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HOME CONFERENCES.

Wanted for this department all the church news, and facts—common, not common, no lectures, no exhortations; but send every item of news concerning the church in your charge.

Lincoln.

James S. Wilson, March 4: Have made three rounds on circuit. Attendance tolerable. Am working and praying for a revival.

Clarendon.

C. S. McCarter, March 6: The people of Clarendon have been remembering us in a very substantial way. They brought money and many good things to supply our wants for many days. No people like our people. We shall not be unminimally of their interest. God bless them abundantly.

Franklin.

W. W. Horner, March 6: The first quarterly conference for this circuit was held last Saturday and Sunday. Our popular presiding elder, Bro. Fred L. Allen, was with us and preached two splendid sermons and mixed and mingled with the people generally, thereby giving general satisfaction. Nearly \$150 had been collected for the preachers the first quarter. We reported an accession to the church and about \$80 as raised for furnishing churches and parsonages. We are moving along smoothly and hope to have a prosperous year.

Edom Circuit.

S. N. Allen, March 11: Our first quarterly conference over. Our beloved elder was on hand in the Spirit and preached us three good sermons, and we had a good time in the Lord. All of the appointments were represented, except two. The brethren made a liberal assessment, and finances pretty well up. Edom people are a good people. May the Lord help this preacher to do them good work. We have had a gripe for four weeks; but we are getting about again. We want to have a revival. Help us with your prayers, brethren.

Valley View.

L. F. Palmer, March 9: Valley View precinct voted on prohibition the 7th. Prose 210 votes, the anti 54. The result, so we are joyful that the evil is not permitted in our community. This precinct has had prohibition for the past twelve years, and are satisfied with it. We have quiet and peace. An anti from Dallas came to this town and wanted to sell whiskey and get up the election, so we would ask him to send his whiskey where it properly belongs and fall in line as a loyal citizen of Valley View. Next, we want a revival.

Ray.

J. T. Trice, March 5: While we have not been panned, our reception has been satisfactory to us. When health and weather will admit we have good congregations, and in our visits we find our people are religious; so we meet with encouragement and believe that every interest of the church will be met. We will try to build two houses of worship. My needs will be supplied; the stewards say for me to ask and I shall receive, and so does the good Lord. Quarterly conference on the 16th of this month; the election of delegates and business looked into and some good preaching, as Bro. E. L. Armstrong will attend to that.

Sherman District.

J. M. Binkley, March 12: I have been quite sick with a gripe for some days. My wife had a very severe attack of a gripe, which developed into pneumonia, and she was ill two weeks. She is now able to be up in her room most of the time. On the account of my sickness I had to miss three of my quarterly conferences. I am now feeling better, and will commence my second round on my district next Saturday and Sunday. Hope to be able to meet all my appointments this round. The district is in good condition; all the preachers at their post of duty doing well. The people and preachers well pleased. Outlook good for a happy and prosperous conference year.

Independence Circuit.

E. M. Myers, March 9: Yesterday was our day at Tamin. We preached at 11 a. m.; had one of the most religious services we ever had there. After the 11 o'clock sermon I organized a church. We started off with very few members, but we are happy to say they all are first-class, energetic, go-ahead folks. I had rather have a little church of the above kind than a large church of the other kind. We had Bro. J. M. Goler, of the Caldwell circuit, and Uncle John Blacker, of Lyons. Bro. Goler preached for us at 4 p. m., to the delight of all present. We hope independence will not grow very impatient. As we have missed two of our appointments, a succession will try to make up lost time, brethren.

Richmond.

J. P. Childers, March 7: Bro. J. H. Colard, Jr., will hold a protracted meeting at Richmond beginning April 3. We cordially invite all who can be with us at that time to come to work and pray that the Holy Ghost may be poured out on Richmond. This is a historical old town. Some magnanimous people. No small-great here. We are praying and expect a great revival. We have suffered great affliction in our family. My wife has been confined to her room and bed for over three weeks and is yet very feeble. The church at Wharton and Hungerford have remembered us in our affliction with many tokens of their love and sympathy. A real panning from Wharton. Only those who have experienced the trials of a Methodist preacher know how to appreciate a confiding church and people who hold up the hands of their preacher. How it stimulates the preacher to lead his flock into green pastures. God bless them.

Junction City.

J. W. Sims, March 8: Our town is almost a hospital; la gripe is the ailment. Since beginning April 3. We cordially invite all who can be with us at that time to come to work and pray that the Holy Ghost may be poured out on Richmond. This is a historical old town. Some magnanimous people. No small-great here. We are praying and expect a great revival. We have suffered great affliction in our family. My wife has been confined to her room and bed for over three weeks and is yet very feeble. The church at Wharton and Hungerford have remembered us in our affliction with many tokens of their love and sympathy. A real panning from Wharton. Only those who have experienced the trials of a Methodist preacher know how to appreciate a confiding church and people who hold up the hands of their preacher. How it stimulates the preacher to lead his flock into green pastures. God bless them.

visited the ranch of Mr. Thos. Taylor, in Schleicher county, and enjoyed the kind, Christian association of himself and wife, and Sister James Henderson, of Concho county. These women are sisters and are of the elect sort, but are not whitehead of their husbands. They show their faith by their works.

Tredell.

W. V. Jones, March 10: Bishop Key was with us Sunday and dedicated the church at Walnut. It was the first visit ever made to that town by one of our Bishops, and of course we appreciated and enjoyed it very much. He preached us two strong and spiritual sermons, one Saturday night and one at 11 Sunday; then talked to the Sunday-school in the evening. We feel that his presence among us was a blessing to the church. If our Bishops could visit the churches more it would add more interest to the various institutions. Our work has been very much hindered. At the beginning of the year the preacher was laid up a month with a broken jaw-bone, and then the measles and la gripe kept the people in-doors. We hope for better times now.

Corsicana.

J. R. Nelson: "Honor to whom honor is due." Extreme modesty did not permit Bro. Nelson in his write-up of Corsicana Methodist "to tell the whole truth." The "committee of one" who successfully matched every piece of furniture to the "individual" and generated the entire parsonage-furnishing scheme was none other than the veritable "Aid" himself. He joined the Ladies Aid Society and was regularly initiated; then, with the assistance of these faithful, good women, of course the "meeting" boomed and closed out grandly in "ten days." Nowhere do Bro. and Sister Mulkey enjoy the confidence and love of the people more and carry greater influence for good than right here in Corsicana, their old home.

Atholene Mission.

T. L. Adams, March 13: Ten nights ago, at Clyde, the Lord seemed to lead us to continue a few nights (school occupying the house during the day); we continued night after night till last night and notwithstanding but little Methodist preaching had ever been there and the nights were dark and people busy farming, we were visited by several northern, and among people mostly of Baptist and Campbellite persuasion; but God was with us in convicting, converting, reclaiming and sanctifying power. "Bread was cast upon the waters" which shall be gathered up many days hence. The Lord's blessing enabled us to present the privilege of full salvation to the people—salvation from sin (Matt. 1:21). Hallelujah! saved up to date.

Dallas Preachers Meeting.

O. S. Thomas: President C. O. Jones in the chair. Visitors, Bishop Key, W. C. Young, Abe Mulkey and Burnett. Reports from the pastors of yesterday's services for the different charges were encouraging. Bishop Key gave a very interesting report of the work of the church throughout the State so far as he had knowledge. He preached yesterday, morning and night, at First Church, of which we hear great things. The evangelists, Burnett and Mulkey, have been at Oak Cliff for eight days. The meeting there has been a success from the first service, and the prospects for a gracious meeting this week is most flattering. They have had there, up to date, about forty accessions to the church. We are anticipating great results from the meetings yet to be held.

Hillsboro.

M. S. Hotchkiss, March 9: Several things of interest have transpired at Hillsboro since my last letter. First, we have received since conference forty-seven members, principally by letter. This is one indication of how rapidly our town and county are settling up. Many of the best people from the old States are seeking homes in Texas and settling among us. We bid them welcome. Second, we have just been thoroughly panned. I don't think any preacher is ahead of us in quantity, quality and variety. We serve a generous people. God bless them, and enable them this year to build a new house of worship. Third, under the leadership of the noble women, much-needed improvements are being made on the parsonage. A new cistern has just been put in and the parsonage finished upstairs by being nicely papered and painted.

Clarendon.

F. V. Evans, March 8: Permit me to say our Sunday-school at this place has eighty-six pupils, nine officers and teachers. It has increased greatly in the last few months. The object of this superintendent is to lead every scholar in his own mind to Christ. We are, as superintendents and teachers, praying and working to this end. If the Sunday-school is the nursery of the church, which we all agree that it is, why not transplant them while young so as to get the full benefit of their lives for God and the church? Our pastor, Bro. McCarter, is with us once a week; we all love him and are praying that this may be Clarendon's most prosperous year. Let me say for the church that we have a weekly prayer-meeting and a monthly class-meeting, both of which are attended with good interest. In conclusion, let me say we all love the Advocate and recognize it as our greatest preacher and pastor. God bless our editor in his work, is the prayer of this writer.

Colorado.

B. R. Bolton, March 6: Many things conspire to encourage and make us happy in Colorado City. The church is full of faith and good works, and God is blessing us on all sides. Bro. Hendrick, Cumberland Presbyterian evangelist, was with us three weeks, and the meeting was blessing to the town. He is a large man, physically, socially, intellectually and spiritually. God bless him wherever he goes. Twenty-two have been added to our membership since conference, some of whom are of the substantial men of the place. On last Sunday we presented all the claims put on the charge by the annual conference. The entire assessment was \$179.75, and the congregation made a start by giving \$218.90. The end is not yet on that line, but the decks are clear, and we are getting ready for other conquests. The stewards, at the beginning of the year, pitched the salary of the pastor to the tune of \$750, which was a handsome rise of \$100. But one good lady said the music would be better on a higher key, and already she has the amount necessary in money and subscrip-

tions to make it \$800. Bro. Wallace will be with us next Sunday for quarterly meeting, and his moving away means help to the pastor and people. Bro. Jones is booked for Colorado City March 16, and we are expecting a great harvest. God is graciously blessing the labors of his earnest and consecrated man, and his usefulness promises to equal that of his distinguished brother.

Mason.

W. R. Crockett, March 6: Our towns and people are looking up financially and spiritually. When I came here last November there was not a church that had a pastor and there are only nine churches (organizations here), but now every one has a pastor; there are six church-houses. Out of the nine pastors, about five or six live at Mason. So far as I can learn most of the services are very well attended, and I must say to the credit of our citizens and church-going people that they are among the most attentive congregations I ever knew or preached to. Last Sunday, at 11 and at night, we tried to preach as best we could to almost a full house, and it seemed there was perfect quietude so far as whispering or useless noise were concerned. While a good many of our citizens belong to no church and are not religious, yet they seem to be good friends to both preacher and his members.

Richland Springs Circuit.

W. E. Rector: Our second quarterly conference has just passed. Our presiding elder, Bro. R. J. Deets, was on hand and full of energy and faith. His preaching was in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. He captured our people entirely, both young and old, by his plain, frank and earnest manner of preaching. There was a good interest in the quarterly meeting; quite a number of penitents were forward for prayer; one professed conversion; took up a missionary collection Sunday morning, which amounted to \$59.75; our stewards made a reasonably good report. In the main we had a faithful set of stewards, who try to do their duty and who esteem the preacher very highly in love for his work's sake. May God's richest blessings be upon the faithful men and women of this circuit, and may he help me as their pastor to do the best year's work of my life. We feel that Richland Springs is to build a Methodist Church in Kemp. I believe we will get it. Oh, how we need it. As far as I am able to determine the prospects are hopeful all along the line in Kemp circuit. We are praying and working and looking for a gracious revival of religion all over this country. Oh, may it come! and like a protracted meeting, sweep through the souls of men, cleansing from sin, filling with love and perfecting in that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

Oakville and Tilden Circuit.

C. Williamson: We have just closed our second quarter for this conference. Bro. J. T. Morris, our presiding elder, was with us and preached in his usual clear and forcible manner to the edification of all. We have been very much hindered in our work this winter on account of a gripe, pneumonia and measles, hardly a family in the bonds of peace and joy. The different charges were held in small numbers, but little done in the way of collections and church enterprises. We have lost four of our members by death, and while as a church we have been called to mourn, it is not without hope; for they all died in the triumph of a full faith. I am happy to say, however, at this writing the health of the people seem to be improving, and we trust that soon we shall be freed from these diseases and be permitted to move forward with renewed zeal in the work of the Master.

Deaton Station.

H. O. Moore, March 5: The pastor and members of this place are happy. For some years there has been a "preacher's house" connected with our station, and by improvements and additions from time to time it has become roomy and pretty. We are all happy, consequently all our congregations have been small and but little done in the way of collections and church enterprises. We have lost four of our members by death, and while as a church we have been called to mourn, it is not without hope; for they all died in the triumph of a full faith. I am happy to say, however, at this writing the health of the people seem to be improving, and we trust that soon we shall be freed from these diseases and be permitted to move forward with renewed zeal in the work of the Master.

Dodd City.

R. S. Gorsline, March 15: We reached the Dodd circuit, to which we were assigned, and began our work on the first of December. We were settled in the parsonage by the middle of the month; delayed by the sickness of Rev. C. C. Davis and wife. Met a hearty reception by the people. Bro. Kincaid brought us under obligations to him by moving our household goods to the new parsonage. Our parsonage well furnished and among a good people, who make the preacher and his family know that they will be cared for. We had to submit to a generous panning from the good people of Dodd, who left many things in the parsonage that made us feel that we were appreciated for which they have our earnest thanks. Our first quarterly conference was held February 6 and 7. Our presiding elder was present, looking after all the interests of the church. A liberal salary was assessed and one-fifth paid. Circumstances compelled our people to build a church. It was commenced before conference, but is now completed, and was dedicated on March 8 by Rev. J. M. Binkley. The brethren will build a belfry and procure a bell as soon as they are able. The outlook for the year is very encouraging. Other men have labored, and we have entered into their labor, and will prove ourselves worthy of the heritage by building churches.

Marysville.

S. W. Miller, March 5: We are moving up finely in some respects upon the Marysville circuit, though we have had some trouble to arrange our appointments to be filled in the other two Sundays. There being but two churches in our work we had to combine the plans of other denominations. Our first quarterly conference was January 31 and March 1. Two points were not represented, but \$146 was reported in money and surplus. Bro. Ballard said that it had exceeded any circuit or station up to date. And what do you think—I asked

him to give us a puff, and he said that I could blow my own horn. Notwithstanding he took off from here \$16.25, a fine pair of pants, and across the street a twenty-dollar gold piece to gladden the heart of Bro. Palmer; but said blow your own horn. Well, I will have it to do, as Bro. Ballard says the bottom rail has gotten on top. But sometimes the tide runs and the same else may want a puff. We are trusting, praying and expecting a gracious revival on this work and expect to consolidate two classes and build a good church before conference if possible.

Grapeland Circuit.

J. L. Chiles: God bless the Advocate. How I love to read the letters from the ministers of God, most especially those who have been our pastors, and some are kin to me otherwise than spiritually. God bless Bro. and Sister Brasler. Why don't he write sometimes? I don't remember of ever seeing a letter from him. He was our pastor one year and we learned to love him and Sister Brasler, and will never forget the dear old man. I think everybody loves him, including all denominations. He has preached us some noble sermons, and I don't see any defect in him. Our first quarterly meeting embraces the third Sabbath in which we are expecting a gracious revival of religion, for we do not intend to miss a quarterly meeting without a good excuse. I look forward to a great meeting occasion like once did to a party; but old things are passed away, and all things are become new.

Kemp.

D. T. Brown, March 10: Rev. W. L. Brown, our presiding elder, was with us February 21 and 22, and held our first quarterly conference. Quarterly conference very well up. Good congregations, fine attention and a real good religious time. Bro. Clifton's preaching did us good; we went home feeling like we had been to church sure enough. The first Sunday in March we began a protracted meeting in Kemp. On account of cold weather and a gripe we had to close Thursday night. We had six accessions to the church—four by certificate, one from the Campbellite Church and one by profession. One object in holding the meeting now is to build a Methodist Church in Kemp. I believe we will get it. Oh, how we need it. As far as I am able to determine the prospects are hopeful all along the line in Kemp circuit. We are praying and working and looking for a gracious revival of religion all over this country. Oh, may it come! and like a protracted meeting, sweep through the souls of men, cleansing from sin, filling with love and perfecting in that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

Gonzales.

E. K. Denton, March 6: An Epworth League organized March 1, 1891, with a whole dozen charter members, not counting the pastor. Officers as follows: Pastor, President *ex officio*; First Vice President, Rev. Geo. Ward; Second Vice President, W. J. Glines; Secretary, J. J. Superintendent; Third Vice President, W. M. Fly; Steward; Treasurer—Mrs. Mattie Lee Denton, the preacher in charge's wife. Our Sunday-school is flourishing under our bright superintendent, Rev. Geo. Ward, and has a large class, and he and the class both are doing well. The Ladies' Aid Society, alias parsonage, is on a boom. The worthy ladies of that society have recently had made a good brick cistern at the parsonage, and now they are preparing to seat the church with handsome new pews, having contracted with Rev. Geo. Ward to furnish them at about \$900. Some pastor may expect to preach in a new, excellent church in this little city in the by-and-by. The attractive new three-story brick building of Peck & Fly has been completed and is now occupied. This building would look well in—our instance—Dallas. Our Chautauque Scientific Literary Circle is increasing so in numbers that we are expecting to cease meeting at private houses and go to the new Knight Templars hall on the third floor of the Peck & Fly building.

Elkhart.

T. W. Boynton, March 5: Our first quarterly meeting on the Palestine mission is now a thing of the past. J. T. Smith, our presiding elder, arrived at Elkhart on the 1st of this month (conference) Saturday, February 22, at 10:45 a. m., and preached at 11 o'clock, and held the quarterly meeting in the afternoon. He also preached that night and the next day at 11, and at 3 that evening. Bro. Smith is a successful man, a preacher and presiding elder. We think he is the right man in the right place. I have received into the church this quarter nineteen members, three by letter and sixteen by profession, and have baptized one infant. We have an excellent Board of Stewards. They assessed preacher in charge \$275, and paid \$30.15. We have a fine class of members, and are among a good people, who make the preacher and his family know that they will be cared for. We had to submit to a generous panning from the good people of Dodd, who left many things in the parsonage that made us feel that we were appreciated for which they have our earnest thanks. Our first quarterly conference was held February 6 and 7. Our presiding elder was present, looking after all the interests of the church. A liberal salary was assessed and one-fifth paid. Circumstances compelled our people to build a church. It was commenced before conference, but is now completed, and was dedicated on March 8 by Rev. J. M. Binkley. The brethren will build a belfry and procure a bell as soon as they are able. The outlook for the year is very encouraging. Other men have labored, and we have entered into their labor, and will prove ourselves worthy of the heritage by building churches.

Ennis.

J. A. Waikup: Our second quarterly meeting has just passed. Our presiding elder, Bro. E. Armstrong, was with us in the spirit of the gospel. He left encouragement, light and a spiritual benediction upon our congregation. He regards himself as a co-worker and co-pastor with the preacher in charge and in the performance of his duties. As such he has been attending upon the services that has been for a long time. Prayer and class-meetings are well attended and are growing in interest. Our Sunday-school is in good condition and seems to be of a permanent character. Our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies are in a healthy, prosperous condition,

and money in the treasury. The ladies have collected and paid off the old parsonage debt; so we are out of debt and things are moving on harmoniously and prosperously all along the different lines of church work. This I regard as a hopeful indication of better times ahead for Ennis, and that this is the dawn of day that will end the long night of her discouragement, doubt and defeat. We have received in the past three months twenty-eight members who have come into the church with a zeal for the cause of the Master. We are looking hopefully forward for a gracious revival. So many of our people are praying that God will pour out his blessings upon the church. I see indications of every service of a revival tendency. Twenty-five or thirty bowers in the congregation yesterday asking for the prayers of the church. We feel that the smile and blessings of the Master are upon us. Oh, that we may ere long stand upon the mountain-top and catch the glad news of salvation and with flying feet bring the joyful news to the people.

Cold Springs.

W. T. McDonald, March 5: Our first quarterly conference is over, which was held at this place. Our presiding elder, J. C. Mickle, was present in the spirit of the Master and preached with power. His sermon on "Unfaded Religion" was forcible and clear. We find to know Bro. Mickle is to love him. All our people love him very much. Our people are encouraged to move forward and are proving it by their works. About three-fourths of the first quarter is paid up, and two appointments failing to report, which we suppose was caused by the creeks being up. Our people have made some improvements on the parsonage by lining one of the rooms with a beautiful pattern of calico, making a nice and comfortable room. They are also building a new steeple on our church at Cold Springs. Our congregations increasing. Last Sunday we preached to a large congregation, the house being filled. We feel that our lot has been cast among a kind people, for which we praise the Lord. We are needed, and looking for a revival—one that will be felt in every home. God is needed at this place in his sin-killing power. Brethren, pray for us, that we may have a gracious outpouring of his Spirit.

Vernon.

Chas. D. Jordan: We have closed our annual revival meeting with stupendous results, which we hope will abide through eternity. Bro. Robinson, the evangelist, has gone to Quanah, where he held a meeting last Thursday evening. He did us faithful work, preaching a full gospel with no uncertain sound. All the churches worked earnestly and persistently for the salvation of souls. I never saw better workers anywhere. They went with their Bibles on the streets, in the stores and offices, and in a polite and winning way exhorted the people to give their lives to God. The like was never seen before in Vernon. The infidel club was awfully nervous and did some very suicidal ranting about religion, betraying the weakness of their position. Strange that a man who is in a boat that is propped against all calamity should be concerned about other people and their Christianity. Some who were thought to be sympathizers with infidelity were converted and others declared their belief in Christianity. The converts included all classes, from small children to middle-aged men, some of whom were the most intelligent of the town. One young, promising lawyer was converted in my parlor. Some were very bright conversions, and we had many shining ones in the camp. Some who had never shined in a church were baptized and were baptized with the Spirit that they praised God with a loud noise. Fifty-five joined my church, besides about that many more who joined all the others churches combined. This makes my membership over 300, with more to follow. The Baptist church are still running the meeting in the street, and are doing well. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Mesquite.

J. B. Adair, March 13: We are moving on nicely on the Mesquite circuit, trying to do something to advance the interest of the church. Our first quarterly conference is over. We had a tolerable good report. The outlook for the church is encouraging. We are adopting plans according to the law of the church to raise our collections, and the assessment plan has been adopted for the raising of the salary of pastor and presiding elder. We have ordered the lumber to build a good church at Seagoville, and we ought to build at Farmer's. We are worshipping in a school-house and church combined at that place, and the house will not accommodate our congregation there. We have been "pounded" by our friends at Mesquite, and it was not confined to our church; members of other churches and some who are not members of any church took an active part in it. After the friends had deposited their contributions, we then had an enjoyable time, and when the parties dispersed they were feeling happy, and left this preacher and his better-half feeling that we were among friends and a people who appreciated the work of the church; for it was given in token of the love they had for the cause we represent, and not to cut into the salary of the pastor a cent, nor to ease their conscience or that line, as has been intimated by the Christian Advocate published at the hub. By the way, Mr. Editor, I think you have written your best editorial on "pounding," in reply to the editor or some one in the Nashville Advocate; and rise to give you thanks for it.

Brushy Creek.

John Helpenstell, March 10: Our first quarterly meeting on the hill last Saturday and Sunday, and though the weather was unfavorable for turning out being about the severest we have had this season, yet we had a good time, both in the business part of the meeting and in the regular services. Our presiding elder, Smith, was on hand and so was our Board of Stewards. God bless them; they are a faithful set of men. Men who, without remuneration, so far as doars and cents are concerned, leave the homes and their business and travel through the rain and the cold to attend to the business of the church, and do this, too, in a cheerful spirit, deserve to be praised. Such are the men who make up the Board of Stewards in our circuit and not withstanding we sustained some financial loss, they of their own free will and accord, raised our assessment for what it was last year. The minutes show what they did last year: they paid the preacher's salary

in full and \$10 over, and our conference collections were all full. We feel safe in saying that this is one of the very best circuits in East Texas Conference. But what shall I say of our "blessed"? Well, he is one of the eight Smiths in the East Texas Conference and he is a full team in the chair, in the pulpit, in the homes of our people, and everywhere, except at the table he is a poor "eater." You know him, Mr. Editor; don't you? Why, sir, you and him might do well to travel for a medicine company, and let him represent before taking and you after taking. (Chestnut.—Ed.) We organized a Juvenile Missionary Society on Sunday evening with twenty-three members, which promises to do well. The name selected for it was Dona Hamilton Juvenile Missionary Society of Neches M. E. Church, South; will organize at this place next Sunday evening. "Work for the Master" is our motto.

Weston.

P. L. Smith, March 12: I see one of the weather prophets says this will be a year of storms, and they are to begin in March. While I am writing it is snowing hard and fast. Thus far March has been very windy. Last Tuesday was a very windy day, and it seemed that the full force of the tempest culminated at about 7 o'clock in the passage. I was seated by a table, reading. Of a sudden many voices were heard, a gentle tap at the door. The door being opened in they came, bringing bundles too numerous to mention, all of which were substantial and useful. In this company Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterians and outsiders were represented. Their names are too numerous to mention. After borrowing benches and chairs from our near neighbor, the company was seated. A few salutations being passed, that old song, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung, led by Bro. G. W. Luck, after which we bowed in prayer, led by Bro. A. J. Douglas. While he prayed I indulged in silent tears of gratitude and joy. Here I want, in behalf of myself and family, to express heartfelt thanks for the many tokens of appreciation and kindness. I want to say, Mr. Editor, I have not seen a more pleasant and better looking company of ladies than presented themselves at the parsonage on that evening. Here I want, in behalf of myself and family, to express heartfelt thanks for the many tokens of appreciation and kindness. I want to say, Mr. Editor, I have not seen a more pleasant and better looking company of ladies than presented themselves at the parsonage on that evening. After spending awhile in social enjoyment the company dispersed, leaving us to reflect upon the goodness of God and the kindness of friends, and to form new resolves to press on for the Master. Our prayer was, God bless the donors. While the minister prayed last Thursday evening, Lord help me to rightly minister to their spiritual things. May the Lord give us a genuine revival of religion, a happy, peaceful and prosperous year, is my prayer.

Mount Pleasant and Daingerfield Circuits.

A. C. Benson: There has been considerable development in these two circuits. Instead of the two, we now have five circuits. Mount Pleasant circuit, Barrett, Mount Vernon, Daingerfield and Clifton. Barrett is a new church and station on the railway, eight miles west of Mount Pleasant. Barrett, Clifton and a number of classes around Mount Vernon were all that were added to the two original circuits. Both circuits were too large and this development was badly needed. The two works paid last year to the pastors, \$1250. Counting \$550 for Mt. Vernon circuit, the five now promise to pay \$2505. If Bro. Whitehead preached as many sermons as the pastor preached on the Daingerfield circuit, we had last year 200 sermons where we ought to have this year from the five pastors over 700. While we held about ten protracted meetings last year, we ought to hold about eighteen this year. If we exercised as much faith and liberality as we ought to, we have room in this same scope of country for still more advanced work. The Bridge's Chapel and New Hope, with their 300 members and fine church buildings, ought to be two-half stations. Their country station preacher could preach a sermon at each place every Sunday and attend both Sunday schools and prayer-meetings. It would be a good thing, but on station preacher could do the best for Daingerfield and Holden with their 150 members. This would give us Omaha, Cookeville, Argo and Oak Grove for a mission, with surrounding territory that needs preaching as much as some of our foreign fields. Barrett and Clifton, with their resident pastors, would form a nucleus for another mission whose duty would be to spread over a scope of country twice by twenty-five miles south of those places. With the exception of a parsonage, Barrett circuit takes its stand with the best in the district. One circuit is set and one more advanced work is needed for the preacher in charge. At our first quarterly conference one class paid nearly one-third of its assessments and one paid one-fourth and proposes to pay the same each quarter. Others paid up liberally.

East Stephenville Mission.

U. J. Morton: The second quarterly conference for this work met at Morthurst on Saturday, March 1, 1891. Bro. John S. Davis, presiding elder, truly made us think of the primitive days of quarterly meeting occasions. Bro. Davis came to this preacher's home Thursday evening and spent the night under our humble roof to the hearty gratification of every member of the family. Oh, how wife and children did enjoy his heavy conversation and earnest prayers. Friday morning Bro. Davis kindly offered me a seat in his buggy, and his faithful ponies, Sam and Billy, seemed to take in the situation and cheerfully trotted away with us over hills and across muddy ravinades, and through wire gates, until at night we found ourselves at Bro. John Skipper's, near where this scribe had arranged an appointment to preach. Bro. Davis preached and the Spirit of the Lord was upon him and accompanied the Word he preached; the people kept and rejoiced. Saturday, Oh, how cold, but we went on time, and filled the stove full of wood and fire, and then it was soon evinced that the "arm of the Lord was not shortened." Yes, we had a rejoicing time that cold Saturday at the 11 o'clock service. The people had dinner on the ground, and the good spirit pervaded all our deliberations, and everybody fell in love with Bro. Davis as a presiding elder. Bro. George Smith, one of our local preachers, preached for us Saturday night. He was in the Spirit from the very beginning of the service, and as he proceeded to portray the blessedness of the dead who die in the Lord, he appeared more and more to be lit up with the refulgent light of the blessed

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PARIS, FRANCE.—The winter of 1890-91 has been an exceptionally cold one in France. The lakes and fountains in the public gardens of Paris were frozen for weeks, and even the Seine presented an unbroken expanse of ice—a most unusual thing. People at once began to avail themselves of the novel opportunity of crossing the river on foot, but to this the authorities put a stop, not considering it exactly safe, and a friend of mine, going to the river one frosty morning, found the *urgents de ville* guarding it on all sides. He said that no one but an American woman succeeded in eluding their vigilance, and that she skipped carelessly over as if unaware of the angry ejaculations that followed her across. In some quarters of the city huge fires were built for the many half-frozen wretches who have suffered so much this winter. The thrift of the French has passed into a proverb, but it is really a necessity with this people, subjected to such ruinous taxation. All food and merchandise entering the city is subject to a duty called *octroi*, and you pay a tax on your windows, doors and every other conceivable thing, even the receipt your landlady gives you at the end of a month's board has on it a six sous (6 cents) stamp enforced by the government. Food has been distressingly high in France this winter, and as a result one sees many faces whose meager outlines net even their over-ready smiles can conceal. I have sometimes wondered if the close economy that prevails among all classes in France has not something to do with the narrowness of nature that I believe belongs to the Gallic race, certainly a continual contemplation of little things would seem to have a tendency to belittle one. The first day of the year, the *Jour de l'An*, however, the French open their hearts and purses and everybody gives *etrennes*. If you would see Paris under its gayest aspect you must see it then. It is the most popular of all *fiête* days—the Christmas of France. Work almost entirely ceases, and the pavements are crowded with a slowly moving mass of humanity. In every window glittering wares attract the eye. All along the main boulevards you will see line after line of temporary booths erected containing fruit, bon-bons, pictures, *galanzy*, and a thousand and one other miscellaneous articles. The *Jour de l'An* is also a day when a host of people, with no claim whatever on you, assail you for an *etrenne*—the *concierge*, the postman, the *jeune de chambre*, the *blanchisseuse*, all demanding it as their right. I have never known a country where "feeling" is carried to such an extent as in France. From the cocher who expects five sous for a *pourboire*, after a drive of fifteen minutes, to the gayly beribboned attendant at the theater who shows you to your seat and then extends her hands for money—all alike appeal to your generosity. The most charming drive in Paris is the fine avenue leading from the *Ave de Triomphe* to the *Bois de Boulogne*. In the afternoon, from 4 to 6, it is crowded with handsome equipages—the coachman and footmen in tall silk hats, fur capes and gorgeous liveries. During these hours, in spite of its frosty walks and leafless trees shivering in the cold blast, the *Bois* presents a gay and animated appearance. Innumerable skaters skim its lakes and the air resounds with the voices of a laughing-loving people. All the *monde* of Paris is here in fact. Speaking of the *Bois* reminds me of an incident somewhat novel to my American eyes that occurred there recently. On one of the bleakest afternoons of the late cold spell a carriage drove up to one of the lakes of the Bois, and from it descended a young couple, evidently bride and groom—the bride radiant in white satin, artificial flowers and dainty white slippers. They at once put on skates and joined the gay crowd that, appreciating the situation, greeted them with cries of "*Vive le mari!* *Vive la mariée!*" (Long live the husband and wife). Bride and groom bore the gaze of the grinning, gaping crowd with perfect equanimity—in fact, quite as a matter of course. Certainly French people are differently constituted from our folks. Shame-faced bashfulness is not one of their faults. This couple walked along with heads erect, proud and gratified at the interest they excited—not in the slightest degree confused or abashed. There has been the usual influx of students from America to France this winter. It is estimated that about 6000 alone are studying art in its various forms. The French are artistic to their finger-tips, and as regards pictorial and sculptural art, I believe they stand at the head of nations at present. The leading studios in Paris are Cormon's, Laurens', Carlrossi's, Gervex's, the *Beaux Arts* (a government school), and Julien's, the largest of the studios (the B. Art excepted). Among the professors at Julien's are the celebrated Bougereau, Lefebvre, Constans, Flamany and Ferrier. It was at this studio that the unfortunate Marie Bashkirtseff studied. Meissonier, one of the greatest artists of our day, died last week. The *Figaro* of the 1st of February devoted four columns to his praise. The writer spoke of his splendid generosity and rare loyalty, and paid him the highest meed of praise in saying that he was an incorruptible, inflexible

judge of his own works, and that in his smallest efforts he could never pardon himself for being inferior to his idea of excellence. Surely a man can do no more than endeavor always to live up to his ideal. As to the musical advantages in France there is a diversity of opinion and the conservatories at Leipzig and Vienna are preferred by many. It would be difficult to find anywhere more admirably conducted orchestras than the Cologne, the Lyonnais and the Conservatoire. The music given is of the best quality, and is rendered with wonderfully artistic perception and finish. I give below a program of last week's concert, Cologne: 1. Symphonie en si bémol,.....M. Mendelssohn 2. Prélude de la Reine Bertrude.....J. S. Bach 3. Tristan et Yseult (Mort d'Yseult).....Wagner 4. Concerto en sol mineur.....Beethoven 5. La Vision de Jeanne d'Arc.....P. Vidal 6. Fragments de Rédemption.....Franck 7. Sons for Tiliens.....M. Massenet 8. Marche Heroïque.....Saint-Saëns I have observed that the French, despite their national antipathy to anything German, are gradually assimilating the Wagnerian school of music. This antipathy of the French toward the German is seen and felt everywhere in France. Even the little children are imbued with this animosity. A Frenchman was telling me that some time ago a child received as a "cadeau" a little toy with which he was much pleased, but on being told that it was made in Germany, threw it under foot and stamped it in pieces. I heard a French officer say a few days ago, "We will never be content until we recapture Alsace and Lorraine." The *Figaro*, of the 29th of January, announces the illness of the German emperor. He is, it is said, afflicted with a malady of the ears that at times gives him intense and alarming pain. It is furthermore stated that his brother, Henri, has been recalled from Berlin, and the emperor proposes to initiate him into all the necessary affairs of state, in event of his (the emperor's) sudden demise. Now, I will close this desultory, rambling letter with pen pictures of a Parisian and Parisienne of to-day. They were given me at dinner one evening by a *distingue* English artist—one of the celebrities in artistic circles in London. In fact, he has had the honor of painting a portrait of a member of the royal family, Princess Beatrice, I think it was. I by no means endorse everything he says, although, alas! I believe some of it to be true, but it is amusing to see how far the long-existing insular prejudice of the English toward their French neighbors extends. As the Frenchman has no word in his language to express our idea of home, as he has nothing in reality that at all corresponds with our meaning of the word, when not occupied with business cares he enters a cafe, orders a glass of *absinthe*, writes letters and chats with his friends—the cafe standing him in stead of a club-room, of which he knows nothing. The Parisian has a certain affability and grace of manner and strong ideas of the eternal fitness of external things at any rate. He is thoroughly artistic in nature, and as sensuous and pleasure-loving as a Greek of old Homeric days. Music, art and certain forms of literature he appreciates to the fullest extent; but to those loftier, grander thoughts that "pierce the night like stars" he is utterly dead. Paris is to all events outside her is ignorant and indifferent as a South Sea Islander. His ideas of women are of the lowest, and he finds the most charming type in the demoiseille at "Bullier's" or the "Moulin Rouge," who kicks off his hat with the tips of her dainty toes. As to the Parisienne, I can define her in one word—she is a cat. As a rule, not handsome, she can yet be infinitely attractive and beguiling, but in a way that always appeals to the worst side of a man's nature. Careless mother, untrue wife, in every relation of life she is to be distrusted. In short, of all the women of all the world, I believe the Parisienne of to-day to be morally the "lowest" type. MRS. S. K. HOLT.

idolatry? From what source did he get his priests, and why? III. What prediction did Elijah make to Ahab? (Whether did he next go? and how was he supported? What was the next turn in his career? IV. What proposition did Elijah make to the priests of Baal? What did they do? How did Elijah mock them? Describe the close of the contest. V. What caused Elijah to flee from Jezreel? What took place a day's journey south of Jezreel? What took place at Horeb? VI. On what ground did Naboth refuse his vineyard to Ahab? How was Ahab affected by the refusal? What did Jezreel propose? Tell what followed. VII. From what point did Elijah start when he was about to be translated? What happened at Bethel and at Jericho? What occurred at the Jordan? Describe the final scene. VIII. What did Elisha say when he saw Elijah ascending? What two miracles did Elisha work immediately afterward? IX. How did the Shunammite know Elisha? What did she do when her child died? Tell of Gehazi's mission with the staff. Narrate the story of the child's restoration. X. In what way did Naaman hear of Elisha? What did he do when he heard of him? What sort of presents did he take? What did the king of Israel say when Naaman came with the king of Syria's letter? Give an outline of the rest of the lesson. XI. What did Gehazi do when his master refused to receive pay? What sort of story did he tell Naaman? How did Naaman treat him? What did Elisha say when Gehazi returned? Why was the sin of Gehazi one of special enormity? XII. In what way did Elisha save the king of Israel from falling into a trap? What explanation did the king of Syria first imagine concerning the failure of his plans? What did he do when he learned the real facts? How was Elisha's servant affected when he saw the Syrian army? How was his confidence restored?

Old and Young.

THE "GOODEST" MOTHER. Evening was falling cool and dark. A voice burst in upon the way. As if they were longing soon to mark Their own home candle's cheery ray. Before me toiled in the whirling wind, A woman with bundles great and small, And after her tugged, a step behind, The bundle she loved the best of all— A dear little ruddy-poly boy, With rosy cheeks and a jacket of blue, Laughing and chattering full of joy; And here's what he said—I tell you true: "You're the goodest mother that ever was." And I'm sure the glad young heart had cause To utter the sweet and lovely words. Perhaps the woman had worked all day, Washing or scrubbing; perhaps she sewed; I knew by her weary footfall's way That life for her was an uphill road. But here was a comfort, children dear! Think what a comfort you might give To the very best friend you can have here. The mother dear in whose house you live, If once in awhile you'd stop, and say, In task or play for a moment pause, And tell her in sweet and winning way, "You're the goodest mother that ever was." —Margaret E. Sawyer.

THAT PHOTOGRAPH.

When Tom Collins went to school that Friday morning he felt just a little taller than usual, and showed so plainly to the other boys that something was "on hand"—for Tom was a leader in all "good times"—that they used every device they could think of to get a hint from him as to what it was. But there was no time for talking before the opening of school, and Tom only shook his head, and said, mysteriously, "Tell you at recess," in answer to whispered inquiries, as he passed them in going to and from classes. At recess he had no difficulty, as you may suppose, in getting all "our fellows"—as the boys in Tom's particular clique delighted to call themselves—together in their favorite corner of the playground. "Fellows," said Tom, grandly, as the boys grouped themselves around him, "you are all invited to my house to-morrow afternoon to sit for your picture and have supper afterward." There was a great sensation and a clapping of hands at the mention of supper, but there seemed to be a little doubt as to the other part of the program. So Tom went on to explain: "You know my cousin from New York is staying at our house; and he has a camera, and takes pictures just like a photographer. He calls himself 'an amateur,' and he says he'll take a picture of all our fellows sitting together under a tree, or any way we like, in a group, and give us each one to keep; and mother says you can come to-morrow afternoon, if it is a pleasant day, and stay to tea." There was no doubt about the enthusiasm this time; some of the boys had to turn some seats adequately to express their feelings. But Tom had something more to say: "The next thing is to say how we'll fix up." The boys stared in amazement. It was not like Tom Collins to be particular about dress; they knew his mother always had to watch him when he went out to tea, to make sure he had on a necktie, or carried a handkerchief in his pocket. Tom went on: "Cousin Robert has lots of groups where boys are playing horse, hitched up to wagons drawing babies, and girls rigged up in grown folks' clothes, and all such things; but of course we don't want any such nonsense. Cousin Robert says we want something 'characteristic and picturesque.'" Exhausted by these long words, Tom paused, and "Shorty" Holmes, who

was always ready to say something, suggested "fish-poles and bare feet." "That's too make-believe, when the river is a mile away," objected some one. "Base-ball," put in "Pitcher" Ellis. "Indian-club drill," was another suggestion. The discussion became general and animated; but, just as the school-bell rang, it was unanimously resolved that they should appear as "Our Bicycle Club ready for a start." Saturday proved a most perfect day for taking pictures, and 3 o'clock found all the boys collected on Mrs. Collins' lawn. Cousin Robert proved to be the most patient and obliging person possible, and the boys had great fun in getting into position. A side of the house which was covered with wooding was chosen for a background to the picture, and against its glossy, dark leaves the light uniform of the boys and the gleaming silver of their wheels shone in brilliant relief. Such a time as they had getting arranged! "Pitcher" Ellis' fifty-two-inch wheel took the head of the line, as a matter of course; but there was great discussion and measuring for the other places between him and "Shorty" Holmes, with his little "grasshopper" at the other end. It was all arranged at last, however, and Cousin Robert said: "All ready, now; don't move." Off came the cap—the boys scarcely breathed for a few seconds—then on it went, and a six-volume sigh escaped from the group. "Don't change your positions; I want to make more exposures." So they straightened up again. Cousin Robert worked quickly, and soon announced: "There, I've made four exposures, and we're pretty sure of one good picture at least." "Let's see 'em, please," chorused the boys. "Oho!" laughed Tom, in his superior knowledge; "don't you know they have to be developed before you can see 'em? There isn't anything there now." "What is 'develop'?" "Can't we see that, too?" "Well," said Cousin Robert, good-naturedly, "if six boys can get into a dark closet together, and all look over my shoulder without 'joggling me while I work, you can see that part of it." Of course they could, so they all trooped up stairs after him. Fortunately, the closet which Mrs. Collins had arranged for her nephew's "developing room" was a very large one; a broad shelf ran across one side of it, at just the right height for Cousin Robert to sit down at it and reach all the things he wished to work with; so the boys could group themselves close behind him, and see all he did. "Now, boys, before we shut the door I will tell you about the various things that we shall use. In first place, you heard me say I had made four exposures; that is, I had exposed each of the four plates in these light-proof plate-holders in such a way that the light reached them as reflected through the lens from the objects I wish to take. If you were to look at those plates now you could not see the picture on them; but it is there, and what we call 'development' will bring it out. Now, another thing, if I were to bring the plates out into the light before they were developed, we could never see the picture, either; for the light would cloud it over and destroy it." Then, lighting a tiny lantern, which cast a few dim red rays on his table, Cousin Robert asked Tom to close the door, and drop over it the heavy curtain which hung there, producing intense darkness. By the light of the tiny lantern he slipped one of the plates from the holder into a shallow pan of chemicals. "Now, boys, watch, and see who will be first to discover a change in it." The boys gazed eagerly into the little pan. Harry Holmes was first to whisper excitedly: "I see a white line—round like a wheel!" "Bicycle wheel," said Cousin Robert, quietly; and the boys crowded closer and closer as another and another wheel made its appearance. Then shadowy figures sprang into sight on the dark plate, like little ghosts. Presently Cousin Robert said it was fully developed, and put it into another pan to become "fixed." The boys watched the next plate develop with a

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better understanding of the process. After the third plate had been soaking in its chemical bath for some time, Cousin Robert said: "I believe this one is a failure. I think I accidentally let the light in upon one plate, and, if so, the picture will never develop, as I told you." Sure enough, only a white blur appeared on the plate. When all the plates were done the boys went into Cousin Robert's room, where he showed them a large collection of negatives, as he called the finished plates. As he held them to the light for the boys to look through, he came to one they could make nothing out of. "I think I must tell you about this," he said. "Last week I was practicing getting a focus with the camera from my window. I had just got it arranged to take in a part of the next door neighbor's garden—a beautiful spot, with a trellis loaded with grapes in the center of the picture. "While I had my head under the cloth at the back of the camera I saw two figures come into that part of the garden, and begin tearing down grapes from the trellis. "I knew the family next door was out of town, and I quickly concluded that the figures were thieves, who were stealing the grapes, and if I could catch a photograph of them, I could identify them. "So, without stopping to get another look at them, I quickly popped in a plate-holder, and then, in a wink, I had 'em' and not a moment too soon either, for they heard a slight noise I made with the camera, and ran away before I could get a look at them. However, I felt sure I had a good picture of them; but before I developed the white light got in and blotted out the whole thing. "Now, do you know, boys, that little incident made clear to me something in the Bible that used to be very hard for me to understand when I was a boy like you, so I think I will tell you about it. "It seems to me an unforgivable sin in one's heart is just like the picture on the sensitized plate in the camera; it may not be apparent, but it is there, and unless we let the white light of Christ's forgiving love shine into our sinful hearts, and, as the Bible says, 'blot out, as a thick cloud, our transgressions,' then that mysterious change which we call death, and which, it seems to me, might be compared to that developing process you have watched to-day, will develop and make 'fixed' to all eternity the sin in our hearts. "You remember the verse, 'Every work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it.' So that is the little sermon I got out of this blotted picture, which I call 'a sin blotted out.' I hope these boys have repented of the sin, so the dear Savior could blot it out." The boys looked quite sober over the story, but nothing was said, as just then Mrs. Collins came and announced tea. Harry Holmes was unusually quiet during tea; and afterward, when the boys went out on the lawn for a final frolic, he quietly slipped away and ran up to Mr. Robert's room. His heart beat fast as he rapped at the door, but a pleasant, "Come in!" encouraged him to go on. "Please, Mr. Robert, I want to tell you something; I was one of the boys in that picture that stole Mr. Edgerton's grapes. I've felt mean and miserable about it, but I never saw just how wicked it was until you told us this afternoon. It isn't 'blotted out,' I know. And, oh what shall I do?" Poor Harry broke down completely.

"I was with a boy I had no business to go with. It wasn't any of our fellow's." Cousin Robert took both of Harry's hands in his, and looked down into his unhappy face. "You are truly sorry, Harry, for what you did, and want forgiveness?" "Oh, yes, sir! It's just a great load on me, and it gets worse instead of better." "Then let's ask the only One who can forgive." "So they knelt together, and Cousin Robert prayed in simple words for the forgiveness of that sin; and Harry found courage to falter. "Oh, God! I am truly sorry; please blot it out for Christ's sake, Amen." I think that was the first real prayer Harry had ever offered, right from his heart, and he said as they rose: "I believe it is 'blotted out,' I feel so much better." "Anything else, Harry?" said Cousin Robert, suggestively. "I'll tell mother about it," replied Harry, soberly, "and as soon as Mr. Edgerton comes home I'll go and tell him, and offer to pay for the grapes. I have my Christmas money." "That's right, Harry. Now I know you are in earnest." Then they went down to the boys. Seven five "silent steeds" flew down the road with the visitors; and Tom went in to hug his mother and thank his cousin for the good time they had given him and his friends. "We'll never forget it," said he. And I am quite sure that Harry Holmes never will. He keeps the blotted negative, which Mr. Collins gave him that night, on his bureau; and though it has no meaning for other people, he tells its story to Harry every time he looks at it.—Ellen Quincy Lane, in Sunday School Times.



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DISTRICT CONFERENCES. San Antonio district, at Carthage, May 28; Galveston District, at Wharton, May 13; Montague District, at Alvord, May 28; Fort Worth District, at Fort Worth, June 3; Church, June 3; Corsicana District, at Hubbard City, May 28; Cisco District, at Cisco, June 3; Waxahachie District, at Waxahachie, June 17; Abilene District, at Colorado, June 17; Waco District, at Waco, June 17; Weatherford District, at Jacksonville, June 15; Sulphur Springs District, at Sulphur Springs, June 23; Jefferson District, at Jefferson, June 23; Palestine District, at Lovelady, July 2; Vernon District, at Clarendon, July 2; Paris District, at Paris, July 2.

THE CONSTITUTION. When the Lord Christ had appointed his apostles, he gathered his disciples about him on the mount and gave them the constitution of the church, for such is "the Sermon on the Mount." The constitution is not a new one in principle, as all the principles taught in the sermon may be found in the Old Testament. Originality was not claimed for it, for the Teacher said he came not to destroy, but to fulfill the law.

This constitution is not governmental but doctrinal and ethical—especially doctrinal. There is no naming nor definition of offices. No articles declaring the functions of officers. The constitution of the Christian church defines private character and enforces holiness in individual conduct.

It is a statement of Christian character and the rules of living, and not a constitution of church government. The by-laws, the regulation of offices, etc., was left for the church to formulate. Our Lord appointed a ministry to go forth and preach and defined the character and conduct of his disciples.

In this constitution the conditions of salvation to the sinner are not given. The "Sermon" was delivered to the disciples and not to unbelievers. In the beatitudes is given the elements of a Christian character. In the moral spectrum analysis the elements of character are separated and each virtue is made to stand out to itself. One virtue may be more prominent in a single disciple than the others, and thus characterize the individual as the meek man, the pure man, the humble man, the peacemaker, etc., but it takes every virtue mentioned in the beatitudes to make a complete Christian character. These all combined make the salt of the earth—the white light which shines forth in good works to the glory of God the Father.

The constitution then sets forth the permanence and spirituality of the moral law—anger and lust are transgressions committed in the heart—and various rules for holy living. It also gives a test by which the true Christian

character may be known—the tree is known by its fruit. And finally the judgment is illustrated. Those who live these principles are like the wise man who built on the rock; those who reject them are like the fool who builds on the sand. What is the church but the aggregation of Christians? What is a church but a congregation of believers, etc.? They who build a church on the mode of baptism or apostolical succession or form of government, build foolishly; but they who build on the eternal principles of the "Sermon on the Mount" build wisely. Christian character and holy living are the essentials, and that form of government which is best adapted to promote these is the best church government, whether it be new or ancient. The man is a great deal more important than his clothes, but the work he has to do and the age in which he lives may have something to do with the style of his garment.

A CRISIS IN METHODISM. The New York Advocate firmly believes that the day the restrictive rules of the M. E. Church are so changed as to admit female delegates to its highest legislative body the disintegration of that church will set in. It thinks that in that case the M. E. Church, South, will have a good and justifiable opportunity to spread itself North. It says: "Ours is not the only Episcopal Methodist body in the country. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, separated from us on slavery and on a difference of opinion as to the prerogatives of the episcopacy brought into view in the struggles on that question, is to-day and has been for some years, making much greater progress numerically in the ratio of its membership than we. Slavery is dead; its spirit with each death of ante bellum survivors is passing away, a generation reared under freedom is already upon the scene. In temperance and education it is greatly improving. We have many white and colored conferees in the South; ostensibly the two denominations are on terms of fraternity, and the best men in both are under the influence of that spirit. On the ground, of course, there is a constant struggle, naturally more between us and them than between either and other denominations. We are the same in doctrine, and with two or three exceptions in usages. That church comes up to our borders in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland and Missouri. It has many churches in California and on the Pacific coast, and in Maryland and Virginia and West Virginia. Two of its most distinguished Bishops will hereafter reside on the Pacific coast.

If we take a step which allies our church with all the radical movements of the age concerning women it will place a lever in the hands of that church which will make our further progress among the whites of the South impossible, and greatly increase the tendency of Northerners removing there to join that church. More than that, it will justify it in the most strenuous efforts to prevent our progress there, and to extend itself in all the border States; and if it were to eliminate its sectional surname and advance northward it would have an issue which in the plane of argument could not be answered.

If it were to say: "We adopted the principle of a division of territory, as far as compatible with existing interests, on the ground that we represented a common Methodism; but you have repudiated our common traditional interpretation of the Scriptures; you have adopted principles concerning women that we believe will revolutionize society and reconstruct it on infidel principles. We are, therefore, called upon to give those who would still be Methodist Episcopalians, and cannot remain with us, an opportunity as far as possible to do so." Our firm conviction is that if that church should take such a ground its position would be unanswerable, and that the border States—and no one can tell how much further—it would make decided progress.

However great the opportunity to our branch of Methodism, and however great the desire to extend her borders and membership, we would be very sorry to see anything happen which would disrupt our Northern sister. We can but contemplate such a disintegration with sadness, as it would certainly be a dire calamity. It is true there are a few things about our sister which we do not like, but then there are so many grand things about her to admire that we can pass by the others.

It is therefore with great sorrow that we see her pursuing the course she is now doing. Our sympathies are all with the views of the New York Advocate. We believe that the admission of women into the General Conference means the ordination of women to preach and the alliance of the M. E. Church with the woman's suffrage party. But the most serious objection is that the principle is anti-scriptural, and the change will be so radical as to entirely differentiate the M. E. Church from our common historic Methodism. Therefore, much as we love and admire the M. E. Church, North, we had rather see it disintegrated and absorbed by other denominations than to adopt a principle so anti-scriptural and so dangerous as woman suffrage. We had rather see the "organic union" of the two churches, North and South, to prevent such a calamity, than to see either of them adopt such a principle.

Dr. Buckley seems to think, however, that until some such radical revolution takes place in the M. E. Church, North, that we have no justifiable excuse to go North. Dr. Parkhurst, of Zion's Herald, also seems to be tainted with some such idea, as was manifested by his remarks about two of our Bishops living in California. At this point

we cannot agree. We think that territorial lines are no more binding upon us than upon our Northern sister, and in view of the conduct of the latter in pushing her work among the white people of the South, that we are under no obligation to remain outside any territory occupied by her. Moreover, the time has about come that the M. E. Church, South, should lay aside its geographical ideas and limitations and adopt the Wesleyan motto, "The world is my parish." She has the true and original Methodist Episcopalism and there is no reason why she should not claim the world, and especially the United States, as her parish. We have no doubt that there are many good people in the North of Methodist proclivities who would rather unite with a Methodist Episcopal Church less political than the M. E. Church now occupying that territory; but if the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, adopts the anti-scriptural and political doctrine of woman suffrage, it will not only be justifiable in us, but it will be our imperative duty to give those who desire it the opportunity of connecting themselves with the pure and undefiled original Methodist Episcopal Church. Our prayer is that the New York Advocate will be successful in the fight for the Bible and truth, but the case seems to be almost hopeless.

THE LYNCHING AT NEW ORLEANS.

On the night of October 15, 1890, the Chief of Police, D. C. Hennessy, of the city of New Orleans was waylaid and shot down on the way from his office to his home. It was supposed to be the work of a secret society of Italians called the Mafia, and was to put a stop to the Chief's investigation of the crimes supposed to be committed by this "murder society." Several Sicilians were arrested for the murder and were tried in the courts, the trial lasting about three weeks. A strong case was made against them, while the defense was very weak. The community expected conviction, but the jury rendered a verdict of acquittal in the case of some, while they failed to agree on the verdict for the others. The prisoners acquitted were still held in prison on some other charge. Last Saturday a large crowd assembled at the Clay statue, in the city, at the call of a committee of citizens, were harassed by two or three lawyers, who then lead the crowd to the prison where the Sicilians were incarcerated, overpowered the keepers and shot to death eleven of those accused of implication in the Hennessy murder, who were all they could find, several of the accused having been successful in secreting themselves about the prison.

Ten thousand men are said to have engaged in the lynching. It was done in open daylight. It was claimed that the jury were bribed through a detective whom the mob were not able to find.

No good man can but deplore this sad state of affairs. Lynching is always deplorable. This case seems to have been an aggravated one, but nevertheless was less justifiable because the enraged citizens themselves were to some extent responsible for the state of things which resulted in the murder of the Chief of Police and the acquittal of his assassins, taking for granted the accused were guilty, and that the verdict of the jury was bought by the criminals.

It seems to us that the lynchers in this case, as in all others, begun to right matters at the wrong end, but there are so many lessons to be learned from this affair that we shall not undertake to enumerate them all.

1. It is well known that it is with the greatest difficulty that the best class of citizens can be prevailed on to sit on the jury. If there is any possible excuse it is used, and the officers, knowing the extreme dislike of this class for jury service, naturally turn to those who will serve with less repugnance. When good men are not willing to sacrifice a few business hours for the public good, they may expect juries to be composed of such men as will yield to the influence of money.

2. Money is allowed to exert too much influence in the trial of criminals. In the case under consideration the city government had offered a large sum for the conviction of Hennessy's murderers. It argues something seriously wrong when a government cannot convict its criminals except by the influence of money. What sort of officers are those who have to be bribed by the State to do their sworn duty? What sort of testimony is that which can only be had when bought? If a witness will not tell what he knows except under the influence of a reward, it is exceedingly doubtful whether his testimony is reliable when told. Now, what can these large rewards for the conviction of criminals mean except to stimulate officers to perform their duty and to secure the evidence of those who otherwise would

not tell what they know? It may be that the government concerned never pays directly for evidence, but the reward puts into the hands of detectives and others working for the reward the means to buy it. There can scarcely be a doubt but that such rewards do have the effect to assist unscrupulous men to make cases where there are none. Then, on the other hand, the criminal has every opportunity to use his money to the full extent of its power. If those who were accused of Hennessy's murder belonged to a society in whose service they committed the deed, of course they were furnished with all the money necessary to produce the result of the trial.

3. The loose administration of law, especially in large cities, is productive of such results. The lawless classes are the favored ones. The whisky saloon, the school of vice and the teacher of lawlessness, is favored by special ordinance or passed unnoticed when the law is violated. The gambling hell is allowed to run unopposed under the nose of the sworn officer and the general knowledge of the citizens. If there are exemptions under the Sunday law it is in favor of the fruit-and-Dago and the saloon, etc.—the most dangerous elements of society. Houses of ill-fame, variety theaters, and other institutions of corruption are either licensed or permitted to grind out their criminals unmolested by the officers of the law. It has not been long since an alderman in a smaller city than New Orleans, in his advocacy of the saloon and variety theater, in open council made the statement that it takes all classes of people to make a city. And the citizens of New Orleans and other large cities suffer all this lawlessness to exist and re-elect the same men to office who fail to discharge their duty. It is not altogether surprising that "murder societies" spring up and flourish under such circumstances. Those who stand by and look on such things approvingly or indifferently need not be surprised if they find themselves helpless at last to punish the most flagrant crimes by the regular processes of law.

There may be circumstances under which it becomes necessary for the cyclone of indignation to break upon the centers of corruption and execute the law dishonored by the ordinary agents of its execution—there may have been such an emergency at New Orleans—but the question still recurs who is responsible for such circumstances? and the answer is, every citizen who failed to do his duty in making and enforcing good laws.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

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THE COLLECTION.

We have heard good reports from the revival services conducted by Bros. Burnett and Mulkey at Oak Cliff. The meeting will continue this week.

BISHOP HAYGOOD has determined to practice what he preaches. He has been preaching a long time "go," and now he is "going." Bishop Key says he needs, and would be glad to have, a co-laborer in Texas. We hope, therefore, when Bishop Haygood's four years are out in California he will come to Texas. Bishop H., you know, does not preach "go" and stay, but "go" and then move. He moved the brethren around "tolerably lively" at Tanxakana.

LET THE preachers of the North and East Texas Conferences, which set apart Easter Sunday to raise a collection for the Bible cause, read Mrs. Robinson's "Important Notice," on the fifth page.

FOR a long time the Northern Methodist Church has been trying to influence politics. Resolutions of protest and of approval and of petition have been passed by conferences to influence politics; and now politics is beginning to use its influence on the church. The National Woman's Council, which is a woman's suffrage political machine, passed at its recent session at Washington the following resolution:

Resolved, that the National Council of Women of the United States send a memorial to the clergymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, asking, inasmuch as 62 per cent of the membership of that denomination has already by formal ballot expressed a desire that women be admitted to the General Conference, that the clergy shall, in accordance with the will of the laity, grant the admission of women to that body.

It is but a natural consequence that when the church meddles with politics, politics will meddle with the church. Nothing can be more dangerous to the church or state than this intermeddling of church and politics. The duty of the church to Caesar is not to wield Caesar's scepter, but to get Caesar as an individual converted to Christ. When Caesar is made a good man there need be no fear of the sceptre. Good men make good government, and with wicked men the Lord himself can't make good government. Let the church therefore stick to its legitimate work of making good men, let while she is meddling with the scepter, the devil be

left the freedom of corrupting Caesar's heart. Let it be remembered, and never forgotten, that good government does not make good men, but good men make good government.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

—The large and valuable library of the late Dr. C. K. Marshall has been presented to Millsaps College.

—Dr. J. M. Buckley, of the New York Advocate, will preach the commencement sermon at Vanderbilt this year, and the Rev. S. A. Steel will perform the same service for Vassar College, New York.

—Nashville Advocate: Rev. W. T. Rowland, of Pleasant Valley circuit, Tennessee Conference, died near Pulaski on the first day of March from the effects of measles. He was a consecrated and efficient minister of the gospel.

—Alabama Advocate: Rev. James Shaw, of the North Georgia Conference, is to go to Japan as a special worker among children. He is sent by the Sunday-schools of Augusta district. This is an example worthy of imitation.

—St. Louis Advocate: While in Nashville the other day we learned that a called meeting of representative Methodists, both laymen and preachers, of the Tennessee Conference, held a few days previous, decided to establish a new Methodist paper in Nashville, to be known as the Tennessee Methodist. Rev. B. F. Haynes is selected to edit the new paper.

—Richmond Advocate: On next Sunday, March 15, Laurel Street Church, in this city, will be formally reopened. It has been greatly beautified and enlarged, now having a seating capacity of between 900 and 1000. Bishop W. W. Duncan will preach morning and night, at the customary hours. At 3:30 p. m. a service will be held in which the ex-pastors of the church will participate. We are sure that this marks an era of great onward progress in this charge. And the "ancient" who remember his earlier history on Oregon Hill, will rejoice at the glory that fills this latter and beautiful house.

—Central Methodist: A letter from Rev. T. J. Duncan, pastor of North High Street Church, Nashville, Tennessee, says: "I commenced a meeting in this charge four weeks ago. From the beginning there was deep interest. On the second Sunday God poured His Spirit upon us and we had many penitents and fifteen bright and clear conversions. The interest continued to the close—many going away from the last service for want of room. Seventy-three professed faith in Christ. Sixty-eight were added to the church, and 111 accessions to the church since conference, by certificates and otherwise. There is an increase of 100 in our Sunday-school. The church is greatly revived."

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—The Rev. G. S. Hardy, of Fraser, under date March 11, writes: The Rev. W. F. Hawkins, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and principal of the Fraser High School, died here this afternoon of pneumonia in great peace. He leaves a wife and one child; was a young man of fine promise and much beloved.

REV. WM. VAUGHAN.

I see in the last TEXAS ADVOCATE that Rev. Wm. Vaughan is dead. This notice reminded me of a story told on the part of that part of the North Mississippi Conference that used to belong to the Alabama Conference. I cannot say positively that the story is canonical. When Bro. Vaughan was a young man, getting ready to join the conference, he went on a trip with Rev. Geo. Scheffer, the presiding elder, one of the saintliest men ever had in this country. After attending one or two quarterly meetings, Bro. Scheffer said: "Well, 'Billy,' you will preach at the next meeting and you may as well make up your mind to it." Bro. "Billy," as he was familiarly called in this country, very reluctantly consented. That was a time when quarterly meetings were great occasions, as great as annual conferences are now. When they got to the church the next day the whole hill was covered with people, and still they came from all directions. When Bro. Vaughan saw the crowd his heart failed him, and it got up into his throat, and he began to swallow great lumps of nothing that nearly choked him. With that he began to plead with Bro. Scheffer to let him off for that day and during that meeting. The presiding elder insisted on his preaching. "Why, 'Billy,'" said he, "you promised to preach and I have depended on you, and so have made no preparation for preaching and the hour is now at hand." Bro. Vaughan begged piteously, and said: "If you will let me off this time I will preach at the next meeting, if it kills me, no matter whether the congregation be large or small." The kind-hearted presiding elder took Bro. Vaughan's place and preached withunction and power to the edification and comfort of all present.

When they got to the church where the next meeting was to be held, there was no one there, it being a rainy, bad day. The two preachers sat in the church and chatted away pleasantly until the hour for preaching came, when Bro. Scheffer said, "Well, 'Billy,' it is now 11 o'clock, and you must begin at the time, so go into the pulpit and get to work. I will be near you." It is said that Brother Vaughan wept and implored the presiding elder to let him off just that one time more. "Why," said he, "I had rather try to preach before 10,000 people than just you alone." Bro. Scheffer reasoned, insisted, urged and finally commanded

the young man to go forward. They say it was a big text and a small sermon; but the meeting concluded with a prayer by the presiding elder that seemed to bring heaven and earth close together until they appeared to mingle into one. From that day on it is said that Billy Vaughan, through a kind man, always tried to preach when his time came, whether the congregation was large or small. I thought, perhaps, this story, though poorly told, would be of some interest to Bro. Vaughan's many friends in Texas. I did not know him personally, but I have heard his name mentioned most pleasantly by hundreds of times when traveling in that part of our territory where he used to labor. I have often heard Bro. Scheffer speak of him, and I am not sure but the body of this story was told me by Bro. Scheffer himself.

What a blessed and blissful meeting they have had in the spirit world before this time. Rev. George Scheffer was one of the holiest men I have ever known. He walked with God every day. Yes, and he has met Rev. Wm. Murrah, D. D., the presiding elder who signed his license to preach, and a great host of those who were led to Christ through his ministry in Alabama and Mississippi. His name is as ointment poured forth in this country.

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

The day of birth introduces one into a world of sorrow and of care trials; but if one maintains a good name that day of death is the door to a home in glory. Bro. Vaughan was born into a world of sorrow December 13, 1817, and he entered into glory the 23rd of February, 1891. What a life lies between these two periods? How full of work for God and for the salvation of human souls! His death is a clear gain all around and to all concerned. GILDEROY, SENATORIA, MISS.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Absence from home prevented my regular report for last week. Our Japan missionary subscription is as follows: Previously reported 347-10 shares—\$17.35; Fairfield Sunday-school 1 1/2 " 7.50; Mexia Sunday-school 1 1/2 " 7.50; Cottage Mound Sunday-school 1 1/2 " 7.50; Westport circuit 1 1/2 " 7.50; Woodville Sunday-school 1 1/2 " 7.50; New York Sunday-school 1 1/2 " 7.50; Harris Chapel Sunday-school 1 1/2 " 7.50; (San Marcos circuit) 1 1/2 " 7.50; Pleasant Ridge Sunday-school 1 1/2 " 7.50; (San Marcos circuit) 1 1/2 " 7.50. Total.....\$97.00

FIRST CHURCH, DALLAS, TEXAS. PAYMENTS. Putnam Sunday-school 5.00; Waco, Morrow Street Sunday-school 5.00; Mexia Sunday-school 7.50; Rockport Sunday-school 2.00; Hillsboro Sunday-school 10.00; Woodville Sunday-school 10.00; Lubin Sunday-school 1.35; (San Marcos circuit) 5.00; (San Marcos circuit) 5.00. Total.....\$68.35

Letters of the most encouraging character reach me. One just received from New Mexico, begging to be permitted to join us in our effort to send a missionary to Japan. It moved me very much. When the churches in our mission fields plead to be allowed to help in this great missionary effort, surely our home churches should wake up and bestir themselves. One superintendent writes that while he and the pastor were waiting and doing nothing a consecrated woman took the lead and raised a fund of \$100.00 and brought it to him to be sent forward. Why do you wait, brethren? The Sunday-schools are ready and waiting for the appeal. Please make it, and let us hear the result. Address me at Fort Worth, Texas. JOSEPH S. KEY.

MISSIONARY WORK IN MEXICO.

The reinforcement of ten men for the State of Jalisco, for which we propose to ask the board in May, is only a small part of what ought to be done, but it is something. This increase of native force would take the glad news within direct reach of 100,000 souls who to-day are without a chance of hearing of the blessed Master, and at least twice that number would thereby be brought indirectly under the blessed influence of saving truth. You perhaps doubt that these native preachers could be utilized to the benefit of so many souls, but it is so. Of course these thousands would not be converted, in one sense of the word, but the leaven of truth leavens the whole lump, in one sense. This State abounds in financial resources. The lands are rich and will produce almost everything. The State is divided into twelve districts, known as "Cantones." The capital city of each of these is a center of judicial, political and commercial influence. Everybody must go there some time. Besides there are other agricultural centers where a given produce abounds, as mangoes, pineapples, fruit, corn, etc. To these the speculators and mercantile agents come—from them the local agents go out through the neighboring "villas" for trade. These centers are what we would call "cities," as they range from ten thousand inhabitants to more than 100,000. It is proposed to occupy these by establishing a preaching station and agency for Bibles, good tracts and books. These, with the news of the heretical (?) church being established, would spread out in all directions, and would not be fruitless. In the meantime, for the purchase of a few hundred dollars in this way, we hope to reach this great sea of humanity with the Word of Life. To achieve what has been done has cost labors, suffering, and even precious lives. Shall we enter into their labors and conserve their victories? I repeat, shall we. With a sad heart, I am forced to say that so far we have not, as a church, been true to the trust committed to us in this great State of Jalisco. Here are masses to gather one-eleventh of all the population of this nation. Here Rome has her stronghold, one of the strongest in the Republic. This city is the Athens of Mexico. Undoubtedly the people are above the average in point of wealth, intelligence and enterprise. Beyond every possibility of evil here is a great center of commerce, of education, of intelligence, of social and political influence and of Romanism, superstition, fanaticism and crime. Seven years ago past, Revs. D. E. Wray and wife and John Stephens directed their course to this center of population to open gospel work. Hard was the struggle! Steadily they marched forward in the line of duty—Stephens to a martyr's death, Watkins and wife suffered many deaths of anxiety and pain from malaria, threat, attempts on their lives and social persecution, and many of their converts steadily, bravely marched to their graves for Christ. A great moral revolution was clearly effected. In the providence of God this work was turned into our hands. Have we conserved the trust? We have not—we may not have lost the golden opportunity yet; but we will lose it if we fail now to increase public confidence by a forward movement. May God help us. J. D. SCOGGINS.

ATTENTION.

My postoffice is Weatherford, Texas. I have good places in good Christian families for two orphan children. Places desiring the location of this home, persons

Woman's Department.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL.

[All matter intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Florence Howell, 28 Mason street, Dallas.]

As a relic from Mrs. Mary M. Clardy, of Fort Worth, has been received relating to a matter of great importance to the women of our State; but the said article should be placed in the hands of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for their consideration in their department of social purity. The movement to which Mrs. Clardy's article refers will no doubt receive the earnest support of all Christian workers wherever the matter is brought to their consideration, and she has no doubt appealed to all such throughout our State. We commend this earnest worker and her noble effort to all to whom the cause is dear, and to their consideration, and earnestly hope the movement may be crowned with abundant success.

"THAT WHEEL."

As I have received frequent inquiries in regard to my "Missionary Wheel," of which I have before written in the Advocate, I deem it best to answer them through this column. The center upon which the wheel is laid down and neatly faced, all being what we ladies call "laid work" is just one foot square and of nice white material that will wash. The wheel is of oil red, and when turned under and inside down leaves half an inch margin white, and the outside of the white square. The rim of the wheel is an inch across and there are twelve spokes, and twelve spaces between, and names are written on the white spaces, hub and corners. I should be glad to see written or embroidered upon the red rim of the wheel, "Keep the wheel rolling." I am in such feeble health that I fear I shall not be able to push the enterprise as I would gladly do if I felt stronger. Physically I have been prostrated about ten days; hence I take this method of answering all who are disposed to lend a helping hand. I fall before the quilt is completed I have left it in the hands of one who will, I believe, under God, carry it forward to a successful conclusion. If my Father sees fit to call me up higher I shall spread my wings with joy, as I did in my dream of which I have written in the Advocate. I forgot to add that article with the words: "Behold that dreamer cometh," and it sounded the least bit ludicrous to see it headed, "I Dreamed a Dream," for some one might supply the words "the other night," and so will sing "Susanna. I hope Texas, that could swallow a half dozen Missourians and have more room than Jonah had, will be enough interested in the training-school to be established by our Woman's Board of Missions in Kansas City as to press the matter as Missouri has done and help to bring the grand enterprise to a successful issue. Inasmuch as I hope to see the training-school, I hope to attend that same training-school, that I may learn to be a more successful worker wherever my lot may be cast. Again to the "wheel." I would be glad if the Rev. H. A. Bourland would send me his name, that name of each of his family, with as many more as can get, to put upon the "wheel." He knew me in the dark days of the war. I don't know many Texas preachers. Have never attended conference but once since we came to Texas, and that was at Tyler, where I went to see a worsted quilt given in the East. Texas preachers, and it is, I suppose, to-day covering some little Indian. The sister who sent me the "Missionary Wheel" wrote me last week that they had made nearly \$70 in Marshall, Mo., by names on their quilt. Please help us carry on the good work in Texas. Will be glad to get names and money from any one. Respectfully,

Mrs. J. D. Beck.

EASTER SERVICES.

Easter Sunday will soon be here, and we would again call attention to the importance of Easter services in the interest of the Bible and Training-school for Christian workers. It is hoped that all our pastors will cheerfully co-operate with the Woman's Missionary Society of their charges in making the Easter services and the collections for the Training-school a decided success. Those who may have no special program for the occasion might as well take up a collection for the training-school at either the morning or evening services on Easter Sunday, and thus help to increase the amount which will go from Texas as an Easter offering for this school. Let all help, who can do so, in the earnest request of the Woman's Missionary Society.

THE PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

What an Auxiliary May Do. A preacher in the far Northwest—a true hero of the olden type—was sent to a charge where no house could be obtained to shelter his wife and children, and a pitiful salary of one or two dollars was hardly enough to give food to his family. Bravely resisting all discouragement, and with full faith in the love of God, to whom he was devoting his life, he cheerfully went forward, purchased building material at the sacrifice of the little salary—all the little he could get working with a good will, built a parsonage with his own hands. He believed help would come. He went up to conference still hoping. But in that conference there was no parsonage fund. The question was asked if the regular church extension fund could be used for parsonage. No, it could not. The modest brother in whose interest the question was asked had listened eagerly for the response. Now his head sank upon his breast. What would he do? He had spent his salary for shelter. How would his family get food and clothing? Where was help to come from? There is many a preacher who by the light of experience can read the heart of that man as he sat there with bowed head, troubled, but praying. He did not know that far away in Old Virginia kind-hearted women were preparing this help for him. How good our God is! We cannot see what he is doing for us, and sometimes the sky looks dark, the earth drear and hopeless; but he never, never forgets those who trust in him. Dr. Morris' gentle nature was pained by the decision that he, as one under authority, was compelled by church law to render, and before he left the place he moved the congregation to contribute a sum that greatly aided, but did not relieve him. He needed absolutely one hundred dollars more to pay the debt on the parsonage. He went back to his charge still troubled with the fear that he might after all lose the little home he had struggled so hard to obtain; but good news awaited him. The Parsonage Society at Memorial Church, Lynchburg, Va., stirred by the loving spirit of God, raised \$69 for him. To this Conference Street Church added \$10. The Treasurer of the Virginia Conference notified us of what the ladies had done. Greatly rejoiced, the Central Committee added \$25. And the preacher found on his return God

had been at work for him. His home was saved. God had made use of his willing children in those societies which were zealous to serve him, and they had done a good deed that shall be told of them, that the God in whose eyes his faithful servants are precious may be glorified. But when we do one good deed how it spurs our hearts to further efforts. Those ladies, not satisfied with having the home, began to consider the wants of the little family within. With the tenderness of women they looked into the details of the wants of the mother and little ones. In a short time a supply of all that could be needed, to the amount of \$185 worth, reached the home of the missionary. Can there be any one who has not sympathy and imagination enough to picture the happiness of that family as they took out one by one the articles folded by loving hands that had sent them in remembrance of our Father, whose divine love binds his children together, though strangers and far apart? Truly, God is love. Would that we could ever remember it is love alone that can open the way clear and bright between our souls and the Divine Heart.

There are others to whom such help would be great relief. We will be glad to give information to those desiring it. LUCINDA B. HELM, 1500 Third Avenue, Louisville, Ky.

"Did you know, Jeilaby, that old Many-locks walked all the way to Chicago from Auburn, N. Y. when he first came here? So poor to pay his car fare?" "Is that so? And now he's too rich to ride on a pass. Quer world this!"

Wonder why so many persons suffer from catarrh when with Old Sall's Catarrh Cure they would be cured at once? We all have our preferences; but no one prefers to hear a crying baby when the fact is so well known that Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup would do it.

Jud—This verdict could not have been reached on law and evidence. Foreman of the Jury—No, sir; we just used common sense. Judge (promptly)—Overruled and set aside.

Influenza and Pneumonia. T. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish, La., writes: "Permit me to say to the publisher of the Advocate, that I have tried Wonderful Eight in practice and find it to be a good medicine in influenza and pneumonia. Nothing to equal to relieve pain."

Pomposity Party—So you are the exchange editor, young man? Naughtily speaking, you are a clipper, scoundrel. No, inasmuch as I pay the scissors for a living, I am a revenue cutter.

TOBACCO. Use Brown's Iron Bitters. Your physician recommends it. All dealers keep it. \$1.00 per bottle. Genuine. Has trade-mark and crossed redlines on wrapper.

Fooldeck—I tell you, Chips, there are no flies on that girl. Chips (whom the had rejected)—No; neither are there are on an ice palace.

There are many chill tonics offered the public whose efficiency depends altogether on such words as quinine, arsenic, strychnine, etc. You cannot afford to take such stuff. Take the great vegetable remedy, Cheatham's Taster's Chill Tonic. It will cure you rapidly, thoroughly and permanently. Pleasant to take. Guaranteed to cure. 75c.

John Doe—Are you carrying a mortgage on your house? Richard Roe—Yes; and, can't you lift it, I'm carrying it because I can't lift it.

Saxet cures female disorders and kidney disease. A man's lot may be hard, but his neighbor's hens can make it look fuzzy.

Homeopathy and millinery are not naturally associated, but when a woman's inspired with love of a bonnet only a love of a bonnet will satisfy it.

An Old and Well-tried Remedy. Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething should always be used for children while teething. It is the best for all ailments of the wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhea.

Planning the work saves time in the garden and orchard as well as with all kinds of farm work, and it is quite an item to get everything done in good season.

Lock-Jaw. CHINA SPICES, TEXAS, Aug 17, 1886. One large dose of Wonderful Eight cured my wife 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. HARRIS. For sale by all dealers.

An orchard can be grown on rough, broken and even rocky land, provided good care is taken to manure sufficiently around the trees.

Wonderful Words of Life. "By the river and upon the bank thereof—shall grow all trees—the fruit thereof shall be for meat; the leaf thereof for medicine which shall cure all healing of the nation. Taylor's Cherry Cure. Willow Street, New York. It will cure all lung and cure coughs, colds and consumption.

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The Best Result. Every ingredient employed in producing Hood's Sarsaparilla is strictly pure, and is the best of its kind it is possible to buy. All the roots and herbs are carefully selected, personally examined, and only the best retained. So that from the time of purchase until Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared, everything is carefully watched with a view to attaining the best result. Why don't you try it?

Suffering becomes painful, when any one hears great calamities with cheerfulness, not through insensibility, but through greatness of mind.

Rheumatism, gout, etc., are caused by uric acid in the blood. Saxet purifies the blood and effects a cure.

Pretty Girl—Did you see the way that man looked at me? It was positively insulting. Big Brother—Did he stare? Pretty Girl—Sure? Why, no. He ran his eyes over me, and then he glanced off at some one else, and as if I wasn't worth a second thought.

The warfare of summer has opened and a gurgling sound can be heard over the land. The contesting factions are chills, cold chills, and Cheatham's Taster's Chill Tonic. The gurgling sound referred to is made by victims of the Rheumatism, Gout, Asthma and all throat and lung troubles; the chills will disappear, everybody be happy. Only 75c per bottle.

Cover strawberries lightly with horse manure. Leaves will be left on them. The plants, however, must not be smothered with too heavy covering.

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 subjected and it is the first thing I ever found that would have any effect. It cured me in less than forty-eight hours. W. T. MALVERN, Jr., Postmaster Malvern, Ark.

Grapes should be pegged down to the ground. A few sorts like Golden, and any other of the kind, will do. Use earls, loose manure or leaves.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh of the Lungs, and all Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all nervous complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send this receipt free to any who wish it, this receipt in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 230 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Your ladyship made quite a conquest today," said the kitchen maid. "Did I? And with whom?" asked her mistress grossly. "With an old man of such a good nature going out, and I tell you, a lady as suits him may be a lady."

Money in the Business. Tell Mrs. Wells that her, or any industrious person, can make \$100 a week in the plating business. For particulars, address the Electro-Plate Co., 117 Broadway, New York. I am working now and know there is money in the business.

Young shrubs, like altheas, are tender until they are three or four years old. Bend them carefully and cover them with sod.

Church Notices. SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Eagle Pass and Brackett, at Brackett, March 21, 22. Marlin sta., at Marlin, March 21, 22. Carrizo Springs, at Batesville, April 5. Denton cir., at Kanby Grove, April 12. Denton cir., at Kanby Grove, April 12. Pleasanton cir., at Pleasanton, April 12. West End sta., at West End, May 4. Teath street sta., at Teath street, May 8. Boerne cir., at Boerne, May 8. ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. Round Rock cir., at Hartsville, March 21, 22. Georgetown sta., at Georgetown, 7:30 p.m. March 21, 22. Marble Falls cir., at Spring Creek, March 21, 22. Denton cir., at Denton, March 21, 22. North Belton cir., at Leona, April 5. South Belton cir., at Leona, April 5. Denton cir., at Denton, April 12. Florence, at sunny Lane, April 12. Denton cir., at Denton, April 12. Taylor sta., at Taylor, 5:30 a.m. April 27. Bartlett cir., at Bartlett, May 9. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round. Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan, March 21, 22. Marlin sta., at Marlin, March 21, 22. Calvert sta., at Calvert, April 5. Koss cir., at Koss, April 12. Denton cir., at Denton, April 12. Jewett and Bunker, at Bunker, May 9. Fairfield cir., at Fairfield, May 17. Denton cir., at Evans' Chapel, May 17. Marquette sta., at Marquette, May 30, 31. Franklin cir., at Franklin, June 7. FRANK L. ALLEN, P. E.

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Weatherford District—Second Round. Denton sta., at Sunnyside, March 21, 22. Springtown and Gosport, at Gosport, March 21, 22. Friday, 11 o'clock, March 27. Garvin, at Union Grove, March 27. Bonville, at New Hope, April 4. Graham sta., at Graham, April 11, 12. Pleasanton cir., at Pleasanton, April 11, 12. Farmer, at Farmer, April 11, 23. Fiddis, at Dillingham, May 2, 3. Barton Rock sta., at Mt. Vernon, May 9, 10. Caddo sta., at Caddo, Wednesday, 11 o'clock, May 13. Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto, at Palo Pinto, May 16, 17. The Weatherford District Conference will be held at Jackson, on June 10-14. W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round. Whitney cir., at Whitney, March 21, 22. Lorena cir., at Stanford's Chapel, March 21, 22. Abbott cir., at Willow, April 4, 5. Somerville, at Somerville, April 11, 12. Arden cir., at Mooreville, April 18, 19. Temple sta., at Temple, April 25, 26. Round Mountain and Rockvale cir., at Round Mountain, April 25, 26. Rogers cir., at Heideheimer, May 9, 10. Clinton sta., at Coon Creek, May 16, 17. Clinton sta., at Valley Mills, May 16, 17. West cir., at Wesley, May 18, 19. Marti sta., at Marti, May 20, 21. McGregor cir., at Station Creek, May 20, 21. District conference, which will convene at Lorena, June 18, at 9 a. m. R. G. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Elm Grove sta., at Elm Grove, 4th Sun in Mar. Harwood cir., at Harwood, 4th Sun in Mar. Gonzales sta., at Gonzales, 1st Sun in Apr. Seguin sta., at Seguin's Branch, 3d Sun in Apr. Seguin sta., at Seguin, 3d Sun in Apr. W. H. H. BLOSS, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round. Farmersville sta., at Farmersville, March 21, 22. McGill cir., at Rock Quarry, March 21, 22. Denton cir., at Denton, March 21, 22. McClinton cir., at McClinton, April 4, 5. Nevada cir., at Mount Zion, April 4, 5. With Point sta., at With Point, April 18, 19. Garland and Duck Creek, at Garland, April 25, 26. Denton cir., at White's Grove, April 25, 26. Floyd cir., at Floyd, May 2, 3. Pooty cir., at Johnson's Hill, May 2, 3. Forme cir., at Grandall, May 16, 17. Roberts cir., at Roberts, May 30, 31. District conference at Terrell, June 6, 7. T. T. MORSE, P. E.

Corpus Christi District—Second Round. Lagarto cir., at Lagarto, March 21, 22. Goliad, at Goliad, March 21, 22. Rockport, at Rockport, March 31, April 1. Helena cir., at Helena, April 11, 12. Lavernia cir., at Lavernia, April 11, 12. Wesley cir., at Wesley, April 18, 19. T. T. MORSE, P. E.

Jefferson District—Second Round. Gilmer cir., at Gilmer, 1st Sun in April. Queen City cir., at Concord, 2d Sun in April. Colwellville, at Center, 3d Sun in April. Round Pleasant sta., at Round Pleasant, 7 p.m. April 27. Pittsburg sta., at Pittsburg, 4th Sun in April. Dalgardville cir., at Omaha, 1st Sun in May. Round Pleasant sta., at Round Pleasant, 1st Sun in May. Kellewellville cir., at Mt. Pleasant, 3d Sun in May. Killeen sta., at Killeen, 1st Sun in June. Waxahachie sta., at Waxahachie, 7 p.m. June 8. Kildare cir., at Kildare, 3d Sun in June. District conference will convene in Linden June 8, at 2 o'clock p.m. Rev. James McDowell will preach the opening sermon Thursday, 7 p.m. C. B. FLAGLER, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Morgan and Blam, at Morgan, March 14, 15. Cebuane cir., at Cebuane, March 21, 22. Fort Worth cir., at Fort Worth, April 4, 5. First Church, at Fort Worth, April 7. Marlin sta., at Marlin, March 21, 22. Arlington cir., at Arlington, April 11, 12. Sopper sta., at Sopper, April 18, 19. Denton cir., at Denton, April 18, 19. Bell Dale cir., at Bell Dale, May 2, 3. Glen Rose sta., at Glen Rose, May 2, 3. Denton cir., at Denton, May 9, 10. District conference will be held in Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, May 14-17. W. L. SELMS, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. Eagle Pass and Brackett, at Brackett, March 21, 22. Marlin sta., at Marlin, March 21, 22. Carrizo Springs, at Batesville, April 5. Denton cir., at Kanby Grove, April 12. Denton cir., at Kanby Grove, April 12. Pleasanton cir., at Pleasanton, April 12. West End sta., at West End, May 4. Teath street sta., at Teath street, May 8. Boerne cir., at Boerne, May 8. ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. Round Rock cir., at Hartsville, March 21, 22. Georgetown sta., at Georgetown, 7:30 p.m. March 21, 22. Marble Falls cir., at Spring Creek, March 21, 22. Denton cir., at Denton, March 21, 22. North Belton cir., at Leona, April 5. South Belton cir., at Leona, April 5. Denton cir., at Denton, April 12. Florence, at sunny Lane, April 12. Denton cir., at Denton, April 12. Taylor sta., at Taylor, 5:30 a.m. April 27. Bartlett cir., at Bartlett, May 9. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round. Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan, March 21, 22. Marlin sta., at Marlin, March 21, 22. Calvert sta., at Calvert, April 5. Koss cir., at Koss, April 12. Denton cir., at Denton, April 12. Jewett and Bunker, at Bunker, May 9. Fairfield cir., at Fairfield, May 17. Denton cir., at Evans' Chapel, May 17. Marquette sta., at Marquette, May 30, 31. Franklin cir., at Franklin, June 7. FRANK L. ALLEN, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Denton sta., at Sunnyside, March 21, 22. Aubrey cir., at Friendship, March 21, 22. C. L. BALLARD, P. E.

Austin District—First Round. Lagrange sta., at Friendship, March 21, 22. C. L. BALLARD, P. E.

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Devotional. OUR HOPE IS IN THEE.

We hope in Thee, O God! The day wears on to night, Thick shadows lie across our world, In Thee alone is light.

We hope in Thee, O God! The fading-time is here, But Thou abidest strong and true, Though all things disappear.

We hope in Thee, O God! Our joys go one by one, But lonely hearts can rest in Thee When all besides is gone.

We hope in Thee, O God! Hope fails us elsewhere; But since Thou art in all that is, Peace takes the hand of care.

We hope in Thee, O God! In whom none hope in vain: We cling to Thee in love and trust, And joy succeeds to pain.

HOW TO MAKE LIFE HAPPY. Take time; it is no use to fume or fret or do as the angry housekeeper who has got hold of the wrong key, and pushes, and rattles it about the lock until both are broken and the door is still unopened.

The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex us, and in cultivating our undergrowth of small pleasures.

Try to regard present vexations as you will regard them a month hence. Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get.

It is not riches, it is not poverty, it is human nature that is the trouble. The world is like a looking-glass. Laugh at it and it laughs back; frown at it and it frowns back.

Angry thoughts canker the mind and dispose it to the worst temper in the world—that of fixed malice and revenge. It is while in this temper that most men become criminals.—Selected.

THE BLESSINGS OF MISSIONS. In the first place, I believe we need missions in this age as a test of Christian character. Material comforts have increased till no one feels comfortable unless he has many luxuries.

In some of the past ages every person faced oppression, hardship, danger. These were the common lot of life. Men hardly shrank from them. They sought personal courage and daring. Life would be intolerable to us, which in some ages would have been counted a life of ease and luxury.

The more we are permitted to live for ourselves the more we accept that as our condition by right. The church, especially in this age, needs the work and character of missions at its doors. And how much the church needs it is evinced by the smallness of the sacrifice, and that, too, after the church has acknowledged its responsibility. A man can be an exemplary church member without bearing scarcely a single burden, enduring a single hardship, enduring a single reproach, or feeling any sense of shame in the name Christian to-day.

How shall a man know he is a Christian? When people are doubtful as to whether they are Christians, I think an excellent question for them would be, How much do you give for benevolent objects? I can remember Dr. Josiah Strong tells of a man who gave a large sum of money for a Western college, and the man said: "I cannot tell you what I have enjoyed. It is like being born into the kingdom again."

No wonder; he proved it to himself that he was a Christian. In an address not long ago Mr. Spurgeon said: "A man dies worth just what he has given away." Think of it, and you will see it is the truth. We talk of a man's being worth what he hasn't used or given away. There is certainly no worth or richness in a man's holding his money till he couldn't possibly use them or do any good with them. The veriest miser in the world will do just that.

Again: Missions are a blessing to the church in helping it to realize the Christian ideal. The brotherhood of mankind, the Christian brotherhood of mankind is the idea. This is a big world. Christianity is a big thing—bigger than a family, bigger than a congregation, bigger than a denomination, bigger than a community, bigger than a State, a nation, continent—as big as the world.

The church has many ideas. Its idea so narrow in various ways that it has not been effective. Give this idea its proper dimensions in the mind of men, and it will control the world for Christ and righteousness. Much has been realized in regard to the unity of the church, the brotherhood of mankind, but much needs to be realized yet as to the unity of the work and the responsibility of individuals. It is all every man's work. The whole world is every Christian's sphere of activity. Paul said: "I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians."

We need to feel that we are debtors to our own churches, but that is too little, too narrow for the Christian idea. We need to feel that we are debtors to our churches, to this country, to Africa, India, China, Japan, the isles of the sea—yes, every Christian debtor to all the world. The simple recognition of this truth would fairly revolutionize the world.

Our idea of Christian work and Christian responsibility is too narrow for the Christian idea. See what St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "I mean not that other men be eased and you burdened, but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want; that their abundance also may be a supply for your want; that there may be equality." How often have missionaries hazarded their lives to supply our lack of service.

A man goes from the East to some destitute region of the West. He tries there to support the ordinances of religion. He is liberally in the East, but he gives twice as liberally in the West. But he stands nearly alone. We send something to that locality, and consider that we have helped that man support his church that is a beneficiary of ours. That, I think, is about the way it is sometimes looked at by people. Just the reverse is true. That man is doing a part of our work. We are eased and he is burdened. He is supplying our lack of service. There is not equality. We are his beneficiaries. The wealthy people in the real churches may be, and often are, the real religious papers. One on the frontier, over in heathen lands, are those doing their work for them, supporting them in Christian work, burdened that they may be eased. Let every Christian feel that his work and responsibility is world-wide, and the same with every other Christian. If we need their help as much as they need ours, we need their testimony at last that we have done our duty by them. We shall need the intercession of some who have not yet learned to intercede. Mute, prayerless lips, ignorant heathen faces may be a mute testimony against us if we need their help as much as they need ours. If we need their help as much as they need ours, we need their testimony at last that we have done our duty by them.

the prayers of those who have been led out of darkness into light by them. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that those to whom they had ministered pray for them and longed for their return for the extension of "God in them."

May the churches of this generation have the prayers of many thousands of souls whom they have taught to pray in the name of Jesus Christ. And then, in the self-perpetuation of this work, on through the ages, it will be for us an everlasting benediction.—The Rev. F. C. Scudder.

A GOOD Christian cannot be so careless for the extension of our Lord's kingdom among men, not only from his sense of what is due to the Lord who bought him, but also from his natural sense of justice, his persuasion that he has no right to shut his eyes to the suffering, and prospects which are the joy of his own immortal life.—Canon Lidton.

MARRIAGES. COHEN—OBORN.—At the residence of Mrs. Williamson, 111 Athens, Texas, on the evening of March 8, 1891, Mr. W. R. Cohen and Miss Katie Oborn were united in holy matrimony by Rev. J. T. Kirkpatrick, Rev. G. A. DeLoach officiating.

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DASHNER.—In Wolfe City, Texas, February 18, 1891, at the Methodist Church, Mr. F. G. Yarbrough and Miss Mary Dashner, Rev. E. C. Belmont officiating.

POWERS—CURTIS.—In Waco, Texas, March 1, 1891, Mr. Stephen Powers and Mrs. Mary Curtis, by Rev. H. H. Holbrook, Mr. John H. Saunders and Miss Alice C. Brown, all of Guadalupe county, Texas, were united in holy matrimony by Rev. J. T. Kirkpatrick, Rev. G. A. DeLoach officiating.

YORK.—On the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos, in Kent county, twenty-five miles north of Snyder, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. J. C. Callaway, Mr. J. C. Green and Mrs. Lucy Young.

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DR. HARTMAN ON CATARRH. The Fallacy of Catarrh Cures.

The fatal mistake which so many physicians, of all schools, make in the treatment of catarrh is, that it is regarded as a local disease and not a systemic disease.

While it is a fact that sprays, inhalants, gargles and injections are often helpful in the treatment of a case of catarrh, they can never accomplish a cure.

Catarrh in all stages and varieties, colds, coughs, bronchitis, la grippe, catarrhal dyspepsia, all yield, surely and permanently, to the curative virtues of Pe-ru-na.

John B. Rieley, of Merrimac, Wis., writes, July 3, 1889: "I received in December last one of Dr. Hartman's 'Treatise on Catarrh,' and after a careful perusal of it I concluded to give his remedy a trial, as I was afflicted with nasal catarrh.

First City, Mich.—I had a very hard cold; could hardly speak; also a grippé. Took one bottle of Dr. Hartman's Pe-ru-na and put in one-half pound of rock candy and found almost immediate relief, and was well inside of one week.

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Mrs. Mary A. Sealey, Sulphur Springs, Texas, Feb. 16, 1891. Peruna Medicine Co.—Sirs: I have used Pe-ru-na in my family—first for my wife in lung trouble. She has been greatly benefited; has passed over the winter so far, with a great deal less trouble than for years.

Wynne, Ark., July 26, 1889. Dear Sir: My wife having suffered for twelve months with what the best medical skill in the country called "Bronchitis," and, finding no relief, I purchased two bottles of Pe-ru-na, and now she is nearly cured.

It is needless to attempt to give only the vaguest outline of the wonderful success which Pe-ru-na has met with in the cure of catarrh.

A valuable treatise on catarrh by Dr. Hartman sent free to any address by The Peruna Medicine Company, Columbus, O.

Truck Farm Statistics.

The Census Office at Washington March 16 made public the bulletin of truck farming, which, for the first time in the history of the country, has been made the subject of census investigation.

Upward of \$1,000,000,000 is invested in this industry, the annual products reaching the value of \$75,317,915 on farms after paying the freight and commissions.

Nearly 75 per cent of the truck produced in the United States comes from the belt of country along the Atlantic coast lying east of a line drawn from Augusta, Me., to Macon, Ga.

The following shows the acreage of the leading vegetables grown upon the truck farms of the United States: Asparagus 39,970, beans string or snap 12,907, cabbage 47,094, kale 2962, March 20,195, Irish potatoes 28,250, beets 2420, celery 15,581, cucumbers 4721, watermelons 114,381, other melons 28,477, peas 56,162, sweet potatoes 22,802, miscellaneous vegetables 83,601.

A SECULAR SABBATH.

Since the sittings of the present legislature began the saloons, alms, infidels and German contingent of our population have been pouring their petitions in upon our law-makers, showing that a well-organized element is bent upon the overthrow of the law maintaining a Christian Sabbath.

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To the young face Pozzoni's Complexion Powder gives fresher charms, to the old renewed youth. Try it.

Horse thieves have been at work near Wichita Falls recently.

Burglars blew two safes open at Lone Oak, March 12, and secured \$400.

Fire and water damaged about four hundred bales of cotton at Galveston March 13.

The residence of W. W. McGregor, eight miles from Corpus Christi, was burned March 13.

Jefferson's eighty-ton iron furnace was started March 16, and that town was correspondingly jubilant.

Recently a bank in Waxahachie cashed a draft signed by a New York bank for \$1500. The draft proved to be bogus.

Pat Dwyer left the Argolis bridge force on the Texas and Pacific railway for Sherman and has not been heard of since.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Northwest Cattle Raisers' Association was held in Dallas March 10 and 11.

Thieves broke into the jewelry store of B. C. Wells, at Fort Worth, March 9, and took diamonds and watches valued at \$1000.

The Grand Lodge, K. of P., convened in Dallas March 17. The attendance was very large, and Dallas was in gala dress in honor of the occasion.

At Rosenthal, March 11, S. J. Duty, wife and son were poisoned by some one putting "rough on rats" in the meal barrel. The physician restored them.

Jan. Sewell, of Roseville, Ark., while coming out of the Texas and Pacific train at Longview, was worked on him.

A laborer by the name of Vance, working in the bridge and building department of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, at Denison, had a leg broken by a stick of falling timber March 13.

Some boys near Carroll's Prairie concealed themselves in an old house and shot blank loads at another boy to scare him. A load of wadding struck him just below the knee, making a hole large enough to put a person's finger into.

March 10, between 1 and 2 o'clock a.m., an attempt was made to burglarize the Santa Fe ticket office at Alvarado. The section men who had been summoned to assist in following the burglars, came unexpectedly upon two other men who were waiting for another posse, and each taking the others for burglars, about twenty shots were fired, when on party was driven from the field. No one hurt.

Don't poison yourself by taking cheap chills tonics containing quinine, arsenic, strychnine, etc. Use the safe, sure and pleasant remedy, Chamberlain's Fastidious Chills Tonic. It is the best child medicine on earth. Guaranteed to cure and only 75c.

Buffalo, N. Y., had a \$225,000 fire March 10.

The Kansas legislature adjourned March 12.

The Australian ballot bill has been defeated by the Maine legislature.

March 14, \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in Syracuse, N. Y.

Two hundred thousand dollars worth of property was burned in Chicago, Ill., March 11.

The Arkansas treasury shortage is said to be \$100,000 in addition to the amount already admitted.

Six men were shot at a dance at Catlettsburg, Ky., March 10. Too much whiskey caused it.

A gas explosion in Pittsburg, Pa., March 11, caused \$500,000 worth of property to be burned.

Three hundred Chinese criminals were beheaded in the province of Kwantung, China, on the Chinese New Year.

Woolen hat makers and sponge men have formed trusts, and it is rumored that tobacco and cigarette men are forming a trust.

March 11, John M. Palmer was elected United States Senator from Illinois; two of the Farmers' Alliance men, Moore and Cockeril, voting with the Democrats.

The Missouri House passed the freight reduction bill March 13. The bill provides for a reduction amounting to 25 per cent on grain, cattle, farm machinery and building material.

Chill is in the throes of a revolution. The cruiser Emerald demanded the surrender of Fort Cremona. This was refused. A perfect shower of grape and canister was followed by solid shot. The people fled to the heights for safety, while others took refuge in the railway station, which was struck by several shot, and before anybody could escape the roof and one wall fell in, burying over 200 men, women and children in the ruins.

The firing continued, and this, added to the cries of the dying, caused the commander to surrender to the cruiser. As soon as word was sent to the cruiser the surgeons of the ship, with a detachment of marines, were sent to help clean up the

Wreck and give assistance to the wounded. Seventy-seven bodies were taken out and about 100 persons more or less injured. The Chilean ships have gone over to the revolutionists and the government has decided to purchase all the merchant vessels in the waters of Chili if, after the necessary inspection, they are up to the required standard. Ships will also be bought at Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, if possible.

Those who are interested in the export trade of American live stock and realize less than they should know that among the laws enacted during the closing days of the Fifty-first Congress was one by which the Secretary of Agriculture, through his inspectors at the ports of export, is authorized to examine all vessels which are to carry the cattle by foreign countries, and to prescribe rules and regulations as to accommodations to be provided for the cattle as to space, ventilation, fittings, food and water supply, and such other requirements as he may deem necessary for the safe and proper transportation and humane treatment of such animals.

The violation on any vessel of the regulations by him may be punished by the prohibition of such vessel from again carrying cattle from any port in the United States for such length of time not exceeding one year as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct. Secretary Rusk feels confident that armed with such authority he can secure to American export cattle such necessary care and humane treatment as will not only conduce greatly to the profit of the shippers but also effectively offset the agitation aroused and maintained in Great Britain by the opponents of the American export cattle trade.

The Statistician of the Department of Agriculture has prepared a new series of statistical illustrations, called an Album of Agricultural Graphics. It relates to values per acre, on the basis of values of products in the hands of the farmer. To eliminate annual fluctuations, and obviate the unfair showing of a single year of extremes of yield or value, the average of ten years is taken, making the most equitable possible basis of comparison.

In the plan of illustration, the main idea, that of value per acre, is presented graphically, the difference being shown both by the density of color and distinct peculiarity of mechanical drawing, by groups of States, while the difference within these groups are seen in the table of State averages on the margin. As a proper element of value per acre, the yield per acre is conspicuously indicated on the field of each State, as well as in the marginal table. The crops which are the subjects of this graphic illustration are corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, tobacco, cotton and hay. The Album is especially intended for reference and study in farmers' institutes, colleges, schools and public libraries.

The surprise of Rip Van Winkle when awaking from his long slumber could not have been greater than the consternation of our people when relieved by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. As a pretty picture—a sunny picture—the Newfoundland's cut with salvation oil.

Magistrate—Were you present when the assault was committed on ye? Witness—May it please the court, I had just gone there.

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Tutt's Pills have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, giving nature its discharges without straining or griping, and IMPARTING VIGOR to the kidneys, bladder and liver. They are adapted to old or young. SOLD EVERYWHERE.

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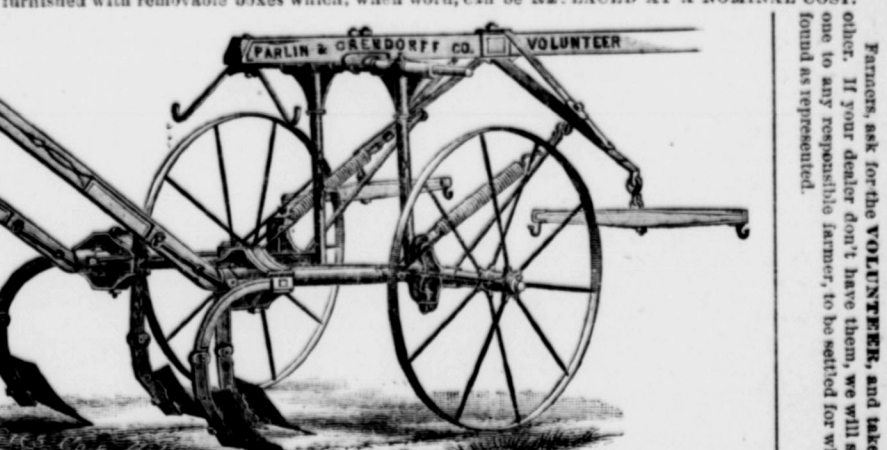
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