

Texas Christian Advocate.

HOME CONFERENCES.

Weesatche Circuit.

J. M. Shuford: We are getting along slowly on the Weesatche circuit. Our first quarterly conference was held some time since. Our presiding elder came and did his work well. We have a kind-hearted people to serve. The preacher and family have received many tokens of their kindness, and then a pounding besides by the elect ladies of Middletown. They surprised the preacher and family, but we just took it and were thankful.

Clarksville.

W. B. Walker, Feb. 26: We are getting along splendidly over here. I have just got home from a two days' visit. Everybody hoping, glad and seems to be happy. I am going to put my time in well visiting my people. It helps me and those that I visit too. I find plenty of good people all over my work. I am trying my best to stir my people up thoroughly. I am glad to say that some are wide awake and some are getting their eyes open; but sorry to say that some are sleeping yet. But by the help of God I am going to hallow, "Awake thou that sleepest, until I get all wide awake."

Montague District.

W. S. May, P. E., Feb. 25: I closed my first round on this district the first Sunday in February and began the second round the second Sunday. Wednesday after the third Sunday we were at a little social meeting with the preacher in charge of Bowlesville dropped in, and we talked pleasantly for a short time, when the sound of feet was heard on the front porch, and the preachers stepped to the door and announced, "A storm on hand." Before we could get out, one of our merchants met me with a sack of flour on his shoulder, and I was ordered to show the way to the kitchen, which I did. Men and women, boys and girls, followed, and began to deposit package after package until we had to begin to make room for them. They had an hour's social enjoyment. After words of prayer the crowd departed, carrying with them our earnest thanks. Now, Mr. Editor, they call that a pouncing in the usual style. The good things they brought are plentiful yet, more than a week after. We say to them all, come again. The preachers on the west side are doing well and are doing faithful work. I think we are a good deal in advance of last year. Two of our missions, Benvenue and Iowa Park, have secured each a parsonage for their pastors to occupy. Archer City mission will likely build or buy one this year, and I think some of the circuit will also; then we will have fifteen in the district, and only one charge without a parsonage. The country is filling up rapidly, and soon we will have to make another district out of this one. We are confident that Bishop Haygood will hold our district conference on the 15th inst. We again invite the editor to be with us. I hope many of the preachers and friends will attend our district conference, to be held at Alvord, on the Fort Worth and Denver railroad.

Glen Rose.

C. V. Bailey, Feb. 25: The first quarterly meeting has been held and we are pressing toward the mark for victory. Bro. Nelms was on hand. With something of apostolic courage he stirred up the pure minds, and in the remembrance of many things, needful of the most earnest prayer and zealous attention. There is abundant work to be done. The first quarter has been in many respects "a getting ready" to advance. The people had to become acquainted with the pastor, in turn, with people. Plans had to be laid; the salary fixed: For presiding elder, \$100; preacher in charge, \$50; together with \$100 from the board. This is my fifth pastoral charge. The Lord has helped me to make development on them all. Pecan mission, under my pastorate of eight months, K. Lane being presiding elder, was raised to a circuit; West Point mission, after a six-months' ministry immediately upon my finishing the course at Southwestern University, while C. C. Armstrong was presiding elder, became a substantial circuit; a twelve-month's supply at Haswell, with A. W. Lane presiding elder, resulted in greatly diminishing the territory of that charge; during the past summer and early autumn, while putting in five months of red hot work, by day and by night, W. L. Nelms presiding elder, we saw Stephenville circuit raised to a half station, with one country appointment dropped off. In the pastor's every achievement much depends on the counsel and effort of "the beloveds." They should be our collaborators in the true sense. No charge has so completely filled my hands and head and heart with work as the present mission. This is a hard work. I have never had an easy charge. Do not want one. There are no "easy jobs" in this work of saving souls. The pastor who assumes a sort of lullaby mood and imagines himself to be in a go-easy-do-nothing place is not likely to give the church a fruitful ministry. There was nothing but toil, in the ministry of our Lord and that of the apostles.

Rockville.

T. B. Vinson, Feb. 24: Our first quarterly meeting, which was the 21st and 22d, was a joyous occasion. Although the waters were high and the roads very bad, five out of seven appointments were represented; not only in person, but with such good business, and the man that is sent to serve them had as well hit the circuit in the same way; if he doesn't, he is sure to get left. Well, we are praying for and expecting great things of the Lord this year. There is one drawback in our way as a church at this place, and that is, we are much in debt, and a quarter from town; but we aim to move in town as soon as crops are laid by. We have a nice lot selected for the church here in town. The general move on this work now is onward, upward and heavenward. Men and women of the best grace and grit are standing right by with their prayers, their money and their help in any and every way they can, declaring that in the name of our God we will set up our banner and our motto in "This circuit for God." God speed the day when we, as a church, may

awake to realize fully our heaven-bought privilege of bringing a lost and benighted world to a blessed Redeemer, cross and cry, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Bro. T. P. Smith, our elder, was with us on Saturday until Monday evening; preached for us Saturday, Sunday and Sunday night. Although suffering in the clutches of the Texas monster, he gripped, he did faithful and lasting work for the Master and won the hearts of our people, which will follow him with their prayers and best wishes. God bless him. Our people down here love the ADVOCATE, and I am glad of it. God bless the ADVOCATE and its many readers.

Matagorda.

Harry May, Feb. 18: We were somewhat surprised when Bishop Galloway announced that he would be in the place of abode. Arriving there found no parsonage or house for the preacher and family. After some "rustling" we have rented a small house and have gone house-keeping. I have been informed that we have the hardest work in the Texas Conference. Only seven appointments, from five miles to forty from Matagorda, across rivers, creeks, sloughs and prairies, besides innumerable nothings. When we left Centerville circuit we thought we had left the best circuit in the Texas Conference, a circuit that is composed of a grand people and now, Arnold, one has found as grand a people as Centerville circuit. No regular pouncing, but it reminds me of old Leon county. Every time this preacher comes home from an appointment he does not come empty-handed. Sometimes we are full and overflowing with good things, and sometimes we are liberal-hearted men and women, we have them: Bro. and Sister "Will" Moore, Mrs. Williams and daughter Allie, Bro. and Sister Franz, with the Harris', Savage, John Matthews and wife, and others too numerous to mention. Bro. Arnold, our local preacher, who is capable of advising this scribe, and last but not least, that big-hearted brother-in-law of our church, Jack Elliott, who presented this preacher with a good horse on Monday. May God bless him. On the 14th and 15th Dr. Philpott was with us holding our district quarterly meeting, preaching two sermons to the edification of the people, also dedicating Ashby Chapel, commenced by Rev. J. L. Kennedy and finished by Bro. L. P. Davis. Now, Bro. Campbell, you and Bro. Shaw come to Matagorda, the land of oysters, ducks and geese, etc., and the madam with this preacher, will give the ADVOCATE representatives a good reception and feed you on the "fat of the land." I am entirely recovered from my sickness, never enjoyed better health, can ride my forty miles a day and preach in days of yore. Am pushing the ADVOCATE for subscribers.

Eddy, N. M.

J. B. Cox, Feb. 24: Our district conference adjourned yesterday (Monday) afternoon after having a most pleasant three days' session. The preachers all here except Bro. W. F. Gibbons, whose health would not permit him to attend; he and his wife were both missed, and the conference passed resolutions of sympathy for them in their affliction. We were glad that our presiding elder, Rev. I. N. Crutchfield, who was so very near the door of death, was brought, by the grace of God, to health again and to be able to preside. Our secretary, Rev. W. T. Bark, will write the proceedings to the ADVOCATE, so I will not say Eddy and Pecos, as I am now in charge of both works. I reported \$121 worth of books sold since conference on Eddy work, twenty-one TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATES, two Nashville, one Arkansas Methodist, two Rocky Mountain Methodists, one Missionary Reporter, and one Southern Reapers; had paid the presiding elder \$15 more than his entire assessment for the year; only two other works had paid him anything, one of them was Pecos. All our collections ordered by the annual conference for Eddy was reported as full in cash and goods. Some of the preachers, I think, \$33 worth of "ads" for our minutes had been sent from Eddy. The pastor has been paid well, considering the few members here. And last of all, to show you the liberality of my people, I took up a collection on Sunday night for Bro. W. F. Gibbons and raised \$81.30 in less than ten minutes; of this Bro. Gibbons did not have the remotest idea. We entertained the conference without the least trouble. In fact, we were sorry we did not have more to fill the other houses opened to us. We invited every preacher in the district to bring his wife with him. (Hold, please, I had forgotten the bachelor.) One came, Sister Hall, of Rockwell. The truth is, I don't think I would suffer my people, if they wanted to, to entertain either a district or annual conference if they would not entertain the ladies. It is an open shame for any man to send out an invitation for the preachers to come but to leave their wives at home, unless the health of the people is such that they cannot entertain them. (I'm a bach, you know, but not a lady hater.) Seven children have been baptized, and one adult; have received into the church three of our best members; one of our best members was received by ritual. Another offered herself for membership, and will be received after she is immersed. The subscription on our church had been raised three or four hundred dollars. On the Pecos City mission the collections ordered by the annual conference are about two-thirds paid. Twenty dollars paid on presiding elder's salary. A lot has been promised and will be given at our next appointment; \$305 in cash and subscription, \$120 of which is in the bank, has been secured to build a parsonage. We have had four conversions at Eddy. The district conference was a benediction to me and my people. We thank God and take courage.

Corpus Christi District.

L. T. Morris, P. E., Feb. 23: I have just finished my first round on the Corpus Christi district. Have held ten quarterly conferences since writing the ADVOCATE. Will not ask space to say all or even half that should be said of the work on the district. All the preachers are at their posts ready to do the work of Methodist preachers. A noble body of laymen are standing by their sides, holding up the preachers' hands and ready to move forward at the word of command to every good work. Assessments have been made for the support of the preachers on all the works, except one, in most every instance these assessments are in advance of last year. On all the works, except one or two, the stewards made good collections for the support of the ministry. At Rancho I found Bro. L. Gregory and his people working with might and main to complete their church, a work which was interrupted last year. When finished it will be a nice house; a credit to the people of Rancho. At Beville, improvements have been made on the parsonage since conference, and Bro. Russell, the new preacher in charge, was devoting much of his time in visiting, looking after his members, hunting up new-comers and particularly visiting the sick. Beville is growing and our church must keep pace with the rapid growth of the town. God-station: We found Bro. J. T. Williamson, preacher in charge, la-

boring under disadvantages such as no-outh-er preacher ever had to encounter in God-land, yet he reports good congregations and a good Sabbath-school, finances well up, and all things considered the work is in as good condition as one could expect. Let us work and pray for a glorious revival here. Rockport circuit: A visit to this point was indeed a pleasure; met many old acquaintances and formed many new. Rockport has been transformed since I left there, four years ago. Our church has been nicely painted and comfortably seated. Had good congregations, a splendid sacramental service and a delightful love-feast. Bro. J. M. Graves, who is supplying the work this year, is in fine spirits. May this charge prosper this year. Lagarto charge: Rev. Theophilus Lee, preacher in charge. This charge made the best financial report made on the district this good year on the circuit. Lee is a general. The visit to Corpus Christi was a pleasure, as we had served this people four years ago. Got there just before Bro. Burnett and Mulkey closed their meeting. Bro. Mulkey has already written to the meeting. Bro. Mulkey, our preacher in charge, was rather feeble, yet abundant in labor. He is very sanguine of the success of the camp-meeting and college enterprise below Corpus. Material improvements have been made on the church in Corpus, and they were indeed a pleasure to behold. The church is growing in numbers. The Kenedy circuit is a large work in a very bad, disorganized condition. Bro. Robert Hodgson is devoting much time visiting his badly scattered flock and organizing them for work. May all be overflowing with good things, and the Laverna circuit is being served the fourth year by Rev. C. E. Statham, who is in favor with all his people. The work is in good condition. A new church, to cost about \$1500, is being built at Stockdale and will be ready to use in a few weeks. The quarterly conference for the Helena circuit was held at Riddellville, but one official member present; no assessment made for the preacher in charge; collections for the support of the ministry small. Much sickness through the country explains, in part at least, this state of affairs. The quarterly conference to us at the annual conference. The last circuit visited on the round was Wesley, served by Rev. L. G. Watkins; had a good quarterly conference. This circuit was without a regular pastor three-fourths of last year, yet the work is being put on good space in days of prayer with the people. I think Wesley will send up a good report this fall. Taken all in all, the outlook on the Corpus Christi district is encouraging.

Will you allow one who is now a prisoner in this county and has been for over four months—suffering for the sins of another—to reply to an article published in your paper on the 5th inst., written by one of your "fall in work"? His subject is one that well deserves the prayerful consideration of all true ministers and especially of those ministers who have labored in this part of the Lord's vineyard. I have, as before said, been in this jail over four months, and during all that time there have been a great many of any denomination or any layman that has felt the love of God strong enough in their hearts to cause them to come and even speak one word of comfort to our troubled hearts. During this time I have often had my heart to ache at hearing how some of the prisoners speak of those who claim to be the followers of the crucified Savior. I have for twenty years tried to live a Christian life; but I must say that owing to the way I, as well as all the prisoners, have been neglected by professed Christians, my heart has become embittered and I have almost been persuaded by the devil that there are no true Christians. Mr. Editor, it would have done your heart good could you have been here some time ago. A good traveling lady evangelist came to this town and came and held service for us. My heart, as well as some of my fellow-prisoners, was softened to tears and there was a marked difference for the better among us all. May God's richest blessings ever follow the good sister in her noble work. I would to God that many others would follow her example. I am now fully convinced that if more attention were given to the prisoners, many who now go from prison walls hardened in sin, caused in a great part from being neglected, would go out feeling there was a reality in religion. Being a stranger here, I have many times prayed that some good brother in whom I might have given a copy of the ADVOCATE, might shine across my darkened life. I allow me to thank the two good, noble Christian ladies who about ten days ago visited this jail to see a fallen woman. My self being adjoining, I could not help hearing the words of comfort and noble thoughts offered to this fallen one, and what a heartful prayer was offered by one of our good sisters. It caused tears of joy to run down my cheeks and how I did thank God that I was forced to believe there was still true and pure religion. It was through these kind-hearted Christians that I have had the pleasure of reading two copies of your excellent paper they had sent to this woman. I trust all who have read the article referred to will resolve to put on the whole armor of God and be found doing their whole duty, so that no other prisoner may have just cause to doubt that true religion still exists.

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by a circular letter from Bishop Hendrix, President of the Board of Managers, setting forth facts that touch a tender chord in every loyal preacher's heart.

Now, here are two great interests that have one common aim, the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth, making calls upon us for assistance at the same time. Can we afford to neglect either? If so, which? Perhaps some will say that we are wholly committed to the Bible cause. To this I would answer, yes, to the amount of one cent at most per member for our charges; more, of course, if practicable, but certainly not to the neglect of other interests equally as dear. It will surely not be denied that a trained missionary to carry and expound the word of God is as necessary in this work as the word of God itself. The Master evidently (to my mind) so taught when he directed the great commission. Besides, this method of training the school comes to us not only bearing the weight of equal importance, but is backed by the action of the General Conference as well. Now for the suggestion: Let us all enter heartily into the spirit of each of our sermons. Following that we can preach the even 40,000 in sixty years of his ministry, he would have preached on an average 666 a year, which is nearly two for every day. Allowing his sermons to have averaged forty minutes, he preached 26,666 hours, or 2666 days of ten hours each, or a little more, in his seven years. He preached nearly twice as many sermons as there are verses in the Old Testament, or more than five times as many as there are verses in the New Testament, or 9603 more than there are verses in the Scriptures altogether.

UNIFORMITY IN PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Among Methodists, this matter has been thought so important that the church has laid down formal directions for its observance in all her congregations. In the "back roads," where I live, this order is often violated, either in ignorance of its demands or of conceit on the part of the preacher, who thinks he can give us something better. A late discomfited me to understand that such blunders are not confined to the "back-woods."

Worshipping on a recent Sunday morning with a city congregation of Methodists, I was surprised at the conspicuous absence of a volume of "songs" now having their day. I was further surprised that the pastor, instead of selecting hymns in accord with his sermon, as is usual, left that matter entirely to the choir. A still further surprise awaited me when the congregation was dismissed without the closing prayer.

The pastor is a Methodist, a good man, popular, useful and in high favor with his people; yet the circumstances mentioned so impressed me as to suggest the following questions:

1. Can any good reason be given why the hymn-book prepared by the church for the special use of her congregations should be laid aside in public worship for another compilation however excellent?

2. As singing is an important part of public worship, does not the fitness of

thing suggest the officiating minister as the only proper person to select the hymns?

3. If, contrary to the formula provided, the minister is authorized to dispense with the closing prayer in public worship, may he not in like manner omit the extemporaneous prayer, or any other part of the service enjoined?

4. If the formula be disregarded by a conscientious minister, what becomes of his solemn promise to "keep" and not to "mend our rules"?

5. When a congregation has been wrongly trained in public worship, what manner of man must the subsequent pastor be to bring them back to Methodist uniformity? METHODIST.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES. San Augustine district, at Carthage, May 28; Galveston district, at Wharton, May 18; Montague district, at Alvord, May 28; Fort Worth district, at Mulkey, Memorial Church, May 28; Corsicana district, at Hubbard City, May 28; Cisco district, at Cisco, June 3; Waxahachie district, at Waxahachie, June 10; Abilene district, at Abilene, June 12; Waco district, at Lorena, June 13; Weatherford district, at Jacksonville, June 15; Sulphur Springs district, at Sulphur Springs, June 23; Jefferson district, at Linden, June 23; Vernon district, at Clarendon, July 2; Paris district, at Paris, July 9.

SUNDAY LAW AND RELIGION.

The argument in stock against Sabbath law is that such laws are legislation in favor of religion. The nine-hour Sabbath law is also enacted on that presumption. It is considered just so much legislation in response to religious sentiment. The politicians desire to conciliate all parties and propose to conciliate the church by a quasi protection of a few hours of worship in the middle of the day. This is in fact State legislation for the church.

All this entirely overlooks the fact that the Sabbath is not only a religious but also a civil institution. With the Sabbath as a religious institution the State has nothing to do farther than to protect the citizen in the exercise of his religious rights. To make the first day of the week a rest day does not make it a religious institution. It does not compel any one to observe the day religiously. One may keep strictly the most rigid State Sunday law ever enacted and yet be as void of religion in its observance as the devil. It is a religious duty to be honest, and the moral law of the Christian religion declares: "Thou shalt not steal," "Thou shalt not kill." No one can be a Christian and violate these moral precepts, and shall the State repeal all statutes against murder and theft therefore? The statute against murder, strictly kept in the letter according to State law, may not be religiously kept at all. The good citizen may still be a murderer in the religious sense. It is not to enforce religion that the State enacts laws against murder and theft, and yet no law is more binding religiously than these. There is a reason for such laws founded in the nature of things. So there is a natural reason for a Sabbath law. Nature, as well as revelation, teaches the necessity for a day of rest as she does the observance of other laws for protection of health and life. Men need a rest day, but all cannot have it without a State Sabbath law. To repeal all Sabbath laws would be effectually to deprive the greater portion of the laboring classes of a rest day, and also of a day of worship. The exemptions under the law already deprive a large class of both a rest and worship day. Railroad employes are virtually robbed by the defectiveness of the law of all Sabbath rights. It cannot be proven that any one needs more than six-sevenths of time for business, but on the contrary it has been proven by history and experiment that men and nations prosper better with than without a seventh-day Sabbath. It has been proven also by facts that both man and beast need such a day of rest. The argument, therefore, that such legislation is to enforce religious sentiment is without foundation in fact. It is admitted that such laws are favorable to the Christian religion, but the same can be said of all laws which enforce good morals. The precept which protects the laborer's rights to a rest day, and that which protects the right of property, are precepts of the same moral code. The one is as binding religiously as the other. If the State proposes to abandon all legislation which favors religion, then she must repeal every law on her statute books which protects human rights. There must be no law to punish murder, theft, false swearing, adultery, etc.

"POUNDINGS." Our people may have "donation parties" and "poundings" if they will; but let not a 25 cent package ease the conscience of the obligation to support the ministry. "Poundings." How much space is taken in our local papers with acknowledgments of this liberality. Do those who "pound" exact public thanks for what they do? Are the preachers so near the starvation point that their rescue from that slow death causes them to overflow with gratitude? Be this as it may, it is a desideratum: some new formulas for the expression of thanks. Such phrases as: "The parsonage was unexpectedly invaded," "We were severely pounded, yet endured it well, and can bear it again," "Many, many thanks to our noble people," are not unknown. The form of the usual prayer for the kind people is omitted; of repetition has made it familiar. Nashville Advocate.

This sneer of the great organ is beginning to go the rounds of the church press—we think on the fool's errand. It displays about as much merit for business sense as the smpleton who "killed the goose that laid the golden egg." There is evidently a display of great zeal for the preacher's salary, and the 25 cent package is represented as the scape-goat for a failure to pay up that which is due. But what are the facts in the case? If ever the salary has been shortened one cent by it "pounding" we have never heard of it. On the other hand, those who join in this manner of expressing their appreciation of the pastor sent them are the very people who pay up, and they generally pay up more heartily on that account. In one of our exchanges we saw the statement in an editorial that some of the brethren seemed to manifest more zeal or enthusiasm in reporting a "pounding" than a revival. Such has not been our observation—and we yield the palm to none in reports either of "poundings" or "revivals"—but our observation has been that those who display the most enthusiasm in one case are the most enthusiastic in the other. It is somewhat a matter of temperament. But the preacher who has revivals to report is generally the one who gets the "poundings" to report.

"The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." The secular paper gives large space to society news. A young lady visits a friend in a distant town and is given a reception—a german. The secular paper writes it up. A congressman returns home from his labors at the expiration of the session and is given a reception, a grand feast where the wine flows freely and the wee small hours of the night are spent in the giddy whirl. The great daily writes it up. There is a marriage in high life, and it is written up and duly reported. Tom Jones and Joe Smith drink red liquor, have an altercation which terminates in the flow of blood—it is written up and reported. A murder trial is going on at the court house and the reporter of the enterprising newspaper is on hand. Why? It means business. The people are supplied with what they want. Will the church press never learn anything from the secular press? If the reception of a light-headed society girl or a wine-drinking politician is reported with profit to the secular paper, why not report in the church paper the reception of a loved and appreciated pastor? Why not give every interesting item of church news? Not simply because it is readable, but because these things provoke others to good works. We have heard of a pastor whose parsonage was furnished from bottom to top, saying, when asked if he would not write it up for the ADVOCATE, "Oh, such things are too common." We wonder whether this language was inspired by the paragraph at the top of this article?

Such a complaint helped to kill the class-meeting. Those who oppose it say, "We hear nothing but the same old story." The brother made a big mistake. He should have written up that parsonage furnishing to provoke others. One such deed recorded is provocative of more good deeds than a two column article on parsonage building. We have heard the complaint that the secular papers give so little church news—and are they not following the example of the great majority of church papers in that respect? There are church papers coming to this office which have more to say about secular affairs than church news. Paragraph after paragraph is given on Parnell and Boulanger, but about the servants at work in the Lord's vineyard there is scarcely a notice. Others proposing to give the "news of the week," give by way of comment a rehash of the editor's views on political economy, which were worn out three generations ago.

The Nashville thinks some new expressions ought to be invented to report "poundings." Was there ever heard complaint about the monotony of expression in secular news? And yet nothing is more patent than the similarity of the variety. There are those who have yet to learn that the happenings of human life, though almost repetitions of each other, never grow uninteresting, and the most tiresome thing in the world is the attempt to make variety where there is none in fact. It often happens that such attempts destroy all the variety in the facts themselves. Witness the amusing attempts at variety in the "personal column" of some papers. The fatiguing sameness in the "pounding reports" where the facts are all similar, and where the interest does not depend upon variety—really results from the

attempts of the brethren to say something new and interesting. The attempt is as ridiculous as it is an utter failure. A straight forward report of the facts would be more newsworthy. We are not surprised that some of our exchanges which take up this reproach against "the space given to acknowledgments of this liberality" (poundings) in one column, publish an urgent appeal in another to the delinquent subscribers to pay up in order that a pressing need—debt for white paper—may be met. The two things are of a piece as touching business. This paper gives large space and encouragement to acknowledgment of poundings and such like, and during the past twenty years it has never put up a poor mouth before the public, nor published a dun to the delinquents. We do not hold our space to be more valuable than Holy Writ. We remember how the inspired Word records the feasts and entertainments given the Master, and how St. Paul expressed in inspired epistles his gratitude for favors received. The general organ also speaks rather sneeringly of the "usual paper prayer" offered for the donors by the receivers. Will the general organ now give us a sermon on this text? "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: But when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently and found me. The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well." In the meantime, brethren of Texas, go on reporting your poundings, revivals and other news items pertaining to your work, not boasting, not for your own sakes, but that the whole church may know how the work of the Lord prospers with you, and that others may be encouraged or, when necessary, send up the prayer of sympathy. And while our conferees are discussing the "utterly utterness" of the root "bab," and urging the delinquents to pay up, we'll go on giving our readers the news and increasing our subscription list by the thousands. Business is business; and, if we mistake not, there is a great deal of business in religion.

THE COLLECTION. The revival services at First Church closed Sunday, the interest deepening to the last. At the morning service, after a sermon by Rev. R. H. H. Burnett, Rev. Chas. O. Jones, pastor, received sixty into membership, baptizing twenty. The line of new members extended around the chancel and down one aisle to the door of the auditorium. The congregation singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" gave the right hand of fellowship to the converts and warmly welcomed them into the fold of Christ. Among those received are some of our best known and representative citizens. There are thirty applicants yet to be received. The church has been greatly edified and strengthened, and brought into mutual acquaintance and love, which augurs well for the future. First Church is one of the foremost among us, and in liberality, aggressive force and Christian influence ought to meet its great opportunities with joy. Our Sabbath law is again in jeopardy. The Senate has passed to engrossment a bill to make the present law operative only between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., which is equivalent to almost no law at all. On the vote the Senate was equally divided, and the President, Mr. Pendleton, cast his vote for Sabbath desecration.

The following card is self-explanatory: "The 'throat matter' is only incidental. I have had a bout with bronchitis and expect to get over it. If this were all, I would have found a sanitarium in Georgia. I have published a little card—it should be enough; this shorter one because several kind papers, 'explaining' my movements to 'Dr. Parkhurst,' have concentrated attention on my 'throat.' I go to Los Angeles on my own motion, because I think I ought. Long time I have been preaching 'Go,' it seemed time to be going. ATTICUS G. HAYGOOD.

FOLLOWING is the vote of the State Senate on the Maetz Sunday law bill. Those who voted to change the law so as to make it operate only between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. are: Allen, Burney, Clark, Garwood, Glascock, Johnson, Lullcock, Maetz, Mott, Pope, Townsend, Tyler, Pendleton. Those voting against the change: Carter, Kimbrough, Crane, McKinney, Potter, Finch, Seale, Frank, Stephens, Kearby, Whitley.

According to the News reporter's account, three Methodists, one Roman Catholic, one Baptist, one Episcopal and one Presbyterian voted for the bill. If we mistake not, all these church members voting to repeal the Sunday law were anti-prohibitionists when the prohibitory amendment was before the people, and this seems

to indicate that they are still in the service of the saloon. Mr. Maetz is said to be a Union Protestant, whatever that is. One of the Methodists in the list is the man who, under the influence of Abe Mulkey's sermon on "Restitution," peddled out his law books in a wheelbarrow in order to pay a board bill, but afterwards made his reputation as an orator during the prohibition campaign in the saloon service. It seems now that as Abe's sermon on "restitution" to man had such a good effect on him that it would be well if Abe could preach him another on "restitution" to God.

We welcome Rev. H. M. DuBose to the tripod again. He enters his work on the Pacific Methodist Advocate. He makes a good number to start with. We think him right man for the place.

THE REV. J. C. CARR writes: I find old subscribers to the ADVOCATE always anxious to renew. One man has been taking the ADVOCATE so long, he says, he could not do without it. Another says he will "continue to take the ADVOCATE if he has to leave off some of his secular papers." The more they read it the better they like it. Success to the ADVOCATE; prosperity to its readers.

SENATOR MAETZ'S argument was an able one, embracing the doctrine of personal, religious and civil liberty. But what about the liberty of the laboring classes? They are waking up on this subject, and are beginning to agitate the question of a rest day. The repeal of the Sunday law is in the direction of oppression to employes. Do away with the Sunday law and the employer will want seven days' work for six days' pay. "Religious and civil liberty!" That sounds very much like the cry of the Seventh Day Adventist. They have organized themselves into a society which they call the "Civil and Religious Liberty Society." Does Mr. Maetz belong to that society? The object of the Seventh Day Adventist is to first get rid of the Sunday law, and then get Saturday substituted instead. The "civil and religious liberty" business is merely a disguise.

THE NEW YORK Independent gave large space to the centenary anniversary of John Wesley's death in the last issue. Harper's Weekly also gave a supplementary page to the same subject.

THE most interesting debate which has taken place in the Senate for some time was on Senator Maetz' Sunday law bill. The bill is a brief one and adds to the present law the following: "Provided, however, that none of the provisions of this chapter shall apply and be in force before the hour of 9 a. m. and after the hour of 4 p. m.—News.

OF Mr. Maetz we know nothing, but the name is suggestive. It suggests the influence of the foreigner on the politician. What cares the ordinary politician for American institutions when a few German votes are at stake?

THE speeches of Senators Simkins and Cranford were strongly reminiscent of the prohibition speeches which permeated the State during the campaign of 1887.

Really, is not that the issue? Mr. Maetz, in the speech which the News characterizes as "able," opened the argument on that line. The "able" argument, according to the News, embraced the "doctrine of personal liberty." It is well known that the saloon has a patent on the "personal liberty" argument. That is just the meaning of the Maetz Sunday law bill. It is a bill demanded by the whisky wanton. Who in all this broad land wants a nine-hour Sunday law but the saloon and its servants? Does the farmer and the mechanic want it? It is the whisky gang that demands it, and the vote in the Senate only reveals the influence of the saloon on that body. The anti-prohibitionist wants the saloon door open on Sunday. He demands it in the interest of his master and his appetite.

MR. PRESIDENT, Lieutenant Governor Pendleton, is a member of the Methodist Church, but says that his devotion to the Democratic party has for years been warmer than his devotion to church matters.—Dallas News.

WE have no good reason to doubt the above statement. SENATORS KEARBY and Cranford offered the following minority report for the Maetz Sunday law bill, with which we agree in every line and word: "We believe that the passage of this law will greatly increase crime, discourage moral sentiment and be injurious to the general healthfulness of our common country, and that it will establish nuisances in our large cities, and we enter our protest against its passage and recommend that it do not pass."

SOUTHERN METHODISM. News, Views and Personals. —Tyler Democrat: Under date, Cartersville, Ga., February 21, 1891, Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, pastor of the Methodist Church in this city, has a letter from Rev. Sam F. Jones, which says: "Yours received. In reply—I was taken suddenly ill at Jacksonville, Fla., the 14th inst., and have suffered untold agonies every day since, except two; and am fearfully weakened by the dreadful experience. The doctor says it will be weeks before I can work again. I now think it doubtful if I can reach you before fall." "I never rains but it pours." Twenty-five years ago we began praying for a Pacific Coast Bishop; or rather that

one might become a resident of this State. Lo! and behold! We have two, Bishops Haygood and Fitzgerald. This is more than we had any right to expect; but when we consider the extent of territory, the increase of population, and the demands of the work, a third Bishop could find ample room and enough to do. I was in San Francisco Thursday last, met Dr. Barbee, the Book Agent; also Rev. Bane, DuBose, Wilson, Few and Andrews. Great satisfaction was expressed over the episcopal outlook, as well as over the prospects of the new paper. The new Pacific Methodist will have at least four patronizing conferences; besides, there should be a long list of subscribers east of the Rockies. Dr. DuBose, the editor, will have the cordial support of the conference; and with the pens of Bishops Haygood and Fitzgerald busy, and of other scribes not a few, our paper should sparkle with wit and wisdom. Dr. Barbee seems to be in dead earnest about establishing a strong paper; and I believe the publishers are going to do what they can toward furnishing subscribers.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—The Rev. W. L. Nelms makes changes in his appointments. The revised list will be found on the fifth page.

—Bishop Key and wife will be in Dallas on Sunday. The Bishop will preach at First Church morning and night.

—The Revs. T. J. Milam, Financial Agent of the North Texas Female College, and W. F. Clark called to see us this week.

—The Rev. C. E. Statham, Lavernia, March 7, writes: Bro. W. J. Jones, one of the oldest members of my charge, died on the 5th instant in great peace and went home to God.

—Belton Journal: The anniversary services at the Methodist Church last Sunday were of a very interesting character, and the pastor, Rev. C. R. Wright, preached two able discourses on the life and work of John Wesley.

—Bro. T. J. B. Neely, of Whitesboro, March 3, writes: Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Weaver, is a very sick man, having been confined to his bed almost three weeks with his grippe and biliousness. He desires the prayers of his brethren.

—Special revival services, conducted by Messrs. Burnett and Mulkey, commenced at Oak Cliff last Sunday. The fire seemed to be kindled already. There were on the first day a number of conversions and accessions. The meeting there will last ten days or more, and the evangelists will then commence at Floyd Street.

—L. W. Harrison, March 7: Mr. A. M. Morris, formerly of Georgia, died yesterday, 6th instant, at Benavene, Tex. The father of Mr. R. P. Grogan. Mr. Morris has a mother in Georgia and a niece in Newman, Ga. Any one of his friends or relatives seeing this note and desire further information, should write Mr. R. P. Grogan, Benavene, Texas.

HIS VOICE IS SILENT IN DEATH.

Rev. H. A. Graves, West Texas Conference, died in Seguin March 1, 1891, at 2 p. m. An obituary will be prepared by the pastor; but this writer would specially note the fact that his spirit was released from his suffering body as millions of Methodists were commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wesley. Susanna Wesley said as she was dying: "Children, when I am released, sing a psalm." A year ago Bro. Graves said to this writer: "When I am dying I want my friends to sing, 'Savior, more than life to me.'" He was a man of extensive reading, fine critical taste, a frequent contributor to the columns of our Advocates, and an author of no mean ability, as the "Life of Andrew Jackson Potter," "Life of J. W. DeVilliers," "A Review of the Living Christ" will attest. In the days of his prime he filled acceptably the best pulpits in Tennessee and Texas. His descriptive powers were fine, with a sanctified touch of the poetic, and we have heard him often when he inspired in flights of lofty eloquence. His voice was musical, and he often spoke with a tender pathos that melted the hearts of his hearers. Former than forty years he has been a prey to disease, sometimes giving his views a sombre hue; but he has toiled for the church and souls with an indomitable will while his body was racked with pain. He was a man of extreme modesty. In the west he has filled Gonzales, Corpus Christi and Seguin stations, and traveled Helena, Centre Point and Mill Creek and several other circuits. Hundreds of people have been converted under his ministry. His comrades, Turill, Harris, Potter, Gillett and all the brethren will sorely miss his departure from our ranks. A few years ago, at the San Antonio Conference, when Bishop McTear read him out as superannuated, he turned his face to the wall, and the tears coursed down his sunken cheeks. Up to the days of his illness his heart went out to his brethren, and he took the liveliest interest in the great movements of the church. THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and Nashville Advocate were his inseparable companions, even when he had to use the eyes of his faithful old wife to read their columns. His sons, step-sons and many friends were uniting in attention to his wants. His lines had fallen to him in pleasant places among the warm-hearted people of Seguin. Old brother, we shall meet thee again on the shining shores of immortality! His body rests on a beautiful knoll in the Riverside cemetery. This writer bore H. S. Thrall's presence to his old days before his departure. Their old-young hearts were one. The best of all, God was with him, and he is now with God. H. G. H.

ORPHANS' HOME.

The committee to locate the Northwest Texas Conference Orphans' Home met in Fort Worth at the hour appointed. Bishop Key was elected permanent chairman of the committee and Horace Bishop secretary. The committee spent a large part of the day deliberating and deciding as to just what is needed, and reached the following conclusions: 1. The time has come to establish a home within the bounds of Northwest Texas Conference for orphan children. 2. The object of this home is two-fold: (1) To care for the orphan children of the good homes in Christian families for orphans entrusted to our care. (2) To provide for such children, religiously, socially, educationally and industrially within the home, until better provision can be made with Christian families.

3. Having defined the character of the home needed, S. P. Wright, R. O. Round and Horace Bishop were appointed a committee to draft a charter, constitution and by-laws for the government of the home, and submit the same to the committee for adoption at our next meeting.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan was chosen business manager, with instructions to visit such places as desire the location of the home and have formulated any propositions of subsidy in land and subscription, to be submitted to the committee at our next meeting.

6. It was agreed that such subsidy, if offered by a city, should include less than fifty acres of land with a sum of

money to aid in the erection of buildings. If near a town or city, land enough to aid largely in the maintenance of the home, with money to assist in the buildings.

6. It was decided that the committee meet in Weatherford on the 20th of May next, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to adopt a charter, constitution and by-laws, locate the home and transact such other business as may come before us.

The committee discussed all matters freely and fully, and were unanimous in all their conclusions. An evident purpose to establish and maintain the home characterized the entire proceedings.

Those of the committee who had not visited Fort Worth lately were delighted with its progress, minus the brewery—we count that progress a la crab.

The pastor, Bro. Lloyd, was smiling and gracious kind to the committee as he could be. It did not take an extra long time to learn that he is in great favor with the people. He looks as much like Dr. Heidtas as he does like Bishop Key, and more like both than either. He only weighs two and a quarter.

We visited J. Fred Cox. Of course we did. He endures as severe a him who is invisible. May the Lord still give him back to us with wonted strength.

This scribe did not see Bro. Ragsdale, but others of the committee did, and made good reports.

Bro. Barcus was on hand with every courtesy appropriate to the occasion.

W. P. Wilson was displaying a polytechnic map. I tried to find out what the word means. When I learn it by heart I will tell you.

Of course W. L. Nelms was forward to show kindness to the committee, individually and collectively. Since he earned out his big black whiskers, he is good for "beauty and for glory" as well for the other functions of the presiding eldership.

I. Z. T. Morris seems to be a born book man. He knows intuitively the mysteries of misers and of colportage and hence located his headquarters at the "embodying hub of the universe," "the name-giver" without saying. The committee unanimously approved his judgment, indorsed his enterprise and gave him personally a cordial welcome to our territory. This last is official. HORACE BISHOP, Secretary.

MISSIONS—NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To Preachers of North Texas Conference. DEAR BRETHREN—You remember our conference at its last session pledged \$1200 for the support of a missionary. This amount was to be raised and forwarded by March 15. The obligations resting on the board render the collection and remittance of this amount very urgent. We desire to remit the whole amount without further delay. Please let us hear from you. F. H. WELCH, Treasurer. MCKINNEY, TEXAS.

A PREACHER WANTS WORK.

There is a young preacher in Arkansas that has been in school for the last year, and his money is out; he is forced to quit school, and he wants to travel the remainder of the year. He would like to come to Texas. If any presiding elder in the State has a place not supplied, please write me at Kyle, Texas. He has been preaching four years, traveled three years, is a deacon and a fine preacher. J. A. BIGGS.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

As I am constantly receiving letters of inquiry from our pastors concerning church, fine critical taste, a frequent contributor to the columns of our Advocates, and an author of no mean ability, as the "Life of Andrew Jackson Potter," "Life of J. W. DeVilliers," "A Review of the Living Christ" will attest. In the days of his prime he filled acceptably the best pulpits in Tennessee and Texas. His descriptive powers were fine, with a sanctified touch of the poetic, and we have heard him often when he inspired in flights of lofty eloquence. His voice was musical, and he often spoke with a tender pathos that melted the hearts of his hearers. Former than forty years he has been a prey to disease, sometimes giving his views a sombre hue; but he has toiled for the church and souls with an indomitable will while his body was racked with pain. He was a man of extreme modesty. In the west he has filled Gonzales, Corpus Christi and Seguin stations, and traveled Helena, Centre Point and Mill Creek and several other circuits. Hundreds of people have been converted under his ministry. His comrades, Turill, Harris, Potter, Gillett and all the brethren will sorely miss his departure from our ranks. A few years ago, at the San Antonio Conference, when Bishop McTear read him out as superannuated, he turned his face to the wall, and the tears coursed down his sunken cheeks. Up to the days of his illness his heart went out to his brethren, and he took the liveliest interest in the great movements of the church.

MISSIONS—NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee, H. Bishop, S. P. Wright and J. R. Nelson, of the Mission Board of the Northwest Texas Conference, met in the pastor's study, First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, February 24, 1891. It was unanimously agreed to hold the annual meeting of the board in Weatherford, beginning on Thursday before and continuing over the fourth Sunday in May, from the 21st to the 24th. The following is the program: Thursday, 8 p. m.—Sermon by the President, H. Bishop, on "The Holy Spirit in Missions."

Friday, 8 a. m.—Reports from the field. 1. A written report in full from each missionary concerning his mission. 2. From pastors in the conference of the regular missionary assessments and collections up to the 15th day of May. 3. From presiding elders as to missionary territory and spirit in their respective districts. 11 a. m.—Sermon on "Prayer and Missions," by J. H. Wiseman. 3 p. m.—"Sunday-schools and Missions"—a discussion, opened by Bishop J. S. Key. 8 p. m.—Sermon on "Money and Missions," by J. Fred Cox.

Saturday, 8 a. m.—Reports resumed; 11 a. m.—Sermon, "The Consistency of the Church on Missions," W. L. Nelms; 3 p. m.—"Our Missionary Collections and How to Take Them," a discussion; speeches limited to ten minutes; opened by C. W. Daniels; 8 p. m.—"Our Conference Work." 1. "Foreign Population," J. T. L. Anair. 2. "City Population," W. H. Vaughan. 3. "Frontier Population," W. T. Melugin. 4. Policy of this Board.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Sermon on Missions by Missionary Secretary of the Parent Board; 3 p. m.—Missionary Love Feast; 8 p. m.—Sermon by Bishop S. Key. Members of the board are appointed to the several district conferences as follows: Georgetown, R. C. Armstrong; Waco, W. L. Nelms; Corsicana, H. Bishop; Waxahachie, J. R. Nelson; Fort Worth, J. H. Wiseman; Brownwood, W. T. Melugin; Vernon, S. P. Wright; Abilene, W. H. Vaughan; Weatherford, J. T. L. Anair; Gatesville, C. W. Daniels; Cisco, J. P. Mussett. C. E. NELSON, Secretary.

A LOST BOY!

Mr. William Welch, a member of my church and living near Rayne, Acadia parish, La., has a missing son. He took the west-bound train on Sunday, March 1, having purchased a ticket to Lake Charles, La., and has not been heard of since. The supposition is that he has gone to Texas, and likely to Dallas. Any one conveying information to the undersigned as to his whereabouts will be compensated and will greatly oblige the distressed parents. Description: The boy is named William Welch; in his eighteenth year; about four feet two and a half inches high; weight about one hundred pounds; light complexion, dark-blue eyes and auburn hair; has a small ear on the forehead, and limps slightly on the right foot; uneducated.

REV. R. M. BLOCKER. PLAQUEMINE BRULE, Acadia Parish, La., Mar. 4.

A CORRESPONDENT sends the following extract and remarks that an idea can be gained therefrom of the secret of success of North Texas Female College: "We cannot do too highly of the faculty of this college. It is composed of five male professors and nine lady teachers, and has the reputation of being the highest-salaried school in the South."

CATARRH

OF FIFTEEN YEARS' STANDING CURED.

Report of a Lecture on Catarrhal Diseases by Dr. S. B. Hartman.

ALL CASES OF UNCOMPLICATED CATARRH QUICKLY CURABLE.

Cases Which Require Long Treatment Described.

A CASE OF UNCOMPLICATED CATARRH.

Mr. J. W. McRobert, of Mason, Mich., box 156, writes me, February 25, 1891: "My wife had been afflicted with catarrh of the head for fifteen years and was cured by taking three bottles of Pe-ru-na."

By complicated catarrh is meant cases of catarrh which are the result of some other disease or some bad habit which disease or habit continues to keep up the catarrhal affection in spite of the best treatment.

TREATMENT OF COMPLICATED CASES. It is always preferable, in the treatment of any case of catarrh, to remove the habit or disease which hinders a cure when the treatment is begun, which should be promptly done when possible, and a quick cure by the use of Pe-ru-na is certain.

UNCOMPLICATED CATARRH. In all cases of catarrh where the disease is not perpetuated by some other disease or bad habit, a prompt and permanent cure can be relied on by taking the remedy Pe-ru-na.

CATARRH OF THE MIDDLE EAR, HEAD AND THROAT. Producing deafness, with roaring, buzzing and cracking in the ears, enlarged tonsils, sore, raw feeling in the throat, hawking stringy mucus, dropping from the back part of the nose into the throat, running at the nose or dry scabs in nose, chronic sore eyes, frontal headache and a host of similar symptoms.

CATARRH OF BRONCHIAL TUBES AND LUNGS. Hundreds of testimonials show that Pe-ru-na has cured catarrh of the bronchial tubes, larynx and catarrh of the lungs. The most formidable symptoms give way to a persistent use of Pe-ru-na. Chronic cough, soreness in the chest, night sweats, hectic fever, short breath, rapid loss of flesh, have, according to numerous testimonials, been permanently cured by a few weeks' use of Pe-ru-na.

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH. When the stomach is the seat of catarrh a most distressing form of dyspepsia is the result, giving rise to painful digestion, sour stomach, bilious spells, irregular and constipated bowels, loss of appetite, and furred tongue—from all of which a great many sufferers have found prompt relief by taking Pe-ru-na.

CATARRH OF THE PELVIC ORGANS. Testimonials are not wanting in which the various Pe-ru-na are extolled in catarrh of the bladder and the other pelvic organs. The worst forms of female diseases caused by catarrhal affections of these organs are permanently cured by simply taking Pe-ru-na without any local treatment.

CATARRH OF THE KIDNEYS. Catarrh of the kidneys is the most frequent of all causes for gravel, diabetes, weak back, high-colored, scanty or irritating secretions. A vast number of testimonials are sent in every showing Pe-ru-na to be a specific for this class of catarrhal affections. Old cases that have defied in vain many years find Pe-ru-na a certain cure.

THE CONCLUSION IS, that every case of catarrh of any organ of the body is quickly curable by taking Pe-ru-na if there is no other disease or bad habit to continually act against the treatment; second, that the great majority of cases are uncomplicated, and hence of easy cure; third, that any one, after taking from three to six bottles of Pe-ru-na do not find cure or great relief, may be sure that the case is seriously complicated, and should write me, stating the particulars, and I will usually be able to give such advice as will lead to a cure; fourth, even in cases of catarrh complicated by disease or habit a persistent use of Pe-ru-na will cure, but it is sometimes necessary to continue it several months.

A pamphlet on catarrhal diseases and their cure sent free to any address by the Peruna Medicine Company, Columbus, Ohio.

An express train, near Havana, Ill., tipped down an embankment the night of March 7, killing the fireman and injuring many more. After being thrown in a heap, the wreck took fire from the engine and the whole train was burned.

For beauty, for comfort, for improvement of the complexion, only Pockon's Powder; here is nothing equal to it.

Obituary—Texas.

Judge Joseph E. Lea, Austin; Anton Kell, Bastrop; Mrs. Walter Lawley, Beeville; Dr. R. U. Blanton, Belton; Mrs. Alex Oliver, Big Springs; L. J. Vanden, near Birthright; Perry Pierce, near Bloomfield; Mrs. Emma L. Nay, Bowie; Mrs. Sarah Conner, near Connor; Mrs. Joe Long, Henry Scott, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Nannie Stuart, Crockett; Mrs. George Cheatham, near Daingerfield; Mrs. R. A. Horne, John Browning, Dallas; Capt. J. Lees, Dawson; Walter Cash, near Ferris; Charles E. Hunter, Frost; Mrs. Catherine Fitzer, Mrs. Annie Ralston, Ed. Murphy, Galveston; Mrs. George Williams, Garvinville; Stephen Dubart, near Hallettsville; Mrs. R. R. Short, Mrs. Beulah B. Short, Milton Benson, Henrietta; Mrs. Charles Sherrill, Hillsboro; Mrs. E. H. Sterrett, Mrs. L. Meyer, John DeYoung, Houston; Mrs. Lenora McFarland, Hubbard City; Mrs. Mary Syker, near Irene; Mrs. Emma Brown, Jackboro; Mrs. T. J. Shannon, Mrs. Sue Bryant, Mrs. W. Jones, Kaufman; Mrs. Frank Heiman, J. D. Clark, Kerrville; Mrs. Hanna, Ladonia; John Davis, Lancaster; Mrs. Mabane, Laredo; Mrs. M. A. Moore, McKinney; Mrs. S. H. Weaver, Marshall; J. H. Brown, J. M. M. Dicus, Morgan; Mr. Hughes, Moulton; T. N. Wyatt, Oak Grove; Mr. Dyess, Onion Creek; Mrs. Lucretia McCoy, Oxford; Mrs. Sallie Abernathy, C. Stringer, Palo Pinto; T. N. Clark, Palo Pinto county; John L. Blad, Paris; Ira Proctor, Rockwall; Walter S. Felt, Mrs. Fannie Jackson, San Antonio; Mrs. Sophia Lee Fisher, San Marcos; Rev. H. A. Graves, Seguin; R. T. Rice, J. T. Puckett, Seymour; Mrs. Thomas S. Benjamin, Sherman; M. T. Hickey, Taylor; W. T. Cowles, Bent; Miss Mattie Williams, Terrell; Capt. W. H. Sweeney, Texarkana; Mrs. Frank Bonner, Mrs. T. A. Ward, Sr., Tyler; J. E. Smith, Van Alstyne; Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Vernon; Mrs. Henrietta Dorris, Judge C. M. Seley, Waco; A. Penty, John B. Henkle, John Thornton, A. Bentz, Miss Mattie Louie Gaither, Waxahachie; J. W. Wyatt, Near Woodbine; J. W. Dickey, Yegua.

Texas Casualties.

W. B. Mealer killed J. A. Webb at Garland, March 6.

L. D. McLennan was shot and killed at Waco, March 4, by Tom Melton.

At Houston, March 7, a man shot a negro policeman who was trying to arrest him.

In a difficulty at San Angelo, March 8, Ben M. Call shot and mortally wounded Charles Cantrell.

At Belden, March 3, Mr. Chas. Skeltza accidentally shot and killed himself while out hunting.

John Dailey, a negro farmer, was handling a pistol near Independences, March 5, when it fell on the floor and was discharged. The bullet passed entirely through his body. He died March 6.

March 4, at Hillsboro, P. S. Halleck, principal of the public schools of that city, was shot and beat over the head with a pistol by T. D. Hancock, whose son Halleck had whipped the day before.

Twenty-five miles southwest of Lampasas, on the Waco, Lampasas and Llano railway, a contractor had an altercation with one of his hands, ending in the hand being killed. The contractor gave himself up.

At Archer City, March 7, Wm. Jackson shot and killed his brother, John Jackson, because the latter twitted him for being drunk. An officer arrested Jackson, who, after an unsuccessful attempt to kill the officer, tried to kill himself.

Near Whit, Parker county, March 6, while S. M. Burton was going home in a wagon, his team became frightened and ran away, throwing him out of the wagon, breaking his arm and seriously bruising him internally.

At Lampasas, March 6, Mike Kelly, a railroad hand, and Jim Thompson, a negro, got into a row. After some words and an attempted blow, Thompson then left the house and hid himself in an empty shanty close by. Later on Kelly, while passing the place where Thompson was concealed, was jumped on by Thompson and was run about the head either with a club or the butt end of a six-shooter. Kelly, though badly wounded, may recover.

At Lodi, March 6, while W. H. Rand and J. M. Brown were attempting to raise a keg by transferring water from a boiler into it, the pressure of steam became so great as to cause an explosion. Mr. Rand was thrown to the ground, injuring both his legs very severely, and was struck on the leg inside the knee-joint by a piece of the keg, inflicting a very painful and severe cut. Mr. Brown was burned on the face and legs, but not seriously.

Texas Executions.

The residence of J. S. Helley was burned at Cameron, March 7.

An insane man attacked the City Marshal at Temple, March 6, and had to be locked up.

It is reported that gold has been discovered in the Wichita mountains, near Vernon.

At Midlothian, March 7, the safe in the storehouse of J. C. Vance was blown open. The loss was small.

March 5, A. Bader, of Fort Worth, as he was boarding a train in Dallas, had his pocket picked of \$96.

Burglars blew open the safe of R. L. Stone and Bro., grocers, at Dallas March 6, securing \$55.

Near Gainesville, March 5, brakeman Donke had his arm broken while coupling cars on the Santa Fe.

Some unknown party tried to assassinate Seymour Broome, son of U. S. Marshal C. L. Broome, at San Angelo, March 3.

Three burglars were captured at Temple, March 4, while in the act of disposing of a lot of stolen goods.

L. B. Imboden, of Fort Worth, has ten indictments against him for forgery. His father says he can make all necessary bonds.

At Farmersville, Mr. Eugene Houghton was violently thrown from his buggy and received several ugly cuts about the head.

At Cisco, March 6, some fifteen or twenty whitecaps waited on the Mexicans, numbering some forty or fifty, and gave them notice to emigrate in the next twenty-four hours. They emigrated south.

At Nevada, recently, it was found that the Fairbanks cotton scales were loaded with forty-four buckets, thus producing a shortage of nine pounds on each bale of cotton weighed, amounting to a total loss of \$2400 to the farmers of the community. Nothing definite as to the guilty party has been ascertained.

A colored boot-black has been awarded \$10,000 damages against the Texas and Pacific railway by the District Court at Texarkana. About three years ago he was thrown from a train by a brakeman for having no ticket, fell under the wheels and both legs were cut off above the knees.

At Temple, March 4, Walter Saly and Joe Lyons, while under the influence of liquor, attacked an aged gentleman, M. J. Schott, and inflicted several painful wounds. They dragged him several feet and then beat him over the back. In

trying to ward off a blow aimed at his head his arm received the blow and was broken above the wrist.

The sixth annual encampment of Grand Army of the Republic was in session in Dallas, March 4 and 5. Mayor Connor made the address of welcome and presented the assembly a bucket of red paint and a brush.

The most recent case of vertebrae reported from Fort Worth, where a young man from Kentucky gave up nearly \$275 to some "nice young men" who had a "dead sure thing" on doubling his money for him. It was doubled—into the pockets of the "nice young men" who have not been seen since.

The healthy growth of the baby is dependent upon its freedom from the pernicious effects of opium. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is the best remedy known for the diseases of early childhood. For children the best remedy for catarrh or influenza is Old Sall's Catarrh Cure.

Miscellaneous.

The financial panic in Buenos Ayres, South America, is passed.

Two murderers in Brooklyn, N. Y., have been sentenced to death by electricity.

The levee at Lake Providence, La., broke March 7, and the situation is critical.

The Democrats in the North Dakota Senate won the long term seats in the drawing March 7.

The U. S. government has rented and Buffalo Bill succeeded in getting permission to hire 100 Sioux Indians.

Thomas M. Wilson, a member of the State Board of Auditors at Lansing, Mich., has been arrested for embezzlement of State funds.

The pontoon bridge across the Missouri river at St. Charles, Mo., was destroyed by a flood and ice March 4. Four men were carried away with the wreck.

Congress adjourned sine die March 4, at noon. The Democrats sang, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and the Republicans sang, "Marching Through Dixie."

A party of United States officials from Georgia, Florida and Alabama has just completed a raid through West Florida, resulting in the capture and destruction of twenty-six illicit stills engaged in the manufacture of rum from molasses. They seized several tons of illicit rum and arrested thirty prisoners.

It is reported that M. De Freycinet, the French Minister of War, and Constant, Minister of the Interior, are urging the government to seize the earliest chance to attack Germany, while President Carnot and M. Ribot, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, advocate peace.

A terrible condition of affairs exists at Carbon Hill, Ala., the scene of the recent riots. The members of the gang who started the trouble with the miners last month secrete themselves in the bushes near the town every night and fire into the houses with Winchester rifles. The waiting-room of the depot was fired into and a dozen houses riddled. Threats have been made to kill the leading citizens.

March 7 the sixty days of the session of the Kansas legislature for which the legislators receive pay expired. The Senate organized as a court of impeachment for the trial of Judge Botkin, of the Sixth Judicial District, and until the court is dissolved the senators will each receive their regular salary of \$3 per day. The patriotism of the Representatives will be tested by their being obliged to serve unrequited. The Senate is therefore in a position to insist upon all the amendments to bills, and can delay the consideration of the resolutions beyond the patience of the Representatives. The only agreement to which the Senate has committed itself is one by which both houses

promise to consider no new legislation and to adjourn March 10, provided the appropriation bills have been passed.

A wonderful cure has been discovered near Lauderdale, Ga. It is thought to extend a number of miles, though no one has explored it. In some of the chambers of the cave are thousands of glittering stalactites, and what is termed "limestone biscuits." They are about the size of an ordinary biscuit, and on the surface of every one can be seen the outlines of a starfish. The biscuits appear to have been made by hand, all being about the same size, though it is possible that they are of the formation of nature. There are shark's teeth, shells and fish bones in great abundance. These were in a petrified state and were large specimens.

Editor—Mr. Scribber, I wish you would get up a little department headed "Children's Sayings," and fill it full of the brightest little mors you can pick up. Mr. Scribber—Very sorry, sir, but my children are all away on a visit and—Editor—Then collect the bright things you hear said by other people's children. Mr. Scribber—I never hear other people's children say anything worth printing.

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