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THE ADVOCATE'S CHRISTMAS GREET-

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Adversity borrows its sharpest using note out the patience -Hume. Never assume to yourselves qualities which you do not possess.-Brodie. Death is the dropping of the flower that the fruit may swell.-Bieecher.

- Hospitality is one of the first Christian duties .-

Goldsmith.
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A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.—Buller.
Premature consolation is but the remembrances of sorrow.—Goldsmith.
Patnful it is to be misunderstood and under-valued by three we love.—Hyperion.
Youth is eminently the fittest season for establishing habits of industry.—Parr

Nothing but sin can draw us away from God.-Henry Ward Beecher.

Heary Ward Beecher, Excellence is never granted to man but as the reward of labor, --Reyvolds. What mortal in the world without inward call-ing but would be miserable?--Goethe.

- Young men soon give and soon forget affronts; old age is slow in bo'h.—Addison.
  Every action, good or bad, which we do has its corresponding reward.—F. W. Hume.
  Allow no man to be so familiar with you as to praise you to your face.—Steele.
  Revenge at first though sweet, bitter ere long, back on itself recoils.—Milton.

- The greatest facts, without discretion, may be fatal to their owner.—*Hume*. Human laws nay debase Christianity, but never can improve it.—*Hall*. Envy withers at another's joy and hates that ex-cellence it cannot reach.—*Thomson*.
- A man should keep his friendship in constant re
- Disproportioned friendships ever terminate in disgust.-Goldsmith.

### HOME CONFERENCES.

Brookston.

R. N. Brown and wife, Dec. 18: Allow us to express our thanks to the ladies of Brookston, and especially Mrs. Hattie Bean, for the presentation of an excellent cooking stove for the parsonage, since conerence.

Winnsborough Circuit.

West.

Ladonia.

in a rented house, as we have sold our par-sonage. Hope to be in the new parsonage soon, as we intend to build. Pounding!

yes, we had a pounding, consisting of everything good to eat. It came by the wagon-load and then tapered off by hand-fuls. We have been kindly received and

are happy, hoping to do a good year's work, and praying that God will bless

have expressed a desire and a hope that

W. M. Adams, Dec. 15 : We were met

us to administer to them in

DALLAS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1890.

how to make a preacher and his family God for the preservation of life through are well pleased and more than satisfied. These things so stirred the preacher's casions-turned it over absolutely to his

signing more earnestly the throne of God's a hard fight, but a glorious victory. I rather enjoy a tough tussel with old grave for a glorious revival in St. Jo, and the upbuilding of God's kingdom in these ends of the earth. We need a sweeping revival in St. Jo, and how made one round on my work and can say emphatically that I am in a white man's country of my work, and it empraces part of three of the part of the church to grain a decisive. J. A. Lovett, Dec. 15: We came to our of my work, and it em eraces part of three victory. But victory we can and more the part of the church to gain a decisive work as soon after conference as we pes-sibly could. The brethren and sisters with whom we have met have shown us blessing to Southern Methodism that Bishop Galloway and this scribe were no: building. We have not received a regu-building. We have not received a regu-"God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." The good bishop at San Marcos, in his address on Method-cuits large and of circuits small, of sta-"God moves in a injustry god bishop, at San Marcos, in his address on Method-ism, said "he doubted whether any of us knew what a lawful fence was." I want to inform the gentleman that I have seen one that is, if he was correct as to what They are They are to Dallas City Mission. But here we are comfortably settled down in our new are provided us are confortably settled down in our new are comfortably settled down in our new are provided us are confortably settled down in our new are provided us are provi to inform the gentleman that I have seen one that is, if he was correct as to what constitutes a lawful fence. They are plentiful in this country—"horse high, bull strong and pig tight," made of iron, rock and granite. I was somewhat sur-

doubt whether a better type of Methodist could be found in Methodism than we I have heard of preachers "getting their have here—broad-minded and liberal. work well in hand," but here the work They speak well of their former pastors, holds the preacher in hand. There are and the preachers all speak well of them. demands for every nour, and the question

Disproportioned triendships ever terminate in disgust.—Goldsmith. Virtue commands its happiness of every outward object independent.—Francis. Off expectation fails and most of there where most it promises —Shatspeare. Common sense is the gift of heaven; enough of it is genius.—En Jonson. A good education is the best legacy we can leave to our children.—Collier. The four cardinal virtues are prudence, fortitude, temperance and justice —Paley. Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company and reflection must fluish him.—Locke. HOME CONFERENCES. ple of Cooper know how to receive a singular. It is a curious (?) fact that preacher and his family in such a way as to make them feel both welcome and ence, sent twelve single men to places

### Dallas City Mission.

lished. the enterprises to be noted in Laredo The Methodist Church, with Bro. and Sister Oxley in the lead, is moving on nicely. The Sunday-school is well or ganized and in good condition. A good congregation at 11 a. m. Sunday; a precious love-feast in the afternoon and servour purposes. May He be with us in ices continued until Wednesday night. Iard) will be responsible for the rest. Faithful spiritual, aggressive band! May Now, in legard to this work, I have been have this week begun our new church the blessings of God rest on them this year. A visit to the seminary impressed us with the importance of that work. It is a fine school and is doing a noble work for the church. Our second quarterly the mission, each of which, we hope, will conference was on the San Diego charge. This meeting was held at the new town soon be a sel -supporting station. Have we been pounded? Well, I should say so. Last Fricay evening the good people of East Dallas began to pour into the par-sonage, each bringing something to cheer

The ADVOCATES CHRISTMAS GREET IS IN ACROSTIC.
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# Corpus Christi District. I. T. Morris, P. E.: I have been quite The first think is a single conference. The first think the single conference is a single conference in the single conference in the single conference is a single conference in the singl busy since conference. The first thing was to get my family located for the year for a little rest till we received an was to get my family located for the year. for a little rest till we received an and as we have no district parsonage, I have rented a house in Beeville for the present, hoping to be able to build a parsonage soon. Having domiciled my family, I began to cast an eye over my field of the year and find that family, I began to cast an eye over my field of labor for the year and find that and important factories are being estab-A large tannery will be put in operation soon. Cotton and woolen mills, a foundry, machine shops, etc., are among

having been advertised beforehand. But God was with us in great power. There were six conversions and ten or twelve ing to night. I would say to the brethren : get Bro. Collard to hold meetings, but kindly received and many tokens of love have found their way to the parsonage in the way of well-filled baskets of provisions-turnips, potatoes, fresh meats, butter, chickens, etc. May God abun-dan'ly reward all the donors.

### Dalias Preachers' Meeting.

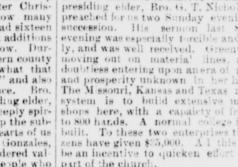
of Alice, where we have a small church in an unfinished state. Bro. John A. Wright had just reached his work. Had O. S. Thomas, Secretary, Dec. 22: Dal-Wright had just reached his work. Had a very good attendance of official mem-bers and the stewards made a liberal is-sessment for the support of the prescher D. J. Martin was called to the chair and to make them feel both welcome and happy. An i they used that knowledge to good effect when, as soon as the pres-ent preacher and his family were housed in the parsonage, they brought and sent staple groceries, \$16 or \$17 worth, and in cash \$4.50. A preacher who would not feel grateful, and very grateful, too, for such a reception ought not any more to have a place among us. Amen.

with whom we have met have shown us much kindness. We are now domiciled in the parsenage—an excellent little building. We have not received a regu-lar pounding, but have received many tokens of kindness. Bro. Z. Miller has made me a present of a \$10 overcoat. Many thanks, Bro. M., for your kindness. Sisters Brown and Miller have supplied us with lard, meat and butter, for which we feel thankful. We are indebted to Bro. William Foster for one load of wood. Bro. William Foster for one load of wood. These tokens of kindness make this boypreacher feel thankful. May God bless these good people. We take fresh cour-age and pray that God may give us a gen-

C. M. Harless: Various are the recep-tions which a Methodist preacher receives when he goes to his "new work" Some-times, like that which Moses first met with at the well from the daughters of Jethria, which made such an inspression on his mind that he over a forward (all like a

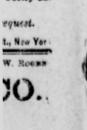
prised to find so few people in this coun-try. Our congregations are not large, and our membership is small; but I building of Christ's kingdom and the This is as it should be, and may it ever be so. Bandera. is not, what is needed, but what is needed most? The promise, "Lo? I am with you," nerves our heart and strengthers building in South Dallas, which we hope to complete soon, as we can accomplish but httle without a house of worship. We will then have two good churches on

most all the preaching. The attendance was small, owing to the meetings not reclamations, besides the lifting up of the church. We have received seven into the church to date. We cosed the meethave them advertised so as to get the people out to start on. I think he (Col-lard) will be responsible for the rest.



Winnsborough o the evening of the 12th. We reached the parsonage at 6:30 p.m. Our parsonage was invaded by a crowd SELF TO The crowd was too large to be seated or to afford opportunity for any formal probless the good people of Winnsborough. TEXAS. CO at the depot by Bro. Autrey and con-ducted to his house, where a good dinner was in waiting for us. We had a cordial reception among these good people. And in a short time we found ourselves comfortably housed in the parsonage, and we have been receiving tokens of love in the way of more furniture for the parsonage. and provisions, etc., ever since we came. Praise the Lord. God bless them all and help spiritual things. A. F. Hendrix, Dec. 15: On the 2d of this month we landed at Ladonia and were met by kind friends at the train and

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Wm. Hay, Dec. 16: I have never had have a place among us. Amen. a warmer welcome than fell to my lot in

eral revival of pure religion.

Cooper.

### Dallas, First Church.

Charles O. Jones, Dec. 22: Never had a pastor and his family a warmer reception than has been given us by the mem bringing all sorts of things to make glad bers of First Church. We were met at the heaits of a preacher and his family. the depot by several gentlemen and con-ducted to the parsonage, where a boanticeedings suited to the occasion. May God ful supper was spread and served by representatives of the Aid Society, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Capt. White, president. We found abundant

supplies in the pantry. The stewards met and unanimously advanced the salary to a sum commensurate with the ability of the charge and its position as the lead ing congregation in the conference and in this busy commercial center. The congregations have been large both night and morning. Fifteen additions have been made to membership, with several applicants, during three Sundays. Owing to the dilapidated condition of the parsonage at d the prospect of selling it an early day, the stewards and trustees in joint session unanimously resolved to rent another house for the preacher. This has been done; furniture has been bought by the Aid Society, and we are now com-fortably settled on Ervay street, second taken to their homes until our household goods came in. Now we are pleasantly situated, convenient to the church, living door from Gano, near City park. Thanks to my predecessors and faithful men and

women, the church is in good condition, the congregation enthusiastic and the outlook very favorable. By the blessing of God we expect a year of peace and great prosperity.

### Marysville.

S. W. Miller, Dec. 15: I reached home from conference Tuesday, November 25, and found my dear babe dangerously iil, so

this people. Cottonwood. W. A. Gilleland, Dec. 15: I have not written to the ADVOCATE for some time, but I have been reading it with delight. I baye made almeet one round on Cotton have not and found my dear babe dangerously 11, so that I could not notify my brethren when I could move; but God, in his goodness, day, December 1, we started for Marys-ville. We were met by a norther about have made almost one round on Cotton-wood circuit. So far I have been cordial-ly received. A number of the brethren eight miles from our destiny, so we got to in the material welfare of the preacher and his family. When my family and I reached Cottonwood, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in November, we found that some things calculated to sustain the that some things calculated to sustain the physical man had already been provided for us. Thanks to those who had thought of our welfare. May God bless them. Una to many warm-hearted friends, who came to welcome us. In a few minutes we were invited to sit down to a most clegantly furnished table, and we pro-

Albert Little, Dec. 13: I have never had a more hearty welcome than has been given me here. We were met at the depot with carriage, and through the kindness of Bros. Joost and Harris were conducted to the parsonage, where we found Sisters Joost, Wynne, Allen and LeClere, who had prepared us a bountiful breakfast and had the more than dat the source of the parsonage of the parso LeClere, who had prepared us a bountiful breakfast and had the rooms warm and comfortable. We were invited into the the work, I am delighted, and we are

him work, and listen at him preach, and

### Brushy Creek.

John Helpenstell, Dec. 12:, The parmage at this place was struck by a cyclone last night, which resulted in the destruction of all doubt or fear as to what we should eat or drink for the next month. Now, it came on in this wise At about 8 o'cleck, as we sat by the fire enjoying our Friday evening's treat (namely, the reading of the ADVOCATE) we heard a noise as the sound of many feet, and we saw, as we looked out of the window, lights as of many lanterns. Of course we went to the door and opened it to see what it meant, when, to our surprise, the galleries and hall were crowded with the good people of our community. We invited them in, but they refused and made for the dinning-room, and in they went and down came the flour, sugar, coffee, rice, dried fruit, canned fruit and preserves, and a fine lot of Cali fornia grapes, for making pies. Well, we just threw up our hands and surrendered. And in addition to the many good things they brought us to eat was a nice how

containing quite a number of nice and valuable toniet articles, which was brought by our genial druggist and his young wife. [But what did they bring you to drink? You need not answer if it will involve self-crimination .- ED ] We spent our new home quite cold, but met a warm reception by Bro. Barnett. Dr. Baley's family and others, who made us as com-fortable as possible. Wedresday we went into the parsonage, but received orand singley, and our company dispersed leaving us happy and feeling in our hearts that we would do our best to serve them another year. It was a good time to us—a time which will live in our memory while time shall last; and judging from the bright faces of that crowd on that occasion we were led to believe that they realized the truthfulness of that saying: "That it is more blessed to give than to receive." May the blessing of

### God be upon them all.

with the spiritual growth and prosperity with which the St. Jo circuit was attend ed last conference (which was greater. no doubt, than many of us deserved), we can say in truth that we were fully satisfied with the financial showing that it made at the annual conference held in Tcxarkana, November. Bro. Adams' sal-

ing to such ends as these, we hope he will not be disappointed. Our presiding elder, Rev. M. A. Black, has taken hold of arrival we were received by several of the but by the grace of God and the aid of a things with a steady, strong hand, and is good ladies of our church into warm going to push the interests of the church to the front out here in this western land. welcomed to our new home in a way to crowded for room out here, but I invite him to come out and see how gracefully conducted to the dining-roo n and stathis presiding elder can swing around his tioned around the table laded with two little district (only 300 miles long) and see | well-cooked turkeys and everything else that country now. The brethren are to correspond and, before being seated. he will conclude that our presiding elder Bro. Mathis in his happiest style made can take in Tom Green county and the "regions beyond." the speech of welcome, after which the sharpened appetites of the preacher and family gave better evidence of apprecia-

Uvalde.

complete. Fourth conference at Floresville. This is an old town and is the county seat of Wilson county. They have a fine court-house and good jail. tion then the few tame words at the r command. The presence of Rev. T. P. Smith, our presiding elder; Rev. J. S. Mathis, my predecessor; Rev. W. W. Church houses respectable and I was told they have a good schoo'. Congr gations' small Saturday morning and night, but good Sunday morning and McAnally, preacher in charge of Pieas-ant Hill circuit, and Dr. Neil, a worthy night. Bro Jas A. King is starting off layman of this place, added much to the well. A genuine revival is much needed enjoyment of the occasion. The evening here, and we trust will be realized sion. was one of the most pleasant we have All the preachers in the district are at had in life. The following morning gave th -ir posts and at work. Brethren, let's us an opportunity of surveying our new surroundings, and our explorations retry and make this the best year in the history of this district. Push every interest of the church and may great vealed m my evidences of the thoughtfulness and generosity of our new friends. In the pantry was found a barrel of the grace rest on us all. best flour, a quantity of coffee and sugar and other substantials to last the family Greenville Station.

It is getting distressingly dry through

harge; it is badly needed; hope the work

will be pressed forward until the house is

tor months. In the yard was a good sup ply of wood, in the barn was feed for the in order a declaration of those things ow, and running about the place a drove of beautiful chickens. "It is all paid for and yours," they said, and they appeared which have befallen them in their reas happy in giving as we were in receiv-ing. The fo lowing Sabbath was a beau-tiful day, a large congregation, a good and family. Upon our arrival here we service and one accession to the church the first service is the promise, we hope, of what we shall realize the incoming year. The stewards have since met and made a liberal assessment for the support of their preacher and arranged to make payments on the first day of each month. The church here is in good condition. My predecessors have been faithful and Our reception by the entire membership has been most cordial, and that under we expect a happy, prosperous year. J. A. Baker, Dec. 15: At the close of our conference at San Antonio Bishop Galloway read us out for Uvalde station That noble layman, V. M. West, whom his conference delights to honor and place in position, being on hand, he and versal favorite; they esteemed him very highly in love for the work's sake, as well his good wi e took us in charge and wit -out delay conducted us to our charge. The new parsonage which had been enterprised the past year not being ready for occupancy, we found a comfortable, nice home at Bro. Jesse Applewhite's, one of my stewards, till the parsonage could be tinished and made ready for us. they we e greatly shocked when it was could be finished and made ready for us. The people have referred us with open arms, notwithstanding their hearts were bleeding at the loss of their former pas-tor, Rev. New Harris, a young man of rare gifts and of much promise. In due welcome and hearty co-operation. Second known that the relations which were time the parsonage was finished and by breakfast and had the rooms warm and comfortable. We were invited into the dining-room, where we, with grateful hearts, leasted on the provisions pro-vided by their kind hands. On Thursday, night the good people of Palestine, soot of and young, began to come, each one leaving a bundle of something nice and seelin. The crowd was so large we could not seat them in the parsonage until their second rest were something to a gracious reviral. While every opint. Datorat. B.H. McLendon, Dec. 15: I have been the since confined at home for nearly two stakes sick on the 14th of No-setiment y and enjoyed themselves huggly. The good people of Palestine know eractly ly are we in the pars mage until their good-still materializes in the shape of

mittee to correspond with the evangelists, Burnett and Mulkey, looking to and arranging for their coming to Dallas for the purpose of holding, in connection with the pastors, a series of meetings at to the front out here in this western land, Bro. Horton may think we are a little make it a sweeter home as long as we ment cheerfully and the people receive in the city. him gladly We shall expect a good re-port from Oakville and Tilden this year.

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REV. A. L. P. GREEN

Rev. A. L. P. Green was bern near Seima, A'a., July 29, 1832; went to Tennessee at an early age, thence to building a new church at Lebanon on this Arkansas, where he was licensed to exhort June 10, 1850; was licensed to preach and admitted on trial in the Onachita Conference in 1850; was ordained deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh November 26, 1854, and elder by Bishop Pierre Novem-ber 16, 1856; transferred to Texas in 1866, and served Port Saliivan and successively Columbus station, Navidad circuit and LaGrange station; was presiding elder on Austin and Columbus districts: then served Travis, Giddings and Borton, Lexington, Eigin, Madisonville, Buifalo and Oak woods and Maysield circuits. He quietly feil asleep in Jesus at Maysfield November 16, 1890. In June last, Bro. Gr en had an attack of rheumatism of the heart, from which he never fully recovered, though able to preach at times with his usual energy and for e. Re-

W. M. Shelton, Dec. 20: Forasmuch as mapy have taken in hand to set forth said to his devoted wife that he had had unusual liberty and unction on Sunday. From the time of his admission on trial spective charges, I also will tell of the Bro. Green was in the active work, and dealings of this people with their pastor performed the duties of an itinerant with faithfulness and devotion. He labored were met at the depot with conveyance under many difficulties, the extent and and carried to the hospitable home of character of which will never be known Bro, and Sister W. K. Duff. Although until the rewards are given. It may be character of which will never be known Bro. Duff is on the supernumerary list, truthfully said of him that he never and engaged in secular business, religion sought an appointment, cheerfully obeyand engaged in secular business, religion and the courch are first with bim and his ing the voice of the courch and doing the consecrated wife. He not only a ten is work assigned him to the best of his the regular services, but ne is to be found ability. I was often with him during the at the cottage prayer-meetings, class-meetings, etc. May his tribe increase. Our reception by the entire membership to be at his work, and spoke of his dear circumstances that test their Christian family being deprived of his presence and character and loyalty to the church. It is an open secret that they were in love with J. L. Pierce. He had been here but one year, and I do not speak ex ravagantly when I say he was an uni brethren, was pleased to be with them, and appreciated their visits while he was sick. His wish was to "cease to work as "for his own true worth." The prob abilities of a change had not occurred to him or the people, consequently he and while his brethren of the Texas Conference were wending their way to their appointments, he too was winging his a: the house of als son-in-law, Dr. W. C. Cunningham, and his remains were fol-

St. Jo.

W. H. Whaley, Dec. 13: We wish to say that while we were not at all satisfied

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LESSON XIII, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEIT.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." (John i:14.)

### QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What is this date? December 28. 2. What Sunday is it? The last of the year. 3. What have we studied all the

year? The book of Luke.

4. What is it about? The life and 5. What were our last quarter's leswords of Jesus.

sons about? The last days of the life of Jesus.

6. Where was the scene of these events? Jerusalem and near there. 7. What parable have we? The

parable of the vineyard.

8. What feast did Jesus unite in? The Feast of the Passover.

9. What sacrament was instituted? The Lord's Supper.

10. To what garden did Jezus go? Gethsemane.

11. What did Jesus do there? He prayed.

12. What were his feelings? He was in an agony.

13. Who came to arrest him? A great multitude.

14. Where was he carried? To the high priest.

15. Before what two rulers did he appear? Pilate and Hered.

16. Where was he crucified? On Calvary.

17. How long was he on the cross?

Three hours. 18. How long was he in the grave?

A part of three days.

19. From what place did he agcend? From a hill near Bethany .- Illustrated

Lesson Paper.

### RECAPITULATION.

### FOURTH QUARTER. I. SCENES OF SORROW.

The Son's Mission Rejected.

The Son's Mission Commemorated.

The Son's Requirements Declared. 4. The Son's Agony Accepted.

II. SCENES OF CRUELTY.

5. The Son's Sorrows Multiplied. 6. The Son's Innocence Affirmed. 7. The Son's Condemnation Pr

nounced. 8. The Son's Life Surrendered. III. SCENES OF TRIUMPH.

9. The Son's Resurrection Accom plished.

10. The Son's Foreshadowings Ful filled.

11. The Son's Resurrection Demonstrated.

12. The Son's Ascension Witnessed.

III. SCENES OF TRIUMPH.

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of this series.

The legal and proper person to do preliminary sifting is the presiding eld-er, for of him only does the law say that Lesson 9.—"The Son's Resurrection Accomplished" is the main thought of these verses, which present: (1) The it is his duty "to report to the annual Empty Tomb; (2) The Angels' Mes- conference the names of all the delinconference the names of all the delinsage; and (3) The Accumulating Ev-idence, though as yet no one has seen the risen Lord. His enemies, however, are baffled; his body is beyond their quent traveling preachers within his district." I do not say that if this offi-cial fails the church is helpless; but I do say that this is peculiarly his busi-ness. If he fails, some other brother

Lesson 10 .- Additional to the evimay put the conference in possession of all the facts. In either case, the con-ference simply looks to the accuser for dence of the last lesson, the fact is here presented that in what Jesus endured there clearly is "The Son's Foreshadow-ings Fulfilled. The story presents (1) An Unknown Companion; (2) A Sad Story; (3) A Convincing Exposition, information. They then look to the accused for explanation. If the case is prima facie excusable, the conference can say so by passing the brother's character. If the case is prima facie inexcusable, the conference may send it in which the exact coincidence of prophecy and the Lord's career is made to a committee to examine all the facts convincingly plain. Lesson 11.-Now the full light bursts and see if the brother should be tried forth, presumptive evidence passes away, and we see "The Son's Resurrection According to our law the annual conference is the only proper sifter of these cases, unless Dr. Hoss and Bishop Har-Demonstrated :" (1) To two Disciples;

grove be right. In no case does the chairman of the annual conference be-(2) To Simon Peter; (3) To the Apos-tles. These repeated demonstrations come the proper party to pronounce a case excusable or inexcusable. Such a opened up a new life for the little company of disciples, and led on to the case excusable or inexcusable. Such a triumphant climax of the final lesson procedure would be without warrant under any construction of the law. And yet, if I understand them, that is Lesson 12 .- "The Son's Ascension

Witnessed" fitly concludes the year's work, presenting (1) The Final Words; (2) The Promised Power; and (3) The THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS Triumphal Ascent, as the result of

now have this question before them fo which he has taken his place at the final adjudication. Perhaps it will be right hand of the Father, where he as well to let it rest until they dispose ever lives to make intercession for us. of the case. It may be asked, then The Golden Text of the quarter why did you say anything on the sub-sheds a beautiful light over all these ject? Because outside of the excited ject? Because outside of the excited Tennessee Corference everything that scenes of suffering, assuring us, as it does, that by these sufferings he learned I saw on the subject was, from my obedience, all of which perfects him as our sympathetic friend and our all-sufficient Savior. -Sunday School Times. standpoint, on the wrong side, and there was a great deal said. I did not wish the bishops to think that that side voiced the consensus of the church. It AN ANSWER TO CRITICS. seemed necessary that some one should

REV. JOHN R. ALLEN. I will stop long enough, by way of parenthesis, to say to Dr. Abbey that by "disposed of" I did not mean "final-

ability I have spoken.

ly disposed of," but only that by pass-Our editor seems to think I am in ing a man's character we dispose of his consistent in advocating the change in case for the time being; and any furthe law and now opposing a certain construction of the law. I wished to ther measures against him are estopped unless you move to reconsider that vote, take the preacher out of the arbitrary at least for that session. And to Dr. Philipot, that he evidently did not read power of conference, but I was far from a desire to turn him over to the my article, as he says, "Whereupon he affirms that Dr. Kelley was entitled to arbitrary power of the bishop. My con-struction gives all that I wished, an notice that his character would be aropportunity to the preacher, in case of rested," whereas I did not say one word censure, to appeal. Such right of apabout such "aotice" in my article. S, peal in no case belongs to the church. the exceedingly wise doctor is hardly a

of a traveling preacher failing to go to the work assigned him is brought by com-plaint." I most emphatically deny the responsibility for such grammar—"cases There is a general agreement upon this discussion. Judge Thomas has stated the case most accurately, I think, \* is brought"-and for the ex cathedra form of the proposition. I said and yet when he says "the bishop and The lessons of the fourth quarter be-gin with events occurring on Taesday of the last week of the Lord's life. The first four lessons present L. SCENES OF SORROW. The states the previous usage of the church. L. SCENES OF SORROW. The states the previous tills a misstatement. The derivation of a preacher's leaving the committees can crush whom they will," and adds, "none of our bishops would be inclined to do this," he shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they will," and adds, "none of our bishops would be inclined to do this," he shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they will," and adds, "none of our bishops would be inclined to do this," he shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they will," and adds, "none of our bishops would be inclined to do this," he shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they would be inclined to do this," he shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they would be inclined to do this," he shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they would be inclined to do this," he shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they shows that "a layman was under re-straint," for he had just demonstrated the committees can crush whom they shows that ever resided in the State, whose name and deeds are conspicuous in the political history of Texas. I The question of a preacher's leaving enough members of conference to form

we stand before the dead Christ; his not go to the committee, these brethren the president of the conference, except and by the multitude, the marvel was den phenomenon? Not at all. He had life-work done. But these scenes of give away their case. For then the in cases of sickness, debility or other unavoidable circumstance, shall, on any lowed by who will do THE SIFTING? among us." And it would be so if the law had not added this saving clause, "But the final determination of all such cases is with the annual conference." Does this mean anything? If so, what can it mean but that the conference may, in the absence of all of these mitigating or justifying excuses, judge it most for the glory of God and the good of the church not to condemn the brother? Brethren speak flippantly about "a bare majority of a conference trampling upon a law of the church." ference? And to whom are they re-sponsible but to God and their own consciences? Furthermore, if the pen-alty must be inflicted, where there is no denial of the charge, or pleading of the statuary excuses, what right has a com-mittee to locate a brother, as is done in some cases, or to suspend him for size may say, but "this offense is so grave" the Middle Ages. and "the principle involved so sacred" The great infi that some penalty ought to be inflicted. Perhaps so. But it so happens, beloved, that neither you nor I nor the presiding Bishop had the deciding of this case, but the Tennessee Conference. Saracens, that they per ecuted the Chris-

Besides, there are "sacred principles" involved on the other side. We have a law. Let us adhere to that. COMPARISONS NOT ALWAYS SWEET.

REV. H. V. PHILPOT, D. D.

Rev. H. G. Horton seems to be passing through the ADVOCATE a fragmentary biography of the late Dr Jesse Boring, and to this no mortal can have any reasonable objection, could he, in his unbounded admiration for his friend, let others alone and not reflect upon them; and could he tell history with improved measure of accuracy touching fasts rel t d. But, as Roman world. he was ever an idolatrous admirer of Dr. Boring, it can scarcely be expected culture was introduced into Europe by that he will be able to brook the just the fugitive Greeks who fled into Italy restraints of reasonable moderation in after the fall of Constantinople gave his statements, and matters are liable that thrill of intellectual movement to grow worse rather than better. For instance, he fails to mention the ministry of Rev. Wm. H. Seat, than whom there was never a more eloquent man who filled any pulpit in Texas, and rhethoric, had no peer in his day known to this writer. And yet he dares to declare that when Dr. Boring least conception of the service which the preached the little mission church of San Antonio was filled as "never before. As poor a preacher as I am, I used to see the house filled when I was in the pulpit; and I am quite certain that when the eloquent doclaimer, Louis B Whipple, preached in that house that

there was little or any space vacant. And then he comes to Mexican converts (or accessions) and tells us that the first of these entered the Methodist

account, exercise the peculiar functions years. But suppose he had possessed It was his proven strength which made of his office, or be allowed to preach the higher wisdom of gradual ascent them vote him into the House of Burgesses. The man, when he appeared before the country as the greatest of Southern orators, was the sudden appa-When St. Helena came it was too rition of a large matter of fact preparalate to learn that calmer methods, the tion.

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power to wait and work day after day, would have been the wiser course. It is not unlikely that, had he possessed He disappeared, made careful proparathe skill to handle France by slower tion, suddenly appeared again, and measures, no alliance, unless by provi- shook all France by his elequence. Sadential purposes, could have arrested vonarola had little success as a preacher his course, and that his family would for a long time. Suddenly he s ruck still possess the French throne. Our on the prophecies. Then he thunds ed Does not a bare majority settle all proof of this is to be found in the most so loudly that the papal throue shook questions in an annual or General Condection deliberate of all the triumphs of his to its foundations. All his previous some cases, or to suspend him for six months, as Bishop, Hargrove's commit-tee did in the case of Dr. Kelley? You which had been the inheritance from the foundations of his career, not in youthful success, out in early plodding The great infirmity of sudden sucand persistent effort to understand the popular heart and move along with its cesses is their inability to endure. Take the Crusades as proof. They were the higher aspirations.

We wish we could make every young person in the land hear us when we say: Move carefully; let your standard be tians of Palestine, was good for enhigh; but do not expect to reach it in a thusiastic purposes; but the cause was day or a year .- New York Advocate.



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nual conference. To the best of my FINALE.

DR. KELLEY'S CASE-THE CHURCH AND MINISTER'S RIGHTS.

speak out away from Tennessee, and without passion, on the side of the an-

REV. F. T. MITCHELL, D. D.

most points involved or drawn into

jected" is set forth by the Parable of the Vineyard. (1) The Rejected Servants first appear in descriptions so tion has at the present stage of the vivid that the application cannot be controversy narrowed itself down to: misjudged. Then follows (2) The Re. Does the amended law send every case jected Son, plotted against, cast out, of a preacher leaving his work to a killed. (3) The Deserved Penalty is committee of investigation? If so, then presented in impressive terms.

ing death. Jesus institutes the Lord's Dr. E. S. Smith points out, and so does Supper, certainly on Thursday, the day preceding his crucifixion. Thus we have "The Son's Mission Comment-in the phrase 'in every case' is underrated." As presented in the lesson, we scored in the journal of the General have three views: (1) Preparing the Passover; (2) Observing the Passover; preacher leaving his work is not an (3) Appointing the memorial of Christ our Passover, who is sacrificed for us.

and about the paschal board, we find "The Son's Requirements Declared," an immorality per se. But the law covering these particulars: (1) Lowli-ness; (2) Christ likeness; (3) Trustful it must be enforced. To enforce it is ness.

room, and the scene of this lesson is Gethaemane. Here we see "The Son's Agony Accepted." He will not turn rot turn be contained by the source of the source aside from his appointed experiences, same session of the annual conference, but he accepts (1) Agonizing Prayer; (2) where no one alleged that the leaving Cruel Unfaithfuluess ; (3) Painful Sur- was without excuse (and the committee roundings.

these scenes.

II. SCENES OF CRUELTY.

Lesson 5 .- The arrest in the garden quickly led to cruel abuses of power and manifestations of malignity. "The Son's Sorrow Multiplied" rapidly and terribly. He is (1) Abused by his foes; (2) Denied by his friend; (3) Condemned by the elders.

Lesson 6.-Having been condemned by the council of the Jews, cruelty is continued, and we see (1) Jesus before Pilate, the man who had not the cour Pilate, the man who had not the cour age of his convictions; (2) Jesus sent to Herod, not that justice might be done, but that responsibility might be shift-ed; (3) Jesus before Herod, the base ruler, whose highest hopes were that Jesus might afford him a passing amuse-ment by the dialay of miraculuus pow-tion the phrases "conternat of outparts" "conternat of outparts". The conference is and it fixes the penalty, and when the Tennessee Conference decided oy its vote that no penalty should at-tach to the act of D. C. Kelley it was "final, and no power or authority could the conternation of ordina-"final, and no power or authority could the set of the commuted for the commuted for the penalty. The conference is the penalty is a set of the case and it fixes the penalty, and when the Tennessee Conference decided oy its vote that no penalty should at-tach to the act of D. C. Kelley it was "final, and no power or authority could the penalty of the case and it fixes the penalty should at-tach to the act of D. C. Kelley it was "final, and no power or authority could the penalty of the commuted for the penalty of the case and the penalty should at-tach to the act of D. C. Kelley it was "final, and no power or authority could ment by the display of miraculous pow-er. By both these rulers was "The Son's Innocence Affirmed."

Lesson 7 .- Returned again to Pilate, it did not take much time to have "The show that the committee, in all they Son's Condemnation Pronounced." We say, have their minds only on the inexsee (1) Innocence Reaffirmed, and (2) Release Attempted once more by that weakling; but popular clamor swayed him, and (3) Condemnation Secured

closes the judicial farce. Lesson 8.—Having yielded to the crowd and delivered Jesus over to their editor says: "To say a brother left his charge because sick, or prevented by some unavoidable circumstance, would

Leaving out all side i-sues, the ques-

competent witness as to whether or not

I am a good judge of law. He also

says, "Bro. Allen tells us that all cases

then there is nothing for it but to await Lesson 2.-Anticipating his impend- the slow process of the amendment, as question, "To whom is a traveling preacher amenable for his conduct?" answers, "To the annual conference, who shall have power to try, acquit or expel him." The church and the min-'immorality,' though the circumstances ar Passover, who is sacrificed for us. of his leaving may make it such. A Lesson 3.-Still in the upper room nistake, a blunder, an error, an offense istry have agreed, and so ordained, that an "annual conference" of which the minister is a member shall protect the against ecclesiastical regulations, is not church and the minister ; and, to pro tect the preacher against momentary passion, or injury from error in judgthe best way to insure its modification." ment, the law has given to the preacher Lesson 4 .- Jesus has left the upper This commits Dr. Hoss to the affirmano: the church, the right of appeal. In all this the bishop is presumed to know nothing and to do nothing but "to preside" and "to de ide all questions of law coming before him," and to prevent him from being a participan: in the case, or in any wise consorrow of the deepest hue invests all brother was justifiable), the bishop sent troiling the action of the conterence. it is provided that he shall only decide the case to the committee of investiga questions of law when "such questions be p. esented in writing." And, (urther, tion. Some one must sift the excusable cases from the inexcusable ones. The to take the whole question out of the position taken by these honored breth-ren sends them all to a committee, which does the sifting. This puts the bishop's hands and leave it in the hands

character of every such preacher in the hands of the man who appoints the committee, instead of where the law law, the conference shall have the right has slways done, in the hands of his to determine how far the law thus de-brethren of the conference.

brethren of the conference. IS THERE SUCH A RADICAL CHANGE? Read the report of the comm t ee of to say that in this "case" the law fixes tion vows," "contempt of authority," "offending preacher," "grade of of-fense," and "classed properly with im-moralities," occurring in the contest,

It is sad to think of a Methodist bishop participating in the trial of a member of an annual conference otherwise than as a presiding officer, and when it comes to the spointment of the

two last committees, particularly in the manner in which it was done, it was will, it did not take long to send him forth to crucifixion, where we behold "The Son's Life Surrendered." Three absorbing views are here: (1) The Lord Crucified; (2) The Malefactor Saved; (3) The Life Surrendered. So

against the world.

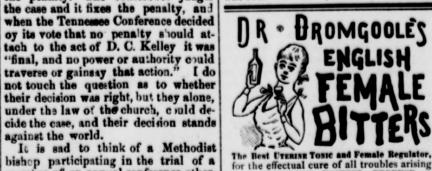
that a bishop did do this. I think the in the political history of Texas. 1 statement and warning of Bro E.S. mean the Navarras. Smith is most pertinent and timely.

The circumstances connected with Nearly every writer upon this issue the conversion of this noted old family very properly refers to the law of the church, Discipline, page 154, question 6, paragraph 263, but fails to notice the last clause of that paragraph, i.e.: in San Antonio and Galveston yet, "But the final determination of all such even though H. G. H. should ever so cases is with the annual conference." ardently pant for the fray. And then, too, should this history ever be given and when the annual conference passes upon "such cases" their action is "final." to the world, surely a more impartial hand can be found to write it. Hence, the Discipline, in answer to the GALVESTON, THXAS.

> SPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO YOUNG MEN.

The true judgment on a human life is in the line of its quiet and general direction. The mistake of most young people is that success is a matter of short cuts, that one achieves his victories by abrupt and sudden methods. The supreme value of a steady, everylay, persistent building up of charac ter is only appreciated when the days grow tew, and men can see for the first time that a man is like the oak, a thing of many a year and the outcome of imperceptible accretion of strength. The making haste to acquire wealth, the rush for knowledge, the sudden and ervous pushing into prominence and influence, are all regarded by the young as the best means to gain that strength before the eyes of men which secures permanent place in their erteem.

The world has abundant evidence of the conference, to whom alone the of success in just this field. The Pitts, "preacher is amenable for his conduct." father and son, are notable illustrathe Discipline provides that "when the tions of how men of genius become very early the idols of their countrymen Napoleon is the most brilliant of all modern examples. His deeds of unparalleled daring and scope astounded the world. No wonder that when he was seen in the splendor of the salon



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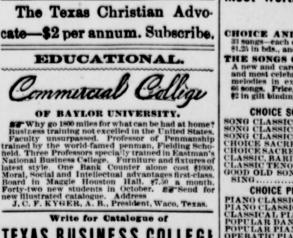


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The ray of light from beyond the Alps that in the first year of the reign of Henry VIII dispelled the darkness of the long period of civil strife was evanescent and faded into the still darker gloom of Bloody

Mary. Against the little band of Reformers, who, under the guidance of William the Silent, were demanding political and re-ligious liberty, Philip II had sent a large force under the Duke of Alva and Margaforce under the Duke of Alva and Marga-ret Parma. The history of this struggle is one of cruelty, bloodshed and carnage, revolting to every sense of humanity and decency. The withdrawal of England from allegiance to the Papacy, and the encouragement given to the study of Greek in the early days of Henry VIII, sowed the seed of the Reformation in England, so that on the accession of Mary there was quite an earnest party of Reformthere was quite an earnest party of Reform-ers who sought refuge in the Netherlands from the Queen's cruel persecution. At the death of Mary, England scarcely had a place among the nations of Europe. The revenues of the crown were so cut off by the restoration of the church lands and tribute to Rome that the country was impoverished to beggary. On all sides England was threatened by unscrupulous enemics, with two fierce internal factions contending for supremacy. Scotland was allied to France through Mary Stuart, and both to Rome; Philip was only awaiting a favorable opportunity to advance his claims; at home the Catholics, at the first signal, were ready to rise in support of the fair Queen of Scots for the crown; of the fair Queen of Scots for the crown; and to the returning exiles with zeal ac-centuated by the cruelties of Alva and the Spanish Inq aistiton, the blood of the marty rs of Smithfield "spoke like angels, trumpet-tongued, against the deep dam-nation of their taking off." There was but one hope and that lay in the personal character of the new sovereign. If Eliza-bath was lacking in many of the qualities both was lacking in many of the qualities that go to make up the ideal woman, she was all the better fitted to be the ruler of was all the better fitted to be the ruler of the English people at this critical time. Nothing but cool, calculating intellectu-ality, with judgment unbiased by any personal emotions of love or hate, could safely steer the ship of state between the Scylla and Charybdis that menaced on either side. She was aided in her high position by a school of statesmen of an entirely new school of statesmen of an entirely new order. Conservatism was their watch-word and a love of England their incentive. This was the beginning of the race of great commoners that have made the of great commoners that have made the fortunes of England ever since. Martial glory or ecclesiastical position no longer entitled a map to great political honors and responsibilities; statesmanship had become a profession, and men were elected to high places in the State because by ex-perience and superior abilities they were prepared to discharge the duties of those places. It is a question as to whom the places. It is a question as to whom the most honor is due, to the clear, discern-ing intelligence of the sovereign, that al-ways put the right man in the right place, or to the wisdom and devotion of the faithful servant whose vigilance was eter-nal. Cartainly the two combined ware nal. Certainly the two combined were capable of great results and accomplished em. The England that passed into the hands of the Stuarts was the most pro-gressive and important political and literary power in Europe. There is not upon record a more prof-

nation of people is so strongly allied to old traditions, so opposed to changes and innovations as the English. To them the king has ever been the Lord's anointed, and while they have rejected and deposed individual kings who were obstacles in the way of liberty and the constitution, they have ever retained great respect for the institution of royalty. Cromwell quite understood this national sentiment, and to see the legitimate des-cendant of the old Plantagenets executed as a common criminal he knew would cause a revulsion of feeling that would be dangerous to the peace of the nation, and so it was. The most eloquent appeal that could have been made in behalf of the dethroned Stuarts was the person of the king degraded in the face of the multitude. The young Prince Charles was innocent of his father's crimes, and there was a large party in the kingdom there was a large party in the kingdom who wanted to see the old order of things reinstated and the crown and parliament harmonized by a close observance of the constitution. With Cromwell's death and the accession of his son, Richard, who

had no control over the wrangling army, this conservative element became more active and resulted in the restoration of the Stuarts with Charles II as king. As a literary period the Elizabethan age stands without a peer in the literary ages of the world. English fancy seemed to reach its zonith under the patronage ages of the world. English fancy seemed to reach its zenith under the patronage of the Virgin Queen. The first star to appear in the hitherto clouded sky was Spenser. His infinite variety and deli-cate flights of fancy brought back the days of Chaucer. His appearance seemed to have been the signal for many other lesser but brilliant lights in the realm of poetry, and others of even greater magpoetry, and others of even greater mag-nitude in the scientific and philosophic nitude in the scientific and philosophic world. Sir Philip Sidney, "the jewel of the court," was the highest expression of the magnificence, courtliness, grace and learning of the England of the sixteenth century. His writings, though some-what tedious with their Italianisms to the modern reader were the chief literary modern reader, were the chief literary diversion of the courtiers and ladies of the police society of his time. Sir Walter Raleigh represented the spirit of bold adventure that influenced much of the literature of the times. His History of the World, though it is scarcely what we accept as an historical record, attests his

great learning and large experience, writ-ten as it was unaided by any reference matter, to while away the tedious hours of a long imprisonment. Though in Italy already had begun the decadence of the Renaissance and that activity caused by the revival of Greek learning, still it was the store-house of the past and furnished models for many of the writers of this century. A work of this Italianated character that exercised more influence over the prose litera-ture of the day than any other book was Lyly's Euphues. It is the story of a young Athenian who went to study in Italy. Though written in the form of a romance, it is nothing more than a series of discourses on love, marriage, friend-ship, etc., written in a highly fanciful and measured strain. Euphuism, as it was called, became quite the popular style at the court. It consisted of an-tithesee, alliteration and high-flown meta-whore While the style was carried to a phors. While the style was carried to a degree of affectation and monotony that rendered it ridiculous, it did much toward rectifying that looseness of construction that had hitherto characterized prose

literature. It was during this period that science received a new impetus and philosophy began to see its true mission in the elevation and advancement of the human race. The Aristotlean principles human race. The Aristotlean principles of subjective philosophy and Platonic idea ism, perverted and narrowed into a fruitless scolasticism, still ruled among the old fathers of the universities. Many an active young spirit had gone there and drawn his "few bucketfuls at the fountain of the First Philos-ophy," and came back unstatisfied and rebellious that he had not been allowed There is not upon record a more prot-ligate race of kings than the Staarts, yet to them, because of their weaknesses, the England of to-day is as much indebted as to the wisdom of Elizabeth. The Macchiavellian policy of diplomacy and intrigue, in the hands of several successive methods of thought into a practical to go to the spring-head; but only one had the courage to raise his voice against first to turn scientific investigation and methods of thought into a practical channel that led to the material benefit of the human race. His only contribution to general literature was a volume of essays in which he displayed a versatility and depth of thought that mark him as the greatest mind, with the exception of Shakspeare, that England has ever pro-There is a breadth and univerduced. sality in his methods of thought that have cripple, and it might be pleasant to "Why, she will wear a white checked man is the rich Mr. Norman's daughte never been surpassed. The moral tur-pitude that characterized his political career, and his servile, sycophantic fawning to his superiors in material wealth and power, would have trailed a less brilliant genius in the dust, but his has even blinded posterity. In the closing years of Elizabeth and the succeeding reigns, literature assumed a more serious character. It would see n that "coming events cast their shado we before." Political and religious factions gave a different cast to thought from that which resulted from the peace and plenty of Elizabeth. The highest development of literature at this time-the drama-is a subjec; of so much importance that it will require a separate paper to give a satisfactory history of its rapid rise to an unparalleled considering the surroundings, limited facilities and opportunities, it is not too much to say that in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries England attained to a grandeur, beauty and depth of thought that has never been surpassed. Spenser, Shakepeare, Bacon, each alone would have immortalized any age; but, standing together, they seem to represent every possibility of the human mind in the world of thought and imaginationa pyramid whose capping-stone is lost in the realms of the gods. Is it any marvel that every English-man's heart s.onld throb with pride when he thinks of the days of good Queen Bess?

### A CHRISTMAS STORY. BY EMESPE

The teacher of the Beeville Academy, taking his usual noon stroll, saw the girls gathering in chatty groups and as been done. Who received the most he passed heard such phrases as "Mag Macy is rich and will wear a fine dress, sure;" "I think Lucy is far prettier than Bertna;" "I don't; I think Bertha will be the queen;" "They've bronze slippers at Brown's; I'm going to get me a pair for the party." These phrases were mixed with such solitary will 'be the Queen;" "They've bronze become so large she could not move, but stood at the open gate looking wist-fully in. Just then the Christ, with a words as Christmas-eve, crown, flowers, look of ineffable love, placed the crown sash, dress and so on, from all of which on Nan's brow. Then the sweet-faced he gathered that the new scholar from woman came to her side and said, Boston, Mag Macy, whose father was "Lucy Scrooge, you might have had herself. rich and whose family was wintering in that crown if you had given up your the large brick house on the hill, was bronze suppers." Lucy screamed with to give a party. To this party she had invited all the members of her class invited all the members of her class of boys and the corresponding class of boys from the Beeville College. There were to be plays, a supper and last and greatest, a throne on which the most besutiful airly to be decided by works and had "gone to sleep." The bell the besutiful airly to be decided by works and had "gone to sleep." Lucy screamed with the better a small cottage. She with what ball dress she shall have. None of that for her. Wealthy girl that she is, plainly attired, unassuming, she goes out into the by ways and hunts the discress d and does what she cushions. Her feet were under her, tailor-fashion, and had "gone to sleep." beautiful girl, to be decided by votes, The bell that rang the dirge was the

should be crowned queen of beauty. S me of the girls thought Bertha, a pretty brunette, would be crowned. sleep, and the young women had gone Others were sure Lucy Barton's curly out without noticing her. She asked inwardly, she would coax her mother for some, also. Mrs. Barton looked very grave when Lucy spoke to her and at first thought 'twas impossible to give Lucy her wish. Seeing how much he did the dimension of the shoe store, and good-natured Mr. Brown, half-suspecting her motive, changed the the gaudy little bronze slippers for a good heavy pair of shoes and wool stockings. Lucy reached Nan's house, and when she saw that no she wished the slippers, she finally gave body was looking, she slipped into the her the money, telling her she would have to do without her Christmas book. Lucy was delighted and awoke early mother asked about her slippers, Lucy next day. She looked from her win- laid her head in her lap and "'fessed dow, and seeing the ground covered up." That mother felt as all good by the bedside until midnight, we with snow, wrapped up warmly and m there feel on such occasions. When the pure little spirit took its flight. started for the shoe store. As she Lucy passed Nan'shouse next morning walked along she came in front of a lit- she was at the woodpile again, but this tle house. A girl of fourteen or fifteen- time with shoes. Lucy's age-came out with a heavy ax pers, but said, incidentally, that Miss her face when Lucy's friends came to asked : Lane had just left and that she got a console her in her defeat. Could they pair of gold slippers which were much have looked down through her glowing prettier and cost only \$1 more. This eyes into her heart, no shadow was turned Lucy's happiness to Dead Sea there, for she remembered Nan, with fruit; but she got the bronze, consoling snoes, her dream, the golden olives and herself by thinking how much smaller | the Christ. her foot was than Bartha's. Directly she felt a little cold sting on her nose, and soon the sleet came down rapidly. A church was near and, opening the door quietly, Lucy stepped in.

Ing the door quictly, Lucy stepped in. There was a gathering of young women and one stood before the others and spoke as a good sister does to other is sters. Lucy was thinking bitter-ly of Bertha's gold slippers and the party and paid no attention to the speaker at first. After awhile she counch here of girls were gathered to-seminary. They were talking of the three days' holiday promised them the next week, and of how they were going the party and paid no attention to the speaker at first. After awhile she counch here of girls "exclaimed Amelia Reynspeaker at first. After awhile she caught herself thinking what a sweet voice and kind face the woman had. be dressed in different costumes. I him. Don't you know there will be dear girls, I come to that which is near- don't you all ?" est all our hearts at this season-the happy Christmas tide. Shall we be of voices. "I wish," said Fanny, who was al-ways thinking of herself, "that I had est all our hearts at this sensor the of voices. happy Christmas tide. Shall we be of voices. "Agreed!" cried others. hearts be too full of our own happiness to let in a tiny thought of another's ington costume," said Rosa. some time when Aline S misery? We've all read Dickens' "I know a lovely dress that would ming io, all excitement. Christmas Stories and cried when crip- be so becoming to you," said Fanny "Say, chickens, I got some great news plied 'Tiny Tim' went to church that | Ditson. day, and going home on his father's "I wonder what Irene Norman will him in the church, because he was a twist to her mouth. them to remember who made lame beg- muslin," said Lucia Brown, with a sar- and she has just told the teachers good gars walk, and blind men see.' We've castic turn of her head. wondered how people could be as mean "She is pretty, too; but I wonder to help the servants prepare for him as were Scrooge and Tackleton. Alas! what makes her dress so plain ?" said Tiny Tims and blind Berthas are just one of the other girls. as numerous as they were then, and, ob, how sad it is that many of the Scrooges those rich Normans that live in that bard, one of the teachers, stepped in a and Tackletons of to day never awaken fine house over yonder back of those the room. until Tim and Bertha are out of reach hills." ered with blossoms, while mine had her ?" very few. She said nothing to me The day following was a busy one She wis never so happy as when she about not giving until I went to her one for the seminary girls. Everything coold do something to relieve them day, disheartened, and asked why my was in a stir fixing for the coming Very early in life she impressed Irene flowers didn't bloom like hers. Sue ball. They had only mentioned it once what a girl's duty was and never was took me out and showed me where she to Irene; but it mattered little or noth- seed sown in better soil. You see her had cut a dozen roses that morning and ing to her, for her plans were entirely every-day life -modest, neat, not extold me to watch those places. I did ceparate from theirs. so, and soon found where one rose had been, twin roses blossomed. That little flower lesson of childhood has never left me. Give, give, give. Give time, talents, money, kind words, or sweet flowers to 'one of the least of these' and the good God will give you an hundred-fold." Lucy felt the torn hundred-Lucy felt the tears running dowa her cheeks, and when they knelt to pray she knelt with them. A bell tolled out a funeral dirge. Some one asked, "Who is dead ?? The sweet-faced woman answered, "Nan Moore. She died with pneumonia; it seems she had no shoes and her mother has been sick. You know Mr. Moore died in the spring, and they are very poor and proud, but they struggled on, and when Mrs. Moore got sick Nan had so much to do and had to go out in the cold to cut wood, and being bare-foot, she caught cold and died. Mrs. Moore is broken hearted and will soon follow Nan. If some one had only known they might have been helped." Lucy felt guiltily that she d d know and refused to succor. Soon she saw the procession go by, and in its midst a little pine casket. Some influence made her follow, but she got cold, and looking down saw she had on her bronze slippers. They were very heavy and seemed to get larger every step she took. She couldn't keep up with the rest of the crowd, and she was so cold. Soon angels took the places of the pall-

bearers and came to an open gate; then She chanced to meet Lucia in the hall one day, who asked what she was Nan came from her coffin and walked going to wear that night.

"Thank you," answered Irene. "I'm not going to be at the ball, for I will be at the house of a friend to-night." "Oh, of course, do as you please," retorted Lucia, as she walked away. 'I just wanted to know." Irene didn't reply; but went on to her room. She was seen a few minutes afterward going around the hill. Irene was of a quiet disposition and not a bit "stuck up," as the girls call it. She dressed so simple and neat and never would be in any of their tricks played

on the teachers until she was left all to Izene at last stopped at the foot of the

call to an evening prayer-meeting. When she knelt she had gone to longer to live."

lis?" asked Irene

Irene. She sat down by his bedside; that we teachers love her? took his hand and asked him how he get his breath. He grew from bad to worse. Irene

The poor stricken mother had taken her bed long before that time with a and the doctor sat up all night. The next morning Mrs. Ellis was better The party was a great success. Berand tried to cut some wood from a pile tha was there in a pretty white dress; next morning Mrs. Ellis was better of knots. She was barefoot and thinly on her feet were the wonderful golden and able to help around a little. She clad and blue from cold. Lucy caught herselt wondering why some one didn't give her some shoes and have the wood shining curls. They had merry plays day, and late in the afternoon they cut for her. Something said, "You and a fine supper, then the voting began. buried lit le Johnny. As Irene started could get the shoes if you did without Lucy's friends said she looked more to leave the house she placed in Mrs. your slippers;" but when she heard this beautiful than they had ever seen her, Ellis' hand a fifty dollar bill, who cried she thought of Bertha and the crown, but Bertha received more votes, and and thanked ker for all her kindness. and, stuffing her fingers in her ears, was crowned queen. Many said 'twas Irene went back to the seminary feelran with all her might to the store. the slippers and not Bertha that got ing as if she had done her duty. She Mr. Brown showed her the bronze slip- the votes. There was not a shadow on was met at the steps by Amelia, who

"Where in the world have you b-en? You ought to be glad you wasn't here last night at the ball. I never was so disgusted in my life ; didn't have a good time at all. Lucia and Fanny Ditson had a big fuse right in the ball-room."

Ireae had heard enough, so she went on to her room. She was expecting her father the next day from Europe. Wouldn't she be glad to see him again, One afternoon in the early autumn for she knew of no other living rela-

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you. You know he hasn't got much I know of my own knowledge. All of her spare moments recently have "How is he this morning, Mrs. El- been given to a poor family just under the hill. The eldest son of a widow "He seems to be just the same, but woman has been sick quite awhile. She locks would rest under the flowers. the sexton if Nan Moore was dead. Re- the doctor says he is sinking fast. You has carried tracts to read and pointed Bertha Lane said she was going to wear ceiving a negative reply, she hurried know you can't tell much about con-bronze slippers and Luzy Barton said, back to the shoe store, and good-natured sumption." "I will go into see him, now," said fort in so many ways. Do you wonder

"I know of several wealthy girls in felt, to which he said he could scarcely our seminary. What are they doing

for the many good things that have been so richly bestowed upon them? got Mrs. Ellis to send for the doctor. It is balls, fine dresses, and such silly It was some time before he arrived, and talk that makes my heart sick !. You when he did, he said little Johnny was all, if you will, and make up your dying. Irene and the doctor watched minds to do so, can do much good in by the bedside until midnight, when the world around you. Rich though you may be, you can make yourselves

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rulers with the strength of the Tudors, would have been fatal to the liberty of England. Partly through the conserva-tive policy of the Queen and partly through the common interest in fighting Catholicism, Protestanism had developed no very partisan factions during the reign of Elizabeth. As soon, however, as the Reformation was secured and the power of Rome broken, Protestantism, grown ag-gressive, split into parties and all factions united in pouring their wealth upon the established church which still retained many of the forms and ceremonies of Catholicism The church of Heary VIII was lacking in that zeal for the apostolic faith, unencumbered with surplice and prayer-book, that the Reformers demand-ed. Hence arose another society of Reformers which, under other conditions, developed into extreme Paritanism.

James came to throne very much prejudiced against this austere sect. His own licentious debaucheries and profiigacy had been much hampered by John Knox had been much hampered by John Knox and the Reformers. He allied himself to the established church and began vigor-ous measuret against the Paritans who represented the revolutionary spirit of the times. The partisanship of James brought to an issue a question that had long been brewing: Shculd the sovereign be absolute or the par-liament predominate? The dominant spirit in parliament was Paritan. They demanded reform. James al-ternately defied and made concessions to them. Unprincipled, peridious, uncouth and pedantic, he succeeded only in win-ning the contempt and exciting the deris-ion of the entire body. His son, Charles I, was even more urgent than his father that the divine right of kings should be forced upon the people; but the time had come when this last record of heathen superstition must give way. Parliament after parliament was called and dissolved. Those old Puritans were not to be shaken after parliament was called and discolved. Those old Puritans were not to be shaken from their high position by human threats. In despair of forcing them into measures, Charles recklessly disre-garded the constitution, levied unlawful taxes, promised redress, broke his faith most shamelessly, and finally attempted to rule without a parliament. For eleven years, a thing unprecedented, the houses were not convened. The only resort of the people was to arms. The inevitable end eame at last.

end came at last. In 1641 met the famous Long Parlia-ment. Charles, friendless and penniless, sought refuge in Scotland and the coun-try was left in the hands of the parlia-ment. The great spirit of the revolution was Oliver Cromwell. A great general and a magnanimous ruler, he shaped the fortunes of England for nineteen years and restored the prosperity and security of the days of Elizabeth. While Cromwells was nominally pro-

While Cromwell was nominally protector, the government was really a mili-tary despotism, and as soon as peace was restored, the army, that was at first a restored, the army that was at nret a creature of the parliament, became jeal. T ous of the authority of the latter, and it required all the wisdom and personal popularity of Cromwell to hold them in check. Even he could not restrain them from that fatal deed that was the turning point of the fortunes of the common-wealth, the beheading of Charles I. No

Old and Young.
CHRISTMAS.
BENRY MORTON.
hy does the earth no tribute flower. No incense-bearing blossom, bring celebrate the thrice-blessed hour Which brought to her heaven's earth-born King?

Why do no roses wreathe her head? Why do no illies gleamit g white. With every rainbow blossom wed, Weave odorous emblems of delight?

Those short-lived buds she dare not bring, For though they fit her fleeting years, They are not meet to dect the spring, The disming summer of the spheres.

This birthday of eternity Finds fitter wreatn in deathless pine The laurel and the hemlock tree, Bound with the ivy's coiling vine.

That Prince of Heaven, that God earth-bon 'I was not 'or mortal joy he came, The holly with its cruel thorn Suits well the day that bears his name;

And the white wrappings of the snow Like swathings in the manger's gloom And drifts beneath the thick bows glow Like grave-clothes in the empty tomb.

shoulder, said he hoped the people saw wear ?" And Rosa gave a peculiar chorus.

of their help. Ween a child, I had a "Where do you reckon she goes for your benefit. I wish the seminary little flower garden, of which I was nearly every day? For I see her going was filled with such girls as Irene Nor quite proud. When I was asked for around that hell 'most every evening." man. Soon after her dear mother's flowers, I refused or sent those who "Goodness knows! I don't. And death, her father placed her in the asked to my mother. She never re- Amelia added in a lower tone, "But sem nary. Her mother was a Chris fused, but her plants were always cov- have you noticed how the teachers like tian of the firest type, huating up the

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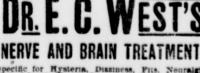
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THE GREATEST GIVER.

"Sor, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven." So said Jesus Christ to the man sick of the palsy who was borne of four and let down through the house-top into his presence. So saying he bestowed upon the man at once the greatest gift in his power. Others present thought differently. The man himself and those who brought him to the Master perhaps thought differently. They thought, no doubt, that the restoration of health-the thing they came to seek-would be the greatest possible blessing to the helpless man. But the Christ who looked down into the depths of human nature saw a greater need than health. He saw in arbitrary power in voting on a motion the helpless body which lay before him nothing but a grave, for within tried as by voting on a motion to sus was that death which is called sin. pend or expel a member. It was this death-a death of which the man was unconscious, for how can ence between Bro. Allen and the Apvothe dead know-which the Master CATE grows out of a different view of what banished with the gift of the new life. it takes to constitute a legal accusation The Master knew that a resurrection under the statute. If a presiding elder of the soul was the one thing needful, shoul I state that Bro. C. left his charge and that without that resurrection the or did not go to it because prevented by resurrection of the body would be "sickness," or "debility," or "other unnothing.

The diagnosis of the case by the no one would suppose for a moment

against any living creature remain in had no idea of fixing the mode of pro thy heart. Go tell thine enemy he is cedure when he wrote it, but supposed forgiven. Then be sure that the lesser that such cases would be determined into thin air the subjects of "no disgifts where needful do not fail to follow. through committees of trial as other Having bestowed the heart-gift, forget triable cases.

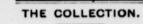
not to bestow the material also. When The intention of the clause seems to have been two-fold. First, to prevent the Master had restored the soul to life the deposition of the preacher perforce he restored the body to health, and the living soul went on his way rejoicing in of law without any hearing ; and seca sound body. May every reader of ondly, to fix the finality of action in the ADVOCATE enjoy a perpetual Christ- such cases. It means that the deter

mination of such cases by the annual conference shall be final. The proviso BRO. ALLEN'S REJOINDER.

in itself does not touch the finality of We are entirely agreed with Bro. action, but simply the mode of pro-Allen (who it will be remembered wrote cedure. The clause which makes the the first word on the Kelley case for action of the annual conference final, this paper) that enough has been said and which should have been eliminated, on both sides of this controversy for still remains. But we hold now, as the present. And we shall not underformerly, that this clause is an infringetake to go over the whole controversy ment on the fifth restrictive rule, and again, but judge it not out of place to is therefore null and void. It is only under the guarantee of the constitu

After all, then, we do not think there tion that Dr. Kelley has the right of is very much difference between us appeal, and were it not for the provi since it is only a question of the best sion in the fifth restrictive rule this method to attain the same end; for finality clause would not allow him an Bro. Allen and all the brethren may appeal.

rest assured that the ADVOCATE has Upon the whole, we hope this dishad no other purpose than to advocate cussion will not only result in further the best methods to preserve both the simplifying our laws, but in strengthrights of the preacher and the purity of ening the integrity of our itinerant system.



arbitrary power, whether in confer-Among the improvements of the ADence or bishop. We have advocated VOCATE for 1891 will be an original nothing in this controversy inconsistent discussion of the International Sundaywith the position taken by us in the disschool Lessons. The Rev. C. O. Jones, cussion of this question in an article pastor of First Church, Dallas, has written before the last General Conference met, and published in our issue of kindly consented to do this work for May the 8th. We contended then, as us. Bro. Jones has experience and we contend now, that all such cases gifts in this kind of work, and our ought to be disposed of according to readers may expect something good in the prescribed form laid down in chapthat department. We also propose ter 7 of the Discipline. We think giving our women a column for the now, as then, that the only way to protect the rights of the individual and presentation of their mission and church the purity of the church is to have a extension work. We will select a lady regular form of trial prescribed by to preside as editor over this column so law, and let all triable cases take the that all such matter may be sent to her prescribed course perforce of law. and she will select as much as the space A conference may exercise as much will contain. We hope to be able to an. that the accused shall or shall not be nounce our selection in the next issue.

As STRANGE as it may seem many parents set up a drunkard's manufactory But perhaps the main point of differvery Christmas morning in the egg-nog and the wine-glass, and we fear some of them are members of the church. What ! celebrate the birth of the Savior by manufacturing drunkards out of their children? For very shame, if something wrong with a church whose not for Christ's sake, desist from this membership would be very careful not devilish practice. avoibable circumstances," or even death.

WE have on hand a reply to Judge great Physician was sin. It is the only that an actionable case was before the West by Judge Thomas which we could disease to speak of in the human family. There was no analysis nor explanation stand on that statement of fact, justified of space. Several other important ar-

determined to whirl so furiously up coverable influence." But just listen how No. 20 rages in its fury as it tears up the giant oaks of the forests and throws them bodily on the poor, fallen and bruised editors :

Our older preachers and members retain the memory of the days when Mc-Tyeire or McFerrin, Wightman or Mey-ers, Keener or Parker, sat in the editorial ers, Keener or Parker, sat in the editorial chair. What a power was the church press in their day! How sagaciously did they seize upon vi al issues! How-vigor-ously and luminously did they form and lead the thought of the church! They flourished in times that tried men's souls. But God brought Daniels to the kingdom for such times as those. They struck blows, many and hard; but they were well aimed, sturdy, and repeated in rapid succession, until results were reached. Who can imagine those giants of the last generation surrendering their columns generation surrendering their columns for weeks before a General Conference to discussion of an issue which they were not certain to fight out on the floor of the body itself?

Ah, now, we are utterly "dumbfounded" and prostrated with No. 20's hoary reminiscences. Would that we editors had lived in those ancient times and had seen the things that No. 20 saw and heard the things that it heard. Then would we march on like the sturdy winds which bear before them the commerce of the world upon the bosom of the mighty deep, and not go spinning through vacant space, chasing the immaginary "attacks" upon bishops which "have exerted no discoverable influnce.'

THIS is perhaps the most trying season of all on the pastor. It is the season when the world asserts itself in all the forms of evil, and most especially in those alluring forms of vice which are most enticing to the young. The devil seems determined to make the most of the Christmas holiday to divert and destroy the Christly influence which should be pre-eminently felt during a Christmas festival. Let the pastors watch, therefore, over the young of their flocks with double diligence.

THE following from the Rev. C. W. Godwin is most too good for the peroration of a news item and we accordingly appropriate it here:

We start out with the intention of pay ing 100 cents on the \$1 for all of our claims. An honest church cannot afford to do less than this. And an honest minister cannot afford to let the claims suffer by inattention on his part, putting off these collections until it is too late. The beginning of the year is the time to take these collections. Let every preacher make a strong effort to carry a lean sheet to the conterence. There is something wrong somewhere when the Church of God discounts her paper, paying only 85 cents on the \$1. There to let an individual note go to protest in a bank, but who at the same time are willing to let the news go out that their obligations to God and promises to the church are worth only 85 cents on the \$1. It is a misnomer to call a man a true

dained, could not administer the supper. bishops had not No. 20 so generously To this we of course promptly agreed, but further explained to the brother that according to our custom we always ad-ministered haptism first, and then the Lord's Supper, regarding as we did the two ordinances as co-ordinate parts of one unitary whole. This ended the conversation, however, and at the time we were not required to officiate. — Texas Baptist and Herald.

We are not surprised that a member of the Methodist Church who would be so officious as to put himself in the place of the pastor-though only a licentiate-to provide some one to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper should also be ignorant enough to ask a Baptist preacher to administer that sacrament to a Methodist congregation. In fact this member was almost as ignorant as the Baptist preacher who did not know that all members of the Methodist Church were baptized. The only wonder is that the idiot did not consent to be dipped on the spot.

### SOUTHERN METHODISM.

### News, Views and Personals.

-It is reported in the secular papers that Rev. U. B. Fizer, of Arkansas, abandoned his psstoral charge to run for Governor of that State, and the White River Conterence suspended him for five months.

-Statistics of the North Mississippi Conference: Local preachers, 159; members, 40,711; infants baptized, 854; adults baptized, 2212; number of Sunday-schools, 437; teachers, 2379; scholavs, 19,353; collected for widows and orphans \$2674.87; church extension, \$2067 70; 1oreign missions, \$7238.90; domestic missions, \$2382 95; number of churches, 512; value, \$480 379; number of parsonages, 94; value, \$96,050

-St. Louis Advocate: A brother who has been in Kansas City recently, and who is always on the lookout for good things, says our church is in a very hopeful condition there. Drs. Tigert and Rankin are regarded very highly and inspire hope. But our informant says none of our churches have made such decided forward movement, everything considered, as Brooklyn Avenue, under the strong, energetic hand of Rev. J. M. Boon.

-St. Louis Advocate: After a few pointed and appropriate statements by the pastor, Dr. Messick, the entire amount assessed to Cook Avenue for foreign and domestic missions (\$600) was subscribed or paid in a very short time, and before any one could possibly be much wearied. The collection was taken calmly and quietly and reverently. Not one light or improper word was spoken. The effort of the pastor was to make the occasion a lasting benediction to every one who was present.

On our part, we were very agreeably surprised. We expected to hear a great deal of rather rough language. the such a thing should happen to ycu? The such a thing should happen to ycu? The stillness of the night, the suddenness of On our part, we were very agreeably surprised. We expected to hear a that is peculiarly his own. He has a pleasant drollery about his speech and mit that cannot be initated. He was astound them, and to put them into a it that cannot be imitated. He was very eloquent at times and held his audience spell-bound, and again he would make the house roar with his wit. He struck right and left, sparing neither friend nor foe when after sin, and carried conviction in his speech. He told the truth. His language was good.

### THE GREAT BIRTHDAY.

### A Christmas Sermon

C. H. SPURGEON.

"The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, be-hold, I bring you good tiaings of great joy, which shall be to all people."-Luke fi:10.

There is no reason upon earth beyond that of ecclesiastical custom why the 25th of December should be regarded as the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ any more than any other day from the first of January to the last day of the year; and yet some persons regard Christ-mas with far deeper reverence than the Lord's day. You will often hear it as-serted that "The Bible and the Bible alone is the religion of Protestants," but it is not so. There are Protestants who have absorbed a great deal beside the Bible into their religion, and among other things they have accepted the authcrity of what they call "the Church," and by that door all sorts of supersitions have entered. There is no authority whatentered. There is no authority what-ever in the Word of God f r the keeping of Christmas at all, and no reason for keeping it just now except that the most superstitious section of Christendom has made a rule that December 25 shull te made a rule that December 25 shill te observed as the birthday of the Lord, and the church by law established in this land has agreed to follow in the same track. You are under no bondage what-ever to regard the regulation. We owe no allegiance to the ecclesiastical powers which have made a decree on this matter, for we belong to an old-fashioned church which does not dare to make laws, but is content to obey them. At the same time the day is no worse than another, and if the day is no worse than another, and if you choose to observe it, and observe it unto the Lord, I doubt not he will accept your devotion: while if you do not ob

your devotion: while if you do not ob-serve it, but unto the Lord observe it no, for fear of encouraging superstition and will-worship, I doubt not out what you shall be as accepted in the non-ob-servance as you could have been in the observance of it. Still, as the thoughts of a great many Christian people will run at this time toward the birth of Chris', and as this cannot be wrong. I indeed it and as this cannot be wrong, I judge 1 it meet to avail ourselves of the prevailing current, and float down the stream of thought. Our minds will run that way, because so many around us are following customs suggestive of it, therefore let us get what good we can out of the occasion. there can be no reason why we should not, and it may be helptal that we should, now consider the birth of our Lord Jesus. We will do that volun-tarily which we would refuse to do as a matter of obligation: we will do that

simply for convenience sake which we should not think of doing because en-joined by authority or demanded by superstition The shepherds were keeping their

flocks by night; probably a calm, peace-ful night, wherein they felt the ususal difful night, wherein they felt the usual dif-ficulty of keeping their weary evelids still uplifted as sleep demanded its due of them. On a sudden, to their amazement, a mighty blaze lit up the heavens, and turned midnight into mid-day. The glory of the Lord, by which, according to the idiom of the language, is meant the great-est conceivable glory as well as a civine glory, surrounded and alarmed them, and in the midst of it they saw a shining spirit, a form the like of which they had never a form the like of which they had never beheld before, but of which they had heard their fathers speak, and of which they had read in the books of the prophets, so that they knew it to be an angel. It was indeed no common messenger from heaven, but "the angel of the Lord,"

The congregation was large and very attentive. —Van Alstyne News: Sam Jones, the original Sam, lectured at the opera house at Sherman last Saturday night. Heaven, but the angel of the Lord. The congregation was large and very that choice presence angel, whose privi-lege it is to stand nearest the heavenly majesty, "'mid the bright ones doubly bright," and to be employed on weightiest errands from the eternal throne. "The angel of the Lord came upon them." Are Sam Jones has a unique way of talking the apparition, the extraordinary splenquiver of reverential alarm; for I doubt not there was a mixture both of rever ence and of fear in that feeling which is described as being "sore afraid." would have fallen on their faces to the ground in fright, had there not dropped out of that "glory of the Lord" a gentle voice, which said, "Fear not." They were caimed by that sweet comfort, and ena-bled to listen to the announcement which followed. Then that voice, in accents sweet as the notes of a silver bell, pro-ceeded to say, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." They were bidden to shake off all thoughts of fear. and to give themselves up to joy. Doubtless they did so, and amongst all mankind there were none so happy at that dead of night as were these shepherds, who had seen an amazing sight, which they would never forget, and now were consulting whether they should not haste away to gaze upon a sight which would be more delightful still, namely, the Babe whereof the angel spoke. May great joy be upon us also while our thought shall be that the birth of Christ is the cause of supreme joy. When we have spoken up n this we shall have to inquire, to whom does that joy belong; and thirdly, we shall consider, how they shall express that joy while they possess it. May the Holy Spirit now reveal the Lord Jesus to us, and prepare us to rejeice in him. I. The birth of Christ should be the I. The birth of Christ should be the subject of supreme joy. Rightly so. We have the angelic warrant for rejoicing because Christ is born. It is a truth so full of joy that it caused the angel who came to announce it to be filled with glad-ness. He had little to do with the fact, for Christ took not up angels, but he took up the seed of Abraham; but I suppose that the very thought that the Creator should be linked with the creature, that the great Invisible and Omnipotent should come into alliance with that which he should be linked with the creature, that the great Invisible and Omni potent should come into alliance with that which he himself had made, caused the angel as a creature to feel that all creatureship was elevated, and this made him glad. Be-sides, there was a sweet benevolence of spirit in the angel's bosom which made him happy because he had such glad-some tidings to bring to the fallen some of men. Albeit they are not our brethren, yet do angels take a loving concern in all our affairs. They rejoice over us when we repent, they are ministering spirits when we are saved, and they bear us aloft when we depart; and sure we are that they can never be unwilling cervants to their Lord, or tardy helpers of his be-loved ones. They are friends of the Bridegroom and rejoice in his joy, they are household servants of the family of love, and they wait upon us with an eager diligence, which betokens the ten-derness of feeling which they have to-ward the King's sons. Therefore, the an-gel delivered his message cheerfully, as became the place from which he came, the theme which brought him down, and his own interest therein. He said. "I bring you tidings of great joy." and we are sure he spake in accents of delight. Yea, so glad were angels at this gospel, that when the discourse was over, one angel having evangelised and given out the gospel for the day, suddeniy a band of choristers appeared and same same an them loud and sweet that there might be

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of the disease at all. The Master dealt perforce of the statute. But if any with sin as a fact and a possession. The one should deny the statement of the man had sin. There was no explana- presiding elder and make the accusation of the origin of evil, nor of the tion that Bro. C. refused to attend his difference of original and actual sin. work without any such justification, The man had sin, and the possession of very justice to Bro. C. would demand ein is death. Who can analyze death? an investigation, and the case would What does it matter whether a man necessarily go to a committee for that dies of consumption or of fever? purpose. If the preliminary statement whether he inherits ceath or kills him were nothing more than : "Bro. C. left self, is he not dead all the same? his work," then it would not be improp-Death is the same as a fact by what- er for any member of the conference to ever route it may be reached. The inquire if it were on account of sickman had sin, and the Christ forgave it. ness, etc. This much preliminary

For him to forgive sin was to give life. "sifting by the conference" we admit To split the hair between the removal would be proper, inasmuch as it would of death and the bestowment of life- only be sifting to develop or arrive at the forgiveness of sin and shedding the fact whether there was a legal accuabroad his love in the heart, the re- sation before the body. And this much moval of sin and imparting of holi- sifting before the conference would be ness-remains for theologians, the proper in any case. It no member of Savior of men is not in the hair split- the conference be willing to accuse C. ing business. He cannot banish dark- of violating the law within the meaning ness without giving light; he cannot of the statute, there could be no trial. remove death without bestowing life; A legal accusation must be preferred he cannot forgive sin and withhold his before the case is subject to investiga love. The microscopic eye may see a tion. Not wishing to refer to the merdifference, but the Son of God did not its of Dr. Kelley's case again, we simply think the difference of sufficient breadth make the statement that, as we underto bridge with the conjunction and. In stand it, he was so accused, for the man one word he spoke it all-"Thy sins who stated that he had left his work are forgiven." All thy sins, whatever also stated the reason, which was like fruitful service during the holidays. will do. As for my part, I have no they may be, and however thou mayst wise known to all. Once more: Bro. Allen says he

have come by them. There was nothing, absolutely nothing, as a condition wished to secure to the preacher the between "their faith" and the forgiv- right of appeal. That right is secured ness of the man's sins. There was by the fifth restrictive rule, but not by neither baptism, nor the laying on of the statute at paragrath 263. As much The twentieth letter seems to feel moved hands, nor the Lord's Supper, nor any as has been said about the "ugliness" to write more frequently than the rest. other condition except faith. Seeing of the "proviso," the ugliest expression and has taken for its work the reform their taith he said : "Thy sins are in the statute is : "But the final deter. of church editors. The style of this torgiven." The plan of salvation is mination in all such cases is with the letter is rather vigorous and reminds the same now as then. There is the annual conference." This clause has you of a whirlwind as it goes whirling same Forgiver now as then, and the been interpreted to mean that the con along with its apex on the ground and condition is the same. The divine or- ference in the body shall determine widening out as it rises until it spends der and the only order is faith and sal- such cases. It has no such meaning in its torce in very thin air. Of course, vation. There is nothing between. our humble opinion. It does not re- after the editors have been gathered

giver. It is great to give to those who The conference is not shut up by it to thinness by this No. 20 of the alphabet love you, but greater to give to those any particular method. Any one can and left to fall back on terra firma perwho hate you. What is greater than see that a case determined by the con- force of their own weight, they feel the heart-gift to an enemy? Can you | terence, through a committee, would "mighty" bruised, sors and humble. make greater sacrifice? Can you con- be determined by the conference as Letter T also feels it to be obligatory on quer self more completely? This is the much so as if determined by motion itself to come to the rescue of the Christmas season-the season of giving, and vote in the body. Dr. O. R. Blue, bishops against the attacks of this same the season of joy. Let him, therefore, of Alabama, informed the writer in church trash, the church press. My, who would have a perfect Christmas, St. Louis last spring that he was the my, my, what would have become of

ticles were also crowded out.

Ir seems strange, at first thought, that people will make Christmas the season of revelry, debauch and other wickedness, but when we look a little excuse that he "don't believe in misdeeper in the philosophy of it, it is not deeper in the philosophy of it, it is not strange at all. The Christmas season \$130,000 worth of property and raid their is accepted universally as a holiday and a time of rejoicing and pleasure. Now, men find pleasure in the gratification of their desires and sppetites, and the great majority of those who are not Christians can only find pleasure in the appetites and passions which are not Christian. They have no religious de sires to gratify, and consequently give themselves up to that which is of the flesh fleshly.

WE are obliged to the Rev. John M. Barcus for the minutes of the Northest Texas Conference ; Bishop Joseph 8. Key, presiding, and John M. Barcus, Secretary. The minutes are neatly gotten up and make seventy-seven pages. So far as we have been able to examine the work, it has been well done.

THE egg-nog and wine cup, and the dance are the insidious foes sent by the wicked one to do him the most Beware, therefore, and touch not, taste not, and handle not the unclean thing. We will not break the force of this

THE St. Louis Advocate seems to have engaged certain letters of the alpha bet to write for its editorial columns The greatest Giver of all is the For- late to the mode of procedure at all. up like trash and sh t up into the aeriel first of all forgive all. Let not aught author of the language, and that he these much-abused and persecuted

by the stewards. He gives \$50 for high" campaign purposes to get some man elected to office, \$25 to get up a county fair, the principal business of which i sions." This writer saw a church not preacher \$100 and \$26 for all the collec tions and were happy enough over it to shout: "We have done well." I learned shout: "We have done well." I learned afterward that they had a preacher there who was opposed to public collec-tions and in favor of low assessments. and thought the people ought not to pay anything to superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans. If one-tenth of our income belongs to God-and it does-then is it not the duty of the pulpit to educate our people up to this stand-ard of giving? The blame for some of these desicts lies at the door of the preacher as well as the layman.

ONE of our preachers in the New Mexico Conference in a business letter adds this personal note: "My presiding elder said to me, that when he sat down to dinner with one of his preachers his wife burst into tears saying. Bro. ---- we have not a bite of meat nor any money to buy it with." Our correspondent adds: "Our appropriations have been cut down by the decisions in reference to the West Texas Conference appropriations. Truly, I do not see what some of the brethren anxiety ; but these men with families -"

statement by undertaking to comment.

ARKANTAS has well nigh turned Bap tist, politically, socially and religiously The povernor and his wife, the Secretary The sovernor and his wife, the Secretary of State and his wife, the Attorney-Gen-eral and his wife, Superintendent of Public Instruction, bit he has no wife, the majority of the legislature and a great many that are not members, and the editorial staff of the Arkansas Baptist with their wives, are all thoroughly Bap-tistic.—Texas Baptist and Herald.

We had always heard that Arkansas was a watery State and that many people do get water-bound there. It seems now that the State has developed a bad case of hydrocephalus. We hope. however, that the friends of Arkansas will not be discouraged, for if there is too much water in the head the Methodists have a number of surgeons who are skillful to "tap" in such cases.

RECENTLY a Methodist Church whose pastor was only a licentiate and therefore not ordained, were gathered together to administer the Lord's Supper. Previous to the appointed time, one of the mem-bers approached us, and asked us to officiate, as their pastor, being yet unor-

### TEXAS PERSONALS.

-The address of Rev. H. C. Rogers in New Boston, Bowie county, Texas.

-Rev. C. C. Armstrong, of Albany, Texas, called at the ADVOCATE office this

--We were pleased to see in our office the past week Revs. Robt. M. Chenault, J. P. Hamilton, W. L. Clifton, J. A. Lovell and T. J. Milam.

-The Rev. Geo. W. Bruce writes: My postoffice will be Bruceville, McLennan county, instead of Rogers, as published in the conference minutes. -Rev. Chas. O. Jones has received a

letter from Dr. I. G. John stating that Rev. A. P. Parker will be in Dallas Jan uary 11 on his way to China. A mission ary mass-meeting will probably be held at First Church on that occasion

-Bro. W. D. McFarlane, of Plano, was in this office this week, both weeping and had been compelled to part with the old pastor, D. J. Martin; but shouting because he had received su :h a fine one in his stead in the person of the Rev. E. L. Spragins.

-Mexia Democrat: Rev. R. R. Ray mond returned Saturday from his trip nome in the northwestern part of the State. Bro. Raymond has not brought his family down to Mexia yet, but expects to do so as soon as possible. He filled his appointment at Campbell's Branch Sunday morning.

-The various pastors of our city organ-ized, last Monday, the Dallas Methodist Preachers' meeting, with the following officers: T. R. Pierce, chairman; C. O. Jones, vice-chairman; O. S. Thomas secretary. They will meet every Monday at 9 a. m., at the Y. M. C. A. building Visiting brethren are invited to attend.

-Mrs. John W. McMahan, daughter of the late Allen Lewis, of Galveston, and wite of Rev. John W. McMahan, of the Whe of Rev. John W. McMahan, of the Texas Conference, died in Navasota, Texas, Tuesday evening, December 16, 1890. The remains were taken to Galves-ton for interment. May the good Lord pour the consolations of his gospel into the heart of our brother in this sore bement. LATER.-J. B. Sears : Mrs. Fan-nie Lewis McMahan, wife of Rev. J. W. McMahan, of Texas Conference, died at the parsonage at Navasota, Texas, Decem-ber 16, 1890. Her remains were brought to Galveston for interment. The funeral services were held in St. John's Church services were held in St. John's Church Thursday evening, December 18. Dr. H. V. Philpott, Rev. J. M. Wesson and the pastor took part in the services. Sister and Bro. McMahan were both native Galvestonians. St. John's is the church of their youth. Here they have many friends, and our brother and his children have the symmethics and proves of the have the sympathies and prayers of the St. John's membership in this their irre-parable loss. Our brother will be remem-bered at a throne of grace by his brethren in the conference.

the same. For this again we may ring the silver bells, since the Son of God now intimately sympathizes with man because he is made in all points like unto his brethren. Further, it is clear that if God conde-

scends to be so intimately allied with manhood, he intends to deliver man and to bless him. Incarnation prophesies salva-tion. Oh, believing soul, thy God cannot mean to curse thee. Look at God incar-nate! What readest thou there but salvation? God in human flesh must mean that God intends to set man above all the works of his hands, and to give him dominion, according to his first intent, over all sheep and oxen and all that pass through the paths of the sea and the air; yea, it must mean that there is to be a ▲ cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of

cil in leavening strength .- U. S. Government Rethe Deity. But further, the angel explained our

cause for joy by saying that he who was born was unto us a Savior. "Unto you is born this day a Savior." Brothers and sisters, I know who will be gladdest to-day to think that Christ was born a Sav-jor. It will be those who are most cona full service at the first propounding of the glad tidings of great joy. A multi-tude of heavenly host had heard that a chosen messenger had been sent to pro-claim the new born King, and, filled with ior. It will be those who are most con-scious of their sinnership. If you would draw music out of that ten-stringed harp, claim the new born King, and, filled with holy joy and adoration, they gathered up their strength to pursue him, for they could not let him go to earth alone on such an errand. They overtook him just as he reached the last words of his dis-course, and then they broke forth in that the word "Savior," pass it over to a sin-ner. "Savior" is the harp, but "sinner" is the finger that must touch the strings and bring forth the melody. If thou as he reached the last words of his dis-course, and then they broke forth in that famous chorale, the only one sung of angels that was ever heard by human ears here below, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to-ward men." Thus, I say, they had full service; there was gospel ministry in rich discourse concerning Christ, and there was hearty and devout praise from a mul-titude all filled with heavenly joy. It was knowest thyself lost by nature and lost by practice, if thou feelest sin like a plague at thy heart, if evil wearies and plague at thy heart, if evil wearies and worries thee, if thou hast known of in-iquity the burden and the shame, then will it be bliss to thee even to hear of that Savior whom the Lord has provided. Even as a babe, Jesus the Savior will be precious to thee, but most of all because he has now finished all the work of thy salvation. Thou will look to the com-mencement of that work, and then survey was hearty and devout praise from a mul-titude all filled with heavenly joy. It was so glad a message that they could not let it be simply spoken by a solitary voice, though that were an angel's, but they must needs pour forth a glad chorue of praise, singing unto the Lord a new song. Brothers, if the birth of Jesus was so aladgeme to our coursing the angels, what mencement of that work, and then survey it even to its close, and bless and magnify the name of the Lord. Unto you, O ye who are of sinners the chief, even unto you, ye consciously guilty ones, is born a Brothers, if the birth of Jesus was so you, ye consciously guilty ones, is born a latteady the teeth of war have been some-gladsome to our cousins the angels, what should it be to us? If it made our neigh-bors sing who had comparatively so small intringit and office. It is henceforth an our the divine depuised dominant and an our the divine dominant and an our the divine solution of the divine dominant and an our the our state and dominant our the divine solution of the divine dominant and an our the our state dominant our the divine solution of the divine dominant and an our the our state dominant our the our solution of the divine dominant and an our the our state dominant and on the solution of the divine dominant and and the our state dominant our the our state dominant and on the divine dominant and an our state dominant and and the dominant and an our state and dominant and and an and institution of the divine dominion, and an office of the divine nature to save the lost. a share in it, how should it make us leap or joy? Oh, if it brought heaven down to earth, should not our songs go up to heaven? If heaven's gate of pearl was set open at its widest, and a stream of Henceforth God has laid help upon One that is mighty, and exalted One chosen set open at its widest, and a stream of shining ones came running downward to the lower skies, to anticipate the time when they shall all descend in solemn the lower skies, to anticipate the time when they shall all descend in solemn pomp at the glorious advent of the great King; if it emptied heaven for awhile to Next, the angel tells us that this Savior is Christ the Lord, and there is much gladness in that fact. "Christ" signified make earth so glad, ought not our thoughts and praises and all our loves to anointed. Now, when we know that the Lord Jesus Christ came to save, it is most go pouring up the eternal gate, leaving earth awhile that we may crowd heaven with the songs of mortal men? Yea,

verily, so let it be. "Glory to the new-born King! Let us all the anthem sing, "Peace on earth, and mercy mild: God and sinners reconciled.""

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God and sinners reconciled "" For, first, the birth of Christ was the incarnation of God; it was God taking upon himself hur an nature—a mystery, a wondrous mystery, to be believed in rather than to be defined. Yet so it was that in the manger lay an infant, who was also infinite, a feeble child who was also the Creator of heaven and earth. How this could be we do not know, but that is was so we assuredly believe, and How this could be we do not know, but that is was so we assured we leve that the so the context of the that is the was so we assured the leve, and that is the manger lay an infant, who was also infinite, a feeble child who was also the Creator of heaven and earth. How this could be we do not know, but that is was so we assured we leve, and that is the so we assured we leve that the so the man, but that is that so we assured we leve that the so the the so we have been that the offices have been united in one man, but How, this could be we do not know, but that it was so we assuredly believe, and therein do we rejoice; for if God thus take upon himself human nature, then manhood is not abandoned nor given up as hopelees. When manhood had broken the bonds of the covenant, and snatched as hopeless. When manhood had broken the bonds of the covenant, and snatched from the one reserved tree the fruit for-bidden, God might have said, "I give the up, O Adam, and cast off thy race. Even as I gave up Lucifer and all his host, so I abandon thee to follow thine own chosen course of rebellion!" But we have now no fear that the Lord has done this, for God has espoused manhood and taken it into union with himself. Now, manhood is not put aside by the Lord as an ac-cursed thing, to be an abomination union him forever, for Jesus, the Well-beloved. is born of a virgin. God would not so have taken manhood into union with himself if he had not said, "Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it." I know the curse has failen upon men because they have a sinned, but evidently not on manhave now curse has failen upon men because they have sinned, but evidently not on man-hood in the abstract, for else had not hood in the abstract, for else had not Christ come to take upon himself the form of man and to be born of woman. The word made flesh means hope for manhood, notwithstanding its fall. The race is not to be outlawed, and marked with the brand of death and hell, and to be utterly abandonded to destruction, for, lo, the Lord hath married into the race, and the Son of God has become the Son of man. This is enough to make all that is within us sing for iox. is within us sing for joy. Then, too, if God has taken manhcod into union with himself, he loves man and means man's good. Behold what manner of love God hath bestowed upon us that he should espouse our nature ! For God hath never so united himself with any creature before. His tender mercy had ever been over all his works, but were still so distinct from himself they that a great gulf was fixed between the Creator and the created, so far as exist-ence and relationship are concerned. The Lord had made many noble intel-ligences, principalities and powers of whom we know little; we do not even know what those four living creatures may be who are nearest the eternal pres-ence; but God had never taken up the nature of any of them, nor allied himself with them by any actual union with his person. But, lo, he has allied himself with man, that creature a httle lower than the angels, that creature who is made to suffer death by reason of his sin; God has come into union with man, and, therefore, full sure he loves him unand, therefore, full sure he loves him un-utterably well, and has great thoughts of good toward him. If a king's son doth marry a rebel, then for that rebel race there are prospects of reconciliation, par-don and restoration. There must be in the great heart of the Divine One won-drous thoughts of pity and condescend-ing love, if he deigns to take human nature into union with himself. Joy, joy forever, let us sound the loud cymbals of delight, for the incarnation bodes good to our race. nature into union with himself. Joy, joy forever, let us sound the loud cymbals of delight, for the incarnation bodes good to our race. If God had taken manhood into union with himself then God will feel for man, he will have pity upon him, he will re-member that he is dust, he will have com-based on upon his infirmities and sickness. You know, beloved, how graciously it is so, for that same Jesus who was born of a carpenter. If you looked on that same Jesus who was born of a carpenter. If you looked on the tempted in all points likes are are. Such intimate practical sympathy would not have belonged to our great High Priest if ne had not become man. Noteven though he be divine could he have been perfect in sympathy with us if he had not all so of our fering; it must needs be that since the could only be made perfect through suf-fering; it must needs be that since the blood he himself also should take part of

be glad, since God hath so fully, so truly come down to man. Nor is this all. The angel called for joy, and I ask for it too, on this ground, that the birth of this child was to bring glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men. The birth of Christ has given such glory to God as I know not that he could ever have had here by any other means. We must althat our hearts were but half alive to the incarnation! Oh, that we did but know a thousandth part of the unutterable de-light which is hidden in this thought, that the Son of God was born a man at Bethehem! Thus you see that there is Christ, because it was the incarnation of the Deity.

which the incarnate God is the centre! What love is there revealed! What power is that which brought the Divine One down from glory to the manger; only omnipotence could have worked so great a marvel! What faithfulness to ancient promises! What truthfulness in keeping covenant! What grace, and yet what justice! For it was in the person of that new-born child that the law must be ful-

over the oppressed, and declares tyranny and cruelty to be loathsome before God. Whatever abuse and scorn may be heaped upon Christ's true minister he will never be silent while there are downtrodden nationalties and races needing his advo-

cometh when this growing testimony shall prevail, and nations shall learn war pleasant to perceive in addition that the Father does not let him enter upon his mission without the necessary qualifica-tion. He is anointed of the Highest that the battle, and he shall do it in his own he may carry out the offices which he has undertaken; the Spirit of the Lord rested mountains of prey. As surely as Christ was born at Bethlehem he will yet make all men brothers, and establish a univerupon him without measure. Our Lord is anointed in a three-fold sense, as Prophet, sal monarchy of peace, of which there shall be no end. So let us sing if we value the glory of God, for the new-born which binds glorified heaven with pacified earth-the good will toward men which the eternal herein manifests, let us give a third note to our hallelujah and

earth, whose lineage is divine, and yet there is no room for him in the inn. Be-hold, O men, the Son of God, who is bone of your bone, intimate with all your griefs, who in his after life hungered as ye hunger, was weary as ye are weary, and wore humble garmen's like your own; yca, suffered worse poverty than you, for he was without a place whereon to lay his head. Let the heavens and the earth his head. Let the heavens and the earth be glad, since God hath so fully, so truly come down to man. received. These wise doubters have been taken on their own ground and put to confusion. Of course, they told us that old Homer was himself a myth, and the poem called by his name was a mere col-lection of unfounded legends and mere tales. Some ancient songster did but weave his dreams into poetry and foist them upon us as the blind minstrel's man beneath whose feet a l things shall be placed, so that even death itself shall be subject to him. When God stops to man it must mean that man is to be lifted up to God. What joy there in this! Oh, that our hearts were but half alive to the incarnation! Oh, that we did but know hor indeed in any current nistory; every-thing was mere legend. Long ago these gentlemen told us that there was no King Arthur, no William Tell, no anybody in-deed. Even as they questioned all sacred records, so have they cast suspicion upon all else that common men believe. But lo the appient citics grack the berges are lo, the ancient cities speak, the heroes are adore, and love, and wonder, and found in their tombs; the child's faith is adore again this matchless miracle

vindicated. They have disinterred the king of men, and this and other matters speak in tones of thunder to the unbe-lieving ear and say, "Ye fools, the sim-pletons believed and were wiser than your culture' made you. Your endless doubts have led you into falsehood and not into truth.

The shepherds believed and were glad as glad could be, but if Professor — (never mind his name) had been there on that memorable night he would certainly have debated with the angel, and denied filled, and in his precious body must ven- that a Savior was needed at all. geance find recompense for injuries done to divine righteousness. All the attri-ure upon the nature of light, and have butes of God were in that little child most marvelously displayed and veiled. Con- of certain remarkable nocturnal phenomceive the whole sun to be focussed to a single point and yet so softly revealed as to be endurable by the tenderest eye, even have assured the shepherds of the absothus the glorious God is brought down for man to see him born of a woman. Think of it. The express image of God in mortal flesh! The heir of all things cradled in a manger! Marvelous is this! is to be believed at all except the infalli-bility of pretenders to science. But these men find no comfort, neither are they so weak as to need any, so they say. Their teaching is not glad tidings, but a wretch-ed negation, a killing frost which nips all noble hopes in the bud, and in the name of reason steals away from man his truest bliss. Be it ours to be as philosophical as the shepherds, for they did not believe too much, but simply believed what was well attested, and this they found to be cacy, nor will God's servants anywhere, if faithful to the Prince of Peace, ever cease to maintain peace among men to the utmost of their power. The day faith lies joy. If our faith can realize we shall be happy now. I want this morn-ing to feel as if I saw the glory of the shall prevail, and nations shall learn war no more. The Prince of Peace shall snap the spear of war across his knee. He, the Lord of all, shall break the arrows of the bow, the sword and the shield and the battle, and he shall do it in his own dwelling-place, even in Zion, whick is more glorious and excellent than all the mountains of prey. As surely as Christ was there, though I did not hear him. I am certain that those shepherds told no lies, nor did the Holy Ghost deceive us when he bade his servant Luke write this rec-he bade his servant Luke write this record. Let us forget the long interval be tween and or ly recollect that it was really so. Realize that which was indeed matvalue the glory of God, for the new-born child reveals it; and let us sing if we value peace on earth, for he is come to bring it. Yea, and if we love the link which binds, clouding the love the link any rate, our hearts represent the state. ter of fact, and you may almost hear the

any rate, our hearts rehearse the anthem and we feel the joy of it, by simply be lieving, even as the shepherds did. Mark well, that believing what they did these simple-minded shepherds desired to approach nearer the marvelous babe. What did they do but consult together and say, "Let us now go even unto Beth-lehem and see this thing which has come to pass?" O beloved, if you want to get

I think I have shown you that there was room enough for joy to the shep-herds, but you and I, who live in later who book, believe it; but then say, "I will go an the voice of the Lord from Sinai draw not nigh unto the flaming mountain, the law condemns you, the justice of God over-whelms you. Bow at a humble distance and adore with solemn awe. But when you hear of God in Christ hasten hither. Hasten hither with all confidence, for you are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, but ye are come unto the blood of sprinkling. which speaketh better things than that of which speaketh better things than that of Abel. Come near, come nearer, nearer still. "Come," is his own word to those who labor and are heavy laden, and tha: self same word he will address to you a: the last: "Come, ye blessed of my Fa-ther, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from before the foundation of the world." If you want joy in Christ come and find it in his bosom, or at his feet; there John and Mary found it long ago. And then, my brethren, do what the

proclaim the Savior and his power to tions" on the articles, his gratitude is rescue man. Others of you cannot preach, but you can sing. Sing then your an-thems, and praise God with all your hearts. Do not be slack in the devout use of your tongues, which are the glory of your frames, but again and again and again lift up your joyful hymns unto the new-born King. Others of you can neither preach nor sing. Well, then, you must do what the shepherds did, and what did they? You are told twice that they spread the news. As soon as they had seen the the news. As soon as they had seen the babe they made known abroad the saying that was told them, and as they went home they glorified God. This is one of the most new field the say is the say is a set of the babe they made known abroad the saying most practical ways of showing your joy. Holy conversation is as acceptable as sermons and anthems. There was also one who said little, but thought the more: "Mary pondered all these things in her heart." Quiet, happy spirit, weigh in heart." Quiet, happy spirit, weigh in thy heart the grand truth that Jesus was born at Bethlehem. Immanuel, God with us; weigh it if you can; look at it again and again, examine the varied facets of this priceless brilliant, and bless, and adore, and love, and wonder, and yet love.

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Lastly, go and do good to others. Like the wise men, bring your offerings, and offer to the new-born King your heart's best gold of love, and frankincense of praise, and myrrh of penitence. Bring verything of your heart's best, and somewhat of your substance also, for this is a day of good tidings, and it were unseemly to appear before the Lord empty. Come and worship God manifest in the flesh, and be filled with his light and sweetness by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING.

There must be something very good in human nature, or people would not ex-perience so muc a pleasure in giving ; there nust be something very bad in human nature, or more people would try the ex-periment of giving. Those who do try it become enamored of it, and get their chief pleasure in life out of it; and so evident is this that there is some basis for the idea that it is ignorance rather than badness which keeps to many people from being generois. Of course it may become a sort of dissipation, or more than that, a devastation, as many men who have what are called "good wives" have reason to know, in the gradual disappearance of their wardrobe if they chance to lay aside any of it temporarily. The amount that a good woman can give away is only measured by her opportuni-ty. Her mind become so trained in the mystery of this pleasure that she experiences no thrill of delight in giving away only the things her husband does not want. Her office in life is to teach him the joy of self-sacrifice. She and all other habittal and irreclaimable givers soon find out that there is next to no pleasure in a gift unless it involves son

self-denial. Let one consider seriously whether he ever gets as much satisfaction out of a gift received as out of one given. It pleases him for the moment, and, if it is useful, for a long time; he turns it over, and admires it; he may value it as a token of affection, and it flatters his self-esteem that he is the object of it. But it is a transient icoling compared with that he has when he has made a gift. That substantially ministers to his self-esteem. He follows the gift; he dwells upon the delight of the receiver; his imagination plays about it; it will never wear out or become stale; having parted with it, it is for hin a lasting possession. It is an investment as lasting as that in the debt of England. Like a good deed, it grows, and is continually satisfactory. It is something to think of when he first wakes in the morning-a time when most people are badly put to it for want of something pleasant to think of. This fact about giving is so incontestably true that it is a wonder that enlightened people do not more freely indulge in giving for their own comfort. It is, abo all else, amazing that so many imagine they are going to get any satisfaction out of what they leave by will. They may be in a state where they will enjoy it, if

the will is not fought over: but it is

shocking how little gratitude there is ac-

somewhat tempered. He has seen these nondescripts of ingenuity and expense in the shop windows, but he never expected to come into personal relations to them. He is puzzled, and he cannot escape the unpleasant feeling that commerce has put its profit-making fingers into Christmas. Such a lot of things seem to be manufactured on purpose that people may perform a duty that is expected of them in the holidays. The house is full of these im-possible things; they occupy the mantel-pieces, they stand about on the tottering little tables. little tables, they are ingenious, they are made for wants yet undiscovered, they tarnish, they break, they will not " work," and pretty soon they look "second-hand." Yet there must be more satisfaction in giving these articles than in receiving them, and maybe a spice of mal-ice-not that of course, for in the holidays nearly every gift expresses at least kindly remembrance, but if you give them you do not have to live with them. But consider how full the world is of holiday goods-costly goods, too-that are of no earthly use, and are not even artistic, and how short life is, and how many people actually need books and other indispensable articles, and how starved are many fine drawing-rooms, not for holiday goods, but for objects of beauty. Christmas stands for much, and for more and more in a world that is breaking

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down its barriers of race and religious in-tolerance, and one of its chief offices has been supposed to be the teaching of men the pleasure there is in getting rid of some of their possessions for the bene fit of others. But this frittering away a good instinct and tendency in conventional giving of manufactures made to suit an artificial condi-

tion is hardly in the line of developing the spirit that shares the last crust or gives to the thirsty companion in the desert the first pull at the canteen. course Christmas feeling is the life of trade and all that, and the Drawer will be the last to discourage any sort of giving, for one can scarcely disencumber himself of anything in his passage through this world and not be benefited; but the hint may not be thrown away that one will personally get more satisfaction out of his periodic or continual benevolence if he gives during his life the things which he wants and other people need, and reserves for a fine show in his will a collected but not selected mass of holiday goods .- Editor's Drawer Harper's Magazine.

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only man can be anointed, yet that unction comes from the Godhead. Sound forth the jubilee trumpets for this marvelously Anointed One, and rejoice in him who is your priest to cleanse you, your prophet to instruct you, and your king to deliver you. The angels sang of him as Lord, and yet as born; so here again the god-like in dominion is joined with the human in birth. How well did the words and the sense agree.

The angel further went on to give these shepherds cause for joy by telling them that while their Savior was born to be the Lord, yet he was so born in lowliness that they would find him a babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Is there cause of joy there? I say, aye, indeed there is, for it is the terror of the Godhead which keeps the sinner oftentimes away from reconciliation; but see how the Godhead hath graciously con-cealed itself in a babe, a little babe, a babe that needed to be wrapped in swad-dling bands like any other new born child. Who feareth to approach him? Who ever how the feareth to approach him? Who ever these are as glad and as grand words as he of the golden month could have spoken. As for Cicero and Demosthenes, those ela-quent orators had no such theme to dwell upon. Oh, joy, joy! There was born into this world a man who is also God. heard of trembling in the presence of a babe? Yet is the Godhead there. My soul, when thou can st not for very amaze-ment stand on the sea of glass mingled with fire, when the divine glory is like a consuming fire to thy spirit, and the sa-cred majesty of heaven is altogether overcred majesty of heaven is altogether over-powering to thee. then come thou to this babe, and say, "Yet God is here, and here can I meet him in the person of his dear Son. in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." Oh, what bliss there is in incarnation if we remember that herein God's omnipotence cometh down to man's feebleness, and infinite

najesty stoops to man's infirmity. Now mark, the shepherds were not to find this babe wrapped in Tyrian purple nor swathed in choicest fabrics fetched from afar.

### "No crown bedecks his forehead fair, No pearl, nor gem, nor sllk is there."

"No lark could pipe to skies so duil and gray."

But a thought struck me and filled me with intense joy. I tell it out to you, not because it will seem anything to you. but as having gladdened myself. It is a bit all for myself to be placed in a paren-thesis; it is this, that the joy of the birth of Christ in part belongs to those who tell it, for the angels who proclaimed it were exceedingly glad, as glad as glad could be. I thought of this and whis-pered to my heart, "As I shall tell of Jesus born on earth for men, I will take license to be glad also, glad if for nothing

else that I have such a message to bring to them." The tears stood in my eyes, and stand there even now, to think that I should be privileged to say to my fellow-men, "God has condescended to assume your nature that he might save you." upon. Oh, joy, joy! There was born into this world a man who is al-o God. My heart dances as David danced before the ark of God.

This joy was meant, not for the tellers of the news alone, but for all who heard it. The glad tidings "shall be unto all prople." Read "all the people," if you like, for so, perhaps, the letter of the original might demand. Well, then, it meant that it was joy to all the nation of the Jews; but assuredly our version is truer to the inner spirit of the text; it is iow to all people upon the face of the earth joy to all people upon the face of the earth that Christ is born. There is not a nation under heaven but what has a right to be glad because God has come down among glad because God has come down among men. Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem. Take up the strain, O ye dwellers in the wilderness, and let the multitude of the isles be g'ad thereof! Ye who beneath the frigid zone feel in your very marrow all the force of God's north wind, let your hearts burn within you at this happy truth. And ye whose faces are scorched by the heat of the tor-rid sun, let this be as a well of water unto you. Exult and magnify Jehovah that his Son, his Only Begotten, is also brother to mankind. "O wake our hearts, in gladness sing!

And then, my brethren, do what the shepherds did when they came near. They rejsiced to see the nabe of whom they had been told. You cannot see with the physical eye, but you must meditate. and so see with the mental eye this great, and grand, and glorious truth that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. This is the way to have joy to-day, joy such as fitly descends from heaven with the descent of heaven's King. lieve, draw near, and then fixedly gaze upon Him, and so be blessed.

"Hark how all the welkin rings Glory to the King of kings! Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled.

"Veil'd in flesh the Goahead see Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to appear. Jesus our Emanuel here."

III. My time has fled, else I desired to have shown, in the third place, how that joy should be manifested. I will only give a hint or two. The way in which many believers in Christmas keep the many believers in Christmas keep the feast we know too well. This is a Chris-tian country, is it not? I have been told so so often that I suppose it must be true. It is a Christian country! But the Chris-tianity is of a remarkable kind! It is not only that in the olden time "Christ-mas broached the mightiest ale," but nowadays Christmas keepers must needs get drunk upon it. I slander not our countrymen when I say that drunkenness access to be one of the principal items of seems to be one of the principal items of their Christmastide delight. If Bacchus were born at this time I do think England keeps the birthday of that detestable deity most appropriately, but tell me not that it is the birth of the holy child Jesus that they thus celebrate. Is he not cruci-fied afresh by such blasphemy? Surely to the wicked, Jesus saith: "What hast thou to do to keep my birthday and mention my name in connection with thy gluttony and drunkenness?" Shame that there should be any cause for such words. Ten-fold sha ne that there should be so much.

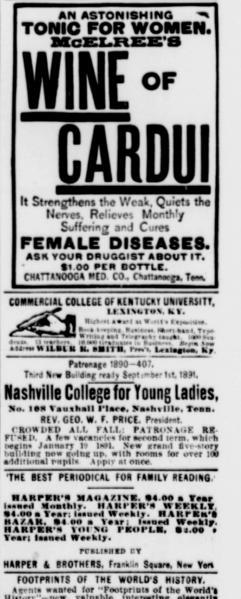
You may keep his birthday all the year round, for it were better to say he was born every day of the year than on any one, for truly in a spiritual sense he is born every day of every year in some men's hearts, and that to us is a far weightier point than the observation of holy days. Express your joy, first, as the angels did, by public ministry. Some of us are called to speak to the many. Let us in the clearest and most earnest tones

corded to a departed giver compared to a living giver. He couldn't take the prop-erty with him, it is said; he was obliged to leave it to somebody. By this thought his generosity is always reduced to a min-imum. He may build a monument to himself in some institution, but we do not know enough of the world to which he has gone to know whether a tiny monument on this earth is any satisfaction to a person who is free of the universe. Whereas every giving or deed of real humanity done while he was living would have entered into his character, and would be of lasting service to him-that s, in any future which we can conceive Of course the Drawer is not confining its remarks to what are called Christmas gifts-commercially so-called-nor would it undertake to estimate the pleasure there is in either receiving or giving these. The shrewd manufacturers of the world have taken notice of the periodic generosity of the race, and ingenicusly produce articles to serve it, that is, to anticipate the taste and to thwart all individuality or spontoneity in it. There is, in short what is called a "line of holiday goods," fitting, it may be supposed, the periodic line of charity. When a person receives some of these things in the blessed season of such, he is apt to be puzz ed. He wants to know what they are for, what he is to do with them. If there are no "direc-

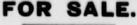


The importance of purifying the blood cannot be overestimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health.

At this season nearly every one needs a good medicine to purify, vitalize, and enrich the blood, and we ask you to try Hood's Peculiar Sarsaparilla. It strengthens and builds up the system, creates an appetite, and tones the digestion, while it eradicates disease. The peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation of the vegetable remedies used give to Hood's Sarsaparilla pecul-tar curative powers. No To Itself other medicine has such a record of wonderful cures. If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other instead. It is a Peculiar Medicine, and is worthy your confidence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. 100 Doses One Dollar



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I have four lots in West Dallas for sale for ies than cost, for cash.

### J. H. COLLARD, Jr., Granbury, Texas.

The Jenkins Famous Tennessee Gold Dust Cot-ton beat 52 variaties at one whack at South Caro-lina Experiment Station in 1889. Earliest and best all-round cotion yet known. Seed, it per gallon, or is per 160 pounds. Send stamp for cir-cular to JENKINS & TROBAUGH, Proprietora, Brunswick, Shelby County, Tennessee.

AUSTIN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

# Icras Christian Advocate.

The Pacific Ocean is not only the largest of the great bodies of water on the globe, but is the deerest. Its average depth is about three miles. The average depth of the At-lantic and Indian Oceans is about two and a quarter miles. Near the poles the oceans are the shallowest, or about a mile only in depth. Of course there are parts of the ocean of greater depth than three miles. In the Pacific, a few hundred miles east of Japan, and in the Atlantic, east of the West Indies, there are valleyes in the ocean bed over five miles below the surface of the water. There are places in the ocean, that is to say, in which the loftiest mountains could be put without interfering in the slightest degree with navigation.

### Personal Liberty

### Physical Slavery.

We are all free American citizens, enjoying our personal liberty; but most of us are in physical slavery, suffering from scrofula, salt rheum or some other form of impure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great blood purifier which dissolves the bonds of disease, gives health and perfect physical liberty.

THE NINE MUSES .- Clio is the muse of his-The AISE Actions, of eloquence or epic poetry; Erato, of love and marriage: Enterpe, of music; Melpomene, of tragedy; Polyhymnia, of song and oratory; ferpsichore, of dane-ing; Thal<sup>1</sup>a, of comedy and burlesque; Urania, of astronomy.

### Lock-Jaw.

CHINA SPRINGS, TEXAS, Aug 17, 1886. One large dose of Wonderful Eight cured my mare of lock-jaw. It is traly a wonder-ful cure and the best seller of any prepara-tion in the market. No one can afford to be without it ED. H. HARDIN. For sale by all dealers. dealers.

A Woman's Reason: Sentimental Maiden —There goes Jack's wife; she is never happy when Jack is out of her sight. Is it because she loves him so much? Experienced Widow-No. It's because she knows him so real

You may not have the chills to day, but to morrow they may have you in their icy grasp. It will be well to remember that Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic will then be a friend indeed to you. It is safe, sure and an infallible cure. 75c.

"On what ground, Mr. Cautions, do you propose to break our engazement?" "There is no ground, Miss Bellows; that's the trouble. I had supposed, when we became engaged, you owned a large farm."

### Neuralgic Persons

And those troubled with nervousness resulting from care or overwork will be relieved by taking Brown's Iron Bitters. Genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

New minister (to young lady whom he saw kissing a middle-aged man)—Is that gentle-man a relative of yours? Young Lady [just engaged to the middle-aged man]—He is my "popper." sir.

### CONSUMPTION CURED.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East 1ndia missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Broncnius, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Iung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all nervous complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or Eng-lish, with full directions for preparing and using. Fent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyras, 820 Power's Elock, Rochester, N. Y.

Tramp-I understand that a pocketbook containing \$20,000 has been found on the street and you have got it here. I have lost it. Police Justice-What proof have you got that you lost it? Tramp-This big hole in my nocket my pocket.

Mr. Rue Wheat, Dallas, Texas, had blood poison and rheum tism so had he could not walk without a crutch. Four bottles of Saret

Crawford-Time is money, you know, Merritt-And yet I would sooner have a girl who has forty millions than one who has forty years.

### Influenza and Pneumonia.

"Sence de Wah:" "Tings hab changed pow'rfully sence de wah," remarked Unc e Rastus to Aunt Becca, as he laid aside the newspaper and polished his spectacles. "Be-fo' de wah, hit was only de slaves dat war sold; but hear dis papah states dat an 'ole mastah' war sold at auction in New York for a 'normous 'mount er money. T'ings hab changed, I tole you."

### Gratifying to All.

Gratifying to All. The high position attained and the univer-sal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative known, illustrate the value of the qualities on which its success is based and are abundantly gratifying to the Califorzia Fig Syrup Company

They were at the base ball game, and he was trying to explain it to her when the men came in at the close of the inning. "Oh, yes," she cried, joyfully, "I see, now—those men are out on a scrike now, and have quit playing."

### Neuralgia.

My wife was suffering over two weeks with a very severe attack of neuralgia which sev-eral physicians failed to relieve. I then got a bottle of Wonderful Eight, which relieved ber in for munutes, and soon a facted a perher in five minutes and soon effected a per manent cure. G. S. STIVERS, Dentist, Cor. 5th and Wataut Sts., Louisville, Ky

Sympathetic: [These three distinguished divines have died within a few past months.) Our readers, who recall the sketches of the preachers already given, are sure to welcome this announcement.

While in the bloom of health you will, perhaps, pass lightly by this friendly local advising you that Cheataam's Tasteless Chill Tonic is the best medicine on earth. But later in the season, when old mplaria begins to work on you, it will, perhaps, recur to your mind. Then, and not 'til then, will you fully appreciate what we are saying. 75c.

"I was at the depot this morning when the express went out, and I saw one of the saddest partings I ever witnessed in mylife." "Yes!" "Yes; a man's suspenders parted when he was running for the train."

Saxet Medicine Co., Dallas, Texas, offers to put up \$500 that Saxet will cure any case of blood poison that can be cured. \$1.00 per

"What, my child! You danced last night with the Colonel! And he goes to balls while he yet wears mourning! What a light man he must be!" "Oh, but mamma, really you should have seen how beautifully sadly he denced "

### Black-Leg.

This is to certify that I have used WON-DERFUL ElGHT and found it to be an im-mediate relief tor Black-Leg in cattle, by giving them from 15 to 20 drops internally and applying once or twice externally to parts affected. A. J. McCLURE, Buttercup, Williamson Co., Texas.

The Evening of "Bargain Day:" Mr. Grump-Bless my soul, Maria! What are you going to do with all this trash? Mrs. Grump -Oh. I got it all at a bargain, and you know it will all come in handy some day. Mr. Grump-Some day-yes-but money comes in handy every day! BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-FIRST H Ballinger cir, at Ballinger. May cir, at Verbena. Indian Creek cir, at McAnally. Glem 'ove mis, at Rough Creek Round Mountain cir, at Round Mount tain Goid hourt at Pleasant Grove. Goid hour cir, at Chappell Hill. Goid thus it cir, at Pleasant Grove.

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d	MONTAGUE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.
e	Burlington and Nocona, at Liberty Chapel
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k	Benvanue mis, at Benvanue
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	Chico, at Pleasant GroveJan 24.
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.	W. S. MAY, P. E.
t	GAINESVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.
e	Valley View cir, at Bolivar Dec 27.
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	Decatur staJan 10.

Gainesville cir, at Spring Grove. Dexter cir, at Black Jack. Marysville cir, at Marysville . Rosston cir, at Forestburg. Jan 31, F 

	WACO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.
h	Bruceville cir, at Bruceville Dec 27.
7-	Oenaville cir, at PendletonvilleJan 3.
ot	Crawford and Valley Mills, atJan 10.
d	Rogers cir, at RogersJan 17. Clifton mis, atJan 24.
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	Bosqueville, at Bosqueville
	West cir, at West Feb 7,
•	McGregor cir, at
	Mart mis, at Friendship
d	R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.
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	GATESVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.
	Henson Creek cir, at Henson Creek. 4th Sun in Dec
	Jonesboro cir. at Harmony Chapel.
	Thursday, Jan 1
	Hico cir, at
	Martin's Gap cir, at Tuesday, Jan 6
	Hamilton cir, at Hamilton Thursday, Jan 8
	Shive cir. a: Fairview
	Brookhaven mis, at Sugar Loaf Friday, Jan 16
	Killeen cir, at Union Hill
	The district stewards will meet at Gatesville.
	Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1890. I desire a full attendance.
I	E. A. BAILEY, P. E.
	E. A. DALLET, I. E.

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C. H. BROOKS, P.
BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.
Ballinger cir. at Ballinger

	Indian Creek cir, at McAnallyJan 10.
2	Glen Cove mis, at Rough CreekJan 17.
r	Round Mountain cir, at Round Moun-
	tain
8	Comanche cir, at Mesquite Jan 31, Feb
	Zephyr cir, at Chappell Hill
	Goldthwaite cir. at Pleasant Grove Feb 14.
-	Mullin cir. at Mullin
	Cotton wood cir, at Valley Grove. Feb 28, March
-	Camp Colorado mis, at Fairview March 14.
	Fort Chadbourne mis, at Fort Chadbourne,
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J. P. MUSSETT, P. E.
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Carlton cir, at Center
Comanche and DeLeon cir, at Comanche Feb 7. 8
J. S. DAVIS, P. E.
HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.
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Millican cir. atJan 3, 4
Plantersville and Courtney cir, at Court-
neyJan 10, 11
Hempstead cir, at Hempstead fan 18, 19
Hockley cir, at Mink PrairieJan 24, 25
Montgomery cir, at Montgomery Jan 31, Feb 1
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28	Let the stewards of each pastoral charge meet as early as possible, make liberal provision for their pastors, and be sure to collect one-fourth at least of the amount assessed for the support of the ministry before the first quasterly conference. E. S. SMITH, P. E.	Sulphur
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471	Carthage cir, at Carthage 4th Sab in Dec	Arlington Mansfield
8	San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton, 1st Sab in Jan	Bluff Dale Acton cir
20 25	Melrose cir. at Trinity	Glen Ros
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	Kildare, at Trinity	Centennia DeBerry c
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# SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. AUSTIN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Merrilltown cir, at Jollyvile. Dec. 27, 25 Webberville cir, at Webberville. Jan. 3, 4 Bastrop station Jan. 10, 11 Winchester cir, at Milton Chapel Jan. 17, 18 Banchaca cir, at Pleasant Hill. Jan. 31, Feb. 1 Cedar Creek cir, at Cedar Creek. Feb. 7, 8 Smithville circuit, at Smithville. Feb. 7, 8 Flatonia sta. Feb. 28, March 14, 15 Columbus sta March 14, 15 LaGrange sta. March 14, 15 Lat the stewards of each pastoral charge meet as early as possible, make liberal provisien for their pastors, and be sure to collect one-fourth at

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### RSHALL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

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### LPORTEUR'S APPOINTMENTS.

Jewett
PalestineDec 28
Jacksonville
Troupe
Mineola
Wills Point7 p m, Jan 1
Terrell
Mesquite Jan 4 Will the pastors of the above places please pub-
lish the appointments? We do not only want to
supply the present demand, but create a greater,
both for the ADVOCATE and our books. I. Z. T. MORRIS, Colporteur.

### aby was sick, we gave her Castoria he was a Child, she cried for Castoria. became Miss, she clung 'r Castoria. he had Children, she gave them Castoria.

RULES IN NEW YORK .- At the Parish, is pub-in my is a spectral spe

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Chicken Cholera

Chicken Cholera The losses from this disease range from a few hundred dollars to \$200 000 in sin-gle counties annually. The loss to the whole country annually runs away up into the millions. The germs of the dis-ease enter the system by the digestive or-gans and are generally taken with the food. The contagion is spread by means of the excrement of sick fowls, or the flesh or other parts of dead ones. All birds are subject to cholera, and the dis-ease may be carried into flocks of domes-ticated fowls by wild birds of the wods. One who is familiar with handling his fowls is quick to discover any symptome charge will greatly weaken the fowl, but it is beneficial, because the sulphate of soda is cleansing the system of the germs. In two or three hours after the sulphate of soda commences to act, mix two teaspoonsful of common baking soda with half or three-quarters tea-cup of rain or cistern water, and add to it one teaspoon-ful of spirits of turpentine. Give a tea-spoonful of this mixture every two hours for a day, and allow the fowl no food or other drink until it shows every sign of recovery, and then feed very sparingly of well-cooked rice, giving the water in which it was boiled for drink. This rem-edy is no theory; it has been used with the utmost success by the writer for years, and is known to be very effective where the disease is discovered before it reaches the advanced stages just before death. When cholera is known to be in a neigh-borhood, poultry-keepers should watch their stock closely and remove sick fowls when first discovered. The feeding grounds and houses thould then be sprink-led with a disinfectant made by putting eight ounces of sulphuric acid in abou six gallons of water. In old infected houses the liquio must be used so as tr saturate all the wood work and the grown where the fowls run. The remedy is com-paratively inexpensive, and it would be well to use it not only as a remedy after the dise ase has broken out, but as a pre ventive by thoroughly sprinkling the premises every two or three weeks.—*Texar Farmer*.

THE Guinea is a very useful fowl, not-withstanding its peculiarities. In their wanderings over the farm they destroy numerous insect enemies and weed seeds and do little damage to crops by scratch-ing and eating. They lay a large number of eggs, which, though small, are of good quality and nutritious.

By innumerable cures, Dr. Buil's Cough Syrup has won for itself a most enviable reputation. I've been suffering for the past three weeks with a strained wrist. I tried Salvation Oil, and find myself, after having used one bottle, entirely cured. CHAS. KEYSER, 1.9 Mulberry St., Balti-more, Md.

. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claibor La., writes: "Permit me to say to the pub-lic that I have tried Wonderful Eight in my practice and find it to be a good medicine m influenza and pneumonia. Nothing to equal it to relieve pain.

His Fiancee-Are you sure you would love me just as tenderly if our conditions were reversed—if you were rich and I were poor? He-Reverse our conditions and try me.

### A Good Reputation.

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"The Americans play havoc with Turkey to-day," laughed the Sultan on Thanksgiv-ing morning. "Yes, your majesty," retorted the Vizier, who also read the papers, "and they play football with each other."

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### TYLER DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND

GALVESTON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. earn Church. .....Dec 28. Washington Street .... ...Jan 11, 12 McKee street Jan 17. atterson cir Jan 24 Ichmond and Wharton. Jan 31. Feb Ichmond and Wharton. Feb 7. Alvin cir Feb 14, Matagorda Peb 14, 15 w Eagle Lake Peb 21, 22 Columbia. Feb 23, 22 Velasco March 8, 9 District stewards will meet at Washington Street Church, Houston, Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 p. m. H. V. Philport, P. E. PALESTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

Augusta cir, at Augusta Rusk sta Palestine sta ...Jan 31, Feb ...Feb 7, WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Red Oak cir. at Cedar Hill......Dec 27, 28 Grandview circuit.....Jan 3, 4 Grandview circuit. Jan 3, 4 Alvarado sta, at Alvarado Jan 4, 5 Bristol cir, at Bristol Jan 10, 11 Lancaster and Ferris cir, at Ferris. Jan 17, 18 Avalon cir, at Elm Brauch Sims and Glenwood cir, at Bethel. Jan 31, Feb 1 Oak Cliff sta, at Oak Cliff Wesley and Rush cir, at West Dallas. Feb 14, 15 Italy cir, at Frost. Feb 21, 22 E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E. Jan 3, 4 Jan 4, 5

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Tenth Street sta Boerne cir, at Lock Hill ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

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CALVERT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

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	BEAUMONT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.
1	Colmesneil cir, at Wolf Creek Dec 27, 2
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1	Jasper staJan 10, 1
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### SAN MARCOS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

8	Elm Grove mis, at Clark's Chapel. 4th	Sun	in	Det
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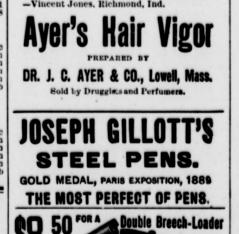
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- Litt up your heads, ye fainting ones, no time for weakness now, Behold the crown of victory upon your
- Leader's brow; No soldier of His conquering ranks defeat
- can ever know, For in His hand the scepter is, beneath His teet the foe.
- Above the stormy rage of strife, above the battle's din, Beyond the cloud of unbelief, beyond the
- Beyond the cloud of unbeller, beyond the dust of sin, We hear the strong victorious tread, we see the coming King,— Oh, shout the noise of victory, the song of triumph sing. Ring out the Gospel jubilee, Ring welcome to the King!

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Our duty.

The sun shines on the moon and stars, and they shine upon the earth; so doth God shine in goodness upon us, that we might shine in our extensions of goodness unto others, the stars anything new concerning the promises of Scripture. And yet they often come to our hearts with all the power and May they remember his advice, imitate especially unto them of the household of faith .- Sibbes. Faith, though it hath sometimes a

trembling hand, it must not have a withered hand, but must stretch .- Wat-

### Should be unostentatious.

Those obstreperous benefactors that, like to hens which cannot lay an tegg but they must cackle straight, give no alms but with trumpets, lose their thanks with God. Alms should be like oil, which, though it swim aloft when it is fallen. yet makes no noise in the falling; not like water, and weariness are threatening him, or that still sounds where it lights .- Hall. Charity and fine dressing are very different things; but if men give alms Amen" to all who believe on him. for the same reasons that others diess fine, only to be seen and admired, char- the "shadow of a great rock in a weary ity is then but like the vanity of fine land" is to me one of great sweetness clothes.-E. Cook. True beneficence is unconscious of its

rarity and worth. It was a cold and severe winter. The little Minns, the only daughter of charitable parents, collected the crumbs and small pieces of bread, and kept them carefully. Twice a day she went into carefully. Twice a day she went into the garden, scattering the crumbs; and fail us, and we feel ourselves driven its flight to meet her Savior and Lizzie and Lizzie and but the little girl's hands trembled with cold in the bitter air.

The parents watched her, and were glad at the lovely sight, and said: "Why are you doing that, Minna?"

"All is covered with ice and snow." answered Minna; "the little creatures cannot find anything; they are poor now. Therefore I feed them, as the

rich people help and assist the poor."

as all rich men take care of the poor ?"

bowed and languid forn became in-stantly erect; the horse suddenly wheel-ed round, sprang off to the stroke, and a laugh of triumph revealed the trick. The man who had offered him an emor-mous price for the horse was on her back. Assuming the guise of distress, be had taken a methor and the trick of the stroke and her back are to the trick of the the stroke and the trick are to the trick of the the trick. The man who had offered him an emor-mous price for the horse was on her back. Assuming the guise of distress. he had taken advantage of the other's he had taken advantage of the other's generous feeling to steal what he could not buy. The injured man did not curse him, nor, fortified by the stoicism which the Mohammedans' belief in fate imparts, merely bow his head to the misfortune. He soared above it to a height ef moral grandeur which few reach. Calling on the other to halt, he sid that he had one favor to a k it was reach. Calling on the other to halt, he said that he had one favor to atk; it was this, that he would never tell how he had won the horse, because, were that known it might hinder some from receiving help in circumstances of danger not feigned but real, and so donger not feigned, but real, and so doom the un-fortunate to perish. It is but justice to human nature to add, what indeed shows that fine feelings may lie dormant in the worst of men, that the other was so touched by the unselfishness and no-

have already overtaken him ! God has promised, and his word is "Yea and

The promise that Christ will be as and consolation. That life has its wearisome windings through disappointments and sorrow cannot be denied. Our souls grow sick and faint in the struggles we pass through. One thing God aloud. Many times has she should a great rock."

Thanks to the immutability of God. that Rock stands a ready covert, when again. time and change have done their worst to drive us to despair !- Lydia L Rouse.

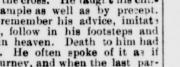
### Marriages.

Then the father said: "But you can-not provide for them all." Little Minna answered: "Do not all children in the world do as I do, even a gll rich was take and do as I do, even THOMPSON-EVANS .- Mr. L. D. Thomp-

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to Grimes county. Texas. In 1865 his wife died at Richmond, Texas. On December 26, 1866, he married Miss Rebecca J. Mc. She had been in frail health for several

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has said: "He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live again." Her Uncle, H. E. GRIMES. VOORHEES .- Cornelius Voorhees was

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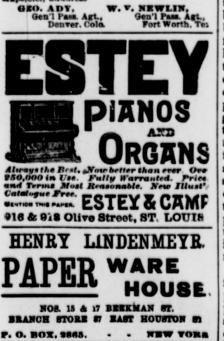
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mothers, and yet more wretched children; but having found their charity often misapplied and thrown away on the unworthy and ungrateful, they are

afraid to give ; and not seldom tempted. on discovering how they have been imposed upon, to say in their haste as David did his: All men are liars! But if charity often fails in its object, so do other things. The sun shines on many a fair blossom that never turns into fruit, and the clouds pour their bounties on fields that yield no harvest. But to leave figures for facts. Education as well as charity often fails : it is but a small portion of children that become ripe scholars. Moral training fails ; how many parents besides David, have had their hearts wounded and torn by wicked children ! The labors

of husbandry fail ; it is but a proportion of the seed that springs; and a still less proportion that, reaching maturity, in golden sheaves revards the farmer's toil. Physic fails; diseases rage, and patients die in spite of it. Even the pulpit fails; but what preacher thinks of abandoning it, because many of his sermons do no good ; nay, like absurd accompany all orders. charity, do positive harm-hardenirg those they fail to soften, and making people as indifferent to the most solemn things as a hoary sexton to the molder

ing remnants of mortality, the skulls he tosses out of the grave.

Man is enswerable for duty ; but not for results. And as with faith in a promised blessing, we are always to preach, in season and out of season, to

fered an enormous price. One day, as, with head wrapt in mantle and lance at samaritar—for, though heree, these wild Bedouins have savage virtues, are hospitable and friendly, he dismounted, and finding the unfortupate traveler unable to walk or even to stand, set him on his own saddle. No sooner done than, as if the vigor of the steed had been imparted to its rider, the

officiating.

Is not to be restrained by ingratitude. There are many who feel for the poor. They would glady relieve their wants. They are pained to see these wretched They are pained to see the see the see the sec the se county, Texas.

CARTER-WARE .-- At the Methodist Church in Colorado City, December 10, 1890, by the Rev. B. R. Bolton, Mr. Moncure Carter and Miss Della Ware. HERMAN-LOVEJOY .- At the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. Jno. Lovejoy, Galveston, Texas, December 10, 1890, Mr. Fred Herman and Miss Pauline E. Lovejoy; Rev. J. W. Hour, officiating.

PHELPS-MAXWELL.-At the bride's father's, December 10, 1890, by the Kev. T. A. Garrison, Mr. T. L. G. Phelps and Miss M. L. Maxwell; all of Burleson county, Texas.

GATLIN-SHARSBY.-At the Methodist Church in Elgin. Texas, November 14, 1890, Mr. Lee Gatlin and Miss Effie Shaesby, by Rev. H. M. Haynie.

AVERS-MORROW.-November 11, 1890, by Rev. A. F. Hendrix, at the parsonage. Kaufman, Texas, Mr. W. R. Ayers and Miss Mary Morrow; all of Kaufman.

### Obitnaries.

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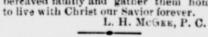
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KEY.—Little Cyrus F. Key, son of Dr. and Sister W. F. Key, was born May 8, 1883, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus November 22, 1890. Little Fletcher ling-ered in pain four weary months, yet with rown.—Guthrie. The shame and guilt of abusing it. An Arab possessed a horse so fa-mous far and near for its beauty, gentle-ness and matchless speed, that he had msny tempting offers to part with her. He refused them all, and in particular the repeated solicitations of one who of-fered as a neuromous price. One day, se,

COBB.-Miss Mollie E. Cobb departed this life and entered upon her happy reward on expressions are realities. Her sick room



prayed in his family, and his faith grew



YATES.-Whereas, the wisdom of the Alwise and Everruling Providence has seen it to remove by death our beloved sister, Jane Yates, November 4, 1890; and.

Whereas, the church and society has lost a good and useful member and the Sunday-school a faithful teacher; Sunday-school a lattitud feacher; Resolved by the members of the Par-sonage Society of Floyd Street M. E. Church, South, that we mingle our sympathy with the church in our loss. 2. That we extend our condolence to



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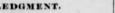
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Breinhold and what school ..... Bremond Sunday-school ..... Reagan sunday school ..... Rockport Sunday-school ..... Huntsville Sunday-school ..... Laredo Seminary S. S. Little grandson of J. J. Davis.

PER." The last is from Rev. J. J. Davis, of the Northwest Texas Conference, who sent the first paid up subscription received, from Valley Mills Sunday-school: CRAWFORD, Dec. 18, 1890. "DEAR BISHOP: I send you herewith postoffice money order for \$5, a present from my little grandson, to be applied to your children's missionary enterprise. PER.

your children's missionary enterprise. Given by his father the day he was baptized. Your brother-J. J. DAVIS.

These letters get into my heart. When the children in our mission'schools-Mexican children-are stirred to put forth a helping hand, it is time for every Sunday-school in Texas to take hold. And when

babes and sucklings lead out in gifts to save a lost world, youth and age should surely follow. Address me at Fort Worth. I wait to hear. JOSEPH S. KEY. FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

### FREDONIA AND CAMP SAN SABA.

I wish to say through the ADVOCATE to the brethren that have been writing to me in regard to the Fredonia and Camp San Saba work, that the work is now R. J. DEETS. supplied.

### DEDICATION.

The new church at Osage will be dedi-cated Christmas day, at 11 o'clock, by E. A. Bailey, presiding elder. W. B. MCKEOWN, P. C. CORYELL CITY, TEXAS.

NOTICE.

At the last session of the West Texas Conference I was made treasurer of the Sunday-school Board. The Board resolved to donate \$100 to the New Mexico Conference. I have the money and want to know to whom to send it.

J. T. STANLEY. LULING. TEXAS.

### STRAYED OR STOLEN.

Look out and save trouble and make money. My ponies either strayed or were stolen from stable here on the night of December 12, leaving me in trouble and confusion. I will amply pay any one for the return of same or for in-

Obituary-Toras. Mrs. George W. Smith, Abilene; Mrs. C. W. Bent'e, Atlanta; Mrs. R. Alvey, Bartlett; R. C. Donaldson, Blum; Dr. W. G. Hayes, Bowie; Mrs. Harriet L. Clem-ent, Breckenridge; Elder Stephen Strick-land, Brown county; Miss Lillie D. Rucker, Mrs. Minnie Edliott, Brownwood; C. E. Cade, Caldwell; A. P. Wilkerson; Cameron; Tom Harris, Canadian: Mrs. Belle Denard, Carthage; Mrs. J. B. Evans; Colony; E. V. Frost, Colorado; Mrs. Van Meeks, near Corn Hill; Mrs. H. Suth-Meeks, near Corn Hill; Mrs. H. Sutherland, Corsicana; John Allen, near Crockett; Anton Peterson, Denison; Mrs.

City; Henry Fest. Sr., San Antonio; Mise Adella L. Adams, Santa Anna; Mr. Franz,

near Schulenburg; Mrs. John P. Hoed, little Robert Lee Sims, Sherman; Mrs. Elizabeth Walters, Taylor; Mrs. M. A. Perry, Tyler; C. W. Rhea, Weatherford.

Perry, Tyler; C. W. Rhea, Weatherford. "Those who are quite satisfied, sit still and do nothing." But what should they do if annoyde by catarrh? Why, use Old Saul's Catarrh Cure. Many of our young married people don't know what a blessing Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is until the youngster is able to "yell" by the hour. J. P. Dromgoole & Co., Louisville, Ky: Gents-As a sufferer from severe sick headaches for many years, I found great re-headaches for many years,

### Texas Casualties.

A Del Rio, Texas, telegram gives in-formation of the murder by unknown parties of Frank Wilkins and his foreman,

Josh and Isaac Jones, brothers, and farmers in Cooke county, filled up on bad whisky, engaged in a fight in which the latter was stabbed three times and killed. sandard.

The five-year-old son of Mr. Brown, living near Creek, Houston county, had its head crshed in by a sugar-mill, De-cember 17, and died instantly.

Robert Westendia, a brakeman on the M. K. and T., fell from a train near Den-nison, the cars passing over his legs just above the feet. He lay several hours in the cold, bleeding and died shortly after being found.

Conductor John Hodger, of Temple, was killed at Ballinger, being run over in attempting to board a train.

Tom Wilcox, a tie-maker, was waylaid and killed near Daizgerfield. A gross in-sult offered by him to a young lady is supposed to have been the cause.

A white man named Murff, a saloonkeeper in Dallas, grossly insulted the wife of a colored blacksmith, named Greer. Upon Greer protesting Murff apologized. Subsequently he returned and without warning shot Greer. The latter struck him on the head with a hammer graphing his shall. Sim Slight

Testimonial from Rev. Robt. Skene, assist-ant pastor of the First Christian Church, Louisville, Ky:

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SIR PHILIP MILLER, the great English horti-culturist, writing in 1740, says: "The best method to have Cabbages good is to procure

parties of Frank Wilkins and his foreman,
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S. I. Walton.
Col. Richard White, of Bonham, was thrown from his buggy by a runaway horse, and his soine broken, from effects of which he died in a short time.
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### Signor Succi ended his forty-five days

fasting in New York December 21. He lost forty-two and a half pounds during that time A Noted Divine Says: "I have been using Tutt's Liver Pills for Dyspepsia. Weak Stomach and Costiveness, with which I have long been afflicted.



### THE OAK CLIFF DEPOT.

THE OAK CLIFF DEPOT.The building for this depot on the Santa Fe railroad is up and will be completed<br/>in thirty days. It will be such a structure<br/>as will correspond with the vigor and push<br/>of the city. The grading on the electric<br/>railroad has been pushed on past the<br/>bluffs in South Oak Cliff, and will be<br/>finished inside of sixty days, as we are<br/>informed. That part of our suburban<br/>regions will be quite as desirable and at<br/>tractive as has been promised by its<br/>friends. Bargains are now to be had in<br/>lots and acre property on the line of this<br/>railroad.Dec. 16.—W B McKeown, subs. W E Rector,<br/>sub. C Storal, sub. J K Waller, subs. I M Fewler, subs.<br/>S W Harmon, sub. That part of our suburban<br/>regions will be quite as desirable and at<br/>tractive as has been promised by its<br/>friends. Bargains are now to be had in<br/>lots and acre property on the line of this<br/>railroad.Dec. 16.—W B McKeown, subs. W E Rector,<br/>sub. J K Waller, subs. I M Fewler, subs.<br/>S W Harmon, sub. The Walker, sub. A A Ashburn, sub<br/>wou to determine this unless you have someting to measure your time.TIME and tide wait for no man. How are<br/>you waste it more freely than anything e'ss<br/>you waste.M Holt, sub o k. S W Jones, sub. J T<br/>Bludworth, sub. J W Hearm, o k. M I Hallen-<br/>sub. C S McCarver, subs. M H Malor, o k. H G<br/>williams, sub. J W Horm, sub. J W Lively, subs. Sam'l<br/>Weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, subs. J O Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J J Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<br/>weaver, ok k Jas I Lavender, sub. J D Jorden,<

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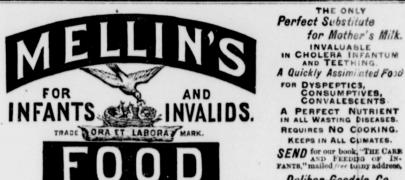
I' old people are forgetful, they always re-member to use Johnson's Anodyne Liniment

All hens are roosters after nightfall.

A short answer-Haven't got a cen .

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Crockett, sub and paper stopped. E W Solomon, sub.
Dec. 19.—J T Bloodworth, sub. J D Crockett,
sub. R A Hall, sub. A P Payne, subs o k. L I
Naugle, subs. J K Nelson, subs. E D Cameron,
subs. R M Leaton, subs F M Winburne, sub.
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subs. J M Baker, sub.
Dec. 20.—W P Garvin, sub. J F Sullivan, sub.
D T Holmes, sub. L C Eliks sub. I. G Watkins, sub.
J J Wyatt, change make. G A Leclete, sub.
M Baker, sub. L C Eliks, sub. L G Watkins, sub.
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M Unburne, sub. K C Burgamy, subs. C Williamson,
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Dec. 22.—J S Tunnell, sub. E F Boone, sub. C
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J L Russell, subs. C H Maloy, subs. J D Scott,
sub. H C Rogers, o k G S Sandel, sub. J M
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