

Texas Christian Advocate.

PACKING THE JURY.

Judge West, in the Advocate of the 18th, arraigns me for insisting that trials of an accused person should be free from bias and not previously committed upon the question to be tried.

He asks if I have "not heard it hinted that according to the rule of the ancient common law jurors were selected from those who knew all about the facts of the case."

Yes, I know that far back in the twilight of semi-barbarism jurors were taken from the vicinage, and were required to deal with questions of life or death, not upon evidence, but upon spruce, upon their love or hatred for the accused.

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 method, when the bishop is hostile to him.

Yes, I have heard of all this egregious folly, as well as Judge West. And I have also heard, what seems never to have reached his ears, that the times of this miserable stultification are buried in the distant past, and the progress of mind and morals has said men shall be tried by those not already committed to their destruction.

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.

"But the final determination in all such cases is with the annual conference." A preacher may be sick. St. Paul was feeble nearly all his life.

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The ninth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the East Texas Conference convened in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Tyler, Texas, at 3 p. m., November 26, 1890.

The meeting was opened by singing "Blessed Assurance." Mrs. R. W. Thompson, in the chair, read Scripture lesson from Luke xii; prayer by Mrs. R. S. Finley.

Mrs. Park, Corresponding Secretary, was introduced and made an interesting address on our work in Mexico, telling of the labors of Miss Toland and Miss Holding, and the heroic work of Mrs. McClendon, and of all our teachers in Mexico, and of the great demands in that field.

were led by Mrs. Park, of Galveston. 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 meeting, were read and approved.

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, 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 health of our dear sisters, Mrs. D. H. McGavock and Miss Mary Helm.

Mrs. Phillips, wife of the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the society.

Mrs. J. P. Burke presented to the society a handsome silk quilt to be used in the interest of the missionary cause.

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.

Mrs. Park suggested that the members 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.

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.

lished, the President called for reports from the various committees.

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 sweet tribute to her precious memory.

Monday at 9 a. m. the society met, Mrs. Thompson in the chair.

Mrs. Dorrough offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the Woman's Missionary Society of the East Texas Conference tender to Sister R. W. Thompson, who has so long and faithfully served us as President, our sincere thanks for the courteous and impartial manner in which she has presided over our deliberations, and we assure her that our prayers and good wishes attend her to her new field of labor.

Remarks were made by Mrs. Ridley in the interest of the work. These were followed by a hearty commendation from Mrs. Heartsill of the industrious labors of Sister Ridley.

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Robinson, Miss Holding and other co-laborers for loving greetings and words of cheer.

All of which were most heartily adopted. The following ladies were nominated as District Secretaries: Mrs. A. J. Booty, Marshall district; Mrs. Laura Phillips, Palestine district; Mrs. John Adams, Tyler district; Mrs. Mary Huntington, San Augustine district; Mrs. F. J. Browning, Beaumont district.

The anniversary meeting was held Sabbath afternoon. Devotional exercises 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.

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

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and ere the fiscal year closes we hope to more than double these amounts.

The missionary quilt, presented by Mrs. Burke, was exhibited by Rev. R. W. Thompson, and additional amounts were paid upon it, till the former amount was swelled to \$80--\$20 of which made Mrs. Burke a life member of the society, and the remainder was contributed to the Training-school.

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WHO IS RIGHT?

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

Rev. E. W. Alderson, when admitted on trial in the North Texas Conference, was ordained deacon; traveled two years and brought up the four years' course of studies and Bishop Kavanaugh decided he was entitled to elder's orders and ordained him.

Rev. F. S. Jackson was a local deacon when admitted on trial; traveled two years; brought up the four years' studies, and by the ruling of Bishop Parker was ordained elder.

Who is right, the bishops or the great connectional organ? Or has the law been changed? The Discipline nowhere calls a man on trial in an annual conference a local preacher. He is as much a traveling preacher before admission into full connection as after. He is on trial, but it is in the traveling connection (see Discipline, page 87, question 1 and 93, sec. 145).

After roll call committees were appointed as follows: Committee on Finance—Mrs. R. T. Dorrough, Mrs. U. B. Phillips.

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

Look out and save trouble and money. My ponies either strayed or were stolen from stable here on the night of December 12, leaving me in trouble and confusion.

John W. Sims, Dec. 20: At our last session of the West Texas Conference I returned to Junction City, and everybody else is satisfied.

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.

The building for this station has just been erected on the Santa Fe railroad, 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.

Books and periodicals. This paper will only select from the books sent us for notice such as we think the interests of our readers demand.

R. C. Armstrong: "Bible Account of Judas Iscariot, and a Sermon: Possibility of Apostasy." The above is the title of a tractate of thirty-four pages written by our esteemed brother, Rev. Thomas Stanford.

I am pleased with the ADVOCATE. I am urging my preachers to place it in every family for their charges. Trust the great district will present the largest list of subscribers this conference year.

extension, \$13; education, \$7; Paine Institute, \$1.50. Wincheater circuit—Presiding elder, \$42.40; bishops' fund, \$4; foreign missions, \$30; domestic missions, \$14; church extension, \$12; education, \$7; Paine Institute, \$1.50.

Flotation station—Presiding elder, \$148.40; bishops' fund, \$10; foreign missions, \$100; domestic missions, \$55; church extension, \$37; education, \$10; Paine Institute, \$4.

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L. M. Weller, Secretary, Dec. 16: The district stewards of Austin district, Texas Conference, met at Elgin, Friday, December 5, 1890.

Austin, Tenth Street station—Presiding elder, \$318; bishops' fund, \$15; foreign missions, \$270; domestic missions, \$125; church extension, \$112; education, \$67; Paine Institute, \$4.

Austin, 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.

Manchaca circuit—Presiding elder, \$58.30; bishops' fund, \$5; foreign missions, \$45; domestic missions, \$33; church extension, \$15; education, \$5; Paine Institute, \$2.

THE ANGEL MAKER. The once so-called "Angel Maker," the H. & T. C. R. R., is now the "Saints' Preserver." This road, which was turned into the hands of a receiver (Mr. Chas. Dillingham) the road-bed has been thoroughly graveled wherever necessary.

By the United States revenue cutter McLane and taken to Key West. The vessel will, in all probability, be offered for sale, the proceeds going to the United States treasury.

It is pretty generally believed that this congress will not open the Cherokee Strip. Settlement may be prohibited. Therefore, homesteaders may call a halt at least until after next congress deals with the matter.

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

M. A. Dauphin, president of the Louisiana Lottery, died in New Orleans December 28.

At the request of citizens of Salado, Lieutenant-Governor-elect George C. Pendleton, Senator George W. Tyler and Representative-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 school there.

The Twenty-ninth Legislative Assembly of New Mexico organized at Santa Fe, N. M., December 29, peacefully. The Secretary of the Territory, Thomas, swore in the Council and House of Representatives.

Rabbis 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.

The Hebrews of the Court Street Synagogue, composing the leading and wealthiest 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.

Notice to Preachers in Charge, North Texas Conference. 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.

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.

A CORRECTION. 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.

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Recipe for a Happy Christmas: "This," said Mrs. Barrows, "is dress for my husband's Christmas present."

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