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HOME CONFERENCES.

Wanted for this department all the church news. Send facts—not comments, nor sermons, nor lectures, nor reports of the church in your charge.

Mason.

W. R. Crockett, May 18: We are being wonderfully blessed with temporal showers, and our prospects for an abundant crop is very flattering. Religious interest and zeal is not what we desire, but I think it is increasing slowly.

Petty and White Rock.

C. C. Davis, May 20: Our second quarterly conference convened at White Rock last Saturday. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Binkley, was with us and preached for us three times. About 30 per cent of the salaries paid to date. Twenty-one members have received into the church to date and forty-three have been removed. Three infants and two adults have been baptized. The outlook is hopeful.

Corrigan.

J. M. Porter, May 22: Have been here with Bro. Sproule ten days in meeting. Results to date, twenty-nine conversions and reclamations, thirteen bright sanctifications and about fifteen accessions to the church. Several of the conversions were in the church. Bro. Sproule in future protracted services. Much interest is manifest. These people are beginning to wake up. May the Lord keep them so.

Center.

A. J. Frick, May 21: Center is under the influence of a wonderful revival; house crowded even beyond seating capacity, numbers standing around the windows to hear the Word. Last night the altar was crowded; several conversions; seventy-five or one hundred gave their hands as an evidence of leading a better life. Results to date: Eleven accessions and twenty or more conversions. Bro. C. F. Smith is loved by the people. Our meetings have been a success in every place so far in the district. We hope to get a great victory this year for God.

Nocona.

W. T. Ayers, May 18: On the night of the 15th inst. we held a successful meeting at Nocona. Rev. J. C. Huddleston, of Farmersville, conducted the meeting. Bro. Huddleston is a preacher full of faith and the Holy Ghost. He drew the people to him both in and out of the pulpit. I can recommend him to any people. Nocona is a beautiful little town of 800 or 1000 people, and the people are not all sinners. Sixteen were added to the church during the meeting, and there are more to follow.

Fort Worth.

J. B. Cox, May 21: The contract for the parsonage has been let and the work begun. The house is to be in the form of the letter T; three rooms each 14x14 feet; the wall to be twelve feet with a half pitch roof; walls to be framed and weatherboarded; two coats of paint to be put on the outside. At present there will be no inside finish except the flooring. Will begin a protracted meeting tomorrow night, if not providentially hindered. [What are you going to put in it, Bro. Cox?—Ed.]

Martinsville Mission.

T. R. Baker, May 20: Our second quarterly conference for this mission was held last Saturday and Sunday at Martinsville. Bro. Frick, our beloved presiding elder, was on hand and preached a protracted sermon at 11 o'clock. Conference convened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with great spiritual interest and a very good financial report. Preaching at night by Bro. Wilson, of Melrose circuit, Sunday, at 11 o'clock. Bro. Frick delivered a fine sermon on the "Holy Ghost," after which the prayer of the Lord's Supper was administered. One addition to the church. Bread cast upon the waters that will be gathered up many days hence. Praise the Lord for such quarterly meetings. Praise the Lord for such a presiding elder. God bless the ADVOCATE.

Masey.

P. R. Eagleberger, May 19: The second quarterly conference for Masey mission was held at Forest Hill on the 16th of May. Bro. J. R. Wagner, the presiding elder, was on hand and preached both in the chair and pulpit, preaching two sermons which will measure with the best every way. We didn't have dinner on the ground, but we had it on a table. The best dinner it was that it has been my good pleasure to witness, etc., for some time, if ever. The conference was handsomely entertained. Reported collected for the ministry \$113.15 for the second quarter. Home mission assessment met in cash. We raised on Sunday, at the 11 o'clock hour, \$90 in cash and good subscription for foreign missions, our assessment being \$37. Every appointment was represented. We had a most excellent conference. We "thank God and take courage."

Rogers Circuit.

Gee, W. Bruce, May 23: Second quarterly conference was held at Heidenheimer, May 17 and 18. Nearly every member of the conference was present, and all the reports were encouraging, showing progress along all the lines. Notwithstanding the busy season, the people, too, attended well. The good ladies had plenty of dinner on the ground both days, and while we were well fed with good things material, we had the spiritual bread broken to us in abundance (best of all). Our presiding elder, Bro. R. C. Armstrong, preached us for good, spiritual sermons, and our hearts rejoiced in the presence of the Holy Ghost. Four penitents presented themselves at the altar Sunday night, and we have reason to believe that the good Lord will bless Rogers circuit with gracious revivals this year.

Glen Cove.

D. C. Stark, May 19: Our third quarterly conference for the Glen Cove circuit was held at Content embracing the third Sunday in May. Of course, our beloved presiding elder was there. He is always there; but quite a number of the official brethren were not; had a profitable meeting; finances are badly behind, but our people promise that it will be better in the future. Our people are well pleased with our new presiding elder, Bro. Malugin had been on the Brownwood district for four years, and the people had almost come to the conclusion that no one else would do as well; but

now they are learning to love Bro. Mustet equally as well. The people of Glen Cove circuit think they have the right man for presiding elder. On Sunday of our quarterly conference, our presiding elder took a collection for missions, and raised in cash and subscription \$25. We have had fine rains of late, and the outlook for a crop is quite promising.

Era.

J. C. Moore, May 19: The second quarterly conference of Era circuit was held at Elm, April 25. Bro. C. L. Ballard, presiding elder, was present, and presided to the satisfaction of all. He preached four sermons on the doctrine of the church. His themes were "The Possibility of Apostasy," "Infant Baptism," "Free Communion," and "The Mode of Baptism." His sermons were plain, pointed, logical and Scriptural. Members received, twenty-eight; during the year, thirty-eight; infants baptized, one; quarterage received, \$155.25; paid presiding elder, \$13.05; to preacher in charge, \$142.20. The trustees have added two more rooms to parsonage, costing \$140, which makes a good house with five rooms; \$60 used in furnishing the parsonage; a committee appointed to collect funds to build a church at Era. The outlook is very promising on the work.

Milton.

E. S. Boyd, May 19: Our second quarterly conference embraced the second Saturday and Sunday in this month, at Rocky Ford; attendance both days very large. Our faithful presiding elder, J. R. Wages, was with us, carefully and successfully superintending the work, making all feel that the office of presiding elder in these parts is not a mere notch on a stick, but a power for good. His preaching and presiding stir the preacher, stewards and people to greater activity in the Master's cause. Bro. M. L. Blaylock was with us, preaching the Word with power. Finances low, very low, though, a thing of the past, of former years. Five Sunday schools, two regular prayer-meetings; congregations large and attentive; raised in cash and subscriptions for missions \$38, for improving parsonage \$12. Several joined the church during the quarter.

Gainesville.

Sam'l Weaver, May 19: The Whaley Chapel Sunday-school met last Saturday at the church and had one of the nicest picnics that I have seen in a long time. We had a nice grove to meet in where we could have swings for the children and plenty of water, and they were allowed to enjoy themselves as they pleased, and we had all the good things to eat that any one could want. We had 200 pounds of fish, well cooked, and oh, how we did eat. You ought to have been there; for after all had eaten they took more than twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained; so you see we had plenty and to spare; and now I want to say that this work is getting on very well. We are expecting a revival again as we can get to hold protracted meetings; cannot hold protracted service until crops are laid by.

Pleasant Hill.

J. W. Thompson, May 12: We have had a good year so far. Received into the church since conference fourteen; our congregations good; Sunday-school very well attended. We have four Sunday-schools on the work. We have about two hundred children in these schools. We are holding church conferences every three months. We have raised in money and subscription about \$60 on card collections. Do not think we will have any trouble in getting the collections ordered by the annual conference. We have many good people on this circuit. The brethren say they had to fatten Bro. Hart, their former pastor, and when fat the conference removed him and sent them another hungry preacher. When they sized him up they concluded the steward would have to rustle if they ever succeeded in fattening him. I think they are up to the task. May God bless these missions of the church and the faithful local preachers and the good people throughout Pleasant Hill circuit.

Augusta Circuit.

A. J. Weeks, May 20: The second quarterly meeting for this charge embraced the third Sunday in this month, and was held at Mount Vernon. Our presiding elder, Bro. J. T. Smith, came Friday and stayed until Monday, looking after the various interests of the church, and although he was unwell yet he was able to preach us three good spiritual sermons. Every church was represented, which is something unusual for this season as we can get the pastor's salary was behind, yet the stewards say it will be paid. Bro. Smith took a collection on Sunday and got in cash and subscription \$100.25, nearly two-thirds of the conference assessment for the entire charge. We are preparing for a camp-meeting in August at Zion. Our motto is a revival at every appointment, and by the help of God we must have it. The people have received this boy preacher kindly, for which we are grateful. We are pushing the ADVOCATE and have obtained several new subscribers, but not enough yet; we must have more.

Randolph.

A. E. Butterfield, May 18: For more than two weeks the children of the committee have been preparing for a general missionary meeting to be held the third Sunday. The fine rain on Saturday night was a two-fold blessing. It gave much needed life to vegetation and made the roads so that many remained at home on Sunday, and thus have us just what we could conveniently accommodate with room during the service. The service commenced 10:45 a. m. and closed 4:30 p. m., dinner being on the ground. Each child made glad the heart of its parent and friend by performing its part well. There were about eighteen or twenty aged from five to twelve, most of them under ten. They were decidedly the smallest class that I ever trained for such an occasion; but now that all say it was a perfect success, we are glad that we have been blessed with these little ones to help in this great work. Bro. Atticus Webb came from Honey Grove and preached at 11 one of the ablest sermons, no doubt, that this people ever listened to on missions. All were convinced that he had labored hard in preparing himself for the station. While it was full of figures, yet the people listened with remarkable interest, and many conversions were made for the great cause of missions. Numbers who had been opposing it were so perfectly convinced that they voluntarily went to those with

whom they argued on the subject and acknowledged that they had been in error. We are more and more convinced that it is information that our people need on this subject in order to get them to take an interest in it, and I find these meetings of very great help in instructing the masses.

Holiday.

T. B. Norwood, May 19: Our transit from Georgetown, the home of the learned and the good, to this place, Holiday, was rapid and pleasant. Holiday, a little town just laid off a few months ago, is located in the Wichita Valley, railroad, in Archer county, near the line of Wichita county, and is in the bounds of the North Texas Conference. It is a beautiful location and surrounded by the finest country I think I ever saw, which is now open for settlement. It is known as the Meade colony settlement, and is located in the Wichita valley, between the Big and Little Wichita rivers. The soil is rich red loam. A plow scours nicely, and two horses, the first breaking, can draw a plow with ease. It is well adapted to the growing of wheat, oats, barley, sorghum, corn, cotton, and all kinds of vegetables and fruits commonly grown in Texas, as may be seen at the Exposition Halls at Dallas and Fort Worth. The country, as a rule, is smooth and undulating, just enough for drainage, and is dotted with mesquite, which supplies the demand for wood and posts have been cut and are being used for building the gospel, and there are several neighborhoods not far away from here where they have good school-houses and schools, Sunday-schools and preaching. Methodist is here to stay, and we heartily welcome every good man who comes.

Chico Circuit.

Jan. A. Kerr, May 20: The second quarterly conference for this charge was held at Union Hill, May 16, 17. Rev. W. S. May, the brave and faithful general of the Montana district, was present, and that means help to the pastor, people and church. Bro. May preached three excellent sermons. Sister May, also, was present and by her amiable disposition won the esteem of the people. The large and small came out Saturday and Sunday with baskets filled with good things to eat. Official attendance good, and the departments the reports were in advance of the first quarter; therefore, we are growing in grace. Bro. J. H. Williams licensed to preach, also Bro. J. G. Forester and J. M. McDonald licensed to exhort. Delegates to district conference: Bro. R. C. Gunn, J. C. Huddleston, Dr. Poindexter. A committee was appointed to locate a circuit camp-ground, namely, Bro. Cofer, Herren, McDonald, Byrum, Poindexter, Thompson and preacher in charge. This circuit has long needed a man on this line and we are glad to see Bro. Gunn, who is a long. Of late date the parsonage has received a nice new white dress, trimmed with red. Have four Methodist Sunday-schools sowing the gospel truths in hope of a glorious harvest in the end when the angel reapers will gather into the garner. The title of our sermon, "The Spirit of our beloved Zion"; however, our prayers are going up to God for a stream of sanctifying grace to flow through the entire charge that will energize and spiritualize every member of the church.

Houston Preacher's Meeting.

O. H. Hotchkiss, Secretary, May 18: Present: Solomon, Cochran, Hotchkiss, Green. Visitors: Bro. Renfro, of McDade; W. T. Keith, of Elgin, and Bro. J. G. Tanner, of the Presbyterian Church, Houston. Meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Keith.

Shearn Memorial Church—Good attendance and fine spirit in worship manifested. A profitable and enjoyable service.

First German Church—No report.

Washington Street Church—Bro. Keith preached. Congregation a little smaller than usual. At the close of the service he said, "we are a united army around the altar in a prayer of reconsecration. God will result."

McKee Street Church—Another smaller attendance than usual, but a profitable hour's worship. One addition by letter.

Houston Tabernacle—Sunday-school increasing. For members received by transfer from Shearn Church. Service in the afternoon at Harrisburg.

We turned our meeting into a class-meeting, and our hearts burned within while on the way. We talked of and with Jesus. It was a precious time. No service at any of the churches at night, all congregations were very quiet in service at the Sam Jones Tabernacle. About 2000 persons attended. Sermon by Rev. W. O. Bailey, pastor of the Baptist Church. We have been disappointed in Bro. Jones' failure to get here on the 15th inst. From latest information we hope he will be here on Friday or Saturday next. The church is ripe for the meeting. Preachers and people from adjoining places are arriving daily.

Cottilla and Pearsall.

L. K. Waller, May 18: Since I wrote last many tokens of kindness and remembrance have found their way to this parsonage to cheer the inmates. Church work is moving on well. Yesterday was given to the program service published for the occasion. The collection was \$6.05. Our Sunday-school is doing well; the attendance is about double the membership of the church. Is not that good? The ladies have taken the matter in hand and will soon paint the church; at present will make other improvements. At Pearsall things are moving slowly but surely. We trust it is one of those intricate cases where a man has to be on his feet before he can understand the situation. We are happy to say that last week will begin our church week this week. To me it is marvelous that we have gotten this far. I lit my hat to five or six women there as the best workers I have ever seen. God's richest blessings rest upon them and their homes. Sister Hugo, one of the loved number, has changed the home below for our Father's house above; thank God, she was ready. There have been good rains in these two counties, and crops are very fine. There has been a large immigration to this county and we are expecting a much larger this fall. There is room for all good home-seekers. Our local elder, Rev. D. Coulson, has been much afflicted with paralysis this year; glad to say he is slowly recovering. Two of our esteemed lady members have also been much afflicted. Sister Hand, of Pearsall, a ripe and pure Christian, has just been on the border and; but thank God, he has not taken her yet. Sister Wear, of this place, well

known both at First and Tenth Street Churches, Austin, has been sick much of her time since conference, which has not only hindered her in home duties, but has kept her from her loved employment and worship in God's house. All three of these grand old members have been much missed in our congregations of late. We hope and pray for their presence yet many days among God's people.

Lawdale Mission.

J. W. Griffin, May 19: There are on this mission two leading evils: Blasphemy is one and drinking is the other. While there could be others specified, those seem to be the most heinous. They are bad ones and deeply seated; but we thank God there are some loyal Methodists here who are willing to stand by the preacher and encourage him while he preaches righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. We are waging a warfare against both with our might and God is blessing our efforts. Many of the wicked ones are seeking Christ. Our congregations are large and attentive—in fact, Mr. Editor, some of the houses are too small on this mission, where the people go to church so well. We have seven Sabbath-schools that are progressing finely, in addition to this we have seven prayer-meetings. The one at this place (Meredith camp-ground) is largely attended. The house is full of people every Wednesday night. We held a prayer and praise meeting at Phillips' Chapel at night not long since. The brethren and sisters got happy and shouted like Methodists do over in Smith county. It did my soul good. We are trusting, hoping and praying that Lawdale mission may be revolutionized this year; that God's name may be glorified and his cause built up. We have our program completed for the protracted season. We are to protract at two points. We thank God for the prospect of spending three months day and night in the service of the sanctuary. We have received eighteen members by ritual since here and others by certificate. Our series of meetings will begin the first Sunday in July at Lawdale.

Beckville.

T. B. Vinson, May 19: Our second quarterly meeting was last Saturday and Sunday, and it was a grand one. We had other drawbacks that are in this world the brethren and sisters came, and in the Spirit of the blessed Master. It was an occasion long to be remembered and felt. The good ladies came Saturday and Sunday with loaded baskets and boxes (not a few) of the best of everything, such as such as are needed to prepare a table on such an occasion. And while we know that there are good ladies all over Texas, yet we doubt of any surpassing those of Beckville circuit. But that was not all, the brethren from all parts of the circuit (except one) came, and with good reports of the work in their respective circuits. As the Master came and crowned every service with his blessed Spirit until our hearts burned within us and the place became both awful and sweet on account of his presence. Our beloved elder (T. P. Smith) preached to us in power and with a grace that was all that a man could do. He began with a beautiful silver water service and your humble servant and wife an elegant silver and gold salad bowl, fork and spoon, which feature was indeed a surprise and filled me too full for utterance for a much ado speech. So my partner responded to this and said that the evidence was all that a man could do. He began with a beautiful silver water service and your humble servant and wife an elegant silver and gold salad bowl, fork and spoon, which feature was indeed a surprise and filled me too full for utterance for a much ado speech. So my partner responded to this and said that the evidence was all that a man could do. He began with a beautiful silver water service and your humble servant and wife an elegant silver and gold salad bowl, fork and spoon, which feature was indeed a surprise and filled me too full for utterance for a much ado speech. So my partner responded to this and said that the evidence was all that a man could do. 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STUDIES IN THE KINGS AND PROPHETS.

HEZEKIAH, THE GOOD KING.—II Chron. 29:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT: Them that honor me I will honor them.—I Sam. 2:30. TIME: 7:26 B. C. PLACE: Kingdom of Judah.

OVER one hundred years elapsed between the reigns of Josiah and Hezekiah. Ahaz restored idolatry in Judah. He engaged in war with Israel and Syria, and hired Tiglath-pileser to fight for him...

I. HEZEKIAH IS KING.—Verses 1, 2. Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty—old enough to see what was needed and mature enough to have definite convictions.

2. He did that which was right—both personally and among the people. He repaired and reopened the temple, which had been neglected and closed by his father, Ahaz.

3. In the first year of his reign—he came to the throne with his mind made up and set about the work at once. In the first month—Nisan, the first month of the Jewish sacred year, corresponding to our April.

4. Brought in the priests and the Levites—who, under Ahaz, had been shut out of the temple and probably forbidden to hold services anywhere.

5. Sanctify yourselves—undergo the purifications required by the law of Moses. Carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place—not only the accumulated dirt and rubbish, but probably also the attachments of idolatrous worship.

6. Our fathers have trespassed—his own father Ahaz had been a leader in sin. Have turned away their faces... and turned their backs—Words expressive of complete and contemptuous apostasy.

7. Shut up the doors... put out the lamps... and have not burnt incense—implying that the public worship of Jehovah was dead. It was as if all the churches of our land were closed by law.

8. Wherefore—because of the apostasy of kings and people. The wrath of the Lord was upon Judah—manifested in droughts, epidemics and wars. Having—this word used for the first time became common in the later prophecies.

9. Our fathers have fallen by the sword—in chapter 28:5, 17-19, we read of the disastrous wars that Judah engaged in, for the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz.

10. Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant—in which he pledged himself and people in the most solemn manner to return to their allegiance to God. Rawlinson says: "Solemn renewals of the original covenant which God made with their fathers in the wilderness occur from time to time in the history of the Jews, following upon intervals of apostasy."

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faith in the doctrine. Ahaz was noted for wickedness; his son Hezekiah for goodness; his son Manasseh for wickedness; his son Amos for wickedness; his son Josiah for goodness; his son and all the rest until the end for wickedness. How could Hezekiah have been so holy with Ahaz for his father? How could Manasseh have been so vile with Hezekiah for his father? We might answer these questions if we knew more of the history. Hezekiah's mother was Abijah, the Lord is my father. Manasseh's mother was Hephzibah, my delight. It may be that the stronger current flowed from the mother's veins. Character depends both upon nature and environment, blood and training. When both are excellent, the resultant is a good character. If there is a lack of harmony between characteristics and training, the result will depend upon which influence is the stronger. In general, circumstances make or mar, though one himself may create many of the circumstances by which he is made or marred. The mother of a child is doubly responsible in the formation of its character, as being its mother, and the teacher of its earliest years. This history teaches that in character, under divine influences, a bitter fountain may flow sweet waters, as Elisha healed the springs of Jericho by casting in salt. No matter how unpromising the material, out of it, by God's blessing, the teachers of youth may develop a holy product.

3. Hezekiah was a sweeping reformer. He was not satisfied with half measures. He was a prohibitionist. He removed the high places, broke the images, cut down the groves, and crushed to powder the brazen serpent that Moses had made. The destruction of this brazen serpent—a memorial of healing from the days of Moses, a symbol of God's power over the forces of life and death—would have been under ordinary circumstances almost as sacrilegious as the wanton destruction of the ark. When, however, it became a snare, its destruction proved Hezekiah's heroism and thoroughgoing character. He dealt with evil in the only successful way—extirpation.

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When she was a year old she disappeared and was gone two weeks, then suddenly returned. In a few weeks she was gone again. This time she was gone a long, long time. Nelly had hoped she would return at the end of two weeks; but when she did not, she had ceased to hope.

One day she was in the yard; she saw something at the gate that made her heart thump. She ran to see, when, sure enough, there was Nanny with two pretty little fawns, for all the world like Nanny was when she was little. That was the happiest moment of Nelly's life.

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"I'm going to run away!" "All right. You get your hat and I'll put up a lunch for you."

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Estelle almost broke down, but pride came to her aid, and she answered, "I may come back to see you, but I'll never come to stay;" and picking up her basket, she trudged off down the road, not once looking back.

Having wandered thus far, Estelle thought she would go in under the trees and rest awhile. The moss was thick and soft on the trunk of a fallen tree, and as she sat down and thought of the home she had left, and her mother's sorrowful look as she kissed her good-bye, and the blind chicken that had to have particular care and that ate from her hand, and the little pig, and the—oh, dear, she hadn't said good-bye to papa!

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AN INDISPENSABLE TO MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY.

In studying the life and character of the Christ of the Gospels we lose a great deal if we fail to avail ourselves of the contrasts which frequently recur in the incidents of the narrative. The spotless purity of his character is made the more conspicuous by the sharp contrasts with it of the corruption of sin.

The tenderness of his heart and the broadness of his love are enlarged to human view by their contrast with the heartless narrowness of self-righteousness. One incident in the gospel of Luke gives a picture where the character of Christ is brought into contrast with both these phases of evil.

In the house of Simon, the Pharisee, he is brought in contact with a woman whose life had been one of great impurity. No darker picture can be presented than an impure woman. And this woman's character was one of the darkest. She was a "woman in the city, a sinner," and her "sins were many."

The scene in which she appears as a pardoned sinner and loving Christian does not obliterate the fact of the impurity of her former life, and her past history compared with a man of spotless purity makes a contrast as sharp as the blackness of darkness impinging on a light above the brightness of the sun.

On the other hand, we have the flickering light of the Pharisee sputtering in the socket of the lamp with no apparent effect on the surrounding darkness and which disappears entirely in the presence of the Sun of Righteousness. The Christ-light was brilliant, conquering, and revealing objects otherwise invisible. The Pharisee-light only revealed its own dimness in the darkness.

The purity of Christ was the purity of love, and could always see beneath the corruption of sin the immortal spirit made in the image of God, as well as the rottenness beneath the whitewash of a righteousness which existed only in form.

At the dining in the house of Simon there were two happy persons. The woman whose many sins had been washed away by the pardoning love of her Saviour had the joy of a sanctified soul overflowing with gratitude. Much had been forgiven, and she loved much in return.

It is necessary then to be very sinful and much forgiven in order to love much? It is certainly necessary to be much convicted, or to have a knowledge of sin in proportion to its heinousness in order to appreciate its pardon.

What is wanting to the best of us in order to love much is not sin, but the knowledge of it. But if anything there is greater joy in saving than in being saved. On that occasion the Lord Christ tasted the profoundest of all joys, that of having saved a soul. It is only of his infinite mercy and goodness that he allows his servants to participate with him in that joy. In this, indeed, he has raised them from the position of servants to that of friends.

DECISIONS OF THE BISHOPS.

It is not the editor of the Advocate mistaken in the following assertion relative to the decision of the Bishops on the Kelley case: "At this point the College sustain Bishop Hargrove, and it is now settled that for each offense the offender is to be tried by committee and not in open conference."

The question submitted was: "Is not the election of a hearing by the conference or a trial by committee alone in the breast of the accused?" The Bishop Hargrove decided in the affirmative, and the College of Bishops have sustained. Outside of Tennessee I have not seen that point brought forward.

What some of us have contended for is this: The decision of whether the case is grave enough to demand a trial with the conference. This question has not been submitted and, hence, has not been decided. Like the editor, while all that I thought was right has not appeared to my highest judgment, I am much pleased with the published decision. So we may assume that they will be acceptable to both sides in the recent controversy. Upon this fact the church is to be congratulated.

The editor will not say positively that he is not mistaken, because he has made mistakes in the past and may make them in the present and future. When he has been most positively certain a few times, he has found himself, afterward, mistaken. He does not think, however, that he is mistaken in this instance, for the following reasons: 1. He did not say for "each offense," but "such offense," i. e., the offense named in paragraph 263.

These decisions are so important to the well-being of the church that they ought to be understood by all our people, and yet I have since their publication heard two preachers assert that they sustain Bishop Hargrove throughout, and in the Advocate of May 21 the editor says, and repeats it in various forms, striving to impress it on his readers.

They knew exactly how they stood. One hundred and sixteen members of the conference were of opinion that Kelley was guilty of no act deserving censure. The Bishop and twenty-five members were of a different opinion. The main issue in the eyes of both parties was, shall the Bishop so manipulate the twenty-five as to convict and disgrace Kelley in defiance of the sentiment of the one hundred and sixteen and of the law making the preacher amenable to the annual conference alone? Every other point was subsidiary to this.

It will be seen at once, and is admitted by Judge Thomas, that there is no difference between us as to the issues involved and decided by the College of Bishops in the above case. The only difference is as to which was the "main issue"—by the main issue we understand the one involving the most for the good of the church. The difference is simply a matter of private judgment.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS were unavoidably crowded out this issue on account of length and the lateness of regular evening. Dallas, Texas, and Nashville, Tenn., invited the board to meet with them next May, and Nashville was chosen.

Alabama Conference, \$16,000; Arkansas Conference, 5,000; Baltimore Conference, 14,500; Board of Christian Missions, 1,200; China Mission Conference, 500; Central Mexico Mission Conference, 800; Florida Conference, 4,000; German Mission Conference, 2,000; Holston Conference, 9,500; Illinois Conference, 3,000; Indiana Mission Conference, 3,000; Kentucky Conference, 9,500; Louisiana Conference, 2,000; Louisville Conference, 12,000; Memphis Conference, 15,000; Missouri Conference, 9,000; Montana Conference, 12,500; New Mexico Conference, 500; North Alabama Conference, 13,000; North Carolina Conference, 16,000; North Georgia Conference, 24,000; North Mississippi Conference, 11,000; North West Conference, 10,000; Northwest Texas Conference, 10,000; Pacific Conference, 3,500; South Carolina Conference, 1,500; South Georgia Conference, 16,000; Southwest Missouri Conference, 10,000; Tennessee Conference, 25,000; Texas Conference, 5,500; Virginia Conference, 22,000; Western Conference, 1,500; Western Virginia Conference, 15,500; West Texas Conference, 5,500; White River Conference, 400.

The Mission Board did the right thing when they determined to hereafter make the absolute appropriation come within the limits of the last year's collections. Faith is a good thing in business provided it be a reasonable faith. We do not think the exercise of faith by proxy is reasonable.

THE SAME IS TRUE OF ANY METHODIST meeting. We are indebted to Central College for an elegantly prepared invitation to attend the commencement exercises May 29 to June 3. The program accompanies the invitation.

We have received a printed sermon by the Rev. W. F. Lloyd, of Fort Worth, on "The Childless Home." The sermon strikes a blighting and far too common evil. The preacher says the right things, and says them well.

THE COLLECTION. A REPRESENTATIVE of the ADVOCATE had the pleasure of attending the Dallas District Conference at Plano the past week, and was royally entertained at the hospitable home of Bro. Schimelpfenig, whose handsome residence and furnishings would do credit to any city.

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from marrying—that if they will marry and come to her she will teach them how to keep their homes childless. We do not hesitate to say that such a woman (we apologize for calling her by that name) ought to be banished from society.

WE are obliged for an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of Weatherford College, beginning June 7.

WE have received the first number of the Musical Advocate, published by J. W. Burke & Co., Macon, Ga., and edited by Prof. McIntosh. We think there is place for such a paper, and this number promises well.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

THE NEW ORLEANS ADVOCATE reports a new parsonage at Jackson, La., revivals at Rayne, La., and at Morgan City. The Alabama Advocate reports interesting revivals at Troy, Dayton, on the Enly circuit and Bridgeport.

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His wife survived him and remained his widow for forty-six years. She was a grand woman, and not the least of her achievements was the rearing of the three children God gave her to be so good and useful. The oldest, John F. Jones, has been for twenty years the Sheriff of Hill county, and a faithful Christian. The youngest, Mrs. Mollie Griffin, still lives, a worthy representative of such a mother.

When about sixteen years old he entered McKenzie College. The "old master" made upon the youth an impression which was never effaced. From this school he graduated with the A. B. degree in 1868. It was during these school days that he heard the call to preach, and having heard the call, he immediately obeyed.

While at McKenzie College he met in the recitation rooms Miss Mollie Yannev and while learning his noble traits also to love Mollie, and she loved him in return. They were married in Fort Worth, Texas, March 23, 1862. Their lives blended into a beautiful harmony which continued unbroken for nearly thirty years.

In 1860, Corsicana circuit; 1861, chaplain to Confederate army; 1862, Hillsboro circuit; 1863, Ansonia circuit; 1864, Fort Worth circuit; 1865, Hillsboro circuit; 1866, Georgetown circuit; 1867, Brazos circuit; 1868, Port Sullivan and Cameron; 1869, Waxahachie station; 1870, Georgetown circuit; 1871, agent for Owensville High School; 1872, Wheelock circuit; 1873, Groesbeck circuit; 1875-6, Hillsboro circuit; 1877, Overt and Hearne; 1878-9, presiding elder on Georgetown district; 1880-1, Waxahachie circuit; 1882-3, professor in Marvin College; 1884-5, Ennis station; 1886, presiding elder of Abilene district; 1887-9, presiding elder of Fort Worth district; 1890, junior preacher for Mukey Memorial station.

At the organization of the North-west Texas Conference in 1886 he became one of its members. No man among us ever received more of the love and confidence of his brethren. In 1885 and 1889 he was elected to the general conference. Early in 1890 he began to suffer with a throat affection. At first he thought it only a temporary trouble, but it grew more and more serious, baffled the skill of the best physicians and was finally pronounced a hopeless case. His sufferings were great. He could neither eat nor drink without great pain, and for weeks before his death he could not drink water at all. Yet no murmur escaped his lips. The trial was great but he bore it like a martyr. His sick chamber became the vestibule of heaven. So unselfish, so patient, so cheerful, so hopeful. As an angel drew near he became a little impatient to go. On Wednesday, while his mind was as clear as ever and he was perfectly conscious, he saw angel spirits in his room and said they had come for him. But said he: "There are so many of you holding me back; you won't let me go now, but maybe you will let me go this evening." Turning to his precious wife he said: "Won't you let me?" "Yes, darling," she said. "I have many a time stayed with the children and let you go and I am willing to do it again." His son said: "I wish to do it again." He pointed up and said: "To heaven, of course; there is but one place to go." Many were his expressions of triumph. Those who looked on him "saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." He approached the end with the tread of a conqueror, and passed through the gate of death into eternal life without a struggle or a shudder.

I shall not attempt a eulogy. He needs none. The memory of the just is blessed, and thousands who were the beneficiaries of his life will this day drop a grateful tear to his memory when they hear he is gone. God never made a truer man, the church never had a more faithful servant. He was a wise counselor and a faithful friend. We will miss him in our annual gatherings, but we will meet him in the general conference above.

On Friday, the 22d, after a sermon by Rev. W. L. Neims, he was tenderly borne by his surviving army comrades to the quiet cemetery in Hillsboro, where we gently laid him to rest by the side of his mother.

We covered his grave with flowers and thought of the land of everlasting spring and never-fading flowers. He leaves among us his faithful wife and four sons and two daughters. His surviving brethren will breathe a prayer for God's blessing on these he loved so fondly. May we all meet in heaven. JOHN M. BARCUS. MULKY MEMORIAL PARSONAGE. ACKNOWLEDGMENT. We are making progress. There are many hearts all over the State that are interested in the movement among our Sunday-schools. It is having the double effect of raising money to put missionaries in the field and educating the children in the great work of giving to Christ for the salvation of the heathen. The next generation of Methodists will have the missionary fire burning in nearly every soul. The account now stands: Previously reported, 65 1-20 shares, \$650 50; Lane's Chapel (Correll), 5 00; S. S. Cameron, Cleburne, 5 00; circuit (personal), 1 00. Total, 66 1-20 " \$665 50. Payments: Waco Female College Sunday-school, \$10 00; Plano Sunday-school, 10 00; Kyle Sunday-school, 10 00; Coleman Sunday-school, 10 00; Devine Sunday-school, 10 00; Belcher Sunday-school, 10 00; Belcher Sunday-school (San Antonio), 12 50. Total, 66 1-20 " \$665 50. So far as we have heard of a single place where the children were given a chance to subscribe to this enterprise and have refused to do so. They are willing whenever it is proposed. Give them a chance. Jos. S. Kirt. FORTH, TEXAS.



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COLPORTEUR'S APPOINTMENTS.
Montague District Conference... May 22-23
Corsicana District Conference... May 29-31

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OUR SCHOOLS.
Alexander Institute.
Program of the closing exercises of Alexander Institute, Kilgore, Texas, June 30, 1891.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE, JUNE 4-8.
To the Ministers of the North Texas Conference: The commencement exercises of the North Texas Female College will begin Thursday, June 4, and close Monday evening, June 8.

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Chappell Hill District.
The Chappell Hill District Conference will convene at Lyons July 9, at 9 a. m. Let every one whose duty it is to attend be there promptly at the opening.

Huntsville District.
The Huntsville District Conference will be held at Madisonville, commencing on Thursday, June 25, at 10 a. m., and embracing the fourth Sunday in June.

San Marcos District.
Those who expect to attend the district meeting at Kyle will please let me know and how you will come—if by private or public conveyance—so I may know how to provide for you.

Calvert District.
Will the pastors in the Calvert district please send me at once the names and addresses of all local preachers in their respective pastoral charges, and also the names and addresses of the delegates to the district conference.

FAIRFIELD, TEXAS.
I trust no Methodist will come into my charge and canvass for any paper other than the Texas and Nashville Advocates.

North Texas Female College.
The Board of Managers of North Texas Female College will meet on Monday, June 8, at 4 p. m., at college building, in Sherman.

Bishop Fitzgerald telegraphs me that he cannot be with us at commencement, and in lieu Dr. E. L. Dabney of the State University, kindly consents to preach the commencement sermon.

NOTICE.
To the Preachers of the West Texas Conference: DEAR BROTHERS—In the Nashville Advocate of May 9 Dr. Morton requests the preachers to send their church extension money to the treasurer this month.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.
Austin District.
Let all who purpose attending district conference at Bastrop come by rail if possible.

Waco District.
DEAR BROTHERS—Will you please drop me a postal card giving me, as near as you can, the number of delegates, etc., that will come to the district conference from your charges; also, how many will come by private conveyance.

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Woman's Department

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

SONG AND WORK

The woman singeth at her spinning-wheel A pleasant chant, balad, or barcarolle. She thinks of her soul upon the whole, Far more than of her flax; and yet the reel is full, and artfully her fingers feel With quick adjustment, provident control, The lines, too subtly twisted, to untroll Out to a perfect thread. I hence appeal To the dear Christian Church, that we may do Our father's business, in these temples mure, Thus swift and steadfast, thus intent and strong.

-S. C. Browning.

ANNUAL MEETING WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

The time for the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of our church in Fort Worth is rapidly approaching and we hear of active preparations being made by our sisters of the W. M. S. of that city, getting all things ready for the auspicious occasion. This meeting is one in which our members, one and all, throughout our broad State are interested. It is hoped that all who can will take advantage of the opportunity to attend as visitors and enjoy the privileges thus afforded of meeting the representative women of our church who are members of the board. It is, indeed, a privilege to be desired to attend such a meeting and hear the deliberations and discussions which will be by these consecrated, gifted women and the privilege thus afforded will be a benefit to all who will avail themselves of it.

Tenth annual meeting of the East Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society will be held at Beaumont, Texas, June 16-18, 1891. The anniversary exercises will take place on Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock. The first business session will open on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock. It is expected that each auxiliary will send a delegate, with a written report of the year's work from January to June, 1891. Visitors are cordially invited. The full name and address of each delegate must be sent at an early date to Mrs. Mary Fuller, Beaumont, Texas, that homes may be provided.

Mrs. T. M. Marks, President. Mrs. L. L. Phillips, Rec. Secretary.

EASTER collections for the Scarritt Training-school: From Paris Centenary Church, \$22.00; From Paris Centenary Sunday-school, \$2.00.

THE Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the West Texas Conference met in Travis Park M. E. Church, South, at 4 p. m., May 8, 1891.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. T. Davis, of Goliad; Vice-President, Mrs. Ireland, of Seguin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Fly, of Gonzales; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Coulson, Millet Station, LaSalle county; Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Moore, of Seguin. District Secretaries as follows: San Marcos District—Miss Carrie Browne, LaSalle; Corpus Christi District—Mrs. Edna Leach, Laveria; San Angelo District—Miss Alice Starkey, Kerrville; Cisco District—Mrs. T. F. Dimmitt, Victoria; San Saba District—Mrs. Zona Vernon, San Saba; San Antonio District—Mrs. O. R. Flournoy, San Antonio.

Although there were so few delegates from a distance, the meetings were full of interest to those who were present; all felt that our women only need information as to the dire necessity of our brethren and sisters in the far West and in the Indian Territory to work them cheerfully contribute of their abundance or poverty, as the case may be, to forward the work of our Redeemer.

As the Corresponding Secretary was not present, the chairman of the Publication Committee and the Recording Secretary were requested to prepare for publication the minutes of the meeting, and to forward the reports of committees.

The following are the reports of the committees. Mrs. DAVID W. CARTER, Chairman Pub. Com. Report of Committee on Extension of Work: Realizing that the extension of the Woman's Department of Church Extension depends in a great measure upon the awakened interest of the membership of the church; therefore, be it Resolved, that the Conference and District Secretaries do all they can to secure the aid of pastors in organizing and sustaining societies by keeping the subject before the people and by meeting with the society once a quarter.

Resolved, that the Vice-Presidents of the Conference Society unite their efforts with those of the Conference Secretary in organizing Juvenile Societies in the conference areas whenever terms such organizations may suggest.

Resolved, that the Juvenile Societies be supplied with leaders and also with blanks that they may make reports independently of the adult societies.

Resolved, that the societies, both adult and juvenile, hold monthly meetings and send reports quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, Conference Secretary and District Secretary by the 1st of December, March, June and September.

Resolved, that the District Secretary be instructed to send quarterly reports to the Conference Secretary.

Resolved, that we recommend a prayer-meeting to be held with each meeting, and that each member of each society be given some special part of the work for the month or quarter.

Resolved, that the by-laws be frequently read at the meetings and the President be urged to follow the suggestions of the program, calling special attention to by-laws 6 and 7.

Mrs. SUE J. WARR, Chairman. Mrs. OUE, Miss ALICE STARKEY, Committee.

Report of Committee on Publication and Finance: Your Committee on Publication and Finance offer the following: Resolved, that we recommend in addition to \$1 required as yearly dues, that 10 cents extra be collected from members, to constitute a conference expense fund.

Resolved, that we authorize, when necessary, the District and Conference Secretaries organizing societies to take a collection to defray all necessary expenses, the remainder to be sent to the Conference Treasurer for the regular fund.

Resolved, that the minutes of this meeting be published in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

of the local auxiliaries be requested to write occasionally an account of the condition of their societies and forward to Mrs. Howell for publication in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Mrs. DAVID W. CARTER, Chairman. Mrs. COULSON, Mrs. N. T. AYERS, Committee.

Your Committee on Resolutions offer the following: Resolved, that we express our regrets that our beloved sister, Mrs. Ireland, on account of sickness in the family, could not meet with us.

Resolved, that we offer our sincere thanks to the ladies of Travis Park Church for the kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay in their midst.

Resolved, that we appreciate very highly the kind attention shown us by the pastor, Bro. P. Mason; and for the excellent organization and sermon preached Sunday morning, May 10.

Resolved, that our united prayers shall be that God's blessing may follow this meeting.

Mrs. R. T. DAVIS, Chairman. Mrs. MAGGIE MOORE, Miss ALICE STARKEY, Miss BERTHA BLACK, Committee.

THE Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the North Texas Conference will commence its annual session at First Church, Dallas, Friday, May 29, at 10 a. m. The following is the program: Friday—10 a. m., devotional exercises; 10:30 a. m., address of welcome and response; 11 a. m., necessity of parsonages; 11:30 a. m., what kind of parsonage should be built? 3 p. m., devotional exercises; 3:30 p. m., duties of the District Secretary; 4 p. m., should a parsonage be built near the church? 4:30 p. m., how should the parsonage be kept? 5 p. m., election of officers, selecting places of next session.

Saturday—10 a. m., devotional exercises; 10:30 a. m., report of conference officers; 11 a. m., parsonage experiences; 11:30 a. m., home missions and parsonages; 3 p. m., should the parsonage be furnished? 3:30 p. m., parsonage grounds. Sunday—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. Chas. O. Jones.

The great difficulty with Christian manhood is that it is too much deformed. Some are without arms; they have never helped any one over their rugged places in life. Some are without feet, they have never gone an inch out of their own way to serve others. Some are voiceless; they have never, even by word, encouraged any one who was cast down. Some are deaf; they have never listened to the voice of suffering. Some are without hearts; they do not know what sympathy and generous feelings are. What an appearance a procession of such characters would make, if they could be seen as they are on the street! What an appearance a cripple Christian makes in the sight of heaven!—Golden Rule.

An Irishman was asked why his countrymen were so remarkable for blundering. "Faith," said Pat, "there is something in the air of Ireland, and I dare say if an Englishman was born there he would do the same."

Everybody Knows That at this season the blood is filled with impurities, the accumulation of mucus, of those contained in poorly ventilated stores, workshops and tenements. All these impurities and every trace of scrofula, salt rheum, or other disease may be expelled by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the best blood purifier ever produced. It is the only medicine of which "100 does one dollar" is true.

American Millionaire (in Paris, proudly): My daughter is being waited upon by a duke. Old Traveler: Well, dukes are excellent waiters. There are several of them in our restaurant, too.

You may not have the chills to-day but to-morrow they may have you in their icy grasp. It will be well to remember that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will be a friend indeed to you. It is safe, sure and an infallible cure. 75c.

Lizzie—I contend that tobacco degrades any man who uses it. Kate—Well, I don't know. I know lots of men who use it, and I don't think tobacco degrades them.

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"How are you and your uncle getting along now?" "We never speak." "Quarrelled?" "No."

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It was said of Samson of old that his strength lay in his flowing locks. However that may be a full and vigorous suit of hair is looked upon as one of the accompaniments of good bodily health. Yet the hair may be diseased without having reference to any bodily ailment.

Whatever the cause of decay the great preventive of baldness is not to delay treatment, and the best application known to physicians who have made the hair and scalp a study for years is the Louisiana Creole Hair Restorer, so named because it contains the ingredients used for generations by the beautiful Creoles of the South, who are famous for the wondrous hair for their splendid and luxuriant hair.

This preparation that is not only a remedy for hair falling out and baldness, but it also restores the natural color and is a dressing such as ladies delight in having on their toilet tables. Mansfield Drug Co., Memphis, Tenn.

Friend—I was sorry to hear that Hithard gave you such a beating. Humorist—Oh, I didn't mind. It suggested several jokes to me.

Fond's Extract. A medicine confined to a certain number of diseases. It will cure Pains, Inflammation or Hemorrhage, external or internal.

Mrs. Gump's—This stove doesn't draw worth a cent. Mr. Gump—Neither do these cigars. Hang McKinley, anyway!

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City Parson—I have been appointed missionary by the health department. A great number of Parishioners—You are not going to leave us, are you? City Parson—No; they told me to stay just where I was.

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

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IMPORTANT! READ THIS!! YOU!!! MEXIA, Texas, April 18, 1891. Sufferer from Malaria, located in her face and jaw. She was badly salivated and has suffered ever since. She also had two cancerous sores on her face, and was badly constipated. I am happy to say to you that, after using two bottles of Southern Germicide, one of the sores is entirely well and the other nearly well; the constipation disappeared like magic and her facial troubles are much relieved, and we have great hopes of an entire cure.

I suppose it is useless to tell you that Southern Germicide is a safe and effective remedy. As to who I am, I refer you to the citizens of Mexia. I am a Missionary Baptist preacher, serving several churches in Limestone and Freestone counties. Respectfully, Rev. W. L. Farmer. Sufferer from Malaria, located in her face and jaw. She was badly salivated and has suffered ever since. She also had two cancerous sores on her face, and was badly constipated. I am happy to say to you that, after using two bottles of Southern Germicide, one of the sores is entirely well and the other nearly well; the constipation disappeared like magic and her facial troubles are much relieved, and we have great hopes of an entire cure.

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Church Notices

Table with columns for Month, Day, and Church Name. Lists various church events and services across different districts.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Kelleyville, at Mims' Chapel, 8th Sun in May. ...

CALVERT DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Marquis, at ...

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Greenwood, at ...

TYLER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Edom, at ...

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Sulphur Springs, at ...

PALESTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Jacksonville, at ...

GALVESTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Velasco, at ...

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Dallas, at ...

DALLAS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. McKinney, at ...

CORSICANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Wortham, at ...

MARSHALL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Henderson, at ...

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SHERMAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Sherman, at ...

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Italy, at ...

BONHAM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Stephenville, at ...

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DISTRICT 1—BISHOP KENNER. Virginia Conference—Fayetteville, Va., Nov 11.

DISTRICT 2—BISHOP WILSON. Japan Mission Conference—Kobe, Sept 2.

DISTRICT 3—BISHOP GRANBERY. Brazil Mission Conference—Rio de Janeiro, July.

DISTRICT 4—BISHOP HARGROVE. Illinois Conference—Vandalia, Ill., Sept 23.

DISTRICT 5—BISHOP DUNCAN. Denver Conference—Denver, Col., Aug 5.

DISTRICT 6—BISHOP GALLOWAY. Western Conference—Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept 5.

DISTRICT 7—BISHOP KEY. Montana Conference—Helena, Mont., July 15.

DISTRICT 8—BISHOP HAYGOOD. Los Angeles Conference—Los Angeles, Cal., Sept 2.

DISTRICT 9—BISHOP FITZGERALD. West Texas Conference—San Marcos, Oct 28.

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Devotional.

SERMON IN THE HOSPITAL.

Many are pains of life; I need not stay To count them; there is no one but hath felt.

Some of them, though unequally they fall, But all good gifts, ever health bestow. Counted the first, and loss of it to be The hardest thing to bear; I do not speak Of such imperfect passages of pain.

As should we be mortal, and should stir Our hearts to greater diligence in life, But such long weakness, and such heavy pain.

As has no end in view, that makes of life One weary avenue of darkened days, The bitter darkness growing darker still, Which none can share or soothe, which annu- ciate us.

From all desire, or hope, or wish of change, Or service of our Master in the world, Or fellowship with all the daily round, Of passing pains and pleasures—while our pain.

Passeth not, nor will pass; and only this Remains for us to look for, more of pain, And doubt if we can bear it to the end.

But if this be the hardest ill of all, For mortal life, and death to bear in peace, It is the one comes straight from God's hand.

And makes us feel Him nearest to ourselves: We cannot well forget the hand that holds And pierces us, and will not let us go. However much we strive from under it, But when the sharp strokes flesh and heart run through.

For these, and not another; only known In all the universe, through sense of thine; Nor apprehended by the spirit's sight, But only by the hidden, tortured nerves In all their incommunicable pain.

God Himself speaks to us as mothers speak, With fond, familiar touches, close and dear; And when the night comes, and the weariness.

Grows into fever, and thy anguish grows Pierce, and thou beseechest Him with tears: "Depart from me, O Lord, and let me rest!" He will not leave thee, He will not depart.

Nor loose thee, nor forget thee, but will close In the comfort of His arms. He gives His anxious charge of those who sleep; But He himself watches with those who wake.

If He should call thee from thy cross to-day, Saying, "It is finished!" that hard cross of pain From which thou prayest for deliverance, Thinkst thou not some passion of regret Would overcome thee? Thou wouldst say: "So soon!"

Let me go, and suffer yet awhile More patiently; I have not yet praised God." Let us take heed in time.

That God may be glorified in us; And while we suffer let us set our souls To suffer perfectly. Hold fast His hand, Though the nails pierce thine too! Take only one.

Least one drop of the sacramental wine Be spilled, of that which ever shall unite Thee, soul and body, to thy living Lord. Therefore, gird up thyself, and come, to stand.

Unflinching under the unflinching hand That waits on prove thee to the uttermost. It were not hard to suffer by his hand, If thou couldst see His face; but in the dark!

That is the one last trial; be it so, How couldst thou suffer out in seeming, else Not by sight, but faith; Endure, endure; be faithful to the end, And He will give to thee the crown of life!

—Selected.

THE FEARLESSNESS OF FIDELITY.

There are many people who at heart really desire to be faithful to God, but they lack the courage to carry out the principles which they know are right.

Especially is this the case with the principles, which they believe in are very unpopular with the great majority. It may be questioned, however, whether this may be properly called true fidelity.

There are many who will say that it is not, because one truly faithful to God would not refrain from carrying out his principles, however unpopular they might be—however contrary to the belief of others they might be. But it is our opinion that one may earnestly desire to be truly faithful to God and to the principles of the Christian religion, and yet be so constituted, and so circumstanced as to come out more men who are vehemently opposed to God and Christianity and boldly announce and defend his principles. We can conceive this to be the case where one is a young convert, and is naturally extremely diffident, and also feels poorly fitted by nature, and education to defend himself against the attacks of shrewd, educated, and bold opponents. To this it may be replied that even such a one ought to so rely on God for help that he will not flinch from asserting his principles in the face of all opposers, however shrewd and well-versed they may be. We admit that there is much force in this; and yet we must not overlook the fact that God does not entirely override natural laws and miraculously remove all impediments. He works through men's natural powers and characteristics to a large extent. He is not apt to take one who is naturally extremely bashful and make him remarkably bold as soon as he is converted, at least. Yet it is true that such a one, by relying on God and by growth in grace, may become bolder, more fearless, and hence more vigorously pronounced in his fidelity to God and his truth.

When Nicodemus became a believer he was not so fearless as he afterward became. At first he did not openly advocate the cause of Christ "for fear of the Jews." But that fear was finally superseded by a manly fearlessness. It is doubtful, however, whether Nicodemus ever attained that fearlessness of fidelity

which characterized Daniel. Read what is said of the latter: "When Daniel knew that he was writing to his king, he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he knelt upon his knees three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." (Dan. 6:10). Here is an example of a high type of the fearlessness of fidelity to God as fearless as he was at this time? We incline to think that he was not. We believe that fearlessness is somewhat a matter of growth, especially in some instances, and more or less so in all cases. Hence we would hold out encouragement to those who are naturally very timid and who have certain other impediments to contend against, and we say to such: Struggle day by day to free yourselves from the bondage of fearfulness, looking to God to help you cultivate the grace of a holy courage. Do many for him and for the principles of Christianity even in the face of the most ungodly men. By all means let us ruggedly maintain our fidelity to the whole Bible, whether men sneer at us or not. Let us not fear being charged with a hard feeling toward Bibliolatry. On that subject book will stand and stand forever in preference to our consciousness and our reason.—The Religious Herald.

COLLINS.—Birdie Leon, infant daughter of J. M. Collins, died May 27, 1891, at her home in Dallas, Texas. Birdie had not passed her second summer—age one year nine months and two days—when just as the little buds were opening their tiny petals to the genial rays of the sun, God sends an angel and takes this lovely bud to plant in his garden above. This is our little bird that has gone on to heaven, all having died in infancy. May the "good shepherd" who hath taken these little lambs to himself bring father and mother and little Pearl, their only child, to meet those loved ones in the bright world above. J. S. McKee.

Marriages.

GRIMES—EVITTS.—At the residence of the bride's father, at Moffat, Bell county, Texas, on Sunday, at 10 a. m., Mr. Robt. Grimes and Miss Hattie Evitts, Rev. H. B. Henry officiating.

COCHRAN—REAP.—At the Methodist Church, in Detroit, Texas, May 7, 1891, Mr. Charles Cochran and Miss Essie Reap, all of Red River county, Texas, Rev. H. Webster officiating.

NORWOOD—OWNEY.—At the Baptist Church, in Detroit, Texas, May 13, 1891, Mr. C. M. Norwood and Miss Mattie Owey, all of Detroit, Texas, Rev. B. H. Webster officiating.

NANCE—WHITE.—At the residence of Mrs. M. E. Barwell, near Bruceville, Texas, May 14, 1891, Mr. Alton Nance, of Mount Calm, and Miss Lucy B. White, Rev. Samuel Morris officiating.

MIMMS—ADAMSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Larkin Adamson, May 6, 1891, Mr. J. S. Mimms and Miss Julia Adamson, all of Collin county, Texas, Rev. A. L. Gribble officiating.

THOMPSON—LEWIS.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Van Alstyne, Texas, May 17, 1891, at 10:30 a. m., Mr. T. H. Thompson and Miss Belle Lewis, Rev. J. F. Archer officiating.

KORN—WHEAT.—At the home of Mr. C. Duval, near Prattville, Delta county, Texas, May 17, 1891, Mr. W. C. Korn and Miss Fannie Wheat, all of Delta county, Texas, Rev. M. G. Jenkins officiating.

WILSON—WARREN.—At the residence of John Warren, Pidcock Ranch, Texas, May 3, 1891, Mr. W. D. Wilson and Miss Alice Warren, all of Coryell county, Texas, Rev. B. H. Baird officiating.

RUSSELL—SANDERS.—At the residence of Dr. H. H. Russell, at Cooper, May 17, 1891, Mr. D. H. Russell and Miss S. A. Sanders, Rev. B. H. Baird officiating.

Obituaries.

The space allotted obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines; or about 170 to 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as usual, should remit money to cover excess of space, to suit at the rate of ONE CENT per word. Money should accompany all orders.

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GRAVES.—Mrs. Mollie Ireland Graves, wife of J. W. Graves, of Seguin, Texas, and daughter of ex-Gov. John Ire and died in Austin, Sunday May 17, 1891, at 11 a. m. She had been an invalid for about six years and very ill for nearly four months. Her suffering was great, but in patience and peace she passed away surrounded by loved ones and friends. A very large crowd of people witnessed the funeral services at her father's residence, in Seguin, May 18, 4 p. m., and followed the remains to the Riverside cemetery for interment. J. D. Scott.

CALDWELL.—Sister S. H. Caldwell departed this life in peace May 1, 1891. She was born October, 1845, in Steward county, Georgia. Her maiden name was Curry. She moved to Texas with her parents in the year 1860 and settled in Montgomery county, where she was united in marriage with G. W. Seaman, who only lived two years after their marriage. One child (a son) was born to them. She lived a widow ten years and was then united in marriage with M. Caldwell at Kosse, Limestone county, Texas, in the year 1877. Three children are the fruits of the latter marriage—all boys. She died in Mills county, Texas, three miles from Mullen, May 1, 1891. She had been a member of the Methodist Church twenty-three years, and was a true Christian. She leaves a husband, four children, and two stepchildren, all of them very much devoted to her, also some brothers and sisters. I here say to her loved ones, weep not; she is not dead, but asleep. May you all meet in the sweet-by-and-by. G. W. TAMPLIN.

FELDER.—Mrs. Z. A. Felder, wife of Hon. M. M. Felder, was born in Wharton county, Texas, June 16, 1839. She was the daughter of Marcus J. Weems and the granddaughter of the celebrated Marcus L. Weems, author of the life of Washington and others. She was educated at Independence; converted in 1855 and joined the Methodist Church in 1857. About 1860 she was married to Rev. W. G. Foot, then professor in Soule College, Chappell Hill, Texas. In the short space of seven or eight years she was left a widow with one son, Wm. G. Foot, March 22, 1871. Mrs. Foot was married to M. M. Felder, of Chappell Hill, where she lived a devoted and useful life. She departed this life in great peace, after a protracted and painful illness, March 11, 1891. Sister Felder was a bright example of Christian character and untiring devotion to every good work. She was a member of all the working societies of the church, a regular attendant upon the services of the sanctuary, and a most conscientious and efficient teacher in the Sunday-school. In her home she was the faithful Christian wife and loving mother, and in society an ornament and blessing. The young especially felt the force of her beautiful example and listened gratefully to her kindly words. The church and the whole community feel the wide vacancy occasioned by her removal from us. But God had her in his holy keeping, and though we feel deeply our loss, we will not complain at his taking her to himself, to rest from earth's toils and cease from his sorrow forever. May heaven, children and all who loved her, loved her have grace to follow on till we meet in our Father's house above. A. E. GOODWYN, CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS.

STEWART.—Clark B. Stewart died at his residence near six miles south of Gordon, Texas, at 1 o'clock a. m., April 28, 1891. Bro. Stewart was converted and received into the M. E. Church, South, at one of Bro. A. E. Bailey's meetings near Grandview, Johnson county, in 1873. They came out here in 1878, put their lot in the county, and lived in quietness and peace ever since. He had one little child to precede him to the heaven home, and leaves a wife and six children to follow on. When the heavenly message came he was too weak to speak, but looking into the face of his wife and children he raised and pointed his already cold finger toward the skies, and his hands were clasped in prayer. May the blessings of God rest upon this Christian mother as she earnestly endeavors to raise her children to meet their kind father beyond the grave, where hearts are never made to bleed by death's separating family ties. M. K. IRVIN, GORDON, TEXAS.

MILLS.—Miss Rosie Estella Mills, daughter of W. F. and C. J. Mills, was born March 4, 1874, and departed this life March 1, 1891; taken sick with pneumonia at her uncle's, in Johnson county, her parents having moved to Greer county. She remained near Burleson College, where her parents had previously lived for the benefit of schooling their children, and she could be in school the present session. Her desire was to attain an education. She embraced religion early in life; joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life until death. A few moments before her death, on being asked if she loved Jesus and if she would be at his table at the next session. Her desire was to attain an education. She embraced religion early in life; joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life until death. A few moments before her death, on being asked if she loved Jesus and if she would be at his table at the next session. Her desire was to attain an education. 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Rheumatism.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

May 12—M W Shearer, has attention; letter and card. J H Chambliss, sub. Geo S Clark, sub. M Smith, sub. has attention.

Neuralgia.

My wife was suffering over two weeks with a very severe attack of neuralgia which several physicians failed to relieve.

When a pair of overshoes fall on the floor it is a case of groundnuts.

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

Look out for the \$2 counterfeit. The genuine ones will look out for themselves.

Influenza and Pneumonia.

T. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish, La., writes: "Permit me to say to the public that I have tried Wonderful Eight in my practice and find it a most effective medicine in influenza and pneumonia."

Literary Aspirant—I can write about anything. Bored Publisher—Then please right about face.

It is always well to remember valuable facts though at the time they may seem unimportant.

Obituary—Texas.

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HOME CONFERENCES.

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ment and experience as class-leader, which we all enjoyed exceedingly. The reports upon the whole showed the church to be in good average condition, spiritually, though far below the Bible standard. Very little complaint was made on the line of worldly amusements. Several gracious revivals were reported, notwithstanding we are just entering into the revival season. The brethren seem quite hopeful of good meetings throughout the district. The number of accessions reported in each charge shows a good healthy growth in membership. Under the head of Sunday-schools every pastor in the district reported at least one school, except one brother who said he had no man qualified for superintendent. He was recommended to get the best man he could and qualify him. One brother who has minor appointments has eight Methodist schools; another with six, has six schools, etc.; so that upon the whole, the Sunday-school report was excellent. Some of the brethren in the country have great trouble with union schools. Geo. Mulkey made an earnest and practical Sunday-school talk and exhorted us with tears to look carefully after the children. Several brethren reported the Epworth League as doing good work among the young people. No new missions were recommended to be established by the annual conference, but Mulkey Memorial charge and Glen Rose mission were recommended to be raised to self-sustaining charges. The reports on financial systems, church-houses, etc., showed the charges to have done well up to the present. Some were, of course, behind. Those charges in which the assessment plan had been adopted were shown in a satisfactory condition. The brethren all expressed themselves as expecting to get their conference collections in full. Several lay brethren spoke on this question, urging the preachers to preach more on the subject of giving and the laity to pray more for it. The presiding elder, Bishop Key, took the chair while he unloaded himself on this question, which he did in his usual felicitous and impressive manner. Bishop Key also made us a splendid talk on the subject, representing the church conference as being the best vehicle through which to manage the finances of the church. The management of the plan was plainly illustrated. He approved the recommendation to preach on money, but advised that we do so when we were in a splendid humor and had a full stock of Holy Ghost religion. About twenty houses of worship were reported in the bounds of the district. Five others in process of construction, or, as Bro. Adkinson would say, "in a distant future." I have not been in a district conference where "the facts in the case," whether good or bad, were more plainly brought out in the reports of the brethren. No adverse or unkind criticisms or plain statements, in love of existing evils, that we might together seek the remedy. The following visiting brethren were present during the conference: E. L. Armstrong, Thos. M. Armstrong, Jerome Haralson, M. K. Little, J. W. Adkinson, Geo. Owens and Jas. Graves. W. F. G. Adams and O. M. Addison, ex-annates, were also present and took part in the conference. The following of the visiting brethren preached during their stay: Jerome Haralson, whose sermon was unique, logical, witty, practical and deeply religious. He took time to rejoice at intervals in his sermon, and sang a hair's-breadth of shouting when he sat down. The Lord bless him. E. L. Armstrong laid down a proposition, and proved it, i. e., that "Godliness is profitable unto all things," winding up with a general old-fashioned Methodist hand-shaking. J. M. Armstrong exhorted to great faith, "Faith is the substance of things not seen, only believe." J. W. Adkinson preached twice on Sunday, but this scribe did not hear him. The preaching throughout was profitable and enjoyable. The conference began with a good, religious atmosphere and continued so to the end. The entertainment provided by the Bailey Church, of Fort Worth, was broad and satisfactory, and from the way some of the delegates nodded in the afternoon sessions I suppose the fare must have been sumptuous. R. F. Dunn and E. M. Sweet represented Granbury College and made good reports of their work. Geo. Owens made some "tracks" around about us, and said briefly that he recommended the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE as a good family paper. He said it was one of the very best papers, and the very best paper in Texas, and advised us to get our people to take it. Our presiding elder, though exceedingly tired, proved himself a good conductor. He ran his train strictly on schedule time, but made it so pleasant for all the passengers that we all went to travel over in his train. He has a secret of life which many men would do well to know (any may know it); it makes him lovable. The following are the delegates to the annual conference: T. W. Hollingsworth, J. W. Parsley, Geo. Mulkey and Jim Langston. Alternates: George Anderson and R. M. Ballentine. A committee of three, viz: Wm. Price, T. W. Rogers and T. W. Hollingsworth, were appointed to wait on Bro. J. Fred Cox, at his room, and bear the sympathies and greetings of the conference. Hardly a prayer was offered from the opening prayer to the close in which he was not remembered, and so many of the brethren spoke of his influence over them, their halloved associations and how much they missed his face. The following is a copy of the address tendered him by the committee, published by order of the conference: FORT WORTH, May 15.

DEAR BROTHER—We, the undersigned committee appointed by the Fort Worth District Conference, now in session, and in behalf of that body, come to offer you our highest regards and Christ's sympathy in your deep affliction. You are very near and dear to us all. We have earnestly and repeatedly prayed that God would prolong your precious life and restore you to health; but God in his infinite wisdom and mercy may not be pleased to grant our petition. Therefore, not knowing what the will of the Lord is, we calmly submit to his Allwise Providence, knowing "that all things work together for good" to them that love him, and are the "called according to his purposes." Provided it is his good pleasure to take your blood-washed spirit to himself at an early day, we earnestly hope and pray that our lives may be your eternal gain. In this dreadful hour his grace is sufficient for you. May the God of our fathers comfort you and may the light of his presence light up your eternal day. In behalf of all the members of the conference, we subscribe our names, being your devoted Christian friends and collaborators in the gospel of peace.

W. M. PRICE, T. W. ROGERS, T. W. HOLLINGSWORTH, Committee.

The next district conference is to meet at Blum.

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Texas Casualties.

One negro badly cut another in Dallas May 20. Jimmie Starr was killed by lightning, nine miles northwest of Sherman, May 21. May 19 the twelve-year-old son of S. W. Yent, living near Bertram, committed suicide. James Carven was run over by a switch engine at Fort Worth, May 19, and both feet were crushed.

At Sulphur Springs, May 20, a negro child two years old fell into a tub of water and drowned. One negro threw another into the river, sixteen miles east of Athens, and drowned him, May 22. While trying to board a moving electric car at San Antonio, May 19, J. W. Barnhardt had his leg broken.

May 21, in a wreck on the Southern Pacific railway, near Borden, one man was killed and seven injured. At Comanche, May 21, Pat Montague struck Jack Morgan on the head with a club, inflicting a dangerous wound.

Richard, the six-year-old son of Harry Mitchell, of Sherman, had his hip badly injured by being thrown from a horse, May 22. Kitty Coleman, a negro living near Navasota, was badly carved with a razor in the hands of another negro woman May 21.

At the shops at Big Springs, J. C. Angling, aged sixty-nine, was caught between two engines, and his hip badly crushed, May 23. At Beeville, May 20, a Mexican who was driving a team was instantly killed by the team running away and throwing him under the wagon.

At Navasota, May 21, C. A. Bogges, an engine wiper on the Santa Fe road, was rolled between the cars and freight depot platform and fatally injured. An officer was badly beaten by three railway laborers whom he was trying to arrest at Waco, May 20. Other officers came to his aid and the trio were locked up.

Three miles from Wild Horse, on the Texas and Pacific road, a freight train ran into a washout, wrecking eight cars and killing R. Crews, a brakeman on the train, May 22. Earle Barron threw himself out of a second-story window of a hotel in Sherman, May 19, and died soon after. Physicians say his death was caused by opiates which he had taken.

At a picnic near Seguin, May 18, officers McGehe and Moltz attempted to arrest Henry Stren, who was carrying a pistol. Stren shot and probably fatally wounded Moltz. McGehe then shot and killed Stren.

At Houston, May 24, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hunter shot an officer, Thos. Seabury, and Mrs. Eugenia Stoner, a woman who had been Hunter's wife. The Hunters and Mrs. Stoner were from Anniston, Ala.

During a fire in Comanche, May 23, which destroyed \$15,000 worth of property, R. G. Armstrong, County Surveyor, was knocked unconscious by a falling scantling while taking down the awning of one of the buildings.

Three miles west of Winnebago, May 21, while P. T. McDonald was plowing in his field some one concealed in the fence corner shot him with buck and small shot, the lead taking effect in the breast. The assassin then cut his throat from ear to ear, nearly severing his head from his body.

Near Copleville, May 20, Wm. Hange, while on his way to his father's, was halted by three parties. Instead of obeying he put spurs to his horse. The party pursued him some distance, firing on him as they went. Hange escaped with a wound in the right arm just below the elbow.

May 18 a hurricane, accompanied with hail, struck Bissell Mill, near Trinity. John W. Roberts, foreman for D. M. Angle, saw the storm approaching and commenced to call the workmen and teamsters in by blowing the mill whistle. When only four of the ten or twelve had taken refuge in the round house the building suddenly collapsed, badly injuring all four.

At Fort Worth, May 19, Richard Rockett, driver for Protective Engine Company No. 1, in a fit of somnambulism arose from his cot in the second story of the engine-house and fell down the chute, fifteen feet, to the hard brick floor below. He struck the pole of the engine as he fell, which threw him against the guard chain across the door, breaking his left arm and otherwise badly injuring him.

During a wind and hail-storm, May 20, the residence of John Cobb, living two miles south of Belcher, was completely demolished. Mrs. Cobb was cooking dinner when the storm struck the house. The fire from the cook-stove, together with some boiling water, was thrown upon her and the babe, who sustained terrible burns about the face. Mr. Cobb was terribly bruised about the head and face. The house was carried some ten to twenty steps and turned bottom up.

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Texas Incidents.

A tenant house was burned at Terrell, May 20. A fire destroyed at least \$300,000 worth of property in Houston, May 20. Five destroyed the Burney house at Bonham, May 22; loss about \$6000. R. M. Ferguson's residence at Brandon was burned May 21; loss, \$2000.

Under pretense of showing them to his wife a silk felloe got off with \$500 worth of diamonds and jewelry at San Antonio, May 20. W. M. Rice, formerly of Houston, but now of New York, has given \$200,000 to establish an institution devoted to the advancement of literature, science and art in Houston.

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Miscellaneous.

A fire in Detroit, Mich., destroyed \$275,000 worth of property May 23. A gas explosion in the Pratt mines, near Birmingham, Ala., killed ten negroes May 22. At Ojo de Fuego, N. M., in a fight over possession of shearing ground, three men were killed and several wounded. Henry Welch died in New York, May 17. He had liver disease, which had turned his skin as black as any negro's.

A cable from London, May 23, reports that a serious conflict has taken place between British and Portuguese colonists in Africa. A destructive cyclone passed three miles northeast of Mexico, Mo., May 20, killing several persons, wounding others and doing damage to property to the extent of \$50,000.

Advices from Belgrade, May 19, say Queen Natalie has been forcibly expelled from Serbia by the ministers and regents. The Queen's popularity with the people of Serbia is unbounded. The feeling against the Minister was so great he may have to resign.

In New York, May 19, during the progress of a fire in the basement of the Edison Electric Light Company's works sparks fell in a barrel filled with gasoline, causing a terrible explosion. Seven firemen who were near the barrel were scattered in every direction, cut and bruised from flying cinders and badly burned by the flames.

A telegram from New York, May 19, says martial law has been proclaimed in Port-au-Prince. Armed soldiers patrol the streets night and day, and no one is allowed to enter or leave the city without a passport. The Haytian capital is literally in a state of siege, and the cause of this condition of affairs is the agitation by the supporters of Gen. Legitime, the deposed President.

At Atlanta, Ga., May 19, Prof. J. C. Canada, who has been giving exhibitions in hypnotism for several days, was exposed upon the stage and came near being mobbed by the audience. The exposure was brought about mainly by two well-known physicians, and it was only through their appeals to the crowd that the fake hypnotist was saved from tough handling. The deception, it was shown, is of the simplest character.

The Transmississippi Congress which closed its session at Denver, Col., May 22, demanded the free coinage of silver, wise governmental supervision of railroads, deprecated any legislation, either State or national, not fair and equitable alike to the interest of the public and the railroad, and further recognized the fact that full and complete justice in freight rates cannot be done the West and South until all discriminations in favor of East and West lines against North and South lines be abolished, and recommended that the interstate commerce law be so amended that the reports on the Gulf can be reached from all points in the West for the same proportionate tariff as is charged to Atlantic ports. The congress also urged the completion of the jetties at Galveston now under construction as speedily as possible, and that the Western lines of trunk railroads be requested to extend their railroad facilities to Galveston as rapidly as the work on the jetties progresses.

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