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HOME CONFERENCES.

been with me and done most of the well. preaching. He is much beloved by this people. I can recommend him as a first-class revivalist; his address will be Farmersville the next year.

greeted kindly when we arrived. We in any church, had learned to love have about thirty members, a good Sabbath school, a very good brick Bro. McMahan would have had his church, a nice parsonage for this country, a fine climate, high-price for wood are hopeful of a prosperous year in and coal and a quiet town. We are eighty-eight miles west of El Paso, and opening in the Sunday-school, prayerforty-eight miles southeast of Silver City. I hope I may prove my sincere desire for the success of the ADVOCATE.

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A. M. Adams, Dec. 20: We triumphed gioriously over the "whisky devil" at West on the 10th inst. Praise the Lord, and many thanks to the voters of this precinct. We were a little uneasy on account of the "Boheman" element in this precinct. Therefore, we went to work in earnest and the vote stood about as follows: For prohibition, 400; against prohibition, ninety-one. Hallelujah for victory.

A member, Dec. 22: Bro. Follin came home from conterence and continued his faithful work. The only Sunday missed was while at conference. He gave us an appropriate sermon last Sunday on guarding against the usual temptations of Christmas amusements. There is no reason why we should not expect a prosperous year in our charge. "According to your faith so be it unto you." The TEXAS ADVOCATE is the organ of our conference and no other paper need apply to us.

Abbott.

S. B. Ellis, Dec. 22: Our first quarterly conference for the new conference year met at Abbott Saturday and Sun-

Pittsburg.

E. M. Murrill, Dec. 20: We got to Pittsburg December 3; found a company of brethren at the depot to welcome us. They took us to the parsonage, where a company of ladies awaited us. They gave us a hearty welcome. In a few moments a roll of greenbacks was ingelder, was on hand, and in addition handed to me, sufficient to give us proof to the honorable and time-worn expresthat these good people intended to take | sion, "looking after the interests of the care of ue. Our first quarterly meeting was a success. Bro. Fladger was after the interests of the preacher, urging on time, and in the spirit and did good the stewards to make a liberal assess preaching. We are having delightful meetings every time we assemble. Our people are not a bit ashamed to shout Thank the Lord, this is a local option town. Prohibition does prohibit. No has been going out of that well in a hurry drinking, no dancing, no card parties; a religious people, good new church, good parsonage, a cozy study! Ought I not to be happy? I am happy.

W. R. Crockett, Dec. 17: We are still getting on all O. K. at Mason Now and then they pound us one at a time. A few days ago a brother said, "I was not at the pounding the other night, so I give you this," throwing down a valuable little piece of dry goods. a brother-in-law to the church gave me some corn and potatoes, and he promered at the Christian Church, where the writer performed the matrimonial serv-We are exceedingly glad to find such enerous people at Mason, and we pray tod's blessing upon our entire work.

Mount Pleasant Station. E. B. Thompson, Dec. 12: We areat a generous people, and we hope to serve them successfully in the Lord. roused in the parsonage of five rooms, vell finished. Friday, after supper, well finished. Friday, after supper, we went to the depot to meet our presiding elder, C. B. Fladger. We returned and found two rooms filled with young and older ladies and gentlemen, with that good steward, F. W. Fitzpatrick, as spokesman. After introducing us, he said: "Bro. Thompson, which will be pushed to completion at an early day. That done, we will have

Navasota.

T. W., Dec. 21: Our entire community are in sorrow over the death her. Had it not been for her sickness congregation in the new church. We

Saturday in January at parsonage.

Hempstead. Subscriber, Dec. 23: Our new preacher came from conference to his single men when they came here.

Illinois Bend and Bonita. D. W. Gardner, Dec. 22: I have reached my first work from the hands homeward bound, on the ocean calm and still. May God bless the Apyo-CATE and it readers.

Richland Springs Circuit.

W. E. Rector: The first quarterly con-ference for Richland Springs circuit has just passed. Bro. Deets, our new presidchurch," we would add he was looking ment for the preacher in charge and setting on foot again the somewhat lagging enterprise of getting a well for the rarsonage. Since he left the dirt and we now think that a well for the He also helped us by his sermons. In under his blessing we hope to have a time of refreshing.

Fairfield.

ised the preacher all the wood he need | that pleasant field to the generous Stoyed, provided he would haul it, which he will gladly do. To day a notice came to the parsonage for the preacher incharge to be at home at 4:30, and at cordial welcome. Bro. Thos. W. Sims that hour there was a large crowd gath- and Capt. Wm. Peck hospitably entertained us at their respective homes un-til the parsonage could be got in readice between Mr. Otto Nelms and Miss ness. The first night we occupied the Mabel McGinnis, all of Mason, Texas. parsonage we were the subjects of a handsome pounding, and almost daily something finds its way into our larder. A few days ago we received a horse as a present from Sister M. E. Bradly. We feel that our lot has fallen among

unto us in temporal things.

Franklin.

among relatives and friends I took the train for Montague, and then packed this station. We never had a better idence of this fact the good people here opening in the Sunday-school, prayer-meeting and all other means of grace.

Mountain Springs.

gave us the heaviest pounding we ever had. While out pastoral visiting on Saturday evening last a dray was driv-J. S. McKee, Dec. 22: We arrived en to my front gate and brought us so here Tuesday evening, December 2. many good things that we cannot men-Found the parsonage vacant and we tion them all. Sugar, coffee, lard, flour, took possesson. We have met with meat, rice, fine syrup, baking powders, kind greetings from all with whom we soda, pickles, canned goods, and nuhave met. Have filled four appoint- merous other things were brought, and ments. Observed fast day at Tipton's Chapel last Friday; had an excellent sermon from Rev. D. F. Rutherford, local preacher. We are praying for a presperous year on the Mountain and pray that heaven's richest bless a presperous year on the Mountain and pray that heaven's richest bless to the formula of th Srpings circuit. Quarterly meeting first ings may rest upon them. Love to all our dear brethren and friends in North goodly number of men and women of Last, but not least, is the fact that while

T. W. Rogers, Dec. 22: We reached work. And he at once began to look our new field Thursday week from conafter every interest of the church, ference and met with a most cordial even to the parsonage. The outlook reception. Carriage in waiting with for our church was never better than Bro. Jim Langston, who saw us safely in any charge, both men and ladics. I this kind expression will be held in now. In sending us Bro. Mickle for domiciled at the beautiful home of presiding elder, and Bro. Favre for Esq. Padelford, whose excellent lady preacher in charge, the bishop certain- was full of hospitality and Christian ing our troubles last year. I hope he by had love for us. Then we are even hopeful that he will have to buy that a most sumptuous dinner, with lexurigold medal. You know Bros. Dukes, ous comforts besides. After the dinner been able to reach home yet on ac Morris, Cochran and Keith were all we were carried to the parsonage, count of our son's illness. He has been found the sisters had been there and down for two months with slow fever of course everything was in order. at Smithville, Bastrop county. Thanks about 1 o'clock the same day and found to do but to go to living. Brethren, especially the stewards, see their many acts of love and kindness nothing to do but take possession. Our about their preacher and family. Al- to him and his mother while there; lady triends had prepared a nice dinyear met at Abbott Saturday and Sunday last; had a good time generally. Six hundred dollars was fixed as the salary for preacher in charge. Two accessions to the church, and some God's children. We have just held our first quarterly conference.

Tredell.

W. V. Jones, Dec. 21: I was on my work Sunday after conference adjourned and commenced work with a resolve to do more and better work than ever before. I preached one sermon at each prosperous year all that I could wish or ask. But the work has been sus- the ladies came, and, with baskets, soon pended since the 3d of this month; on entered the dining room, after which by a frightened team and had my jaw- supper as you, Mr. Editor, or any of and cut. I am now able to be out, but | ing of the many good things, we again not able to preach, and will not be for assembled around the fiveside and enany regular pulpit work. But my peo- until about 9 o'clock, when we joined parsonage is almost an assured fact. ple have been charitable in waiting and in worship to our Heaven'y Father, fact, the presiding elder helped us up am able. I am well pleased with my had given his servants such friends and Flatonia where we had received so praying for a good year. Oh, for an success. much kindness, but cheerfully resigned increase of spirituality and power in

Stephenville Circuit. J. Harris, Dec. 24: The bishop, at Abilene, read me out to this work. I was on the ground as soon as possible after the conference adjourned. We have a parsonage with five rooms. The annex built by Bros. Sweet and Bailey is nearly complete. The parlor was ceiled and carpeted when I got here. The other room has been called since we arrived. Then it is well nigh furnished; will be soon. This work is be ing pushed to completion by the Ladie.'
Aid Society, of which we have a model one. They get up their money by regular dues, by their own work, and direct apppeal to the people. No ques tionable methods. We have a good

amined amid the wreck and found us. We found the table covered with to the church. He went to find the Nearly two hundred have joined the tle is hardly commenced; many names amined aim the week and found the table covered with the bats, wraps, kerchiefs, fruits, meats, good things to eat and the larder was storm had culminated. Mr. Editor, this people can do the most handsome the properly armed for a forward move.

W. F. Clark, Dec. 23: Closed our is a pounding." We had read of them is a pounding." We had read of them is a pounding. The went to find the hats, wraps, kerchiefs, fruits, meats, good things to eat and the larder was storm had culminated. Mr. Editor, this people can do the most handsome ing every Sunday; about fifty have is a pounding." We had read of them is a pounding. The properly armed for a forward move-thing I ever saw on that line. The joined the Presbyterians and nearly ment. I am making all haste to see meeting last night; about forty conversions and reclamations; twenty-five adsions and reclamations and reclamations are received additions. ditions; others will join us and some other churches. The church is greatly of for these oases in itinerant life. may be enable us to prove ourselves tried to make a speech, but broke down. charge, is a good man, full of enrevived. Bro. J. C Huddleston has The Lord help us to serve the people worthy of their kindness and to minis- Then some one said, let us carry the ergy and the Holy Ghost, and is provter unto them in spiritual, as they have things to the parsonage. After they ing himself a most acceptable pastor were piled in, these big-souled people in his new charge. I shall push the left us to our own reflections. The ADVOCATE's claims on this district. poor, patient wife remarked, "It makes Whisky men say their receipts have W. W. Horner, Dec. 22: For the a person feel good." In conclusion, we fallen off fifty per cent since the Sam of our dear Sister McMahan. Not only the Methodist but all denominations, as well as those who were not a few days spent in Eastern Texas.

B. J. H. Thomas, Dec. 18: We were in any church, had learned to love in any church in or more demonstrations of kindness on the part of the people than this year. up and moved to this place. We all God bless this big-souled people. I arrived here safely and have received have visited three-fourths of my mem-

been at our post of duty for some three what I would have you note distinctly weeks, laboring among a most excellent is that a delightful shower of silver dolpeople who have received us with open lars and bank bills poured down on hearts and hands. Our every want has the wife and children in my absence on been supplied by the good ladies and Christmas eve. On my return audible friends. Our larder has been filled smiles and words expressive of delight with many nice and good things to and much appreciation greeted me. make a preacher and his family feel One feature of this case is that I am round on our work and have found a of the preacher's wife and children. solid piety-Methodist of the old type. quite a number of kind hearts contrib-I can say amen to Bro. Grave's expression in that he said Weimar was good-will, it was due to the energy and one of the best appointments in the kind feelings of one far advanced in Texas Conference. I can say of his age, but no further than his interest for charge, he has some of the most un tiring workers that I have ever found He and those who shared with him in shall ever love them for their many grateful remembrance. acts of kindness to me and mine dur-

arriving at the parsonage here in Beckville about noon Tuesday. Meeting with Bro. Biggs, one of our stewards, who opened the doors and welcomed us among them and left us, soon to return with others and followed by more, with years of our lives. Success to the ADof the two appointments which consti- flour, coffee, meat, lard and other things. tuted my charge, and found everything such as a preacher's family are sure to appreciate, as they could hardly live without such, and last, but not least, said date I was thrown from a wagon they invited us in to partake of such a bone broken and face badly bruised your readers, would enjoy. After eattwo or three weeks yet, that is, to do joyed ourselves in social conversation still advise me not to try to work till I who in his love to the children of men generally. We expect to put in our best work for the Lord this year, and leading the lead of the lead 1888, so you see I am not new and still led us in the worship. It was an occa-am new. Our first quarterly meeting sion not soon to be forgotten by a is over; the presiding elder was present, but I did not see him, as the quarterly God may reward them by using us as at the depot and our reception has a fine supper, left enough provisions to an humble instrument in winning souls have rough Our paragraphs is neather. B. V. Guess, Dec. 19: In obedience conference was held at Walnut and I an humble instrument in winning souls to the powers that be we left Flatonia November 21 for Fairfield circuit, where a very liberal assessment for the preachments, and are determined, by God's supplied. This kind people know what Another said a few days after, "You'll we have been assigned to labor the find a ham in your buggy," and to day coming year. We felt sad as we left assessment plan. We are hoping and this year for the Master. Pray for our hungry preacher, sick with jaundice

J. T. Smith, P. E., Dec. 22: An unusual thing happened in Palestine last Friday, 19th instant. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon an elderly lady and little girl called at the district parsonage bearing a bundle. A little later others began to come bearing bundles. Then the crowds came faster and more of them, until they filled every room and then the galleries, then the yard and all was full, chuck full. They were all ages, from gray-haired grandparents down to wee bit of little toddlers, and never did a more jolly, better-natured crowd meet at any preacher's house. Well, it was a pounding for the presiding elder and family. We must not try to tell what was cistern, two good stalls for my ponies, the pounders were gone and it took two well pleased. I see the need of a great and two for my cows. Just three ap of us nearly an hour, so you see it man here to develop the hosts of peo-

Caruth.

C. I. McWhirter, Dec. 26: While the Caruth parsonage has not been pounded nor stormed with edibles to the extent that some complain of in some quarters, it has not by any means H. M. Haynie, Dec. 24: We have been neglected in this respect; but uted to this expression of interest and the welfare of his preacher and family.

Jas. A. Walkup: On last Wednesday. December 10, the wagons were loaded at our home in Waxahachie and we bade tarewell to our many friends of that city, with whom we had lived and associated so long. We arrived here the parsonage ready for us, so we had these kind people and help us all to be faithful, and make this one of the best

J. C. Calhoun, Dec. 21: It is with great haste that I pen you a line from my new charge, Athens and Malakoff. just before taking the cars for my childhood bome in Alabama. Perhaps by the time you get these lines I will be eating Caristmas turkey with my mother at the old home. Wife says I grow better of my case of jaundice us your prayers. There are so man which I have been suffering with ever about us who are still without a Savior. which I have been suffering with ever ince conference, as the hours draw near for my departure. While it was poeple of Mineola, we find in the kind night and were met at the parsonage by that could be wished. We arrived here last Tuesday. Bros. Parks and warmly received by any people than the been royal. Our parsonage is neatly supplied. This kind people know what trict as can be found in Texas; and, hapour first quarterly conference. The stewards have made liberal provisions for our support and I must say I have scarcely seen a more noble, broader-minded and larger hearted set of men than those composing this board. We start off under the most favorable circustances. Bro. Little had everything in the harness and in good condition. Trusting that my trip to Alabama and a rest of fifteen days will get me on grateful in heart to God for the pleasant, foot again, and that God's prosperous smile be upon this new conference, will say a bright, happy Christmas to you, Bro. Campbell, and our beloved Ap-VOCATE.

John R. Steele, Dec. 25: I have brought, for we took an inventory after | made a full round on my new work. Am and elegantly furnished the parsonage, young and older ladies and gentlemen, with that good steward, F. W. Fitz, patrick, as spokesman. After introducing us, he said: "Bro. Thompson, these mementoes we bring"—Yes, sir, are not for the intrinsic"—Yes, sir, was been the steem"—walte thereof, but for the esteem"—walte thereof, but for the esteem"—walte thereof, but for the esteem"—well be proud to live. And now what and we hope you will accept it as such."Yes, sir, was about the best we could do at first, for we were completely surprised. When these good people bade us good-night and went home, we ex-

ment. I am making all haste to see Methodist literature; that family prayer is a necessity. I am pressing the necessity of prayer-meetings and even classmeetings. The social meetings are as indispensable to the church's success as prayer to the individual. Why is it that men try to live Christian lives without prayer or ministers try to run churches without this element of grace? I hope several times that the last gambling that every one who reads this will pray at least one time for me and my work. I am well pleased with the minutes for this year of Northwest Texas. I want twelve copies, if you please. I am going to put them in every body's hands I can on my next round. The people must know more about what we are doing as a church, or they will lose even the interest they have. The scenes at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference ought to be transferred to every member of the church, if possible. It would strengthen them. We have thousands of Methodists that know nothing of their church except what transpires before their own two eyes. I hope at your pleasure you will send me a large bundle of papers for free distribution. I speak to every one I can of the paper. This is Christmas day. I wrote to many friends last night, wishing them a happy Christmas. We intended service here to day, but the weather is too bad. Dr. O'Hara furnished our Christmas turkey; it was good. The people are too numerous to mention who have ministered to our necessities. We are advancing all along the line of the church work, except receiving members-not one yet received, but granted certificates to fifteen going west and two going south. Happy Christmas to you and the breth-

Bartlett.

H. A. Boaz, Dec. 23: Since the close of our conference in Abilene I have made my first round and have seen nearly all he Methodist people within the bounds about 1 o'clock the same day and found the parsonage ready for us, so we had nothing to do but take possession. Our lady triends had prepared a nice dinner and we were warmly and cordially received at our new home. On Saturday night, about 7:30 p. m., our par-sonage was invaded by a crowd bring-ing all sorts of things to gladden, and the spiritual state of the church is accessions to the church, and some accessions to the church, and some presented themselves for prayers Sunday night. All were pleased with the evening I propose, God willing, to leave for a short visit to my old home in Alabama, the first I have made since I left there fi teen years ago. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy

All a merry Christmas and a hap effectiveness. The work is moving off was no intention of ever turning back. fairly, so far, with the promise of a bountiful harvest. May God bless bountiful harvest. May God bless The new churches at Granger, Hackberry and Bartlett will soon be ready for use.

Last October we dedicated the church at Macedonia. When all these houses are ready for use you may see a happy people in this part of Georgetown district. On the fourth Sunday in February we begin a series of meetings in Bartlett. We are praying for and expecting great results. I want to see our little town revolutionized—we must have it. While you read this breathe a silent prayer that God will greatly bless our labors to the salvation of many souls. Bros. Sam'l P. Wright and Horace Bishop, a strong team, have promised to do the preaching. Give

B. M. Stephens, Dec. 23: Here we unexpected to us, and while it was are in Waxahachie, with our family in with reluctance that we left the good the parsonage. We reached here last people of Athers and Malakoff all with a warm fire and a fine supper in I left as kind a people at the town of Weatherford and the Weatherford disgrace, to do the best work of our life to do with a preacher, even with a hungry preacher, sick with jaundice and salivated. Remedy, preaching and eating. Bro. Adams is with us, holding of get-up in him, it will show itself in such warm receptions. These great pul-sations of sympathy, like electric forces, motion every fiber of our being. If you want to see the dry bones of the valley move, and shake, and get up, and get into line, and charge the battlements of the enemy, just turn on the force of sympathy and it will be done.

> uninterrupted service of four years on Brownwood district. The facts reported in our minutes, which show an increase from small up to nigher figures, on all lines of improvement, marks the steady, faithful effort of as heroic a band of preachers as were ever associated in the itinerancy of Texas work. We are all willing to lay down at the foot of the cross all our work and give the glory to God. I wish to say I have never enjoyed the ties of friendship and brotherly love more extensively than an the Beauty layer. the ties of friendship and brotherly love more extensively than on the Brownwood district. May the blessings of God attend the people the present year, and may more of the glory of God be manifested for the advancement of our beloved Zion throughout said field of labor. I have always since a boy-preacher subscribed to the authority of our church, and discovered great wisdom in the appointing

Texas Christian Advocate.

PACKING THE JURY.

Judge West, in the ADVOCATE of that according to the rule of the ancient common law jurors were selected from those who knew all about the facts of the case." Yes; I know that far back in the twilight of semi-barbarism jurora were taken from the vicinage, and were required to deal with questions of life or death, not upon evidence, but upon eaprice, upon their love or hatred for the accused. At the same period another mode of judicature prevailed the accused had the right to challenge the accuser to mortal combat, and if he were the stronger or the more skillful in the use of the sword, he was acquitted and his adversary perished.

Another ordeal of those times was to require the accused to walk barefooted on red-hot irons. If he was burned he was guilty. If he escaped burning he was innocent. But he was as certain to be found guilty as a poor itinerant, upon Judge West's pet methed, when the bishop is hostile to him. Yes, I have heard of all this egregi-

ous folly, as well as Judge West. And I have also heard, what seems never to this miserable stultification are buried in the distant past, and the progress of mind and morals has said men shall be to their destruction. Our church caught this inspiration long ago. She says with the voice of authority, the preacher is amenable to his annual conof his conference; but the increase of numbers, and of business, led to the employment of committees, as in other as it is written. deliberative bodies. Now, bear in mind the purpose of working through committees. It is merely to facilitate business. The work of the committee goes to the world as the work of the body out of which the committee is of the abandonment of his work by a preacher, although he is tried by a all such cases is with the annual con- dained? ference." Dis. par. 263. That is, with the committee formed under authority of the conference, and from its members, and which is presumed to express its sense, and for which it is responsible. So that the law makes no distinction between the act of the conference and when, in fact, the report of the trial committee ends it. This is strictly parliamentary language. The control of the trial and ordained him. should see to the organization of its committees, so that they may be in harmony with itself; because the act

by the Judge I accept it. Here stands | into full connection as after. He is on a majority of two hundred and, a minor- | trial, but it is in the traveling connecity of twenty six. The bishop appoints tion (see Discipline, page 87, question three committees, and a majority of 1 and 93, sec. 145). J. F. CORBIN. every committee comes out of the twenty-six. He did not do that without packing and, my dear Judge, you know it. You do not deny the fact. You derful thing I have ever seen from one | 26, 1890. who has borne judicial honors. You argue that if the bishop stocked the "Blessed Assurance." committee against K., the conference Mrs. R. W. Thompson, in the chair, would have stocked in his favor. And read Scripture lesson from Luke xii; you say, "If stocking the committee against K. is criminal, stocking it in his Recording Secretary not having arfavor is also criminal, and he who aids, rived, Mrs Mary Huntington was assists or abets is as guilty as any." My brother, do you really think it makes no difference who does the stock pointed as follows: ing? Why, the committee is but the arm of the conference. It is the business Dorough, Mrs. U. B. Philips. of the conference to constitute the committee in harmony with itself. Other- Turner, Mrs. T. M. Marks. wise it would be absurd to call the act of the committee the act of the confer- Fannie Harrison, M18. R. R. Ridley. ence. Notice how the House of Repre-centatives operates by committees. It dates—Mrs. F. E. Heartsill, Mrs. M. would be lost in its world of labors with-out them. But every committee is Mrs. Park, Corresponding Secretary, formed according to the complexion was introduced and made an interestof the House. When the House is Re- ing address on our work in Mexico, publican, the chairman and a majority of every committee is Republican, and vice versa. So in the British parliament. Why, the presiding officer of teachers in Mexico, and of the great any deliberative body who would apdemands in that field.

Saturday. Mrs. Thompson led the devotional exercises, calling upon Mrs. point committees not in harmony with the body would introduce confusion and obstruction, and would be set down as either very unfaithful or very kindly greetings from Miss Holding to unwise, and the body would at the society. ence resume the appointing power, only permitted to the presiding officer for convenience. Think of Speaker Reed taking a majority of the Committee of Ways and Means from among the Ways and Means from among the Decision of the Resident of Democrats, and Mills for chairman! at the request of the President offered You think the House would have borne prayer, especially for the prosperity of it? No presiding officer appoints committees as matter of right. It is only permissive. And should he attempt to some powers not ordinar ly pertaining to the presiding officer; but that of appointing committees is not ordinar ly pertaining the Training-school.

Miss Bennett gave said to the more appointing committees is not ordinar ly pertaining the Training school. appointing committees is not one of them. You cannot find it in the Dister.

The President told of Dr. Scarritt's The Dr. The President told of Dr. Scarritt's The Dr. The President told of Dr. Sca

facts justify it, others excuse it. The facts which will justify or excuse cannot all be set out in the law. Each case depends on its own surroundings. The Discipline mentions sickness, disthe 18th, arraigns me for insisting that stances. But, to show how the validity triers of an accused person should be it adds: "But the final determinafree from bias and not previously com- tion in all such cases is with the mitted upon the question to be tried. annual conference." A preacher may He asks if I have "not heard it hinted be sick. St. Paul was feeble nearly all on the border. The preacher having a military prestige may be called to lead volunteers to the defense of homes. Whether that is an excuse is not for me the fluid that steals away home, hap-piness, life and soul. The temperance host may, with one voice, call a trusted leader to bear their standard in a campaign against a deadlier foe than wild say whether the excuse was sufficient. It is for the conference. His nomination may have been the "unavoidable circumstance," as far as he is concerned. That is not for me or Judge West or the Bishop to say. The law submits it to the conference upon the evidence. I do not inquire what the conhave reached his ears, that the times of ference should have done. I only say they should have been permitted to decide the question through a committee

in harmony with themselves. The tried by those not already committed to their destruction. Our church lion. He thinks it is naughty. All right, Judge; I agree with you there; but recollect it is not I who insist that in the face of written la wa Bishop, with ference, not to the bishop. Formerly nine captious members of a conference, he was tried, in every case, by the body | can manipulate a preacher out of his reputation and church, in despite of his conference. I stand square on the law J. D. THOMAS. OAK CLIFF, TEXAS.

WHO IS RIGHT?

"'A preacher served as local four years and was ordained deacon; he then joined the conference and served two formed. Hence the law says, treating years as a traveling preacher, filling all that is required in that office. Is he now entitled to elder's orders, or will he committee, "the final determination of have to wait four years before he is or-

> "The law would not permit our inquiring brother to be ordained elder before the close of his fourth year in the conference."-Nashville Advocate.

two years; brought up the four years' studies, and by the ruling of Bisbop Parker was ordained elder.

NOGALES, A. T.

W. M. S. EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The ninth annual session of the seem to think it was the duty of the Woman's Missionary Society of the bishop to pack a little. He had to do East Texas Conference convened in so to convict K. But your method of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church meeting that stern fact is the most won-derful thing I have ever seen from one 26, 1890.

The meeting was opened by singing

appointed pro tem.

After roll call committees were ap-Committee on Finance-Mrs. R. T.

Committee on Memoirs-Mrs. James

Committee on Juvenile Work-Miss

eipline. He exercises it by the sufferance of the conference. And if he finds himself at variance with the con-

After a short but encouraging address by Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, the minutes of the annual meeting of 1889, and of the opening session of the present meetability, or other unavoidable circuming, were read and approved. Restances. But, to show how the validity ports from the auxiliaries and juvenile societies of the Tyler district were to pay 25 cents contingent fee in addicalled for. The beautiful report of Miss tion to the regular dues. Birdie Henderson, delegate from Tyler Juvenile Society, was an inspiration. God bless the children for their help. his life. But whether one is sick enough to excuse him is a fact not for me, nor Judge West, nor the Bishop, but for the conference. There may be a host of savages with torch and scalping knife retary for Palestine district, read her report, which was followed by reports of delegates. Rusk Auxiliary and Juvenile Societies, by Miss Slosson; Palestine Auxiliary and Juvenile Societies, by Miss Slosson; Candidates was read by Mrs. Hunting-ton and adopted. Miss Lizzie Jones, nor Judge West, nor the Bishop to ciety, by Mrs. Laura Phillips; Crock-cepted by the Conference Society may be war between the fireside and ciety and strength of the conference Society as candidate for mission work, Alto Auxiliary and Alto Juveniles, by and the Conference Secretary was em-Miss Fannie Harrison; Lovelady, by powered to make necessary arrange-Mrs. Barbee; Jacksonville Auxiliary, ments for her attendance upon school Clara Chrisman; Dora Rankin, Nan- for a term of two years, preparatory to nie Holding, Trinity and Mt. Zion her life work. Comanche. If he goes, it is not for Juvenile Societies were reported by me or Judge West or the Bishop to the District Secretary.

suggested by the letter, was read by Mrs. Clara Finley, and, upon motion, prayers were offered by Mrs. Mulkey and Mrs. Park for the restoration to the officers for the ensuing year should of seven adult and nine juvenile sohealth of our dear sisters, Mrs. D. H. McGavock and Miss Mary Helm.

A resolution, offered by Mrs. Do-rough relative to Miss Helm's letter, was adopted.

Mrs. J. P. Burke presented to the society a handsome silk quilt to be used in the interest of the missionary cause. Mrs. Thompson proposed to be one of twenty to buy the quilt at \$1 each. Contributions were commenced, but the hour of adjournment having arrived the session closed with song and

The third session convened Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Thompson in the chair. Scripture lesson was read by the President; prayer by Miss Bennett. On motion, roll call and minutes were omitted. Reports of Auxiliaries and Juvenile Societies in who has so long and faithfully served follows:

Societies, and made remarks concerning prayers and good wishes attend her to their prosperity. Mrs. Huntington her new field of labor. Mrs. Thomp-Rev. E. W. Alderson, when admitted on trial in the North Texas Conference, read report of Sardis Auxiliary and was ordained deacon; traveled two years spoke of a new Juvenile Society there. Reports were read from Conter, Sexton, San Augustine and Willing Hands by the Conference Secretary. Mrs. Emma Burk and Mrs. Huntington have infused new life in several societies. con when admitted on trial; traveled Beaumont distric: was reported by Mrs. Browning. An interesting talk was made by her relative to the encouraging and of the committee is treated as the act of the conference and not of the bishop.

And now, my Bro. West says I charge the bishop with "packing the jury" in the Kelley case. I did not use that expression; but it is an apt one. And since it is thrust upon me by the Judge I accept it. Here stands in clothing the little Mexican girl, Paula Salize.

Children clothed in the Laredo Seminary by the East Texas Conference were reported by the Conference Secretary to be seven in number, and by the ance our work has advanced, and we societies of Rock Springs, Concord, Troupe, Beaumont, Woodville and

Remarks were made by Mrs. Ridley in the interest of the work. These were

labors of Sister Ridley.

Mrs. Park suggested that the mem bers of the various auxiliaries be urged to work, calling attention to the number of auxiliaries in her conference clothing children in the Laredo Seminary—there being fourteen so doing. A letter from Miss A. V. Wilson was read by Mrs. Park.

Mrs. Sample was appointed agent of the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and the President commended it specially in its new dress.

A letter from Sister Huckabee con taining 82 was received with thanks. A letter of greetings from Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary North Texas Conference, was heard with pleasure. The contents relating to the propriety of a paper for the five Texas Conference Societies was discussed but not favored. The session closed with the Lord's

Prayer in concert. The fourth session met at 3 p. m

Bellamy to lead in prayer.

Minutes of Thursday and Friday were read, and after slight corrections were approved.

Report of Marshall district called for The Marshall Auxiliary report, read by Mrs. Marks, was excellent, and was pronounced by Mrs Park as grand and the best she had ever heard. Miss Bennett asked that the report be pub-lished in the Woman's Missionary Ad-

vocate with the part referring to the Bible Training-school underscored.

The "Lelia Lane" Society sent a fine report; also the Marvin Missionary Society. Read by Mrs. Turner.

The North Marshall Auxiliary was reported by Mrs. Thompson. Rock Springs Auxiliary by Mrs. Austin

Springs Auxiliary by Mrs. Austin. At this juncture Mrs. Dorough stated that Marshall Auxiliary paid \$50.05 into the general fund as a thank-offering.

ance of the conference. And if he finds himself at variance with the conference upon the selection of a committee, he should yield to the conference, who are responsible for the work of the committee.

The President told of Dr. Scarrit's talk at the board in St. Louis in May.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 3 and 4:30 p. m.

After the Lord's Prayer in concert the meeting adjourned.

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The second session opened Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Thompson in the chair. Devotional exercises

The work of the districts being fin-

were led by Mrs. Park, of Galveston. ished, the President called for reports

Following this a resolution was adopted that the auxiliaries be requested

Report of Committee on Juvenile Werk was presented and adopted. Mrs. Turner read report of Commit-

tee on Memoirs, which was adopted. A letter from our lamented Dona Hamilton to Mrs. Ellen J. Robinson, just prior to her death, was read, and Mrs. Thompson, in pathetic words, paid

A proposition was made to raise a sec-

ond \$20 on the quilt for the training-

take place.

Rev. U. B. Phillips kindly consented to take the chair and conduct the election, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. M. Marks; Vice-Presi-Mrs. Philips, wife of the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the society.

Mrs. Philips, wife of the pastor of dent, Mrs. J. S. Mathis; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Heartsill; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Laura L. Phillips; Treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Dor-ough; Auditor, Mrs. B. Rowland.

Meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by Bro. Phillips. Monday at 9 a. m. the society met,

Mrs. Thompson in the chair.

The usual religious services were

Mrs. Dorough offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the Woman's Mission-

ary Society of the East Texas Conference tender to Sister R. W. Thompson, San Augustine district were made as us as President, our sincere thanks for the courteous and impartial manner in Mrs Horn read reports from Shelby-ville and Mary Huntington Juvenile which she has presided over our delib-erations, and we assure her that our son spoke of the many pleasant asso-ciations of the past, and expressed regrets that circumstances rendered it necessary to leave us. She asked our prayers and tender recollections.

The resolution offered by Mrs. Sample to hold our annual meetings separate from the East Texas Conference was adopted by a vote of fifteen to one

Beaumont was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the last Sabbath in June the time, of our next meeting. Mrs. James Turner was elected reserve to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board to be held in Fort Worth next June.

unani nously:

That this society learns with deep regret that their zealous and faithful District Secretary, Mrs. U. B. Philips, leaves us. By her energy and persevercan ill afford to lose such an efficient officer. We earnestly pray God's blessings upon her.

A series of resolutions were offered as follows:

1. To the citizens of Tyler for their kind and generous hospitality. 2. To the pastor of the Cumberland

Presbyterian Church for courtesies. 3. To Colonel T. R. Bonner for his many favors to our missionary workers. 4. To Bro. Campbell for kindly of fering a column of the TEXAS CHRIS-TIAN ADVOCATE for the use of the five Texas Conferences' Woman's Mis-

sionary Societies. 5. To Mrs. S. S. Park and Miss Bennett for their valuable help.
6. And to Miss Mary Helm, Mrs



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adopted.

The following ladies were nominated as District Secretaries: Mrs. A. J. amount was swelled to \$80--820 of Booty, Marshall district; Mrs. Laura which made Mrs. Burke a life member

After a few remarks by Mrs. Thompson, followed by prayers, the ninth annual meeting stood adjourned.

LAURA L. PHILLIPS, Rec. Sec.

MRS. R. W. THOMPSON, President.

The anniversary meeting was held Sabbath afternoon. Devotional exercizes were conducted by Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, per request of Mrs. R. W.

Thompson, presiding.

The annual report of Palestine district was read by Mrs. U. B. Phillips, District Secretary; annual report of Beaumont district, by Mrs. F. J.

Browning, District Secretary.

The Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Heartsill, read the statistics A kind letter of greeting from Miss
Mary Helm, Home Corresponding
Secretary of the Woman's Board, was
read, and Scripture from Eph. iii:14-21,

cieties for the year.
Mrs. R. T. Dorough, the Conference Tressarer, read the financial report. Total amount remitted to the treasurer of the Woman's Board for the year, \$1249.68, an increase of \$535.74

over last year. Sarely we should thank God and take courage. Following these reports an address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. R. T. Dorough, and was responded to with warmth and animation by Mrs. Slosson,

of Rusk. Mrs. S. S. Park, Corresponding Sec retary of the Texas Conference, made a very interesting address on the subject of the Woman's Missionary Society of the South.

Miss Bennett, Agent of the Bible Training-school, addressed the audience in the interest of that institution, fol lowing which Mrs. Heartsill read from the twelfth annual report of the Wo man's Board that East Texas Conference Society had paid in cash \$374 80, and subscribed \$2805. A deep interest is manifested in this noble enterprisa

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The missionary quilt, presented by All of which were most heartily Mrs. Burke, was exhibited by Rev. R. W. Thompson, and additional amounts were paid upon it, till the former

Phillips, Palestine district; Mrs. John Adams, Tyler district; Mrs. Mary Huntington, San Augustine district; Mrs. R. W. Thompson, our retiring Mrs F. J. Browning, Beaumont dispresident, so much beloved by all, bade us a touching farewell, invoking the benedictions of heaven upon us

and our work. The meeting closed with singing "God be with you till we meet again" and the benediction.

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HOW WE ARE SPENDING THE HOLI DAYS AT N. T. F. COLLEGE.

Friday our girls began to leave for home, and by noon Saturday there was not a score of us left.

After dinner Mrs. Kidd telephoned Jenning's stable to send an omnibus and a good team. Soon we were in our tallyho coach with "four in hand," rocking and rolling westward. We went as far as the "Flats," stopping at the well and the persimmon grove on our way back, getting exercise and oxygen enough to whet our appetites for the hot rolls and to sauce the broiled steak which awaited our re-

turn. Sunday we heard two excellent and most seasonable sermons. Dr. Moore told us, "Be not conformed to this world;" and he introduced Job, Plato, Rousseau and Channing-Christian, Pagan and Jew -to condemn dancing and theater-going.

Bro. Archer assured us that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. He described our enemy as a wise, crafty, ceaseless foe, and told us how to equip ourselves for the fight. He opened the arsenal of heaven and showed us shield. sword, breastplate, girdle, sandals, all necessary armor hanging there free and ready for volunteers. "Take it, young Christians; put it en; you'll need it all during the holidays. Wear it valiantly as soldiers of the cross."

Resonance. Pardon the digression. We have just been studying Resonance. I noticed it in church, putting my hand on the bench and on the wall. These vibrated in unison as we sang, "Jesus, I my cross have taken." What! Matter testifying to our vows, repeating our oaths of allegiance! Wall and bench adding their voices to ours, swelling the music. Matter joining with spirit in singing melody to their common Lord. God omniscient? Why, the very universe seems conscious of what we do and

Monday we started out to see and to learn. First we visited the Register printing office, where, though unexpected, we were received with great courtesy and we were received with great courtesy and extended the freedom of the office. We saw the "typos" and presses at work; handled type of every variety,—"caps." pica, stere-type, etc; saw the "devil" get the type out of pi—fortunately both pi and devil were typical and not genuine. The office seemed nicely kept and the presses were run by an electro-motor. We entered the office in a column and to our surprise came out in a paragraph. our surprise came out in a paragraph. Don't you know it took tact and talent to compress fifteen buoyant school-girls into

one local item?
We all like biscuit and are quite fa-We all like biscuit and are quite familiar with flour in that form, but we must see the flour mills. What a desirable place for girls. So much expense and worry in the way of face toilet could be saved here. It is said that overskirts and bustles were copied from the habit of washerwomen. Wonder if the custom of using face powder originated with mill hands? But we are in the mills, and there is a which was a the content of the custom of the custo hands? But we are in the mills, and there is a whirling and whirring of wheels and pulleys and belts—machines for elevating and winnowing and grinding and refining and bolting and sacking. From elevator to sack, the distance traveled by the wheat is about two and a half miles. We descend to the basement to see the we descend to the basement to see the source of all this power. A 125-horse power engine—the calmest, quietest thing in the whole building; so steady that it did not jostle a silver dollar balanced on edge, resting on the engine frame. The movements of its shaft were as smooth and noiseless as the sweep of an angel's

Watts. Where was he buried? Did Scotland honor his grave with a marble slab? Ah, every smokestack is a monu-

slab? Ah, every smokestack is a monument to James Watts; every steam whistle shouts his praise.

At the foundry we saw a furnace. The rusty, rough, ugly, black, iron, put in at the top, came out below a whitish red liquid. The furnace had separated the pure metal from the dross. A furnace is hot, but it is refining. The melting is contrition; then that wonderful agent, oxygen, goes all through the mass, like a spirit of purity, and consumes the dross. The metal can now be cast and molded as the workman desires. Here a turning lathe was making walking canes out of square billets—circling the square.

We met with a cold reception at the ice factory—15 degrees below zero. The first thing we did was to grab some of the frost that covers the ammonia pipes, and when we left, every girl had hands and mouth well filled with ice. I don't know why girls are so fond of ice. I suppose it is because we are so warm-hearted. Here we saw illustrated that "scientific paradox" that heating is cooling, melting is freezing. The evaporation of the ammonia solidised the water. Adding heat to a liquid gives a vapor, subtracting heat a liquid gives a vapor, subtracting heat gives a solid.

gives a solid.

We have access to our Art Hall, with its models and busts and ideal beauties. In the Music Hall twenty pianos stand ready to entertain; their ivory keys challenging our fingers to a merry romp, their

ready to entertain; their ivory keys challenging our fingers to a merry romp, their chords offering to join our heart-strings in singing 'Home, Sweet Home.'

Then the Library is inviting for pensive hours. We have a fair collection of books, but additions to the library would be very acceptable. By-the-bye, the Reading Room is about completed. Our kind president is having it comfortably and elegantly fitted up. Here is an opportunity for the generous-hearted to make us happy. Who will send us a contribution to the library—books, periodicais or magazines—a New Year's gift to the North Texas Female College?

Every evening we have our pyrotechnic

Every evening we have our pyrotechnic display. In the front yard the air is full of smoke and bang and pop and laughter. Flashing mirth and powder mimic the meteor showers. Our rockets go up to swinge a hole in the curtains of night and blind the eyes of the blinking stars.

Mr. Editor and friends, I would be pleased to tarry with you longer.

Mr. Editor and friends, I would be pleased to tarry with you longer, but I feel something pulling me away from this deak and manuscript. It is a candy-pulling in the new dormitory—now. Adieu. Merry Christmas to you.

ALICE.

God left him to his folly; it was his

"Souls," replied the bishop.

"Soles?" said the drummer. Oh, boots and shoes you mean. I carry gent's furnishing goods."

"I do something in that line, too; in

Bundan-school Lesson.

PREPARED BY REV. CHAS. O. JONES, A. M.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON I .- JAN. 4.

STUDIES IN THE KINGS. THE KINGDOM DIVIDED .- I Kings

xii:1-17. GOLDEN TEXT: Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. xvi:18. TIME: B. C. 975.

PLACE: Shechem, in Ephraim, be ween Mounts Ebal and Gerizim. RULERS: Rehoboam; Jeroboam. OUTLINE.

I. A Discontented Nation.-Verses II. Wise Counsel.—Verses 68.

III. Foolish Counsel.—Verses 9.11. IV. Foolish Counsel Taken.—Verses 12-17.

INTRODUCTION.

After a year's study in Luke, the great multitude of Sunday-school teachers and scholars now return to the Old Testament and take up the history of the Jews from the death of Solomon. Enmity and jealousy had long existed between Judah and the other tribes. Disaffection had been kept down by David and Solomon, but the accession of the weak and foolish Rehoboam gave an opportunity to the malcontents. The prophecy of Ahijah, that ten tribes should be given to Jeroboam (I Ki. xi:29-81), fanned the flame of insurrection. These tribes were determined on national reformation or revolution.

I. A DISCONTENTED NATION.—Ver-

1. Rehoboam-the oldest, if not the only, son of Solomon; at this time about forty years old. Sheehem—existing since Jacob's time, now Nablons, thirtyfour miles north of Jerusalem, seven miles south of Samaria. Israel . . . eome to Shechem-probably represented by the elders or electors.

2. Jeroboam the son of Nebat-a gifted, bold and unscrupulous man; read his history, I Ki. xi:26-40. Heard of itthe news of Solomon's death, which was carried all through the East.

3. They sent and called him-to make him their spokesman and leader. This selection and summoning Rehoboam to Shechem in place of going to Jerusa-lem were ominous, but Rehoboam could not discern the signs of the times.

4. Thy father made our yoke grievous -by heavy taxes and burdensome labor that were necessary to keep up his royal magnificence. The demand for a lighter yoke was reasonable; it granted, national disruption might have been indefinitely postponed.

5. Depart . . . three days - asking time to consider was wise, if wisely

II. Wise Council.-Verses 68.

6. Rehoboam consulted with the old men-Solomon's advisers. How do you taken the advice of these old councilors, if he had not put himself into the up with him.

forever—kind rulers have lo yal subjects; Lord; and he is the Governor among when the king shows self-sacrifice the the nations." "He putteth down one, people pay him back a hundred-fold. 8. He forsook the counsel of the old

men-good advice often falls before passion and judgment goes down before inclination. Rehoboam had the spirit of an Oriental despot. Conoulted with the young men-who will feed his inclinations, for they know the weakness of his character, his love rights of his people.

III. FOOLISH COUNSEL.-Verses 9-

9. Make the yoke . . . lighter-they heavy taxes; (2) enforced service. Solomon wrung immense sums out of the hating covetoussess." people, and forced their sons to labor on the temple and many public works (I Ki. iv:6, v:13, 14). This compulcivil war! Jacob and his sons sowed

full of the divine rights of kings, out six hundred men (Jud. xx:47). of sympathy with the common people, there is no quarrel so devilish as that they believed that, their advice taken, bet ween brothers, no war so Satanic they would have opportunity for boundless license. "My little finger perience of the latter. God forbid a shall be thicker than my father's loins."— repetition of those evil times! a proverb; "I have greater power than much more severe."

iron points that tore the flesh, used upon slaves, as if Rehoboam had said, "I will bring you to slavery."

IV. FOOLISH COUNSEL TAKEN. Verses 12-17.

12. Jeroboam-of the tribe of Ephraim, which was noted for its love of independence and of war. Solomon appointed Jeroboam superintendent of the workmen at Millo (chap. xi:27 28), where, finding out the general discontent, he led an insurrection, but was forced to flee to Egypt. On Solomon's death he returned and led the people in demanding reform. Stimulated by Ahijah's prophecy he fomented dissatis-Ahijah's prophecy he fomented dissatisfaction and was ready to head the revolt of the Ten Tribes He was a demagogue without principle or patriotism, ing man, I guess? and became a type of atrocious wicked-

13.14. The king answered the people roughly—brought up in the harem, education neglected, kept from affairs of goods?"
state by Solomon, he was full of himself and knew but little of his duties to "Sole

will that the people should not serve a in the higher grades of goods. Have king that had neither wisdom nor hu- you been on the road long?"

in his revolt (II Sam. xx:1). An ex- it is, too; I am proud of them.' pression of intense tribal jealousy, suggesting the unfilial quarrels among the them. Is it a new firm?" children of Jacob. They speak disrespectfully of David, their greatest king, the glory of their nation. To your have branch houses all over the world."

"No, a very old one. I have been spied a dark, purple band, gradually growing broader and drawing quite rapidly toward the ship, across the tents, O Israel-a proverbial call dat-Judah.

tribes, especially of Simeon, that had set- are obtaining new orders constantly. tled in the territory of Judah, remained loyal to Rehoboam.

PRACTICAL.

1. Solomon had many wives, but, according to the history, only one son.

The laws of rature and of the family cannot be violated with impunity. This only son was a disgrace to his father. He seems to have lacked common sense, force of character, humanity, and even the politician's art. Much of his weakness may have come from training in the harem, surrounded by associates as feeble as himself, engaged in unmanly pleasures, secluded from affairs of state and the counsel of the wise. Solomon, to his shame, may have purposely kept Rehoboam down for fear that he might aspire to reign before the time, as was often done in those days. But the cause of Rehoboam's folly is deeper than in defective education. It is recorded that his mother was Naamah an Ammonitess (I King xiv-21) An idolatress, she was more faithful to her religion than Solomon to his, for he built high places to Milcom and Molech, gods of the Ammonites. Like mother, like son. Clarke says: "He was born of a heathen mother, and begotten of an apostate father. From such an impure fountain could sweet water possibly spring?" Blessed is that land whose rulers have wise, patient and godly mothers. 2. How wise were the words of the

old men: "If thou wilt be a servant unto this people they will be thu servants. There is no royalty like that of serving, and no greatness equaling that of ministry to others. "Whoso ever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." This is the Savior's definition of true greatness. By common consent he is the greatest who does the most for man. The world places a crown not upon Alexander or Napoadvise—his intention was good to be-leon, but upon John Howard and gin with, and he would doubtless have leon, but upon John Howard and giving us? You're fooling, aren't you? conquerors shall be remembered only

by name, philanthropists shall be imhands of the young men that had grown mortal in societies bearing their names 7. If thou wilt be a servant unto this people—God's idea of a ruler (Matt. xx:27).

and carrying on good works begun by them. The real king is he who serves his fellow-man.

Speak good words—"a soft answer As long as men read the Bible they canturneth away wrath." Thy servants not forget that "the kingdom is the Governor among and setteth up another." In this country, where elections are so frequent, we are in danger of semi-skepticism at this point. We are apt to think that elections turn upon party shrewdness. I am glad that a few years ago a fall of rain was specified as a factor in the general elections. "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing there- great supper when our traveling days of dissipation and contempt for the of is of the Lord." May the time soon come when patriotism, if not piety, will exclude from office the intemperate and profane, and our rulers, from Justice of the Peace to Supreme Judge, from policeman to President, shall be "able Salls the unshadowed main—The venturous bark that flings had two great causes of complaint, (1) policeman to President, shall be "able men, such as fear God, men of truth,

sory service was a "grievous yoke," and from it they sought relief more than from taxes. Right of liberty is of more value than right of property.

10. The young men . . . spake unto him—inexperienced in state affairs—heads

in the wind, and now their descendants begin to reap the whilwind. Beginning with the trife between Joseph and his brethren, the history repeats itself with sad monotony. Once the tribe of Benjamin was exterminated to within perience of the latter. God forbid a

repetition of those evil times!

Mutual forbearance and self-sacrifice my father and inclination to use it; if is a cure for most of this strife in family, he were severe, as you say, I will be church, nation. "Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I for-11. I will shastise you with scorpions—
a whip armed at the end with hooks or
saith unto him, I say not unto thee, give him? till seven times? Jesus until seven times, but until seventy times seven" (Matt. xviii:21, 22).

Old and Young.

THE BISHOP AND THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELER.

One day when Bishop does not wear clerical raiment but has somewhat of the appearance of an acopened conversation as follows: "Good morning! You are a travel-

"Yes," said the bishop, who likes a quiet joke. "I'm on the road a good

"So am I. What's your line of

manity.

16. All Israel—ten tribes, Judah and Benjamin remaining loyal. What portion have we in David—so Sheba said it is, too: I am proud of them."

"About a year," said the young man. "I travel for Loud & Noise, of Chicago. Which house do you represent?" "Christ, Church & Co. A fine firm it is, too: I am proud of them." "About a year," said the young man.

"H'm, don't know as I ever heard of

"So? It's queer I never heard of ing from the journey in the wilderness, them! How's trade with you now? where the camp was arranged by tribes. Getting many orders? I find things Let every one return to home and tribe rather dull. Competition is so sharp in without acknowledging Rehoboam. See our line that a fellow has to hump to thine own house—let Rehoboam mind round lively to get any business at all." his own business and not interfere with "Indeed, said the bishop. "I am ours. So Israel departed—revolted from sorry for you. We have some rivals,

Rehoboam, leaving only Judah and but our firm is so strong that we don't Benjamin, generally reckoned as one mind competition. The chief trouble tribe, to constitute the kingdom of we have is with an enemy who is always on the watch to spoil our goods and in-17. The Children of Israel . . . in the jure our customers. But we are sure Cities of Judah-members of other to get him locked up some day, and we "You're lucky there. Is your house

good pay." "Yes, excellent. I can draw on the firm for compensation whenever I please, and my drafts are full paid at sight, no discount. Then I frequently start a new branch of the house in some town, and always get something extra

for that."

"By Jove," said the drummer, "that's a good hold. Say, does your house want any new men? I'd like to travel for such a firm."

"Yes," replied the bishop, "our house is always on the lookout for good men, especially for the West and for foreign countries. We have branches in China, Japan, Africa, and over the world, but the firm is particular about its men and will not employ any but Christians."

"That's a queer notion; but I don't blame them. Jews are a mean lot for traveling men. Say, I believe I'll write to Loud & Noise that I am going to quit them and go with another firm. What do you say the name of your house is?" "Christ, Church & Co."

"Where is their main office?"

"In Jerusalem," answe ed the Bishop.
'In Jerusalem! I thought you said
they were Christians. I don't fancy those foreign Jews."

"So they are Christians; but the Head of our firm lives in the new Jerusalem now. Alt the employes firm, too, if you are a Christian, or if hand: not we'll try to make you one before the time for the great supper comes.'

"I don't know about turning Chris tian," said the young man, "though ! would like to go with you to the great supper; but I say," he continued, catch-Oh! I catch on now. You're one of these traveling parsons. Well, you're a sharp one any way," and he looked away and began to whistle

mer, "and I'd like to go and see your branch house, as you call it. I would not mind turning Christian and working for your house if all the parsons were as sharp as you; but those I meet

are such awful milk sops and duffers."
"Come on, then," replied the bishop, we like to get hold of wide awake fellows like you. If you only knew what a glorious thing it is to work for Christ and his church, I am sure you would join our company and go with us to the are done .- Standard of the Cross and of the Church.

THE CHAMBERED NAUTILUS.

On the sweet summer wind its purpled wing
In gulfs enchanted, where the siren sings,
And coral reefs lie bare,
Where the cold sea-maids rise to sun their
Streaming hair.

Its webs of living gauze no more unfurl;
Wrecked is the ship of pear!!
And every chambered shell,
Where its dim dreaming life was wont to

dwell. As the frail tenant shaped his growing shell Before thee lies revealed! Year after year beheld the silent toil

That spread his lustrous coil;
Still, as the spiral grew,
He left his past year's dwelling for the new,
Stole with soft step its shining archway

through,
Built up its idle door.
Stretched in his last-found home, and knew the old no more.

Thanks for the heavenly message brought by

thee, Child of the wandering sea, Child of the wandering sea,
Cast from her lap forlorn!
From thy dead lips a clearer note is born
Than ever Triton blew from wreathed horn!
While on mine ear it rings,
Through the deep caves of thought I hear a
voice that sings:

Build the more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave the low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from neaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!
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ELSIE'S MNEMONICS.

Elsie was rather a favorite with the captain of the big Atlantic liner dur ing the voyage. He had a daughter at home about her age, so he said, and sometimes he would invite her to come up on the bridge in fine weather. S it happened that one day up on the bridge when the sea was like glass, she silver-gray ocean.

"What is that?" she asked. "That is a westerly wind coming," he replied.

"Will that help us along?" asked Elsie. "Yes, if it blows hard enough."

"Shall you make sail?" Elsie was sure of that phrase, for she had used it several times and had not been laughed

"Yes, I think so," said the captain. There's a westerly current hereabout, and we want all the help we can get. Elsie pondered awhile in silence. Presently-"Captain," she said, "didn't you say a westerly wind?',

"Yes. "And a westerly current?"

"Well, if a westerly wind helps us. why doesn't a westerly current help,

The captain glanced at her quizzing ly. "Why, you see"-and he hesitated a moment—"you see, we say that winds are east or west when they blow that way -no the other way: but currents-well. currents are different. They go the same way as the wind; I mean an easterly current goes toward the east, don't you see?"

Elsie reflected for a full minute without speaking; then: "Why do you suppose that is so, captain?" she asked. But the captain had gone to the end of the bridge and was looking very

hard through his marine glasses at

distant sail. "Mr. Joues," he called, suddenly, addressing the second officer, "loose the Then: "Miss Elsie, I'm goforesail." ing to get sail on her now; you'd best

get on deck." So Elsie was helped down the stepladder without having her question answered; but as she watched the men 'lay aloft" and loose the big smokediscolored sails, she could not help wondering why people should make such contradictory rules. Afterward she was seen in the saloon with pencil have been invited to meet him there and paper, and when the captain took and have a great supper. He will bear his seat at the dinner-table, he found a all expenses of our journey thither. I neat little note beside his plate and here would like to have you work for the is what was written inside in Elsie's

> "The currents of air Are named whence they blow: The currents of water whither they flow.

Thus an easterly current— Ficase bear it in mind— Runs the very same way As a westerly wind."

-Selected.

THE ORANGE. In the foot-hills of the Himalayas species of Citrus have been found, which are supposed to indicate the origin of the "juicy and luscious berry" which botanists call Citrus aurantium, familiarly known as the orange. But "It's my town, too," said the drum- it has not been decided whether the orange came originally from China or the East Indies. Whatever its origin, it

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er spelling of orange, according to Stormonth, is norange, but the present omission of the n is likely to continue.

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The relatives of the sweet orange are numerous. Among them, all owning the name Citrus, is the citron, the lemen, bergamot, cedrat, lume, tangerine, shaddock, lime, bitter orange and other trees cultivated for their fruit, or for heir leaves and flowers, which are used for perfumery. The citron, the lime, the lemon and the bitter orange are all familiar to us. From the latter is made that delicious appetizer, common on some tables, called Scotch marmalade.

Wherever known throughout the world the odorous and beautiful white range flowers are regarded as the appropriate ornaments of a bride. From hem is prepared oil of neroli, the basis of the popular perfume, Eau-de-Cologne. They also are used in preparing orange-flower water, for sale in Southern grocery stores, and used as a cooling and soothing beverage in some kinds of sickness. The leaves are fragrant also and much in demand for making tea for yellow fever patients.

The orange is so liable to degeneration that it is seldom grown from the seed. Buds and gratts are used for propagation. It is so prolific that wenty thousand marketable oranges have sometimes been produced from one tree, and it lives to a very great

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TO PREACHERS.

THE COMMUNION OF FAITH. "And Jesus seeing their faith," (Mat.

ix:2). The faith of the five-the palsied man and the four who carried him to Christ. There was a communion of faith which made the faith of the five one faith. No power of the soul, except it be love, is more communicative than faith. It not only receives, but gives. It appropriates and imparts. There is no better way to make other people believe in you than to believe in them. There is no better way to make others believe your statements than to believe them yourself. The influence of faith over the minds of others is often much more powerful than the evidences on which faith rests. Many a man weakens his cause by undertaking to prove his statements. Herein lies what some call the power of dogmatism. The man who believes in a statement so strongly that he feels it needs no proof may rest assured that his faith will find response in other hearts, while he who depends entirely on argument will make more doubters than believers. The man who goes about to prove by argument that he has religion will hardly convince any, while the man who knows that he has it need make no attempt at proof for it will prove itself. Only those who be-Heve what they preach make converts. It and sent to Chicamauga; that the Wesmay be that they suppose that they have convinced people by their unanswerable arguments when, in fact, they have convinced them by the earnestness of their faith in spite of their arguments. It his hard to doubt in the presence of one who believes with all his heart, and almost impossible to doubt what everybody else believes. Somebody told the palsied man about Jesus-most probably the four who carried him to the Savior. He believed what was told him because he saw and felt that his informers believed it. Then his faith strengthened theirs and theirs strengthened his again, and in the communion of faith there was a growth from faith to faith.

through the roof of the house. And when he saw their faith, there was another communion. Their faith took hold on him and he yielded divine power to them. Who can withstand the power of a believing church? for

It has been our custom to issue only a half sheet during the holidays, but this week we give our readers a full paper, and to be as light on the printers as possible put it mostly in large type. This leaves us still very much crowded and we hope the brethren will be patient.

WE have received the Sunday-School Magazine of the M. E. Church, South, for January, 1891. This magazine is a goodsized pamphlet of fifty-six pages, on good paper, and the mechanical work cannot be beaten. The price is fifty cents per annum. It is published monthly. Every Methodist family ought to have a copy of this able work on the Sunday-school lessons. It is indispensable to the teachers and advanced scholars. By preserving the numbers an excellent commentary on the International Sunday-school Lesson may be secured. The price is a trifle. Subscribe through your superintendent or pastor, or send direct to Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn. The map in this number, said to be the best ever gotten up for the magazine, is easily worth the price of the magazine.

MRS. FLORENCE HOWELL has kindly consented to preside over our Woman's Column for us. All matter pertaining to the Woman's Missionary and Church Extension Work must be addressed to her at No. 28 Masten street, Dallas. Our sisters will please be so kind as to remem ber that this gives them, during the year, fifty-two columns, but only one column at once. So "boil down," sisters, make them short and sweet, and remember that the shorter the sweeter, and the more of you will get a chance to speak, and the postoffice to which they wish it sent, but also oftener you will get to speak. Remember that you speak to 40,000 or 50,000 people, and be sure that you do not get mad when your communication is rejected, remembering how many others enjoy the same

> "For one we are ready to vote for the repeal of the law that makes the surren-der of a charge an immorality."—Holston Methodist.

> The TEXAS ADVOCATE quotes the above and is in favor of the law as construed by Bishop Hargrove. It says, "We hold that immorality is the only thing for which any one can be justly punished in earth, heaven or hell." This is a new idea under the sun. No man should be located for indiscretion and inefficiency! The desertion of a charge should not be classed among immoralities.-Holston Methodist.

Oh, no, beloved; the idea is as old as justice itself. In fact, it is one of the elementary i leas of justice. Would you inflict punishment where no wrong has been done? Wrong doing is immorality.

Whether the desertion of a charge is an immorality depends upon the question of personal piety, loyalty to the church, and the encouragement in works of grace and charity, among the young people of the church and congre-Whether the desertion of a charge is an immorality depends upon the question whether moral obligation was violated in the desertion. When a preacher does what he solemnly promises not to do, it looks as if he had done wrong somewhere. The Methodist Discipline holds it to be the preacher's duty to do the work as of grace and charity, among the young people of the church and congressite with the order necessary to work ing efficiency. Guard the freedom and individuality of the League without encouraging insubordination.

Article III.

The membership of the League shall consist of all persons over fifteen years of age, of good moral character, who are the preacher's duty to do the work as of the League, and to do any work as of the League, and to do any work as the consist of the League, and to do any work as of the League without encouraging insubordination.

4. See to it that the spiritual element be nurtured by well-ordered devotional exercises, and that the work of charity and help be regulated by prudence. Encourage the timid and restrain the for-The Pastor's Memorandum Book, compiled by Rev. J. T. L. Annis, is now in the hands of the printer and will be pushed to completion. When ready for delivery announcement will be made in looks as if he had done wrong some the question whether moral obligation was violated in the desertion. When a preacher does what he solemnly promises not to do, it looks as if he had done wrong somewhere. the preacher's duty to do the work assigned him, except under certain named circumstances.

But location in Methodist Discipline is not regarded as a punishment at all. To locate a preacher for inefficiency is nothing more than to declare his unsuitableness for the itinerancy, but to locate him for a mere indiscretion would be outrage-

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

-The Rev. W. M. Hays, Commissioner of Education for the C. M. E. Church in America, has moved from Americas to Covington, Ga. He says he fell in love with Texas, and we feil in love with him, and will be glad to see him again.

-The North Georgia Conference is just over, and it may be of interest to men-tion that Bishop Asbury held a conference in the same village of Washington over ninety years ago; that J. W. Heidt, D. D., late Regent of Southwestern University, has been made presiding elder of the North Atlanta district; that Joel T. Daves, formerly Superintendent of Central Mexican Mission, and later of the East Texas Conference, has been sta-tioned at Marietta; that L. D. Coggin, formerly of West Texas Conference, was sent to Etowah circuit; that Robert W. enumerated water as one of the things to be abstained from in the act of fasting; that Robert Toombs DuBose, a grandson of the great General Robert Toombs, had been received on trial in the conference from Macon to Atlanta; that Sam P. Jones continues as traveling agent of the Orphans' Home; that Rev. A. Parker, D. D., missionary to China, was present, and stated that nothing had proven so successful in winning the Chinese to Christ as the preaching of the gospel in the chapels and at street corners, although years ago it was thought most of that work must be done through the school; that Dr. Heidt reported his church (Trinity) as having paid \$24,000 for all pur-poses, outside of \$31,000 subscribed for the endowment of Emory College

TEXAS PERSONALS.

-The Rev. T. R. Pierce preached a fine sermon at Oak Lawn last Sunday. -A. G. Nolen, Shiner: Died December 20, 1890, near Edgar, Willie White,

four years of age. -Mr. Jos. W. Rice, who died at Galves-You always feel stronger in faith after you get somebody else to believe with you. In communion there is unity and in unity there is strength. In the strength of the faith of five they started to Christ. In that strength deeply religious and good man. He has the strength of the strength of the strength deeply religious and good man. He has the strength of the strength deeply religious and good man. He has the strength of the strength deeply religious and good man.

the power of a believing church? for their power is the power of God.

THE COLLECTION.

family and friends are on the other side, where there was a joyful meeting when the crossed the dark river that had no terrors for him and landed upon the bright and shining shores of a blessful

-The ADVOCATE congratulates the Rev. C. B. Smith, who has discovered the sovereign remedy for lonesomeness. He says: "I am now married and am going to my pastoral work in good earnest. My preacher failed me at the last hour and we were forced to the necessity of employ-ing a Justice." A preacher who will fail a brother in a distress like that ought to be doomed to old bachelorhood forever. Of course, a married preacher would have more sympathy.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE.

The General Sunday-school Committee have agreed upon the following Constitu-tion and By-laws for the Young People's League of our church, and send them forth with the hope that they will meet the approval of the church and prove a great blessing to our young people. Final action was taken by the committee, after long and prayerful deliberation, Decem-

W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM,

The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, at its session held in St. Louis, May, 1890, ordered the organization fours, May, 1890, ordered the organization of "Young People's Leagues, having for their object the promotion of piety and loyalty to our church, education in church history, and their encouragement in works of grace and charity." The duty of preparing "suitable constitutions and by-laws" was intrusted to the General Sunday-school Committee. Sunday-school Committee.

In obedience to said instructions, we

herewith submit the constitution and bylaws for the government of the leagues to be organized

THE NAME.

The committee has selected the name Epworth League, as being in every way appropriate for such an institution. (1) Because of its historical associations. It carries the mind back to the birthplace and early home of the founder of Method ism. The name also recalls the family life and godly training of the Wesley home, an example worthy to kept in perpetual remembrance. (2) Because of its ecumenical character, being common to all the many branches of Wesleyan Methodism in this country in Furge and in odism in this country, in Europe and in all countries where it exists. From Epworth as a geographical center its lines have gone out through all the earth, and its words unto the end of the world.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Epworth League of the —— M. E. Church, South, —— Conference; and shall be under the control of the quarterly conference of said pastoral charge. The pastor shall have general supervision of the League.

ARTICLE II. The object of the League shall be the

ARTICLE IV.

The revenue of the League may be derived from the annual dues of members, or otherwise, as each League may deter-mine for itself. ARTICLE V.

The officers of the League shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All the officers shall be members of the M. E. Church,

ARTICLE VI.

The President, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the League, preserve order, and see that the constitution and by-laws are duly observed.

ARTICLE VII. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of all the meetings of the League, and conduct its corres-

APTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall keep all funds of the League placed in his hands on safe deposit, subject to his order as Treasurer approved by the President.

ARTICLE IX. The work of the League shall be divided The work of the League shall be divided into three departments, viz.: (1) The Department of Christian Effort; (2) The Department of Charity and Help; (3) The Department of Literary Work. The work of each department shall be in the hands of a committee, of which one of the Vice-Presidents shall be chairman.

1. The Department of Christian Effort shall have charge of all the religious services of the League, such as prayer-meet ings, missionary meetings, temperance meetings, outdoor meetings, children's meetings, etc.
2. The Department of Charity and Help

shall arrange for the systematic visita-tion of the sick, the needy poor, and strangers. It shall assist the pastor in all the charitable works of the congregation, and aid as far as practicable in col-lecting funds for charitable and church

3. The Department of Literary Work 3. The Department of Literary Work shall encourage the systematic and devotional study of the Scriptures, a careful study of the history, doctrines and polity of our church, general church history, and superintend all courses of reading and study prescribed by the League. It shall also endeavor to extend the circulation of the books, tracts and periodicals of the church. of the church.

This Constitution is intended to pre-

serve the organic unity of the League as an institution of the church. It can therefore be changed or amended only by the General Sunday-school Committee.

ARTICLE X.

1. The League shall hold a devotional meeting once a week at such time and place as the Committee on Christian Ef-

care.

5. The order of proceeding at a regular meeting shall be: (1) Reading of the minutes of the last meeting. (2) Reports from departments of work. (3) Reports from special committees. (4) Unfinished business. (5) New business. (6) Reception of new members.

6. At any business meeting — members shall constitute a quorum.

7. The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held on — evening in the month of —. The election shall be

by ballot.
S. The Secretary of the League shall present to the quarterly conference of the circuit or station to which the League belongs a written statement of what has been done in each department of work once a quarter.

TO THE PASTOR.

DEAR BROTHER: You observe that the constitution of the Epworth League gives you general supervision of all its affairs. Its success therefore will depend materially upon the manner in which you exerally upon the manner in which you exercise this supervision. If you show no special interest in it, your young people will likely look upon it with incifference, and you will have no organization in your congregation; or if a league should be organized, it will languish and die. On the contrary, if you indorse it, and encourage your young people to organize and enter heartily in o the work. ganize and enter heartily in o the work, it will flourish and become a mighty agency for good. We would therefore respectfully call your attention to the following facts and considerations:

lowing facts and considerations:

1. The Epworth League is now an institution of the church, and consequently a part of the work placed under your care. It is leal, and therefore entirely under your pastoral supervision, and under the control of the quarterly conference of your charge. It is not organically connected with the Sunday-school, and its management or work should not be interfered with by any attempt to combine the two. The seague has its own bine the two. The league has its own officers, committees, etc., and is intended to promote the spiritual, intellectual and social improvement of the young people of the congregation. It is not a substitute for the Sunday-school, nor should its operations in any way interfere with the work of the Sunday-school. All these points you will be expected to guard, so that no confusion or conflict may occur in the working of the league and the other institutions of the church.

2. The Epworth League is intended to benefit the young people of your congregation, by encouraging them to study the Scriptures systematically, the doctrines, polity and usages of our church; also, to acquaint themselves with general church history, the benevolent enterprises of the day, and whatever tends to promote personal piety and active benevolence. You will therefore be expected to aid them by your advice and counsel. They will be under your pastoral direction, especially in that part of their work connected with the telephone.

their work connected with the "charitable works of the congregation."

3. Your relation to the organization is one of the ties binding it to the church, and you will, therefore, so sympathize with the work of the young people as to make them realize that they are a part of the church, and recognized as such, in close and filial alliance with all the other institutions of the Church. You will see to it, also, that the League be left free to do the work exigned it without neder do the work assigned it, without undue restraint or unnecessary interference. There must be sufficient liberty of action in all associations to give scope for the development of individual character. Too much government is as dange ous as too little. We have made the Constitution and By-laws as flexible as possible con-

of the League, and to do any work assigned to them. hand.

So soon as you receive a copy of the Constitution and By-laws, call all the young people of your congregation to gether and organize them into a League. Be sure that a judicious person be placed at the head, and that the three departments of work be well organized. Youthful zeai and inexperience need a prudent and patient leader.

T. J. MAGRUDER, J. H. CARLISLE, J. D. HAMILTON, J. R. PEPPER, pday-school Committee. General Sunday-school Co

Norg .- All communications asking for information concerning the League, or requests for literature, etc., should be addressed to the Sunday-school Editor, Nashville, Tenn. He should also be promptly notified whenever a League is organized

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

More and more our movement is rooting itself in the hearts of our Sunday school people. Just a little consideration of the subject is enough. And for this reason I am so anxious that every Texas reason I am so anxious that every Texas pastor give a little prayerful thought to our scheme, and then ask each Sunday-school to join the advancing column. We are going on to glorious success. I verily believe God is in this move. If so, that is enough. We can well afford to follow his leading. Yea, more, we dare not shrink back or appear indifferent when he calls us to advance. Let us show our faith and heartiness by the promptness of our responses.

Many brethren write pledging indorse-Many brethren write pleuging indorsement and early co-operation. They are moving into position in their new fields, and need a little time for satisfactory presentation of this subject. Some write that their schools are in winter quarters—a kind of suppended animation. I prescribe for such a subscription for a few shares each of our missionary stock. It will lift a

See how that column grows. We have only heard from fifty-four Sunday-schools and they promise to raise \$920. What will the figure be when all wheel into

Receipts, Lorena Sunday-school, \$10.
I watch my daily mail now with growng interest.
JOZEPH S. KEY. FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

FROM A SUPERANSCATE.

After serving the church for more than strength of the faith of five they started to Christ. In that strength they surmounted the crowd and placed the man in the presence of Christ they surmounted the crowd and placed the man in the presence of Christ they surmounted the crowd and placed the man in the presence of Christ the man in the presence of Christ the man in the presence of Christ the departments shall report, through the charch for more than a quarter of a century in West Texas, I am at last, through failing health, obliged to superannuate, and like most supe

I was raised a farmer, but cannot work on a farm now. I have, therefore, acon a farm now. I have, therefore, accepted an agency for the sale of cemetery monuments of every sort, from plain slabs of a few dollars value, to the finest found in the West. I am prepared to sell as cheaply as the marble-yards of San Antonio or Austin can sell, and guarantee all work, lettering and carving to give satisfaction. The man for whom I work, Mr. W. H. Nance, has visited the marble quarries of Italy and Vermont and is thoroughly acquainted with the business, having served a seven years' apprenticeship in marble work.

If any of my old friends can aid me, in sending me information, I will visit them at once with specimens of marble and

at once with specimens of marble and monumental designs of various sorts and give them any information they may desire.

W. J. JOYCE.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

OFF FOR CHINA.

After a very pleasant and profitable visit home, we, my wife and myself, leave in a few days to return to our field of labor in Suchow, China, and I write this to say good-bye to the many kind friends with whom we have met since coming

The visit home has been a very great blessing to us, physically, mentally, and, above ail, spiritually. The good preaching, the happy love feasts, the hearty hand shakes and "sod bless you" have done my soul good. I don't believe that I can ever again fear, as I had been tempted to fear sometimes, before coming home, that we are forgotten, or have not the hearty sympathy of the preachers and people of our great and glorious Southern Methodism.

I have not had much rest since coming

home, except change of work, and that is, in fact, the very best kind of rest. Perhaps a line to say what I have been doing will not be out of place. I have visited some forty-five different towns and cities, in-cluding six of the annual conferences, and reached and lectured some hundred and wenty-five times on Mussion Work in China. Mrs. Parker has also spent nearly the whole of her time visiting and talking to the Woman's Missionary Society in various places. Our work has oeen done in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D. C., and New Jersey.

I have been greatly encouraged to note

the increased interest in the subject of the increased interest in the subject of foreign missions among the preachers and the people, and above all the growth of intelligent conviction in reference to this great work. The great commission is being read in the light of facts, and slowly, but surely, the conviction is taking hold of the church that her one great business is to evangelize the world.

s to evangelize the world The new Secretaries, Drs. Morrison and Potter, are doing a grand work in disseminating missionary intelligence, stirring up missionary enthusiasm and educating missionary conscience. Their effort to get each conference pledged to the support of a missionary of its own in the foreign field is a distinct move in advance, and will give a greating place to the work. and will give a great impetus to the work. At least \$25,000 will be the net gain as the result of the fall campaign among the

conferences, and twenty more men for the foreign fields, over and above the regular at sments, will be provided for.

My leave of absence is out at the end of December. At the earnest solicitation of friends, I have thought some of staying over till next summer, principally on account. over til next summer, principally on ac-count of my health. During the last four summers in China I have been very ill, and have had fears of a permanent break-down. But I think my visit home will set me up all right, and, in any case, I don't think four or five months longer stay will make very much difference. But however that may be, I an very

auxious to get back to my work. Bro. Hendry, who has temporary charge of Buffington Institute, has been appointed to open a new station in Nanziang, and he wants to go to it and ought to soon as he can.

I would enjoy nothing more than a stay of six months longer in the home land; but my work needs me and I must go back. My work, as heretofore, will be preaching in the street chapel, the charge of Buffington Institute and the transla-tion of Christian and educational books

into Chinese.
I would like to get a little more assistance for the purchase of a library and additional apparatus for Buffington Institute. I need about \$500 more than I have already received. Will not some kind friend give the whole or a part of this amount and thus help on the work of training native helpers, preachers, teachers, etc., for the mission work in

China. I would also like to secure contributions for twenty-five scholarships in Buffington Institute. The cost is \$30 a year. Are there not many churches, Sunday-schools and individuals who would like to support one or more boys or young men in Buffington Institute while preparing for the ministry or for the other work for which native helpers are needed?

To any who will support one or more scholarships I will send regular semi-annual reports of the institute and the benoficiary of their fund.

Any amounts for the above objects sent to Dr. I. G. John, Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., or to me at Shanghai, China, will reach me.

We expect to sail from San Francisco January 22, by the Oceanic A. P. PARKER.

MERELY EXPLANATORY.

At whatever peril, I must say I read the article of Rev. John R. Allen in the ADVOCATE discussing the Kelley case. And when I said that "fallibility still attaches to frail human nature" and that "Bro. John R. Allen is mistaken in some instances," I do not think I sinned so

have received any attention whatever at my hands.
About the "notice," I have only to cal

attention to the fact that he is fairly chargeable with the use of the word "no-tice" when he declares with emphasis, as he repeatedly does, that "the question of a preacher's leaving his work has always been brought under the head of com-plaints," for in all cases so brought notice is required before conference action. Dis. p. 49, answer 3. So (you see) "the exceedingly wise doctor" is a very fair judge of Rev. John R. Allen as a church lawof Rev. John R. Allen as a church law-yer. Bro. Allen evidently meant to refer to me when he wrote the name "Phill-pot." Two I's and one t. That is far worse than "cases is." Suppose that, re-ferring to-him, and speaking of his legal expertness, I had written Rev. John R. Ailin, what would he have thought of me?

At last he says, "I said 'the question of a preacher's leaving his work has always been brought under this head of com-plaints.' That states the previous usage of the church. I leave well-informed itin-erants to say whether it is a misstatement." I have quoted carefully, and in doing so I was compelled to write "this head of complaints," the responsibility for the grammar of which I emphatically deny and disclaim until some one will show me some other head of complaints. And now, "gentle reader," as moral essayists et al. sometimes say, to the law and to the testimony:

1. Rev. J. R. Allen misstates law and

usage.

2. Here I prove it. In 1879, at Austin, Texas, Bishop McTyeire presiding, the name of F. B. R. was called. In the sence of the presiding elder in whose district F. B. R. had his appointment, the consider of Austin district "presiding elder of Austin district." district F. B. R. had his appointment, the presiding elder of Austin district "presented a paper bearing upon the case, which, after some discussion, was substituted by a resolution that a committee of three be raised and the case referred to them." "The bishop appointed R. Alexander, B. T. Kavanaugh and Wm. Shapard a committee in the case of F. B. R." Journal, pp. 142-143. On page 151 the case is heard from in the report of the committee. After quoting the law fully, and stating clearly that the accused had left his charge without excuse, they conand stating clearly that the accused had left his charge without excuse, they conclude: "Whereas, this is an aggravated case of ministerial unfaithfulness; therefore, be it resolved (1). That F. B. R, is hereby deposed from the ministry. Resolved (2). That the Secretary of this conference demand of said F. B. R. his credentials," etc. "The report was unanimously adopted."

This case uid not come up by complaint, for in all such cases the question touches only the passage of character, and is determined by vote. (Dis. p. 49.)

Again, in 1886, Bishop Key presiding, the name of P. P. N. was called, and F.

L. A., presiding elder, "presented the papers relating to a tria, by a committee, of the said P. P. N., and of his suspension from the functions of the ministry." P. 309. For brevity, I will state that this brother had been suspended early in the year for refusing to go to his appoint-ment, and when the report of the presiding elder, as given above, was read, Bish-op Key appointed, first, the committee of three and then the committee of thirteen; and he was expelled, and took his

appeal.

The next case I give is like the last, viz.: The brother had been suspended by the presiding elder for leaving his charge, after he had served it for a time. The papers came to conference, and, without appointing any committee of the conference on motion he was deposed form. ference, on motion, he was deposed from the ministry of the church. Bishop Dun-can presiding. Here are three cases, all dissimilar in some respects—there were three different bishops presiding in the three different cases, severally, and all three of the preachers were deposed from the ministry; and yet we are tood that "the question of a preacher's leaving his work has always been brought under this head of complaints," and the alleger bold-ly appeals to well-informed itinerants to say whether it is a misstatement. And the answer is, "Yes; you misstate the usage—which is according to law—as this has been in the Texas Conference for has been in the Texas Conference for thirty-three years, as this writer can testify." And, in confirmation of what I say, I appeal to the journal. Two of the cases cited came up suspended ad interim by the presiding elder. The other was introduced by a document setting forth the fact of abandonment of the work by the preacher in charge and was settled by raising a single committee, who reported to the conference a resolution deposing him, which was a jouted.

which was a lopted.

Finally, it was scarcely necessary for Bro. Allen to guard our bishops by telling them his mind, lest, following (what seemed to him to be) the concensus of opinion outside of Tennessee Conference, they should fall into egregious error in they should fall into egregious error in the Kelley case, since, notwithstanding he has not noted the fact, some of our ablest lawyers, to say nothing of minis-ters, have written boldly and with no little strength on his side of this case. As for this writer, I am far from being a partisan in this controversy. I have tried to urge moderation and discrimination as to the law of the church in matters of complaint and in matters of trial, never once thinking about enlightening or in-fluencing our bishops, when they, in in their annual meeting, shall pass upon any issue raised in the hearing and disposition of this somewhat celebrated case. H. V. Philpott.

BRYAN, Texas.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

To the Ministers of the North Texas Conference DEAR BRETHREN-The Board of Mis-

DEAR BRETHREN—The Board of Missions of the North Texas Conference take this method of reaching you, and appealing to you to take your collections for home missions at once. We send this circular letter to our presiding elders and pastors, and we beg you all, in the name of our Master, to come to the immediate relief of our brethren who have been appointed to save the missions in this conpointed to serve the missions in this con-We hope that none of our conference

we hope that none of our conference funds will be lost by the saspensien of the bank. But the money is now tied up. Our missionaries will suffer unless you attend to this collection at once and send the funds immediately to Bro. F. H. Welch, at McKinney. In this appeal we are acting in full ac-cord with the advice of our Bishop Hay-good, whose noble words we beg leave to

"MONROE, LA., Dec. 5, 1890.

"MY DEIR BROTHER: An emergency is upon us. It involves the work of the church and the cause of God. It involves also the living of our brethren, their wives and children. We must meet this emergency from pity.

"I advise that you call the Board of Missions towether at once and take views." Missions together at once and take vigor-ous measures. I advise that the Board issue a circular letter and send it to every

pastor, and urging the immediate taking of collections for domestic missions for the present conference year. I advise that the claims of the missionaries be paid that the claims of the missionaries be paid out of this collection. We may hope for a "dividend" by the second quarter. If not, we must maintain our brethren. Not to do it would be to retreat under fire when the Chief Captain—our Lord and Savior—commands advance. "The Methodists of the North Texas.

Conference are equal to this emergency. Conference are equal to this emergency. The Discipline places your board in this breach. At the next session of the conference your board can make such adjustments as the facts at that time allow.

Your brother, ATTICUS G. HAYGOOD.
"The Rev. John R. Allen, President
Board of Domestic Missions, North Texas

Confidently we ask presiding elders and pastors to come to the rescue at once. Let the former promptly distribute these circulars, and give this cause their support, and let every pastor act immediately. By order of the Board of Missions of North Texas Conference.

JOHN R. ALLEN,

President of Board.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension of the M. E. Church, South, will be held at its office, 705 West South, will be held at its office, 705 West Chestaut street, Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, April 8, 1891. Our rules require that all applications for aid shall be on file in this office at least thirty days before that meeting, and to that rule we must rigidly adhere. Blanks for application will be furnished by the undersigned free of charge to all who will ask for them. No applications will be considered, nor any other business transacted, at the anniversary meeting to be held in March at

niversary meeting to be held in March at Little Rock, Ark. DAVID MORTON. Cor. Secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice to Preachers in Charge. North Texas Con-

By an act of the Sunday-school Board any pastor wishing to supply destitute communities with our literature can do so by applying to Rev. S. A. Ashburn, Atlanta, Texas, Treasurer of the Board. Said application not to exceed \$10 and must be accompanied by a statement of facts as to the need. Our last year's collections, \$119, is tied in bank, but we are assured that we can get it by January 1. There are \$258 in the hands of J. F. Sherwood to be sent to the treasurer; in all, \$377. We hope the brethren will call for this money and let it go on its mission in the accomplishment of good. Preserve

this for future reference.
W. H. STEPHENSON, President. E. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

WEST CIRCUIT.

The time of holding the stewards' meeting of West circuit, North Texas Conference, is changed from the 3d of January, 1891, to the 10th of January, 1891. W. M. ADAMS.

A CORRECTION.

WAR CLIFF STATION.

The building for this station has just where the electric road crosses it. It is 51 by 30 feet and will be finished in a style to correspond with the importance of the station. The grading of the electrie road is progressing rapidly, and has reached a point above the bluff and near the Lancaster road. We are informed that lots on either the Santa Fe or the electric road, or acre property, can still be had at low figures either from Judge Thomas or from his agent, Rev. C. B. Shelton, residing on Lancaster avenue, Oak Cliff.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

This paper will only select from the books seat us for notice such as we think the interests of our readers demand. We will, however, publish promptly an acknowledgment of all books re-seived.

R. C. Armstrong: "Bible Account of Judas Iscariot, and a Sermon; Possibibility of Apostasy." The above is the title of a tractate of thirty-four pages written by our estcemed brother, Rev. Thomas Stanford, a superannuated preacher of the Northwest Texas Conference. ence. The subjects are discussed in a pain, facile style. The Bible is made to speak for itself pointedly and forcibly. The writer has displayed considerable logical acumen in the arrangement and presentation of the subjects treated. His positions are carefully taken and closely argued. The mechanical execution is argued. The mechanical execution is good, bating several typographical errors. The print is large and clear. We take pleasure in recommending this book from the pen of our worthy colleague and father in gospel bonds. The author, no longer able to go in and out before the world in the active itinerant work, still seeks to do good by wielding his pen. The circulation of this pamphlet will do good.

"Modern Miracles," is the title of a little book of 156 pages, written by Leila Thompson, and published by Robert Carter & Brothers, 530 Broadway, N. Y. The book is not only readable, but exceedingly entertaining and instructive. It will help to encourage and stimulate Christian workers.

look to Your Interest.

Write to the Texas Business College, Austin, Texas, for one of their beautifully illustrated catalogues. The methods are thorough, equipments complete, and with \$80 invested you can secure an education that will be of lifetime benefit to you.

We are glad to note that Central College is moving on an i in an upward direction. The prospect and outlook for the College is better by far than at any time during its history.—

Lopkins County Echo.

MISS DONA HAMILTON.

Preamble and resolutions adopted by the Cleburne Auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church,

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to remove from the harvest-field our missionary sister, Miss Dona Hamilton, one of our own Texas daughters; be it, therefore, Resolved, that though we deeply mourn her early departure from the fields white for the harvest, yet we are made to re-

for the haivest, yet we are made to rejoice that the summons found her with golden sheaves to be laid down at the Master's feet.

2. Though she has exchanged the cross of rejoice that the cross of rejoice that the same than th

for a crown of rejoicing, we realize she is still with us in spirit to encourage our labors, and while we behold her about the great white throne we have her noble example and hely consecration to stimu late our faith and inspire our love and

3. That we earnestly pray that her falling mantle may find us ready to catch it up and share it equally so that with our substance and efforts we may urge the great work to which her life was devoted onward till darkness shall be dispelled and the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and he shall

reign from sea to sea.

4. That we hereby tender to the sorrow-stricken family and relatives of our glorified sister our most earnest and hearty sympathies.

Respectully submitted,

MRS. JIM LANGSTON,

MRS. T. W. ROGERS,

MISS LALLA SURATT.

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 information leading to their recovery, so please help me out of trouble in this way and you shall be satisfied. One black horse, short mane and tail, white spot in forehead, saddle and harness marks, eight years old last spring, branded V on shoulder, old shoe on right foot and a new leather headstall of halter on; he is part Norman. One bay mare, blaze face, unshod, heavy mane and tail, harness marks and a small setfast on back from saddle, eight years old last spring, a bad scar from barbed wire on hind leg between the knee and pastern joints; branded on shoulder; wearing headstall as above described. Address or bring to me at Salado, Bell county, Texas.

W. W. Henderson. Look out and save trouble and make

Junction City.

John W. Sins, Dec. 20: At our last session of the West Texas Conference I was returned to Junction City, and if everybody else is satisfied I am. My work now embraces only four appointments, to wit: Junction City, Coperas, Wentworth and Sonora. These last two are extremely on the border of Texas; they are on Devil's river and there is not any Methodist preacher due west of me in any Methodist preacher due west of me in the United States. Now, Mr. Editor, if you want to see sheep by the thousands, fine grass and magnificent distances, camp out and hear the cayotes howl, eat the cooking of Mexicans, and breathe the pure atmosphere of West Texas and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery of our The first quarterly conference for the Montgomery circuit will be held at Harmony Chapel January 31 and February 1, instead of at Montgomery, as published.

J. C. Mickle.

Notice.

The Board of Colportage of the Northwest Texas Conference having expressed to me a desire to co-operate with other Texas conferences in the establishment of a common depository for all Texas Methodism, and that I. Z. T. Morris act as their colporteur for this year, I hereby make the appointments and publish in our church organ.

Joseph S. Key.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 27, 1890.

A Colff Station.

We were having a good time all along un til Friday night, when about one hour af ter dark we were disturbed by a hack and human voices, so everything became quie within, and soon sacks of flour, venison ham, a whole dressed kid, two nice ham of pork, canned goods, coffee, sngar, pick les and dry goods for myself, wife and lit tle one were thrown in at the door, and then a rush was made from the outside and in came men, women and children until the house was packed full. Well Bro. Campbell, I was captured; I did no Bro. Campbell, I was captured; I did not know anything. These poundings are very good, but it places the preacher in a kind of a specchlese condition. Well, Bros. Black and Allen ran to my relief or I don't know how I would have done. God bless the people, every one of them, and especially Bro. Tom Hodges and Sister Bourland, the leaders.

C. O. Weller, Secretary, Dec. 16: The district stewards of Austin district, Texas Conference, met at Elgin, Friday, December 5, 1890. The presiding elder's salary was fixed at \$1500. The following amounts were assigned to the different stations and circuits for collection:

Austin, Tenth Street station-Presiding elder, \$318; bishops' fund, \$15; foreign missions, \$270; domestic missions, \$125

missions, \$270; domestic missions, \$125; church extension, \$112; education, \$57; Paine Institute, \$8.

Austin, Twenty-fourth Street mission—Presiding elder, \$21.30; bishops' fund, \$4; foreign missions, \$30; domestic missions, \$11; church extension, \$8; education, \$5; Paine Institute, \$1.

Austin, First Street mission—Presiding elder, \$26.50; bishops' fund, \$4; foreign missions, \$30; domestic missions, \$11; church extension, \$8; education, \$5; Paine Institute, \$1.

Paine Institute, \$1.

Manchaca circuit—Presiding elder.
\$58.30; bisho; s' fund, \$5; foreign missions, \$45; domestic missions, \$33; church extension, \$15; education, \$8; Paine Institute, \$2.50

Merrilltown circuit—Presiding e der, \$53; bishops' fund, \$5; foreign missions, \$30; domestic missions, \$15; church extension, \$10; education, \$6; Paine Institute \$2. tute, \$2.

Christian workers.

A handsome complexion is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. Pozzon's Complexion Powder gives it.

I am pleased with the Advocate. I am urging my preachers to place it in every family in their charges. I trust the Gatesville district will present the largest list of subscribers this conference year by far in its history.

Eastern and Manor circuit—Presiding elder, \$30; bishops' fund, \$10; foreign missions, \$40; church extension, \$22; education, \$12; bishops' fund, \$4; foreign missions, \$40; domestic missions, \$41; church extension, \$12; education, \$7; Paine Institute, \$1.50.

Webberville circuit—Presiding elder, \$68.90; bishops' fund, \$5; foreign missions, \$65; domestic missions, \$25; church extension, \$20; education, \$11; Paine Institute, \$2.50.

Bastrop station—Presiding elder, \$106; bishops' fund, \$10; foreign missions, \$85; domestic missions, \$45; church extension, \$30; education, \$16; Paine Institute, \$3.50. \$30; education, \$16; Paine Institute, \$3.50. Cedar Creek circuit—Presiding elder, \$53; bishops' fund, \$4; foreign missions, \$40; domestic missions, \$31; church extension, \$14; education, \$8; Paine Institute, \$1.50. Smithville circuit—Presiding elder, \$42.40; bishops' fund, \$5; foreign missions, \$35; domestic missions, \$16; church

extension, \$13; education, \$7; Paine Institute, \$1.50.

Winchester circuit—Presiding elder, \$42 40; bisho; s' fund, \$4; foreign missions, \$30; domestic missions, \$14; church extension, \$12; education, \$7; Paine Institute, \$1.50.

Flatonia station—Presiding elder, \$148.40; bishops' fund, \$10; foreign missions, \$100; domestic missions, \$55; church extension, \$37; education, \$16;

Paine Institute, \$4.
Flatonia circuit—Presiding elder, \$47.40; bishops' fund, \$3; foreign missions, \$35; domestic missions, \$11; church extension, \$6; education, \$4; Paine Institute, \$1.50.
Weimar circuit—Presiding elder, \$116.60; bishops' fund, \$10; foreign missions, \$95; domestic missions, \$95; abuvah extension domestic missions, \$42; church extension, \$26; education, \$14; Paine Institute, \$2.50. Columbus station—Presiding elder, \$116.60; bishops' fund, \$10; foreign mis-sions, \$95; domestic missions, \$42 church extension, \$26; education, \$14; Paine Institute, \$2.50.

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Dec. 23 -L M Fowler, sub. S B Ellis, subs. E L Spragins, sub. N B Read, sub. Jas N Hunter sub. S H Morgan, subs. Jos P Rodgers, sub. E C Hicks, sub. J S McKee, sub. W A Sampey sub. E K Denton, sub. E H Harman, sub. I Z

C Hicks, sub. J S McKee, sub. W A Samper, sub. E K Denton, sub. E H Harman, sub. I Z T Morris, subs.

Dec. 24.—J M Sherman, subs. J M Holt, sub. T B Graves, sub. W T Ayers, sub. S C Vaughan, subs, W D Montcastle, sub. A C Benson, subs. J White Davis, sub H G Williams, sub A P Payne, subs. J P Tye, sub. Jos P Rodgers, o k. I M Woodward, subs. R H Simpson, o k. T F Dimmitt, o k. P R Esglebarger, o k. L W Grockett, sub. W Monk. o k. J W Sims, change made. A G Nolen, sub. W T Keith, sub. W R Crockett, sub. W Monk. o k. J W Sims, change made. A G Nolen, sub. W H Crawford, subs. W W Henderson, sub. W H Crawford, subs. W W Henderson, sub. H M Haynie, sub. C S McCarver, subs: samples sent. G D Wilson, subs. S N Atlen, sub. N A Keen, sub. Chas Davis, sub. M S Hotchkiss, subs. M S P McCullough, sub. M S Hotchkiss, subs. M S Hotchkiss, subs. M S Hotchkiss, subs. J A Kerr, subs. G J Irvin, o k. I N Burks, subs. Marion Mills, sub. W W Horner, subs. J A King, sub. J W Johnson, sub E G Hocutt, sub. Dec. 27.—T B Graves, subs. N B Read, subs. F M Winburne, samples sent. C H Malay, o k. H G Williams, subs. J B Gober, sub. R V Gallowar, sub. T B Lane, sub. J W Brazelton, subs. J W Holt, sub. J Woodson. o k. W E Caperton, subs. N B Read, subs. Dec. 29.—J M Holt, sub. J T Brown, sub. R C Merrill, subs. J F Foolin sub; o k W C Hilburn, sub. M K Little, subs. J Haralson, sub. L G Rogers, sub. A B Trimble, sub. I N Burks, sub. W L Pate, subs. T S Williford, sub.

For scrofula in every form Hood's Sarsaparilla is a radical, reliable remedy. It has an unequalled record of cures.

Passer-by—I heard there was a schism in your church recently. Uncle Joab. Uncle Joab—No, sah; no. sah; dey ain't no trute in dat story. We foun' a hornet's nes' in de pulpit las' summer, but I ain't seen no sech animal as dat one you speak of sence I be'n de sexton.

Recipe for a Happy Chrislmas: "This," said Mrs. Barrows, "this dress is for my husband's Christmas present." "For h m to give you?" "No. For me to give him. That is, I wear it, and he has the pleasure of seeing me in it."

THE ANGEL MAKER.

The once so-called "Angel Maker," the H. & T. C. R. R., is now the "Saint's Preserver." Since this road went into the hands of a receiver (Mr. Chas. Dillingham) the road-bed has been thoroughly graveled wherever necessary, new ties put in, old iron taken up and steel rails put in, old iron taken up and steel rails put in their stead. Depots have been remodeled; in fact, everything, including branches and main line, has been put in first-class order—rolling stock of the very best and the most satisfactory service given to the traveling public of any road in the Southwest—in fact, many traveling people say there is no better in the South. From officials down to employes all are courteous and obliging to the many patrons of the road. obliging to the many patrons of the road. It is the exception whenever you hear a complaint against the service of this road

in any of its departments.

In fact, the road is well dubbed the "Old Reliable." Preachers, politicians, business men can make their appointments weeks ahead, or months, and can rely on the properties the properties of the prope weeks ahead, or months, and can rely on meeting them, as a rule, to the miaute, anywhere on any line of its system. The writer once asked the receiver, Mr. Dillingham, what his railroad police. writer once asked the receiver, Mr. Dilingham, what his railroad policy was. His reply was, "Torun a railroad on the same plan as other business is run, that is, treat everybody right, furnish good transportation and employ reliable, courteous men to serve the people. From the well-merited reputation that this road now has, we conclude that the policy is a correct one. We noted with pleasure that this system discontinued the excursion trains during the Fair to and from in the Council and House of Representasion trains during the Fair to and from Dallas, and if the other systems coming into Dallas had done likewise no doubt there would have been a great many peo-ple better off by having a quiet Sabbath of rest, which is very necessary to the well-being of any nation or people.—G. W. Owens.

Mrs. Small, Abilene; J. E. McConnell, Albany; James Beauchamp, near Alto; S. E. Cook, near Andrews; Mrs. Walter Wilcox, Mrs. Elia Lyron Clark, Austin; Joe Smith, Avalon; Charley Gilliard, near Bastrop; John Mallory, Miss Emma de Berry, Belton; Mrs. Sallie Richardson, Ben Franklin; Mr. McGuire, Blanco; Robert Strue, Dr. Bayard, Boerne; Col. Richard White, Bonham; Henry Luhman, near Breckenridge; Y. E. Yarnigan, Mrs. B. L. Elliott, Brownwood; J. B. Thomas, Bryan; Robert Sturve, Burnet; George Goldthwaite, Calvert; E. V. Frost, Colorado; Prof. E. H. Tramwell, Commerce; Miss Mary Griffin, near Commerce; John R. Collina, Corsicana; Mrs. Lake, of Dallas, at Decatur; Mrs. A. G. Obituary -Texas. Lake, of Dallas, at Decatur; Mrs. A. G. Gowan, DeLeen; Robert Westenda, Denton; Miller Drake, Ennis; Mrs. Walter Stevenson, Forney; D. C. Headrick, William H. Shaw, Ed Beavers, Miss Mary Stone, Gainesville; E. Lockwood, Wilham H. Hilbert, Isidore Feist, Joseph Rice, Galveston; Dr. J. Richardson, near Giles; Judge W. L. Martin, Gilmer; Mrs. Dr. Hooper, Grady; George Dyke, Gran-Giles; Judge W. L. Martin, Gilmer; Mrs. Dr. Hooper, Grady; George Dyke, Granbury; Mrs. M. S. Wert, Hillsboro; J. S. Hayden, Holland; J. Grandy, L. Blanford, W. H. Elliott, F. A. Sawyer, J. B. Harrison, Mrs. James R. Masterson, Mrs. K. C. Decherd, Mrs. S. H. McGrew, Mrs. Catherine Collings, Houston; James Frazer Brown, Lometa; Wyatt Flannagan, Longview; Rev. John Young, J. T. Waggoner, McGregor; Philip Burger, McKinney; John Jackson, Menardville; McKinney; John Jackson, Menardville; McKinney; John Jackson, Menardville; Mrs. E. Kutters and Market Mrs. E. Kutters and Longue W. L. Martin, Gilmer; Mrs. and London telegram reports territore at mine in the Soudan countries. The oldest native inhabitants never saw the locusts so thick as they have been this year. The country was visited eight victims of the famine are so numerous that it is no exaggeration to say that some sub-tribes of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the proposition of the famine are so numerous that it is no exaggeration to say that some sub-tribes of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. The awful experiment of the Hadendowas and Amoors have ceased to exist. McKinney; John Jackson, Menardville: soned their determination to maintain E. B. Swenson, Meridian; Mrs. E. Ruttedge, Miss Kate Helm, Paiestine; Mrs. among the tribesmen have been the fam-Elizabeth Cotton, San Antonio; Gustae illes of those who, in 1884 and 1885 ar-Frederick, San Felipe; Newton Travis, San Marcos; P. L. Hill, Seymour; Frank ish-colonial and Indian forces and whose

S. E. Lane, a printer, who in August, 1888, killed J. W. Wilson, a Dalias mer-chandise broker, for which he was under conviction to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, committed suicide last week in the Dallas jail by taking mor- at Washington, has received a dispatch

C. C. Vaughan and James Champion, farmers of Callahan county, engaged in a cutting scrape and both were severely hurt. Subsequently Vaughan was found in a field dead with a bullet-hole in his head sud a card by his side on which was with an, "My tree less are over."

Mamie, the daughter of Peyton Hunt, of Mexico, fell into the fire and was so badly burned she died.

A. K. Hathaway, aged fifteen, of Denison, was accidentally killed by James Whitworth, aged seventeen, of Sulphur Springs. The accident occurred at Staunton, Va., where both boys were at school.

Texas Incidents.

The smallpox in Houston has caused other places to quarantine against said

The Texas sheepmen are going to be on hand to ask the legislature to make the State help them rid the country of sheep-

Spinal meningitis prevails in Fairfield and other parts of Freestone county. The acreage of wheat in Hardeman county is one-half greater than last year. The reformatory at Gatesville reports: Received from the penitentiary, 25; received from other sources 111. Total population, 136. There are 61 counties represented. Harrison county leads, with 11 convicts; Bexar has 6, Galveston 6, Dallas 4, Tarrant 2. There are 65 cases of burglary, 19 for theft, 1 for murder. The highest term of imprisonment is five years, for which 36 inmates are sentenced. The youngest inmate is 9 years old; the oldest 20. Forty-three are 15 years of

The Fort Worth packery has sent an agent to Kansas to buy bogs—the supply in Texas not being equal to the demand. The Texas and Pacific have made a reduction in their wood rates, to take effect January 5, 1891. On and after that date the rates will be as follows: Fifty miles and under, \$1.50 per cord; 100 miles and under, \$1.75 per cord; 125 miles and under, \$1.85 per cord; 150 miles and under, \$2.00. This applies over the entire line in Texas and Louisiana.

At Plano, Texas, December 27, the Young Men's Prayer-Meeting Convention of North Texas assembled at the M. E. Church. A good many visitors from a distance were in attendance, being entertained at the homes of citizens.

The Adams Electric Railway Company

Hon. W. D. Simpson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, died at Columbia, that State, on Christmas day. Because of violations of international

laws, the Angelita, flying the Spanish flag and manned by Spaniards, was, last week, captured off the west coast of Flori-

da by the United States revenue cutter

cember 28.

McLane and taken to Key West. The vessel will, in all probability, be offered forsale, the proceeds going to the United States treasury. It is pretty generally believed that th's

congress will not open the Cherokee Strip. Settlement will be prohibited. Therefore, boomers may call a halt at least until after next congress deals with the matter.

Hon. J. D. Sayers, M. C., comes out in favor of Wm. R. Morrison, of Illinois, as Democratic candidate for President.

M. A. Dauphin, president of the Louis-iana Lottery, died in New Orleans De-

At the request of citizens of Salado Lieutenant-Governor-elect George C. Pendleton, Senator George W. Tyler and Representatives-elect Rufus Y. King and S. N. Strange, visited that place to hear the proposition the people wished to make for the location of a State normal

Secretary of the Territory, Thomas, swore in the Council and House of Representatives. The Council as organized stands eight Republicans and four Democrats, with Col. J. Francisco Chaves, President. The House organized with thirteen Dem-ocrats and eleven Republicans, Judge William Burns, Speaker.

Rabbie among the Russian and Polish Jews of New York have been doing a thriving business in issuing fraudulent divorces. The Hebrew Charitable Association of New York has taken the matter in hand, and the so-called rabbis are being prosecuted.

The Hebrews of the Court Street Synagogue, composing the leading and weal-thiest congregation of that faith in New Haven, Conn., are engaged in a movement to change their day of worship from Saturday to Sunday with the idea of making the change national. This is regarded here as the most processive uncorrections. making the change national. This is regarded here as the most progressive undertaking of the Hebrews in this age and is favored by all except some of the most orthodox believers. The Rev. Dr. Lewis Kleberg, rabbi of the Court Street Synagogue, is at the head of the movement, and he has already partially adopted the Sunday plan by holding services for young men on Sunday.

The race-horses belonging to the late Aug. Belmont were sold at auction last week, twenty-nine racers bringing \$121,-

San Marcos; P. L. Hill, Seymour; Frank Richards, Sherman; Brisco Tunstall, near Stockdale; Major Henry Dickson, Taylor; Bailey Pirer, Mrs. Alma Farnham, Rev. Wright. Miss Kate Carlisle, Terreit; Mrs. Ada Caperson, Wace; Kemble Manning, Waxahachie; C. W. Rhea, W. B. Hutcherson, Rowland Lewis. Weatherford.

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Terms Casualttes.

A. E. Grav, a traveling painter, core-A. E. Gray, a traveling painter, committed suicide at New Boston, leaving this note: "Please inform Capt. A. H. Gray, Calcutta, West Indies.

Deen many undoubted cases of caninoalism, freehly-interred bodies of the dead having been exhumed to satisfy the cravings of the hungry. Here and there a whole village is found deserted, with skeletons of the dead remaining in some of the houses. The wealthy fared hardly better than the poor, as riches could not procure food that did not exist.

> rom the Argentine L . thile giving a brief summary of the commerce of that country for the year anding June 30 last. It appears that notwithstanding the revolutions the imports for the year amount-ed to \$175,955,000, and the exports to \$150,627,000. The wheat crop for the year has been enormous, and will probably be the largest ever grown in the country. During the year 289,000 immigrants landed at Buenos Ayres, of which number 109,000 had their passage paid by the government. The population in Buenos Ayres is reported to have increased between 30,000 and 40,000 during the year. One hundred and twenty six new streets are being laid out and between 8000 and 9000 new buildings erected.

The Department of State at Washington has issued the following circular let-

of the International American Conference the bureau of the American Repub lies has been established at Washington. The object of this bureau is the dissemi-nation of authentic and useful information concerning the comme scial conditions and advantages of the several American Republics for the benefit of manufacturers, merchants and others who may be in terested in the extension of trade.

It is proposed to issue at frequent in-tervals for free distribution to the public printed pamphlets or bulletins containing 1. The existing customs, tariffs of the several countries and all changes of the same as they occur, with such explana-tions as may be deemed use ut. 2. Official regulations which affect the entrance and clearance of vessels and the

mportation and exportation of merchandise at the ports of the several countries; also, circulars of instruction which relate to custome procedure or to the classi fication and appraisement of merchan

 Ample quotations from commercial and parcel post treaties between any of the American Republics. 4. Important statistics of commerce and

other information of special interest. The bureau will at all times be availa ble as a mediam of communication and correspondence to persons applying for re sonable infor nation pertaining to customs tariffs and regulations and to the commerce and navigation of the American Republics; and any suggestions as to the character of information that may be found useful will receive careful attention.

While the utmost care will be taken to insure accuracy in the publications of the bureau, it will assume no pecuciary responsibility for inaccuracies that may occur therein.

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Hand-made Zephyr Vests, all wool, 50c., worth \$1.00. 75c., worth \$1.25.

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"The eyster is a placid sort of a creature," observed Mrs. Dinwiddie, as sne swallowed one. "Don't know about that," replied Dinwiddie, "I have often seen it in a stew."

CNINA SPEINGS, TEXAS. Aug 17, 1886.

One large dose of Wonderful Eight cured my mare of lock-jaw. It is truly a wonderful cure and the best seller of any preparation in the market. No one can afford to be without it Ed. H. Hardin. For sale by all sealers.

A Weather Signal: Near-sighted pedestrian (looking down Broadway- fhere must be a storm coming. I see the dust blowing up. Gamin-Dat ain't de dust blowin' up. up. Gamin-Dat ain't mister, dat's de subway.

Waco has four artesian wells, flowing two million gallons of water daily, and is the home of Cacterine Medicine Co.

The church was very chilly, and the parson His hearers 'twas because the cellar wasn't

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It cures quickly. For sale by all dealers in medicine. Get the genuine.

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Mr. Rue Wheat, Dallas, Texas, had blood poison and rheumatism so bad he could not walk without a crutch. Four bottles of Saxet

He (rapturously)—I love the very ground which is trod by your fairy feet. She (innocently)—Are you aware that this land does not belong to my father?

Influenza and Pneumonia. T. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish, La., writes: "Permit me to say to the pub-lic that I have tried Wonderful Right in my practice and find it to be a good medicine in influence and pneumonia. Nothing to equal

"De you know, Eleanor, I think Hebe lardie has a figure like the Venus of Milo?" Why, Sally! I think Hebe has a very good

The season is now at hand that produces chills and fever galore. This may not interest you to-day but to-morrow you may be crying lustily, Oh! what will cure chills? Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic never fails. Remember this. Price 75c.

Fred—I didn't mind Taylor's discharging me so much as I did the insult he subse-quently offered me. Frank—What was that? Fred—He advertised for a boy to fill my

No medicine has achieved greater success an "Cacterine," or, Extract Mexican

Don't argue with a fool or the listeners will say there is a pair of you.

No praise of ours can equal the sincere faith of those who know Johnson's Anodyne

Sumso [reading]—Professor Blanksley is an agnostic. Mrs. Cumso—What a lot of seases that man has! I read the other day that he was a dyspeptic.

Saxet Blood Purifier cures rheumatism every time. If your druggist does not keep it, order from Saxet Medicine Co., Dallas, Yexas. Price, \$1.00 per bottle.

Perkins (the head waiter, who has dined here's a dollar for you. [Transfers a bill from his right hand to his left.] "Thank you sir. Shall I help you on with your coat?"

An Untimely Death.

An untimely death so often follows neglect of a slight cough or cold. If Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweat Gum and Mullein is taken in time it will prevent any evil results. It cures coughs, colds and consumption.

Johany Dumpsey—Ma, what makes you cry, to? Mrs. Dumpsey—Because it always pains me to have to chastise my darling, Johany [sympathetically]—Weil, ma, why dea't you wear a thick, soft glove?

A Happy Postmaster. This is to certify that I tried one bottle of Wonderful Eight for a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism to which I was subject and it is the first thing I ever found that would have any effect. It cured me in less than forty-eight hours. Wn. T. Madday, Postmaster Malvern, Ark.

A Thanksgiving Paradox: "It's very atrange, observed the Boston woman in Washington Market, "that undressed turkeys are invariably c'othed with a pennate growth, while the dressed are absolutely

It is to be regretted that many mothers do not commence the use of Mellin's Food until their infants are ill. This food, it must be borne in mind, is not a medicine, and is not intended pri-marily for sick babies; it is the best artificial food for both healthy and feeble infants.

"New is your son getting along at school, Uncle Abe?" "Mighty fine, sah. Gitten to be a gem man mighty fast. Ye jes orter see how he makes fun of us two old ignorant nigger folks when he comes home. It makes me mighty proud, sah."

The beautiful crimson blush of nature, without paint, can be imparted to the pale checks of a sickly and feeble woman by the use of that great female tonic English Female Birreas.

In Russia: Official—You cannot stay in this country, sir. Traveler—Then I'll leave it. Official—Have you a permit to leave? Traveler—No, sir. Official—Then you cannot go. I leave you twenty-four hours to make up your mind as to what you shall do.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches." For Bronchial, Asthmatic and Pulmonary Complaints, "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES" have

emerkable curative properties, 25c. a box. As advertisement appeared a short time ago in a provincial paper for a woman to "wash, iron and milk one or two cows." We can understand the cows wanting milking. but why on earth they require washing and broning is beyond our comprehension.

A faded and discolored beard is untidy and a misfortune. It may be prevented by using Buckinchara's Dye for the Whiskers, a never failing

Militor (to literary aspirant)—If you are anxious to do some literary work, write something, say on the chapel, but make it short and forcible. Literary Aspirant—Not if I know myself! A man was expelled from college last year for doing that very same thing.

Some people might prefer wrestling with the chills all summer to spending seventy-five cents for a bottle of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and getting well, but the man of brains buys himself a bottle and gaily winks at the chills as they pass him by. Buy a bottle and join the winkers. 75c.

Sophomore—I heard one of the girl under-graduates make a truly womanly answer the other day. Junior—Indeed. Sophomore— Yes, the professor in astronomy asked her why the earth goes around the sun. Junior— What answer did she make? Sophomore— Because

tions of this disease are beyond description. There is no other remedy equal to Hood's Sarsapa rilla for scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood disease. It is reasonably sure to benefit all who give it a fair trial. Be sure to get Hood's.

Lady Lecturer on Woman's Rights (growing warm)—Where would man be if it had not been for woman? (After a pause and looking around the hall:) I repeat, where would man be if it had not been for woman? From the Gallery—E'd be in Paradise, ma'am.

Neuralgia.

My wife was suffering over two weeks with a very severe attack of neuralgia which several physicians failed to relieve. I then got a bottle of Wonderful Eight, which relieved her in five minutes and soon effected a permanent cure.

G. S. STIVERS, Dentist,
Cor. 5th and Walnut Sts., Louisville, Ky.

"Tommy, my dear, what are you crying for?" said a lady to her little boy, who had just returned from church. "Because the clergyman says we must all be born again, and I'm afraid I shall be born a girl next time."

Columbus discovered America, and Dr. H Robinson, of Waco, found out that Cactering serves the most credit?

Well Fitted: "You want a position on the staff as a humorist, eh?" asked the editor. "Yes," said the graduate, "that's what I want." "What experience have you had?" "Well, I painted the word 'Damn' on the chapel steps up at college once and lit a giant cracker under the chair of our Greek professor."

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

The old guard-A chaperon. A nom de plume-"Ostrich."

This is to certify that I have used WON-DERFUL RIGHT and found it to be an immediate relief for Black-Leg in cattle, by giving them from 15 to 20 drops internally and applying once or twice externally to carts affected.

A. J. McCLURE,
Buttercup, Williamson Co., Texas.

She Emphatically Had Been There:
Dempster—That's the wedding march from
Lonengria. Very impressive, isn't it? Mrs.
Wolfair [from Chicago]—Rather; but, do
you know, I got so tired of it that during my
last few ceremonies I've insisted on dropping
it for something e se.

Out of the 50,000,000 people in the United States, 45,000,000 of them suffer from Catarrh, Hay Fever, or Bronchitis, in some of its forms. Cacterine is the cure for these dis-

Church Motices.

TYLER DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Troupe and Overton, at Larissa, at Whitehouse. Jan 10, 11 | Mineola sta, at Mineola Jan 17, 18 | New York, at Oak Grove. Jan 24, 25 | Caaton, at Canton. Jan 31, Feb 1 | Tyler, at Antioch Feb 7, 8 | Lindale, at Union Chapel John Adams, P. E. pe and Overton, at Troupe GALVESTON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Washington Street Jan McKee Street Jan 11 Mckee street
City mis
Cedar Bayou cir. J
Alvin cir. J
Patterson cir
Richmond and Wharten
Matagorda F
Eagle Lake F
Columbia. Velasco
District stewards will meet at Washingt March 8, 9

Church, Houston, Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 p. m. H. V. Phil. Port, P. E. PALESTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Alto cir. at Atov. Jan 3, 4
Homer cir. at Homer. Jan 10, 11
Lufkin sta Jan 17, 18
Crockett cir, at Porter's Springs Jan 24, 25
Augusta cir, at Augusta Jan 31, Feb 1
Rusk sta Feb 7, 8
Palestine sta Feb 14, 15
Jacksonville mis, at Providence Feb 21, 22
Palestine mis, at Slade's Chapel Feb 28, March 1
Kickapo cir, at Neches March 14, 15
Trinity cir, at Trinity March 14, 15
Trinity cir, at Trinity March 14, 15
Trinity cir, at Trinity March 10, 22
A word to the stewards—Dear Brethren: Ali
the preachers in the district save two have had to
move—some of them a long way, and will be in
need of immediate help. Please call on yours at
once and see if you can't give him such h lp as
will make him easy till the quarterly meeting.
It is earnestly hoped that every steward, local
preacher or other official member will be at the
Erst quarterly meeting. J. T. SMITE, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. PALESTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND,
Grandview circuit. Jan 3, 4
Alvarado sta. at Alvarado Jan 4, 5
Bristol cir, at Bristol
Lamcaster and Ferris cir. at Ferris Jan 17, 18
Avalon cir. at Elm Branch Jan 24, 25
Sims and Glenwood cir. at Bethel. Jan 31, Feb 1
Oak Cliff sta. at Oak Cliff Feb. 7, 8
Wesley and Rush cir, at West Dallas. Feb 14, 15
Italy cir, at Frost. Feb 21, 22
E. L. Armstrong, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Florence cir, at Florence. Jan 3, 4

Marble Fails mis, at Marble Fails. Jan 9

Burnet sta, at Burnet Jan 10

West Georgetown cir, at Rock Church. Jan 12

Bartlett cir, at Hackberry. Jan 14

East Taylor mis, at Lawrence Chapel. Jan 16

Taylor sta, at Taylor. Jan 17

South Belton, at Elm Grove. Jan 23

North Belton, at Cedar Creek. Jan 24, 25

Salado cir, at Salado Jan 31. Feb 1

HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. neet cir, at Kountze. Jan 8, 4
sper sta. Jan 10, 11
sper cir, at Magnolia Jan 17, 18
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CORSICANA DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Hillsboro station Dresden cir. at Blooming Grove... Irene cir. at Myrtus. Kerens cir. at Kerens...

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MONTAGUE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND

 Bowle cir, at Sparks Chapel
 Jan 3, 4

 Post Oak cir, at Farmington
 11 a. m., Jan 6

 Henrietta sta
 7 p. m., Jan 8

 Beuvanue mis, at Benvanue
 Jan 10, 11

 GAINESVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Fra cir, at Era Jan 3, 4
Decatur sta Jan 10, 11
Gainesville cir, at Spring Grove Jan 17, 18
Dexter cir, at Black Jack Jan 24, 25
Marysville cir, at Marysville Jan 31, Feb 1
Rosston cir, at Forestburg Feb 14, 15
Mountain Springs cir, at Zion Feb 21, 22
Greenwood mis, at Greenwood Feb 28, March 1
Decatur cir, at Mt. Zion March 14, 15
Denton mis, at Sunnydale March 14, 15
Denton mis, at Sunnydale March 21, 22
Aubrey cir, at Friendship March 28, 29
C. L. BALLAED, P. R. WACO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Oenaville cir, at Pendletonville ... Jan 3, 4
Crawford and Valley Mills, at ... Jan 10, 11
Rogers cir, at Rogers ... Jan 17, 18
Clifton mis, at ... Jan 24, 25
Bosqueville, at Bosqueville ... Jan 31, Feb 1
West cir, at West ... Feb 7, 8
McGregor cir, at ... Feb 14, 15
Mart mis, at Friendship ... Feb 21, 22
R. C. Armstrong, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Bellville cir, at Bellville Jan 4

Sealy and San Felipe, at Sealy Jan 11

Caldwell sta Jan 18

Caldwell cir, at Thompson's Chapel Jan 25

Milano cir, at Milano Feb 15

Rockdale sta Feb 8

Davilla cir, at Davilla Feb 15

Pleasant Hill cir, at Pleasant Hill Feb 22

Cameron sta March 1

Cameron cir, at Maysfield March 15

C. H. Brooks, P. E.

C. H. BROOKS, P. E.

Cisco sta, at Cisco ... Jan 3, 4
Cisco cir ... Jan 7

Eastland cir, at ... Jan 10, 11

Gordon and Strawn cir, at Gordon ... Jan 14, 11

Green's Creek cir, at Shelby ... Jan 17, 18

Sipe Springs and Rising Star, at Rising Star, Jan 24, 25

Lipan cir, at ... Jan 21, Feb 1

Cariton cir, at Ceuter ... Feb 4

Comanche and DeLeon cir, at Comanche ... Feb 7, 8

J. S. Davis, P. E. isco sta, at Cisco......Jan 3, 4

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Plantersville and Courtney cir, at Courtney

ney Jan 10, 11

Hempstead cir, at Hempstead Jan 18, 19

Hockley cir, at Mink Prairie Jan 24, 25

Montgomery cir, at Montgomery Jan 31, Feb 1

Willis sta Feb 8, 9

Waverly cir, at Black Jack Feb 14, 15

Cold Springs cir, at Cold Springs Feb 21, 22

Huntsville sta March 1, 2

Prairie Plains cir, at Mary's Chapel March 1, 15

The district stewards will please meet me at Willis, February 10, 1891, at 2:30 p. m.

J. C. MICKLE, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT .- FIRST ROUND. Carrizo Springs mis, at Carrizo
Benton cir, at Beuton
Amphion cir, at Amphion
Pleasanton cir, at Pieasanton
Travis Park sta
West End sta West End sta
Tenth street sta
Boerne cir, at Lock Hill
ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Haskell sta. at Haskell Haskell mis, at Haskell Anson cir, at Spring Creek Big Springs and Midland, at Big Springs Colorado mis, at
Buffalo Gap cir, at Buffalo Gap. ...J
Abilene sta.
Roby mis, at Roby.

SAN SABA DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

EDDY DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Harwood cir, at Harwood ... ist sun in Jan Gonzales sta, at Gonzales ... 2d Sun in Jan Belmont cir, at New Bethel ... 3d Sun in Jan Seguin sta, at Seguin ... 4th sun in Jan Seguin mis, at Cottonwood ... ist sun in Feb W. H. Bieges, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Whitewright and Marvin, at Whitewright. Jan 3, 4
Pilot Point sta. Jan 10, 11
Gordonville cir, at Rock Creek Jan 17, 18
Jan 24, 25 Gordonville cir, at Rock Creek Jan 14, 15
Denison sta Jan 24, 25
Collinsville cir, at Collinsville Jan 21, 25
Pottsboro and Preston cir, at Pottsboro Feb 7, 8
Sherman cir, at Pecan Feb 14, 15
East Sherman mis, at Oak Grove Feb 21, 22
Howe cir, at Howe Feb 28, March 1
Pilot Grove cir, at Cottage Hill March 7, 8
Anna mis, at Miligan's Chapel March 14, 15
16, W. D. MOUNYCASTLE, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT-FIRST BOUND. TERRELL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Poetry cir. at Clifton Jan 3, 4
Wills Point sta. Jan 10, 11
McLendons cir. at Blackland Jan 17, 18
Garland and Duck Creek, at Garland Jan 24, 25
Floyd cir. at Caddo Mills. Jan 31, Feb 1
Allen cir. at Allen Feb 7, 8
Forney cir. at Lawrence Feb 14, 15
Kemp cir. at Lone Oak Feb 21, 22
Kaufman sta. Feb 28, March 1
Mesquite sta, at Farmer. March 7, 8
Boberts mis. at Vansickles. March 14, 15
The district stewards will meet at Terrell, December 19, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Methodist Church. W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

The Air We Breathe. "Whom fire spares, sea doth drown, Whom sea, pestilent air doth send to clay, Whom war escapes, sickness takes away."

Whom sea, pestilent air doth send to clay, Whom war escapes, sickness takes away."

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AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Webberville cir, at Webberville. Jan. 3, 4
Bastrop station Jan. 10, 11
Winchester cir. at Milton Chapel Jan. 17, 18
Aussin, Tenth street Jan. 24, 25
Manchaca cir, at Pleasant Hill. Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Cedar Creek cir, at Cedar Creek. Feb. 7, 8
Smithville circuit, at Smithville. Feb. 14, 15
Flatonia sta. Feb. 21, 22
Flatonia cir, at Ridge Chapel. Feb. 28, March 1
Weimar cir, at Weimar. March 7, 8
Columbus sta. March 14, 15
LaGrange sta. March 12, 22
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 quarterly conference.

E. S. Smith, P. E.

Goliad sta. Jan 3, 4
Rockport, at Rockport Jan 10, 11
Lagarto, at Lagarto Jan 24, 25
Kenedy, at San Domiugo Jan 31, Feb 1
Lavernia, at Southerland Springs Feb 7, 8
Helena, at Riddleville Feb 14, 15
Wesley, Utzville I. T. Morris, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Queen City cir, at Queen City ... 1st Sun in Jan Coffeeville cir, at Murry League ... 2d Sun in Jan Atlanta sta ... 2d Sun in Jan Gilmer cir, at Gilmer ... 4th Sun in Jan Texarkana sta ... 1st Sun in Feb Daingerfield, at Daingerfield ... 2d Sun in Feb Edinden, at Douglassville ... 3d Sun in Feb Edinden, at Douglassville ... 4th Sun in Feb Barrett, at Barrett ... 4th Sun in March Kildare, at Trinity ... 2d Sun in March Cusseta. at ... 3d Sun in March Texarkana mis ... 4th Sun in March Eylau mis, at Liberty ... 5th Sun in March C. B. FLADGEB, P. E.

CUERO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Leesville cir, at Leesville ... 1st Sun in Jan
Weesstche cir, at Middleton ... 2d Sun in Jan
Clear Creek cir, at Rocky ... 3d Sun in Jan
DeWitt cir, at Thomaston ... 4th Sun in Jan
Yeakum cir, at Yoakum ... 1st Sun in Feb
JOHN S. GILLETT, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND, | SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND, | Campbell | 1st Sun in Jan | Leesburg | 2d Sun in Jan | Black Jack | 3d Sun in Jan | Cooper | 4th Sun in Jan | Quittan | Jan 30 | Winnsboro | 1st Sun in Feb | Sulphur Bluff | 2d Sun in Feb | Fairlie | 2d Sun in Feb | Sulphur Springs mis | Feb 19 | Comme:ce | 4th Sun in Feb | Emery mis, at Emory | Feb 27 | Lone Oas | 1st Sun in March | Sulphur Springs | March | Marc WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Barton Creek Feb 14, 19
Farmer, at Farmer Feb 21, 22
W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E. PARIS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Lake Creek cir.
Centenary sta
Lamar Avenue.
Maxey mis

Blossom sta Powderly mis. Three Scrings mis. New Boston cir. FORT WORTH DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

BONHAM DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Bonham cir, at Ector. Fannin, at New Hope Bailey and Randolph, at Bailey Leonard cir, at Leonard. MARSHALL DISTRICT-FIRST BOUND.

MARSHALL, DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Marshall sta, at Marshall Jan 2, 4

Harrison cir, at Willey's Chapel Jan 10, 11

Hallville cir, at Wilterfield Jan 17, 18

Centennial mis, at Mt. Pleasant Hill Jan 24, 25

Centennial mis, at Mt. Pleasant Jan 31, Feb 1

DeBerry cir, at Mt. Zion Feb 7, 8

Kilgore cir, at Mt. Moriah Feb 14, 15

Beckville cir, at Beckville Feb 28, March 1

Henderson cir, at Good Springs March 7, 8

Henderson sta, at Henderson March 14, 15

T. P. SMITH, P. E.

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BAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton.

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Ist Sab in Jan McIrose cir, at Trinity.

R. C. Armsyrons, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Frozier mis.

Jan 3,

Duke mis

Jan 17, 18

Prairiew mis.

Jan 17, 18

Seymour sta.

Jan 17, 18

Seplamin mis.

Jan 12, 25

Wellington mis.

Jan 13, 40

Center cir, at Newbern

A. J. Frick, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Queen City cir, at Queen City List Sun in Jan Confeeville cir, at Murry League.

2d Sun in Jan 24, 25

San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton.

Ist Sab in Jan McIrose cir, at Trinity.

2d Sab in Jan Martinsville mis, at Mt. Pleasant Hill.

3d Sab in Jan Linn Flat cir, at Flowery Mountain. Ist Sab in Feb Hemphill mis, at Pleasant Hill.

Seymour sta.

Jan 17, 18

Sen Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton.

San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton.

Ist Sab in Jan McIrose cir, at Trinity.

2d Sab in Jan Linn Flat cir, at Flowery Mountain. Ist Sab in Feb Hemphill mis, at Pleasant Hill.

Segmour sta.

Jan 17, 18

San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton.

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Ist Sab in Jan McIrose cir, at Trinity.

2d Sab in Jan Martinsville mis, at Mt. Pleasant Hill.

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Seymour sta.

Jan 17, 18

Seplamin mis.

Jan 24

Seplamin mis.

Jan 26

Seplamin mis.

Jan 27

Seplamin mis.

Jan 28

San Augustine and Sexton.

San Augustine and Sexton.

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BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

May cir, at Verbena. Jan 3, 4
Indian Creek cir, at McAnaily. Jan 10, 11
Glen Tove mis, at Rough Creek Jan 17, 18
Round Mountain cir, at Mesquite. Jan 31, Feb 1
Zephyr cir, at Chappell Hill. Feb 7, 8
Goldthwaite cir, at Pleasant Grove. Feb 14, 15
Mullin cir, at Mullin. Feb 21, 22
Cottonwood cir, at Valley Grove. Feb 28, March 1, 5
Fort Chadbourne mis, at Fairview March 14, 15
Fort Chadbourne mis, at Fort Chadbourne, March 21, 22
J. P. Mussert, P. E.

BRUND.

Giear Greek at Thomaston. 1st Sun in Feb
DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

City mis. 1st Sun in Jan
Cochran and Caruth 22 Sun in Jan
Weskon cir. 1st Sun in Feb
Bethel cir. 2d Sun in Feb
Farmers' Branch cir. 3d Sun in Feb
Exwivelle cir. 1st Sun in March
North Fort Worth mis. 3d Sun in March
North Fort Worth mis. 3d Sun in March
North Fort Worth mis. 3d Sun in March
T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

Feb 8 Milton cir.

Kewn, P. E. Woodland cir.

Detroit cir.

Annona cir.

Jan 3. 4 Delkalb mis.

Jan 3. 4 Delby Springs c Dalby Springs cir... Clarksville sta.... Clarksville cir....

J. R. WAGES, P. E.Wed before 4th Sun in Feb. 4th Sun in Feb. W. L. NELMS, P. Z.

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not only contentment, but grandeur and nobleness. My strength during all my life has been precisely this that I have no choice. During the last thirty-six years God has twelve times changed my home and fifteen times changed my work. I have scarcely done what I myself would have chosen. The sup port of my life is to know that I am doing what God wishes and not what I wish myself. My brethren, the best thing often which could happen to a

fit to lay upon us our life may gain,

man is to be thwarted in his favorite hopes. The old song sings the hope that in time of old age we may find one face at our fireside whom we loved when we were young; but I would say: Far rather than this-God grant that we may find him there in the home of our darkened life. Then all else will seem to us to be but dross, when his hopes are all beyond the grave, when we listen without terror to the ebbings and flowings of the tide of life and the rush of its storms-then, after the night, to us the day will come back, and after the tempest a great calm. We know then that it is God's work and that God loves us better than we can love ourselves. We know then that all our life is guided by him, so that we find consolation and contentment; and if we have those two things with us-consolation

in all sorrows and contentment in any loss-we have the richest blessings which God can give us .- Archdeacon

"MUST" AND "MUSN'T." "A fellow can't have any fun," "A fellow can't have any fun,"
Jan 11, 12
Jan 17, 18
Jan 24, 25
Jan 31, Feb 1
must do this, you must learn that; or Feb 14.15
Feb 21. 22
Feb 28. March 1
March 7. 8
March 14.15
March up to rules, and at home—well, a shake of mother's head means more than a

Farrar.

dozen 'musn'ts.' Seems a pity a boy can't have his own way half the time, and do something as he likes." "Going to the city this morning, Tom?" seked Uncle Thed from the

adjoining room. "Why, of course," answered Tom, promptly. "Going across the Common?"

"Yes sir; always do." "I wish you'd notice those young trees they've been setting out the last year or two. There's something rather queer, it seems to me. Of course the old trees will die sooner or later, and others will be needed, but-well you just observe rather carefully, so as to

describe their appearance," etc. "What about those trees, Tom?" asked Uncle Thed after tea, as they sat on the pinzza.

"Why, they're all right; look a little cramped, to be sure, snipped short off on top, and tied up to poles, snug as you please, every identical twig of them; but that's as it should be, to make them ship-shape—don't you see? They can't grow crooked if they would. They'll make as handsome trees as ever you saw one of these days. Haven't you noticed the trees in Mr. Benson's yard? -tall and scraggy and crooked, just because they were left to grow as they pleased. The city fathers now don't

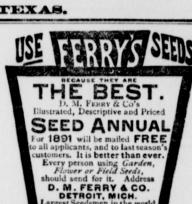
propose to run any risks"—
"But I wonder how the trees feel about the must and mus'nt," remarked Uncle Thed, dryly.
Exit Tom, wishing he had not said quite so much on the subject of trees-

and boys .- Sunday Afternoon.

IMPROVEMENT! should be the watchword of the farmer. Improvement! not merely of his stock of horses; not merely of his cows, or his hogs, or his sheep or his goats, but let his hens also come in for their share of improvement. While carefully looking after and seeking to improve his stock of the larger kinds, he should not forget the fowls, and allow

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Devotional.

THE HUMAN SIDE.

"You ask me why I shrink,"
She said, as the last light of day
From her pale forehead died away,
"As I approach the brink,
And listen for the dipping of the oar
That is to bear me to the farther shore?

"You wonder that I fear Should, for the briefest moment, dim
My far horizon's radiant rim.
That should be heavenly clear—
Aglow with all the promises that are As fixed and sure as yonder evening star.

"I do not waver; nay, My faith is firm as God's own word Can make it; not one doubt has stirred The hope that is my stay—
That I shall reach a fearless bliss at last,
Before the wrench has come, and all is past.

"But I am human still,
And dread to face th' unknown, untried
New life upon the other side,
Whose exaltations thrill Whose exaltations thrill With awe this earthly-clinging soul of mine, Afraid to come so near to the divine.

"Caught up so far—so far
Above this solid, s able earth,
Where all my being had its birth,
Mayhap, behind yon star—
Swept onward, upward, into boundless space,
Where only spirit hath a d welling place— "To leave this flesh behind,
Through which has come to me, alone,
All I have seen, felt, heard, or known—
All truth of every kind—
And venture forth, a naked soul, to be
Clothed with a mystic immortality.

"And so I shrink with fear-That is not fear—to meet the change, So wonderful, se grand, so strange! Yet with a trust all clear, That come what may—betall what shall be-With Christ to strengthen, I can dare it all!"

—Margaret J. Preston.

DIVINELY GUIDED.

Faith travels in an unseen track to honor and glory, neither shall anything turn her aside. Her way may not be plain at this moment, but it shall be made so. God is with those who trust in him; and what or whom shall we fear when God is with us? In due time the hand of the Lord shall be

Sometimes the way of the Lord is mysterious and perplexing. I have known the best of men to say, "I long to do right, and by God's grace I will Mr. Jno. D. Storey, near Corsicana, Rev. M. M. Smith, of Crystal Falls circuit, not stoop to anything which is evil; but Northwest Texas Conference, and Miss which out of the two ways now before me is the right way? Each of them seems to be both hopeful and doubtful; which way shall I turn?"

This is a condition which causes great anxiety to one who is deeply earn est to be right. Oh, for an oracle be gratified by either voice or dream, but yet "The way of the righteous shall be made plain." Brother, when you do not know your way, ask your Guide. Stand still and pray. If you cannot find the way upon the chart, commit your self to the divineguidance by prayer. the bride's parents, Bryan, Texas, De-Down upon your knees and cry to the cember 17, 1890, Mr. W. B. Schrimshire. Down upon your knees and cry to the Lord. Few go wrong when they pray over their movements and use the judgover their movements and use the judgment which God has given them. The last is not to be omitted, for I know at 8 p. m., December 14, 1890, Mr. Joseph persons pray about a matter which was perfectly clear to any one with half a grain of sense. In order to escape from have talked about praying over it.

Where a plain command is given, an unmistakable figure points out the way, and hesitation is reballion. Show the state of the and hesitation is rebellion. Sluggards make prayer an excuse for doing nothing; on the other hand, willful people

and this is sheer hypocrisy. will come to a good end, for the King has completed that way, so that it does not fall short, but leads to a "city of habitations, whose builder and maker is God." Oh, to be right with God; yea, to be right with him in our daily life and private walk. Let that be the case and our way shall be judged of by the Lord as his own royal highway, and upon it the light of his love shall shine, so that it shall become brighter and brighter unto the perfect day .- The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

MARY'S BEAUTIFUL DEED.

Individuality counts for much in Christian service. Each one is possessed of personality which puts a distinctive mark on whatever is done by him. The anointing of Jesus by Mary is called a beautiful deed, because it Texas. was Mary whose mind planned, whose heart prompted, whose hands executed it. It was a loving personal service personally wrought. Misinterpreted indeed by the disciples, whose murmuring rose like a marring discord, it was understood by the Master and commended by Him. It was Mary, the quiet, reflective sister, who seated herself at the feet of the Savior and kept listening to his words, whose brother, Lazarus, Jesus had raised from the grave, who sought in her own way to express her affection and gratitude to Christ. Do not then hesitate to render your service because it is different from that of your neighbor; for if it is the expression of your personality, not the mechanical imitation of an-

be studied Mary will continue more imstant adornment of our spirit that "in everything we give thanks.'

How the beauty of Mary's act is enhanced by the motive which inspired enhanced by the motive which inspired it! It was prompted by love. Like Mary, the sinner, who bathed Christ's feet with tears and wiped them with the hair of her head, this Mary loved much. Only love for Jesus could make disease had well nigh destroyed his speech, he seemed to regret that he could not talk to his fond parents. From a merely human stand point, it appears the hair of her head, this Mary loved ones torn from our fond embrace and leave the spirit took its flight to the realms of the church. I would say to the wife and children: I offer you ready?" her shrinking spirit brave the mur-muring of the disciples. Only love could nerve her to endure the prominence into which her act thrust her. But love made her brave without brazenry. Little she cared for the critcism of men if only her act might be approved by him! And it was, as every act of love for Jesus is welcome; for love alone gives value to our deed, however great or small, according to human estimate.

Shall not our work for Christ be beautiful and good? Let us do what we can. Let us concentrate our individuality, our substance, our all to Him. Let us give loving testimony to not, even as others who have no hope. His goodness; and let all our spirit be sweet as ointment poured forth, because love inspires us. Then, better than that our deeds should be read throughout the world, our acts will be known in heaven.

"She loved her Savior, and to Him Her costliest present brought: To crown His head, or grace His name, No gift too rare, she thought.

"But give to Christ alone thy heart, Thy faith, thy love supreme; Then for His sake thine alms impart, And so give all to Him" -E. S. Ferry.

Marriages.

Henslee — McCordan.—December 17, 1890, in Caldwell, Mr. E. Claude Henslee and Miss Annie McCordan, both of Lyons, Burleson county; Rev. John R. Dunn officiating.

SMITH-STOREY .- At the residence of Ada L. Storey; Rev. H. M. Glass officiat-

JONES-MARSDAN .- At the Methodist Church in Brady, Texas, December 16, 1890, Dr. J. P. Jones and Miss Katie Marsdan; Rev. Wm. J. Sims officiating. YANCY-HARLAN.-At the residence of est to be right. Oh, for an oracle which could plainly indicate the path. Superstition and fanaticism shall not be gratified by either voice or dream.

WORHL-WOLF.-At Bastrop, December ber 17, 1890, Mr. Frank Woehi and Miss Selma Wolf, all of Bastrop, Texas; Rev. W. Wootton officiating. SCHRIMSHIRE -MIKE .- At the home of

of Milican, Texas, and Miss Mattie Mike; Rev. J. F. Follin officiating.

Sasser and Miss Emily Herbert, all of Hawkins, Texas; Rev. J. C. Calhoun offi-DUNLAP-TURNER.-At Porter, Decem-

He who is on the King's highway

Mr. D. M. Fields and Miss C. E. Bilbo;

Northwest Texas Conference. She died.

Rev. W. T. Melugin officiating. PERRY-JUSTICE. At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. E. Justice, West

Point, Fayetie ccunty, Texas. December 17, 1890, at 7.15 p. m., Mr. E. E. Perry, of Monterey, Mexico, and Miss Emma Justice; Rev. J. F. Sullivan officiating. Episcopal Church, South, in West Point Fayette county, Texas, December 17 1890, at 7:30 p. m., Mr. M. E. Hughes, o Carl. Travis county, Texas, and Miss Mary A. Ward, daughter of Rev. A. B. Ward, of West Point, Texas; Rev. J. F.

WHITE-DUNLOP .- At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Dunlop, near Gabriel Mills, Williamson county, Texas, December 21, 1890, by Rev.R. H. Simpson, of Liberty Hill and Leander circuit, Mr. Geo. G. White, late of London, England, and Miss Agnes I. Dunlop.

Obituaries.

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POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent, Price lve cents per copy.

McShan.-Little Andrew Jeff Mcpressively than in words to utter her Shan, son of W. A. and J. A. McShan, sweet testimony to the kindness of was born in Cameron parish, La., June Jesus. Oh, the heartlessness of silence 25, 1882; died of pneumonia January concerning the goodness of Christ! 29, 1889, in Lampasas county, Texas. The garment of praise is comely, by whomsoever worn. Let it be the con- when he was taken severely ill. His patience in suffering was truly exemplary-not a murmur escaped him during his entire illness. When the studied the Word of God, as the many ful to the end. He leaves behind him disease had well nigh destroyed his tendrils of love all lacerated and bleeding; but, thank God, when viewed in the light of a Savior's love and tender care for "little children" and his gracious purpose to gather us by families relatives and friends to mourn; but in heaven, death loses its terror and they sorrow not as those who have no becomes the very gateway through which our departed loved ones have out- sleep in Jesus will God bring with him comb was born January 18, 1823, and stripped us home—though they await us—watching for us—"calling us to that better land." Fond parents, be faithful a little while longer; then admired in all his saints. May we all be early age of eleven. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church many years ago, and lived a true Chris-Jesus will come to receive you to himself and restore your precious child to you again, that you and it—the family —may be with him forever. "Sorrow E. A. BAILEY.

> PRICE.-Sister M. A. Price, wife of Bro. A. B. Price, was born in South Carolina, March 20, 1825; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1849, of which she was a con-13, 1890, when God called her from her home in Saint Jo, Texas, to her home in heaven. Sister Price was a widow with three children when married to fort and sustain them. Bgo. Price, and unto them were born twelve children, making the whole number of her children fifteen, four of whom preceded her to the land of rest. Her devotion to the cause of the Master was evidenced in public and private life by her consistent walk and godly conversation. All the children she unto the end of life. Sister Price was emphatically the preacher's friend, and never seemed to grow weary in ministering to their physical wants and in made sad, yet we bow in humble sub Jesus then as she had in life. May God bless Bro. Price and all the children in their bereavement is the prayer S. NELSON.

CULBERTSON .- Mrs. I. C. Culbertson was born November 1, 1834, in Tennessee. In early childhood with In her fourteenth year she was soundly HUGHES-WARD.-At the Methodist daughters. E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Miss Lucy Carroll, all of Coryell county,
Texas; Rev. Abe Long officiating. MARTIN-GRIFFIX-At the residence of in 1852. In 1858 she was united in Rev. E. J. Seale, in the town of Floresville | marriage with C. D. Pickett, who died December 17, 1890, at 9 o'clock a. m., Mr. several years ago. In 1887 she was J. A. Martin, of Karnes county, Texas, and happily converted, and after mature deliberation joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which she lived a true and faithful member to the end of life. Her life was correct, and we have no fears of her safety. No doubt she was lifted up to that home where sickness never enters and where the unclouded soul forever enjoys the presence of the Great King. She leaves several sisters and four sous to mourn her absence and follow her example. tines; or about 170 to 180 words. The privilege is May this sad affliction lead them all to reserved of condensing all obitinary notices. Parties trust in Jesus and meet her in the bettrust in Jesus and meet her in the bet-

> ter land. MRS. LIZZIE MARCHBANKS, M. L. HARDIN, G. J. PENN.

PAYNE-Sister Rachael L. Payne (nee Lanham) was born in Smith county, other's work, it will be accepted by our Lord as a beautiful service.

Our best service cannot be rendered until our substance is reckoned in the November 27, 1876, and died in Wilson December 20, 1886. In September, offering. "What she hath" is a more county, Texas, November 2, 1890. 1889, Sister Payne professed religion literal rendering than "What she Rosa was just blooming into woman and joined our church. Since that could." It was an expensive offering hood. She was her father's idol, her time her light has shined with no uneven in its money value. It may have mother's comfort and help, and looked certain brilliancy. I visited her on the been, like the widow's mites, all her live to for a great deal by every member of the family. Kind to all, sweet in disposition, she was very much beloved ing of her substance upon the Christ. Some said she might have employed it look up; God doeth all things well.

The widow's mites, all her live to for a great deal by every member of the family. Kind to all, sweet in disposition, she was very much beloved the rapproaching desclution. She was utterly tearless and spoke as calmly of dying as she would of visiting a friend.

The lord doesn't have employed it look up; God doeth all things well.

The lord doesn't have employed it look up; God doeth all things well. to better effect, but Jesus vindicated Mary by declaring that the anointing had even deeper meaning than she knew. Bring your prayers and your praises, but let the consecration of your praises, but let the consecration of your prayers and your praises, but let the consecration of your prayers and your praises, but let the consecration of your prayers and your praises, but let the consecration of your prayers and your prayers an substance be the amen of sincere grat- with the cares and toils of this world. several children and her husband to She has outstripped us and gotten home | mourn her departure, to all of whom Mary rendered a tribute of loving first. We are coming on. Will meet testimony in her beautiful deed. That testimony has been repeated times unnumbered wherever the gospel has been published. And so long as these records of the Savior's earthly life shall of their pastor.

C. E. Statham.

dell, wife of A. E. Doudell. Her maid- ter Ann Falkner February 14, 1838; was a Bible Christian; she read and Church in early life, and held out faithpassages marked in her old Bible clear- a wife and eight children and thirtybereaved husband, children and grand- father is at rest with our dear Savior in children, together with many other the realms of bliss. hope, but are assured that those who

Thomas W. Sims, was born August 25, was on May 28, 1890. She lived to be 1886, and died December 9, 1890. Her old, and everybody who knew her loved death was sad indeed. She was at Sun- her. All the good she did will never day-school, and as the weather was be known in this world. She has gone cold and there was no stove in the to rest. She suffered much, but bore it church, her father, who is the superin- meekly. Tru'y her house was the tendent of the school, sent her home to warm. There was no one in the room on her return, and she went so near the fire that her clothing caught and she was so severely burned that she died on sistent and zealous member until June

Tuesday moring. Linda was a bright,
sistent and zealous member until June
sweet child, and her tragic death brought deep sorrow to the family, of which she was the pet. May God com-

B. J. GUESS.

WARREN .- The following resolutions were adopted by the Lavernia Sundayschool, M. E. Church, South, on the fifth Sunday of November, 1890: Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen fit in his wisdom to remove from has on earth are members of the church Warren; and, whereas, she, by her dren bereft of their precious father. our Sanday-school our sister, Rosa she loved so well. Let us trust that they will be faithful like the mother they will be faithful like the mother had so endeared herself to us as to the Lord lead the family and bless had so endeared herself to us as to win the hearts of all; thererefore, be it them and bring them finally to the reresolved, (1) though our hearts are union in heaven. W. T. MELUGIN. praying for their spiritual good. She well. (2) That we tender to the family met death without a fear, trusting of the deceased our sympathy and offer for them our prayers for God's sustaining grace in this sore trial.

MINNIE HALE, MATTIE MCLEMORE, MAMIE SCULL,

her parents she emigrated to Missouri. (nee Tennin) was born in 1859, in Hays filled the place of wife and mother with voted member of the Methodist Epis- up his jewels. P. R EAGLEBARGER. cheerfulness. Succeeding in rearing a family of eight children, who live in usefulness and uprightness as witnesses faith in Christ. Left to mourn her born in Madison county, Ky., January of her worth and success as a mother.
Her praise dwells upon the lips of her weeping husband, and her neighbors bear testimony of her kindness and libbar testi

when death came to relieve, she went May 17, 1876; die 1 December 21, E. Church, South, in which he lived to sleep and awoke, doubtless, amid the shouts of welcome in heaven. May 1890 at Manor, the place of her death. angel knocked at his chamber door and God bless the husband, sons and From the time of her union with the claimed him as its victim. For ten daughters. E. L. Armstrong.

Waxanachie, Texas.

Pickett. — Died in Waxahachie,
Texas, November 28, 1890, Mrs. M. L.

Methodist Epispocal Church, South,
she showed forth the genuineness of
her profession by a quiet and godly
life. The deceased was a beautiful
gurl in person, and deceloning late a ROBINETT—CARROLL.—At the residence of the bride's father, W. H. Carroll, December, 18, 1890, Mr. O. J. Robinett and Miss Lucy Carroll, all of Coryell county, Texas; Rev. Abe Long officiating.

D. Pickett, decloved, decloved, and developing into a lovely and promising woman. She is gone from earthly parents and home, but to a Father and home eternal in the heaven. Therefore, grieve not, dear parents, brother and form an unbroken for its parents, brother and spoke of his departure with perfect calmness and composure. He leaves a wife and gone from earthly parents and home, but to a Father and home eternal in the heaven. Therefore, grieve not, dear parents, brother and form an unbroken for its parents, brother and form an unbroken for its parents, brother and form an unbroken for its parents.

DOUDELL .- Died in the city of San RAINBOLT .- Hiram Rainbolt WEB Antonio, after a pretracted illness, born in Madison county, Alabame, December 9, 1890, Mrs. Seleta Dou- March 28, 1816; was married to Hesen name was Coates, and she was born died at his home, in Meridian, Decemin Pike county, Mississippi, September 13, 1822; married June 5, 1851; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1853. She Christian. He joined the M. E. glory to be with Christ and the blood- my sincere condolence on this melanwashed throng forever. She leaves a choly occasion. Your husband and

B. F. BADGETT, P. C.

HOLCOMB.-Jane Elizabeth Holin the last day, when he comes to be was married to John Holcomb at the Sims.—Linda, youngest child of many years ago, and lived a true Caristian until the Master called her, which preacher's home. She was ready when the summons came. She left a husband, one son and daughter, and many grandchildren to mourn for her, but our loss is her eternal gain. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

HER GRANDDAUGHTER. LOYAL VALLEY.

LEE .- M. C. Lee was born in Robertson county, N. C., in 1837, Septentber 1; embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of twelve years and lived a devoted member until his death, which occurred ire Lampasas, Texas, November 4, 1890. He was a good, kind husband and gentle, loving father. In his death Sister Lee has been deeply afflicted, his five chil-

LINSEY .- Margaret J. Linsey (nee Brison) was born in Chester District. S. C, February 5, 1845; moved to Chattooga county, Georgia, in 1846, and from thence with her parents to Texas in 1851, and settled in Upshur county. In 1860 she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. She was married to Joe Linsey on Fabruary 19, 1868. There were born to this union COKER .- Mrs. Maggie B. Coker seven children, some of whom are useful members of our church. She died in county, Texas; was thirty-one years of the faith on November 5, 1890. leavconverted and continued steadfast in a geat the time of her death, which ing the husband and children and both hope of eternal life until deliverance occurred in Lampasas November 29, parents to mourn their heaviest became, relieving her from the cares and 1890. She was married to Mr. J. F. reavement. She was kind and loving, burdens of life December 8, 1890. She Coker December 4, 1889. She was the like her divine Master. Her form is was united in marriage with Bro. I. C. daughter of Mr. John and Mrs. Mary
Culbertson thirty-five years ago, and
Tinnen, of Lampa-as. She was a deloss is her gain. Thus God is making

Mr. Swiger, in Lampasas, December 7, 1890, Mr. J. B. Baker and Miss E. L. Swiger; W. T. Meiugin, pastor, officiating.

FIELDS—Bilbo.—At the residence of the poor distressed and needy. The bride's father, December 18, 1890, Mr. J. Culbertson, of Graham station, and her neighbors left in care of Sister East. May the the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was happily married to Miss Agnes Stone January 5, 1837. In 1853 he moved to Texas and settled near York-to via Miss C. F. Ribb.

A. T. Culbertson, of Graham station, to via Miss C. F. Ribb. Northwest Texas Conference. She died of virulent cancer. Suffered long without complaint or murmur, and at last out complaint or murmur, and at last W. T. KEITH. BREVILLE, TEXAS.

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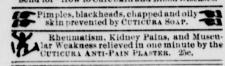
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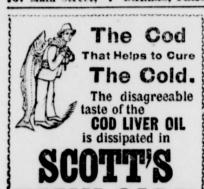
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ever travel a hard work?" I said, "No. They were reported as hard fields; but they were pleasant fields to me." "Labor is rest and pain is sweet, if thou my God art here." The Lord has given us the example, whom we serve daily. I am not vain enough to conclude that I suit every one. No; no. But all loyal, devoted Christians can be pleased with honest, faithful efforts to do good. I hope every man of God will take courage and rally the host under the banner of the Lord, and bring many during this year from darkness to light—from Satan's kingdom to the kingdom of God. I am placed, as you see, at Lampasas, from which I was taken by Bishop Keener and placed on the above district. I will say my old, true and tried friends have given me a hearty welcome, and many congrativate the times have grossed my nath which is which I was taken by Bishop Keener and placed on the above district. I will say my old, true and tried friends have given me a hearty welcome, and many congratulations have crossed my path, which is a light amidst the labors of life. The stewards honored me with a liberal assessment without a struggle. I pray that the Lord may make this year profitable to the church and your humble servant. I will do all I can in my power to place our excellent paper (Texas Christian Advorbare) in every family connected with my charge in the city.

Midlothian.

F. M. Winburne, Dec. 25: This being Christmas day, I tried in my very imperfect manner to use something appropriate to the occasion. As to how well I succeeded eternity must decide. This service brought us to the close of our twelve-days' meeting at this place with the following results: Thirty-five or forty conversions; twenty-nine accessions to the Methodist Church, three to the polity that I have ever listened to. I have read Ditzler and heard of Ditzler all my life, but never heard him before, and acjectival phrases not at all compliments ary to the intellectuality of most of those who believe in immersion and close communion. Barring these, his sermons are munion. Barring these, his sermons which were finished on the night of the 23d. He deals somewhat in expletive jocose allusions to other denominational usage and adjectival phrases not at all compliments ary to the intellectuality of most of those who believe in immersion and close communion. Barring these, his sermons which were finished on the night of the 23d. He deals somewhat in expletive jocose allusions to other denominational usage and adjectival phrases not at all compliments ary to the intellectuality of most of those service brought us to the close of our twelve-days' meeting at this place with the following results:

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a hearty welcome as their productions a hearty welcome as their productions of conference over; was held at Lake Grove. Our presiding elder, Bro. J. C. Mickle, was at his post in due time. We all were glad to see him, for he preached with power and with the Spirit. Our quarterly meeting was that of harmony, with the exception of a little disturbance on Sabbath while Bro. Mickle was preaching, caused by the marriage of a runaway couple at the church door. They came in haste, for fear of being overtaken by in haste fear of being overtaken by in haste fear of being overtaken by in haste fear of being overta exception of a little disturbance on Sabbath while Bro. Mickle was preaching, caused by the marriage of a runaway couple at the church door. They came in haste, for fear of being overtaken by her father, and secured the services of Rev. Jeff Darby, who officiated, and the parties fled, and Bro. Mickle finished the interesting service. Brethren. pray for the preacher on Zion circuit this year. I hope to do something this year for the hope to do something this year for the ist.

J. C. H. McKnight, Dec. 18: We came to our field of labor on Tuesday after the first Sunday of December and met with a warm reception. When we arrived we found that the parsonage had received such repairs as were necessary to make it comfortable. We found the culinary department in perfect trim, and the pan-try has been made to almost tremble by try has been made to almost tremble by the many good things sent in by the ladies in the way of a pounding. I here resolve, by God's grace, to do this kind-hearted people a faithful year's work.

Headsville. J. J. Calloway, Dec. 19: Having been licensed by the fourth quarterly conterence of the Bremond and Reagan work to preach, and feeling it my duty to do all that I could in the work, I was advised by cleer brethren in the ministry to take work in the traveling connection. Accordingly, by Bishop Galloway's appointment, I am on the Bald Prairie circuit. I came over and preached my first sermon at White Rock Church the next Sunday after conference. We find a great many good people over here. We are praying for and expecting a prosperous year's work. Will not forget the ADVOCATE. A great many of our people are already taking it.

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"Cacterine," or, Extract Mexican Cactus, sures Catarrh, Hay Fever, etc. Pleasant and sasy to use. ceived. We had a very spiritual time ceived. We had a very spiritual time there Sunday. We come now to report our reception: We arrived to-day about 12:30 p. m., and spent the evening in getting ready for our start to-morrow for quarterly meeting. So, after supper, while sitting around a very cheerful fire, we heard the noise of footsteps on the gallery, and, on going to the door, we saw gallery, and, on going to the door, we saw a large crowd of the good folks of Center, headed by that kinded-hearted preacher, W. L. Pate, with arms full of good things; so then we realized that a presiding elder was about to be pounded, and it was a pounding, indeed. We thank God and take courage. We are weak, but God is that you were with us. We are living this power and will continue thus for

ence, thirty by forty feet, boxed, well put together. This enterprise was on foot when we came. We encouraged and ad-Ladies who value a refined complexion must use Pozzoni's Powder. It produces a soft and beautiful skin.

Mixing the Jeffersons: "What was the Mixing the Jeffersons: "What was the look is favorable. We hope at our first look is favorable. quarterly conference, which embraces first Sunday in January, to have arrange-ments made to have some improvements

Sam. C. Vaughan: It began the evenmorning. It was the warmest storm from the north I ever experienced. In fact, my whole family enjoyed it very much. Wife thinks this equaled anything of the kind she ever saw. This storm brought to our paragraph characteristics. ing of December 18 and lasted over next storm brought to our parsonage cheese, butter, sugar, coffee, rice, grapes, jellies, potatoes, sausage, hams, turkey and canned goods of various kinds. You see we live med goods of various kinds. You see we live in the extreme southern part of Bluff Dale. We appreciated this for its value and token of interest. Our eyes overflowed with tears and deep down in our hearts we said, "God bless those good people." The great burden of our here is to see God's cause advanced in and out of the church. I had been on my work some fifteen days when I went to Fort Worth to meet my family, and on my return found Bro. Holt at the depot with buggy to take us to his house for the hough to the new parsonage and took possession. The kind people went and bought a cook-stove and bedsteads and placed them in the parsonage. We are quite comfortably situated, and now hard at work and the Lord has been with us. We hope to be able to send a good list of subscribers for the Advocate. Well, I would like, if you will allow, to say something about this country. What I may say will be for Hale county, and almost everything that can be said for Floyd, Crosby, Lubbock. Briso, Swisher, Castro, Randall, Deaf Smith, etc. Hale is one of the most western country. A mere definite description is that it is situated in the central portion of the Staked Plains. The headwaters of the Brazos river are in this county. There is not a more remarkable body of land in Texas than Hale county. It is a body of smooth, gently rolling, prairie them in the parsonage. We are quite comfortably situated, and now hard at work and the Lord has been with us. We are expecting a glorious year; to this end we will work and pray. Bro. Kizziar left strong footprints all over the work.

assessed against this charge for the current year. I do this because I see the board is, or will be, in need of the funds to pay off the missionaries in the bounds of our conference the second quarter, for they are worthy, and I do believe in muzzling the ox that treadeth out the corn. The spiritual state is fairly good and attendance on religious worship is tolerably fair. As I go round I make it a part of my business to obtain subscribers to our junior preacher—our Advocate. The district stewards assessed against this charge, foreign missions, \$25.59; domestic missions, \$25.59. I think this people will

twelve-days' meeting at this place with the following results: Thirty-five or forty conversions; twenty-nine accessions to the Methodist Church, three to the Baptist, one to the O. S. Presbyterians; besides, the church has been greatly revived and quickened into newness of life; quite a number promised to erect family altars; a large number of young people promised to watch over each other for good—using their influences to prevent each other from attending places of sinful amusement. During the meeting R. L. Brooks, Dec. 22: I arrived on this circuit the first Sabbath in December; have been to all of the appointments, and was met by many friends and a hearty welcome as their preacher this conference year. Our first quarterly conference over; was held at Lake Grove. Series over; was held at Lake Grove. We all We all Tuesday morning, followed by the Tuesday morning, followed by the true of the true ist," holding the pastor up as the great factor for good in the edification of be-lievers and the conversion of sinners; and while he believes that "modern evangelism" under God has become a necessity, he attributes this necessity to a failure upon the part of the church to co-operate with their pastors, insisting all the while that the average pastor, with the same encouragement, can have just as great results.

J. S. Mathis, Dec. 26: Owing to the absence of my assistant preacher (my wife), we were somewhat delayed in reaching our new work, but, notwithstanding all the delay, on Thursday that the delay, on Thursday propring. December 18, as we steamed the upper extremity of zero, when suddenly Bro. Evans shouted above when suddenly Bro. Evans shouted above and above and above the standard of the upper extremity of zero, and the upper standing all the delay, on Thursday standing all the delay, on Thursday morning, December 18, as we steamed into the depot in this delightful little city of iron hills, cheerful faces met city of iron hills, cheerful faces met only of the parson-oh, how my heart did beat. Gratitude on the continual thermomeage, where and when cheerful greetings were awaiting us; where quite a number of hearty good-mornings were heard and warm handshaking took place. Then we were invited into our new parsonage home, nicely carpeted, with a warm, genial fire glowing with geniality, which is but an expression of the genial Christian hearts that there and then surrounded us. Well, what more can I say? Just us. Well, what more can I say? Just such a dinner, noble and grand. I will not attempt a description. Just think and then think what a class of noble Christian women can do when backed up by their generous Christian husbands, and in a country, that shounds with plants in accordance with our merits or expectations. Bro. Johnson, of the Saint Jo hotel, gave us a fine turkey for our Xmas dinner. Many thanks to him and all our kind friends is tendered by their friend. remembered us in our coming. Mr. Editor, I will not attempt to enumerate the many good things that were sent in as tokens of love. Just think of everything that's good to eat and then you have the bill. [Yes, beloved; but I can't eat the bill.] Mr. Editor, allow me just here to make mention of one article that is among the many, and I would not is among the many, and I would not make mention of this one, but knowing that you have a great fondness, if not a high now and will continue thus for Harwood.

W. O. Shugart, Dec. 25: After a considerable move and some delay, we are housed in the parsonage. I have made one round on my work. I am very well pleased. Have seven appointments. We have one new church since conference, thirty by forty feet, boxed, well put lowship with them as the weeks go by. This must be the most successful year of our fives. We are all in love with our

providence of God, I have been returned to the Plainview mission. The prospects ments made to have some improvements to parsonage property which is very much needed. We are working and praying for a revival. We expect to do our best for the Advocate.

A Storm from the North.

Sam. C. Vaughan: It began the evendo all I can for the church and the people body of smooth, gently rolling, prairie of mesquite and other nutritious grasses. It is a fact that there is not an acre of left strong footprints all over the work.

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L. G. Watkins, Dec. 23: I have completed one round on Weeley circuit; received one member by letter, a young man of worthy parents. I trust he will be true to the church. I am well pleased with my charge and people. I have such faith in their fidelity to the cause of Christ that I send for ward to the treasurer of the Board of Missions the amount clean as the finest spring water. The left to the Advocate.

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Saint Jo. S. Nelson, Dec. 25: Christmas and Dr. J. Ditzler arrived in St. Jo about the same time. The doctor arrived Thursday before Christmas and began Friday night a series of doctrinal sermons which were finished on the night of the 23d. He the only denominations in town that had Christmas trees in their respective houses Christmas trees in their respective houses last night. The attendance at our house was comparatively small, for the rain had been pouring down all day, and everything and everybody looked gloomy, save the children. What a blessed thing this irrepressible joyousness of a child is. Oh! that more of us "children of the Heavenly King" would be joyous when the sombre clouds of disappointment and bereavement fall around and in our lives, and act as if we really believed that "all things work together for good to them that love God." The denizens of the parsonage did not expect any presents, as they had been so generously "pounded" during the month. But directly our ears were saluted with the familiar name of Mrs. Nelson, and a fine silk handkerchief was handed to her proud, grateful husband. Soon "Ben Nelson" was called and a beautiful top, that delight of a boy, was handed down. Now, as I said, I didn't expect any present when I went to the Xmas tree; but as some one had remembered wife and boy, I imagined that some one would remember me—in fact, sorter thought that they ought to; but the calling went steadily on and my name was not called. The tree was nearly last night. The attendance at our house but the calling went steadily on and my name was not called. The tree was near!

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