medicine Co. is putting "Catherine" in the front ranks.

"Walter, I wish you'd fetch me some buck-wheat cakes." "All right, sir." "Will they be long?" "No, sir."

A Happy Postmaster. This is to certify that I tried one bottle of Wonderful Eight for a severe attack of inflammation of the throat...

Brookbrook—You're coming around all right, my boy. Miss O'Connell on you when her horse threw her. (Keen fainting). Yes, I remember. Brooky, what a stunning girl she is, isn't she?

Satisfaction to Customers. The fact of anything giving satisfaction to my customers is a matter of no trifling importance...

Father—Didn't I hear high words between you and your brother just now, Henry? Henry—Very likely, father, but surely you wouldn't wish me to use low language.

Wants the home of Catherine Medicine Co. in almost every part of Catarrh. They use Catherine and get cured.

"Oh, Henry," said Mrs. Shattuck to her husband, "the little hen seems sick today." "I don't think there's much the matter with her," replied Shattuck, after a casual inspection...

"To say that I am pleased with Medicine is not to say I am not pleased with you. I am delighted with the way my little patients take it, and with the complete manner in which it nullifies indications as to food."

"Uncle John," said little Emily, "do you know that a baby that was fed on elephant's milk gained twenty pounds in a week?" "Nonsense! Impossible!" exclaimed Uncle John, and then asked: "Whose baby was it?" "It was the elephant's baby," replied little Emily.

The Household remedy for pain, bleeding or inflammation of any kind is Pond's Extract. Be sure of authentic and pure.

City Directory Man (to boarding-house mistress)—How many men boarders have you, ma'am, that are ready boarders? Boarding-mistress—Well, I have ten men that board with me right along, but there's only one of them that I call steady.

Lock-Jaw. CHINA SPRING, TEXAS, Aug. 17, 1888. One large dose of Wonderful Eight cured my case of lock-jaw. It is truly a wonderful cure and the best of any preparation in the market.

Rich Hankle (to future son-in-law)—I hope you appreciate it in marrying my daughter you are marrying a young girl full of heart and generosity.

A gray beard on a man under 50 makes him look older than he is. The best dye to color your hair or beard is Buckingham's Eye for the Weakness.

Mr. Ringo—Tommy, when you get to be the head of a family, what will you say to your sons? Tommy (thoughtfully)—I will tell them how good I was when I was a boy.

While in the bloom of health you will perhaps pass lightly by this friendly local adviser who has been the fastest and best medicine on earth.

In Chicago Merchant (to prospective errand boy)—Do you live with your father? Prospective Errand Boy—Yes, sir, with my stepfather. Merchant—Oh, your mother has been married twice? Prospective Errand Boy—Yes, sir; twice, going on three times.

Ladies, rough hands are a horror. Bathe them well at night in Johnson's Andoynine Liniment.

Setting Mrs. Wickwire to Thinking: Mrs. Wickwire—There was a time when you used to tell me you loved me better than your life. I never hear you make any such statements now. Mr. Wickwire—Certainly not. Since we are married my life is worth a great deal more to me.

A genuine female regulator and iron tonic in demand by nearly every woman, and that which stands pre-eminent in Dr. Drowgool's Female Bitters.

Dollie (laughing quite close to his watch chain)—What have you in that pocket? Chollie—A postage stamp. Dollie—Goo! What postage stamp? Chollie—The one on your last letter. I checked it carefully. It touched your moist, red lips. It once touched mine. Dollie—You dreadful fellow! I'm so sorry! Chollie—Sorry! Why? Dollie—Because I mistook that stamp by pressing it on Fido's dear, damp nose.

Catarrh. In the head. A constitutional disease, and requires a constitutional remedy. Like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Which purifies the blood. Makes the weak strong. Restores health. Try it now.

"Take back the heart thou givest!" "Why should I take it back?" There was a hush of expectancy and the listeners leaned far out over the veranda to catch the dying note of Love's lyric. "Because," came the reply, "I would not have the wings of evening, because the boarders won't eat it." It was the butcher.

Black-Leg. This is to certify that I have used WOODRUFF'S LIGHT and found it to be an immediate relief for Black-Leg in cattle by giving them from 15 to 20 drops internally and applying once or twice externally to parts affected.

There is a demand for more legal holidays. Next thing congress will be asked to make an eclipse of the moon a legal holiday, so that the workman may have an opportunity to witness the event.

Columbus discovered America, and Dr. H. Robinson, of Waco, found out that Catherine would and did cure his Catarrh. Which deserves the most credit?

Wonder What Mr. X. Thinks. "Is marriage a failure?" "Well," responded Mrs. X. thoughtfully, "I think husbands are nicer than cats, but not so nice as pigs."

You may not have the chills to-day, but to-morrow they may have you in their grasp. It will be well to remember that a tasteless Chills Tonic will be a friend indeed to you. It is safe, sure and an infallible cure.

Little Barbara has a brother Max, who is her rival as well. The other day she said to her mother: "Mother, is Max older than I am?" Her mother said he was. "Well," she responded, "in a tone of unfeigned pleasure and disappointment: 'well, that boy beats me in everything; and he has beaten me in bornin' too.'"

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

"Why don't you shave yourself and save time and money?" "Because I can't bear to cut an old acquaintance."

No medicine has achieved greater success than "Catherine," or, Extract Mexican Cactus. The Grand Old Man, Thomas McMillen's, is in a report to have said: "I would for my family."

A Common Though Not Tangible Trade: "What business are you now in, Yabley?" "I'm in the stationery, fancy and notion trade." "What's that?" "Whenever I get a notion to go to work I buy a yoke of yoke-boys and I remain stationary."

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Devotional.

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God never would send you the darkness if He felt you could not bear the light; But you would not cling to His guiding hand.

If the way were always bright; And you would not care to walk by faith, Could you always walk by sight.

'Tis true He has many an anguish For your sorrowful heart to bear, And many a cruel thorn crown For your tired head to wear; He knows how few would reach heaven at all, If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding darkness, And the furnace of seven-fold heat; 'Tis the only way, believe me, To keep you close to His feet, For 'Tis always so easy to wander When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in your Father's, And sing, if you can, as you go; Your song may cheer some one behind you Whose courage is sinking low, And, well, if your lips do quiver— God will love you better so.

—Exchange.

CHRIST'S 'I WILL'

It is the mighty will which realizes itself—"I will; be thou clean." Here, however, we can but very imperfectly imitate our Master. Nevertheless, the men who cure the evils of the world are not the weak, the wishing, and vacillating heroes of the world; they are men who, with no foreseen destination, they are the men who, having fastened upon a work, never let go. They are the men who have seen a good set about getting it, and never stop and never lose heart—men who can never be turned out of their path, even if for a time they be impeded from men, who can no more be beguiled or constrained than the great snot from the cannon's mouth. These are the men who, looking upon the foul places of the world, say, "I will; be thou clean;" and so it comes to pass, men with a will are wanted to do the work of our churches and churches. Then

"Leprous sin will melt from earthly mold, And itself will pass away, And how his dolorous mansions to the peering day."

One man to will is worth a hundred to wish. But there is a little incident to this story which must not be overlooked, an example of pardonable, almost splendid, lawlessness. Jesus said: "see thou say nothing to any man." No doubt it was his duty to obey Christ's command—"... deep hath to disclose, ... being obedient is the bond of love."

But was it any wonder that he disobeyed? Infinite passion had flowed forth upon him; goodness itself had dogged to touch him. Could he hold his peace, and like an ingrate never tell the mighty favor which had been shown him?

He could not be silent. His heart was too full to contain itself. "See thou say nothing to any man," said Jesus; but he went out and began to publish it much, and to blaze it abroad. It may have been wrong, and yet it must have been right. At least, we love the man the more for the fault, and we are sure his benefactor pardoned it. He loved much. The publishing and the blazing abroad were the work of a thankless, devoted, adoring heart. He might have said: "If, once miserable and forsaken, but now happy and touched as a brother, should hold my peace, the stones would immediately cry out. He said: 'I cannot say nothing to any man;' but I cannot keep the torrent which pours from the fountain He has unsealed. Moses smote a rock, and it gave forth its plenteous waters; and oh, for a thousand tongues, to sing my great deliverer's praise!"

What say you to this, cold hearts and formal? Have you no word with which to honor your Savior? Rather than confess before men that you bow to him as your Lord, would you put it off with a mock or a sneer? And who art thou to be ashamed of Christ? At least, his rule and life stands before the world challenging comparison, defying equality, and to them the wisest and best in every age have paid their homage. Cold hearts and formal may make no acclaim. Their silence or seeming indifference may prove them to be publicans and traitors in the kingdom of heaven. But they who have taken Christ as the spirit and changeless life of their lives know that he is a most adorable and eternal. Their faces are toward heaven, and as they go they sing out their way: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain." * * * For "the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."—Good Words.

STRENGTHEN THY BROTHERN.

We are living either to weaken and depress our fellow-believers, or to hold up their hands, deepen their faith, and inspire them with new courage. We may prove a hindrance to some by a mournful or fretful appearance, which in nowise recommends the service of the Master whom we love; we may also be the means of weakening the Christian life of others by a thoughtless jest or scurrilous remark—a careless play upon words that to the listener convey such sacred associations. We have heard of a wit who, when dying, found no comfort in the texts repeated to him, because he had at some time or other turned all such into jokes, and Christian people must be careful against this thoughtless habit of bringing into amusing conversation the Bible words with which we should indeed be familiar but with a spirit of loving reverence. Those who have the courage to speak out and stop such joking, though encouraged by laughter, cannot fail to impress for good, and will insure the witness of their own conscience that they have acted aright. And let us beware lest we sometimes spoil the effect of a sermon on the minds of others by our own critical spirit. Two gentlemen were once leaving a place of worship, showing all the weak points in the discourse when one less gifted but in a more earnest frame of mind quietly told how he had been affected by a certain portion of the sermon: "The one part worth hearing," said one of the gentlemen, "but his naming that part taught us a lesson, and made me repent my criticism." Let us ever be on our guard against quenching the spiritual yearning and enfeebling the strength of those around us. The Master bids "Comfort ye my people," and each one of his followers should pray and strive for more of his spirit, understanding and sympathy.—Quaker.

CHRISTIANS are exhorted to trust in the Lord forever, and the reason assigned is that the Lord is the "Rock of Ages." He is immovable, unchangeable. Our circumstances and our feelings may change, but God is immutable. A great mistake with many of us is that we regard the attitude of God toward us as affected by external circumstances or by our emotions. When poverty lays its hand upon us, when our temptations assail us, when perplexities bewilder us, it is comforting to remember that firm and unmoved in love, in condescension, sympathy, in helpfulness, standeth the Rock of Ages.

NO BETTER TIME for these trying days of midwinter than the psalmist's word: "Fret not thyself." It may be quite impossible to keep cool physically, but he will come nearest to doing so who is free from fret. The heat is twice as oppressive, the humidity twice as humid, to them who are in a perpetual fume because it is so hot or so muggy. That foolish horse in your team which prances when the traces hit him, chaps the bit he would gladly eject, sits in nervous fear at every road-side stone is soon white with foam, while his staid and sensible mate, who has learned better than to fret in harness, arrives at the journey's end as cool and fresh as when he started.

LUTHER said: "I would run into the arms of Christ if he stood with a drawn sword in his hand." John Butterworth, reading this and reflecting on his own life, found an every venturing sinner does, no sword in the hands of Christ, but open arms and a hearty welcome. Jesus' proclamation, forever sounding forth to every burdened heart, is: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He demonstrated his marvelous compassion by dying for us; he will not now repulse the approaching sinner.

Marriages.

HAYS—LONDON.—At the M. E. Church, at Hallville, on November 13, at 7:30 p. m., Mr. Henry P. Hays and Miss Maxine London, Rev. W. P. Pledger officiating.

COLLIER—DAVIS.—At Bethesda M. E. Church, South, at 12 o'clock, November 12, Mr. A. B. Collier and Miss Serena M. Davis, J. H. Ricketts officiating; all of Tyler county, Texas.

RALSON—CASTLETON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. B. Ralson and Miss Emma Castleton, Rev. T. C. DeWitt officiating; all of Lavaca county, Texas.

WILLIAMS—PIFMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, H. F. Pifman, Mr. Albert A. Williams and Miss Emma Pifman, Rev. L. C. Ellis officiating; all of Palo Alto county, Texas.

ALLEN—HASTINGS.—At the residence of the bride's father, November 6, 1890. Mr. M. T. Allen and Miss Nannie Hastings, Rev. Robt. C. Allen officiating; all of Wilson county, Texas.

DAVIS—HASTINGS.—At the residence of the bride's father, November 6, 1890. Mr. D. Davis and Miss Nannie Hastings, Rev. Robt. C. Allen officiating; all of Wilson county, Texas.

COLLIER—STEPHENSON.—On October 26, 1890, Mr. J. E. Collier, of Tyler, Texas, and Miss Bettie Stephenson, near Omea, Texas, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

RAMOS—NEILL.—On November 2, 1890, Mr. S. H. Ramos and Miss Ida B. Neill, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating; all of Smith county, Texas.

WILSON—BAIRD.—At the residence of the bride's father, September 11, 1890. Mr. Robert Wilson and Miss Mollie Baird, Rev. W. H. Carr officiating; all of Coryell county, Texas.

Obituaries.

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HOLLIS—Glover Cole, infant son of Jack and Rebecca Hollis, was born December 23, 1890; went to heaven September 25, 1890. While here on earth little Hollis was the light of the home and a constant joy to his parents and grandmother. He had looked in a thoughtful home where sorrow and sighing are not known. God's ways are mysterious to us, but we know what he does is right. Dear parents, weep not; it is true death has left its dark cloud in your home and hearts, but heaven is brighter. Little Hollis is gone, but he will be with the Savior. May the Lord sustain you in this sad trial and may you at last be an unbroken family in the sweet by-and-by.

BETTIE MORRIS.

JONES—H. W. Jones was born in Tennessee in the year 1826; moved to Texas in 1861, and after making several moves, he finally settled in Tom Green county, seven miles from Mont Vale, where he suffered some time with rheumatism. He took his departure from this life on the 11th inst. and has gone to his reward with the joy of a good man. He joined the Cumberland P. E. Church in 1859, in which he lived a faithful Christian up to the time of his death. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. We extend our prayers to the bereaved family, and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

J. F. WESS.

TEEL—On April 22, 1888, at the home of Bro. W. L. Teel and wife, Emma Teel, it was said, a baby boy was born. In due time they named him William Lawrence. For more than two years the little fellow cheered the household, and was as affectionate, at camp-meeting a general favorite. But, alas! membranous croup seized him and for many long nights they watched by his bedside, but in vain, for on the 25th day of September, 1890, he left this world and went to be with the Savior, which he said: "Suffice it should come unto me, and forbid them not." Both parents are Christians and members of the M. E. Church, South, and know in whom to trust. May God help them to regard it as a golden cord to bind them close to the Divine One.

E. G. ROBERTS.

JONES—Bro. Frank Jones died Tuesday at 12 o'clock. He was sick for about three weeks, being afflicted with brain disease. Last summer he had a severe attack of typhoid fever, from which he had not fully recovered when he returned to the university. The relatives were notified by telegram, and as quickly as possible, his brother and sister came to his bedside. All was done that human hands could do, but all to no avail. At 4 o'clock, the theological faculty and students met in front of Wesley Hall and formed a procession to the University Chapel, where appropriate services were held. The remains were put aboard the train at 8 o'clock and sent for interment to his home at Greensborough, N. C. Bro. Jones was a member of the middle class of the theological department. During the stay of two years with us, we learned to love him, and shall profit by his Christian example. His brother and sister came to his bedside. All was done that human hands could do, but all to no avail. 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