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HOME CONFERENCES.

Wanted for this department all the church news. Send facts—no comments. So no lectures, no exhortations; but send every item of news concerning the church in your charge.

Lipan.

J. M. Baker, July 30: We closed our camp-meeting at Abury with over forty conversions, thirty-four accessions; over seventy conversions at the two meetings, Lipan and Abury. Four full-fledged Campbellites converted; three of them joined our church.

Harmony Church.

S. H. Morgan, Aug. 1: A good meeting of five days' duration. Four additions to our church by profession; one adult baptized; good attendance and attention at most of all the services; several reclaimed and renewed their obligations to God.

Jonah.

I. N. Burks, August 1: The Lord is with us in saving power. Forty-four have found the Lord precious to their souls and twenty-four have joined the church; twelve conversions last night and eighteen or twenty penitents left at the altar. Bro. Boaz is with us from Bartlett and is rendering us good service.

Laurel.

C. G. Shutt, July 31: Closed a fine meeting of two weeks' duration in Witt Grove, near Lancaster, last Sunday night. Forty-six conversions and reclamations and thirty-three additions to the church. The Blind Spence camp-meeting embraces the second Sunday in August.

Copetas Cove.

W. H. Harris, July 29: I closed my meeting for Mt. Pleasant and Northampton Monday night. We had fifteen conversions, ten accessions, and four professed sanctification, four children baptized. We had a glorious time. Bros. Bailey, Bloodworth, Ellis, Bonland and Harrell did good work.

Comanche Circuit.

W. C. Hillman: We closed a good meeting at Fleming on the 19th inst. The church was much revived; seven professed conversion and nine united with the M. E. Church, South. We were assisted by Revs. D. C. Starr, W. L. Gattis, and some of the local preachers of this charge. They all rendered faithful service. May the Lord reward them abundantly.

Alto.

Geo. W. Riley, July 31: I have held three protracted meetings this month. Results about sixteen conversions, sixteen accessions by ritual, two by letter and one restored by order of church conference. The membership of two of the strongest churches on this circuit have revived to a better state of spiritual life than for four years past, so say the old regulars.

Bruceville.

E. F. Boone, July 31: Two good meetings on the Bruceville circuit—one at Moody, the other at Bruceville. At Moody we had forty professions and thirty-three accessions. At Bruceville we had twenty-five professions and twenty-nine accessions; total up to date, seventy professions, fifty-eight accessions and twenty-five children baptized. Thanks to all the brethren who have aided us in these meetings. Two more meetings to hold.

Cooper.

C. M. Harless, July 30: We have had one meeting at Cooper. Church considerably revived. No conversions. We closed Monday night at Foster's Chapel. Church greatly revived. Twenty-nine accessions and thirty-one conversions. Our third quarterly conference was held on the second Saturday of the meeting. The presiding elder, Bro. Nichols, was present. He preached four strong sermons.

Garland.

J. S. Strother, July 28: We have had a grand meeting. Bro. Reynolds, our pastor, has done most of the preaching. After two weeks' hard labor he fresh and ready for other work. We will have him read out for Garland in November. The parsonage is nearing completion and is a thing of beauty. There is no parsonage in this district more roomy or elegant. Efforts are being made to build a church. We need it and must have it soon.

North Nelson Circuit.

H. B. Henry: I closed a good meeting at Rock Church last Thursday night—twelve accessions and twenty-one conversions. At Harmony meeting we had eight conversions, and the meeting was moving off finely, but we closed too soon. I am now continuing at Willow Grove with good prospects and "faith in God." Pray for us. I have all my time engaged until the fourth Sunday in August.

Petty.

C. C. Davis, July 27: We closed a meeting at Petty last night. Visible results, seventeen conversions and seventeen additions to the church. Rev. E. W. Alderson preached for us four times. A week ago yesterday he took our conference collections for us, the result of which was \$142.50 in cash and good subscription. For help we are under many obligations to Revs. R. R. Nelson, M. E. Dehazo and A. H. Ferguson, also to Bro. Jennings and Yeager.

Douglasville.

J. B. Minnis, July 28: Closed my third protracted meeting last Sunday, which was held at Union Chapel. Protracted eight days. No ministerial help. Twenty-five precious souls converted, twelve joined the church, others will join, quite a number of backsliders reclaimed, the church greatly revived, fourteen conversions last night of the meeting, with twenty penitents at the altar. Everything prosperous along all lines on the Linden circuit.

Leonard.

N. C. Little, July 27: Since our last letter to the ADVOCATE we have made some improvements and some advancements spiritually. We have held two protracted meetings, one at Hackberry, which resulted in thirteen conversions and sixteen accessions to the church; one at Leonard, which resulted in fourteen conversions and eleven accessions to the church, with more to follow, notwithstanding we had rain, sickness and picnics all against us. We have added a copula to our church here in Leonard and hung our bell, which will cost us the rise of a \$100. We are indebted to Sisters Wilson and Kuykendall for a beautiful lamp and chandelier, also to the Ladies'

Aid Society for a handsome pulpit which was badly needed, and is a valuable help, and will be a thing of beauty when painted and properly arranged. May heaven's richest benedictions ever rest upon these noble sisters. We have been rendered much valuable aid in our meetings by our local preachers, for which we praise God and are thankful. Our third quarterly meeting embraces the first Saturday and Sunday in August.

Henderson Circuit.

E. R. Large, July 30: I closed my meeting at Marvin Chapel last night. Results: Six conversions and eight additions to the church, and the church much revived. In this meeting I had one sermon by Father Duke, and one from Bro. Shuttleworth, a Missionary Baptist. I have five more meetings to hold. I begin at Good Spring tomorrow. This circuit is coming religiously to the front. What it will do financially is to be an after consideration.

Mesquite Circuit.

P. W. Cullom, L. P.: Our protracted meeting at Joyce's was held, beginning the second Sunday in the present month, by Bro. Adair and was a success from beginning to end of services, lasting seven days. Bro. Adair is a fine worker. A good preacher, holding his congregation while he expounds the word of the Lord in power. Sinners were convicted and converted, backsliders reclaimed and the church built up. Results, seventeen added to the church, seven or eight by ritual, others by letter, eight children baptized.

Chico Circuit.

Jas. A. Kerr, July 28: The meetings at Union Hill and Prairie Point were a success. Conversations fourteen, accessions ten, adults baptized, five. Pleasant Grove meeting begins August 1. Camp-meeting Friday night before the third Sunday in August, on Dry creek between Gum and Bridgeport. The third quarterly conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting. Sandlot meeting begins Thursday night before the fifth Sunday in August. "Let all the people say amen." Christian workers, girl on the armor and march to the front. May the approbation of God be upon us all.

Sherman Circuit.

Z. Parker, July 26: A most gracious revival of religion is in progress at Kendall's Chapel, Sherman circuit. I have never witnessed a more thorough work of grace among the membership. Enmity has been swept out of the church and friendship restored. The brethren now say this is the best meeting ever witnessed at this place. Between twenty-five and thirty professions, and the end is not yet. I left this meeting with Bro. C. W. Jacobs, as I am due at Hope Chapel. We are on our round of protracted meetings. One hundred and twenty-three additions to the church since conference.

Clifton Mission.

G. W. Harris, July 30: Our meeting closed at Cayote last night; a grand revival in the church, and eight conversions; three backsliders reclaimed and the church moving up on other ground. Bro. J. P. Lowery, from Hill county, and Bro. Rogers, from Dallas county, were with us and did some grand preaching. All the people delighted with them. May God bless them and give them a great reward in heaven. The people made the pastor a nice present of a camp-meeting tent, \$12, and that is not all, yet. Bro. Fris: Drabn gave the pastor a fine suit of clothes which cost \$25. May God bless them all.

Roxton.

J. T. Bludworth, July 28: I report some of the visible results of our week's meeting at El Bethel: About sixty conversions, thirty-one additions to the church, three children baptized, the church wonderfully revived, and \$88.50 in cash and subscriptions for missions. Last Saturday and Sunday of the meeting was our third quarterly conference. Bro. Wages was with us and preached four of his best sermons. Every church on the work was represented. Finances very well up, and the officials seemed happy. Bro. Bob Kimball, a visiting man full of the Holy Ghost, who helped us have secured for the protracted campaign, rendered us valuable services. Thanks to Bros. Hart, Brown, Jennings and Kimball for ministerial aid. We commence at Roxton next Sunday.

Madisonville Circuit.

J. W. Spillers, July 21: Our pastor, Bro. Kelley, has just closed a grand revival at High Prairie church. It was a grand success. Bro. Kelley was at his post in the spirit of the Master. He did a grand deal of faithful preaching. God blessed his labors. He is the right man in the right place. All who know him, love him. There were thirty accessions to our church. Some other converts who I suppose will join other churches. Three received baptism by immersion. The meeting was continued nine days. The Lord was with us every coming together. The church was greatly revived. Bro. Kelley closed the meeting last Sunday evening at the water and started to another point to assist Bro. R. L. Brooks in protracted services. May God bless them and their labors in his prayer.

Bistol.

W. E. Hawkins, July 27: We began our protracted services July 3 at Hines' Chapel; we had a good meeting; twenty-four conversions, some reclamations, sixteen additions. You see we left some for the Baptists, who will gratefully receive them. We spent a week at Carroll in one of the best of meetings. About fifteen conversions and reclamations, twenty-two additions. However, will state that eight of these were from Ferris, on recommendation of Bro. Shutt. Our people are responding liberally to our conference collections. We thank the brethren who have labored so faithfully with us. We baptized thirteen children at one standing.

Piano.

E. L. Spragins, July 28: Our protracted meeting closed last Sunday, the 26th. We had a gracious meeting. Many were soundly converted to God. I received a class of twelve into the church. More to follow. Bro. O. S. Thomas rendered valuable assistance during the first week of the meeting. Bro. I. S. Ashburn remained with us for two weeks and wrought mightily for the salvation of the people. Bro. D. J. Martin was with us two days. As an exhorter he held very high esteem by this people. His

preaching is of high order. Bro. Thompson was with us Sunday, and filled the pulpit at 11 o'clock with his usual power. To these brethren are we indebted for much service and a large part of the success of the meeting. We have expended during the year in repairs of church and parsonage about \$800.

Overton.

C. H. Smith, July 29: My first protracted meeting on Troupe and Overton circuit for this year was held at Bethel My residing elder stayed from Saturday till Wednesday evening, and did just such preaching as John Adams can do, and I had the help of one of my local preachers, F. M. Spence. Visible results: church nearly all happy; forty-seven professions, three hundred and thirty-one conversions. We held eight days. We are now at Overton. Ten professions to Tuesday night.

Pontotoc.

R. M. Leaton, July 27: Closed a ten days' meeting at this place last night. My local preachers assisted me some. Bro. D. H. Smith, a local preacher from San Saba, assisted me a great deal and preached six excellent sermons to the great profit of our souls. He is a real heart preacher. The Lord was with us in great mercy. Eleven precious souls were converted and ten joined the church. The few faithful souls who always linger around Zion's altar rallied then, and stood up for the church and her cause. Some of the dear children were converted. Unto God be all the glory.

Davilla.

W. F. Binson, July 31: Our camp-meeting for Davilla circuit embraced July 18-26. Not as many campers as usual. Attendance was not as good, except Saturday nights and Sundays; but what we did have we had good attention for three or four days of the week following the commencement of the meeting. The world, the flesh and the devil were work more than usual; but for the most part out of our reach, but we had the pure gospel preached. Bro. E. D. Mounson, of Caldwell, came Monday and did most of the preaching until the close of the meeting, and did faithful work. Visible results: Fifteen accessions by profession and certificate, but we hope to reap benefit from the meeting yet, for then and now we are relying upon God for the increase.

Bartlett.

H. A. Boaz, July 27: Some of our meetings have been held and we have two to hold yet. Last night we closed a glorious revival at Hackberry; sixty conversions and forty-seven accessions to the church. Nearly the members of the latter being young men and boys. Last year at this place, we started with thirteen and now we number a live and active membership of more than one hundred. God prospers us at Hackberry. Bros. C. W. Daniel and J. M. Porter helped in the meeting. I'll not try to go into detail concerning the other meetings, but will give the total results. Up to date we have had 131 conversions and 143 accessions. The collections will come all right. Everything seems so hopeful. We want 200 souls for Jesus this year and as many accessions to the church.

Comanche Circuit.

W. C. Hillman, July 31: We have just closed a glorious meeting at Mesquite. Rev. J. M. Collier, presiding elder, commenced the meeting before we closed at Fleming, and when we reached the place Monday evening we found that they had done their work well. Bro. George F. Fair, of Sipe Springs mission, came in on Wednesday evening and remained until the close of the meeting, and did faithful work for the Master. There were twelve conversions and five or six backsliders reclaimed in the altar, while a great number were reclaimed who did not publicly acknowledge their condition by coming to the altar. We received twelve into the church. Nearly the members of the latter church that were heads of families promised to hold family prayer. This is a great victory for which we praise the Lord. We commence at Indian Creek to-night.

Thornton.

J. I. Davis, Jr., July 29: I commenced my meeting at Elm Saturday night before the first Sunday in July, and protracted eleven days. Enthusiasm diffused the whole community. At night our audiences were immense. We had about fifteen conversions and eleven accessions. Two conversions at the last service, and some weeping penitents at the altar, two of whom were heads of families who positively avowed that they would continue to seek until salvation's tide rolled high in their souls. Bro. James and Jordan were with us and did a grand deal of faithful work. Bro. James preached five soul-searching sermons, and Bro. Jordan did some earnest preaching, and attended to the reception of members. Bro. Kirkpatrick, an exhorter from Wortham, did us faithful work. My father, a lay member from Wortham, was also with us and wielded a great influence. Many thanks to them for their efficient labor.

Marystown Circuit.

H. H. Vaughan: The meeting at Marystown commenced Thursday before the third Sunday in July, and continued ten days. Rev. J. M. Bond, of the Whitney circuit, came at the beginning of the meeting and said a week's preaching with great acceptability and power. The town and community were revived, and had not been for years. Rev. R. A. Walker, a local preacher and student of Granbury College, rendered valuable aid, also Bros. Dak and Sullivan. The results were gratifying—fifty-two conversions and thirty-eight accessions to the church, back-slidden Christians revived, old heart burnings healed, and all, with a few exceptions, lifted to a higher plain of Christian living. During the meeting a subscription of \$42.50 was raised to assist Bro. Walker in securing an education. He is a consecrated worker for the Lord. On Sunday we organized an Epworth League with twenty-five members.

Westley Circuit.

L. G. Watkins, July 28: The third quarterly conference has passed; minutes very short; paid presiding elder, \$1.15; paid preacher in charge, \$1.1. A very gracious revival of religion followed; meeting run over and embraced the fourth Sunday in July. Results: Thirty conversions and reclamations; sixteen accessions by ritual; four infants baptized; the presiding elder remained until

Friday; preached seven discourses with demonstration of the Spirit; had a preaching elder do much preaching at any quarterly meeting; he is much beloved by our people; we raised in cash and subscription \$27 for conference assessment on the last day; closed with a large number of penitents at the altar of grace. To God be the glory. We returned thanks to Rev. C. E. Statfam for three excellent sermons, and to Rev. J. W. Whitby for assistance. Next meeting at Pareta second Sunday in August.

Tenaha.

W. L. Pate, July 31: My meeting at Harmony closed last Wednesday night. It was held in connection with our third quarterly conference. Bros. A. J. Frick and H. Twomey were with me from Saturday until Tuesday. Both did effective preaching. The meeting resulted in eight or ten conversions and six accessions to our church.

Duham.

I. M. McAnally, July 25: After earnest and faithful preaching of our circuit preacher, Bro. Hallenbeck, on the Hico circuit, the members have begun to free themselves of their shackles and to move out and up to the help of the Lord; yes, we are moving up on higher plains, spiritually and to the help of the church. There have been several conversions and accessions up to date, and I do pray that Hico circuit may make the best report this year, both spiritual and financial, than before. Brothers, on Hico circuit, let us make this a fact. Our camp-meeting at Trimble's Spring, on Hico circuit, will begin on Friday night before the second Sunday in August. We are praying for and expecting a good time.

Wetmar.

H. M. Haynie, July 28: Our camp-meeting at Oage commenced on the 16th of July, and lasted nine days, with results as follows: Church graciously revived, twenty-eight converted, nineteen accessions to our church. Bros. A. J. Anderson, of Sealy, and J. F. Sullivan, of Flatonia and G. H. Collins, of Columbus, did most of the preaching, which was delivered with great power. We baptized eight children and six adults. Truly we can say that it was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The old timers say that the interest was better this year than it had been for several years past. For all these blessings, we are all praising God, and trying to be all the glory. Sister Graves and Sister Anderson rendered valuable service in the grove and in the altar, for which we are thankful.

Decatur Circuit.

John M. Murphy: Friday night before the second Sunday in July we began a meeting at Sweetwater which lasted nine days. We had a gracious time; the church was lifted to a higher plain; many backsliders reclaimed; eight bright conversions; seven accessions to the church; two infants baptized. Rev. A. E. Sellers, of Greenwood mission, assisted at this meeting and did valuable service. He completely captured the good people, and was remembered in a substantial manner by them. On the third Sunday began at Creek Creek church, greatly revived; many backsliders reclaimed; the altar crowded with penitents, but no conversions. Thanks to Bros. Slaton, Dabney and Strickland for timely assistance. I am now at Mt. Zion with bright prospects of a good meeting. I have a noble, generous people to serve; a bounteous hospitality being extended to all visitors, and in truth a land that flows with milk and honey.

Leesville.

C. H. Maloy, July 28: I have just closed a camp-meeting at Floyd's Chapel. We had a Holy Ghost time; conversions bright and clear. There were about fifty-five conversions; forty-three accessions, and seven accessions to the church; we reclaimed and the church generally revived and built up. The collection for conference assessments amounted to \$90. Thanks to Bro. J. T. Graham, of Waeleler, for four days good work, and Bro. E. K. Denton for three good sermons. Bro. M. A. Black dropped in and gave us two good sermons. Bro. C. F. Goodwin, local aid, did me good service. On Sunday morning, July 12, the first Sunday of the camp-meeting, Bro. M. A. Black, presiding elder of San Angelo district, preached, and previous to the sermon the preacher took up a collection for conference collections, which reached the splendid total of \$90, mostly cash, the remainder good subscriptions. It is due these generous-hearted people to remember this item.

Floyd Circuit.

J. M. Peterson: Before our meeting began here at Floyd the good sisters concluded that the preacher needed a new coat and vest (and they were right in that), so the first thing we knew we were presented a \$12 coat and vest with which we are exceedingly delighted. Then we began our meeting Saturday before the third Sunday; closed last night, July 28. We began by preaching two sermons on infant baptism, and one on the spirituality of the Kingdom of God, Rom. 14:17; had preached several sermons before this on baptism. A great many said it would ruin our meeting (and I am sorry to say among them were some of our own members) but I told them if Methodist doctrine killed a Methodist meeting, just let it die. Here are the visible results, nineteen accessions, most of the church being revived and baptized, and the raising of means to build a church. Will commence work on it next month. We thank God and take courage. Have had thirty-five accessions on the circuit up to date.

Gober.

Jon. P. Rodgers, July 21: Our revival campaign began June 27, and we have held two meetings. The first was at Willow Grove, where we had twenty-seven conversions and twenty-eight accessions, and they now are building a church-house, and before long Gober circuit will have a church-house. The next meeting was at Prairie Point, where we had six conversions and ten accessions. The church here had been in bad shape all the year, and I could not get them to do anything; but during the meeting the Lord revived the church wonderfully, and we had the above named results. We began last night at Gober. Hope and pray that we will have a good meeting here. I have been assisted by my local preachers. They are as loyal as could be desired. Bro. Goynes' family has been sick. So he has not helped much yet, but has been with us some.

Bro. Luna Roberts has been with us almost all the time. Bro. Alexander has stayed with me all the time almost. So I have had all the help that was necessary in the way of preachers, and the Lord has been graciously good to us and we have had a glorious good time. May the Lord still continue to bless us.

Centerville.

George H. Phair, July 31: We have just closed another week of special service at Evans Chapel. We began July 25 and continued until the night of July 30. Results, one infant and eleven adults baptized, church revived, twenty accessions by profession of faith, one by letter. The preacher returned home laden with good things to make his family happy. May the blessing of God be upon the good sisters of Evans Chapel.

Woodville Circuit.

J. M. Porter, July 31: Have just closed a good meeting at Mt. Hope, which resulted in some twenty odd conversions and reclamations, two sanctifications and nine accessions to our church. This makes over 100 conversions, about twenty-five professed sanctifications, and ninety-five accessions to the Methodist Church on the Woodville circuit to date. I can boast of some as fine workers for the Master as any preacher need want. They stand ready for any demand. Blessings upon them all.

Cochran and Caruth.

C. I. McWhirter, July 29: Have held meeting at Caruth and Cochran. At Caruth we had a revival of great extent and power; above sixty conversions, many reclamations and about fifty accessions. At Cochran we had a gracious revival in the church, some ten or twelve conversions, some reclamations and three accessions to date. Many sinners at this meeting were deeply impressed, but would not yield, and some went away not to return. Bros. Wallace, Thomas and Bruner were with us in the Caruth meeting and did much good. Bro. L. A. Dunlap, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, assisted us at Cochran, preached earnestly and effectively the great truth of the gospel of Christ. Our charge has advanced much religiously within the past four years. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. Our next meeting will be the camp-meeting at White Rock to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in August.

Garvin Circuit.

Isaac E. Hightower, July 28: Our third quarterly conference for Garvin circuit was held at Garvin, July 18. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. J. E. L. Annis, was on hand looking after all the interests of the church, and preached two sermons in power and demonstration of the gospel. Our people were all delighted with him and his preaching. Sunday was a day of rejoicing as we deeply manifested our love for the Lord. Bro. Annis baptized five infants and administered the sacrament. We continued the meeting ten days. Bro. Annis left us Monday, but Bro. Trimble, of Springtown, came to our relief and preached three excellent sermons. Bro. Pool and Bro. Ellis, local preachers, did good work, and after ten days' faithful, earnest work we have the following results: Twelve conversions, twelve accessions and the church greatly revived. At the close of the meeting the good friends, at the suggestion of Sister Edwards, made up the money and bought this scrie a nice \$17.50 suit of clothes. Many thanks to the kind friends of Garvin.

Indian Creek.

T. J. Laestler, July 26: Our meeting at Orsatt Chapel closed last night. Our third quarterly conference was held July 18 and 19. Rev. J. P. Mussett, our beloved presiding elder, was with us, preaching and presiding to the satisfaction of all. Had a good time at quarterly conference. We protracted a day at a time for nearly two weeks. We had many seasons of rejoicing during the meeting. Twenty-seven conversions and eleven joined the M. E. Church, South; some will join the Baptist Church. Backsliders were reclaimed. Well, I don't know how many, but from what we could see their heads of families were happy. We were assisted by Rev. J. G. Putnam, of Brownwood station, who did some powerful preaching and good work; also Bro. J. C. S. Baird, local preacher from Santa Anna circuit; Bro. Cuiholm, local preacher of Brownwood, and our own Bro. W. B. Cross, presiding elder, were with us doing faithful work. May God bless these faithful brethren, for they helped us greatly.

Aurora Mission.

S. L. Ball, July 31: Since my last report we have had two protracted meetings, one at Rhome, the other at Willow Creek. The meeting at Rhome was held immediately after the Baptist meeting, the two lasting two weeks. Altogether it was a glorious meeting. Both churches greatly revived, though there were but few conversions, three in the Baptist meeting and six in ours. We closed the meeting with a deepening and widening interest, to meet other engagements, but against the wishes of almost the entire community. It has been said to be among the best, if not the most gracious meeting ever held at this place. The divine presence and glory were manifest at almost every service, and it was believed that much greater work of grace would be wrought could we continue a few days. But we closed with three accessions, one infant baptized, and went to Walnut Creek, where we had a good meeting, most of the church being revived and graciously blessed and three souls happily converted. Four accessions, one infant baptized.

Alvarado.

T. S. Armstrong, August 1: Our third quarterly conference embraced last Saturday and Sunday, July 26, 26. Owing to ill health our presiding elder, Rev. E. L. Armstrong, was not present. This we think a matter of news. Had he been there it would have been no more than was expected. He is spending some weeks at Eureka Springs, Ark., in the hope of a restoration to health. A recent letter from him tells me he is improving. Rev. G. W. Owens came and did the preaching at the quarterly conference, and it was well done. He won the hearts of the people. We called him to the chair and had him preside over the quarterly conference. He makes a splendid excuse. He is the man to talk up the ADVOCATE. O, how he burns official members that do not take it. We think the ADVOCATE speech he made in the quarterly conference will be of lasting benefit. How sadly we received intelligence of the death of Sister Key,

Many a sad tear will be dropped because of this bereavement. The young preacher of Texas has truly lost a martyr. But to God's will we submit. We sincerely hope that Bishop Key will continue his home among us in Texas. May his good Lord be with him in his afflictions.

Bonita.

D. W. Gardner, July 26: We have just closed our meeting at Mt. Zion which began July 17. It went ten days. Visible results, five conversions and nine accessions to the church. There was a general stir among the members. We are indebted to Revs. Jim Rowan and J. W. Nigh for valuable services. July 25 and 26 was our quarterly conference occasion. Our presiding elder, W. S. May, was at his post. Rev. W. T. Arves, of Burlington circuit, preached for us on Saturday at 11 a. m., after which dinner was announced and the table was spread. At 2:30 we met for the business of the quarterly conference, W. S. May, presiding elder, in the chair. The business was carefully looked after, and Rev. W. Burrows was licensed to preach. The presiding elder preached at night. Sunday, at 11 a. m., he (W. S. May) baptized three children and preached a fine sermon and administered the sacrament. He was served on the ground, and at 5 o'clock R. Holland baptized three by immersion, and thus the meeting closed.

Fatou Rock Circuit.

A. W. Wilson, July 27: We are now holding our second protracted meeting. The first was held at Lipan, in Tom Green county. This is a new neighborhood, our church having been organized there only a few months ago. We were ably assisted there by Bro. Potter, of San Angelo, who preached with much power, some most excellent sermons. Bro. Phillips of Silverwood, was with us a short time and preached a splendid sermon. Results: the church greatly revived; seven accessions and about thirty penitents at the close of the meeting. We then began a meeting here at Waldrup, in McConico county. We commenced under unfavorable circumstances at this place, but God's spirit has been in our midst and we are now having a glorious revival. Eight professions, some backsliders reclaimed; the Christians at work; good grove meetings; some old fashioned shouting and large congregations are encouraging us. Four have joined the Methodist and several will go into other churches. Bro. Adams, of Brownwood, is assisting and we believe that God has gracious blessings yet in store for us.

Ingram Mission.

J. C. Ballard, July 27: We closed our camp-meeting at Ingram last night. We had fourteen conversions and fourteen accessions to the Methodist Church. Bro. May, presiding elder, was with us and immediately promised to hold family prayer. The church was greatly revived and strengthened and the writer does feel thankful to God. Rev. W. R. Crockett, of Mason, was with me one week of the meeting, and I simply say that I don't see better help in a meeting than Bro. Crockett. His preaching was noble and he worked faithfully. I can never forget him. Rev. D. C. Robinson preached one excellent sermon and rendered other valuable service. Rev. Townsend, a Baptist brother, preached several excellent sermons for which we were very thankful. Some ministers here which I expected failed to get here and therefore I was alone a good part of the time, with more to do than I could do; but for this the results of the meeting would have been greater. During the meeting we organized a Methodist Sabbath-school. To this there were no real deals of opposition, but while the writer stays on this work this school will continue, and I hope the preacher following me will be of the same mind. We are expecting to carry up all assessments in full to conference.

St. Jo.

Stewart Nelson, July 31: Inclement weather and physical weakness closed our meeting at Union Hill on yesterday. It was continued from our third quarterly conference which convened on the 17th. Bro. May, presiding elder, preached an excellent sermon Sunday. The fact is that this old "soldier of the cross" can beat any man preaching, "for his looks," that I ever met. He warns young preachers against "too much thunder," but when his big heart gets warm with the love of families, there is no thunder as long as any man in Texas. The genial and kind-hearted F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, was with us looking after the interest of our district school, to be built in the near future at Bowie. He did some fine preaching and proved a benediction to pastor and people. May his sanctification sunshine never be diminished. We are indebted to Bros. Jamison, Jester, Step and Oliver for ministerial help, but our most profound gratitude, under God, is due to the precious influence and sweet prayers and noble self-sacrifice of Sisters Payne, Burns, Rose, the Misses Sawyer and Christian. Our church will never be as happy as in Texas. The genial and kind-hearted F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, was with us looking after the interest of our district school, to be built in the near future at Bowie. He did some fine preaching and proved a benediction to pastor and people. May his sanctification sunshine never be diminished. We are indebted to Bros. Jamison, Jester, Step and Oliver for ministerial help, but our most profound gratitude, under God, is due to the precious influence and sweet prayers and noble self-sacrifice of Sisters Payne, Burns, Rose, the Misses Sawyer and Christian. Our church will never be as happy as in Texas. The genial and kind-hearted F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, was with us looking after the interest of our district school, to be built in the near future at Bowie. He did some fine preaching and proved a benediction to pastor and people. May his sanctification sunshine never be diminished. We are indebted to Bros. Jamison, Jester, Step and Oliver for ministerial help, but our most profound gratitude, under God, is due to the precious influence and sweet prayers and noble self-sacrifice of Sisters Payne, Burns, Rose, the Misses Sawyer and Christian. Our church will never be as happy as in Texas. The genial and kind-hearted F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, was with us looking after the interest of our district school, to be built in the near future at Bowie. He did some fine preaching and proved a benediction to pastor and people. May his sanctification sunshine never be diminished. We are indebted to Bros. Jamison, Jester, Step and Oliver for ministerial help, but our most profound gratitude, under God, is due to the precious influence and sweet prayers and noble self-sacrifice of Sisters Payne, Burns, Rose, the Misses Sawyer and Christian. Our church will never be as happy as in Texas. The genial and kind-hearted F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, was with us looking after the interest of our district school, to be built in the near future at Bowie. He did some fine preaching and proved a benediction to pastor and people. May his sanctification sunshine never be diminished. We are indebted to Bros. Jamison, Jester, Step and Oliver for ministerial help, but our most profound gratitude, under God, is due to the precious influence and sweet prayers and noble self-sacrifice of Sisters Payne, Burns, Rose, the Misses Sawyer and Christian. Our church will never be as happy as in Texas. The genial and kind-hearted F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, was with us looking after the interest of our district school, to be built in the near future at Bowie. He did some fine preaching and proved a benediction to pastor and people. May his sanctification sunshine never be diminished. We are indebted to Bros. Jamison, Jester, Step and Oliver for ministerial help, but our most profound gratitude, under God, is due to the precious influence and sweet prayers and noble self-sacrifice of Sisters Payne, Burns, Rose, the Misses Sawyer and Christian. Our church will never be as happy as in Texas. The genial and kind-hearted F. O. Miller, of Bowie station, was with us

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THIRD QUARTER, LESSON VII—AUGUST 16.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

THE FIVE THOUSAND FED.—John 6:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: I am the bread of life.—John 6:48.

TIME: A. D. 29. PLACE: Bethsaida.

OUTLINE. I. The Need.—Verses 1-7. II. The Supply.—Verses 8-14.

INTRODUCTION.

About a year elapsed between the events of the last and of the present lesson. During the year, spent principally in Galilee, occurred the calling of the disciples, the sermon on the mount, the parables of the sea, and the beheading of John the Baptist.

I. THE NEED.—Verses 1-7. 1. After these things—an indefinite expression referring to the events of the preceding year. Jesus went over the sea of Galilee—called also "the lake of Tiberias," "the Lake of Genesareth."

2. A great multitude followed him—Christ was now at the zenith of his popularity; because they saw his miracles—John does not record these miracles, but Matthew does in chapters 12 to 14.

3. Jesus went up into a mountain—withdrawn with his disciples for rest, as the people crowded them so that they had no leisure even for eating (Mark 6:31).

4. The passover... was nigh—about ten or twelve days before the third passover after our Savior's baptism, Jesus did not go up to Jerusalem to attend this passover, because the Jews sought to kill him (John 7:1).

5. Saw a great company—multitudes of people were on their way to attend the passover; these with the contiguous population made immense congregations, drawn to Christ because of his miracles. He saith to Philip—as Peter was probably the chairman and Judas the treasurer, so Philip may have been the commissary of the twelve.

6. This he said to prove him—to try his faith; to see if he and the others would consider Christ as the great Provider. From the other Gospels we learn that Christ had been preaching and healing the people up to the time of this miracle which was toward the close of the day. Augustine says: "It was not bread which he sought from Philip, but faith."

7. Philip answered—he and the others stumbled at the difficulty of feeding so many, without thinking of what Christ had already done. Philip took the Savior's word practically, and, running his eye over the crowd, said, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient—the denarius was a Roman coin worth about fifteen cents, so that the amount mentioned by Philip was about thirty dollars, and, says Clarke, it "appears to have been more than our Lord and all his disciples were worth of this world's goods."

8. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother—he also was of Bethsaida, and knew the surroundings, being doubtless acquainted with many of the people.

9. There is a lad here—literally a little boy, or servant, who came to sell his small stock, as boy peddlers attend our public gatherings. Five barley loaves—the bread of the poor people was made of barley, worth one-third as much as wheat; the loaves were thin cakes to be broken, not cut. Two small fishes—either fresh fish cooked, or probably dried fish, such as we often see for sale. What are they among so many—this would supply the hunger of only one family.

10. Make the men sit down—that all might see what he did, and be conveniently served with food. There was much grass—it was April, and the hills were full of verdure.

11. Jesus took the loaves—one loaf to a thousand men, besides women and children. When he had given thanks—said the grace, asked God's blessing on the food. The Cambridge Bible says that this giving of thanks was the means of the miracle.

12. When they were filled—that was a feast where none went hungry. Gather up the fragments—carefulness and economy. Christ, who owned the world, would not be wasteful.

13. Filled twelve baskets with the fragments—probably each disciple had a basket; the gathering of the fragments showed not only economy, but also that the people had really eaten. The Jews took baskets to carry their provisions, lest, while on a journey, they should become ceremonially unclean by contact with heathen utensils.

14. Then those men—Rev. Ver.

"when therefore the people," we now see the effects of the wonderful miracle; had seen the miracle—tradition declared that when the Messiah came manna would once more fall from heaven, and they rejoiced as if the time of leisure and plenty were at hand.

These were the man's swift decisions. And then another laugh took the hot color out of his cheeks almost in a moment. "Ha, ha, Uncle Blunt!" a voice said right at the east side of the Pledge.

1. All four of the evangelists record this miracle and the parallel accounts should be studied.

2. There is a lad here. The smallest agents may be of service. God prefers to use a medium through which to work. When the little boy went into the crowd, basket on his arm, he thought only of providing his own lunch, or of selling his loaves and fishes. Never was boy more surprised to see his stock grow so enormously.

3. The loaves and fishes were not multiplied as long as they were in the basket. They increased only when Christ took them into his hands, gave thanks, and began to distribute them. Much is lost because not brought out and used. Buried gold will mildew. The man who hid his talent in the earth lost the increase of it, and, worse than that, his Lord's favor.

4. They were filled. This was a wonderful miracle. Yet God feeds us as Jesus fed the multitude. He makes the seed grow as the loaves in the Master's hands. When Christ looked up to heaven and gave thanks before breaking the bread, it was a recognition of God as the source of all supply.

5. The object of the miracle was to teach that Christ is the Bread of Life. This will be the subject of our next lesson.

Old and Young.

THE WINNER OF THE RACE.

I saw them start, an eager throng, All young and strong and fleet; Joy lighted up their beaming eyes, Hope sped their flying feet.

The way was long, the way was hard; The golden goal gleamed far Above the steep and distant hills— A shining pilot star.

But ah, what folly! See, he stops To raise a fallen child, To place it out of danger's way With kiss and warming milk.

And so, wherever duty calls, Or sorrow or distress, He leaves his chosen path to aid, To comfort, and to bless.

Some brows with gold were bound, But all unknown, unheeded, stood— Heaven's light upon his face— With empty hands and uncrowned head, The winner of the race.

—Susan Marr Spaulding, in Sunday School Times.

HOW THE BIRDS HELPED PATTY. Fisherman Blunt was working slowly in the Pledge.

The currant bushes around him were so red with fruit that it seemed that every bird that flew over Harout's Island lighted on the garden fence to watch them, or chatted about them as they went by.

The fisherman was sure, too, that the neighbors had not exaggerated when they had said that he would have two bushels of gooseberries.

Two men went rowing along the opposite shore of the cove near by. They sang as though they hadn't a

care. Their dory looked as though it was well loaded with fish.

"That's the way I used to sing and feel," thought the fisherman, "before I left off drinking and planted the Pledge—and—"

"I took up part of my nets this morning. I'll take up the rest of them before night."

"No, no," he laughed. "Well, all that I did was to ask you to stop drinking the poison liquor. When you said you couldn't I told you that one of your greatest dangers was in being idle when you were not fishing or mending your nets."

"There, you see, he knows all about it," laughed Patty. "I see," smiled the fisherman. "And I guess a little girl was watching and saw me pull up my nets this morning. I tried to do it before you were likely to be up. But I felt all the while as though somebody with eyes as bright as a robin's was looking at me."

"Yes, I saw you taking up a few of the nets," said Patty, promptly. "But I'm going to look out at the back shore again to-night. Then I'll see you putting them out again."

"Cheer up, cheer up," sang the robin on the fence. "Do you really think I'll catch any thing if I put the nets down?" asked the man.

"The fisherman's tears were dried as though a gust of hot wind had swept across his face. "If the gulls are there the fall school of mackerel must be coming up the shore," he said, trustfully.

"Thank you, dear girl, thank you!" and down tumbled the spade from Fisherman Blunt's hand. "I don't deserve the thanks, Uncle Blunt," answered Patty with her black eyes sparkling. "The birds told me. You must reward them."

"Robins do, though; and it was their watching on the fence and the hawks circling over that made me know you were down here. I wouldn't give the hawks anything."

Patty was looking across the cove at the two fishermen in the dory as she spoke, though. Uncle Blunt's eyes were so full of gratitude as they glanced at the girl's happy face.

"They are like birds of evil watching for my soul," he said, solemnly; "but they shall have no more power over me."

He bowed his head, looked reverently up toward the blue sky, and hurried away to set all his nets which he had taken up.

When he came up from the back shore the next morning he saw Patty working in her grandmother's garden, and waved his hand to her.

"The gulls told you right," he said. "I've got three or four hundred dollars' worth of mackerel in my nets."

Then taking the girl's hand, and looking thankfully into her face, he added: "There are other kinds of birds which have told you things—trust in God—how to help me with work in the Pledge! I heard you praying for me when I went by last night. And I watched you reading the Good Book. My mother used to teach me an old verse when I was a lad. It all came back to me as I saw you there:

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Robinson is sensitive about his length, and suggested that in order to avoid comment the three tall men avoid being seen together. Arriving in England, they went directly to Leeds, where they learned that a lecturer would address the working classes on "America and Americans."

Anxious to hear what Englishmen thought of the great republic, they went to the hall. They entered, separately, and took seats apart. The lecturer, after some uninteresting remarks, said that Americans were, as a rule, short, and seldom, if ever, rose to the height of five feet ten inches. He did not know to what cause he could attribute this fact, but he wished he could present examples to the audience.

Phillips Brooks rose to his feet, and said: "I am an American, and as you see about six feet in height and sincerely hope if there be any other representative of my country present he will rise."

After a moment's interval, Mr. Robinson rose and said, "I am from America, in which country my height—six feet two—is the subject of no remark. If there be any other American here, I hope that he will rise."

The house was in a jolly humor. Waiting until the excitement could abate in some degree, and the lecturer regain control of his shattered nerves, Dr. McVickar slowly drew his majestic form to its full height, and exclaimed, "I am an—." But he got no further. The audience roared, and the lecturer said no more on that subject.—Selected.

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MRS. MITTEN.

Perhaps this good lady would never have been known to the world had it not been that she was the mother of Master William Mitten. But neither would her son have been known had not the author of "The Georgia Scenes" written his biography, which was written to let the world know why Master William did not become world-known. And as one of the principal reasons for William's being "unknown to fame" was Mrs. Mitten herself, the biography of the son includes that of the mother.

Mrs. Mitten was a widow, whose only child was William. She, like a few other widows, escaped a second marriage for very obvious reasons, which are detailed at some length in the son's history. Having had the misfortune to lose her first husband and the good fortune to escape the second, she of course had the full responsibility of rearing her only child—the greater responsibility because an only child, for they do say it is more difficult to train one up in the way it should go than to train several in that way. If the Rev. John Wesley had been the only son of a windowed mother perhaps Methodism had never been. Mrs. Mitten was a very guileless widow, which fact will not be doubted when it is remembered that she had a "love scrape" and came very near to marriage with a devil in spite of all the remonstrances of Capt. Thompson, her only brother and best friend and adviser. But Mrs. Mitten was a good woman, strong in faith and given to much prayer, and in the matter of love with the devil (incarnate) providence favored her and she made a hairbreadth escape, to ever after bless the Lord for his special providence. Providence, however, favors all women, but all women do not favor providence, and for that reason Providence can not rescue them all. Therefore, of many a married woman it may be truly said, "she hath a devil." This leads us to remark that Eve was not the only woman deceived by a serpent. The world generally condemns the deceived woman, but the deceiver is none the less a devil on that account.

It will be seen from the foregoing remarks that with all Mrs. Mitten's guilelessness and religious devotion she had ideas of her own and did not always take the advice of her wisest and best friends. This is nothing uncommon among women of the kind and would elicit no remark except to call attention to her idea about William's training. She thought "William hard to drive, but easy to lead." This opinion, however, was not formed altogether on observation of her son's disposition, but it was really her idea of discipline, and being rooted and grounded in this doctrine of discipline which, no doubt, she formulated out of her own feelings, it was but a natural and easy matter to fit the idea to the child's disposition.

Now, here was a mistake which not only Mrs. Mitten made, but which many who claim much higher attainments in philosophy make. It is no uncommon thing to hear very learned arguments and wise reasons for fitting the methods of discipline to the disposition of the child. Discipline is the mold in which character is to be shaped. Therefore, to conform discipline to the natural disposition of the child is nothing more nor less than to conform its character to its natural disposition. No mistake could be more fatal. Moral character should be built on a firmer foundation than natural disposition unless the object is to build, like the fool, on mere sand. Such a house will not stand in the day of trial. Character must be built upon the eternal rock of righteousness, and the building must be carried to completion according to the rules and specifications of the divine Architect. In fact the natural disposition is generally the greatest obstacle in the way of the formation of good character. It is the very thing which must be subdued or transformed by discipline. Neither must it be forgotten that there is a moral disposition as well as the natural. The moral disposition is the attribute of character, and is formed with it. It is the result of discipline, or the want of it rather than a guide to it. And those who make the disposition of the child the guide to discipline too often follow the attribute of a depraved character already in formation.

In all this, of course, we speak of method which involves principle. There may be different ways to do the right thing, and it may be immaterial as to the way of doing it, or the better way under the circumstances may be wisely left to the judgment acquainted with the surroundings. But it would be exceedingly difficult to adopt a method of discipline which did not involve principle as well.

Thus Mrs. Mitten's motto was not a mere method, but it was a doctrine; and as the sequel showed the very method, even had it been right in principle, least fitted to the training of her son. She persisted in it, however, against the advice and remonstrances of her brother and the better class of teachers to whom William was sent to school. Time nor space will allow us to follow the son from the cradle to manhood to show all the errors and evils which resulted from this pernicious doctrine. But suffice it to say that instead of rising to the summit of the mount of fame as his natural talents promised, or becoming a blessing to the world as the result of the influence of his mother's piety, he became a very skillful gambler and died in obscurity.

Mrs. Mitten, it will be seen, in endeavoring to escape Scylla fell into Charibdis. In avoiding a tyrannical despotism she fell into domestic anarchy. Parental authority, became parental suasion. In stead of commands she gave mere advice. Her precepts were issued, it is true, in the form of the command, but without penal sanctions they amounted to nothing more than advice. Her training, except in her example, was entirely of a negative character, as is always the case where discipline is exclusively of the "leading" kind, and the most remarkable thing about that kind is that whatever else it may do it fails to lead. Discipline without authority to properly enforce is discipline with the fundamental principle left out. We read in the Book of wisdom: "Children, obey your parents." It will hardly be contended that this means, "Children, read the advice of your parents." We read also in that Book of our Father who has one administration of government for all his children, who are all under the same laws. There is not a different government for each child. We are not very likely to improve on the Divine administration.

Mrs. Mitten separated two things which are inseparably joined together in all good parental government. Had she practically combined her "driving" and "leading" into one instead of severing them she would have had parental authority exercised in love. Neither driving nor leading can be adopted with safety as the sole method in the training of any particular child, no matter what the disposition, and much less can either be adopted as the principle of all parental discipline. These two elements of government the All-wise Creator has planted in the constitution of the person to be governed. We have the authoritative commands of conscience with its rewards and punishments, and the leading suasion of the affections and desires of the heart. And not until the leading of the heart harmonizes with the authority of conscience does self-government result in righteousness of life. The true model for parental discipline is found therefore in the moral constitution rather than in what is called the natural disposition of the child. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" is a wise maxim,

and thousands of our best men and women rise up to-day and bless the discipline which made them "pass under the rod" in the evil days of their youth; while on the other hand we doubt not that some have been spoiled by a tyrannical use of the rod. Yet we are persuaded that more have perished for the want of it than from its improper use.

But after all, perhaps, Mrs. Mitten was not so much to blame, for she was only a mother. To say that she was a mother is to say a great deal for her and in favor of her son, for there is no greater blessing on earth than a true mother. But motherhood is not the full complement of parental government. Completion requires both father and mother. Unfortunately for William the two principles which his mother severed in her theory of government had been severed in their representatives by the death of his father.

There are some women who in addition to the tenderness of the mother have also a sufficient degree of the authoritative elements of the father to make a safe government for the children. The two elements are also combined in some. Mrs. Mitten's error was in the line of the exaggeration of the purely motherly. This was William's misfortune. Yet there are many children in the world whose parents both live who are much more orphaned than was William Mitten. The most pitiable sight in the world is the orphan child whose parents both live, whose training is left to the hired servant, or, what may be infinitely worse, to the devils of mankind at large.

But in all this it must not be forgotten that Mrs. Mitten was religious. She was truly pious. She was a woman of faith and prayer. She taught her son the true principles of life, and if she did not enforce them with proper authority, she sanctified her instructions with prayers. When she died she left the rich legacy of a godly example. The influence of that example her wayward son could never escape. After a profligate and wasted life, at last he came to himself under the influence of his mother's example and died trusting in his mother's Savior and God. Had he been properly trained as he was taught, he might have been a blessing to the world and instrumental in saving others, but it is consoling to know that after all the mistakes and errors made in our opinions and methods, our example may at last be felt and our prayers answered.

THE COLLECTION.

SOME of our Northern Methodist exchanges are busy explaining why they do not want a negro bishop in this church.

Let every pastor remember the week of prayer appointed by our bishops, the program of which was published in this paper a few issues back. Remember the time is August 9-16.

Last week's issue of Zion's Herald contains an article by Dr. Hoss of the Nashville Advocate on "The Points of Contact and Difference between the two Methodisms." This article is adorned with a likeness of Dr. Hoss which is not calculated to make our friend and brother vain.—Southern Advocate.

Yes, Zion's Herald ought to apologize to Dr. Hoss for that "miserable cut."

THERE was much enthusiasm awakened at the Christian Endeavor meeting when a delegate from Marshall, Texas, spoke. He was a Chinaman and a member of the M. E. Church, South. He spoke in a clear voice and with good accent, saying: "China comes slow, but she comes solid and pure. I have been in this country four years, and I am glad I came, for I have found my Savior. I want you to pray for me." Some one called out: "What are you going to do? Going back to China?" Yes, I am going back to tell my friends and my parents about Jesus." There was great cheering.—Michigan Advocate.

ELSEWHERE Dr. H. S. Thrall calls attention to the success of a Methodist University in Nebraska. The doctor's object is to provoke to good works. He thinks success may be achieved in Texas also. The example set before us is praiseworthy. In Nebraska the Methodists having no school of high grade undertook to supply the need by building a university. But we can not conceive of so great a need for a university in Nebraska as in Texas. So if there is anything in need to arouse Texas Methodism, we certainly have it. Another point of similarity is that they are trying to build one in Nebraska, while we are trying to build one in Texas. We have been trying twenty years with good success in patronage and work done. But financially, the doctor's example for encouragement far surpasses us. That is the success we need just now. Let Texas Methodism give us the cash to put up a \$75,000 building and then a few men like Dr. Haish to plank down \$50,000 and

\$5,000 in cash, and Southwestern University will move forward in proportion to the demands upon it, and the designs of the church in its establishment. Dr. Haish with his cash is the most prominent thing in the Nebraska case. Would to God we had a few such in Texas. But as they do not seem to be forthcoming for the present, we must not wait for them. Let every Methodist in Texas do what he is able, and we will have the so much needed cash to make our university worthy the church it represents. Concentration on the enterprise now in hand and the help of all is what we need. May the example cited encourage some to do likewise for our university.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personal.

—The Rev. Thos. O. Shanks is in the midst of a gracious revival at Stringtown, I. T.

—St. Louis Advocate: The Rev. S. W. Emory, on account of ill health has been compelled to give up his work at Bonne Terre, and has gone to Virginia, intending to take work in the West Virginia Conference in the fall. . . Park Church, Hanibal, is being renovated and repaired, and while these repairs have been going on the congregation has been worshipping in the Congregational chapel, corner Fifth street and Broadway. It was expected that the church would be ready for reopening last Sabbath. . . Rev. Wm B North Ph. D., of West Plains, organized a Southern Methodist Church at Silam Springs, Howell county, on the 14th inst., with a membership of nineteen, and a Southern Methodist Sunday school at the same time and place with a membership of thirty. . . We have a small church edifice at this place, paid for, and the outlook for success of Southern Methodism here is promising.

—Nashville Advocate: In our last issue we noted the fact of Dr. Boud's absence at Washington, Ga., on account of the sickness of one of his children. Since then the little sufferer has passed into the presence of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We sincerely and tenderly sympathize with our brother who twice within a year has been called to look upon the face of his dead. [This Advocate adds its sympathies] . . . Bishop R. K. Hargrove has returned from a Virginia, wither he went to hold three district conferences. He brings encouraging news from the "Old Dominion," and looks as if he had not suffered anything from his long journey and much work. . . Dr. Hoss was called, Saturday last, to Arkansas, to the bedside of his mother, supposed to be dying.

—Jno. J. Tigert, in Nashville Advocate: An elder, honored by his brethren with the presidency of an annual conference, should be empowered to ordain the elders and deacons elected at that conference. The resolution is: 1. The recommendation of the Examining Committee and the election of the annual conference are the only essential conditions of ordination in our church. The ordination by the bishop follows as a matter of course. His duty is purely executive and ministerial. There has probably never been a case of a bishop refusing to ordain a deacon or elder elected by an annual conference, or another bishop elected by the General Conference. Consequently there would be nothing unsafe in allowing the elected president of an annual conference to ordain elders and deacons elect who should present themselves during its session. 2. This restraint upon an elder presiding in an annual conference leans toward the prelatical absurdities of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and reflects upon our eldership, with whom are lodged the same powers of ordination which John Wesley exercised, and which they would have to assume, as the Discipline expressly allows, in the event of the death or disqualification of all our bishops. 3. Our annual conferences, at almost every session, recognize the orders of some semi-literate Baptist or Campbellite, ordained by a backwoods council of elders whose responsibility can be hardly ascertained. We mean not the slightest disrespect for these brethren who come among us, or for the source of their orders. But surely, if these men's credentials are accepted without delay, we ought not to refuse immediate ordination at the hands of one of our own honored elders, presiding in annual conference, to a man who has passed the examinations required by the whole College of Bishops, and secured election to orders by a church court so large and respectable and responsible as one of our annual conferences.

—McAlester District Conference, Indian Mission Conference, Thomas O. Shanks, secretary: The first session of the McAlester District Conference, of the Indian Mission Conference, M. E. Church, South, was held at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, July 15, 1891. M. A. Smith, presiding elder, was in the chair and presided with great ease and equity. All of the preachers in charge within the district were present. The local preachers also attended, there being more present than previously at our district conferences. The attendance of delegates was good. Thomas O. Shanks was elected secretary. The business of the conference was conducted by special committees. The reports from the various committees show a marked increase of interest in most all lines of church work. The following resolution was adopted by the conference: Whereas, the McAlester district was

destitute of a district parsonage and the presiding elder determined to raise the means for a parsonage, if he could get considerable aid from the Parsonage and Home Mission Society. The presiding elder collected what he could on the district, and the Parsonage and Home Mission Society, from lack of funds, failed to make an appropriation; and, whereas, the presiding elder determined to visit different points in Texas to solicit aid, obtaining several hundred dollars, and has thus saved property valued at \$1500 to the church; therefore be it

Resolved, that this district conference owes those people a debt of gratitude for their great kindness and liberality in assisting in this important part of the work of our church.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and Our Brother in Red for publication. J. O. SHANKS, J. W. LLOYD, J. D. WHITEHEAD.

We are glad to say that the cause of Christ is prospering throughout the bounds of our Indian Mission Conference. Glory to God. We are expecting to take this country for Jesus Christ. Brethren of Texas, pray for us in this important mission field. "The fields are ripe unto the harvest."

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—The Rev. E. M. Myers, of the Texas Conference, passed this way en route to Paris, Texas, this week. We concluded from his conversation that he did not expect to return alone. A traveling companion of the right quality is not objectionable in this life.

—The Rev. Sam P. Wright reports progress on the new church enterprise at Georgetown. He expects to break dirt soon, and some time in the not far distant congregation will move out of the "flat" into an elegant church building. "Sam" says he is the only pastor who can stand flat-footed and lick salt off the top of his church.

THUS SAITH THE TRIPOD.

Michigan Advocate: There is a Latin sentence, *nil desperandum*, usually translated, "never despair." It is even more pregnant of good counsel than that translation shows. It carries the idea of duty, and implies that one might not despair. And it extends this duty to everything that one may properly hope for. So that a freer translation would be, "We ought to despair of nothing." Apply this to the church, to the country, to our municipal affairs, to the problem of capital and labor, to temperance, to the marriage relation, to moral purity and to morals in general. *Nil desperandum.*

Alabama Advocate: No church can long stand in the front in this generation, if she be lacking in wise and liberal provision for the education of her boys. The church that is guilty of neglect in this vital particular will in the providence of God be soon reformed by the rear and her altars abandoned. Protestant Christianity has always been the foster-mother of science and letters, the harbinger of a higher and more advanced education.

Nashville Advocate: The sum of what we have written is this: First, men ought to vote as they pray—that is to say, thoughtfully and honestly; and, secondly, they ought to be allowed to do so without let or hindrance from any quarter. The attempt to constrain them, whether it comes from one direction or another, is a piece of tyranny and an invasion of sacred rights. To instruct them, to reason with them, to persuade them—all this is well enough; but whatever goes beyond this, no matter what sanctimonious claims it may put forward, is of the devil.

St. Louis Advocate: It has been stated on reliable authority that during the last ten years the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York has increased its membership much more rapidly than any other Protestant denomination in that city, and this difference is attributed chiefly to the increased attention to pastoral labor. Fifty of the churches have each one pastor, and twenty-two churches are supplied with two or more ordained men. The latter have increased more than 100 per cent during the last ten years, while the increase of the former has been far less. These facts are suggestive. No church in towns or cities will ever prosper as it should without a full measure of pastoral work from house to house.

Holston Methodist: But it takes time and toil to construct short sermons. You must leave out the time honored introduction about the character and career of the Apostle Paul, or other author of your text which once prepared will serve for scores of sermons. You must keep back the elaborate and symmetrical skeleton, whose form fits equally well all discourses. Being deprived of the convenient custom of making up in quantity what you lack in quality, you must have something to say. You must leave out all redundancies and non-essentials and condense and compact your thoughts. Not having room for elaborate and gorgeous pictures, or sensational stories which to adorn a flimsy discourse you must fill your short speech with solid, clear cut ideas, whose naked beauty and native force shall win them access to the minds and hearts of your hearers. F. R.

ON OUR NORTHERN BORDER.

How I should like, for the pleasure of those who have not seen it, to describe Niagara, rushing, roaring, foaming down the rapids, thundering over the precipice, and again hurrying madly down its deep, narrow channel to find its rest in the placid lake. But lan-

guage is impotent; one must see it to have any conception of it. I gazed for hours upon this marvel of nature, and the longer I looked, the profounder grew my awe and wonder. I believe a visit to Niagara would be one of the very best remedies for a mild case of egotism. I know not when I have felt more subdued and humble than on that evening when, weary with the tramp of the day, I returned again to look upon the mighty cataract by moonlight. How marvelous are the works of God. But we are blind and stupid, and only when we are aroused by some unusual display of his power do we begin dimly to realize how wonderful is the universe in which we live and of which we are part.

Why should we not feel the same awe and wonder when we gaze upon the clear night-sky that we feel in the presence of Niagara? "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him?" So sang the man whose eyes were open. "If the stars only came out once in a thousand years," says Emerson, "how we should wonder and admire." Carlyle thinks we are constantly deceived by the illusions of time and space. Could these be removed, and those transported from the far-off beginning to the ending, "then were thine eyes unsealed, and thy heart set flaming in the light sea of celestial wonder. Then wouldst thou that this fair universe, even in the meanest province thereof, were none other than the star-dome of God, and that in every star, in every blade of grass, and in set of all, in every living soul, the glory of a present God still beams. But nature, which is the time-vesture of God reveals him to the wise, hides him from the foolish."

I wonder still more when I see how God clothes the awful things of nature with beauty. Think of Niagara, wild, mighty, terrible Niagara, wearing a coronet of gems brighter than those that sparkle in the crowns of fabled princes of the East, covered with a mantle woven of burnished silver, and girded with rainbows!

TRAGEDY AND COMEDY.

How strangely the tragic and comic meet and blend in the experiences of our lives. Soldiers laugh and jest. I have heard, on the eve of battle. Quite a company of us were standing over the American falls, watching the raging current as it leaped down upon the rocks and then rose up in silvery spray or graceful mist, when some one cried out: "There comes a man over the falls." Of course we all rushed up to the spot and many of us had the grim satisfaction of seeing the body rise in a few moments and flat down the current. A meagerly-dressed woman came up weeping and declared that the unfortunate man was her husband; that they came over from Buffalo that morning, and he became intoxicated, and in his drunken frenzy rushed into the water and was carried over the cataract. She seemed deeply grieved, and elicited much sympathy from the bystanders.

When she had been duly examined by officers and was about to start on her sad journey homeward the maulin fellow came staggering up. The good wife was overcome with joy, though I could not imagine why, and cried out in glad surprise: "How did you get out?" A hearty laugh on the part of the crowd relieved the tension of sympathy, and each went his way, thinking little more of the luckless stranger.

ACROSS THE LAKE.

I have found nothing, even amid the majestic mountains of Mexico, that filled me more deeply with a sense of the sublime than the canyon of Niagara river as seen from the New York Central and Hudson River railroad. Part of the track is built in the side of the bluff, and from your seat in the car you may look down upon the rapid current many feet below. At Lewiston this surging stream widens into a calm, beautiful river, flowing gently away to mingle its waters with those of Lake Ontario, a few miles below. A few hours ride across this lake on the little steamer which we found, awaiting us at Lewiston brought us to the fair city of Toronto, capital of the province of Ontario. Its beauty, thrift and magnitude were a surprise to me. Its substantial buildings, well paved streets and shaded avenues are by no means suggestive of newness or crudeness. The new Parliament building when finished will rival our own capitol in size and magnificence.

There seems to be a laudable ambition on the part of the citizens of Toronto to make her the educational center of the domain; and judging from the assemblage of schools about Owen's Park, they are in a fair way to see their hope realized. First of all is the Dominion University with its various departments, its splendid equipments, and its elegant buildings. Around this are gathered various denominational schools which are in correlation with it. Among these, the Methodist Victoria University, just removed from Cobourg will, when complete, have a conspicuous place.

Toronto is destined to be the Elfinburg of the New World, being not only a city of schools, but also a city of churches. She is noted for her quiet, orderly Sabbaths, upon which all business is suspended, not even street cars being permitted to run. Methodism is one of the leading denominations of the city, having, as I learned, about forty churches.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

The National Educational Convention is holding its annual session here this week. More than sixteen thousand teachers, according to the daily papers, are in attendance. In purchasing my railroad ticket, I quite innocently became proprietor of a certificate of membership in the association.



A cream of latest baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Latest U. S. Government Food Report.

I did not realize the honor that had fallen upon me until I presented my ticket at this end of the line, when I was made the recipient of a blue badge bearing the letters, "N. E. A." This I forthwith donned, and then sallied forth to see the sights. I met plenty of company and was hailed everywhere as a brother, for blue badges were to be seen in every direction. But my in cognita was spoiled on the afternoon of the first day by an unexpected meeting with a company of teachers from Austin. They were quite amused at my new role, but refused to recognize me as a member of the craft without some more genuine evidence of conversion. I took off my badge that night, and have not worn it since.

The opening of this immense gathering Tuesday was an occasion of great interest. A number of distinguished Canadians delivered addresses of welcome. Perhaps the most felicitous among them all was Principal Grant, of Queen's University. Here are a few sentences:

People tell us, too, that we are not a nation at all, but only a dominion. However, we are practical persons, and for these the one word means pretty much the same thing as the other. We have the rights and privileges of a nation, except the privilege of paying a share of the imperial expenses—when these mean an expensive army and navy, or a still more expensive pension fund. [Laughter.] Some of us are not half as sorry as we should be that we have no share in paying the bill.

You are more than a century older than Canada, you see, and you must, therefore, make allowances and not show more contempt for us than a lad of sixteen usually does for a boy of six or for his grandmothers. [Laughter and applause.] I think you take to us, for we are wonderfully like you in some respects. For instance, nothing pleases us so much as washing our dirty linen, both municipal and federal, in public. When a particularly dirty bit is dragged to light, it is greeted with jeers of exultation.

Oh, kismet, blend the two flags together and count those men enemies of the race who seek to erect or seek to maintain barriers between the British Commonwealth and the United States, or who teach that it is a good thing for neighbors to have no intercourse with each other. Join hands and never forget that we at last are children of the light. [Loud cheers.]

Appropriate responses on behalf of the United States were made by Commissioner Harris and a number of our prominent educators. No discussion in which the general public would feel an especial interest has come up in the proceedings thus far; but light in rich abundance is being shown for the teachers.

THOUGHTS OF HOME.

The cool breeze and bracing climate of this northern lake country have a wonderful invigorating power. I already find myself weighing more than for a number of years before, and my hoarseness is much improved. So my thoughts begin to turn toward my home in the far South. I shall soon be at my work again. E. B. CHAPPELLE, TORONTO, CANADA.

LEO ROSSER'S JOURNAL.

I continue the journal of the meeting in Kerrville, blessed Kerrville: June 6, Saturday—This day, fifty years ago, Louisa, my only sister, a sweet saint, soared to heaven and left me lonely ever since, though not far from her now.

June 7, Sunday—Preached twice—at night to a throng, in and out of the church; came to see "what these things mean," and leaving the great inquiry unsettled. Kerrville trembles in the scales which make Felix shiver.

June 8, Monday night—Preached. Kerrville says: "Go thy way," and I go. To-morrow night, farewell.

June 9, Tuesday night—Preached to the young converts, seated in the central seats. And now to Centre Point, ten miles distant, an appointment of Kerrville circuit, and waiting in high hope. So ends my first and brief campaign in the West Texas Conference, with forty conversions, the church rebaptized, resealed and strengthened, and my gospel flight to Texas daily expanding and brightening.

CENTRE POINT.

June 10, Wednesday—In the carriage of Bro. Black, presiding elder, with him, his youthful son driving, rode to Judge Burney's, dined, and in carriage of the Judge, he driving, rode to Centre Point, a journey amid breezes, bland and pure, and scenery lovely as Eden's. Staying with Bro. Down. Preached at night to about fifty, among them four of the "oldest, hardest" cases in town. The church is already in a bright blaze.

June 11, Thursday night—Preached to about ninety. We are on the eve of a great work here, in the church, the Sunday-school and the world. In the church everywhere there is work enough for the greatest revival known since the revival in the Jewish Church

at Pentecost, embracing, in our day, (1) those who never were converted, and never professed conversion; (2) the backslidden; (3) dead formalists; (4) the regenerate, but entirely sanctified. O for a revival embracing all these classes here and everywhere I go! May Texas bloom like a paradise! I preach (1) repentance; (2) saving faith; (3) justification; (4) regeneration; (5) entire sanctification or perfect love; (6) the witness of the Spirit to this whole inward work; (7) obedience. This is my commission, my creed, my experience, and my aim.

June 2, Friday night—Preached to a full house of the best people in town and country. I hear the thrilling whisper, "Go forward." My faith is the pledge of a great work here and now.

June 13, Saturday night—H. T. Hill preached to a full house and hope increasing.

June 4, Sunday—Preached twice to throngs from town, country and Kerrville. Quarterly meeting, M. A. Black, presiding elder, with us and in front. A day of great power to us all, and we knew it, the promise of greater power we believe. I seem caught away by the spirit in my flight. I have no definite sense of any particular grace predominating as love, peace or joy, but the presence and impulse of a power, the source of every grace, and which sweeps everything along with it and before it. Round the whole circle of spiritual need the Spirit seemed to rouse this people to-day. My own soul has never been so ended with divine energy. We are listening for more than the high sound or signal at Pentecost, and looking for more than the tongues of fire or gift of languages at Jerusalem, even the "power from on high" that prophets, apostles, angels and our fathers had. It is this power only that can save the soul anywhere, but especially here.

June 15, Monday—Preached twice. Two penitents; the promise and pledge of increasing power. We should expect conversion under the sermon, at the altar, at the prayer-meeting at home, all the time. We are looking for the abiding "power from on high."

June 16, Tuesday—The promised Spirit with us all day, melting all hearts—sixteen penitents, thirteen conversions. At night the same spirit holding the multitude in the hushed awe of conviction and extreme of repentance. Three penitents, one staying at the altar till near midnight.

June 17, Wednesday—Preached twice. Solemn silence significant of some sudden simultaneous outburst of a pent up power in the church and world. I seem to be floating in a boundless glory, sometimes whether in the body or out of the body, I do not stop to think, in which the prospect brightens as it expands, and the sweet, blue sky above seems waiting to open for my flight through it to the everlasting heavens.

June 18, Thursday night—Preached. The same solemn, ominous indication, like a calm preceding a terrific agitation in nature. I would die of a broken heart if God should cease to give sales to my ministry. Nothing now reconciles me to anguish of absence from home and heaven, but this one blessed, great, crowning proof. Is it no use, the more vividly in age we can recall the halcyon past of home, extending to childhood, the nearer we are to the restoration and perpetuity of the long suspended fellowship and in the highest perfection?

June 19, Friday night—Preached. The sweetest odor of grace poured out again and again on the church, and in the conversion of sinners. Five penitents, four conversions.

June 20, Saturday night—Exhortation. Eight penitents, six conversions.

June 21, Sunday—Preached twice to great congregations. Four penitents, all converted, making twenty-seven conversions during the meeting. The great cloud departing, leaving black glory over prostration. I go to-morrow to Kerrville, and the next day to Junction City to be there at the district conference of the San Angelo district, and stay a fortnight, if need be, in my work. The blessings of providence and grace blend to bless me daily. Glory be to God.

HISTORY AND THE METHODIST COURSE OF STUDY.

Several histories have of late years been put into the course of study, and the undergraduates have to stand a careful examination in those textbooks. The one now adopted—"History of the Christian Church," by Geo. P. Fisher, D. D., LL. D., is the third one, we believe, that has had that honor of late. It is a painstaking work. On many things it is very reliable and very impartial. On many things it is defective, unneeded and as a whole unreliable. It elaborates—very full on many trivial events, very brief on the great events of history. It is safe to presume that the bishops never examined it. They doubtless relied on the views of some one whose opinion they valued, but whose opinion is not reliable. A historian can state events, their records, in such a way as to relieve them from the charge of false statements, and yet make false and vicious impressions. Impartial scholars do not find many if any absolutely untrue statements in Gibb's famous fifteenth chapter, nor indeed in his sixteenth chapter. It is the way he states his facts, and the coloring imparted, and the suppressions, that Gutzeit and Millman, his critical editors, complain of most justly. The same is true as to Fisher's History. An examination of a few pages will show this. On the origin of some denominations he is so uncertain in his statements as to leave the reader in utter ignorance of what actually occurred. This is true as to Anabaptists in Germany, 1521-1536; of the Baptists in England, where the

whole body of the records are mis-stated, if Baptist historians, such as Backus, Benedict, Cramp, and Armistead, the four standard Baptist historians, are to be relied on. He dates the division of the Presbyterian Church that took place in 1866 in 1862. He dates Smyth's movement in 1605 that took place 1508-9. He dates the reception of layman into the Methodist General Conference 1872. He never hints that the M. E. Church, South, did that in 1866, and on a far grander scale. He devotes just three lines to the M. E. Church, South, p. 578, and part of that is to tell that "this rupture was one of the grave omens that preceded the American civil war." Yet he tells us truthfully that the Baptists split 1845, but no hint as to its relation to the civil war, p. 564. "In 1-45, in consequence of the agitation respecting slavery, the Southern and the Northern Baptists separated by mutual consent," etc. He tells of every great writer Baptists produced, but never names Adam Clarke in his history. He tells of Baptist colleges, but never names Vanderbilt. He names orators, but omits Bascom and Pierce! He says of Luther, p. 41-2, he published thirty-six hymns, twenty-one of which were original, and adds: "Numerous hymn-writers arose but Luther stands at the head of them all." Of Charles Wesley he says, 521: "The remarkable merit of his hymns is indicated by the welcome accorded to them by religious bodies with theological tenets at variance with his own! On p. 663 he says, "The most fertile of all hymn-writers was Charles Wesley," with a clear compliment on "Jesus, Lover, of My Soul." "The grand hymns, 'Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above,' and 'Wrestling Jacob,' are not named! But a number of Luther's are cited. He mis-states the facts as to Jefferson and exploration on p. 560. His statements as to the great New England revivals 524, 525 are so presented as to make a false impression throughout. His statements as to Wesley and Metho-dian, 513, are not true. His History of Missions is utterly untrue. A great many truths are related, but any one well versed can see that his whole effort is to give credit to a sect and rob the real ones of the honor due them. As a whole, his history on missions is false. On Campbellism his statement is utterly untrue.

We do not propose a review of this history now. We are on the wing—in Vernon, Texas, and met up with the history in the hands of the young pastor here—Bro. Jordan. The work has many merits as a compilation. But its defects are far too serious to be a text book for our people. Bishop Paine, 1882, urged the present writer, as he did before, to write a full history of the church, but we have never had the spare time. Moreover, were we to write it as history ought to be written and tell the truth, would it be acceptable to those who put books in the course of study? Hardly. A historian should be able to tell the truth all the time. It takes many qualities to make a historian. We could name many so-called historians that are more caricatures of history. A man may write "Hamlet with Hamlet left out." Some write histories as mere boot-blacks—their favorites put to the front, how ever obscure or defective, the rest they dislodge passed in silence. Such histories will soon pass into eternal silence. History will be written. We know not what church Dr. Fisher claims as his, but he rates Methodists, or is a wonderful crank. Can't the bishops find a church history?

J. DITZLER.

EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES.

Occasionally our ADVOCATE has contained articles calculated to discourage our brethren engaged in building up great institutions of learning in the suburbs of leading cities. I will confess that I had my doubts of the success of such efforts. The plan was a failure at R. S. Harris where a league of land was purchased, and I believe at LaGrange, Arkansas, but I am open to conviction and am convinced that properly managed success may be achieved. To encourage our brethren in their praiseworthy efforts I wish the ADVOCATE to publish a brief notice of a similar enterprise in the State of Nebraska. There are three corners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that State. Five years ago a commission representing these conferences determined to build up a university, and it was located on a tract of land purchased for the purpose just outside of the capital city of Lincoln.

The present condition and prospects of this enterprise is copied from a more extended notice in the New York Advocate: The corner-stone of the first university building was laid in 1887. The building, 168x72, cost \$75,000. A second building, the Manual Training school, is now in process of erection. It is the gift of Mr. Jacob Haish, of DeKalb, Ill. Estimated cost, \$50,000. Mr. Haish will equip with the necessary machinery, and endow the department with \$25,000. It will be completed in time for the fall term. The corner-stone was laid by Mr. Haish June 9, 1891. Bishop Warren, who was instrumental in securing this donation, made one of the addresses; Bishop Newman and Gov. Thayer the others. Mr. Haish, having erected a similar manual training school at Denver, deserves the thanks of all Methodists.

The university campus embraces forty-four acres of an elevated plateau just outside the capital city limits. The tracts have adjacent property valued at \$150,000. The total amount of resources in excess of \$1,500,000 amounts to a little over \$3,000,000. Located in 1887, the institution has attracted a large community, and where there was a vacant prairie there is now a "city of the second class," having its own municipal government and incorporated under the name of "University Place." Electric cars run to all parts of the city of Lincoln, and the phenomenal growth of both the capital and this suburb have made both one in appearance though separate in government, while the latter is thus free from licensed saloons.

The success of the Nebraska Methodist school encourages the Methodists of Texas, and provokes them to continue their work. H. S. TIERALL.

SEASIDE CAMP-MEETING.

The Seaside camp-meeting at Corpus Christi will open August 2 by Colquhoun and Williams. The meeting will be held at the Chautauque grounds. The only transportation was very poor to our Chautauque, I am pleased to say it has been very much improved. Bathing, fishing and boating was never better. We have tents on the grounds at low rates. There will be no gate fees. W. E. RUTLEDGE.

"Just as Good."

Say some dealers who try to sell a substitute preparation when a customer calls for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Do not allow any such false statements as this to induce you to buy what you do not want. Remember the only reason for making it is that a few cents more profit will be made on the substitute. Insist upon having the best medicine—Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is Peculiar to itself.

CAMP-MEETING.

The great annual camp-meeting for Blanco charge will begin on Thursday evening before the second Sunday in August. I will be very much pleased to welcome any minister of any of our conferences who will come and is willing to work. J. B. DENTON.

BLANCO, TEXAS.

ELECTROPOISE.

The great curer of disease without drug; worth more than gold; restores health, also a preventive of disease. Testimonials of its remarkable cures, with name and address, furnished on application. The Electro-bronchitis Co., Birmingham, Ala., represented in Texas by Bolling Williams and his agents, are the owners of the only genuine patented apparatus known as the Electropoise—acts by cold and heat in the extremes—that has established the great curative record in different sections of the United States, are other apartments. He has no patent on his apparatus in Washington, D. C., to compel Sanche to comply with his contracts and sale to this company, of whatever right he had in said invention. The public are warned against the statements of Sanche or parties who pretend to represent him other apartments. He has no patent on his apparatus. The truth can be verified by applying to Patent Office. Apply to Bolling Williams, 458 Elm street, Dallas, for further information.

The Polytechnic College of the M. E. Church, South.

From the president of the Polytechnic College we learn that the prospect for distant patronage to this institution is encouraging. Public sentiment of the surrounding country is strongly favorable to the enterprise, and success awaits ample provision in the way of buildings and other appropriate conveniences. These things are being made ready as liberally and promptly as circumstances will permit. The beautiful brick building is nearing completion, and the young men's boarding hall will be ready on time. Prospective patrons desiring to confer with the president should address him at Fort Worth, Tex., P. O. 335.

MILLERSBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

This famous school in the heart of the blue grass region of Central Kentucky will begin its fall term September 2 prox. with enlarged facilities in every department, and each department under a specialist of high order.

The music, art and business departments as well as the literary and scientific, are up to the highest standard, while the discipline and boarding departments are just such as parents would choose who want the best advantages for their daughters. Terms reasonable. Pupils from Texas will leave for the school on Thursday, August 27, over the T. & A. P., and Iron Mountain, and Louisville and Nashville railroads. Address: Rev. C. Pops, Pres't, Millersburg, Ky.

NASHVILLE COLLEGE.

Mr. W. T. O'Quay, of the Nashville College for Young Ladies, Nashville, Tenn., is now at Grand Windsor Hotel, Dallas, Tex., where he will remain during the month of August, representing this college, and will be pleased to correspond with any who may desire information in reference to the same. About the last of August a special train will leave for Nashville and he will be pleased to have all young ladies who will attend this college join his party.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

This article will only select from the books sent us for notice such as we think the readers demand. We will, however, publish promptly an acknowledgment of all books received. "The Missionary Review of the World," August number. Funk & Wagnalls, New York. "New England Magazine" for August. Boston. "The Reviewer's Magazine," August number. New York. "The Arena," August number. Boston. "The Forum," August number. New York. "The Century," August number. New York. "Catalogue of Washington and Lee University," Lexington, Va. "Harper's New Monthly Magazine," New York.

Miscellaneous.

Floods in Arkansas did great damage last week. Frank Brown was nominated for governor of Maryland by the Democratic convention at Baltimore, July 30. Senator Quay resigned his position as member of the National Republican Committee from Pennsylvania, July 29. Fifty drunken Italians brutally murdered Mr. Brumfield, his wife and five children in Wayne county, Kentucky, July 31. Brumfield's house was burned, consuming the bodies.

Advertisement for CUTICURA featuring an image of a woman's face and the text 'EVERY SKIN DISEASE CURED BY CUTICURA'. It describes various skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, and itching, and lists where to purchase the product.

Obituary—Texas.

J. W. Rooke, Aransas Pass; Allen Blake, Ashcraft; Dr. P. C. A. DuBois, Ballinger; W. T. Matlock, Belton; Earl Bivins, Bivins; Sam G. White, Boerne; Capt. J. W. Duncase, Bonham; Mrs. Minerva Webb, Brandon; H. F. Prince, Burnet; Mrs. Henry Anderson, Canadian; Mrs. J. A. Hill, Commerce; Mrs. Carrie Eustice Livingstone, Jas. Stephenson, John Stucke, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Julia Lightfoot, Decatur; Mrs. Martha D. Washington, Newton Morrison, J. O. Miller, Denison; Mrs. Ann Settle, Ennis; Miss E. L. Ely, Forney; Leon Lewis, Gatesville; Mrs. C. F. Rogers, Granbury; Mrs. H. V. Wynne, Mrs. W. M. Gause, Will Long, Houston; Mrs. Lona Thompson, Iowa Park; Mrs. Matilda Robinson, Jewett; Miss Lucy Moore, Jefferson; Miss Martha Newcombe, Kaufman; Mrs. W. B. McCowan, McGregor; Tamara Kendall, McKinney; Mrs. Clemmie Crutchfield, Madisonville; Miss Florence V. Hicks, Marshall; Joseph Bogussel, Mason; Mrs. Annie Love Cochran, Miss Willie Davis, Minocola; H. Ferguson, Monahans; Miss Annie Morrell, Milford; Miss Mary A. Hale, Palestine; Jesse Rooks, Rockport; Dr. G. A. Pendleton, San Marcos; Mrs. Moreland, Sunset; A. B. Booth, Texarkana; Frederick C. Havemeyer, Throck's Neck; Miss Minnie Dairs, Tripoli; Mrs. Tommie, Mrs. Lora Huey, Mrs. Wood Clements, Tyler; S. J. Rowan, Vernon; A. E. Anderson, Mrs. R. H. Felton, Weatherford; John Douglas Winnaborn; J. H. Moran, Wylie; Dr. John Joseph Atkinson, Yorktown; Mrs. Nancy Stanchler, Elgin.

The only Complexion Powder in the world that is without vulgarity, without injury to the user, and without doubt a beautifier, is Pozzoni's.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

July 29—J. White Davis, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. J. M. Peterson, sub. Jas. A. Kerr, sub. J. J. Anderson, sub. A. C. Nelson, sub. W. P. Garvin, sub. W. L. Felt, sub. T. T. Felt, sub. Geo. W. W. H. Felt, sub. T. B. Vinson, change made. J. M. Baker, sub. August 2—Jos. B. Fears, sub. Geo. Chris. Storall, sub. C. Rowland, sub. W. B. Patterson, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. W. H. Levere, sub. J. B. Gordon, sub. Wesley Smith, change. G. W. Ebert, sub. J. M. Hill, sub. Geo. F. Morton, sub. Jas. Mackey, sub. Geo. H. Lister, sub. Harry May, sub. Jas. Mackey, sub. J. H. Wagoner, sub. J. J. Harris, sub. J. A. Nelson, sub.

WANTED.

By young lady of good address, position in some fine family, country preferred, as nursery governess, companion or nurse. Will furnish best of references. Address at once, COMPANION, care of TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Dallas, Texas.

THE CANTON ROSE DISK HARROW

Advertisement for the CANTON ROSE DISK HARROW, featuring an image of the harrow and text describing its features: 'LIGHTER DRAFT, LARGE WEIGHT BOXES, EASIEST RUNNING'. It mentions that the harrow is made in Canton, Ohio, and is available through Parlin & Orendorff Co., Dallas, Texas.

Recent Publications.

- Arrows from Two Quivers. (Sermons.) By Drs. Rivers and Morrison. 12 no. \$1.
Baptism: The Question Settled. By Rev. J. W. Ellison. 12mo. Pamphlet. 10 cents.
Behold the Lamb of God! Or, The Two Testaments. By Rev. H. R. Withers, D. D., 12mo. \$1.
Boys and Girls Playing. By Bishop J. C. Ryle. 16mo. 50 cents.
A Brief History of Methodism in Texas. By H. C. S. Thrall. 12mo. \$1.
Campbellism Net of God. By Rev. J. S. Smith. 8vo. Pamphlet. 10 cents.
Childhood and Conversion. By Rev. G. G. Smith, D. D. 16mo. 50 cents.
Christian Ministry. By Rev. S. W. Cope. 16mo. 50 cents.
Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (In Spanish.) 16mo. 20 cents.
Discussions in Theology. By Vanderbilt Faculty. 12mo. \$1.
Doctrinal Methodism. By Rev. G. H. Hayes, D. D. 12mo. Pamphlet. 10 cents.
Doctrine and Functions of Revelation. By Rev. J. H. Harrison. 12mo. \$1.
Early Conversion of Children. By L. Rosser, D. D. 12mo. Pamphlet. 25 cents.
Erudia. By Rev. William Allen. 12mo. \$1.
Girl in Checks. By Rev. J. W. Daniel. 12mo. 75 cents.
A Girl's Journey through Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land. By Lenamy Green. 12 no. \$1.
Goliath of Gas, Letters to. By John Lellyett. Cloth, 75 cents; paper, 50 cents.
The Great Evil and Its Remedy; Or, Parental Responsibility in the Moral and Religious Training of Children. By Rev. Samuel W. Cope. 16mo. 60 cents.

BARBEE & SMITH, AGENTS, Nashville, Tennessee.

Advertisement for THE KING OF WAGONS, featuring an image of a wagon and text: 'FINEST FINISHED, BEST PAINTED, MOST DURABLE, EASIEST RUNNING, LIGHTEST DRAFT'. It claims to be the best wagon in the world and lists agents Cooper & Sterling Wagons.

Advertisement for THE GOLD MEDAL FARMER'S HACK, featuring an image of a horse-drawn wagon and text: 'Ten years of thorough test and usage in every part of the Western country have proved this to be the most durable, light and axle construction...'. It lists agents Parlin & Orendorff Co., Dallas, Texas.

Advertisement for Hood's Sarsaparilla, featuring an image of a bottle and text: 'Hood's Sarsaparilla 100 Doses One Dollar'. It describes the medicine as a blood purifier and lists agents for sale in Georgetown, Texas.

For Sale in Georgetown, Texas, A DELIGHTFUL COTTAGE RESIDENCE, with all the appurtenances of a pleasant home. Convenient to the University, Schools and Churches. Terms very easy. Address LOCK BOX 74, Georgetown, Texas.

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Advertisement for NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, featuring an image of a piano and text: 'NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC. FOUNDED BY MISS MRS. E. R. TOLSON. CANTON, MASS.' It lists various musical instruments and classes offered.

Advertisement for JACKSONVILLE FEMALE ACADEMY, featuring an image of a building and text: 'JACKSONVILLE FEMALE ACADEMY. 629 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Fla.' It lists various subjects and terms.

Advertisement for MUSIC CONSERVATORY, featuring an image of a piano and text: 'MUSIC CONSERVATORY. Instruction in all departments of Music. Art, Theory, and Practice. Year, Address E. F. BULLARD, Subj. Jacksonville, Fla.'

Advertisement for HANSON SHORTHAND COLLEGE, featuring an image of a person writing and text: 'Hanson Shorthand College, Lock Box 30, Dallas, Tex.' It describes the shorthand system and lists agents.

Advertisement for PARLIN & ORENDORFF CO., featuring an image of a harrow and text: 'PARLIN & ORENDORFF CO., Manufacturers, DALLAS, TEXAS.'

Recent Publications.

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.]

GO GATHER IN THE SHEAVES!

Why sit ye there with idle hands? O, hie ye, now away!

The Master calls, the harvest is full, the sheaves are ready, waiting for you.

O bear in mind that while ye wait, the hands of life run down.

And by-and-by I will be to blame the harvest will be done.

If ye neglect your part to do, another will step in.

And reap the sheaves God meant for you, and thus your wages win.

If comes a whisper soft and low, "there's nothing you can do."

O heed it not! but surely know temptation trieth you.

For unto every child of God some special task is given.

And they must toil who hope to wear a starry crown in heaven.

The enemy will test your faith, and if you grieve him best.

He'll hinder you, from garnering in one single golden sheaf.

Flee often to the secret place, and gather strength in prayer.

For Satan ureth Jesus face, he'll not molest you there.

Time hurries by on rapid wing, O toil! do your best!

And when your labor's ended, know that God shall give you rest.

This world's a grand old harvest-field, and precious are the sheaves.

And we must toil, or else go up with only "withered leaves!"

MRS. CARRIE BUTCHER.

To the juvenile societies of the East Texas Conference and all others interested in the cause of missions.

We would call attention to the Little Worker, the juvenile organ of the Woman's Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South.

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Children—Enjoy the pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative, and if the father or mother be constipated or bilious the most gratifying results follow its use, so that it is the best family remedy known and every family should have a bottle.

Housekeeper—Nora, you must always sweep behind the doors. New servant—Yes'm, I always does. It's the easiest way of gettin' the dirt out of sight.

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 some five or six years ago. It cured me in less than forty-eight hours. Wm. T. MADDOX, Postmaster Maivern, Ark.

Most people think that a rumor is like a subscription-list. Every time it comes to them they add something to it and pass it along to the next.

St. Louis, November 20, 1862. Messrs. J. & C. Maguire: I have never known any remedy so successful in the treatment of the bowels, such as cholera, dysentery, diarrhoea, cholera morbus, etc.

FITZ HENRY WARREN, Brig.-Gen. U. S. Vols.

"I don't know what to do with this old furniture. I don't want it, and yet I can't throw it away. Get a cheap truckman to move you. He'll bust it all to pieces."

Father. If loss of sleep, sustained from anxiety spent over the little one so slowly and pitifully wasting away from the effect of cholera, dysentery, cholera morbus, etc.

"Could you make a water-color sketch of me?" asked Mr. Soaker. "All but the nose," returned Palette. "I couldn't get that color in water any more than you could."

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Devotional.
THE COMFORTER
 Orphans are our souls, and poor; Give us from Thy heavenly store Faith, love, joy for evermore, Comforter divine.

Like the dew Thy peace distill, Guide, subdue our wayward will, Things of Christ unfolding still, Comforter divine.

With us, for us, intercede, And with voiceless groanings plead Our unutterable need, Comforter divine.

WHILE ABROAD.
 During these summer months crowds of Americans will sail for Europe. Before returning they will have learned by personal experience what the Continental Sunday is. Many of them will talk eloquently against it with their friends at home; but how many of them will hold to their Christian Sabbath while abroad? When people are off for a summer vacation they usually have less regard for the Sabbath than at any other time. They forget that their influence travels with them, and in their forgetfulness they frequently set a bad example. In past years it has been the testimony of Frenchmen and Italians that English tourists have greatly helped to awaken, direct, and strengthen that little re-serve there is in those countries for a better observance of the Sabbath. O late, however, reports from Sabbath observance societies in France and Italy show a change in the conduct of English travelers. They are beginning to adopt the lax continental customs and to regard with indifference the character and claims of the Lord's Day. Here is an opportunity which Americans who keep the Sabbath at home can not afford to lose while abroad. Let them preserve Sunday there, as well as here, from travel. Let them make it a sacred day of rest, and so preserve to their own country the name of a Sunday loving nation.—Ex.

THE RESTFUL YOKER.
 Mark Guy Pearce tells us of an incident which occurred in connection with a sermon of his on Christ's invitation to the weary and heavy laden:
 "I had finished my sermon, when a good man came to me and said: 'I wish I had known what you were going to preach about. I could have told you something.'
 "Well, my friend, I said, 'it is very good of you. May I not have it still?'
 "Do you know why His yoke is light, sir? If not, I think I can tell you."
 "Well, because the good Lord helps us to carry it, I suppose."
 "No, sir, he explained, shaking his head, 'I think I know better than that. You see, when I was a boy at home, I used to drive the oxen in my father's yoke. And the yoke was never made to balance, sir, as you said.' (I had referred to the Greek word. But how much better it was to know the real thing.)
 "He went on triumphantly: 'Father's yokes were always made heavier on one side than the other. Then, you see, we would put a weak bullock in alongside of a strong bullock, and the light end would come on the weak bullock, because the stronger one had the heavy part of it on his shoulder.'
 "Then his face lit up as he said, 'That is why the yoke is easy and the burden is light—because the Lord's yokes is made after the same pattern, and the heavy end is upon His shoulder.'
 "So shall ye find rest to your soul."
 —The Illustrated Missionary News.

FAREWELL TO THE WORLD.
 In the recent memoir of the Rev. Rowland Hill, in the Sunday at Home, it was stated that the aged saint, "abruptly before his departure, repeated the words of his own hymn:
 "And when I'm to die, 'Receive me, I'll cry, 'For Jesus hath loved me, I cannot tell why, But this I do know, we two are so joined, He'll not be in heaven and leave me behind."
 These words are very familiar, and often on his lips; but the hymn in which they occur was his own only in the sense of being a favorite, perhaps the most loved of his favorites in the Surrey Chapel Hymn Book. The author was the Rev. John Gambold, Vicar of Stanton Harcourt, in Oxfordshire; afterward a bishop among the Moravian brethren. He was born in Haverfordwest in 1711, took his degree of M. A. at Oxford in 1734, and was presented by Archbishop Secker to the living of Stanton, which he held till 1748. He then left the Church of England to join the United Brethren, among whom he was ordained bishop in 1751. He labored for some years in Ireland, where he established a congregation at Coochill. He died in his native town 1771. He published several works, including a poem on the martyrdom of Ignatius. He was universally esteemed for his extensive learning and gentle manners.

The hymn which was so great a favorite of Rowland Hill is said to have been written by Gambold on the occasion of resigning his vicarage to join the Brethren.—Selected.

Marriages.
 RUSHING—SPROWLES—At the residence of the bride's father, Wm. Sproawles, July 16, 1891, by the Rev. H. C. Jolly, Mr. J. P. Rushing and Miss Maggie Sproawles, all of Wheatland, Texas.

SKYMORE—TUBBS—At Patton, Texas, July 23, 1891, by the Rev. J. J. Davis, Mr. W. L. Seymore and Miss Elsie Tubbs.

WOOLLS—LACY—At the residence of the bride's father, July 23, 1891, Lawrence Woolls and Ella Lacy, Rev. Jas. Hammond officiating, all of Medina county.

WHITE—LANGLIN—July 26, 1891, by Rev. Samuel Morris, near Bruceville, Mr. S. B. White and Miss M. E. Langlin.

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REV. MICHAEL BROWN ROBERTS.
 Rev. Michael Brown Roberts, son of Michael Brown and Martha Mary Roberts, was born in Spartanburg district, South Carolina, August 19, 1823. In the year 1849 he moved to Alabama, and July 6, 1846, he was happily united in marriage to Elizabeth M. Reynolds; the issue of his marriage was fifteen children—seven boys and eight girls. With his wife and family of fourteen children, one having died, he came to Texas in 1869 and settled near Johnson's crossing, six miles east of Alvarado. On the 30th of June, 1881, his devoted and beloved wife died. He was married the second time to Mrs. Rebecca Jane Anthony August 7, 1884, with whom he lived to the day of his death, which occurred at his home April 13, 1891, in his sixty-eighth year. His burial was attended by all his children now living, thirteen in number, one only having died in this State. Bro. Roberts professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, September 22, 1852; was licensed to preach July 29, 1859; ordained deacon July 1869; and pastor of the M. E. Church, South, in 1880. Bro. Roberts was a good neighbor, a warm friend, an affectionate and devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father. As a parent he was possessed of proper example, wholesome counsel and good advice, which he imparted to his children with much happy effect that the good results therefrom are plainly manifest in all his family who have grown up to be useful members of society and qualified for membership in the church which he so devotedly loved. He was a preacher full of faith and good works, and lived a devoted Christian life. Imbued with the Spirit of the Master. Among the results of his labors in the pulpit we record with profound pleasure the fact of the conversion of his own father and doubtless that of many others which sterility alone will reveal. Unassuming in manner, he was always modest and himself prominent, but when he spoke it was to the point. Very agreeable and sociable, he delighted in the society of Christian people of every order. His home was ever open to his pastor and he contributed of his means for the support of his church with much happy and willing spirit. He was honored and highly respected by all who knew him. In his last days he conversed freely of approaching death, of which he had no fear, and expressed himself ready and willing to go at the summons of his Maker. He died in peace, and was buried in the M. E. Church cemetery. His funeral services were held on the 17th inst. at 10 o'clock, and were attended by a large number of his friends and neighbors. His remains were committed to the earth in the presence of a large number of his friends and neighbors. His death was a great loss to the church and to the community. He was a true and devoted Christian, and his life was a shining example to all who knew him. His death was a great loss to the church and to the community. He was a true and devoted Christian, and his life was a shining example to all who knew him.

HOWARD.—Sister Addie Howard was born in Newton county, Texas, on the 25th day of June, 1866, whereas she lived with her parents till her death. She embraced the Christian's faith and joined the M. E. Church, South, in about 1880, and lived a devoted Christian life. She, with the family of her brother, moved to the town of Newton in November, 1889. She became a member of the Newton Sunday-school and was a faithful member till the time of her death, which event occurred on the 20th day of May, 1891. Sister Addie had few equals and no superiors. She was ever-ready and willing to contribute of her love, affection or means to the wants and necessities of her neighbors, friends and associates; and, whereas, it has pleased God to take her from us, therefore, be it remembered, that in the death of Sister Addie, society has lost one of its brightest pearls, the church an earnest, faithful and zealous member, our Sunday-school a pleasant, faithful and attentive student; her family a kind, loving and affectionate sister and aunt.

That a page of our minutes be set apart to her memory.
 MATTIE L. SYLER, ALICE McMAHON, L. B. CLARK, Committee Sunday-school of the M. E. Church, Newton, Texas.

LUKE.—Sister E. J. Luke, wife of H. N. Luke, was born January 15, 1843, in the State of Tennessee; came to Texas when small with her father, who settled in the county of Travis, and was educated by her father. Sister E. J. Luke was married to Bro. H. N. Luke in her seventeenth year—1860. Bro. Luke was a pious young man when he married; and a member of the M. E. Church and has since led a pious and praiseworthy life. His wife died in 1880 under the preaching of Bro. Brigman. Bro. Luke and Sister Luke lived together thirty-one years like two angels on earth who prayed for each other. God blessed them with five children—one boy and four girls—who have all been called to Christ through the prayers of their father and mother. But I must now say to all: the good sister has been called home to God to fill her glorious mansion on high. She departed this life July 8, 1891.

FINCH.—Hattie Loyd Finch, daughter of H. A. and S. A. Finch, was born February 24, 1882, and departed this life May 19, 1891. Hattie was a sweet-spirited little girl, loved by all who knew her, but the Lord has taken her. Her death was sudden and unexpected, but she was ready to go. A few hours before she died she was in perfect peace. Her father and mother were with her in heaven. Sorrowing parents, weep not, but rejoice in the hope of meeting your darling on the banks of sweet de-liverance.
 ROBT. C. ALLIN.

STOKES.—Mrs. Mary A. Stokes was born January 19, 1807, in the State of Texas; died February 22, 1891. For sixty-four years she was faithful in the house of the Lord, walking in the commandments of her God. Her life stands out as a true exponent of the truth of Christianity. Her closing hours were those of great peace. She leaves a good son and grandchild to mourn her absence, but they know where to find grandmother.
 N. A. KEAN.

BARRETT.—Soda May Barrett, little daughter of Bro. John and Sister Barrett, died September 2, 1891, at the age of 10 years. Her death was a great loss to her parents and to the church. She was a sweet and pious child, and her life was a shining example to all who knew her. Her death was a great loss to the church and to the community. She was a true and devoted Christian, and her life was a shining example to all who knew her.

LAY.—James Cleveland, son of J. W. and A. L. Lay, was born October 5, 1884, and died very suddenly May 20, 1891. He was a sweet and pious child, and his death was a great loss to his parents and to the church. He was a true and devoted Christian, and his life was a shining example to all who knew him.

JONES.—Died, in Bonham, Texas, July 5, 1891, Rodney Jones, aged twenty-one years and two months, son of Dr. W. C. and Ellen Jones, one of the pioneer families of Fannin county. Rodney professed religion when he was eighteen years old and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a humble follower of the meek and lowly Christ, and died as he had lived, rejoicing in the triumphs of a living faith and the blessed assurance of a home over there, where the sorrows and conflicts of this life are swallowed up in the peace and joy of a Savior's presence. He was loved by his friends and esteemed by all who knew him, and his untimely death lamented by as many true friends as any man the humble writer of these lines ever knew, and as large a concourse of mourning friends attended his funeral as ever gathered at the Leonard cemetery to pay the last sad respects to departed loved ones. Oh, what a joy and comfort to mother and sisters and those of his friends who are trusting in the Savior's love to know they will meet Rodney over there where good-byes are never said.
 E. B. HOWELL.

ADDINGTON.—Another little one from our Albany Sunday-school has been gathered to the "upper fold." Little Lily Addington, on the 26th of June, died very unexpectedly, after a brief illness. She was born May 6, 1883. She had by her affectionate disposition, round her very closely around the hearts of her parents and friends. In her mourning they rejoice that she left evidence that she had thought of an eternal home. While insisting that she should take her medicine, her mother said: "You must take it or you may die." To which she replied: "Well, if I die I'll go to heaven." Last winter during a revival service she wanted to join the church, thus showing an early inclination to love and serve God. She now dwells in his sight in the tender care of the angels who, with the tender ones he called from their earthly homes, ever behold his face.

GRAVES.—Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen fit to take from our midst our much beloved sister, Mary Ireland Graves, an earnest worker in our society, resolved, that in the death of dear Mollie we, as a society, feel bereft, having lost one from whom we could at any time expect loving sympathy as well as substantial aid.

That while we deplore her departure and miss so much her gentle presence, that having spent her short life in her Master's service, and giving evidence in her last illness that she was ready and willing to give up earth and earthly ties, we feel sure that she is now at rest, and that we will cherish her example in loving and true obedience to our Heavenly Father. That her acts of self-denial in responding to every call of the church and her willing labor as a member of our society should inspire us to more earnest work and loving zeal for our Master.

That we tender our sympathy to the sorely bereaved family.
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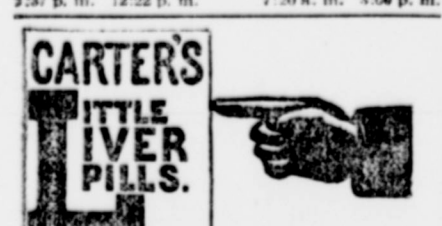
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U. J. Morton: Our camp-meeting at Oden's Chapel embraced the third and fourth Sundays in July, and resulted in twenty-eight conversions, eleven accessions to our church and four accessions to the M. C. Church. We baptized four boys and three infants. I had written to Bro. E. M. Sweet, of Granbury College, and urged him to be with us. He arrived on the ground the first Sunday of the meeting and remained to the close, and did the principal part of the preaching through the entire week. His preaching was clear and convincing. Penitents from nearly came to the altar at the close of his sermons without waiting for singing, and they came weeping and many of them were happily converted, and the church was wonderfully edified and strengthened under his masterly preaching. Bro. Hallenbeck, preacher in charge of Hico circuit, preached one very excellent sermon; also Bro. W. V. Jones, from Iredell, preached one sermon to the delight of all present. Bro. McGowan, of the M. P. Church, assisted in the meeting from the first Saturday to the end. Bro. L. C. Baker, local preacher, also Bro. E. M. Sweet, of Granbury College, and urged him to be with us. He arrived on the ground the first Sunday of the meeting and remained to the close, and did the principal part of the preaching through the entire week. His preaching was clear and convincing. Penitents from nearly came to the altar at the close of his sermons without waiting for singing, and they came weeping and many of them were happily converted, and the church was wonderfully edified and strengthened under his masterly preaching.

Leeville Circuit.

C. F. Goodenough, July 27: The camp-meeting at Floyd's Chapel, mentioned in my last note, continued for two weeks. Bro. Graham assisted the preacher in charge from Wednesday evening, August 1st, to the end. His preaching was full of power and God was with him, owning and blessing his labors. On Saturday, 19th, Bro. Denton, of Gonzales, preached and again Sunday night, and the whole congregation was quite captivated with his preaching. It was a masterly discourse, the draft of fishes, and was instrumental in the hands of God as bait for the catching of men. At the conclusion of the service on Sunday, 20th, Bro. Maloy had quite a struggle to know what to do for the best. Some of us advised to break up whilst the meeting was full of life, but I believe he was divinely guided, and announced to continue the meeting with a night service from day to day if the interest continued. Glory be to God, the interest did continue, and on Monday night the pastor had three souls for his hire. Again on Tuesday night, concluding and converting power of the Holy Spirit was present; again on Wednesday, when announcement was made for return to camp with all day services, for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, when the campaign would close for the present. This has been truly a spiritual camp-meeting. One of the preachers remarked he did not know we had so much religion at Floyd's Chapel. The day of judgment alone will reveal the final results of this grand battle for the Lord; but as far as we can tell at least fifty professed to have found Christ previous to the close; forty-two have been admitted to full membership. There is yet one young sister who desires immersion. She will be baptized in September if God will, which will make forty-three. Some of them go to other parts of the circuit. Those who professed and joined varied in age from the child trained at the mother's knee and from infancy having learned to love Jesus, to the old and gray-haired, some of whom are, we trust, brands plucked from the eternal burning. And, oh, how glad our hearts were made to see them step over the line. May God bless them and make them a blessing. Closing the second week Bro. Maloy did the best of all alone, only having the inefficient aid of your unworthy scribe on two or three occasions; and yet, blessed be God, he was not alone, for God was with him, and the conquering King was leading the host on to victory. The meeting closed with numbers at the altar, some of whom are anxious seekers after true religion. The next onslaught on the enemy's position takes place at Union Hill. The first advance there will be made on Friday before the second Sunday.

Lloyd.

Mamie E. Naylor, July 29: Our much loved pastor, M. M. Dunn, closed a seventeen days' meeting at Oak Grove last night with glorious results. Sixty conversions and forty-eight accessions to the M. E. Church, South, makes a record of the vicinity rejoice in the glory and goodness of God. The church is on a higher plain of Christian enjoyment than ever known before. Our former pastor, Rev. A. C. McDougal, rendered good service by preaching three excellent sermons. Bro. Saxe, of Bethel circuit, preached on Sunday night. Friday, the 24th, was quarterly meeting, our presiding elder, Rev. Ballard, being with us. The people went in a body to the church, taking their dinners and staying until about 12 o'clock that night. Many souls were made to rejoice that night, and at times there was no one to sing, because every one was shouting the praise of our Redeemer. Next day there was a very pious old negro woman living near the church who was expressing her opinion, and said: "Oh, sah's; dem white people am tar'n up ever' thing. The Lord Jesus has tar'n up dem till dey make de birds sing and de trees shout." A seemingly strange instance presented itself last week, but nothing is impossible with God. A young gentleman from North Carolina on his way to the West stopped to see one of his old friends, not intending to stay more than one day. The family he was to visit being ready to start to church he, of course, went with them. That night he was convicted of sin and he concluded to stay. Two days later he was converted and joined the church last Saturday he

wended his way on to the West, bearing with him his church certificate and the prayers of his people and a benediction sweet and pure poured upon his head by our good pastor. He being far away from home and friends all felt an interest in him, and he felt he could not go further without the grace of God to help him. Bro. Dunn does not intend to stop this good work, but will go on with it at Abrey, which is only six miles from here, and those who have the interest of souls at heart and can will help there, too.

Rockdale.

Jas. M. Adams, July 28: Our work at Rockdale is moving on grandly. You have been told, but I'll "tell it again." Bro. Burnett and Mulkey were with us. "They came, they saw, they conquered." They preached the gospel in its purity, conducted their services on the old Methodist plan. Men and women came to the altar weeping, in humility and spirit; they cried unto the Lord; he heard their cries and saved their souls. We will never forget these men and women of God (I count Sisters Mulkey and Burnett and Royal as laborers). They preached to all, pastors and people, Jew and Gentile, bond and free, white and black. Every man was told of his sins, and admonished to do better. "Restitution, oh restitution!" Men are paying debts that were almost forgotten, so I've been told. Said a brother in black: "Mr. Burnett may beat Mr. Mulkey preaching to de masses, but Brer Ann's sermons jest like a colored person, and when he sits in dat old Cooper wagon and drives de' do kitchen de' and by de old sh-hopper, right dar he finds denigger, and when he says 'all aboard,' we all jumps in." In 1892 Rockdale and vicinity expect the big thing, and the voices of these servants of the Most High call men and women to repentance. Ours was a grand meeting. We received fifty-four into the church as the fruits of the meeting. I have just closed a gracious revival at Rockdale. The meeting assumed large proportions; the religious people were all revived, harmony prevailed; thirty six received pardon for their sins; forty-one were added to the church. Many family altars were erected; missionary money was collected. We emphasized every department of church work, and moved on all the lines. My nephew, Robert Adams, of Patton, Texas, assisted me. The people will not forget Bob. The year at Rockdale has been one of prosperity. To date we have received 110 into the church. The missionary collections are taken, and every assessment against the church will be met.

Clarksville.

W. B. Walker, July 28: I started a meeting at Jamison's Chapel on my work Friday night before the third Sunday in July. The Giver of every good and perfect gift was with us in the very first service. One precious soul converted the first night and others made happy. The Lord was with us in nearly every service. I have been in some good meetings in my life, but take everything into consideration this was the best meeting that I was ever in. Sinners were made to quake and tremble. They came up, fell upon their knees, confessed their sins to God, asked his forgiveness and he forgave them, and made them his brethren. Men who were deeply steeped in sin were happily converted, and now they are holding family prayer. They went out, and, Philip like, brought others unto Jesus. Backsliders were reclaimed and made happy in their own souls. All discord was made and brotherly love reigns in every Christian heart. Bro. T. E. Sherwood, of Clarksville station, preached several fine sermons. My local preacher, Bro. E. M. Garrett, did some splendid preaching. I most heartily thank these brethren for what they have done. After the battle was fought and the work reviewed, behold! there were seventeen conversions, seventeen accessions to the church, backsliders reclaimed and the members, not only of the Methodist Church, were greatly revived. At the close of the meeting I had for all those who had been blessed at the meeting to give me their hand, and I can't tell how many did come and give me their hand. They come by the scores. Thus the meeting ended amid the shouts of victory, given up by many to be the best meeting ever held at that place. I am in a meeting at Brewster's Prairie on my work. Last night the Lord was with us in great power and gave us a pentecostal shower.

Colony.

E. L. Overbay: On the third of this month a protracted meeting commenced at the old Colony Church in this (Fayette) county under the management of the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, Bro. I. B. Gordon. Bro. G. is a young man and was his first big meeting, that he ever had control of. On account of the place having a hard name it was almost impossible to get help from our own ranks, but the Lord heard our prayers and sent us a good brother from the Baptist ranks to preach for us and he did good preaching. All prejudices were left at home or wherever they were; every body went to work for the conversion and salvation of souls. The congregations were large from the first to the last. As high as seventy-five penitents were at the altar for prayer often during the meeting. The meeting lasted eighteen days and the result was 100 conversions—eighty-nine accessions to the church, to wit: sixty-five joined the M. E. Church; twenty-four joined the Missionary Baptist Church. On the last day of the meeting a subscription list was circulated for the purpose of raising a fund to build a Methodist Church, and \$400 or \$500 was subscribed for that purpose, and the committee are at work at it now. So, in the near future we will have a nice church building. If Bro. Burnett and Mulkey, Collier and Sam Jones, want to learn how to run a big meeting, let them to come over. Bro. J. H. Collier preached one of his good sermons for us during the meeting.

Eastland.

J. J. Canfax, August 1: Our third quarterly meeting was held at Nightingale, twelve miles north of this, including second Sunday in July. The presiding elder and myself commenced preaching Thursday night before. Difficulties of one sort or another had hung like an overshadowing cloud over us. Like Hagar in the wilderness, old members had shut their eyes in despair and had about consented to a compromise with death, when lo! the angel appeared to show us the well. The clouds dispersed,

the shadows flew, and the Invisible appeared in sight. Glory be to God. We had a gracious revival with twenty-two conversions, nine accessions and a dependent church revived. Members formerly at variance embraced each other in the arms of the Lord. The presiding elder, Bro. Jno. S. Davis, did most of the preaching. His sermons, pungent, graphic, spiritual, powerful, was the God-ordained method of bringing salvation from backsliding and death to this community for which pastors and pious men had wept, prayed and toiled so long. The weather was very dry and hot, but Bro. Davis assured us that we would have rain in less than three days after the close of the meeting. Do you think it was more than he had a right to promise? But listen! while the congregation was gathering for the closing service muttering thunders, deep-toned and solemn warned us of the approach of rain. This writer was preaching the last sermon while the long coveted drops pattered thick, fast and abundant upon the shingles above, and the showers of blessing fell with us upon our hearts within. Reading the news paper a brief outline of one of the best meetings I ever attended.

Waverly.

W. C. Bracewell, July 25: We have just closed our meeting at Old Waverly, which lasted five days. Results, seven accessions to the church, one adult and ten children baptized and a better sentiment toward our church generally than has existed for years past. We had large and attentive congregations from the first until the last. Little church here has been revived and is taking courage. Bro. D. J. McDonald, of Grimes county, was with us all the time and did most of the preaching, which was able and effective. He is destined to occupy more than an ordinary standing among our Texas ministers. He won the hearts of this people and will always have their sympathy and prayers. Bro. Bennick was with us Sunday and preached two good sermons. Bro. W. T. McDonald preached once. The Lord has been blessing us and we are expecting greater things.

Texas Incidents.

The Texas Bar Association met at Galveston, July 29.

The Hill county ex-confederate reunion was held at Hillsboro, July 29 and 30.

Lightning struck a boarding house in San Antonio, August 2, and burned it.

Six miles north of Corrigan, July 30, N. Fant, a mill man, lost 3,500,000 feet of lumber by fire.

A farmers encampment was held at Sulphur Springs, July 27 to 31. The meeting was addressed by C. W. Macune, Senator Peffer, of Kansas, and others.

While delivering an address at Houston, July 29, Rev. Sam P. Jones was rotten egged by unknown parties. Several ladies and gentlemen in the audience were struck, also.

A telegram from Tyler, July 30, says, in the United States Court to-day, by consent of parties, the suit of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of New York, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company intervenors, was postponed for hearing until September 1.

The suit is against the present receivers and asks for the appointment of receivers by the Federal Court.

Texas Casualties.

One Mexican stabbed another to death near Batesville, July 30.

Wm. Ethridge was killed by lightning near Midlothian, August 2.

At San Diego, July 31, a Mexican was accidentally shot and killed.

M. G. Knight shot and seriously wounded E. M. Black at Oak Cliff, July 29.

Frank Coyle was run over and killed by the cars at San Antonio, July 28.

Alvin Opitz was run over and killed by the cars at Hitchcock, July 28.

John A. Adams shot and killed Isaac Mayers at Sonora, Sutton county, July 30.

Willie Weakley was drowned while bathing in the Trinity at Dallas, August 2.

E. T. Josey had his arm broken by being thrown from a wagon at Moscow, July 30.

Murray Braden was accidentally shot through the foot with a target rifle at Paris, July 31.

Miss Mand G. Smith committed suicide at Galveston, July 28, by shooting herself with a pistol.

Chas. Griffin severely cut Geo. Jackson with a razor, at Houston, July 28. Both negroes.

Constable Ang. Burtshell and posse killed Ernest Wershulm at Ayleton, July 27, it is claimed, by mistake.

Faria Strange, a fifteen-year-old boy, was shot and painfully wounded while in J. W. Fant's watermelon patch near Saxe, July 29.

Bud Still fell from a hand car near Kemp, July 29, and was run over, one leg being so badly injured as to necessitate amputation.

At Galveston, July 30, Henry Haselmeier, aged thirteen years, shot and badly injured Caleb Benson, a negro boy about the same age.

At Ryle's Prairie, Dallas county, July 28, in a difficulty between E. Gilcrease and two men named Holman, Bill Holman was shot and killed, and Gilcrease seriously wounded.

At Cisco, July 30, Willard Robinson, owner of the Cisco nursery, accidentally discharged a cartridge, a piece of the shell striking him in the forearm, tearing it terribly.

Near Meridian, July 27, Frank Hines, the twelve year-old son of Alp. Hines, was thrown by his horse, his foot becoming entangled in the stirrup. This frightened the horse, which ran off dragging the boy and killing him.

At Denison, July 31, H. D. Bates, a workman at the Missouri, Kansas and Texas machine shops, had a foot badly mutilated while at work on an engine.

Wm. Smith, a brakeman on the same road was thrown from his train while leaving the yards and got a shoulder dislocated and the shoulder blade broken. W. J. Boyd, a laborer in the car repairing department, was assisting to unload a car of barb wire when he got his hand caught and badly injured while the barbs. An artery was severed and he came near bleeding to death. A Schoeff, a laborer at the freight depot, got his right hand mashed to a pulp by letting a large piece of iron fall on it while loading.

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