



Texas Christian Advocate

LETTER FROM VIRGINIA.

Another calendar year is closing—another conference year has begun. Bountiful crops, with some exceptions, have been gathered by the husbandman from the fields, so that his barns are filled with plenty, and smoke-houses (that is the old name) are once more full.

The conference year has also been one of ingathering of souls. About 8000 were added to our church last year, making it one of the most successful years the Virginia Conference has ever known.

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The conference was held in the good old Methodist city, Lynchburg—a favorite place with Methodist preachers. Here will be found the most devoted Methodist community probably in the State, unless we except Norfolk, with many rich and well-to-do members, but nevertheless worshipping in the most Quaker like houses to be found in the State.

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Uncle Larry (Rev. J. B. Laurens), who has so long been the leader of the "Rosebuds," and worked so earnestly for schools in your neighboring conferences on and over the border, is still a confirmed invalid.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO.

Our last communication closed in the market-place. That Bible phrase can only be realized after one has passed through a market where Eastern customs have been preserved.

succeeded by the rising sun and, while the morning air has some refreshing influences, I have eaten nothing for thirty hours and feel feverish and exhausted; the atmosphere is hot and oppressive.

Already the McKinley bill begins to portend the future of the city. Mexico is turning her attention to European trade and Vera Cruz will gather the chemist that New York might have had, McKinley ought to have a chronometer for the good work he has done for Mexico and England—but the bell rings and the train is moving.

While the passengers were feasting their eyes upon this scenery of rarest beauty and sublimity we dashed into a tunnel as dark as Egypt's night. I heard some little screaming among the women and children—but soon we were out in daylight on the other side.

The grandeur of mountain scenery was still there, but the beauty was gone. I never expect to see beauty and grandeur again blended as it is in that display just passed. We are not up the mountains. We have made one rise, but just in the foothills. We have passed through one spur of the mountain and entered the Orazaba canyon through which quite a little river flows from the mountains above.

The Mexicans are great people to ride. Trains carry coaches of first, second and third-class accommodation. The first is passable, the second is bearable, the third is where most of the travel goes until crowded out.

We are rapidly getting above the coffee plantations, and the most interesting feature now is getting up the mountain. Sometimes we are in a beautiful valley, sometimes plunging through a tunnel, sometimes doubling the head of a tributary canyon, sometimes swinging around a curve on a ratohet out in the face of the mountain.

above the town. It looked like I might have thrown a rock down among the houses. The train stopped as if to let the engine get breath and let the people feast their eyes on the sublime scenery—at least the engine took a drink of water from a tank supplied from a mountain spring.

I shall always regret not being able to visit Pueblo, the historic and perhaps the most interesting city in the Republic. It is only thirty miles away, but it is Saturday afternoon and I must get home next week.

While he speaks so learnedly of the common law, I will ask him if he has not heard it hinted that according to the rule of the ancient common law jurors were selected from those who knew all about the facts of the case, and that if Chief Justice Marshall did not, upon a certain occasion, say in print that an expression of opinion was no disqualification of a juror?

Again, he says: "I have not the least imputation to make against the good intentions of the bishop in this case. I have to do merely with the character of his ruling." It is difficult for some men to make that harmonize with the charge that the bishop first obtained the individual views of each member of the conference on the question and then took particular pains to select the majority of the committees from one particular side of the question.

This closes my trip in Mexico. I expected to visit Toluca, San Luis Potosi, Puebla, and other places of interest, but time has failed me. I must get back to those few sheep in the wilderness. I take the 7:30 train to-night for two days and three nights' continuous run for home.

W. D. ROBINSON.

THE KELLEY CASE.

I have read a great deal concerning the Kelley case. I have heard Dr. Kelley preach and was much pleased with his preaching. I never met Bishop Hargrove. Upon reading an article from J. D. Thomas in the Advocate of December 11, it seemed not amiss to me to answer it. He seems

disposed to criticize Bishop Hargrove very severely. He says: "But it was never intended that committees should be so constituted or so manipulated as to condemn a preacher for what the great body of his conference approves."

In legal parlance he seems to charge the bishop with "packing the jury." Again, he says: "Then we have the humiliating fact that the bishop used his knowledge of the opinions of the members of the conference to the prejudice of Dr. Kelley."

How many of that illustrious twenty-six would have been on that committee? Yet it would have been all right for the conference to stock the committee, but grievously wrong for the bishop to do so.

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Let us suppose that the bishop believed that Dr. Kelley ought to have been tried for the alleged offense: that the cause of Southern Methodism and Christianity demanded it. Suppose that he saw evidence that Dr. Kelley was a very popular man and had a strong personal following in the conference, was it not his duty to select a committee from those he conscientiously believed felt more interest in the cause of Southern Methodism and Christianity than they did in Dr. Kelley?

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Kelley been injured? If Bishop Hargrove was wrong in his rulings, the College of Bishops will certainly right that wrong. It will then be the Bishop and not Dr. Kelley who will suffer.

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A Sympathetic Boy: Mother—What makes you cry that way? Johnnie—Our poor father has been sick so long...

Lock-Jaw: One large dose of this wonderful cure cured my mother of lock-jaw. It is truly a wonderful cure...

Thought He Must Be a Patient: Waterbury shaves his sometimes doesn't barber. Yes, Mr. Potts is one of my regular clients...

Not in His Case: "Do you think that marriage is a man of business, reflectively young woman to whom I am betrothed?"

Mr. Rye Wheat, Dallas, Texas, had blood poisoning and rheumatism but he could not walk without a crutch...

Style in Vehicles: Dealer—I am sure, madame, you could look the city through and not find a handsomer carriage than this...

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A Scholar: "Jones prides himself upon his Latin." "Wholly so," "Does he know Latin?" "Know Latin? I should say so."

An Ambition Easily Gratified: "Papa," remarked Johnny, "I should like to be a pirate when I grow up..."

"His flesh is not soft and flabby, but hard; he is a solid little fellow and his rapid improvement is a great surprise to our friends..."

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Why They Rise: Boston Man—You are doing pretty well out in the West, but we are still the seat of learning and culture."

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It was a Leading Question: Judge—"You robbed your benefactor in a most shameful way. Do you feel no compunctions of conscience?"

It looked That Way: "Here is a watch I bought of a fellow passer on the train one day..."

Professional Amenities: Dr. Klismoe—A man must be fed of life when he calls you in, in. Dr. Caroon—Well, as soon as an insurance company finds out that you are treating one of their clients they send an agent to cancel the policy.

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

Unavailing Sarcasm: Commuter (to young man who whistled a combination of 'Annie Rooney' and 'Annie Laurie' for ten minutes)

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"They are making car wheels of paper now," remarked Mrs. Hojak as she looked up from the newspaper.

Tyler District—First Round: Athens and Malakoff sta. at Athens. Dec 20, 21

San Antonio District—First Round: Eagle Pass sta. Dec 20, 21

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GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Denton sta. at Belltown. Dec 20, 21

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Abbott, at Abbott. Dec 20, 21

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Bee House cr. at Picokeo Ranch. 3d Sun in Dec

VERNON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Chillicothe and Quana. Dec 20, 21

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Location cr. at Lexington. Dec 20, 21

CAULVERT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Marlin sta. Dec 20, 21

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Santa Anna cr. at Santa Anna. Dec 20, 21

CISCO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Stephenville cr. at Rocky Point. Dec 20, 21

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Zion cr. at Zion. Dec 20, 21

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Woodville cr. at Colmesneer. Dec 20, 21

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Eagle Pass sta. Dec 20, 21

GEOGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Round Rock cr. at Round Rock. Dec 20, 21

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Dripping Springs sta. at Dripping Springs. Dec 20, 21

ALIVE AND KICKING: May—What a strong, noble face! Ethel—it is indeed the face of Cousin George...

THE GREAT BENEFIT: Which people in run down state of health derive from Hood's Sarsaparilla, conclusively proves that this medicine "makes the weak strong."

CORSIKANA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Rice and Chaffin, at Rice. Dec 20, 21

ABILENE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Snyder sta. at Snyder. Dec 20, 21

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Austin First Street. Dec 20, 21

CURRO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Williamsburg cr. at Williamsburg. 3d Sun in Dec

SAN SABA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Brady sta. Dec 20, 21

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Junction City sta. at Junction City. 3d Sun in Dec

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Van Alstyne sta. Dec 20, 21

EDDY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND: La Luz. 3d Sun in Jan

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Rancho cr. at Rancho. Dec 20, 21

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Carthage and Garrison, at Nacocoches. Dec 20, 21

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Mount Pleasant sta. Dec 20, 21

TERRELL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Terrell sta. Dec 20, 21

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Trinity. 3d Sun in Dec

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WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Weatherford cr. at Weatherford. Dec 20, 21

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Rosalie cr. Dec 20, 21

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Marytown cr. Dec 20, 21

BONHAM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Wolfe City sta. Dec 20, 21

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND: Longview sta. at Longview. Dec 20, 21

The bronze turkey is a direct descendant of our native wild turkey. This fact makes them hardy and easily raised.

Is an inflammation of the bronchial tubes—the air-passages leading into the lungs. Few other complaints are so prevalent...

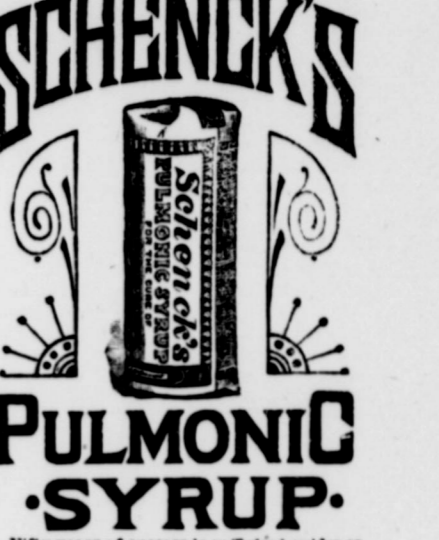
Cherry Pectoral: C. O. Lepper, Druggist, Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "My little sister, four years of age, was so ill from bronchitis that we had almost given up hope of her recovery..."

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