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## HOME CONFERENCES.

(Wanted for this department all the church news. Send facts—not comments, nor sermons, nor lectures, nor exhortations; but send every item of news concerning the church in your charge.)

### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Webberville.

J. A. Savage, Oct. 29: My year at Webberville has about expired and the people are looking for something else now besides Savages. Will say have had a good year and have served a good, kind, religious and hospitable people. My fourth quarter meeting is a thing of the past. Finances pretty well up; spiritual condition of the church upward and on the advance line. Have added to the church this year 25 members. Peace and harmony prevail. May this people get a good religious man next year is the prayer of my heart.

#### Eastrop.

W. Wootton, Oct. 29: We are "winding up" preparatory to another session of our conference. We have had two pleasant and profitable years in this station. During the time more than sixty have been added to the membership, and we have raised for all purposes more than \$30 per capita each year. Considering the membership our assessments are heavier than any other charge we know; and yet, with a courage that is heroic, our people have determined there shall be no deficit. We will surrender our charge at conference with no "liabilities," and my successor (even if he be myself) will have as pleasant a charge as he ever served. No better people than live in historic old Eastrop. The strange feature, Mr. Editor, is that they want me back another year, and if the Bishop can't do any better for them, I am willing. He can't do any better for me.

### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Cuero.

John W. Holt, Oct. 25: We have reached the close of the present conference year. We have had a net increase of four members. Not quite up with finances. Since our last quarterly conference we have received into the church "Uncle Johnnie" DeBose; baptized by Bishop McKendree in 1816. We feel highly complimented.

#### San Marcos Circuit.

J. A. Greening, Oct. 25: Last night wound up our year's work on this charge. During the year following results: The parsonage has been repaired and one room built; furniture and cook stove purchased and put in all claims paid. We have had good meetings at each of the four churches, with conversions and some seventy applicants for membership during the year. This is as kind a people as one could wish to serve. Our stay with them has been pleasant. In addition to the usual claims and other kind acts, they send their pastor to conference in a brand-new suit of clothes, made to order. God bless the donors.

### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Collinsville.

W. H. Brown, Oct. 25: I closed my work on this charge yesterday by receiving six new members and collecting the last of my collections for the conference. The collections ordered by the conference are all up, and we have had in all 233 names enrolled on our church books during the year. All glory to Jesus.

#### Commerce.

A. W. Gibson, Oct. 30: Our fourth quarterly meeting has passed. The increase of the church is encouraging as far as a one-year preacher can see. Collections ordered by the conference all up. Preacher and presiding elder somewhat behind, but I think will be paid. Bro. G. T. Nichols, the presiding elder, was with us in fine health and spirits. The district has been rapidly under his administration. We hope he will remain the term of four years, for no man can fill his place. We speak advisedly. The quarterly conference licensed Bro. Marshall Gaines to exhort and Bro. John Tincher to preach. God bless these two brethren, and let the people on Commerce charge. In a few days we leave for conference.

#### Decatur.

W. M. Leatherwood, Oct. 29: We epitomize the year's work in Decatur station. Besides enlarging our house, making it the best in the district, we have added 112 members to the roll, and will probably add a few more before conference. We have baptized eleven infants, and several more are to be baptized before we leave. If we get all things full, which we hope to do, we will have raised for all purposes nearly \$8000. Our Sunday-school is in fair condition, and the attendance upon prayer-meetings and the social meetings is increasing. Our growth has been steady and healthy. Our people are attentive to the Word and services, with unmistakable signs of spiritual life at almost every service. This station now numbers nearly 300 members, with a fine prospect. Money matters are fearfully close and we will have done first-class if we go to conference with a full report. Rev. C. L. Ballard, presiding elder, has done an excellent work this year. The district is on higher ground every way. Bro. Ballard is wise and zealous, and the Lord has honored him again this year. The writer has done a hard, close year's work; never more earnest, never more honored of God; but so much more ought to have been done. Methodism has the field here if she will cultivate for the Lord, and thus hold it. Conference nearly here, and that of the night? The Lord be merciful!

#### Van Alstyne.

Abel Mulkey, Oct. 21: If a Christian worker don't believe, it is hard work to have the third good meeting in a town of 1000 inhabitants within the space of three months, let him try it; especially after two good ones. Van Alstyne has been wonderfully blessed. Our ten days' meeting closed with about 125 conversions and reclamations. Brother and Sister Bowen entertained us at their beautiful new home. Their doors were thrown wide open to us and our friends. I assure you we appreciate such hospitality. Brother and Sister Henderson's home was enjoyed by Brother Burnett, and we too partook of the good things at their house several times, and may God bless each household abundantly. Broth-

er Archer, the pastor, is a transfer from East Texas conference. He is awake to every interest. They have a splendid two-story parsonage, but the church building is not located well, and they need a new building badly. But we believe at the proper time it will be built and put on a good, convenient corner, on par with the rest of the churches. I would rather have a shabby house in a good location than have a fine house badly located. Look at a business man what a fabulous sum he will pay for a central lot, but would not have one which was given him out of the way. I know of some churches so badly located that they will swamp the preachers sent, it makes no difference who they may be. May God help us keep our eyes open on this line. (Like 16:8.) But I can say Van Alstyne has not lost its salt, and her good people are yielding a saving influence which we pray will last through eternity. The unity of the churches was sweet to behold (Ps. 133), and they were willing to make any sacrifice for the interest of the meeting—the stores closed when asked, the schools attended in body and on call for a private donation purse, which I asked, not stating to whom it was to be given, and by faith they all came up negro-fashion to the hat and tossed in a nice little sum, which was handed over to the pastor and wife as a little surprise. We closed Sunday 18th, left Monday for next place via Dallas, where we spent two days taking in the fair and feel the recreation beneficial—mentally, physically and morally—for we have had the great pleasure of associating with old friends among the true and tried. We found friends from thirty different counties in the State. We enjoyed a beautiful repast at the table of Oak Lawn Methodists, chatted with these old friends awhile and off to the train for Hubbard City, where we expect to hold forth.

### EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Canton Circuit.

D. P. Cullen, Oct. 30: Who would not tell it? Sailed, covered and buttoned in a \$25 suit by D. D. Thames (not a member of the church, but you must know that he is a clever, good fellow); quit for wife from many ladies, with name of donor in the center of each square; set of gold cuff-buttons by Judge Spinks. And now, don't think that we have told it all by half. Quartermaster not quite up. Scared, and working hard for conference collections. Good people. A pleasant year. Seventy accessions to the church; about twenty babies baptized. The preacher whose name will be called by the Bishop for Canton circuit next year need not be scared or feel hurt. Lots of cotton; too much dust; some sickness; a general scramble for the almighty dollar; not quite enough praying done. However, sun shining brightly.

### NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Lometa.

Daniel Morgan, Oct. 24: Lometa is soon to have a nice college building.

#### Kirkland.

Mrs. Ellen Bright, Oct. 25: Rev. J. D. Terry has just closed a meeting at this place. Results: Seven conversions and the same number of accessions to the church, and the church greatly revived. We felt it was "good to be there." We think the church has marched out on a higher plane of divine life than it has ever enjoyed. May God's holy spirit lead us to victory. Every one seems to be pleased with Bro. Terry's work this year. May the Lord bless him. Pray for us.

#### Springtown.

J. H. Trimble, Oct. 23: Our fourth quarterly conference is over; our collections are not full, we hope to have every dollar by conference. Our presiding elder chops right and left. He holds a class-meeting with the stewards. He is needed on this district. We have had during the year about fifty-five conversions; received about sixty into the church; adults baptized twenty-four; infants, eight. Our report will be short at conference. Removals by death, certificate, withdrawal and dropped by order church conference, the cause. This is a large work, fine country, everything prosperous.

#### Bristol Circuit.

L. P. Jeffers, Oct. 30: Bro. Hawkins has six appointments on the work; has held four protracted meetings, there being much good accomplished by bringing the members nearer to God. Numbers converted at these meetings—something over 100; infants baptized, eighteen; received into the church by ritual and baptism, sixty-six; received by letter, twenty-two. There are on the work four Sabbath schools and four prayer-meetings in operation. Bro. Hawkins is much beloved by his people. The general wish let us have Bro. Hawkins another year. I heard him say that he was under many obligations to the local brethren who rendered him such valuable service on the work.

#### Kosse.

T. S. Williford: Our fourth quarterly meeting is over, and the general verdict is that we had a good time. One conversion and accession at the love-feast on Sunday afternoon, and one accession Sunday night. We have received into the church 139 members during the year—forty by certificate and ninety-nine upon profession of faith. The collections ordered by the conference are up. The presiding elder (Bro. Fred L. Allen) and pastor are paid in full. About a month ago Sisters E. W. Woods and Mary Rich, of Kosse, and Sister M. J. Swinnea, of Stranger, sent the preacher in charge \$45, with instructions to buy himself a suit of clothes. A few days ago he received a check for \$11.30, with "compliments to the ladies of Kosse." For these and other innumerable acts of kindness received during the year, the preacher wishes to return his grateful acknowledgments. This has been a pleasant year to the preacher in charge and he trusts that his labors have not been in vain.

#### Hemphill.

W. D. Long, Oct. 29: The fourth quarterly conference for Hemphill mission is over. Our most efficient, energetic and highly esteemed presiding elder was on hand, presiding with dignity, and dispatched business rapidly; preached to the delight of all on Sunday, from Acts 1:8. Subject: "Necessity of receiving the Holy Ghost in order to be a true witness for Christ." We believe much good was accomplished. This is

the closing of our fourth year of the Hemphill mission and it has been the best of the four, if not the best of our life in the ministry, in a spiritual sense; financially it has been very hard, but we praise the Lord for success all along the line, morally and materially. "We good houses of worship built, which will give our church permanency in this country. Members received during the quarter, thirty-one; additions during the year, fifty-four; two new societies organized; good revivals all around, but there remains much for the next preacher to do.

#### East Stephenville Mission.

U. J. Morton: I preached at Alexander on the fourth Sunday (Oct. 25) at 11 a. m., also at night, and took a collection on the conference claims, and although it did not come up to what I had hoped and desired, yet there was manifest sympathy and interest in and for the collections. Our membership at Alexander is small, and they worship and labor under great disadvantage and embarrassment, as we have no church house there. Brothers Stephens and Hancock are greatly stirred upon the subject, and they are praying and planning to try to build. May the Lord increase their zeal and open the way to them, and may they go forward and succeed. They are about four-fifths in arrears with their assessment for the preacher's salary, but they are getting desperately in earnest, as the steward's meeting draws near, for final settlement. Sister Inabnet, her little daughter, and Grandma Inabnet, put a beautiful quilt, set together, lined, quilted and bound, the product of their own hand-work, into this preacher's hands when they left for home. They have credited it as a quarterage.

#### Mobetie.

M. K. Little, Oct. 22: This is a typical Western town, founded in 1872, and there has been a great deal of conversion in the town. Until recently there has never been one dollar's worth of church property here. A church is now about completed and the pastor has just moved into a nice parsonage. I came here in company with Bro. J. N. Gibson yesterday, and we are to stay until we get the victory. Our coming was well announced, and people have come for miles and are boarding at hotels that they may hear the gospel. The congregations are large and attentive, but know nothing of the sweetest to have a religious life. It will be a hard fight, but if we are patient we will prevail. Bro. Gibson is a young man of rare ability, and promises much to our church. I am out on the last "round-up" for this year and will be out for twenty-eight days. How sweet it will be to have a week's quiet rest at home with my family on the way to conference! We are closing out well at most of our appointments. The pastors have been faithful and will not be ashamed to make their reports. We have had fine revivals throughout the district (except Mobetie) and will be able to report more than 1500 accessions. Our work has reached a higher plane of spiritual life and has become a powerful factor in the development of this great Western country. Aggressive workers are in demand and a number of consecrated local preachers are needed.

#### Wichita Falls.

T. J. Milam, Oct. 6: I have spent the last few weeks in Wichita Falls, Tex. Bro. S. C. Riddle in a meeting at the church. The rain and the threatening rain prevented the progress of the meeting more or less almost every day, yet we had a profitable meeting; several professions and accessions. I am glad to be here at this time. Riddle's home indeed, having known Sister Riddle for a small girl. I was more especially delighted to find her so well adapted to fill the responsible position of pastor's wife. This is Bro. Riddle's second year at Wichita Falls. He has done a fine work here, and his situation near the Wichita river, near the church at the Falls were once situated. I went to see the falls. I found a little ripple in the water. I was told that some man destroyed the falls by getting a load of rocks to build a chimney, or something like that. This is a beautiful work with a bright future. A school building has been just completed. I also visited Specht's colony and assisted Bro. L. L. Nangle a few days in a meeting. As he reported results of the meeting, I will say some of the things that were beautiful in this country that this community can not be found in this great State. Although there are but few settlers here who have been here as long as three years, yet there are fine farms in a good state of cultivation. Men have refused \$200 per acre for their lands. Bro. Nangle has done a fine work here, and the possibilities of our church in this country are wonderful if we manage our cause well. These good people have manifested an interest in the cause of Christian education equal to the older portions of the country. At two of the appointments on Iowa "ark mission" held at school-house and only a few members, we secured contributions to N. T. F. College amounting to over \$150, and at Wichita, \$175. May the Lord bless this generous people.

#### Mobetie.

J. W. Linferman, Oct. 28: Our presiding elder, M. K. Little, accompanied by Bro. J. N. Gibson, of Margaret mission, came to us on October 22; commenced meeting at night and Bro. Gibson preached. Some of our people had been asking him, "What do you think of Mobetie?" Well, when he got to preaching they found out. If a bomb shell had exploded in our little town the people would not have been waked up. He cut right and left until the people kicked, and still he cut, and some of our people were hit. Bro. Little held conference on Saturday and preached Sunday morning and night. There were a dozen more at the altar at night. Bro. Gibson preached Monday at 11 o'clock and again at night, and intimated there were some people in Mobetie that were on their way to perdition, and he made them think he meant all he said; and oh, they got so warm that some almost went back on him. Tuesday Bro. Little preached twice. At night numbers came and promised to live better lives, and it is all right now, our people want Bro. Gibson to come back. The trouble is with Bro. Gibson he tells us of our meanness and we wanted something sappy. Visible results: Eleven or twelve conversions, who joined the church, the whole town waked up, twenty or more under promise to be better men and women, dance broken up

and the devil beat and God glorified and the church waked up. Thank God for religion. I advised the preachers to walk home, but some of our good people went out and in a short time collected \$47. So they rode.

#### Throckmorton.

J. B. Masie, Oct. 27: The last conference sent us Bro. W. P. Garvin as our pastor, whom we gladly received. When he came on the work we had small parsonage, since that time we have had one room added to it and the lot on which it is situated enclosed with a good fence and some other improvements, at a cost of about \$500. We are financially weak at this place, but have met all of the assessments on it. It is not very hard for a steward to perform his duties successfully when the pastor performs his part. This place has never failed to pay the salary of our one M. E. preacher since we had an organization, and any-thing we can imagine to call for. We had a revival here in August. Bro. Charles G. Graham, came over and assisted Bro. Garvin, and we had a good time. Several professed and joined our church. We have a membership of about sixty members. About three-fourths are females. The ladies in this section are better than the men. Bro. J. A. Wallace, our presiding elder, and we love and esteem him very highly. He is a solid, good man; he is energetic and alive; he is a religious man; he is a man that does not think too highly of himself. He seems to be interested in the souls of his people and preaches and tells about Jesus. He doesn't preach and tell what a great man he is and what he has done and what he is doing, but it is about Jesus; hence he occupies a warm spot in each one of our hearts. This is Bro. Garvin's first year in the itinerant work. He does well. He is a good man and much beloved. He never tires in working for the advancement and upbuilding of the church. He has a wife and one child. Sister Garvin is a good Christian lady, and seems to want to do all the good she can. She is a good friend to the sick and distressed. We will be disappointed if Bro. Garvin is not returned to us another year. We have a union prayer meeting every Wednesday night, and it is very well attended as a general thing. We also have a union Sunday-school, which has been in continual operation since its organization, which was on the first Sunday in January, 1880, and it is a union school, there ever was one. There are no complaints, growling, hickering and the like. Our town contains about five or six hundred citizens. It is located in a healthy country. We have rich land, cheap land, and good law-abiding people. Our county is local option and has been such nearly all its time. There is not a case on the criminal docket. Our last grand jury did not find a single indictment. We have never had a defaulting county officer in the county. We have a good, new courthouse and well furnished. We have a good school, building of four rooms and a large school, well conducted.

#### Colorado.

B. B. Bolton, Oct. 28: Glorious victory at Colorado City. For the past three weeks, including four Sabbaths, we have been engaged in a hard-fought battle, until the interest reached fever heat. Then it got red hot, and finally the power became so great that men either had to surrender and get religion or leave the town, and they did both. We had high chromism and low church-going nearly all its time. There were some were prominent, but we rounded them up and let them out and mixed them up and let the Holy Spirit put his mark on them, and such a time as we did have. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and others worked mightily to the pulling down of religion, and we gloriously saved. Many of our Sunday-school children have been brought to Christ—nearly seven out of nine in one class are now in the church. Unsaved members of the choir are now singing the gospel from hearts all alive with the love of God. We had a grand concert for a concert choir. With converted voices and converted instruments we will make melody unto the Lord. Not less than seventy-five have been converted. Fifty have already given their names for membership in the Methodist Church, and over forty have been received, and the end is not yet. Fifteen or twenty have identified themselves with the Baptist Church, and others to other churches. No preacher was ever blessed with better help than this one. Rev. Nat. B. Read, of Big Springs and Midland, was with us from beginning to end, except a short absence to fill his appointment. The Lord is full of Read and Read has hold of the Lord. He is a tower of strength now and still growing. No man ever struck dancing and drinking, and such like, a harder and more effective blow than did Read from the pulpit. This came from Rev. J. A. Hyder, of Abilene, and with his profoundity broadened our gauge, and gave our meeting a stronger backbone and wider sweep. He is a wonderful preacher, and deeply spiritual. He made this statement when going to leave: "In days gone by a faithful man of God came to this town and discharged his heart's content against the popular sins of the day, and went away saying that Colorado was the nearest place to hell that he had ever seen. Another came, and with all the God-given resources at his command, did not get to the salvation of the town, and went away saying that he had no reason to dispute what the other had said; and now, said he, while surrounded by a multitude of bright faces, I am happy to say that Colorado City is the nearest place to heaven that I have ever seen." In days gone by a faithful man of God came to this town and discharged his heart's content against the popular sins of the day, and went away saying that Colorado was the nearest place to hell that he had ever seen. Another came, and with all the God-given resources at his command, did not get to the salvation of the town, and went away saying that he had no reason to dispute what the other had said; and now, said he, while surrounded by a multitude of bright faces, I am happy to say that Colorado City is the nearest place to heaven that I have ever seen." In days gone by a faithful man of God came to this town and discharged his heart's content against the popular sins of the day, and went away saying that Colorado was the nearest place to hell that he had ever seen. Another came, and with all the God-given resources at his command, did not get to the salvation of the town, and went away saying that he had no reason to dispute what the other had said; and now, said he, while surrounded by a multitude of bright faces, I am happy to say that Colorado City is the nearest place to heaven that I have ever seen."

and young converts and older Christians commemorated together the sufferings of our blessed Lord, and when this pastor looked on the scene he breathed a prayer of thanksgiving to God, to whom we give all the glory. Colorado will report everything in full at the annual conference.

### GULLIVER'S GOSSIP.

I have been endeavoring for the last ten years to induce my wife to take the children and the nurse to some one of our many watering places and spend the summer there. This she has always stonily refused to do unless I would agree to join the procession. Not being a confectioner, this course was an impossibility; and the result has been that those dear wives who leave their "hubbies" for three months' outing every summer have charged me with keeping my wife at home and rated me a stingy and selfish old swine! My wife having incidentally remarked that she had night-mare when I was absent, a maiden lady who has been on the vine for twenty years since ripening, remarked to another minister that if she had to live with as ugly an animal as she would have night-mare! This came to my ears, and it was the straw that broke the camel's back! My patience was thread-bare! I had born the charge of selfishness with a grace that many thought to be worthy of imitation, but I was not going to have her appearance thrown up to me as a weight that pulled me down. I told my wife with gentleness, but with firmness rare to see in a man who has been married fifteen years, that if she did not go somewhere I would go some how. She told me the situation at a glance and meekly promised to vanish. But where? I suggested Eureka Springs; but no, that place was in Arkansas, and she had heard that there was an over production of snakes in that country. Moreover, it was known in the geographies as the Bear State, and she was not going to have her precious children either bitten by reptiles or swallowed by wild beasts. Mineral Wells, in our own State, was next named, and she had about made up her mind to go when some one told her that there were many invalids there that, instead of health and pleasure, she would encounter nothing but prosoxyma and groans; and as to night-mares, they absolutely went in herds all about over that country.

Belled at that point I suggested that I take her "kinner" out West would be killing two birds with one stone. She snatched at this idea; and after three or four days of buying and packing, hurrying and skurrying she dressed up the boys in their Sunday-school rigs and took the west-bound train for the Double Mountain country. I had laid off to have a high old time reading, writing and thinking while my family was gone. I had often said to my wife that after sober consideration of all the points at issue, I thought we had about the noisiest set of boys to be found anywhere this side the Missouri reservation. There are four of them and they all sing. Two of them have violins, and they play on the organ also. They have a "smart pup," and until a few weeks since when he was killed by a passing train, a pony. Added to all this they are the most lumbering lumbering birds I ever saw. They play leap frog, turn hand-springs, fly, stand up on balloons, rig "flying-jinneys," and play soldiers. The reader will readily see that in the absence of all this I had reason to expect a season of profitable and edifying rest. But, alas! poor "orrick" was I! I got all the cough up one track instead of being fixed for the other. My thinker would not work at all! I did not surmise the cause for quite a while. I thought that over-work had made me nervous, and that I would get better after a few days of quiet. I took ridings at the home of one of my brethren, who together with his good wife, spared no pains to make me comfortable and happy. I went to the parsonage every day for my mail and tried to spend several hours in my study. My body was there, but my mind was scattered all over the universe! Oh, how quiet everything was! The clock in my study was ticked as loud as the "cluck" of a Studebaker wagon. The crickets chirped, the rats played hide and seek in the pantry, the dog howled, and the wind shook the shutters like some one was trying to tear them off their hinges. What in the name of Tom McKimber is the matter? I asked myself in a husky whisper. The answer came back: Mortal man, you are, to a large extent a creature of circumstances. You are part of all you have ever met. Habit is second nature. Correspondence with environment has made you dependent on circumstances. Those boys have fiddled away at your heart-strings until the music has become a necessity. They have romped and played about so long that the very noise of which you have complained has become, without your being aware of it, a part of your being as happy, contented and thoughtful man. Now that they are gone you are unmanned, and despite your philosophy, the Scripture is true again, "A little child shall lead them."

But it is all right now. My wife, after gaining some flesh and losing much complexion from the long absence, has come again, and, though they are tanned until they look like minotatoes, and though they nearly ran me wild telling me about their trip, and though they are eating me out of house and home, I had rather have fifty of the noisy rascals than not to have a chick nor a child of my own. I am just now getting into good writing shape and unless the waste-basket should strangle my literary off springs before they see the light, I mean to keep the columns of the ADVOCATE hot this fall and winter with thoughts on various subjects. Talking about writing, did it ever occur to you, dear reader, that the North Texas Conference is one of the most prolific in the production of literary men? There are E. W. Alderson, J. C. Weaver, J. R. Allen, Wm. Allen, L. L. Pickett, and your humble servant, all of whom have at least a neighborhood reputation as book-makers. The Allens are in the lead as to voluinousness, I believe, each being the author of two separate and distinct books. "Erudis" is the latest venture of Hon. Wm. Allen and "Man, Money and the Bible," the most recent production of Rev. J. R. Allen, D. D. These are honorable men—they are all honorable men; and if their books do not sell it will be because the people will not buy! I understand that Alderson is contemplating the publication of another book the title of which is to be, "Fortunate Feathers; or the Art and Science of Chicken-Raising." This book will be

hailed with delight in clerical circles, for the present perch of the Shanghai out of reach of the average Methodist preacher, and any man or woman who can produce a scheme to raise the number and lower the price of chickens will confer a lasting favor upon a worthy class of our American citizens, and who is prepared to support such a scheme with all reasonable means?

I have recently been over in Arkansas on a visit to some old Texas friends who went to Hempstead county and built the town of Ozan on the first and R. K. Pro. W. S. Mitchell, the first merchant of the place, and who is president of our Sunday-school, there no sooner struck the town than he began to look out for a church-house. He is a brother to that prince of newspaper men, J. F. Mitchell, editor of the Greenville Banner. That whole family are full of energy, and when they hit a place they always make themselves felt. The Ozan church is the handsomest structure I ever saw in a small town. Rev. J. C. Rhodes, of the Little Rock Conference, is the pastor, and if all the "Arkansas" preachers are as well up in matters generally as he, the whole State is well manned. Washington is the county seat of Hempstead county. It is the oldest town in Southwest Arkansas, and boasts of possessing within its corporate limits more "blue-blood" than can be found in any other town in the State.

I visited an old graveyard in the neighborhood of Ozan and found a bold arc slab with an inscription on it placed there in 1831. Think of it! Sixty years have come and gone, and there stands that rule. Now and then you strike an old type from the mountains, and then you see a sure-enough character. His dress is deer skin, his cap is made of the skin of a coon, with the tail hanging down behind and the head and ears in front for a brim or "howdy-do" piece. He makes his own shoes, carries a long old "dety" rifle, drinks wildcat whiskey, belongs to the Hardshell Baptists and votes for "Hickory" Jackson. I can not vouch for this last statement; but that such an old fellow is not thoroughly posted on the tariff and silver questions, I most steadfastly believe.

But this paper is already too long. A brother writes me asking me to "please write a breezy letter to the ADVOCATE." Just what he means by the term "breezy" I do not exactly understand; but if he means windy, why, then, here it is. I now close by asking a favor of all whom it may concern: Brethren, when you write to me for church letters or for information about private matters, etc., please inclose a postage stamp in order to insure a reply. The postmaster at Paris is a peculiar man and will not let me have stamps unless I pay the office. This takes money as well as time, and labor spent in going a half mile to the office. Truly yours, GULLIVER.

### ANSWER TO THE "RED GOSPEL WAGON."

An article in the ADVOCATE of a late date attracted my attention, written, I think, by a Bro. Hughes, denouncing a red painted wagon that was dispensing the gospel on the street of some town. New all that was said about that wagon and the man in it and their work may be true, or more than represented, for that matter, but the brother has no excuse for wresting the Scripture to prove his assertions. He asserts that Christ never preached on the streets, and quotes the prophet's declaration of his quiet and gentle character; but as a matter of fact Christ did preach on the streets, and most effectively. In the case of Zachaeus, the raising of the widow's son, healing the deaf and blind, cleansing the leper, etc.—all of this was typical of the gospel in its power. One of the greatest offenses of our Lord to the scribes and Pharisees was his informality—he was constantly doing something startling and novel upon the streets. The lesson of the great supper showed the importance of street preaching. Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. It is not necessary to refer to the Scriptures, as all are perfectly familiar with them. If the brother will read the 8th chapter of Nehemiah he will see a most wonderful account of street preaching and the blessing of God upon it. Read also Prov. 1:20, "Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets." Now if this brother wants to put this against the passage of Scripture he quoted to prove that Jesus did not preach on the streets, he is wrong to do it. I will give him the names of some good orthodox brethren that have preached on the streets of Galveston; some dead; most of them living: I. G. John, D. D., Rev. Wm. Shapard, R. T. Nabors, Dr. R. E. Basting, Rev. John Kopp, Dr. J. B. Walker, and your humble servant. It is not invidious to say that all of them are fairly conversant with the Bible. Dr. John was in a wagon with a number of ladies and gentlemen who sang the gospel. Now, as stated, or at least intimated, I have no disposition to defend that painted wagon that he is perhaps justly mad at, now poor, weak Virgil Maxey, who has disgraced himself, except to pity and pray for him; but to remind our worthy brother that Christ's gospel is not stereotyped, nor is it confined to houses of worship. Solomon's idea in the dedication of his temple comprehends the gospel. "The heaven of heavens can not contain thee; how much less this house which I have builded!" We need the spirit of Moses. Would to God all the Lord's people were prophets, and had the Spirit of Christ in reference to that unorthodox caster out of devils. Jesus said, "Let him alone."

Geo. E. CLOTHIER.

Rev. J. L. Pierce, Shreveport, La., writes: "I receive the ADVOCATE regularly and enjoy it much. Have just closed a fine revival in my church, which continued for one month. Best wishes and greeting to all the Texas brethren."



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CHAUCER.

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Biography.—Born in London in 1328; studied at Cambridge and Oxford all the branches of elegant literature; was page in the royal household; a soldier taken prisoner in France; at the court of Edward III marries the queen's maid-of-honor, and becomes brother-in-law to the Duke of Lancaster; goes as ambassador to Florence, Genoa and Flanders. A favorite of the court; an exile, a prisoner in the tower. Wearing of the turmoi of the varied and brilliant court, he retires to the country quiet of Donnington Castle; dies in 1400, and is the first to be buried in the Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey.

Appearance.—Of medium height, corpulent, full, serene face, fair complexion, thin yellow hair, close-trimmed beard, squiline nose, expansive forehead and drooping eyes. His usual dress, a loose frock, reaching to the knees, with wide sleeves and fastened at the waist; dark hood, bright red stockings and black horned shoes.

Writings.—Like all the rest, Chaucer begins as a copyist, and translates the Roman de la Rose, an allegorical poem of the fabliaux literature of the times. With references to their sentiment and style, Chaucer's writings may be divided into three classes: French, Italian and English. In his youth Chaucer was nourished on French romance, and the Troubadour and Trouver influence is very marked in the form and substance of his first productions. He returns from his first visit to Italy strongly impressed with the charms of that land of lovely skies and kindling life and takes kindly to Italian models. Here he imitates Boccaccio from whom he freely translates his two longest and in some sense greatest poems—"Troilus and Creseide" and "The Knights Tale."

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Character.—Trained in books, war, court and travel, he was poet, philosopher, linguist and politician. Happy whether with books or among men; he loved the green fields, the warbling birds and the blooming flowers. With the simple delight of a little child, he kneels down to kiss the first daisy of the new spring.

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FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON VII.—NOVEMBER 15.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

CHRIST'S PRAYER FOR HIS DISCIPLES.—John 17:1-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: He ever liveth to make intercession for them.—Heb. 7:25. TIME: A. D. 30. PLACE: Jerusalem.

OUTLINE.

I. Prayer for Himself—Verses 1-5.

II. Prayer for Disciples.—Verses 6-19.

INTRODUCTION.

This lesson concludes Christ's farewell discourse to his disciples. At first it was a simple conversation around the table (chaps. 13 and 14). In chapters 15 and 16 thought and language rise in moral sublimity; and the apostles who had engaged in the conversation silently drink in the words of life. In chapter 17 the Savior prays for the disciples and for all believers.

As it was uttered just before his death it has been called the high-priestly prayer. As one of the functions of the high-priest was to make intercession for the people, so Jesus prays for us.

I. PRAYER FOR HIMSELF.—Verses 1-5.

1. These words spake Jesus—as contained in the preceding chapters; and lifted up his eyes—Alford notes that John seldom referred to the looks or gestures of Jesus, but everything he did on this occasion made an indelible impression and was worthy of record. The hour is come—the time of his being offered as the world's victim for sin. Glorify thy Son—by sustaining him in the hour of death, and proving him to be the Savior of all. That thy Son also may glorify thee—in meeting the laws demands, thereby justifying God. Every soul saved through Christ brings glory to God.

2. Thou hast given him power—Rev. Ver., "authority"; he is the rightful Head; Satan is called the god of this world, but he is a usurper. Over all flesh—humanity in its weak and sinful state. That he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him—Rev. Ver., "whatsoever thou hast given him." Christ brings eternal life to all, but many will reject him, and therefore in a high sense those are given to him, who in the eternal purposes of redemption are "foreknown believers and persevering heirs of salvation."

3. This is life eternal—as an accomplished fact. That they might know thee—have an experimental knowledge of God. The only true God—in opposition to all false and polytheistic gods. And Jesus Christ—the only place where Christ gives himself this compound title, although he is so called frequently in the epistles. Jesus means Savior; Christ means Messiah, the anointed; the double name means Savior-King. Eternal life consists in a saving knowledge of God and Christ. We must acknowledge God as our Creator, Preserver, Judge, and Christ as our Redeemer, our Savior-King. Whom thou hast sent—God sent him forth to save man.

4. I have glorified thee on the earth—he did this in doing and finishing the work which God gave him to do. On the cross he said, It is finished. 5. Glorify thou me—God had glorified him by voices from heaven, by the transfiguration, and by the mighty power of his miracles. He does not ask now for authentication before men, but for the glory which I had with thee before the world was. He had been absent from his home for thirty-three years, and a Divine home-sickness came over him, and he longed for a return to his own proper place and association with the Father, which he had voluntarily left to save a dying world.

II. PRAYER FOR DISCIPLES.—Verses 6-19.

6. I have manifested thy name—he came not in his own name but in the name of his Father, whom he manifested and glorified in word and deed. Unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world—this refers directly to the Twelve, whom Christ chose out of the Jewish world, and who, Judas excepted, were faithful, although the mass of the people rejected him. In a larger sense it refers to all who will come to Christ in faith, accepting him as Savior.

7. They have known that all things... are of thee—were convinced that Christ spoke the words of God.

8. I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me—the doctrine he taught them was not mixed with fable or tradition, but was direct from heaven. Have known surely that I came out from thee—were convinced of his Divinity. Peter said, "We believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

9. I pray for them—now pours out his soul in behalf of those before him, who were soon to be greatly tried. In verse 20 he extends his prayer to take in all believers in all time.

10. I am glorified in them—we glorify Christ when we accept him, obey him, and exalt his name in principle and practice, creed and conduct.

11. I am no more in the world—his public ministry had already ended. These are in the world—his disciples, the objects of tenderest solicitude were to be left while he went away. Holy Father—this expression is used nowhere else. Holiness is the peculiar, inherent attribute of God, and here

Jesus appeals to the Father to make the disciples like himself, to keep them holy and unspotted. Through their own name—acknowledging and relying upon God, they will be safe. That they may be one—as one body united to Christ, as we are—the close and indissoluble union in the Godhead represents true Christian union, in which the various members are joined together by one Spirit (I Cor. 6:17).

12. I kept them in thy name—he held them by the magnet of his love and by the knowledge of God which he taught them. The son of perdition—as the others were saved by holding on to Christ, so Judas was lost by rejecting him. This settles the question of sin unto eternal death. That the Scripture might be fulfilled—Judas did not betray Christ because it was prophesied, but it was prophesied, because God in his foreknowledge of all events knew that Judas would sell his Lord.

13. These things I speak—not for himself, but for the disciples, as at the grave of Lazarus (Chap. 11:41, 42). That they might have my joy fulfilled—Christ's joy was in his union with the Father; now he prays that the disciples may be full of joy in love to one another and to God.

14. I have given them thy word—he had declared the truths of God and the principles of the Gospel. The world hath hated them—they differed from it in spirit, intention, work, and therefore the world hated them, because the friendship of the world is enmity with God (James 4:4).

15. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world—for that would have been to leave the world unbled by their preaching and labors. Keep them from the evil—Rev. Ver., "from the evil one;" from Satan and his angels, who had already entered into Judas, and was plotting to destroy them all.

16. They are not of the world—repeated from v. 14 to show that though they were in the world, they were not of it, separate from the unclean thing.

17. Sanctify them—"sanctify" here means separation from that which is common and unclean. In v. 15 the prayer was to keep from evil; here it is positive—make them holy in a social, an designs, in labors. "Through thy truth"—the Bible is the "truth" of God, and is a medium of sanctification, able to make us wise unto salvation (II Tim. 3:15).

18. "As thou hast sent me"—Christ came as the messenger of the Father, bearing the truth; so he sends out his messengers to preach the gospel to every creature. He thus claims coordinate authority with the Father.

19. "For their sakes"—not for himself, but for them as the representatives of the church in all ages. "I sanctify myself"—I consecrate or devote myself to death for the world (Heb. 9:11-13). "That they also might be sanctified"—or consecrated to their work.

PRACTICAL.

At the commencement of his ministry over Savior delivered to the keeping of all ages that model for public and private devotions—the Lord's prayer. Now at the close he pours out his soul to God in behalf of the disciples and all future believers in what has with beautiful propriety been called his intercessory or high priestly prayer. He prays as if already ascended. "Now I am no more in the world" (v. 11); "while I was with them in the world" (v. 12). Still says, "He prayed thus in testimony how he would henceforth intercede for and represent them in heaven." We may learn from this prayer, viewing it from the standpoint of the ascension:

1. That Christ maintains a perpetual and present interest in his church as an organization, and as composed of individuals. Having ascended, he has not forgotten those left behind. He prayed for his people while he was in the world, and now even at the right hand of God he maketh intercession for them (Rom. 8:34).

The Jewish high priest not only offered sacrifice for the people, but also interceded for them. Once a year carrying the blood and the incense, he entered within the veil before the mercy-seat and made intercession (Lev. 16:15). Jesus is represented as performing in heaven this part of the priestly office (Heb. 9:20; 7:25). How he intercedes we do not know. The high priest interceded both in words and in action. The presentation of the blood and incense constituted an act of intercession whether he spoke or not. Sometimes Christ may intercede for us in words, pleading his precious blood, his all-atonement love. Sometimes he may make intercession with the dumb mouths of his wounded side, his pierced hands and feet. Charles Wesley catches this pathetic idea, and sings:

Five bleeding wounds he bears, Received on Calvary; They pour affectionate prayers, They strongly plead for me; Forgive him, O forgive, they cry, Nor let his ransom'd sinner die.

This intercession should encourage us to come to God in prayer. It should strengthen our faith, and give wings to our own supplications. They accompanied with the incense of Christ's merit, perfumed with the odors of His intercession (Rev. 8:3, 4). "If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (I John 2:1). The omnipotence of Christ's intercession! The father hears this pleading advocate always (John 11:42).

He cannot turn away The presence of his Son.

But for whom does Christ intercede? "I pray not for the world, but for those which thou hast given me" (v. 9); "they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (v. 16) Do we belong to the world? are we conformed to it in its business, fashions, pleasures, aims? He will not intercede for us. Let us renounce the devil, the world, and the flesh, so Christ will make intercession for us, and we shall be kept

by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

2. We may also learn Christ's anxiety for the "spiritual oneness" of his people with himself and among themselves, after the model of the unity in the Godhead. He does not pray for oneness in denominational names or views, but rather the oneness of the rainbow, although it has seven colors, or of the ocean although different parts of it have different names, Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and so forth. "All Christians are one," having faith in the same Savior, having the same design of converting the world, the same purpose of overcoming sin and Satan, the same glad hope of heaven. We should fear sectarianism, not denominationalism. Things are improving in this respect. The churches are coming together. They will never be one in name, government or forms, nor is that advisable; but in everything that constitutes true Christian unity they are nearer now than in any age since the apostolic.

"The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This is the consummation devoutly to be wished. With becoming reverence, we think that this is the meaning of the Savior's prayer. "That they may all be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be one in us" (v. 21).

Our constant effort should be to answer this prayer by bringing about not organic but spiritual union, not oneness of name but of essence.

So we shall prove to the world the divinity of Christ, the truth of Christianity and the sincerity of our own religious professions. "The conversion of the world depends upon Christian unity."

Old and Young.

WISHING.

One day a handsome hickory nut. At the top of a waving tree, Remarked: "I'd like to live in a shell, like a clam beneath the sea." And just at that time a clam observed, Way down in the tossing sea, "I'd love to dwell in a hickory nut, at the top of a lofty tree."

Thus both of them wished and wished; Till they turned green, yellow and blue; And that in truth, is just about what Mere wishing is likely to do.

—Hoppe's Young People.

A BEGINNING AND AN END.

Jimmy Farrell sat on top of a picket fence looking over into the chicken yard, and how cross he did feel on that lovely February day. It was the first day since Sunday that had been pleasant, and no boy who likes to play ball and marbles as well as he did could feel just right with three stormy days behind him, and this single pleasant one, with doubtless a couple of uncomfortable ones to bring him up to Sunday again, so full of things to be done. The owner of a pair of blue eyes that were glad to turn away from the inevitable sewing, and to rest in a very long way upon the boy on the fence, was watching Jim, who had not been home from school more than ten minutes. He had lots to look at besides the chicken yard, and as he was fond of fresh eggs and did not mind the care of the hens, they were not bothering him a bit. As he sat on the fence and dangled his legs over it, now and then hitting the pickets, he thought he was a pretty miserable sort of a boy. As he noticed one of the brown Leghorns pick up a choice scrap, and afterwards at it till the scrap was no longer there, give a satisfactory cluck, he said aloud: "I just wish I was a hen."

His mother had opened the window by which she was sitting to throw out a few bits of thread that the soft wind caught in a moment and blew away; and as she was enjoying the bright sun of which she had seen so little of late, she heard Jim's remark.

"What a strange wish, Jim, dear; would you really like to be one of that number of fowls in yonder yard?" she asked.

"Fact is, mother, I don't care much what I am, if it could be anything at this moment but Jim Farrell," was his answer.

"Well, I—" his mother began; but a peculiar whistle, that evidently came from a distance, was coming nearer and nearer, and before she could finish her sentence Jim had slipped down from the fence and was answering it in true boyish fashion.

In a couple of minutes more Sam Kellogg was coming around the corner of the house and saying in a loud voice: "Hello, Jim! why ain't you out? The fellows are talking of a match, and want you."

"What match are you talking about?" asked Jim, in rather a surly tone of voice.

"None of that guff, my lord; you know well enough that we are to have a

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ball match in the west field at the cross roads," said Sam.

"What of it? It'll rain, sure; does rain, or snow, or something, pretty much every day now."

Sam looked up, but the sun was so lovely and bright that his eyes would not stay open, so he stopped trying to make them do so, and looked back at Jim.

"Say, old man, do you talk of snow and rain with such lovely sunshine as that blinding my eyes?"

"Yesterday was nasty, the day before and nobody knows how many days before. Say, I ain't going to count them for you, Sam Kellogg."

"Don't know as I want you to. But what's the matter?"

"Matter enough," replied Jim, who had stuck his hands in his pockets and was walking up and down.

"Well?" asked Sam.

"Three wells make a river; I wish to goodness the river was big and deep enough to wash all that hateful wood away. See it?"

Sam looked at the heap of wood beside him, and thought it looked discouraging enough. Most of it was old apple-tree wood, but there were a few logs of worm eaten oak, and considerable brush, that looked like the trimming of cherry trees. He looked back at Jim's face, and it was so very doleful that he had to laugh.

"Guess you wouldn't laugh if you had it to do," said Jim.

Sam put one arm over his friend's shoulder. Tell it out, Jim, and let's see what we can do."

"Well," Jim's tone was more hopeful (and it is very nice to hear an encouraging voice when one is in trouble), "you know Squire Redful?"

"Yes, I know him well, Sam said, with a twinkle in his eyes.

"He's forever and a day talking about giving to the heathen, and I verily believe he thought we were part of them; for yesterday in the mud he carted this old stuff, and dumped it here. Did you ever see such a knotty, gnarly, crooked old dead log?"

"It does look pretty bad; what have you got to do with it, Jim?"

"Mother said I could not go out to play until I had worked at it for an hour," Jim answered.

"And had you commenced on it?"

"Not a bit of it. I had only been home from school ten minutes, and I had spent them swinging my legs on the fence, and wishing the stony old squire was in Hell, or the bottom of the Red sea, or I don't care a rush where else."

"I am not trying to preach to you, Jimmy, but it is a fact that to have an end there must always be a beginning. Let's begin; hark! the town clock is just striking 3; you and I will work at hard as we can for half an hour. Not a word; come on."

They went to work in a very energetic way, and with a good deal of system, too. First they made a heap of the brush, then they piled up the wood, putting the largest logs at the bottom. Then one took the axe, and the other the hatchet, and the way they made them almost fly was good to see.

Mrs. Farrell pushed her spectacles over her head, laid her sewing on her lap, and watched them until she wished she was a boy, so that she could help them. Splinters flew here and there, the brush wood bent, and cracked, and broke, and the busy boys became so warm that they took off their coats and hung them on the pickets. Then while one continued chopping the other piled up the wood, and I will venture to say that a bigger half hour's work was never done.



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At the end of it Sam went up to the back door, and taking off his cap, he said: "I suppose, Mrs. Farrell, that as two halves make a whole, that two half hours make up Jim's time."

"Indeed they do, Sam, and he can go with you this minute," she said as she leaned over to kiss the boy's cheek. "I thank you for the lesson you taught my boy to-day. He will not forget it."

"I only reminded him, please ma'am, that an end must have a beginning and that there's no use in being unwilling to make it," said Sam.

"Fact, mornie, dead-sure fact," I've learned my lesson well."

"And I'll come over and give you a lift, Jim," interrupted Sam.

"Will you? You are a regular chump, Sam. Mornie dear, we are so hungry—"

The rest of the sentence was lost, for Jim's mouth was full of some very nice cake that was waiting for it. And as the boys drank off the last drop in their glasses of milk, Jim said:

"I mean to learn that lesson well, Sam, let's see, you said there could not be an end without a beginning, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did. Come on. 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' they tell me."

Sam jumped over the fence, and Jim went after him, and in a very few moments they were well on their way to the cross-roads and fun.—M. B. Bell, in the Primitive Methodist.

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WE take this occasion to acknowledge our obligations to the Rev. C. O. Jones for the excellent work done on the ADVOCATE during our absence at the Ecumenical Conference.

THE second Ecumenical Methodist Conference adopted the "Call to Prayer," published elsewhere, and requested the Senior Bishop or President of each Methodist body represented in the conference to sign the same.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

The train which took us to the beautiful little city of San Marcos, where the West Texas Conference was being held in its thirty-second session, was three hours late, so that we did not get to the opening.

We learned from the Secretary's minutes that the conference opened as follows: The Bishop took the pulpit and gave out hymn No. 224, which is familiar to some of our readers and which the brethren always sing with the spirit and the understanding.

Dr. H. S. Thrall, the Secretary of the last session, being absent, the ex-assistant, the Rev. Sterling Fisher, called the roll and all the members present answered to their names.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, and after some amendment it was adopted as follows:

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Conference Relations—J. T. Williamson, J. W. Vest, J. A. Baker, J. T. Graham, J. A. Greening, J. B. Denton and Jas. A. King.

The hours of 9 a. m. and 12 m. were fixed for the opening and adjourning. During this session Dr. J. D. Barbee, B. A.; Dr. J. C. Morris, A. S. C. E.; Bros. Hammond, of Texas Conference; J. W. Lyons, of Holston Conference; Bro. H. M. Haynie, of Texas Conference;

J. P. Childers, of Texas Conference; J. Z. T. Morris, of Texas Conference; J. T. Browning, of Texas Conference; Jas. Campbell, Editor TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; Bro. Boon, pastor Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Bros. San Miguel and Meluso, of Mexican Border Conference, and Bro. Williamson, pastor of the Campbellite Church; Rev. S. W. Turner, Financial Agent of the Southwestern University; Rev. W. B. Rankin, Bible Agent, and Bro. Parker, of the Mexican Border Conference, were introduced to the conference.

Now to return to the point of our arrival. Revs. Alanson Brown, of San Antonio district, and R. J. Deets, of the San Saba district, had already passed under question 20, and the Rev. J. S. Gillett, of the Cuero district, was on the floor. He said that his district had increased by about 40 per cent; there had been an advance in the finances of the district and especially in paying debts on church property; had secured some lots and would build a church at Yoakum; had built two new parsonages, and while the elder had done very hard work, he had got fat. The growth of the district had been retarded at some points on account of the Bohemians moving in and buying out the people.

Rev. I. T. Morris, presiding elder of Corpus Christi district, said when he went to the district at the end of the year he found it in good shape. Two churches, a district parsonage and a parsonage at Corpus Christi were built this year. Improvements were also made on other parsonages and churches. There are ten parsonages on the district. The best collections ever made on the district were made this year. There have been some good meetings, but no general revivals. There has been considerable increase in the membership by certificate.

The Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, presiding elder of San Marcos district, said: "There has been some material progress on the district—one new church built and other churches and parsonages improved and paid out of debt. This has been the most prosperous year spiritually of the three years past. There are twelve charges and eleven parsonages."

The Rev. M. A. Black, presiding elder of the San Angelo district, was just out of a hard spell of typhoid fever and was in feeble condition physically, and was therefore allowed to make his report sitting. He said: "The San Angelo is the western district of the conference. It contains fifteen counties. The elder traveled it in a buggy. There has been considerable success in the work of the district. Some good revivals; built beautiful church at Kerrville; have started a church at Junction City, and several others, besides enlarging and improving the one at San Angelo. Finances generally up." Bro. Black stated that during the year his whole family had been afflicted with typhoid fever. The bishop led in a verse of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and Bro. W. H. H. Biggs lead in an earnest and touching prayer.

A communication from Coronal Institute was read and referred to the Board of Education. The communication stated that there are 290 pupils in attendance, over 100 of whom are boarders. There are thirteen teachers and this is the most prosperous year of the Institute. There has been a revival among the students.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was then called, and M. A. Turner (married), and L. C. Mathis (married), of the San Saba district; J. P. Garrett (single), of the Cuero district; Wm. M. Gillespie (single), W. J. Johnson (single), Ira B. Pafford (single), M. J. Allen (married), Hiram Graham (single), and H. C. Wilson (married), of the San Angelo district, were admitted on trial.

Rev. W. B. Rankin addressed the conference in the interest of the American Bible Society, and Bishop Fitzgerald in behalf of our church expressed great sympathy and interest in the work of the society. This brought the session to the hour for adjournment, and after notices the conference did adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

The conference opened at the hour, the Rev. A. J. Potter conducting the religious services. He announced hymn No. 220, after singing of which he led the conference in prayer. Then the conference sang one verse of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." The minutes were read and approved. The roll was corrected by announcing the presence of John Kelley, of San Saba district; also J. S. Cannon, of San Antonio district, and others whose names we did not get. Question 1 was resumed, and W. M. Francis (single), of San Marcos district, was admitted on trial. At this point Dr. Bar-

bee, the Book Agent, addressed the conference on the Pacific Methodist Advocate, the woman question in its phases abroad, and literature in general. About one of these subjects—the claims of the Pacific Methodist Advocate upon the patronage of the whole church—we may have something to say in the future. Drs. E. S. Smith, of Texas, and J. H. McLean, Regent of Southwestern University; Revs. R. W. Thompson, of the East Texas; R. C. Armstrong, of the Northwest Texas; J. F. Follin, of the Texas; and Mordicai Yell, of the Northwest Texas Conferences were introduced to the conference.

Bro. Leizer, of the German Mission Conference, addressed the conference on our work among the Germans, and a collection amounting to \$70.60 was raised to help liquidate a debt on the parsonage in which the brother lives. Question 20 was resumed and the name of J. W. Rutledge was called. Rev. I. T. Morris, presiding elder, stated that there had been complaints against the character of Bro. Rutledge, and upon investigation he had been suspended till conference, whereupon a committee of trial was appointed by the chair, the conference consenting. The Bishop took up question 2, and J. S. Drake, J. A. Phillips, J. T. Webb, W. R. Crockett, A. B. Bynum, T. Gregory and J. C. Ballard were continued on trial. Question 20 was resumed, and the name of H. T. Hill, supernumerary the past year, was called and he reported effective. J. S. Gillett was called and referred to Committee on Conference Relations for continuance in supernumerary relation. A motion to refer the name of J. E. Vernon to the committee for supernumerary relation was lost, and he was referred for the supernumerary relation. After notices the conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

The conference opened at the appointed time. Religious services were conducted by Jas. Campbell. Hymn No. 466 was sung, and after prayer the stanza beginning, "Oh to grace how great a debtor." The minutes were read and approved. The report from Southwestern University was read and referred to the Board of Education. Then Dr. J. H. McLean made a strong speech in the interest of the University and education. The University is now enjoying a gracious revival under the ministry of the Rev. Sam'l P. Wright, and is altogether in a more prosperous condition than ever. In fact, the Regent said it is now threatened with its prosperity, and new buildings is the only relief. He confidently predicts that the number of students will reach five hundred this year. There are new forty young men studying for the ministry in attendance. The names of those eligible to deacon's orders and full connection were called and their reports heard. Their names will be found at another place. The examination of character under question 20 was resumed, and the names of the supernumeraries were called. The Rev. A. F. Cox said last conference he was in feeble health, but rest and hard work had restored him and he was ready for effective work. Bro. Daval was absent, but sent a letter stating that he was in good health and his soul happy. J. H. Tucker was absent, and Bro. Alexander, of San Saba reported him as being very feeble in health. J. W. Brown was not in and he was referred to the committee for same relation. E. H. Holbrook was referred for supernumerary relation. W. M. Shockley asked for a continuance of his relation. A. J. Potter said he was glad to report for himself. Owing to ill-health the past year he had worked Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. He had quit smoking and flung away his pipe in Arizona, as he did not wish to desecrate the soil of Texas with it. Bishop Fitzgerald said he had quit, too, and while he did not wish to lecture the brethren he thought it a good thing to quit. E. Y. Seale said he preached all he could, but was not able to do efficient work. He rejoiced to see so many young men coming on to take the places of the old ones. Here the Bishop led in singing a verse or two, beginning, "Give me joy or grief."

W. J. Joyce said he was tired of supernumeration and he wanted work. L. D. Shaw thanked the Lord for his preserving grace and was ready to submit to the judgment of his brethren. Here "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was sung.

The Rev. J. S. Gillett asked for the name of Wm. Monk to be referred for supernumeration. Bro. Monk said he had traveled forty-two years in the itinerancy. He said he had experienced the hard and the soft, the rough and smooth, the light and the dark, and all his time had been given to God. He had never refused nor deserted the work to which he had been appointed.

The conference responded with "Thy Saints in All this Glorious War."

Bro. Gillett also asked the supernumerated relation for Dr. H. S. Thrall. He made a verbal report showing progress in his charge. He has been in the traveling connection fifty-one years; came to Texas in 1840, and has attended fifty conferences in the State.

J. F. Denton was also referred for that relation. The conference at this point received an invitation to visit the public schools in San Marcos. Notices were given and the conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

The Rev. J. A. Greening opened the conference by reading the 103d psalm, singing a part of the 546th hymn, and prayer. The Bishop asked Dr. H. S. Thrall to take the chair, and he retired from the conference room. The minutes were read and approved and the Bishop returned and took the chair. The Rev. B. Harris read the report of the Joint Board of Publication, which was not referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals, but adopted by the conference. The Revs. G. C. Summers, of West Virginia; Galway, of Little Rock, and Sutherland, of the Mexican Border Conference, were introduced. The names of H. T. Cunningham and J. A. Wright were called, their characters passed and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

I. T. Morris, for the Sunday-school Board, stated that funds were on hand for which there had been no demand, and he moved to donate them to the conference claimants. It was suggested that libraries might be purchased for the mission schools of the conference, and other remarks showed that there would be ample demand for the funds, and Bro. Morris withdrew his motion. Question 1 was resumed and A. W. Wilson was admitted on trial. The name of J. L. Kennedy, deacon of one year, was also called and his character passed. Chas. A. Statham and L. G. Watkins, traveling preachers, were elected to elder's orders. The name of F. H. C. Elliott was also called under the same question, but it appeared that he had already been ordained elder. The Rev. J. D. Scott asked leave of absence for the Joint Board of Finance in order that they might hold a short session. It was granted.

A class of five young men were then received into full connection, the Bishop delivering to them a most excellent lecture on the Disciplinary questions propounded at that point.

The following local preachers were elected deacons: C. F. Goodenough, A. W. Wilson and J. G. Palmer.

The name of J. W. Harrington was announced as having been elected but not ordained last year. The question, "What local preachers are elected elders?" was called and answered, "None."

Question 20 was resumed, and the names of the following elders were called and their characters passed: C. W. Godwin, B. Harris, J. D. Scott, J. T. Stanley, E. K. Denton, A. C. Biggs, J. A. Biggs, J. A. Greening, J. R. Barden, W. O. Shugart, B. H. Passmore, H. G. Horton, J. P. Rogers and S. G. Shaw.

H. G. Horton and S. G. Shaw asked a supernumerated relation, and were referred to the committee accordingly. After notices the conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

The Rev. R. P. Wilson conducted the opening religious services. He read the twelfth chapter of Romans. The hymn was No. 456, "A Charge to Keep I Have." After prayer the bishop led in singing, "Oh, to Grace, How Great a Debtor." The minutes were then read and approved. The examination of character was resumed under question 20.

The committee on the case of W. E. Rutledge reported that the charge was immorality and the specifications lying, quarreling, and fighting with a member of the church. The first specification was not sustained and Bro. Rutledge plead guilty to the others with extenuating circumstances. The punishment was assessed at a reprimand by the Bishop before the bar of the conference, which was administered very tenderly. The names of the following brethren were called and their characters passed: C. J. Oxley, J. T. Williamson, J. C. Russell, J. W. Groves, J. A. King, Theophilus Lee, Carper Williamson, Robt. Hodgson, J. W. Stovall, T. F. Dimmitt, Sterling Fisher, T. C. DePew, J. T. Graham, S. H. Brown, J. M. Shuford, C. H. Maloy, J. W. Holt, A. G. Nolen, J. M. Alexander, J. T. H. Miller, R. M. Leaton, W. H. Killough, W. E. Rector, J. W. Vest, J. B. Denton, W. W. Pinson, A. E. Rector.

J. W. Stovall was located at his own request in order to finish his edu-

cation. S. H. Brown was also granted a location at his own request.

At this point the Joint Board of Finance made their report and distributed the money collected for the conference claimants as follows:

Table with columns for names and amounts. Total \$10,000.

Question 20 was resumed and the name of F. J. Perrin was called and his character passed.

H. T. Hill was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerated relation, and N. W. Keith for the supernumerary relation. The Bishop announced that he had ordained the following traveling preachers deacons: New Harris, Jos. W. Gibbens and John C. Ballard; also the following local preachers: C. F. Goodenough, J. P. Garrett, Albert W. Wilson and J. H. Harrington. Traveling preachers ordained elders: C. E. Statham and L. G. Watkins.

After notices conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference met at time appointed, the Rev. B. Harris in the chair. The Rev. J. M. Alexander conducted the religious services. He announced hymn No. 194, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

After the prayer, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Bible Cause made their report, during which the Bishop arrived and took the chair. The committee reported small collections and twenty-four auxiliary societies in the conference. They recommended that the lesson text in our Sunday-school literature be discontinued. The conference amended the report by striking out the recommendation and adopted the report.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals read an excellent report setting forth the demand for the circulation of good literature, both in books and periodical literature, and commending our connection literature and conference organ.

Jas. Campbell, editor TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and J. P. Wilson, business manager of Pacific Methodist Advocate, addressed the conference.

The examination of character was resumed under question twenty, and the names of the following brethren were called and their characters passed: I. K. Waller, J. A. Baker, F. H. C. Elliott, W. G. Cocke, Jas. Hammond, N. W. Keith, and F. A. Knox. N. W. Keith was referred to Committee on Conference Relations for supernumerary relation. Bro. Keith having incurred a small debt preparatory to taking effective relation the following year, the brethren generously raised a collection for him at this point.

The Committee on Conference Relations submitted a report recommending the following brethren for the supernumerary relation: J. E. Vernon, J. T. Gillett, S. G. Shaw and N. W. Keith. For the supernumerated relation: E. G. Duval, J. H. Tucker, J. W. Brown, W. M. Shockley, E. Y. Seale, L. D. Shaw, Wm. Monk, J. F. Denton, E. H. Holbrook, H. S. Thrall, H. G. Horton, T. Hill, and A. F. Cox. The report was adopted. H. S. Thrall, who had not read his report, read it at this point, with remarks. He spoke of his fifty-two years of itinerant labor and compared his movement along that line to a ship with full sail plowing through the billows of life, encountering storm and tempest until at last he hoped to anchor in the quiet waters (here the brethren all got ready to say amen) of supernumeration (no amen). The Committee on Colportage reported a plan for the union of the Texas conferences on one common colporter with the privilege of employing subs. in the different conferences if necessary. The arrangement to be made for five years. The Rev. I. Z. T. Morris addressed the conference in relation to the report and his work as colporter, and the report was adopted. Gonzales was then unanimously chosen as the seat of the next conference. A motion was made and carried to hold an evening session, beginning at 7 p. m. The special committee appointed to consider the desirability of establishing an orphan's home made their report. They recommended the appointment of an-

other committee, with larger powers, to consider the matter and correspond with other conferences, and take other steps toward establishing such an institution—the committee to consist of five members and serve during the year. The report was adopted. The statistical report was then read, the principal items of which are as follows:

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Table with columns for District, Value of Church Property, Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages, etc.

Table with columns for District, Pros. Elders, Paid, Prob' in Charge, etc.

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Woman's Department.

Conducted by Mrs. Florence E. Howell.

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PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING.

Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South, to be held November 23-29.

Auxiliaries are expected to hold daily meetings for prayer.

Factors are earnestly requested to call attention to these services, and to give all the aid they can in their observance.

Monday, Nov. 23—Confession and Supplication. Humble confession to God of all our shortcomings and sins in the past, and supplication for a spirit of renewed zeal and consecration.

Scripture readings: Psalm 32; Eph. 4:1-16.

Hymns 851, 852, 873 and 364.

Tuesday, Nov. 24—Prayer for those in authority for those having the control and direction of our affairs. Pray that special grace and wisdom and help from on high may be given them; that self may be put completely out of sight, and that the spirit of love and devotion may prevail all along the line. In this connection make earnest petition for the life and health of our venerable President, and of our Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Timothy 2:1-10; 1 Peter 2:1-12.

Hymns 759, 751 and 809.

Wednesday, Nov. 25—For the Workers: Pray for the supporting of the Holy Spirit upon the workers in the various mission fields. Mention each by name. Pray for peace in China; that the health and lives of our missionaries in Brazil may be guarded against epidemics; that renewed successes and blessings may be the portion of our workers in Mexico and on the Mexican border, and that greater results than ever may be had in our labors among the wild Indian tribes.

Readings, Ezekiel 34:11-16, and Isaiah 52.

Hymns 670, 695 and 458.

Thursday, Nov. 26—Thanksgiving: Thank God fervently for the success that has so far crowned the labors of our missionaries for his goodness in preserving their lives; for the many blessings that have rested upon the work everywhere. Let special thanks be rendered for the encouraging increase in the number of home workers and in the collections; and for the prosperity that has attended our training school enterprises. Bless God for a continuance of all these blessings and benedictions.

Readings: Psalm 67; Isaiah 12; Philippians 1:4-9.

Hymns 641 and 727.

Friday, Nov. 27—For More Workers: Let earnest, supplicating prayer be made to the God of harvests that he will send more laborers into the fields that are white to the harvest. Bless the Throne of Grace with the full offering of heart and lip, humbly reminding our Father in heaven that he himself has commanded us to pray for laborers to be sent into his harvest fields. (Read leaflet for September).

Scripture readings: Isaiah 41 and Matthew 9:37-38.

Hymns 159, 763 and 768.

Sunday, Nov. 29. A sermon on missions if possible. United petitions for blessings upon the work of our Woman's Missionary Society. Let the prayer for more workers be renewed with fervent supplication. Offerings may be taken up at this service if desired. A circle of secret prayer about sunset.

NOTE—The offerings collected from day to day are to be sent through the regular channels into the general treasury.

AN INTERESTING OCCASION.

Although I have not been long in the ministry, I venture to write you an account of the children's missionary meeting, which we had in our church here on the night of October 1. We—the Sunday-school children and I—worked hard against many difficulties to have our efforts prove successful. The program was as follows: The children formed in one line, and after a prayer by the pastor and a responsive reading, the children sang, "Tell it Out!" Rev. G. S. Sandel, of Patterson, reached our town that afternoon, and my husband, the pastor, at once asked him to deliver an address for the children. He very kindly complied and gave a most entertaining and instructive talk on missions to both children and "grown-ups" thoroughly enjoyed.

A little girl then came forward and sang so sweetly in her clear, childish voice, "Bring Them In," the congregation joining in the chorus. Next on the program was a recitation, but the young lady was sick and unable to be present, so the children rose and sang one of Prof. Excell's prettiest hymns: "Open the Door for the Children." At the close of the hymn ten little girls, carrying Japanese fans, formed in line in front of the altar, each child recited in succession a Scripture text, beginning with the letter she carried on her fan; and reversing the fan, she recited the verse, the congregation read the words: "Freely Give." They then recited in concert, "Freely ye have received, freely give." While the collection was being taken, the choir sang, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." The little hymn, "Jesus' Little Lamb," sung by three little girls, who looked gentle and pure enough to be lambs of the Good Shepherd, and the benediction closed the service.

The collection was not large—\$5.25—but we hope some good was done toward interesting the children in mission work.

Mrs. MAMIE FAYR.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS.

WHATSOEVER GOD may hereafter require of you, you must not give yourself the least trouble about. Everything he gives you to do, you must do as well as ever you can, and that is the best possible preparation for what he may want you to do next.—George McDonald.

THERE are great many things which God will put up with in a human heart; there is one thing he will not put up with—a second place. He who gives God a second place gives him no place.—John Ruskin.

HUMILITY is the first lesson we learn from reflection, and self-distrust the first proof we give of having obtained a knowledge of ourselves.—Zomeran.

The most valuable, pure, useful and durable of all metals is tried gold; so is tried faith among all the Christian virtues.—W. Jackson.

ONE of the most dangerous places for a Christian to get into is to get where he does not feel any need of God.

For a radical in every form Hood's Sarsaparilla is a reliable remedy. It has an unequalled record of cures.

Stranger—I should like to see Mr. Climan.

Seaside Hotel Clerk—No such name among our guests. "That's queer. He said I would find him here." "Well, he is down now, but he will be here in a few minutes. It is all about dinner time at the six-dollar-a-week hotel-houses now."

"It is all over town." "What? The cold wind, this morning?" "So it is, but Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is all over town too, you can buy it everywhere for 25 cents a bottle.

The central mother always keeps Salvation Oil handy. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Mrs. Bond—Did you tell Mrs. Jawsnith that I was out, Nora?—Nora—No, I did, ma'am. Mrs. Bond—Did she say anything?—Nora—She said "I thank goodness," m'm.

She—Yes, I am very fond of pets. He—Indeed! What may I ask, is your favorite animal? She, frankly—Man.

News-Items.

My wife was suffering over two weeks with a very severe attack of neuritis which several physicians failed to relieve. I then got a bottle of Wonderful Right, which relieved her in five minutes and effected a permanent cure. G. S. STIVERS, Dentist, Cor. 5th and Walnut Sts., Louisville, Ky.

He—Will you marry me? I have a bachelor uncle worth a million. She—No, but you might introduce me to your uncle.

An Old and Well-Tried Remedy. Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething should always be used for children while teething. It softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea.

Traveler, in dining-car, fast express—Water, these eggs are too soft. waiter—Strained to heat diet, sah. Traveler—They were taken out of the hot water too soon. Waiter—Well, sah, I'll put 'em back an' let 'em boil another mile, sah.

The season is now at hand that produces chills and fever again. This may not interest you to-day but tomorrow you may be crying lustily. Oh! who will cure child's Cheatham's Tasteless Chilli Tonic never fails. Remember this. Price 75c.

Half the marriage in the world would not be contracted if the parties to them could be assured that the other party would not marry any one else.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for cough, cold, croup, asthma, and all throat and lung troubles, also a positive and certain cure for Nervous Debility and all nervous complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and finding it relieved suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using, sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, making this paper, W. A. NOYES, 320 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Finnelly—Ah, by the way, heard the news. There was a little girl born at Smithers last night. Mrs. de Mode, absent-mindedly—What did it have on?

A Happy Possession.

This is to certify that I tried one bottle of Wonderful Right for a severe attack of Rheumatism to which I was subjected and it is the first thing I ever found that would give me any relief. It cured me in less than forty-eight hours. W. T. MADDY, Postmaster Malvern, Ark.

There is a fortune for the milliner who shall devise a bonnet that can be worn on any part of a church and always present the trimmed side to the congregation.

Do not wait until you are attacked with Cholera, Malaria, Dysentery, summer Complaints, or any relaxed condition of the bowels, but have Magnesia's Economy constantly on hand to meet the emergency. Price 75 cents per bottle. Expressage paid if a bottle is ordered. J. C. CLARK, St. Louis, Mo.

He—I hope that you'll not be afraid if I take my gun along in our stroll this afternoon? She—O, dear! But I hope it's a pop gun.

Business Men.

You can't attend to your business if wearied from loss of sleep by the little ones suffering from the effect of teething. Why not do as your neighbor and give him Dr. Higgins' Hucalobryl Cordial.

Billers—Who says women have no heads for business? There's a woman made \$50,000 by simply turning her hand over. Wifery—How? Billers—She turned it over to Mr. Bailion, and now she's Mrs. Bailion.

A thing of beauty, the poet sings, is a joy forever, so it is if it is preserved, but if it is lost or allowed to decay, it is a singular thing that while so much attention should be given as a general thing to the teeth, the hair should be so neglected.

Men are notoriously more erring in this respect than women, but even their thought they may brush and comb this fair adornment daily, often fail utterly to realize that the scalp needs treatment, and the hair proper stimulant and sustenance until they find it going.

It is fortunate for woman-kind that a ready and reliable agency for overcoming the difficulty is provided in the Louisiana Creole Hair Restorer which not only restores in a single application, restores the original color of the hair, but stops it from coming out and gives it renewed and luxurious growth, so that through its use it is possible for a woman of forty to have hair in every way as attractive as at twenty. It is the finest hair dressing for ladies now known and if once used no other will ever be tolerated. Manufacturing Drug Co., Proprietors, Memphis, Tenn.

Small Boy—Somebody come quick and catch this hyacinth. All the neighbors—What's the matter with it? Small Boy—It's running. (Small boy promptly follows its example.)

Fond's Extract used Forty years by Physicians and the people for Pain and Inflammations. This success stamps every bottle of the Genuine.

Insensibility and Pneumonia.

T. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish, La., writes: "Permit me to say to the public that I have tried Wonderful Right in my practice and find it to be a most efficacious and reliable remedy for Insensibility and Pneumonia. Nothing to equal it to relieve pain."

Cumso—Jinks has just been saved from a terrible fate. Mrs. Cumso—Why, he was killed by a runaway horse yesterday. Cumso—True; but he was to have been married next week.

The Best Riding Plow on the Market.

STONY, TEXAS, June 26, 1891. Messrs. Parlin & Orendorff Co., Dallas, Texas:

DEAR SIR:—The Tricycle Plow I bought of you last year I have tried side by side with the Casady, and am free to say that it is far superior to the Casady in every respect, and as for ease of draft and management the Casady is no comparison. I recommend the Tricycle to every farmer brother as being the best riding plow on the market. Yours,

W. M. BURROW.

Bachelor Friend—Why, I think it is simply wonderful! I should have said that bread like that could not have been made outside a foundry.

LOOSE JAW.

ORIS SPANOR, TEXAS, Aug 17, 1888. One large dose of Wonderful Right cured my case of loose-jaw. It is truly a wonderful cure and the best seller of any preparation in the market. No one can afford to be without it. W. H. HARRIS. For sale by all dealers.

"Is a check payment for a debt?" queried Bangs. "Well, that depends. A check would be, but I'd rather have cash from you," returned Wimpington.

He—Do you think long engagements are the best?

She—Oh, I don't know. Several short ones are lots nicer to my mind.

Its Excellent Qualities.

Command to public approval the California liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste and gently acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, it cleanses the system effectually, thereby promoting the health and comfort of all who use it.

Ethel—I have had more than fifty offers so far this season. Maud—For the land's sake! Who from? Ethel—From George.

Black-Leg.

This is to certify that I have used WONDERFUL RIGHT and found it to be an immediate relief for Black-Leg in cattle, by giving them from 15 to 20 drops internally and applying once or twice externally to parts affected. A. J. MCCLURE, Sulistemp, Williamson Co., Texas.

The advice that is taken at last is that which comes from the man who has nothing to say while all others are shouting.

Don't shake and shake and shake but the king of tonics take. It's name is Cheatham's Tasteless Chilli Tonic and you can rely on its curing chills and fever every time. That's what it's here for. Guaranteed, 75c.

When you feel that you can't get acquainted with a man, it is a sure sign that he doesn't like you and never will.

Collection Cards.

PRICE. (Postage Prepaid.)

100 ..... 75

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(Per similar.)

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I hereby agree to contribute during the present Conference year as follows:

FOR—

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Church Extension .....

Education .....

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Bible Cause .....

Total .....

The foregoing is not a legal, but simply a moral obligation. Unless paid within one week before Conference, it will be returned to the signer.

For Sale by SHAW & BLAYLOCK, Dallas, Tex.

Church Notices.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Bremen sta. at ..... Nov. 8. Chappell Hill sta. at ..... Nov. 15. G. H. BROOKS, P. E.

MUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Miltion and Weiborn, at ..... Nov. 7. J. C. MICKLE, P. E.

GALVEY DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Centerville cir. at Centerville ..... Nov. 7. Marquetz cir. at Gum Springs ..... Nov. 9. Franklin cir. at Franklin ..... Nov. 15. FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Lagrange sta. at ..... Nov. 7. Webberville cir. at Webberville ..... Nov. 11. Austin, Twenty-fourth Street ..... Nov. 12. Austin, Tenth Street ..... Nov. 14. E. S. SMITH, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Velasco ..... Nov. 7. H. W. PHILLIPS, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Gatesville sta. at Gatesville ..... Nov. 8. Benson Creek cir. at ..... Nov. 10. Brookhaven sta. at ..... Nov. 12. Coryell City cir. at New Hope ..... Nov. 14. A. BALLEW, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Oberlin cir. at Shiloh ..... Nov. 7. Boqueville cir. at Union Hill ..... Nov. 12. Clifton man. at Prairie Hill ..... Nov. 17. Abbott cir. at Bell's Springs ..... Nov. 22. R. O. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Della Plain sta. at Lockney ..... Nov. 7. Plainview sta. at Plainview ..... Nov. 8. M. LITTLE, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Finis cir. at ..... Nov. 7. Farmer cir. at ..... Wednesday, Nov. 14. Graham sta. at ..... Nov. 14. 15. Weatherford sta. at ..... Nov. 22. J. T. L. ANNIS, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Lancaster and Ferris cir. at ..... Nov. 7. Oak Cliff sta. at ..... Nov. 14. 15. Wesley and Bush cir. at ..... Nov. 21. 22. E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Santa Anna cir. at ..... Nov. 7. Coleman City sta. at Coleman City ..... Nov. 14. Brownwood sta. at Brownwood ..... Nov. 21. J. P. MURSETT, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Home cir. at Ryan's Chapel ..... Nov. 7. Lufkin sta. at Lufkin ..... Monday, Nov. 9. Kicksapoo cir. at Campground ..... Nov. 14. Palestine sta. at Palestine ..... Tuesday, Nov. 18. Palestine sta. at Palestine ..... Tuesday, Nov. 22. Trinity cir. at Trinity ..... Nov. 28. Palestine sta. at Palestine ..... J. T. SMITH, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Centennial sta. at Walnut Hill ..... Nov. 6. Deberry cir. at Mt. Zion ..... Nov. 7. Palestine sta. at Palestine ..... Nov. 13. Henderson cir. at Good Springs ..... Nov. 21. Henderson cir. at Allison's Chapel ..... Nov. 28. Henderson sta. at Henderson ..... Dec. 5. T. P. SMITH, P. E.

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TYLER DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Tyler, at Tyler ..... Nov. 7. New York, at New York ..... Nov. 14. Landale, at Landale ..... Nov. 21. Landale, at Cottonwood ..... Nov. 28. Tyler sta. at Tyler ..... Dec. 5. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Murrill sta. at Pleasant Grove ..... Nov. 7. Church Hill cir. at Church Hill ..... Nov. 14. 15. Church Hill cir. at Church Hill ..... Nov. 21. 22. Center and Timpanon, at Timpanon ..... Nov. 29. A. J. FRICK, P. E.

NEW MEXICO.

EL PASO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Lake Valley ..... 2d Sat and Sun in Nov. El Paso, 1st Sat and Sun in Nov. La Mesa ..... 5th Sat and Sun in Nov. J. M. STEVENSON, P. E.

EDDY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Bonita ..... 2d Sun in Nov. Eddy ..... 1st Sun in Dec. I. N. CRITCHFIELD, P. E.

NOTES.

It must now be apparent to the careful reader that it is quite difficult to kill the infinitesimally small eggs by reason of their almost imperceptible diminutiveness, and difficult also to eradicate the moth by reason of its secretive habits. A benzene spray is sure death; but there are many objections to its use, and danger from its inflammable character; still, it is the ordinary throat spray, which can be bought for a trifle, is filled with benzene and the vapor thrown into crevices against moth or eggs, it will destroy them; but no light should be brought into a room thus treated, until after it has been thoroughly aired, and the odor dissipated.

After a thorough airing of a woolen fabric, for the purpose of driving out any concealed moth (for a moth abhors light), and after time has been given to the development of any concealed egg, you may be reasonably sure that there is nothing harmful on the fabric; then it is as safe done up in a paper parcel as it would be if saturated and buried beneath all the anti-moth remedies in existence.

Camphor, tobacco, naphthaline, and other strong odors are only partially repellent to the flying moth, and have no effect at all upon the eggs or worm, which is the destroying element. The benzene spray is the least objectionable destroying agent that we know of. It may be used very safely upon carpeting, but the utmost care should be exercised in using it on fabrics of a delicate character.

One should not confuse the moth with the carpet beetle. Frequently housekeepers discover their carpets eaten, and they attribute it to moths. Indeed, the carpet beetle is frequently called the Buffalo moth. The perfect beetle is three-sixteenths of an inch long, and when disturbed it draws in its legs and feigns death. It is white, black, and scarlet, the scarlet being confined to a stripe down the middle of the back. It begins to appear in the fall, and soon the species pair off, and the female deposits her eggs upon the carpet itself, and not in the cracks or crevices, as generally supposed.

CISCO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Carlton cir. at ..... Nov. 7. Armstrong sta. at Graham ..... Nov. 8. JOHN S. DAVIS, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Abilene sta. at Lyle ..... Nov. 7. Abilene sta. at ..... Nov. 14. 15. JNO. A. WALLACE, P. E.

PORT WORTH DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Kopperl sta. at Kopperl ..... Nov. 8. Morgan and Blum, at Blum ..... Monday, Nov. 8. Arlington cir. at ..... Nov. 7. 8. Glen Rose sta. at ..... Nov. 14. 15. Missouri Avenue ..... Nov. 17. Blue Dale cir. at ..... Nov. 21. 22. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

CORSICANA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Kerens cir. at Kerens ..... Nov. 7. Thornton cir. at Thornton ..... Nov. 9. Bethel sta. at ..... Nov. 10. Wortham cir. at Wortham ..... Nov. 11. Corsicana cir. at Pleasant Grove ..... Nov. 14. Corsicana sta. at Black Hill ..... Nov. 17. Drake Mission, at Black Hill ..... Nov. 17. G. S. WYATT, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Bartlett cir. at ..... Nov. 7. West Georgetown, at Wesley Chapel, at I. L. M., Nov. 11. Corn Hill and Salado, at ..... Nov. 14. 15. Georgetown sta. at Georgetown 7:30 p. m., Nov. 15. Liberty Hill and Leader ..... Nov. 21. 22. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS.

PARIS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Annona cir. at ..... Nov. 7. J. R. WAUGH, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Valley View cir. at Valley View ..... Nov. 7. G. L. BALLARD, P. E.

SULPHURSPRINGS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Sulphur Springs sta. at ..... Nov. 5. G. S. WYATT, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. City, at ..... Thursday, Nov. 5. Smithfield cir. at ..... 2d Sun in Nov. North Fort Worth ..... 2d Sun night and Monday. Oak Lawn ..... T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Kildare cir. at ..... 2d Sun in Nov. Jefferson sta. at ..... 3 p. m., Nov. 9. G. B. FRASER, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Denison sta. at ..... Nov. 7. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

EAST TEXAS.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Home cir. at Ryan's Chapel ..... Nov. 7. Lufkin sta. at Lufkin ..... Monday, Nov. 9. Kicksapoo cir. at Campground ..... Nov. 14. Palestine sta. at Palestine ..... Tuesday, Nov. 18. Palestine sta. at Palestine ..... Tuesday, Nov. 22. Trinity cir. at Trinity ..... Nov. 28. Palestine sta. at Palestine ..... J. T. SMITH, P. E.

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THE NEW METHOD.

For good health, it is essential that the blood should be pure and free from all impurities. The blood is the life-giving fluid, and it is the duty of every man to keep it pure and free from all impurities. The best way to do this is by using the "New Method" of Dr. J. C. Clark. This method is simple and easy to follow, and it will give you the best results in the shortest time. It is the only method that has been found to be successful in curing all cases of blood impurities. It is the only method that has been found to be safe and reliable. It is the only method that has been found to be economical. It is the only method that has been found to be pleasant. It is the only method that has been found to be effective. It is the only method that has been found to be permanent. It is the only method that has been found to be the best. It is the only method that has been found to be the most reliable. It is the only method that has been found to be the most successful. It is the only method that has been found to be the most economical. It is the only method that has been found to be the most pleasant. It is the only method that has been found to be the most effective. It is the only method that has been found to be the most permanent. It is the only method that has been found to be the best. It is the only method that has been found to be the most reliable. It is the only method that has been found to be the most successful. It is the only method that has been found to be the most economical. It is the only method that has been found to be the most pleasant. It is the only method that has been found to be the most effective. It is the only method that has been found to be the most permanent. It is the only method that has been found to be the best. It is the only method that has been found to be the most reliable. It is the only method that has been found to be the most successful. It is the only method that has been found to be the most economical. It is the only method that has been found to be the most pleasant. It is the only method that has been found to be the most effective. It is the only method that has been found to be the most permanent. It is the only method that has been found to be the best. It is the only method that has been found to be the most reliable. It is the only method that has been found to be the most successful. It is the only method that has been found to be the most economical. It is the only method that has been found to be the most pleasant. It is the only method that has been found to be the most effective. It is the only method that has been found to be the most permanent. It is the only method that has been found to be the best. It is the only method that has been found to be the most reliable. It is the only method that has been found to be the most successful. It is the only method that has been found to be the most economical. It is the only method that has been found to be the most pleasant. It is the only method that has been found to be the most effective. It is the only method that has been found to be the most permanent. It is the only method that has been found to



CHRONIC CATARRH.

HISTORY OF A CASE THAT NEEDS NO COMMENT.

What Has Been Done Can Be Done Again.

The efficacy of Per-na in the cure of Chronic Catarrh of long standing cannot be told in greater eloquence or more convincing argument than by simply making extracts from letters received from grateful patients. The following interesting extracts from a correspondence with Mr. Peter Hattenberg, of Porterdale, Wis., tell their own story:

PORTERDALE, Wis., Aug. 1, 1890. Dr. S. B. Hartman—Dear Sir: I have been suffering with chronic catarrh about nine years, and it has now settled on my lungs and I have all the symptoms of consumption.

August 19, 1890. I have taken the Per-na now for three weeks as you advised, and I feel a great deal better. The cough has nearly left me and my appetite is getting better every day, and my swallow complexion is almost gone and my skin is getting white. The catarrh in my head still troubles me so much that I get almost crazy.

September 11, 1890. I am improving very fast now. The cough is gone and the catarrh is commencing to leave my head and throat.

December 18, 1890. I am still following your advice, and am getting along well.

February 12, 1891. I am still improving in every way. The catarrh is leaving my head and throat.

April 27, 1891. I am still using your medicine. My health is improving right along, my appetite is good, and I feel better than I have in five or six years.

August 28, 1891. I am rid of the catarrh of my head and feel perfectly well and happy. You are at liberty to publish my case for the benefit of others, and if there is any one who has any doubt about your medicine curing catarrh let them write me and I will be very glad to answer them. God bless you and yours.

PETER HATTENBERG, Porterdale, Wis.

It is to Per-na that he owes his life and health which he enjoys to day, without the shadow of a doubt. Thousands of similar cases are occurring every year. Per-na rarely fails to cure any catarrhal affections of the head, throat or lungs, from the slightest cold to the most protracted type of catarrhal consumption. Directions for use accompany each bottle. For a complete treatise as to the use of Per-na in the various stages, varieties and complications of catarrh, send at once for a copy of The Family Physician, No. 2 sent free to any address by the Per-na Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

"Do you know, Miss Honeydew-Dolly, are the first girls ever kissed?" "Oh, that's just what they all say!"

The publishers of THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE heartily endorse the merits of Wilcox's Crystalized Essence.

When were Napoleon's clothes ragged? When he was out at sea.

"Some people might prefer wrestling with the chili all summer to spending seventy-five cents for a bottle of Oshesum's Tonic and getting well but the man of brains who has a good head and gets busy at the chili as they pass him by. Buy a bottle and join the winners." "So."

"She—look at that lady, Charles. Isn't her nose heavenly? He—it is rather high, that's a fact."

GOOD NEWS FOR THE MILLIONS OF CONSUMERS OF

Tutt's Pills.

It gives Dr. Tutt pleasure to announce that he is now putting up a

TINY LIVER PILL

which is of exceedingly small size, yet retaining all the virtues of the larger ones. They are guaranteed purely vegetable. Best sizes of these pills are still issued. The exact size of

TUTT'S TINY LIVER PILLS

is shown in the border of this "ad."

TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA,

USE WILBOR'S PURE COD LIVER OIL AND PHOSPHATES.

Cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Debility, Wasting Diseases, and all Lung Complaints and Humors.

Almost as palatable as cream. It can be taken with pleasure by delicate persons and children, when after using it is very fond of it. It assimilates with the food, increases the flesh and restores health up the nervous system, restores energy to mind and body, creates new, rich and pure blood—in fact, rejuvenates the whole system.

FLESH, BLOOD, NERVE, BRAIN. Be sure, as you value your health, and get the genuine. Manufactured only by Dr. A. B. Wilcox, Boston, Mass. Sold by all druggists.

MUSIC STUDY. A Regular Music School.

In September a class studying music shall begin with me. Besides regular Friday lessons, this class will recite in General Taylor, Harmonium, History, Singing, and attend a variety of social concert every month; also privileges of a Musical Library and Technical piano use. Send for terms. MISS RAGSDALE, 132 Liberty Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.

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A NATURAL REMEDY FOR

Epileptic Fits, Falling Sickness, Hysterics, St. Vitus Dance, Nervousness, Hypochondria, Melancholia, Inebriety, Sleeplessness, Dizziness, Brain and Spinal Weakness.

This medicine has direct action upon the nerve centers, allaying all irritability, and increasing the flow and power of nerve fluid. It is perfectly harmless and leaves no unpleasant effects.

A Valuable Remedy for Nervous Diseases sent free to all addresses and no postage paid. This medicine free of charge. This remedy has been prepared by the Honorable Pastor Koening, of Fort Worth, Ind., since 1858, and never prepared under his direction by the

KOENIG MED. CO., Chicago, Ill. Sold by Druggists at \$1 per Bottle. 6 for \$5. Large Size, \$1.75. 6 Bottles for \$9. In Dallas by Trinity Drug Co., 954 Elm St.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

Believing that the great need of the Church of Christ is a bountiful baptism of the Holy Spirit; that such a baptism would give energy and efficacy to all our agencies and organizations, and that without it all our efforts must fail of their one high purpose—the salvation of men; believing, moreover, that such a baptism may certainly be secured by those who will humbly and diligently wait upon God for it in persistent and faithful prayer, we earnestly and affectionately invite the ministers and members of the Methodist churches to devote the week commencing on Sunday, November 10, to special supplication for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. We earnestly beg that such prayers be offered in private, in the family, in day and Sunday-schools, and in such social or public services as may be arranged by the authorities of the several churches.

T. BOWMAN STEPHENS, President of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, WOODS BROS. Vice-President of the Irish Methodist Church. HENRY T. MARSHALL, President of the Methodist New Connection. JOSEPH H. FERGUSON, President of the Primitive Methodist Church. W. B. BROWN, Pres. of the United Methodist Free Church. THOMAS BROWNE, President of the Wesleyan Reform Union. BISHOP THOMAS BOWMAN, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. BISHOP J. C. GIBSON, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. BISHOP A. W. WAYMAN, African Methodist Episcopal Church. BISHOP W. H. MILLS, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. BISHOP W. H. MILLS, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, October 20, 1891.

WORK FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN.

When the call for a Christmas offering for missions was made by the secretaries of the board, the fact that a similar call had been made for Southwestern University had escaped their attention. Nothing would be further from our wish than to inaugurate a movement that would interfere in any way with that noble enterprise. We therefore do not press the call on the Texas Conferences, and trust that the Christmas offering for the Southwestern University will be worthy the institution and our church in Texas.

We expect to call on our Sunday-schools and churches for an Easter offering for missions. Programs will be sent out in due time. We therefore suggest, in place of a Christmas offering for missions, that the Texas conferences unite with all the other conferences in an Easter offering.

LETTER FROM A PREACHER'S WIFE.

About a year ago I had a hand-shaking with my sisters of the Northwest Texas Conference through your columns. Now I ask the same privilege.

The path of my talk then was, that preacher's wives, while they have peculiar responsibilities, have also many peculiar blessings and favors.

A recent experience so clearly demonstrates the favors we enjoy that I wish to tell about it to sustain my assertion of last year.

On the 6th of June past I left Abilene and started to Kentucky, going a few days in advance of the children in order to enjoy the meeting of the Woman's Board at Fort Worth.

Our son (nineteen years old) and daughter (fourteen) joined me on the 10th. Kind friends, knowing I had gone, supplemented the things they bought and gave them a nice lunch that lasted the journey through. Favor No. 1.

Time would fail me to tell of all the delicate and gratifying testimonials of love given by the dear ones in the homeland. Not merely on personal grounds, either, but nearly always on the higher plane of being God's returned messengers. Who can tell but one who has felt the thrill of hearing testimonials like this?

A former Sunday-school scholar said: "Sister Hampton, I am trying to follow your precepts, and I am teaching in two Sunday-schools now."

Then a wife said: "You and Bro. Hampton got Jimmie started right by getting him into the choir."

Again, a poor old reformed drunkard testified in classifying that while he was far gone in drunkenness I begged him to change his life. I had forgotten this, but so it is; our paths of work open so much faster than we can sometimes enter that we feel burdened under it; but when the little we can do pays like that, how good it is to be in the presence of the frat of July brought Mr. Hampton to spend a month with old friends; together we visited from house to house—dinner here, supper there—until one would have thought our family connections very extensive, but it was only the fulfillment of the promise to him and to give up home and friends for Christ's sake.

The severe illness of my parents prevented my returning, as I expected to do, with Mr. Hampton, August 1. When he reached home, however, our dear Sister Wallace had arranged for a present and brightened the study with flowers and had supper for him at her own home. When I returned last Friday at 5 p. m., supposing we would go to the hotel for supper (as the family of any but a minister would have done), to my great surprise and pleasure we were invited directly to the parsonage, where bright children's faces and happy sisterly faces welcomed us to our home with flowers in every room, a beautiful supper on the table and groceries in the kitchen, almost enough to last a month. Only one friend remained with us to supper, and she a young lady, to whom I said, after the blessing that came from husband's happy heart, "Who would not be a preacher's wife?" She smiled, for being a preacher's daughter she knew all about it. I am sure the unmarried brethren of the conference ought to vote me thanks for this letter. Seriously, to the woman who marries a minister, and like her husband consecrates all to the Lord's service, there comes many compensations and joys peculiar to the position of a preacher's wife.

I learn since my return that my sisters have given me the office of vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference. Being an entire stranger to most of them I appreciate the honor and am willing to do whatever falls to my lot as best I can, but having such a faithful and efficient president I anticipate easy service.

MES. L. V. HAMPTON, ABILENE, TEXAS.

NOMINAL RELATIONS.

As much has been said and written concerning itinerant preachers holding nominal relations to the conference in order to organize at will, it seems to me the whole matter might be settled by an affirmative or negative answer to the following question: Do the brethren holding nominal relations to the annual conference propose to submit themselves to appointing power, as their brethren do, to do the work, which is deemed by those in authority, to be for the glory of God? Answer yes or no.

E. A. BAILLY.

HEARNE—HILL.

Hearne bears the reputation abroad of being the last station, depending on the line of transport that leads from earth to hell. Whether this is just or not I shall not undertake to say. But I want to say that if our efforts are coming, and the Christian people of the town are preparing to work with them when they do come, and by God's grace we expect to claim Hearne for Christ in the fullest sense of the term. Pray for us, that Hearne may be lifted so high in a spiritual scale that in the future it may be considered the next station to heaven.

O. M. KEITH, P. S.—Come and help us, brethren.

TEACHER WANTED.

Wanted, an experienced teacher to take charge of the Branchville school, salary \$50 per month and all overs and under. Address to R. V. FOSTER, BRANVILLE, MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS.

NOTICE.

A good home, with wages to do household work, can be secured by a competent girl by addressing box 101, Trinity, Texas.

TWO PONIES STRAYED.

Strayed from Wortham, October 27, two ponies, one bay mare branded A J over all circle, on left shoulder; one gray mare branded K K on left shoulder. Any information leading to the recovery of the same will be liberally rewarded.

G. A. GREEN, WORTHAM, TEXAS.

My Daughter's Life Was saved by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

My daughter, Miss Alice, says: "I was born with a weak constitution, and my mother had to give me Hood's Sarsaparilla, which was marked improvement and now she is well, strong and healthy."

HOOD'S PILLS cure Constipation by restoring the peristaltic action of the alimentary canal. They are the best family cathartic.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

North Texas. Preachers coming before the committee of first year will please be present at 9 a. m. on Tuesday morning, Nov. 10th, in Baptist Church, at Terrell, Texas. Bring your books with you.

J. F. ALDERSON, O. O. JONES, D. J. MARTIN, Secretaries of Conference.

Reduction of Rates.

I have nothing definite from the "Colon Belt" railway, but am confident that the same rate will be made on it that all other roads have offered to the North Texas Conference, as noted in the last week's ADVOCATE.

G. I. McWHIRTER, Secretary of Conference.

The class of the second year will please meet the committee in Terrell, at the Methodist church, 9 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, November 10, 1891.

P. C. ARCHER, Chairman.

The class of the third year will please meet the committee Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 1891, 9 o'clock a. m. at Tenth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South Austin.

E. H. HARMAN, Chairman.

By an arrangement effected this morning with Colonel A. F. Fox, General Passenger Agent Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, excursion tickets to Austin will be on sale at all intermediate points on the Houston and Texas Central Railroad on November 16, only good to return till 27th instant, at a rate of 4 cents for the round trip.

E. W. SOLOMON, President.

D. H. HOTCHKISS, Secretary Houston Preachers' Meeting.

The class of the second year in the Texas Conference will meet the Committee of Examination in Tenth Street Church, in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, November 17, 1891.

H. M. SEARS, Chairman Committee.

Texas Conference Directories will be sent out to those members of the conference whose address we have, so that the brethren may inform themselves about their homes before arriving in Austin. Those who receive the conference Directory will report at the Tenth Street Methodist Church on their arrival. All passenger trains to Austin are due here during the daytime, except the evening train of the I. A. G. N. from the south, which is due at 9:30 p. m. It would be well for brethren to arrive in the city, if possible, for the convenience of the families who entertain.

E. E. CHARPILL, Austin, Texas.

Northwest Texas. The class for admission on trial will meet in the Methodist Church, Corsicana, Texas, 9 o'clock Monday morning, November 23rd instant. In order to be prompt and avoid traveling on Sunday these brethren's homes will be open to them on Friday and Saturday before.

Chairman Committee for Admission on Trial, CORSIKANA, TEXAS.

East Texas. The presiding elders of the East Texas Conference will please send me a list of the delegates from their districts; also the names of local preachers expecting to be at conference for ordination and admission on trial. And will the preachers expecting to bring their wives to conference notify me at once; also those expecting to come by private conveyance.

J. W. JOHNSON, Henderson, Texas.

TO TEXAS CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

DEAR BROTHERN: I will have several copies of a new book by Rev. John Allen, titled "Man, Money and the Bible," for sale at our conference in Austin. It is an able production and every preacher and steward in the church ought to have a copy of it. If generally circulated and heeded it would go a long way toward the solution of the financial problems that are vexating the public mind of to-day. Price 30 cents. Will also have several copies of a sermon on the "Church and its Membership," by my friend, Rev. J. C. Weaver, the giant polemic of the North Texas Conference. All our members should have a copy of this valuable work.

W. W. HONER, W. W. HONER.

Obituary—Texas.

Oct. 24.—Fred Pates at Dallas. Oct. 25.—W. D. Wood, near Marshall; Walter Plummer at Navasota. Oct. 26.—Thos. Tress, a prominent citizen of Lamar county; Dr. R. G. Hamill, an old citizen, at Marshall; Frank John, at Denison; O. H. Reich, one of the first settlers, at Bonham. Oct. 27.—Bailey George, a prominent citizen, at Navasota; County Commissioner John D. Haven at Denison; John Keller, a druggist, at San Antonio. Oct. 28.—Mrs. M. B. Wells, at Garland; Mrs. Hazlewood, at Albany; Mrs. Walter Plummer, at Floresville. Oct. 27.—J. L. England, at Quanah; Gray, eldest son of W. D. Coffee, at Columbus; Jack Banks, at Thornton; Joseph H. Ratliff, at Hubbard City; Frank Dickey, at Dodd City; Thomas J. Shook, at Paris. Oct. 28.—Dan W. Nicholson, county attorney of Maverick county, at Eagle Pass; Judge S. M. Montgomery, at Graham; Mrs. Chas. Cook, at Cleburne. Oct. 29.—Rev. W. P. C. Kelly, at Austin; Dr. R. F. Porter, at Pilot Point. Nov. 1.—Miss Bernice Beatty, at Plano.

"There are millions in it," said a druggist when asked about Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cts. For some time past I've been rheumatic. I recently tried Bull's Cough Syrup, and am almost entirely cured. It is a glorious thing to resist temptations, but it will be money in your pocket if you avoid them. JAMES GOLDEN, Balto., Md.

The Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee, manufacturers of those well known Southern Preparations, McElyre's Wine of Cardui, Theodore's Black-Dracht and Black-Dracht Stock Medicine, have broken ground for their magnificent new laboratory and offices. The building will be three stories high, substantially built of stone, slate and brick, and will be located at Saint Elmo, a beautiful suburb of Chattanooga, at the foot of Lookout Mountain. When their building is completed the Chattanooga Company will have the finest "home" of any medicine company in the South.

McKorkle—I wonder why it is so easy to borrow trouble? McKorkle—Because every one has more than he wants.

Most complexion powders have a vulgar glare, but Ponzoni's is a true beautifier, whose effects are lasting.

Texas Obituaries.

Mrs. G. W. Christian was thrown from a cart by a frightened horse, at Burnet, October 31, and her arm broken and shoulder dislocated.

At Laredo, October 30, George Wise, United States deputy marshal, and Calixto Garcia were killed by a smuggler named Francisco Flores, whom they were trying to arrest. Flores escaped.

At El Paso, October 31, the Santa Fe switch engine ran over and killed a woman who was walking by the track and tried to save her dog, which dashed across in front of the locomotive.

At Eagle Pass, October 31, William Simpson, engineer of the electric light company, died from the effects of a dose of rat poison. Whether the poison was taken through mistake or with suicidal intention could not be ascertained.

Near Wallis, October 30, John Hatton, a negro, was shot and killed by his wife, with whom he had quarreled about some goods he had bought.

At San Antonio, October 30, Assistant Superintendent Cushing, of the electric light company, while testing the intensity of the current, received a shock of the strength of 1,400 volts. He was knocked senseless and fearfully burned.

Forty miles northwest of Fort Worth, October 30, George Baker, a brakeman on the Fort Worth and Denver railway, was badly mangled while coupling cars.

E. R. Williams, a tiemaker, was run over by a freight train at Ingersoll, Bowie county, October 30.

At Tyler, October 29, W. R. Johnson, proprietor of a saloon, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Ill health and mental derangement are given as the causes of the rash act.

J. O. Boyce, who lives and runs a mill and gin on the Russell (Gabriel), Burnet county, October 29, had his foot almost torn off in the machinery, completely stopping the engine.

W. H. Clark, a saloon keeper, was shot and dangerously wounded by Charles Hutton, at Dallas, October 29. Hutton had been ordered out of the saloon by Clark, then came back and did the shooting.

Otto Honser either committed suicide or was murdered on the night of October 27, at San Antonio. His body was found near it, and near it was a pistol.

Near San Antonio, October 27, Scipio Cesar White and Franklin Washington, two negro boys, were playing with a suspended unloaded gun. Cesar was shot, it is believed, fatally in the head.

Near Harrison, McLennan county, October 29, while Frank Ramie was driving down hill seated on a load of hay the team ran and Mr. Ramie fell. The reins caught his leg and jerked him against a tree, literally bursting the ankle, sharp and jagged bones protruding through the flesh.

At Dublin, October 23, a row occurred between Frank Craig and Tom Wood, resulting in the fatal stabbing of Craig.

In a Santa Fe freight train wreck near Kenneyville, Austin county, October 23, Engineer Capp, was severely scalded.

Freight Conductor Frank Hammer, of the Texas and Pacific railway, was painfully and permanently injured while coupling cars at Gladewater, October 29, by his hand being cut.

At Bonham, October 31, Robert Carter, the thirteen-year-old son of James W. Carter, fell from a wagon, breaking an arm.

While trying to pass between two cars, one of which was moving, Robert Webb caught his hands badly mangled at Bryan, October 31.

In the vicinity of Homer, November 1, the whole country was dense with the woods were as fire everywhere around, smoke so that the sun would hardly cast a shadow.

Arthur Hutchings, a negro boy at Longview, October 29, poured about three pounds of powder from a five-pound package into a hot powder can. Result, negro badly burned.

The Elections.

Tuesday's (November 3) elections were the main news item of the past week. In New York, F. W. C. Democrat, is elected governor, and the Democrats make general gains in this State. New Jersey goes Democratic in both branches of the legislature. Massachusetts re-elected Russell (Democrat) governor, but by a reduced majority. In Ohio, McKinley, Republican, is elected, and the party makes a clean sweep of the State by majorities ranging from 15,000 to 20,000. Pennsylvania also went Republican. In Nebraska the contest was between the Republicans and the Alliance—the latter being defeated. Iowa gives its victory to the Democrats, but was plurally held being reduced by Republican gains. Colorado shows Republican gains. In Kansas, the Alliance party's power seems to be waning rapidly. As indicated by the returns, the Republicans are generally victorious. Virginia is almost a clean sweep for Democrats. The same may be said of Maryland.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Oct. 26.—I B Gordon, sub. J W Blackburn, sub. W B Patterson, sub. W J Bindworth, sub. J H Wiseman, sub. D P Cullen, sub. B H Bond, sub. N Allen, sub. A T Culbertson, sub. W Dickinson, sub. Oct. 27.—G Archer, sub. Sam C Vaughan, sub. G G Shutt, sub. H T Harris, has attention. R A Hall, sub. Z Parker, sub. 3 cards. J W Benson, has attention. H A Gow, sub. W F Britton, sub. B A Snoddy, sub. M E Hawkins, sub. P C Archer, sub. J D Burke, sub. F M W. Allen, sub. G C Hardy, sub. J S Turner, sub. Oct. 28.—D J Rutledge, change. Irvin Freeman, all right. J T Bindworth, sub. G A Greene, sub. W E Benson, sub. J H Davis, sub. J F Archer, stopped. G S Sandel, sub. D W Gardner, sub. W C Long, sub. H M Starr, sub. S Kelsey, sub. J M Armstrong, sub. O A Shook, sub. C K Gallagher, sub. A C Benson, sub. R A Hall, sub. W W Henderson, sub. G G Shutt, sub. W J Lemons, sub. J W Beckham, sub. H A Bourland, sub. R S Finley, sub. S F Allen, change and sub. J White Davis, sub. J F Archer, stopped. 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