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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.]

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Richland Springs Circuit.

L. C. Matthis, Feb. 23: This is my first year. The circuit has five appointments and 175 members, one church house and a parsonage; has a territory of about forty miles long by ten miles wide. We have three Methodist Sunday-schools. Assessed salary \$350. I have missed some appointments, being confined to bed with ulcerated throat. Have received two members into the church. The committee on parsonage improvements will build another room to the old part right away. Expect to begin building two churches this fall. Twenty years ago, when I was seven years old, my teacher, Mrs. Sims, Bradford, married and moved away. I am now her pastor, and pastor of married children of hers. Congregations good; revivals expected.

Hallettsville.

James C. Wilson, Feb. 24: "We're on the way to glory land, we're on the way!" Hallettsville had the reputation of being a "hard place," but, thank the Lord, the shell has been broken. For ten days Bro. Abner Key "shelled the woods," and there is not a person in this community that was not hit. Old resident Christians say there has not been as much interest manifested in twenty years. It will be remembered that about 75 per cent of our population is foreign. There are thirteen saloons in Hallettsville, but many of the foreigners attended. The visible results of the meeting are: Thirty additions to the Methodist Church, twelve to the Baptist, some more professions, the churches greatly revived, a young men's prayer-meeting organized, also one for young ladies. Men made confessions and sought forgiveness of each other in the church before a congregation of about 400 people. Others made restitution, and we are still holding the meeting, assisted by Baptist brethren. By the grace and help of God we will keep the good work moving. Amen.

Rockport.

Jno. W. Sims, Feb. 24: Rockport seems now to have a feasible prospect for permanence. Deep water is an assured thing and work on Aransas Pass will begin March 2. Some of the machinery has already arrived. The three cove towns that will get the benefit of this deep water enterprise, viz: Rockport, Aransas Harbor and Portland, constitute the Rockport circuit. I look for no less than 100 Methodists by conference. Our first quarterly conference was held last Sunday. The reports showed some progress. Owing to the long illness and death of Mrs. Sims, the reports were not perfect. Our Bro. Deets, the presiding elder, made a gilt-edged start. He impressed himself as a strong preacher and a revivalist. He was quite sick when he went into the pulpit Sunday morning, but by will-power only he delivered quite a satisfactory sermon, was taken violently ill soon as the congregation was dismissed, but was able to leave on the train Monday. My wife was sick sixty days, which hindered me much. I feel shorn of much strength, but my good people stand by me in everything and we will, by God's help, have a fine year yet.

Benton Picnic.

W. R. Crockett, Feb. 22: It may seem early for picnics, but we have had one at Benton. Today men, women and children of different denominations and outsiders assembled in Benton church yard to clear off the ground, bringing with them axes, spades, shovels, etc., as well as a team, wagon, and plow. Some brought trees of different kinds and sizes. We worked a short while before noon faithfully. Dinner was then announced, and that means a great many good things are to be destroyed at Benton. After dinner we were not so bashful. Bro. L. G. Collins was unable to work; he immediately hurried back to his store. By 4 o'clock, p. m., we had cleared most of the rubbish near the church, plowed up atwalk, hung a gate, and had set out about sixty-five or seventy nice trees. So our church yard looks a great deal better now, since we have taken off the prickly pear, cat-claws and other thorny bushes, for, Mr. Editor, our church yard was wonderfully stuck up. I must say that there seems to be a true, noble and unselfish citizenship at Benton as in any place I have ever preached, and we are so mixed up here with Baptists and Campbellites that it is hard to separate us unless we go near water. We are moving on nicely in our church work, but our circuit is so large; we travel about 200 miles (say nothing about extra visiting) to get to all of our appointments and preach about fifteen sermons per month.

Lavonia Circuit.

C. Williamson, Feb. 23: We landed on this circuit about two weeks after conference adjourned and found everything in good shape, and the good people of Lavonia made us feel quite welcome, and while we have not had a taken by storm, yet the gentle breeze of kindness has been constantly blowing, and we have been remembered in a substantial way by our people every day. Our first quarterly conference for this circuit was held January 30 and 31, and to say we had a most excellent and profitable conference would be but a mild way to express it. Bro. R. J. Deets, our presiding elder, was present and gave universal satisfaction both in the chair and pulpit. We have five appointments on the circuit, and they were all represented. Everything considered, our financial report was good. Bro. Deets remained over with us five days and spent the time in the evangelistic work, and I want to say just here, in this work he is not one whit be-

hind the very best. We had three conversions, and many who had grown cold and indifferent in their religious experience were quickened and made alive again. Indeed, the whole church was made to feel the power of the gospel as delivered by him. We are making preparations to build a church at one of the appointments on this circuit and hope to have it completed in the near future. The Advocate is in favor and I find it in nearly every Methodist family, and all of them have expressed a desire to have their paper renewed when their time expires. We expect to do our very best to extend its circulation, and believe we shall be able to do so.

Waeleider.

John T. Graham, Feb. 23: Yesterday—"Arbor Day"—was observed in this place under the auspices of Waeleider high school. A program was arranged and the exercises conducted by Prof. W. T. Smith in the public school building. Trees were planted to the memory of several great men. The late Rev. W. L. Griffith and that distinguished layman of our church, Dr. Geo. W. Kerr, were remembered in this way. Beautiful things were said of these now sainted ones in the voluntary five-minute speeches in which the assembly participated. Prof. Smith is a live, aggressive man, assisted by his wife, son and daughter. His school reflects the man. His program for yesterday would be hard to excel. Work on. Our unfinished church building has stood in a state of suspension for eight months. The financial depression explains in part this delay, but does not stay its adverse influence upon our church life. Hence we do not rest ourselves up as being "on a rising ground," but your last proposition on extending the circulation of the Advocate is so generous that we can surely sow down our charge with this paper. You make think from the appended list that this is our aim. Permit me to say that our good people have pondered, suited and favored us in many ways. Among others, Mrs. M. H. Ellis, of Moulton Institute, has placed us under lasting obligations. Former pastors here will appreciate our loss in the recent removal of Dr. J. T. Cunningham and family from this town to Houston.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Decatur Circuit.

S. L. Ball, Feb. 25: We are at last domiciled in the new parsonage, though it is not yet finished. Decatur circuit has a parsonage, and we hope to make it comfortable for our successor, if not for ourselves. We are putting out fruit trees for somebody. We find many excellent people on this work, some of whom desire to see the church move forward in her great work. The outlook is hopeful, and we are hoping and praying for a successful year.

Pilot Grove.

L. F. Palmer, Feb. 22: First quarterly conference for Pilot Grove circuit was held at Cross Roads February 20, 1892. The presiding elder was present but gripped. Amount assessed for pastor \$450; for presiding elder, \$75; total, \$525. Amounts collected up to date: Cottage Hill, \$18.50; Trenton, \$27.60; Gray Hill, \$14; Cross Roads, \$9; Pilot Grove, \$29.05; total, \$98.15. Each appointment is expected to pay the following amounts: Cottage Hill, \$90; Trenton, \$105; Richland, \$50; Gray Hill, \$50; Cross Roads, \$50; Pilot Grove, \$150. Next quarterly meeting at Cottage Hill.

Collinsville.

W. H. Brown, Feb. 22: We are still having the grip here. My wife has had a severe attack, but is up now. Bro. W. A. Edwards, of Wills Point, is here today; he came to attend the burial service of his little grandson, babe of Prof. B. L. Jones and wife, of Cedar Lawn school at Dallas. Bro. Edwards has many friends here, as he was pastor here for two years. Our work seems to be at somewhat of a standstill since we have had so much sickness here, but we are praying for good times, and believe they will come. May the good Lord hasten the time and give us hundreds of souls.

Praterville Mission.

S. D. Cook, Feb. 23: The first quarterly conference for this work was held last Saturday and Sunday. Our presiding elder came in the spirit of the Master, preached two fine sermons, and the Holy Ghost came upon the congregation as it was at the beginning, and shouts of praise went up from them. God bless Bro. Nichols; we all love him. The outlook for a revival on this work, we think, is good. Three members received by ritual and thirteen by certificate since conference. We are trying to put the Advocate in every family on the work, and are praying and laboring for a revival at every point. God bless the Advocate.

New Boston.

B. H. Webster: Our first quarterly conference for this work convened here on the 20th instant. Our very highly esteemed presiding elder, Rev. O. P. Thomas, presided and preached to the delight and satisfaction of all. Rev. R. M. Powers, of Texarkana, preached for us Saturday, as his name indicates, with power (forty-horse). The conference was a benediction to all. While we have not been pouched in such a way as some have described, by storms, ours has been almost one constant breeze, bringing something nice to gladden the inmates of the parsonage almost every day. I like it. A more noble people no preacher, perhaps, ever served. God bless them! We are praying for a glorious revival.

South Dallas.

W. F. Clark: Our meeting closed Sunday night. Interest increased from the first to the last service. We had about sixty-two conversions. About forty-three have joined the church. Others

will join. The church is in good working order. Sunday-school, Epworth League, Ladies' Aid Society, Missionary Society, Ladies' and Children's Parsonage Society, are all well attended and working faithfully to build up the church in South Dallas. We are very grateful to Bro. C. O. Jones, Riggan, Hanson, Smith and McVoy for services rendered in the pulpit during the meeting. Bro. R. W. Thompson was with me in the beginning, but was taken sick and was confined to his room for several days; but, through the providence of God, he is up again and preached for us on Sunday night with power and great effect. I need not say to Texas Methodists that Bro. Thompson is a power in the church. He is too well known to require any comment. May God spare him long to the church.

Dallas Preachers' Meeting.

C. N. Riggan, Secretary: Monday, February 29, 9:30 a. m., C. J. Jones in the chair. Oak Cliff (Armstrong)—A prosperous week; successful prayer-meeting and large congregations. Oak Lawn (McVoy)—Largest Sunday-school and morning congregations during the year. Trinity (Smith)—Two by certificate; three by profession and large congregations.

First Church (Jones)—Large congregations. One infant baptized and one by certificate. East Dallas (Hanson)—Sunday-school doubled; fifty now enrolled and fourteen up for prayers last night. Cochran (Stephenson)—Good congregations and all things prosperous. Floyd Street (Riggan)—Increasing attendance; children's "free will offering" to finish payment on church paper and steps amounted to \$18.

Cooper.

S. W. Jones: Our first quarterly meeting for Cooper charge convened Saturday, February 20. Our presiding elder was present and was in fine preaching mood; preached for us three times to the pleasure and profit, we trust, of all that heard him. Congregations were good; a full attendance of the members of the quarterly conference. Finances tolerable well up; good interest manifested at all the services. Our love-feast was an occasion of great rejoicing to all present and will be long remembered. The outlook of this charge is good; prayer-meeting every Wednesday night; class-meeting once a month. Congregations at all the services on the increase. We were assessed \$9 bishops' fund and it is collected. We hope to be able to make a full report at conference. Eight persons received in the church up to date. Cooper is a growing town and in it we have a growing church; some stirring, energetic Methodists. May we have a prosperous and profitable year, is the prayer of the pastor.

Acher Mission.

C. C. Williams: It has been some time since you had anything from these parts. Our first quarterly conference was held February 13, 14, Rev. W. S. May, presiding elder, was with us, looking after every interest of the church. He is wide-awake and has his work well in hand. He preached for us three sermons, which were edifying to all. He is the right man in the right place. We had a very pleasant session, and more than one-fourth of the preacher in charge and presiding elder's salary was paid. So we think that Acher mission is well up. The spiritual interest is good. We are living in on the 18th instant. This will help us very much, as house rent is very high. We are indebted to the good ladies of this place for valuable help in securing the parsonage. In fact, without their help I think that we would have failed in the enterprise. They raised \$50 of the money in a very short time. God bless the good women of the church, for we would move very slowly without them. Success to the Advocate.

Lewisville.

C. L. McWhorter, Feb. 25: We were permitted to stay the past four years in charge of Cochran and Caruth, where we received many acts and tokens of kindness and good will; were well loved, pondered again and again, and just before conference a "memory" quilt was presented to wife by the ladies of Caruth Chapel and \$20 to me by the friends of Cochran Chapel for the purchase of an overcoat. More than \$4500 had been raised for the regular ordinary church purposes during the four years, 285 accessions to the church, 175 persons baptized, and over 300 conversions in the meetings held. Bro. W. H. Stephenson is there now carrying forward the work and is succeeding well. My appointment is Lewisville and Webb Chapel, a new charge in its present arrangement. A kind reception met us, a handsome pounding has befallen us. Our first quarterly conference occasion embraced last Saturday and Sunday. The stewards reported \$125.30—Lewisville, \$91.80; Webb Chapel, \$33.50. Bro. T. R. Pierce preached three sermons, which abounded in the deepest and richest truths of the gospel with power, and demonstration of the Spirit. Many hearts were stirred and the tide rose high. The sermons are receiving much favorable comment. The outlook for the year is promising and we purpose a forward movement.

Allen.

I. A. Thomas: Our first quarterly meeting convened February 20 and 21. It was muddy under foot and gloomy over head. So much so that we did not have a report from two points on the work. But the stalwart, robust presiding elder, was here and did his work well. He was not well the last sermon he preached, but some one, a teacher, said it was the best they ever heard. We were sorry he was sick

and had to leave us before his night service, but we had a full house and good interest. We have had a great deal of sickness—a gripe and pneumonia, and mortality has been great. We have lost three of our elect ladies. These deaths to us were a great loss, but to them a great gain, for our people "die well." We have received into the church fifteen members since conference, and while the outlook is not flattering, it is hopeful. Now, brethren, I want to say, by way of parenthesis, we have some of the best men for stewards here I ever saw. They know how to sympathize with and care for a preacher and family, and also we have some elect ladies through their way to the parsonage, such as endure a people to a pastor. May God bless them and increase their spiritual blessing an hundredfold. Notwithstanding the inclement weather and no report from two points, the presiding elder and preacher in charge were paid more than one quarter.

Marysville.

S. W. Miller, Feb. 23: Our first quarterly conference was held the 13th and 14th inst., and while there was much to make it a pleasant occasion as the day dawned on the morning of the 13th, it soon became apparent to this writer that there was trouble ahead. My wife has been troubled with a gripe and its effects for over two months, which has kept me closely confined at home, and on Saturday morning she was taken violently sick and grew worse until about 1 o'clock. It seemed that in spite of all that Drs. Bailey and Dudley could do death would claim its victim. At this point I sent my son to ask the quarterly conference to offer a special prayer for her, which was complied with, and I feel assured that God gave heed to their prayers, as recovery seemed to be apparent almost at the same time. I am so thankful, though I only heard two sermons, one by Rev. S. Nelson, Friday night, and the other by Bro. Ballard, Sunday night. But the conference occasion was one of interest. Our church debt being lifted it was dedicated on Sunday at 11. Finances are quite as good as could expect, as we are materially weaker than for several years back. Spiritual condition is improving. Rev. S. Nelson, the former pastor, was with us and took the bride off and preached as of old, and judging from the hearty laughs I judge his visit a pleasant one, and of course we all enjoyed it. Bro. Ballard needs no word of commendation. To know and hear him is to love and be edified by him. We have some very kind sisters who have shown much kindness to my wife in her sickness. Wife is now able to sit up, and I hope to be able to be out on my work in the near future. I think I can already see the foretokens of a glorious revival on this work; and surely it is needed.

Nevada.

Mary D. Cobb: While pondering long for a way suitable to express my appreciation and admiration for the new parsonage, I noticed a letter from Bro. Edwards, of Wills Point, in which he expressed an opinion that their people had done all. He doesn't think that all the noble people live in Wills Point. Wait a minute, Bro. Edwards, and I'll tell you something. For fear that some do not know where Nevada is—not because of its insignificance, but for its age—I will say, four years ago, in the southeast corner of Collin county, the "dumner" county of the State, fifty miles from Fort Worth, on the Cotton Belt railway, the lively little town of Nevada was founded. Last Saturday our first quarterly conference convened. Bro. Stafford, our presiding elder, was here promptly and did his work admirably. He delivered four very strong and impressive sermons to large and appreciative congregations. I'm almost afraid to tell him what a splendid impression he made on me, for fear he may think we are trying to flatter—don't anybody tell him, but they all think he is a "mighty big man." Altogether the conference was an occasion of much pleasure and profit to all who were so fortunate as to attend, and will long be remembered. Now, Bro. Edwards, listen: Our new parsonage is two story, with seven rooms and a hall, finished up elegantly and furnished well. I do wish you could come over to see it. No one of God's people could pass this elegant church and parsonage, standing side by side, without a feeling of pride to know that through the process of souls and nobleness of hearts it was all done for God. One or two of the active members deserve much praise for their untiring efforts, but without the kind help of all their efforts would have been in vain. Since my first letter to the Advocate my faith in them has not wavered; they have proven all that I predicted and more. While we cannot express our appreciation, we are consoled by the dear assurance that it has gained for them many gems in the crown above. "When Nehemiah reared the wall of Jerusalem there was great joy; when it was finished they consecrated it and gave it back to God. The wives also and the children rejoiced so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off." Now that the new church and parsonage are complete "the wives also and the children will be heard even afar off."

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Milano Circuit.

E. M. Myers, Feb. 21: We are getting along tolerably well on this circuit. We found the charge in good condition, with some exceptions. That we hope will all be straightened up before conference. I find my local preachers, Bro. S. S. Lewis and J. C. Gidley, are wholesome, good fellows, ready and willing to assist me in supplying the people with the gospel. When Mrs. M. and the writer came to Milano we found but little furniture in the parsonage. I began at once to let the brethren and sisters know my wants, and it was not long until we had \$22 worth of nice furniture. So the next preacher whose portion will be Milano circuit will greet the parsonage tolerably well furnished.

Hearne.

A. J. Anderson: Our first quarterly conference is in the past. Bro. Fred L. Allen, presiding elder, was with us and preached two good sermons. Finances up; church in a prosperous condition. Since our last report we have received a new carpet for the parsonage floor; had a new well dug; new bell for the church (large, fine bell). The bell, I trust, will be neatly domiciled in a belfry in a short time. This is not all the news. Some days ago a good friend (not a member of the church, but I pray that he will

be soon) sent to this preacher corn enough to feed his horse through the summer. His wife, who is a member, sent a fat turkey and a lot of Plymouth Rock chickens. This may seem small to you bumble-bee fellows, but it is not small to me. My wife loves turkey, and my horse loves corn, and the Lord loves the cheerful giver, and I love the Lord. Bless his holy name. Indeed, we have a good people to serve. The ladies will in a short time paint away the church; our congregations are large (good food). Prayer-meetings well attended, average about fifty. Interest the best I ever saw. The Sabbath-school in fine condition; Epworth League superb; ladies' prayer-meeting the best of all. Glory to God.

Engle Lake.

John F. Sullivan, Feb. 22: We reached this place the first Sabbath in December, just after the session of the annual conference. By reference to the minutes you will see that my name was read out for another place, but it seemed that that arrangement did not suit everybody. So I got Engle Lake circuit, and unglad. We serve a kind, hospitable and good people. Many Christians here. Have been well received and treated like a Methodist preacher loves to be. We have not been pouched yet, and, by the way, from the reports in the Advocate from some of the preachers, we think it ought to be called "toned;" but have had a liberal assessment made for us and tolerably good collections up to date—about \$20 behind on first quarterly conference last night; Bro. J. B. Sears, the "beloved," was with us, doing some of his best preaching to our edification and delight. It was a special treat to hear him at the morning and evening services. A splendid missionary sermon at the latter service, and \$20 raised, making about \$30 raised during the quarter for missions. We had a most excellent "love feast"—not in name—at 3 p. m. Sunday evening. It was good to be there. We are praying and working for a successful year.

Houston Preachers' Meeting.

Jon. R. Morris, Secretary, Feb. 22: The preachers' meeting was called to order by E. W. Solomon, President, and prayer was offered by Rev. G. A. LeClerk, of Willis. Present: Solomon, Green, Hotchkiss, Mueller and Morris. They report as follows:

Solomon—No unusual work. Preached twice to large and attentive congregations and baptized one child. Morris—Down with a gripe all the week. Bro. LaClerc preached two excellent sermons. Hotchkiss—Conducted a funeral at ten o'clock yesterday. Congregations large. Preached opening service at White Oak Church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Baptized one infant at night service. Received two by certificate. Green—One hundred at prayer-meeting. Preached twice yesterday and received two by certificate. Mueller—Visited. Usual catechism and prayer-meeting. Preached twice yesterday—at night at First German Church. Good congregation. On motion the question for discussion was laid over until next week.

Jno. H. Morris, Secretary, Feb. 29: The Houston Methodist preachers' meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Jno. E. Green. Present: Solomon, Green, Hotchkiss, Mueller and Morris. Shern—Thought the preacher was absent in the interest of missions there was a delightful prayer-meeting, led by a layman. The literary meeting of the Epworth League was very largely attended, and the discussion of Isaiah was most profitable. Very large congregations at the Sunday morning service; not so large at night.

Washington Street—Had a large and enthusiastic church conference on Wednesday night in stead of prayer-meeting. Good congregations yesterday. Sunday-school on the rise. Mission Sunday-school growing. Two members received by certificate. McKes—Attendance on prayer-meeting largely increased. Services on yesterday of the usual order. Collection at night for Bishops' fund over the assessment. Two members received by certificate.

Houston Tabernacle—Increased attendance at prayer-meetings; Epworth League flourishing. Fine congregation yesterday. Received three members by certificate.

German Mission—Fine service all during the week. Mission work advancing in a very gratifying manner.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Orphan's Home.

W. H. Vaughan, Feb. 24: Lampasas station gives me \$203.50 for the Orphan's Home, with the desire that the Home be located at that place.

Cottonwood.

W. A. Gililand, Feb. 26: Bro. A. G. Hudson, of Burnt Branch Class, Cottonwood circuit, donated a beehive, containing bees and honey, to the parsonage of Cottonwood circuit for the use of the preacher and his family. This preacher went and brought said beehive home; so we are going to have some honey to eat at this parsonage—perhaps. Yours for sweetness.

Mansfield.

Emmett Hightower, Feb. 22: God is saving Mansfield. A protracted meeting, under the auspices of the C. P. Church, which began two weeks ago, still continues and has resulted in more than forty conversions. Two saloon keepers were happily saved last night. Interest constantly grows. The whole town and community are stirred. Praise the Lord. The writer is doing half the preaching. Yesterday fourteen were received into the C. P. Church and fifteen into the M. E. Church, South, and others will join at the first

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North Texas Female College
—AND—
CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.
SHERMAN, TEXAS.

THE OLD SOUTH.

The Magnificent Benefit Concert Given by the North Texas Female College Last Evening.

[From the Sherman Daily Democrat.]

Henry Grady, with all the fire and vigor of his youth, and ambitious manhood, told us of a "New South," and we listened and applauded, but after all, just where the South ceased to be old and became new can not be defined, and there is but one South after all.

The entertainment given by the North Texas Female College last night was distinctly Southern, the decorations were Southern, and the very air seemed to be filled with the legends, traditions and stories of the South, telling themselves over and over to the willing ears that drank them in.

At 7 o'clock, when the doors of the Opera House were opened, a great crowd were already standing there, waiting for admittance, despite the fact that the elements had foreboding aspects.

From this time on until the curtain rose the crowd came in a perfect stream, and at 7:30 the entire house was seated on down stairs had been taken and the gallery seats were at a premium.

Just at 8 o'clock the ex-Confederate Association, which had been holding a session at the courthouse, marched in and took their seats on the right hand, where a special space had been reserved.

As they moved down the aisle in regular order carrying aloft a battle-flag of the Confederacy, bearing upon it the names of the battles where it was carried by brave hands and followed by brave hearts, a little fair-haired Southern beauty, a daughter of a century since the flag was hurled, stood up and with his eyes fastened on the starry azure cross in its field of faded crimson, gave a cry of innocent delight and clapping his hands broke the impressive silence that had reigned while the dense audience had been gazing upon this remnant of a generation of heroes who are surely passing away.

Then it was that the baby hands gave the signal for one grand outburst of applause that came up to the lips right from the hearts.

Then the curtain went up and the picture there was perfect. All about the stage, draped in the white and red of the South were the festooned pictures of the great Southern captains, and wreathed about with flowers and the National Southern colors out in plain view stood a magnificent picture of the last meeting of Lee and Jackson before Chancellorsville.

To the measured strains of a march fully a half a hundred young ladies, each robed in white with a red sash and bearing a blue banner with a single white star, marched in beautiful, stately, and graceful fashion, and in the center of the group, draped in the white and red of the South, the chorus conductor, escorted Miss Clara Persons, the soloist of the evening, forward, and in a moment a sweet young Southern voice was sending through the great house and to a thousand hearts that beautiful, stirring, and noble song, "The Bonnie Blue Flag," and as a half hundred blue banners waved on the stage a mighty cheer went up from the audience.

The young ladies retired from the stage in perfect order and Dr. J. T. Wilson introduced General Cabell of Dallas, commander of the Texas-Mississippi Department United Confederate Veterans.

General Cabell's remarks were happy, patriotic and plain. He was a Confederate among Confederates, and he was not lost in what to say.

Following this came the Confederate war march, "The Girl I Left Behind Me," sung by Miss Persons, and the chorus of young ladies heretofore mentioned.

Then a sweet little girl with golden hair, clad in spotless white, Mimmie Mae Armstrong, came out and with a crowd of pathos, pathos and a narrative genuine in her voice, recited that sweetest of sweet Southern poems, "The Conquered Banner."

Then came the stirring song of "Maryland, My Maryland."

All Quiet Along the Potomac Tonight, and as Miss Edith Talliaferro's clear voice began this sad story, there was a hush, a silence broken only by a sob here and there in the house as some gray haired man or woman recalled the dear one who had laid down his life for the South. Finally the last word was spoken and hundreds of eyes looked at the retiring figure through a mist of tears.

The old familiar Southern ballad, "Evelina," by Miss Persons, and the chorus, served to, in a measure, dissipate the spirit of sadness.

Miss Ida Brountree then recited a story of Dixie. Late in the evening, a little girl, representing an angel, and at the base with their faces to the shaft stood four other young ladies in the same representation. God bless them, their mothers were truly angels in the darkest days the South could know.

To the slow death march setting of "Home Sweet Home," four young ladies clad in white came in, by twos and placed wreaths of beautiful flowers and evergreens on, around and at the base of the shaft which bore the inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of the Confederate dead."

Just over this inscription some one hung a harp, a sweet token of the fact that in the great heart of the South there is a harp ever attuned to songs of praise for those who, illy clothed, half fed and unpaid, still marched on to death or Dixie.

When all had left some death or garland, they knelt as if in prayer, and Miss Susie Gaddberry, with a voice trembling with the emotion she felt, recited that beautiful selection, "Our Deathless Dead." Everywhere there were tears and no one was ashamed of it.

Major Chenoweth, of Bonham, made a happy and appropriate address, pleading to all and especially to the ex-Con-

federates. When he paid Mrs. Kidd a grand and gallant compliment the audience endorsed him with an applause that shook the very building.

Then the curtain came up and the "Blue Light" Guards, consisting of sixteen young ladies, all clad in Confederate gray, and each carrying a Confederate battle flag, marched in, captained by Miss Vivia Nail. The drill was simply perfect and the innumerable intricate movements were executed without a single mistake. Miss Nail's commands were clear, and if we may be permitted to use the expression, soldiery in every respect.

The curtain went down—the entertainment had closed—and the great crowd retired, while the band in the gallery played Dixie.

Of Mrs. Kidd and her most excellent teachers, and the bright, pretty and intelligent young ladies who attend the North Texas Female College, the Democrat cannot find adequate words of praise. They have aroused a feeling of enthusiasm in the monument movement which will spread far out from Sherman, and their efforts last night established a permanent nucleus around which everything will cluster.

The monument will be built and Sherman will have the honor of having been the first city in Texas to pay this long deserved recognition to Southern chivalry and loyalty to a cause which went down before night still untarnished.

Sunday School Lesson.

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON XI.—MARCH 13.

STUDIES IN ISRAEL. JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL.

PROMISE OF A NEW HEART.—Ezek. 36:25-28.

GOLDEN TEXT: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.—Ezek. 36:26.

TIME: B. C. 587.

PLACE: In the Euphrates Valley.

OUTLINE.

I. A New Heart.—Verses 25-32.

II. A New Eden.—Verses 33-38.

INTRODUCTION.

When Nebuchadnezzar took Jerusalem, B. C. 589, Ezekiel with many others was carried into captivity. His home was at Tel-abib, near the Euphrates, and the elders came to hear from him the word of God. At this time Daniel was prime minister of Babylon, and Jeremiah was prophesying at Jerusalem. Jeremiah foretold the doom and Ezekiel the restoration of Judah.

The captives began to return about thirty years after the prophecies were fulfilled. The book of Ezekiel is remarkable for its strange and wonderful visions foretelling not only the re-establishment of the Jews in their own land, but the full and glorious triumph of God's people.

I. A NEW HEART.—Verses 25-32.

25. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you—the reference is to purification of an unclean person as by sprinkling upon him water in which the ashes of a heifer had been steeped. (Num. 19:17; 85:22.)

26. A new heart... a new spirit—'heart' has been defined as 'mind and will,' and 'spirit' as 'motive and principle of action.'

27. Stony heart... heart of flesh—the one is hard, impervious to the influences of God's spirit, the other is tender, teachable, impressive.

28. I will put my spirit within you—God dwells in the high and lofty places and also in the lowly heart. Cause you to walk—no compulsion here, but a sweet acquiescence in God's will which makes obedience a rare pleasure.

29. Ye shall dwell in the land—these words are generally interpreted to point to the Church; it is true that the Jews were restored to their own land, but in the full sense only Christians are God's people.

30. I will also save you from all your uncleanness—a result of the indwelling spirit (v. 27) and of their loving obedience. I will call for the corn—God rules nature, he causes rain or drought, famine or plenty; laws of nature are only his method of government.

31. Remember your own evil ways—God's mercy and love re-awakened their memory which sin had stupefied, and they looked back with astonishment both at their wickedness and his forbearance, resolved never to fall again. God may forgive us, but we never forgive ourselves; no one should talk of his past sins except to warn others to magnify God's free grace.

32. Not for your sakes do I this—they deserved nothing at God's hands, nor do we. Be ashamed—Grace works shame, and so much the more as it makes the wilderness a paradise, the beggar a king, and the sinner a priest.

II. A NEW EDEN.—Verses 33-38.

33. I will also cause you to dwell in the cities—the returning captives and their descendants greatly prospered, and in our Savior's time the land was dotted with towns and cities. The desolate land shall be filled—it had been desolated by Nebuchadnezzar; it is desolate now under Turkish rule; under an enlightened government it will no doubt flourish again; as a spiritual prophecy it refers to the development of the Church.

34, 36. They shall say... garden of Eden—in the spread of the gospel the world will be purified, and men will live in love and peace as in a paradise restored. Even those that refuse to worship God will acknowledge his hand, and the heathen will know that it is the Lord who has rebuilt the ruined places of the earth.

37. I will yet for this be inquired of—when we are ready to ask in the proper frame of mind and heart, he is ready to hear and answer.

38. As the holy flock—as great flocks of animals were brought to Jerusalem for sacrifice at the feasts of the Pass, over, Pentecost and Tabernacles, so God should multiply his people, so

would dedicate themselves unto him, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable.

PRACTICAL.

This lesson sets forth the necessity of a new heart, the only way in which it is to be obtained, and the gracious results that flow from this regenerated heart.

1. A superficial change will not do. We look on the appearance; the Lord looketh on the heart. A man may be pure outwardly from fear of law, pride of family, or profit, as when one joins the church to advance his business. External virtue will not satisfy. Christ said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." "Out of the heart are the issues of life." "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Regeneration implies a cleansing of the inner man, a fastening of the affections on God, and submersion of our wills to his. Nothing can take the place of this. The change is radical. It is taking out the heart of stone and putting in the heart of flesh; it is a transformation, a new birth, a passing from death unto life.

2. How is this wonderful work to be wrought in the heart and life? Only by the power of God. Men have tried to save themselves and have miserably failed. Drunkards have taken the pledge, criminals in prison have vowed to reform and lead honest lives, sanitariums have been thronged with those desiring cure, but there is only one remedy that can save. Sacrifices of animals and men, worship of images and saints, popish blessing and priestly absolution, sectarian bigotry and ritualistic performances, have all failed to make the world better. The natural man is as far from heaven to-day as when Adam was driven out of Eden. How, then, are we to obtain this new heart of which we stand in sore need? "A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." It is the spirit that quickeneth. God must make the change by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yet there is no rude compulsion about it. In Ezekiel 18:31, the Jews are commanded, "Make you a new heart and a new spirit;" here (vs. 26, 27) God promises to give them this new heart. Thus we see that God and man are co-workers in salvation. The Holy Spirit is the efficient cause; and the human being is the willing agent. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:12, 13.)

3. The blessed results of this changed condition are typified by the change that came to the land when the captives returned from Babylon. As Christianity spreads the comforts of life multiply. In the changed heart are the fruits of the spirit, righteousness and peace and joy. Even an unbeliever, a heathen, can see the effects of grace.

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not spend all this year regretting errors committed in the past, but see to it that there be fewer things to regret over at the close of this year. All the weeping, sighing and wringing of hands you could possibly accomplish during the three hundred and sixty-five days would not rectify one single mistake, rather augment the same.

Shake yourself! Let the past alone, throw off the burden of regretful thoughts; step into this new year free and vigorous, determined to do something worthy to be remembered with delight instead of regret.

Lay your plans, not for the year, but for to-morrow. Planning is not all, however.—MERRIE. CHRISTIAN, TEXAS.

THE KING'S LITTLE FLOWER.

Ruthy stood in the south doorway under the big maples watching the yellow Worthington bus come rattling up the country road. It turned in at the gate, and the panting horses drew up under the trees, while a pale young lady climbed out and walked slowly up the path.

"Yes, it must be Miss Emily," she said to herself, as her mother came in from the kitchen to welcome the new-comer, and she herself slipped into the north bedroom to see that everything was fresh and sweet and cool, though she had satisfied herself upon that point at least five times since the sixty-third train whistled. Then she slipped out again by the north door before Miss Emily got inside.

The next morning Miss Emily was sitting very still at her white-curtained window, that looked out through the honeysuckle vines and across the big orchard. It was very still and sweet there, and she leaned back in her easy rocker with a long sigh of restfulness. The wind blew softly across the grass, and seemed to smooth away the pain that throbbed at her temples.

All at once she caught sight of a little face peeping in at her door; it was Ruthy, with a fresh posy for her vase. She stood a moment on the threshold, looking shyly in, herself so like a sweet pink flower that Miss Emily smiled.

Miss Emily's face was very sweet always; and when she smiled her eyes had a way of shining, and when she said softly, "Come here, little flower," Ruthy crept up to her with the lily clasped fast in her hand, and looked straight into her face. Miss Emily kissed her cheek.

"What are you?" she asked; a little pink rose fresh from the garden, or a daisy, or a little wild flower?"

"I am Ruthy," the child answered. Ruthy and Miss Emily grew to be great friends, and they had long talks together that reached straight down into the child's innocent little heart.

Sometimes they talked about the King, for Miss Emily knew the King well, and loved him, and it was the brightness of the light of his happy kingdom that made her face so sweet and her eyes so shining.

"Yes," she said, one day, "I am very sure the King loves flowers. Wouldn't you like to be a little flower yourself, and blossom for him?"

Ruthy looked up with wondering eyes.

"How can I?" she asked.

"Ever so many ways," answered Miss Emily, brightly. "You have found out some for yourself already. One morning I know the King looked down and saw a little girl helping her mamma wipe the dishes, when I just know she wanted to go out into the yard and see if the big yellow pansy had opened yet."

Ruthy laughed gleefully.

"Why, that was me," she said. "And the King said to the angels that were with him: 'See this little heart's ease, how it is growing?' Then the angels turned and watched, and the King smiled down at the little girl."

Ruthy looked up, with a sudden, grave sweetness in her eyes.

"That must have been when I felt so happy; and it was because the King smiled," she added softly, half to herself.

"Are you trying to be a flower, Miss Emily?" she asked, suddenly.

Miss Emily's face was very bright, and she bent and kissed the upturned face. "Yes, dearie; I am."

Then Ruthy put her lips close to Miss Emily's ear, and whispered softly: "I am going to try and be the King's little heart's ease all the time."

"Dear little girl," said Miss Emily, and her eyes said: "I'm so glad!"

There were a great many ways that the little heart's ease learned to blossom for the King. Papa grew to wait for a little maid at the gate when he came up from the fields, tired and worn, after his day's work. No matter how worn and grave and weary his face might be, it always brightened at sight of her, and by the time they reached the well under the apple tree, all the lines would be smoothed away from his forehead. The same little maid-sunlike a sunbeam all around the house, helping her mother in the hot kitchen or in the spring-house or the pantry; for hadn't Miss Emily said that one way of being a flower was to be happy and glad, and to help other people to be so? Sometimes the little flower blossomed for old Miss Martin, across the road in the brown cottage; sometimes she brought a cup of cool water for some dusty wayfarer.

It is a long time ago that Ruthy

learned how to blossom for the King. She remembers so well the day Miss Emily went away to the King's country; she was glad to go; she was so tired, and in the King's country there was rest. Ruthy herself laid the white lilies in her hands, and with them the little heart's ease blossoms.

It is a long time since; but, though she has grown to be a tall young woman, Ruthy has never forgotten that day she is the King's flower, and every day her life grows and blossoms in the sunshine of His love. Sorrow and tears have come with the years, but they only make her heart more sweet and tender; and the King of heaven looks down, and is glad because of His little flower.—*Sunday School Times.*

A BUSINESS MAN'S TALK TO BOYS.

The boy who is wanted in the business world of to-day must be educated, says Russell Sage, in the Ladies' Home Journal. If his parents can not afford to give him a high school or college education, he must learn to study without the aid of a teacher, in the early morning before business begins, and in the evening after business hours. It can no longer truthfully be said that an education is out of anybody's reach. The main thing is the beginning. Don't be in a hurry to get away from your school books. The cares and responsibilities of business life will come soon enough. Go to school as long as you can, and remember, every hour spent in study in your youth will be worth money to you in later life.

Read good books—the Bible above all. Make yourself acquainted with history. Study the progress of nations and the career of men who have made nations great. If you have no library of your own, join one of the numerous associations to be found in all cities, where good, helpful books may be obtained. Study religion, science, statecraft and history. Learn to read intelligently, so that you may turn to practical use in after life the reading of your youth. Be sure you begin right. Do not waste time in reading trashy books.

A PRINCE OF A BOY.

"He is just a prince of a boy," said Mrs. Hatton, of Willie, and I listened and watched for a prince, you know, is the son of a king, and I wanted to see if Willie was like a king I read of.

When he dropped his hoop and ran in to amuse baby for mamma, and did it so pleasantly, I began to get my answer. When he came out of school, smiling, instead of pouting because he had been kept late, I felt pretty sure. But when he cut his apple in two and gave one-half to ragged Ned Brown, I was satisfied.

Yes, Willie is a "prince of a boy," because he tries to do just like that king who is kind to all, and like that son of a king, who came to minister and not to be ministered unto.—*Golden Rule.*

THE COLDEST SPOT ON EARTH.

The coldest spot on earth—the earth's surface is near Werkhjansk, Siberia. There, it is said, "the culminating point of excessive climate in all the world is reached." In other words, it is the pole of the greatest known cold. The lowest reading of the thermometer, taken by Sir George Nares, was noted by Floburg Beech, which was eighty-one degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. For a long time it was supposed that Yakutsk, four hundred miles from Werkhjansk, was the coldest place in the world; recent observations, however, have exploded that notion. The soil at both places above-mentioned is frozen to a depth of nearly four hundred feet. It is believed to have been deposited in a frozen state during the present epoch, as no amount of cold could penetrate the earth to such an enormous depth.

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OUR NEW DRESS.

As promised in last issue, we come before our readers in our new dress. We think that our type, every letter of which has the glitter of foundry polish, and which has been put into our cases at great expense, can not be excelled. It is breviter and bourgeois, but its clear, bold face is almost equal to long primer. We can't help feeling a little proud like "sweet sixteen" in a new bonnet and gown, or a Methodist congregation on dedication day of a fine new church. We want all our readers to go through the paper this week—editorials, home conference, correspondence, personals, advertisements, and all—and admire us more than we do ourselves. We desire to make the paper one of the best in the world and will spare no expense or care to do our most. Will not our agents bring our improvements before the people and make a concerted movement toward a handsome increase in our subscription list?

WANDERING THOUGHTS.

Is not a thought the quickest, subtlest and most elusive thing in the world? Who can imprison his thoughts that, like airy apparitions,

swifly their way

Swifter than lightning flashes, or the beam, That hastens on the pinions of the moon?"

Mr. Wesley divided wandering thoughts into two classes: those which wander from point to point; and those which wander from God. Are thoughts that wander from point to point sinful? Shall we mourn over these journeys that the mind is constantly taking, and try to keep it from girdling the earth or flying through the sky? Mr. Wesley affirms that these "thoughts wherein our understanding wanders from the point it has in view, are no more sinful than the motion of the blood in our veins, or of the spirits in our brain." If they come from an "infirm constitution," or some "accidental weakness or distemper," or "from any of ten thousand changes which may occur in those organs of the body that minister to thought," or "when they spring from the casual, involuntary associations of our ideas," or "by means of other men variously affecting our senses"—in all these cases wandering thoughts are innocent. Even if Satan injects a thought into our minds, it may be troublesome and grievous, but it is not therefore sinful. When he tempted our blessed Lord, he put a thought into Christ's mind that corresponded with the words of temptation, but it was not a sinful thought, for in Christ was no sin. Yet we must be careful about innocent wandering thoughts, for in their wild careerings they frequently approach very near forbidden territory.

What thoughts are sinful? Those that spring from evil tempers, as hatred, revenge, envy, lust. How these mingle with innocent thoughts as you may see the black wing of crow or vulture among the white wings of doves or cranes. These come as spontaneously as the other. If given lodging, they begin their work of evil and strengthen the unholy passions from which they spring, as a tree grows out of the earth,

and, in turn, fertilizes it by its shade, falling leaves, and pulverizing roots.

Those thoughts also are sinful which lead us to distrust Providence. When we are sick or disappointed, or unfortunate, murmuring and complaining thoughts knock loudly at the door and are often let in. Then we are indeed tempted like that one of whom the psalmist said, "God is not in all his thoughts," or in a better rendering, "All his thoughts are, There is no God." A little girl, when asked if there is a place where God is not, answered, "He is not in the thoughts of the wicked." Any thought then is sinful which either comes from or ministers to our evil disposition, or which leads us either to distrust or dethrone God.

The results that flow even from innocent wandering thoughts may be grievous. Many of these are trifling, useless and volatile. If habitually indulged, they exert a pernicious influence on character, if in no other way, by preventing serious and profitable reflections. Some weeds may be harmless, but they occupy ground that could be put to better use, and feed on nourishment that should be reproduced in food for man and beast. When vain thoughts fill the mind they keep it barren of other mental growth. Like the birds in the parable, these wanderers fly away with many a precious seed-though which, otherwise, might have brought forth fruit unto perfection.

As to sinful thoughts, they defile the whole man. If kept from breaking forth by fear of God, or public opinion, or personal pride, yet they fly with strong wing throughout one's mental territory. To many sin is as delightful in conception as in execution, but the effect is dreadful. Internal fires, raging fiercely because of repression, consume all noble and generous things and leave the soul empty for the habitation of devils. Generally, however, action corresponds to reflection. A disloyal thought is a seed of rebellious conduct. Time, place and opportunity will turn the cock-a-trice egg into a serpent. James 1:14, 15 gives the process.

God knows our thoughts and sees their results, whether hidden or expressed. Though they fly out of the heart every day, more numerous than Arctic flocks of birds, more rapid than the twinkling of an eye, yet God sees every flash of wing and every motive for flight. As Young said, "Our thoughts are heard in heaven."

Can we control these thoughts whether innocent or sinful? It will not be easy to be free from the first kind. As long as there is any infirmity in body or defect in understanding, or involuntary association of ideas, or any suggestiveness in what is heard or seen, so long shall our thoughts wander from point to point. Yet we may help the matter by cultivating continuity of thought, by thinking of one thing at a time, and by not allowing the mind to dart here and there like swallows skimming a lake. We should resolutely eschew castle-building, day-dreams, hopeless wishing after the impossible.

All thoughts that wander from God imply unbelief, and he will save us from their power. Not that we may escape from temptation. As long as evil spirits move among men, or men suggest unrighteous things, we shall not be delivered from unholiness suggestions. We need not accept them; we may reject them as Jesus did. We may also defend ourselves by cultivating a devotional spirit. If the mind is occupied with religious subjects it is too full to be seriously disturbed by temptation. We should meditate upon a verse of Scripture or stanza of sacred song or some holy experience of our own when the heart was tender and God was very near. And when thought begins to unfold its wings, let it fly heavenward, and take a glance at the things which God hath there prepared for them that love him. Even if we can not control our thoughts entirely, we may so use them under God's blessing that they shall work together for our good.

What delightful company in pleasant thoughts! They people solitude and irradiate the gloom of sleepless nights. Whatever be one's physical situation, if his mind is filled with bright and pure thoughts, he can not be alone; "for, like angels of mercy, they flit to and fro before his mental vision, and become his joyful companions."

You have seen a sleeping child sweetly smile; it has a pleasant thought in its dream; so if the mind is asleep to all evil thoughts, the heart always smiles, for such a heart is right with God and with itself. But a mind full of evil thoughts is like a mansion in ruins, filled with moles and bats and all evil creatures. Paul exhorts to cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

At this writing the editor is still confined to his bed, but is thought to be improving. He appreciates the many expressions of good will and sympathy that come to him in his sick chamber.

OUR CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA.

Bishop Haygood's transit across the continent with a carload of preachers from Georgia has turned many eyes toward our work in California. Some have looked malevolently, some critically, and we trust the largest number, at least from the South, approvingly, and with an upward glance, prayerfully. Even on our side there has been misconception, some of it inexcusable. Our work on the Pacific is called a "mission," "an experiment," and the like.

The truth is, we have been playing at evangelizing the great West, like soldiers in a time of peace, so that when Bishop Haygood calls us to arms we are astonished at his boldness and beg him not to disturb us in our inglorious ease. The militant Bishop says that we are in California to stay, that we have as good a right there as anybody, and that it is our duty to quit playing and go to work.

Another misconception is that we are trying to Southernize the Pacific. If to preach a pure, non-political gospel will Southernize the world, be it so, but that idea has occurred only to objectors of aggressive work by our church. Bishop Haygood answers this misconception in a late communication to the Wesleyan Advocate, from which we quote:

In Bro. Adams' article is one profoundly serious misconception concerning the conditions that make the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, possible and successful on the Pacific coast. He says: "We cannot Southernize these people." He is right in this statement, but leagues off in his conclusion. His words startled me; the notion of them I never thought of before: I utterly reject it now.

Our church does not "Southernize" anybody anywhere. God sent us not to "Southernize," but to preach the gospel. Our church never tried to do its work by "Southernizing people" in California, not Mexico, nor Brazil, nor Japan, nor China—nor Georgia. Our one business is to save as many souls as we can.

It is to be hoped there are very few who believe that the future of our church in any part of the world depends upon its "Southernizing" the people. If believed this I would see some large societies where else. If this view be correct, by and by there will be no Methodist Episcopal Church, South. But this view is utterly erroneous. The "suffix" South is not an article of faith: it is a word there is next to no thought of dropping; it is incidental in a history full of providences and blessings. But it has now no more to do with fixing geographical lines or limits than last year's birds' nests. We go where men need us and God opens our way, not to "Southernize," but to save. If we are needed in Georgia, we will go there.

Without politics, or isms, or side-issues of any sort, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, preaches the gospel, and it is the most unsectional, as it is the purest and best form of Wesleyan Methodism in the world to-day. We are now needed in many States and countries, and we may not be needed in many more. When the pillar of cloud and of fire goes forward we march.

I repeat what the telegram did not make quite plain: "I need now two single men and \$300 to start and keep them for a time. The men are ready."

Our God is with us day by day in these distant yet near—these vast yet fertile—these hard yet glorious fields.

And we know that our brethren and sisters in Georgia pray that the work of the Lord may prosper in our hands. In addition to the hopefulness that comes to us from the aggressive leadership of Bishop Haygood, we have another token for good in the success of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, which has just completed its first year as a "connectional organ."

The publisher, R. P. Wilson, is wide-awake and sends out a paper whose make-up is as good as that of any of our papers. Editor DuBose makes his columns sparkle with poetic gems and classical allusions, but he is also ready to defend with sturdy strokes our doctrines and polity, and especially our right to live west of the Rocky Mountains.

So the church over there, as well as over here, is waking up. The fresh reserves, eager for the battle, have quickened those who were ready to faint with long combat. The whole line has moved forward with rejoicings. In the last issue of the Methodist were revival bulletins from Selma, 120 conversions; Los Angeles, thirty; Fresno and many other places. In our two California Conferences we have 8200 members, with the prospect of 25 per cent increase this year, and a total membership on the Pacific coast of 12,000.

The membership in San Francisco and contiguous cities have organized a Methodist Union and have secured headquarters for a reading-room, lectures, and social, religious and intellectual intercourse. The objects are a closer affiliation and co-operation of our ministers and laymen, the propagation of our doctrines, the entertainment of visiting members and friends, and especially the extension of our church by forming new congregations and building churches. All these signs point not only to permanency of occupation, but to glorious success. Texas greets California in the Lord.

CORRESPONDENCE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Last week we published the prospectus of the Correspondence Institute of Theology issued in clear tones by Rev. C. M. Harless, Dodd City, Texas. As outlined, the curriculum will embrace nine departments, as follows: Conference course of study, English Bible, systematic theology, Biblical theology, practical theology, ecclesiastical history, Christian evidences, New Testament Greek, and Hebrew.

Lessons will be assigned and instructed

gives as to methods of preparation. Envelops containing questions will be sent. After the lessons have been prepared, the questions will be opened and answers written entirely from memory sent to the instructor, who will correct and return.

The plan is similar to the Correspondence School of Hebrew that has been so successfully conducted by Prof. Harper, now president of Chicago University. Chautauqua operates largely on the same plan.

Many of our preachers have been unable to take a course in college or theological institute. To all such, whether young or old, we believe that this Correspondence Institute will be of great service. The expense will be small, the benefits large. It will bring students together, revive memories of long ago and develop an esprit de corps among those who participate similar to that which exists among soldiers of the same regiment or citizens of the same country that may meet in a foreign land.

The foremost teachers have long considered the question of reaching communities that have been deprived of high educational advantages. Out of much reflection and consultation has developed what is called "University Extension." Its chief feature is the delivery of lectures. The faculty of Vanderbilt University will go from time to time into the smaller towns of Tennessee and teach the people by lectures. Universities will have a "local habitation and a name," but no pent-up Utopia will confine their powers. Faculties, like old Aristotle, will be peripatetic. Garfield said that it would be a college to have Mark Hopkins at one end of a log and a student at the other. So University Extension will carry from hamlet to town, not buildings, but high thoughts. The possibilities of this movement are immense.

In the proposed school instruction will be by correspondence instead of by lectures. More people may be reached this way, and that which is written may be more forcible than that which is spoken or heard. Bro. Harless has received letters of approval from many. Let all think about the plan and write to him at Dodd City, Texas, making any suggestions, or to the ADVOCATE, in which we will be glad to publish anything that may help the movement forward. On with the Correspondence College!

THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

In America many have been trying to exclude the Bible from the public schools. The judge of a high court has expressed an opinion that to read the Bible without note or comment was setting forth of a creed and the establishment of a denomination. He did not seem to know that all creeds and all denominations are drawn from the Scriptures, according to the interpretation of different minds, and therefore the Bible does not formulate a creed nor organize a denomination. It is a great mine, but its golden ore must be dug out and minted with one's own image and superscription. The learned judge was so afraid that the reading of the Bible would congregate church and state that to save the state he was willing to do away with both Bible and church. He forgot that the state is founded on the morality taught by the Bible and finds its best and most law-abiding support in the church. Some would make the public schools entirely secular, which, in this case, is nearly the synonym of godless. The name of Jesus must not be mentioned, nor extracts from the New Testament read, because it might hurt the feelings of some pupil or strengthen some creed.

On the other hand, Germany is considering the question of compulsory religious instruction in her public schools. Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Moravian, Jewish, and Quaker confessions are recognized by the state.

The child is to be taught, a certain number of hours every week, the creed of the parent. If the parent has no creed, he must choose one for his child. No children will be allowed to grow up as atheists.

The young emperor, who seems anxious both for the temporal and religious welfare of his people, is pressing the bill before the Reichstag and great agitation results. We shall watch the matter with interest. Men can not be made Christians by law, but every child should be instructed in the law of the Lord. As no parent has a right to defraud his children of an education at least in writing, reading and arithmetic, and hence the public schools, so no parent should be allowed to keep his children from the opportunity of learning from that Book whose Author is not some speculative scientist or fallible historian, but the great God, the Maker of the body, the Father of the spirit, and whose contents are able to make us wise unto salvation. The Bible ought to be read without note or comment in every school in the world.

An interesting event occurred on February 17, at 6815 Virginia ave., South St. Louis. It was the celebration of the eighty-second birthday of Rev. D. R.

McAnally, senior editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. Dr. McAnally's name appeared as editor in the nineteenth issue, volume I, of the paper, December 21, 1851, and with a slight interregnum it has flown at the mast-head ever since. He has been connected with the religious press probably longer than any other man in the United States, and has made the St. Louis Advocate a tremendous power for good. No name is more venerated and none more influential in Missouri. May he live to round out his century.

We republish the program for the State Convention of Epworth Leagues to meet in this city March 16-18, under the presidency of Bishop Key. We trust that those assigned to topics will be on hand with carefully prepared papers. Many have signified their desire to be present. Let names of delegates be sent at once to Rev. C. N. Riggan, 170 Cantegral street.

We have received the first number of the Texas Presbyterian, published at Houston, Texas, Rev. J. G. Tanner, editor. We welcome it into the noble company of denominational papers, and trust that it may be taken by every Presbyterian family in Texas, and by many others. There may be a few wandering stars in the Church of Calvin and Knox, like Woodrow and Briggs, but the great mass of their preachers and people revolve steadily in the orbit of the Holy Scriptures around the central sun, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We still continue to receive resolutions of respect, passed by the different societies of the church, for the obituary column. We reprint notice which appeared in the ADVOCATE of January 28:

After the last issue in this month we can not publish resolutions of respect. We are limiting the obituaries to twenty-five lines and still we are crowded. We would be glad to publish the resolutions, but the want of room forbids.

Where it is especially desired to have such resolutions published, we will insert them in another department for 10 cents per line—eight words counted as a line.

THERE are some bright spots in the lives of the editor and publisher of a religious newspaper. Through the gloom that fills the office from a grumbling subscriber or impatient contributor shines the sun of appreciation, as in the following note from our efficient and successful agent, Rev. R. H. Goode, Northwest Texas Conference, who asks us in a very beautiful way, and for a unique reason, to stop the paper that has been going so long to one of our subscribers:

"Old Uncle Sam Brown, of Jewell, Eastland county, Texas, requests me, as your agent, to stop his paper. He is 103 years old the 10th of May next, and his sight is failing so he can't read. He said to tell you the ADVOCATE has been a great help to him, and he thanked God you could give such a paper to the world. He says he prays for you in your work and will till he dies. He asked me to say for him to go on in your work for Jesus. Though he is deprived of the feast furnished by the ADVOCATE from loss of sight, yet it does his soul good to think others can enjoy it."

The agent then sends the name of the old veteran's son as a subscriber in his father's place. This is the sort of apostolic succession we like.

We have in hand over fifty obituaries, which will be published in turn as received, as soon as possible. Let the writers and friends be patient.

THE COLLECTION.

It is said that the Christians of Ceylon have four methods for giving to the support of the Gospel: First, the tithes of their earnings; second, the offering of the trees—the setting apart by each of a cocoanut tree, the produce of which they sacredly devote to be nevolent purposes; third, the offering of labor—devoting a certain amount of time to the interest of the Church; fourth, they reserve a handful of rice from every day's meal.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND, who has exhibited more favor to our public school system than other Romish ecclesiastics, is now in Rome. It is reported that Pope Leo has expressed much interest in our public schools and has requested the archbishop to enlighten him on the subject.

THE Louisiana Lottery should be termed "The Louisiana State University of Immorality and Vice." Its course of instruction is, excitement, dislike of work, gain without labor, falsehood, dishonesty. Its graduates are, disappointed men, speculators, dishonest men, drunkards and criminals. Its patronage is from all the States and from all classes. Its fruits in life are blighted hopes, impoverished homes, wrecked lives, and, not infrequently, suicides.—United Presbyterian.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, the oldest college in the United States, was founded in 1636. It takes its name from Rev. John Harvard, who, in 1639, gave it £700. From the annual report we learn that the year's receipts were \$1,026,738.20, and the expenses \$949,056.20. The total valuation of property and endowment is \$7,299,648.10. It had been proposed that the

course be shortened, so that young men could sooner enter upon business or professional life, but the overseers rejected the proposition. Notwithstanding the immense income, the faculty clamor for more money, not to increase their own salaries, but to enlarge the curricula. What shall we say to this when we consider our poorly-paid teachers and underdowed colleges?

ANDREW CARNEGIE, who came to this country as a poor Scotchman, and who has made millions in the iron business, has given \$1,800,000 to the city of Pittsburgh for a public library, \$1,000,000 being for endowment.

REV. DR. A. T. PIERSON, of Philadelphia, editor of the Missionary Review of the World, who for the last few months supplied Mr. Spurgeon's pulpit, conducted the funeral services of the great preacher. He compared Spurgeon's work to John Wesley's.

Mr. Spurgeon's last sermon closed with these words, his final deliverance as to the necessity of faith, "the first thing in the world."

If I should never again have the pleasure of speaking for my Lord upon the face of the earth, I should like to deliver as my last confession of faith this testimony: That nothing but faith can save in this nineteenth century; nothing but faith can save England; nothing but faith can save the present unbelieving church; nothing but firm faith in the grand old doctrine of grace and in the everliving and unchanging God can bring back to the church again a full tide of prosperity and make her to be the deliverer of nations for Christ; nothing but faith can save you or me. The Lord give you, my brothers, to believe to the utmost degree for his name's sake. Amen.

The last Scripture quotation made by him was, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." It was inscribed on his coffin.

MRS. ANNIE B. LOYD has just died at Newton Center, Mass., at the age of eighty-six years. She was the daughter of the Rev. Enoch Mudge, the first native Methodist preacher in New England, and it was at her grandfather's house, in Linn, where Jesse Lee preached, and where the first Methodist Church was organized. She has been a consistent Methodist since her childhood, and has been active in philanthropic and church work within a very few years.

WE noticed last week that the Emperor of China has commenced the study of English. The following interesting details, showing the part that Methodism has in it, is taken from the Pittsburg Christian Advocate of February 18:

An interesting incident is reported from China by the Rev. M. L. Taft, of our mission in that country. It seems that a short time since, after having given an audience to some foreign ambassadors, the young emperor expressed a desire to learn the English language, and summoned two of his subjects, former students of Dr. Martin, to teach him. After having entered upon their duties they soon found it desirable to have an elementary English book, and made application to Dr. Martin for it. He not having the desired work, wrote to Dr. Pilcher, of our mission, stating the facts and asking his assistance. The Doctor, knowing that Mrs. Taft had brought out from America some books for her little daughter, called on her, and received "an elementary work, entitled 'The Model First Reader,' handsomely illustrated with colored pictures." So now the Emperor of China is taking his daily lessons in English out of the reader of little Miss Frances Taft, daughter of a Methodist missionary. Even China will move when its emperor gains a knowledge of English, and in this way comes in touch with Western thought. And it is interesting to know that he is getting his start in this great language as above indicated.

THE new Archbishop of York has informed the curates throughout his diocese that they will be expected to preach one, and only one, original sermon a month, and if they preach oftener they must take a sermon from Liddon or Farrar, publicly acknowledging the obligation. If our young Methodist preachers were confined to one original sermon a month, some of their sermons might be better than now, but their usefulness and personal development would be greatly hindered.

BISHOP FOSS has said that a church whose official members do not take their denominational paper is an ignorant and weak church, unaggressive and destined to extinction. A farmer who does not take an agricultural journal is behind the times, the electrician who fails to read the current annals of electrical progress will be run over by some new, but to him unknown, invention; so the Methodist who doesn't subscribe for and read the ADVOCATE will know little or nothing of the progress of his church at home or abroad. So thinks one of our agents, and to his exhortation we say amen:

A church member who spends \$6 or \$8 for secular papers and complains that his church paper is too high and he hasn't time to read it, ought to seek the first blessing.

EVERY Christian is, or ought to be, a representative of Jesus Christ before the world. He has been well styled "the world's Bible"—and is look at the only Bible that thousands ever look at. It should be the aim of every follower of Christ to be a living epistle, not only legible but attractive to all who study him. Is this always so? Is the religion of every good man and good woman truly lovable? We fear not. Some men's piety has quite too much of the flavor of the "old Adam" still



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lingering about it. Others sour their religion with the acidity of censoriousness, and their conversation sets every one's teeth on edge. After an hour's talk with them you find yourself almost insensibly prejudiced against some of the best people of your acquaintance. A fly has been dropped by these censorious dyspeptics into every pot of fragrant ointment, and a smirch has been left by their uncharitable tongues on the fairest characters. There is quite too much lemon and too little sugar in the composition of such people to make them agreeable to anybody. Only half converted themselves, they convert no one else.—Dr. Cuyler, in Independent.

At a memorial service for the late Duke of Clarence, in England, the officiating clergyman read the following prayer: "Remember thy servant, Albert Victor Christian Edward, who has departed hence in the Lord; give him eternal rest and peace in thy heavenly kingdom, and to us such a measure of communion with thy saints as thou knowest to be best for us."

The Rock, in commenting upon it, says: "There is, doubtless, conscientiousness, but when conscience can advance beyond orthodox limits, then let it go a step further and take leave of the Church, in whose Book of Common Prayer no place has been found for a prayer for the dead."

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personal.

The Tennessee Methodist blooms in a new dress, and now owns all its outfit with modern improvements and conveniences. Editor Haynes is making a good paper and deserves the 10,000 subscribers for which he asks.

Dr. Lafferty, of the Richmond Advocate, has had a sudden and intense attack of indigestion. Probably the evil spirits of dyspepsia, which he has exercised from many readers and auditors by his laugher-provoking sallies, is taking poetic vengeance by entering into the life of the organ.

Dr. H. D. Moore has called a convention of the Epworth Leagues of Alabama, to meet in Selma, in April or May. An annual convention in every State and a connective convention once in two or four years will give a grand impetus to the work of young people in our church.

Granby Street Church, Norfolk, is said to be the richest congregation in the Virginia Conference. A short time ago Dr. W. V. Tudor took up a collection for the purpose of building a new church, and \$10,000 were subscribed. The new church will be one square from the old, and will be one of the finest buildings in the State.

On January 21, Cedar Bluff College, Kentucky, was burned. For thirty years this has been one of our best known schools for young ladies. Hereafter the Cedar Bluff College will be merged with Logan Female College, Russellville, A. G. Murphy, president. The combination will make a thoroughly organized institution, with the promise of great success.

The Alabama Christian Advocate comes out with a new editor, Rev. Thos. Armstrong, D. D., and a new dress. We like its make-up very much. We welcome the editor to the tripod, and feel sure that he will give satisfaction to the preachers and laymen of his grand field in the constantly developing State of Alabama. The church press is a mighty engine for good, and the Alabama Advocate will do efficient service in uplifting humanity and advancing all the interests of our church.

Marvin Church, St. Louis, was dedicated February 21 by Bishop Hendrix. The building cost \$22,000, which was contributed by the different congregations of the city, thus giving another proof of the value of city church extension work. Marvin Church, which has existed for some time under different names, starts out in its new home with 121 members and bright prospects. We now have seven congregations, besides several missions, in St. Louis, housed in elegant buildings valued at nearly half a million dollars.

By the death of the widow of Rev. John H. Pickett, once a member of the South Carolina Conference, who died twenty-two years ago, Wofford College receives from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Rev. S. A. Weber gives some entertaining reminiscences of Mr. Pickett in the Richmond Christian Advocate. John Raloff Pickett was, in his lifetime, a conspicuous member of the South Carolina Conference. He was in many respects a very remarkable man. Though of average stature, he was of immense girth, weighing not less than three hundred pounds. His ponderous body was the seat of a very unusual mind. He was bright and quaint and original, had fine business capacity and withal was a born mechanic. He was full of

fun. There is a story about him, when he was thought to be in fun and yet he wasn't. Riding along one day he overtook a man traveling in the same direction. "Excuse me, sir, what is your name?" "Cotton is my name, sir; and now what might be your name?" "Pickett," was the prompt reply. "If you want to pick this cotton, come ahead!" and he squared himself for a fight.

The Louisville Courier-Journal has a brief and appreciative notice of Rev. David Morton, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Extension. Dr. Morton is prouder of his father than of himself: "His father, Hon. Marmaduke Beckwith Morton, was for seventy years a citizen of Russellville, fifty-eight years in active business, thirty-one years clerk of all the courts, and twenty-seven years cashier of the Southern Bank of Kentucky. 'I have no prouder honor,' said Dr. Morton on one occasion, 'than I am the son of such a father. I would rather be like him than like any man I ever knew.'"

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bishop Key has returned from Memphis, where, in conjunction with Bishop Galloway, he raised a subscription of \$30,000 for our new First Church, which places it out of debt.

Rev. C. A. Evans, of Fort Worth mission, made us a pleasant visit on Monday. He states that Fort Worth Methodism is in good condition, and that considerable interest is taken in the coming Epworth League Convention. A fly has been dropped by these censorious dyspeptics into every pot of fragrant ointment, and a smirch has been left by their uncharitable tongues on the fairest characters. There is quite too much lemon and too little sugar in the composition of such people to make them agreeable to anybody. Only half converted themselves, they convert no one else.—Dr. Cuyler, in Independent.

Rev. J. C. Carr, Leaburg, writes concerning the ADVOCATE: "I consider it a part of my work and greatly to my interest for the people to read the ADVOCATE. I notice that those who read it are more liberal in their contributions to religious causes."

Rev. J. W. Sansom, of Irene, sends the following list of deaths in his charge: Bro. C. C. Kyle, Irene, February 14; Sister Graham, aged eighty-seven years, Irene, February 18; Mrs. Batton, Irene, February 21; Mr. Woods, brother of Mrs. Batton, at the same house, Irene, February 22.

Rev. C. L. McWhirter, Secretary of the North Texas Conference, called on Monday and left a copy of the minutes of the last session. It is a beauty, as we expected it to be, from the taste and efficiency of the Secretary. We have also received copies of the minutes of the Louisiana and Indian Mission Conferences, for which the Secretaries will please receive our thanks.

We have received the following sad note from Rev. J. W. Sims, West Texas Conference: "Rockport, Texas, February 26: My dear wife died at Camp San Jacinto the 14th of this month, after an illness of sixty days. She leaves three little children, the youngest only twenty-one months old." Their many friends will deeply sympathize with Bro. Sims and his children in this, the greatest sorrow of their lives. May the God of all comfort pour the oil of healing into their wounded hearts.

Rev. J. H. Collard, Sunday-school agent Northwest Texas Conference, writes that a beautiful and centrally located place has been offered for the meeting of the Sunday-school convention. An elaborate program will be arranged, and Bishop Key will be present, if possible. Each Sunday-school will send one delegate, the school defraying expenses. Other places are requested to send in propositions for the convention to Rev. J. H. Collard, Jr., Granbury, Texas. Why can we not have a Methodist State Sunday-school convention?

Rev. W. F. Clark, pastor of South Dallas station, is a rustler. He is never so happy as when in a shouting revival in his own church, or in that of some brother he is helping. He has just finished a successful meeting in his charge. Revs. R. W. Thompson, C. N. Riggan, C. O. Jones, P. L. Smith, L. A. Hanson and E. C. McVoy preached from time to time, and the pastor exhorted after preaching in his well-known way. There were sixty-three conversions and forty-three additions, mostly by profession, and a number being heads of families. He has an Epworth League with forty members; a Children's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society with sixty, and a Sunday-school of 124 pupils. The congregations are large, prayer-meetings well attended, everybody at work and finances up. Rev. R. W. Thompson lives near the church and with his wife takes an active interest in the congregation. He preaches with youthful fire, and is gladly heard. He has suffered with an attack of the grippe, but from the strength of thought, the union of his words and the vigor of his delivery, he is very far from the dead line either of body or mind. May his bow long abide in strength. The rapid development of this church, like that of the Mulkey Memorial at Fort Worth, justifies abundantly the large appropriations of domestic missionary money in the large centers of population.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Those expecting to apply to the Parent Board of Church Extension for aid and did not have their applications before the Conference Executive Committee, will please get the applications in shape at once and forward them to me. I mail to each pastor some church extension literature. The annual report, which will give you the work done this year—a book of church and parsonage plans—which keep for future reference in church building; a number of articles on church extension, which will enable you to present the subject intelligently to the people; also a map showing the number of churches and parsonages built by the Board this year. Post one of these in your church-houses, and it will prove a good sermon on church extension.

E. C. DEJERNETT.

ATTENTION.

Teachers, lawyers, doctors, cotton merchants and farmers, who are not satisfied with their present income, or desire a change of business, can connect themselves with one of the largest financial institutions in the country in a profitable manner. For particulars, address Lock Box 211, Dallas, Texas. The publishers of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE heartily endorse the merits of Hawkes' Crystallized Lenses.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Corsicana District. The Corsicana District Conference will convene at Mexia, Thursday, May 20, at 9 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon will be preached on Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. W. D. Bass. I desire that all the preachers and delegates will arrange to remain in Sunday.

A PRIZE. I will give \$5 cash for the best essay, not to exceed twenty pages (foolscap), based on Acts 20:35, last clause; manuscripts to come into my hands ten days prior to meeting of the district conference, to be judged by the following: G. W. Graves, Gatesville district.

SEMINARS. I have organized a copy of Bro. Stanford's Sermons, and for plain, forceful truth, I do not see how they can be excelled. I do not know the price, but I am bound to have a copy. I write this for the benefit of your readers.

Gatesville is having a good meeting under the leadership of Bro. Boyd, Moore (the singer), Jones and Roberts and Sister Hatchet. May it grow in grace. G. W. GRAVES, GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

PROGRAM.

Epworth League Convention at Dallas, Texas, March 16-19.

Wednesday—7:30 p. m., opening sermon, Rev. H. A. Bondland, D. D., Waco, Texas. Thursday—8 a. m., prayer and praise service, led by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas; 8:30 a. m., address by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas, on the history of the Epworth League. Rev. J. W. Hill; 8:45 a. m., spiritual development of our young people as promoted by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas; 9 a. m., adjournment thirty minutes; 9:15 a. m., prayer and praise service, led by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas; 9:30 a. m., address by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas, on the history of the Epworth League. Rev. J. W. Hill; 9:45 a. m., spiritual development of our young people as promoted by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas; 10 a. m., adjournment thirty minutes; 10:30 a. m., prayer and praise service, led by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas; 10:45 a. m., address by Rev. J. E. Green, Houston, Texas, on the history of the Epworth League. Rev. J. W. 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The best cure for rheumatism or neuralgia is Serravallo Oil, used according to directions, 25 cents.

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

The excessive use of grease and oil in dressing the hair is a common error, and one that is responsible for many cases of dandruff and baldness. There is a natural oil secreted by the hair, which in a healthy state should supply the requisite amount of moisture.

A preparation that is purely vegetable, and contains no oil nor any mineral substances is Louisiana Cream Hair Restorer, considered by the best judges the surest remedy for baldness, and the safest stimulant and blood dressing.

Missed his calling, Bellows—What a capital cavalry officer Dr. Curenone would have made. Fellows—Why so? Bellows—He is such a famous charger.

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

Sin is most fascinating when you can not see its face.

Church Notices.

Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June) and days of the week, listing church services and events.

WEST TEXAS.

LLANO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Llano sta. 2d Sun in March. Rio Grande sta. 2d Sun in March.

NORTH TEXAS.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Smithfield cir. 2d Sun in March. North Fort Worth. 2d Sun in March.

TERRILL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Messique cir. 2d Sun in March. Pleasant Mound cir. 2d Sun in April. Rockwell and Royce sta. 4th Sun in April.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Seguin sta. 2d Sun in March. Dripping Springs mis. at Fitzhugh. Kyle cir. at Science Hall. 3d Sun in March.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Commerce cir. at Scatter Branch. 3d Sun in March. Campbell cir. at Friendship. 3d Sun in March.

WINSBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Mt Vernon cir. at Pine Forest. 5th Sun in May. Glenwood cir. at Glenwood. 5th Sun in May.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Lone Oak. 2d Sun in March. Kingston. 3d Sun in March. Greenville. 3d Sun in March.

BONHAM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Bonham sta. 2d Sun in March. Lone Grove. 2d Sun in March.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Jackson sta. 2d Sun in March. New Hope mis. 2d Sun in March.

PARIS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Paris cir. at Fairlight. 2d Sun in March. Pattonville cir. at Shady Grove. 2d Sun in March.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Am. at Flat Creek. 2d Sun in March. Valley View. 2d Sun in March.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Saint Jo sta. 2d Sun in March. Belcher and Belcher. 2d Sun in March.

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BAKING BABIES.

A missionary in India visited a house once where there was a newborn baby, which was about the color of a pink seashell. "How pretty!" said the visitor to the mother. "Oh," replied she, "she'll be black like the rest of us, after I have put her out in the sun for a few days." And sure enough, when the next call was made, the poor baby was found baking in the hot Indian sun, stretched on a bit of board, with only a piece of cotton cloth under its head for a pillow. Its body had first been smeared with mustard oil, according to the strange fashion in that land. The mothers are much surprised to learn that American children are not treated in the same way.—Selected.

"Mabel, why don't your mamma wear diamonds, earrings like my mamma?" "She left 'em home and papa's hid 'em where the robbers can't get 'em." "Where has he hid 'em?" "Why, I heard him tell mamma that he had put them up the spout, and he guessed they would stay there."

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Marriages.

VARLEY—ROLLING—At McComb, February 17, 1892, Mr. John Varley and Mrs. E. E. Rolling, Rev. W. H. Brown officiating.

HICKS—McCULLOUGH—At the residence of the bride's father, Capt. Ben. E. McCulloch, Austin, Texas, February 8, 1892, Capt. P. M. Hicks and Miss Addie Belle McCulloch, Rev. G. W. Briggs officiating.

BROOKS—SWEARINGEN—At Tenth Street Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1892, Sidney J. Brooks and Miss Clara Louise Swearingen, Rev. G. W. Briggs officiating.

PENDELTON—EASTON—At the residence of the bride's mother, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1892, Mr. David Pendleton of Belton, and Miss Etta Easton, of Austin, Rev. G. W. Briggs officiating.

MORRHEAD—PRICE—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. W. Morrhead and Miss M. G. Price, February 11, 1892, by Rev. W. H. Carr.

CLARK—STALL—At the church, by Rev. W. H. Carr, Mr. A. A. Clark and Miss Amanda Stall, January 31, 1892; all of Coryell county.

McGINTRY—PATTON—February 17, 1892, at the residence of the bride's father, Ellis county, Texas, Mr. Hugh Ginty and Miss Lizzie Patton, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

PACE—DAVIS—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Dan Davis, near Lilaie, Milan county, Texas, February 1, 1892, by Rev. W. F. Brisson, Mr. T. M. Pace and Miss Corine Davis.

ANDRUSS—GILLET—At the residence of the bride's father in Dublin, Texas, February 21, 1892, by Rev. J. H. Chambliss, Mr. R. H. Andrus and Miss Blanche Gillet.

CONINE—GILLENTEINE—At the residence of the bride's mother, Duffau, Texas, by Rev. J. W. Hearn, Mr. R. E. Conine and Miss Leah Gillette.

GEISENDORF—MILLER—At the Methodist Church in Woodville, February 11, 1892, Mr. F. W. Geisendorf and Miss Corine Miller, Rev. J. L. Wyche officiating.

CASEY—HAWKINS—At the residence of the bride's father, near Farmer, Texas, January 19, 1892, Mr. Allen C. Casey and Miss Mollie J. Hawkins, both of Young county, Texas, Rev. B. A. Snoddy officiating.

SNODDY—EDLEMAN—In the Methodist Church at Weatherford, Texas, January 25, 1892, Mr. A. T. Snoddy, of Big Springs, Texas, and Miss Minnie Edleman, of Weatherford, Texas, Rev. B. A. Snoddy officiating.

WHITAKER—MULLINS—At the Methodist Church in Goldthwaite, Texas, February 21, 1892, Mr. W. W. Whitaker and Miss Emma Mullins, both of Goldthwaite, Texas, Rev. W. C. Hiburn officiating.

Obituaries.

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REV. W. H. ARDIS.

Rev. W. H. Ardis, of the East Texas Conference, was born in Georgia, May 5, 1830, and was married to Miss Frances S. Miller, November 9, 1849. Bro. Ardis was licensed to exhort in 1850 and to preach August 16, 1851. He was ordained deacon by Bishop A. W. Mumford on September 17, 1851, and was ordained elder by Bishop Kavanaugh, December 7, 1859. He moved to Texas in 1857. On March 30, 1855, God took his sainted wife to her heavenly home. He was married the second time to Miss Demetria J. Higgins, on July 19, 1857. Bro. Ardis died at Cambridge, Texas, January 22, 1892, and was buried at Cambridge, Texas, by the side of his first wife. He was a man of sound, practical sense, firm and decided in his convictions of truth, yet tender and loving in its presentation. He was earnest and personable in his preaching, and his long and faithful ministry brought many souls to Christ. Bro. Ardis was a faithful, true minister of the Gospel. Ever since his conversion he has been in "labors abundant," preaching frequently and filling his place in the Church with great acceptability and usefulness. His death has left his family and his Church have suffered a great loss. A week before the death of our brother he said: "Death is the gate to endless joy." "Home, sweet home; I will soon be there." Bro. W. H. Crawford informed me that all of his conversations were about, and he was anxious to be released, but was willing to wait and suffer, often saying: "Thy will, not mine, be done." He often raised his hands in victorious triumph. One hour before his death, when almost speechless, he was asked, "Are you still in sight of heaven?" and he replied, "Yes, O yes." In the midst of friends who devoted and loved him as if he were their father, "he fell on sleep" as quietly as an infant child sleeps in its mother's embrace. Thus passed to the Church Triumphant a pure and noble spirit, which the Lord and his blessed and surviving wife and daughter, and may the divine benediction ever attend them. May they live so as to meet our sainted brother in heaven. T. P. SMITH, TYLER, TEXAS.

REV. D. W. FLY.

Rev. D. W. Fly was born in Williamson county, Tennessee, June 28, 1819. He was converted in the twenty-second year of his age and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was licensed to preach October 17, 1846, and united with the Mississippi Conference the same year. He was transferred to the Texas Conference early in life, and was ordained deacon in 1848 by Bishop Paine, and elder in 1850 by Bishop Capers. He located in 1870 on account of failing health. He died at his residence, near Hondo City, January 12, 1892.

Bro. Fly was a high-toned, honorable Christian gentleman, blameless in his public and private life, and a true, devoted husband and an upright citizen. This writer has known him long and well as a man governed always by Christian principles, living upon a high plane of Christian privilege and duty, refined in all his tastes—a cultured, retiring gentleman. To know him well was to be impressed with the purity of his mind and heart, his freedom from all that was unbecoming or unworthy, and his consecration to all that was noble and good. His piety was deep, thorough and uniform. He was a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. No one in need of a true friend and brother.

was ever turned away from his door, and his heart and purse were ever open to the call of the poor and those in need. I quote from a letter of the colonel written to his wife, Mrs. Fly, in Shreveport, Louisiana, Texas, February 1892, of which Bro. Fly was chaplain during the war, to show how he impressed all with whom he came into association: "Your official and personal intercourse with this regiment has been creditable to you as a man and as a Christian minister. I part with you at your own request, and hope that your future life may be as blameless as your connection with this has been honorable. God bless you and our common country." His life was pure and blameless to the end. To say that no blot rests upon the name or memory of our brother is but the negative of those elements that constituted his manhood. In all that composes the positive characteristics of a decidedly Christian character he was equally conspicuous.

He was a minister of the gospel. Bro. Fly was faithful to his vows. While his health permitted him to remain in the itinerancy he went cheerfully to the work assigned him; and as a local preacher he was eminently influential and useful. His preaching was instructive, edifying and profitable to his hearers. He was a clear-headed man, of much reading, and one of the soundest theologians it has been my good fortune to know. To him, perhaps as much as to any man I ever knew, am I indebted for soundness of view as to our American Wesleyan doctrine. To men of thought his preaching was an inspiration and a power. I recall a great sermon preached by him in the presence of quite a number of learned and able professional men which met with heartfelt approval and commendation as a masterly intellectual effort. I have known him to preach sermons equally good to a handful of people on the frontier. He was of great modesty, and but for this I believe that he would have shown himself one of our most conspicuous and useful preachers. Retiring in his disposition, modest and diffident, he was not known as to the acuteness and breadth of his intellect except to his intimate personal friends. Simple and artless in all his tastes and temper, he ever shunned publicity and vulgar notoriety. Bro. Fly set up his work in the Church on the day of his death. He had a regular appointment where he lived, and preached whenever occasion offered. He organized the Sunday-school at Hondo City and was a tireless worker in it until he died. He was sick two weeks with the grippe and seemed to rise from the first that his work was done. He uttered not a word of complaint, and was perfectly resigned to the will of his Heavenly Father. He died in peace and without a struggle.

There is a great void in his family and the circle of his friends which can never be filled. In all the relations of life, as a husband and father, as a friend, an intelligent citizen understanding the genius of our government, as a blameless, consecrated minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, he discharged fully and ably his duties. We shall miss him again. B. HARRIS.

BOONE.—George Boone was born in Kent county, England, October 18, 1822, and died at his residence, in Hood county, Texas, November 30, 1891. He came to America when about six years old and lived in Virginia until he came to Texas in 1854. He buried three wives and seven children. In his departure he left seven children and a devoted companion to share in the common lot of bleeding hearts. He had been a devoted Christian for many years, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He saw the fruit of his labor, not only in the church, but in his family. All his children, except his oldest son, George, are disciples of Christ and consistent members of the church. His disease was complicated, involving his throat and lungs. At times his suffering was beyond description, but he endured it with more than ordinary Christian fortitude. His presence and godly submission prove a benediction to his relatives and friends. He had a cheerful spirit and a good word for everybody. His faith was fixed in God, hence he rejoiced in hope of eternal life. He confessed sinless perfection and was much pleased with Dr. Carradine's views on the doctrine of sanctification. He practically demonstrated the same in his holy life, devotion to God and his church. He had clear conceptions of the Word and discipline, and was a warm-hearted supporter of the institutions of his church. Granbury society has lost one of its brightest jewels. He was a true citizen and a kind-hearted neighbor. We have lost much in his death, but he has gained a featureless crown. In this sad bereavement we can not express our sorrow, but thank God we know where to find him. Yes, in the Christian's home, in the paradise of God, we will meet him again. Before his death he arranged his business to suit himself and family. Having all things done, a short time before his death he heard some young people singing in another room, and his heart was filled with joy at which time he said to his wife: "I will soon be where I can sing. O, the song I will sing when I see my Savior's face." Many wondered at his ecstasy in the midst of such extreme suffering. He looked up to heaven frequently, and occasionally said to his companion: "I am all his child; I am the child of a king redeemed; O precious Savior." His suffering was so great at times that he prayed for God for deliverance, saying: "Now, Lord! Now, Lord!" but, with Christian confidence, he concluded his petitions with calm submission, and said: "If I can do thy will better or glorify thee more by suffering, I will be patient and wait thine own good time." Then the last moment came he fell asleep in Jesus. May God bless the bereaved loved ones, and may the Holy Spirit guide them into all truth is the earnest prayer of the writer, who feels that he has lost a true friend and brother. WM. PRICE.

HICO, TEXAS.—NANCE.—Sister Amerial Ann Nance was born February 8, 1845; was married to Dr. Seitzze April 5, 1860; again to Henry Nance January 8, 1865, and died January 30, 1892. Sister Nance joined the Methodist Church early in life, and lived in it to the day of her death. The latter part of her life was characterized by deep piety and devotion to her church. She was left a widow the second time several years before she died. Hers was a life of great sorrow, but she found consolation in Christ, and died in peace. She left a large family of children and grandchildren and many friends to mourn their loss.

W. H. KILLOUGH, WEASATCHE, TEXAS.

MARTIN.—Allie B. Martin, the wife of W. B. Martin, and daughter of Joe Stephens, departed this life with a bright hope of a better on January 16, 1892. Sister Martin was born in Tishamango county, Mississippi, August 8, 1868, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1890, came to Texas in 1887, and died near Ladonia. She fell asleep as peacefully as an infant on its mother's breast. E. C. DEJERNETT.

CHROWDER.—Mrs. E. H. Crowder (nee Ogilvie) was born in Edgefield district, South Carolina, November 7, 1810, and died at her residence in Shreveport, Louisiana, Texas, February 1892. She was married to Bro. Crowder in 1831. There were born to them six sons and five daughters. He died in 1852. Two years after she moved to Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with her brother-in-law, John Holmes, father of Mrs. Lizzie Miller, who married Mrs. Emma Holmes Jenkens. Names familiar to our readers of the ADVOCATE. There she built up a beautiful, unostentatious, but comfortable and happy home, reared and educated her children; all her affections clustered around it. She contributed five boys to the army of the confederacy. One fell at the battle of Perryville, Ky. Dr. Miles Hill Crowder has since died. Geo. W., an honored citizen of Houston, Texas; William, Benjamin and Walter, prominent men of Louisiana, live to mourn the loss of their great mother. Mrs. Ogilvie had five daughters. One died in infancy. Her father died in 1870. Her mother, a sweet and gifted girl, Mrs. Claudia, and Mrs. Bowman went before their mother. Mrs. Wm. H. Wise, of Shreveport, La., her only surviving daughter, was a dear comforter to this mother in her declining years. Mrs. Crowder was of that type of intelligent and heroic Christian womanhood, developed under the best Methodist influence and training. Cherokee Corner, in Oglethe county, Georgia, where, with her husband, she began her religious career, is classic Methodist ground. She was favored with the association and public ministrations of the best preachers and the influence and example of Methodists of the nobler sort. The Ogilvies were distinguished for their intelligence and social position. Mrs. Crowder was a woman of superior mind, strong will power, fine sensibilities. These natural gifts, combined with the Christian graces of faith, hope, love and charity, qualified her for the duties and responsibilities which accrued to her by the death of her husband. It was this writer's privilege to enjoy her Christian hospitality and the society of her family while three years in charge of Keachie circuit. The gentle but firm manner with which she presided as a queen over her household, the loving obedience and respect exhibited by her children, impressed me that no ordinary woman was at the helm. She was a genuine Methodist in doctrine and discipline. Her children were dedicated to God in baptism in infancy. She controlled the children and not they controlled her mother, as is so often the case. Now they rise up and call her blessed. She was wise in planning, bold in executing and strong in suffering. When she was deprived of the assistance of her oldest sons and left with the youngest and three daughters besides her orphaned son, she was equal to the emergency, and provided well for all till the war closed. In all these dark days she neither murmured nor repined. She was often heard to say, "My grace is sufficient for me." During her last illness she said to her children, "I hope she might recover, she said: "If the good Lord sees that I can be of any benefit to him, I am willing to remain. When I get to that I am no use to any one or to my Maker, then I want to go." She had eleven brothers and sisters; nine of her children, besides her orphaned son, she had a brighter and better world. A good brother and dear sister and myself are left, and we will soon join the unbroken family. My husband and six precious children have joined them. Four manly sons and one darling daughter are left behind, but I have the blessed promise from my Maker and from them that they too will join us; then there will be two unbroken families." As the end drew near a lady friend and her daughter sang the words that she had often sung when in health, "Savior more than life to me." The words were sung with them clearly and audibly through the entire verse. It must have been very comforting, as she was passing through the dark valley to hear the familiar voice of one of her own dear boys singing, "Ma, how is it with you tonight?" To which she replied, "I'm all well, my son; this preparation was made long ago." These were her last words. The deceased was a mother of Israel. Full of years, crowned with Christian virtues, pure in example and receipt, she has been garnered to the Father's home. Was true, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. W. H. MOSS.

SHEGOG.—Margaret Shegog was born in Rutherford county, North Carolina, July 11, 1795; moved to Alabama with her father, Richard Shegog, in 1810, and moved to Texas in 1839. She professed religion at the age of sixteen and united with the Methodist Church, in which she lived as true and faithful as it seemed possible for any one to do until January 3, 1892. She fell on sleep at Emmis, Texas, in the month of February, 1892, and has known her intimately and well since that time. Oh, what a treat it always was to go to her house, emphatically a teacher's home, and hear her talk of Jesus and his love after her long experience in his service, and to know she suffered much in her long life, both in body and mind, yet she was always cheerful, throwing sunshine and cheer in upon the life of others, feeling always that God was too good to err and too wise to do wrong. Absolutely an every-day Christian in the true sense of the word, she blessed the bereaved ones and saved them, every one, in heaven in answer to her many earnest prayers.

JOHN S. DAVIS, WEIMAR, TEXAS.

CLAMPITT.—Little Tommie Clampitt, the subject of this notice, was born December 24, 1891, and died February 1, 1892. He just lived long enough to gain the strongest affections of papa and mamma. He being the first born, there was no other one to share the parents' love. Dear little Tommie only babbled on earth to his mother and father, and leave his fond parents lonely. He seemed to be a sufferer from the first, but he is free from suffering now. Weep not, Robert and Rosa, your sweet little darling is forever at rest with our blessed Jesus, who said suffer little children to come to me, and forbid them not. And may the grace of our blessed Master comfort you in this your deepest sorrow, is the prayer of one who loves you. C. R. RUNKLE.

MANNING.—Sidney Manning, only child of J. W. and M. R. Manning, was born September 13, 1890; died November 7, 1891. The home of our brother and sister was so unexpectedly darkened; their expectations disappointed. They realize that they were just beginning to walk and climb about and bring joy and gladness to their home. How hard it is to give up our loved ones, but God knows best. Little Sidney is done with this world of sorrow. God had better things for him. He is safe in the arms of Jesus. Press on, father and mother, and meet your child in heaven.

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EVERY.—Mrs. Lizzie Avery (nee Ross), wife of W. T. Avery, was born in Georgia, October 17, 1855; came with her parents, in early youth, to Texas, and shortly afterwards settled in Burk county. She was converted very young and joined the Methodist Church, June 16, 1887; with whom she lived happily till January 13, 1892, when, after a protracted illness, she closed her labors with mortal life, and beyond the shadow of doubt entered upon her reward. Our dear Sister Lizzie was not particularly demonstrative in her religious life; she knew the love of Christ, had the witness of his Spirit with her; she was a devoted wife, a true and faithful mother, and a sweet and consistent with her profession. She was a living epistle known and read of all men. She was a Christian. Her father was a Methodist preacher and her dear old mother, Elizabeth, a devoted Christian. Her daughter, is one of our ripest Christians. Sister Lizzie was always at her place in the church, and attended to all her church duties as long as she was able. Her home was, indeed, a pleasant home for the itinerant preacher, as many can testify. Our church at Timpani will greatly miss her. The writer was with her frequently during her illness and she always expressed herself as being ready; notwithstanding the snow covered the ground, a large concourse of people gathered at the church to pay their last respect to their friend. The writer preached the funeral sermon from Revelation 14:13. She was gone, but cheer up, dear friends and relatives, her God is ours, and the Savior who stood by her in death is our resurrection and our life. We live in hope that the sweet day will come when we shall rejoice together in the presence of Him who loved us and gave himself up for us. God bless the bereaved family, especially her devoted husband and loving mother. A. J. FRICK.

MILLER.—Elizabeth Miller was born April 16, 1816, in Virginia, and died at Azle, Texas, January 23, 1892. Her parents died when she was an infant, and she was raised by strangers, not knowing any near relatives. She moved to Bay county, Missouri, in 1828, and married to Mr. Harvey Meek in 1831, moved immediately to Grundy county, where her husband settled a new place. Here they were among the Indians, with whom she often shared her provisions, for she could not stand to see them starve and die. In 1837, she moved to Tarrant county, Texas, where her husband settled a new place. Here they were among the Indians, with whom she often shared her provisions, for she could not stand to see them starve and die. In 1851, she was married to Geo. W. Miller in 1851. She had but one child of her own. Her house was the home of the orphan, she having raised five orphan children. In 1878, she married her husband and son, left the old home in Missouri and came to Tarrant county, Texas. Her husband died in August of the same year. She remained a widow until her death, living with her son, who still survives. Grandmother Miller was a model Christian. There was no one who loved the Church more than she. She was often heard to praise the Lord in the congregation, and talked of the goodness of the Lord. She talked so much of the glories of Heaven, and the pleasures of the next world, that she died a short time before she was taken sick; "Oh, I'm only waiting for my Savior to speak and say 'come home.' Oh, yes, it won't be long till I'll shake hands with my loved ones." For years she has been filled with the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven, and she said that all her thoughts were about Heaven. She has gone to join the Church triumphant, where partners are no more. J. E. HIGHTOWER, BELLEVILLE, TEXAS.

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GARNER.—W. F. Garner was born December 29, 1844, in Dallas county, Texas; married to Miss Frances Allison November 7, 1867; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1882. He died in peace, November 9, 1891, at Morgan Mills, Erath county, Texas. Bro. Garner was one of our best men and valuable citizens. The Church and county will feel their loss. He was not a demonstrative man, but he loved his Church, his country and his God. He was a true and loving husband and an affectionate father. There was a large congregation at his burial, and we wept over our loss, but not as those who have no hope. No, he has gone over from the troubled side of Jordan, and is watching and waiting at the beautiful gate, where there is no sickness and trouble. He leaves a wife and one son and three daughters and very many warm friends to mourn his death. The Lord help his wife and children to so live they will not be separated in the future world. SAM C. VAUGHAN, P. C.

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BLAYLOCK.—Mrs. E. F. Blaylock (nee Emma Hare) died of pneumonia at her home on San Jacinto River, February 12, 1892. Sister Blaylock was born in North Carolina April 11, 1829; married to Robt. Blaylock, in Mississippi, October 15, 1845; made a profession of religion at fifteen years of age, but did not unite with the church until 1876. Christ came to her as a true wife, a devoted mother, admitted and loved by all. During her illness she gave abundant evidence of her faith in Christ. Once she said: "Am I a soldier of the cross?" Then she asked: "Can you hear the singing?" Being answered in the negative, she said: "I am at the biggest revival I have ever in my life." The angels camped around her bed until the Master said, "It is enough; come up higher," then her tired spirit home to rest. A husband and six children mourn their loss. Weep not for her, for she is at rest. If your faith be strong it will not be long ere you will meet her where parting is no more. JNO. W. HOLT, CEDAR BAYOU, TEXAS.

MATLOCK.—Died, in great peace, at his home in McLennan county, a member of Geneva Church, Stamford Yell Matlock. He was born in Arkansas, September, 1860; came to Texas when quite young; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the preaching of Rev. Dr. Connor, who presiding elder on the West District; was happily married to Miss Fannie Williams, December 25, 1881. In the multitude of business and neglect of duty Bro. Matlock had lost the enjoyment of religion, but at a revival meeting last August he was fully reclaimed. In his illness he suffered much. For thirty days he lingered, patiently enduring, as seeing Him who is invisible. He talked much about dying, of God and heaven, and of future faithfulness and usefulness should he recover. Among many other things, he said: "Tell Bro. Armstrong, Rev. R. C. Under his preaching I was blessed, and have Uncle Tommie Stanford to preach my funeral." Alas, our dear brother is gone, leaving wife, three small children and many friends to mourn their loss, though rejoicing in the hope of reunion in heaven. Praise God. SAM'L. MORRIS.

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opportunity. Seekers kneel at the mourner's bench, cry for mercy, rise praising God and begin at once to lead others to Christ. God's people are triumphant and happy.

Bryson.

C. E. Lindsey, Feb. 20: We are moving along here very well. We have some good people. We are working and praying for a revival all over the work. We have a prayer-meeting at Bryson. It is growing in interest and we expect good results. Our presiding elder is loved by all who hear him; he is a blessing to any boy preacher. May God bless the people and make me fit to do his work.

Event Circuit.

Geo. A. Nance, Feb. 20: Our first quarterly conference is just over and we think the elder's visit did us good. I went with him to Pearl to attend his next quarterly meeting on the round, I. e., for the Bee House circuit, and had the privilege of preaching to a sister-in-law of Bishop Andrew. She has been in the Methodist Church sixty-one years. I send today \$15 from Event circuit to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. Other collections are being taken on the circuit. Six persons were received into the church by letter.

Hillsboro.

M. S. Hotchkiss, Feb. 22: Church work moves off very auspiciously this year. Our Epworth League has attained a membership of nearly eighty, and is doing excellent work. The good it has already accomplished can not be estimated. The officers and teachers of the Sabbath-school presented us a fine Bagster Preacher's Bible, which we prize very highly. We have long desired just such a book, and could hardly have made a better selection had we been in the Publishing House. Our general prayer-meeting is well attended, and the ladies' prayer-meeting promises much. May the Lord graciously revive his work here.

Ennis.

Jas. A. Walkup, Feb. 27: We are having a gracious revival at Ennis; began last Saturday and the meeting has grown in interest from the start. Bro. J. P. Childers and his son are helping me. The people have been profoundly stirred under the preaching of the father and the singing of his son. Thacker is a great singer, and while the father preachers the gospel his son sings it with peculiar power. We have had many conversions. We counted seven or eight conversions last night. The Sunday prayer-meeting this morning was largely attended. I have never seen the people so deeply stirred in Ennis.

Cresson Circuit.

W. K. Simpson, Feb. 26: The first quarterly conference for this charge was held at Acton. Every appointment was represented except Wheatland. Bro. Nelms was not present on account of Bro. Stockton's sickness. We would have been much pleased if he could have been present. My people are much attached to their presiding elder. I am serving a good people. One thing is needed—more religion and less worldliness. Paid the preacher, \$92.25; presiding elder, \$9.25; some \$90 on the parsonage. The brethren said it was the best report they ever had from this work or Acton circuit. So we are on rising ground in the work of the Lord. Cresson is naturally situated geographically on rising ground. I am expecting a good year. I have faith because I exercise it.

See House Circuit.

R. S. Heizer, Feb. 18: We have just held our first quarterly conference, and had a very interesting meeting. The Spirit's power was realized and the occasion will be a pleasant recollection to many. Bro. G. W. Graves, our new presiding elder, was with us, and preached and presided to the satisfaction of all. Every appointment was represented, and the stewards made a living assessment for the pastor. Paid \$78 to the preacher in charge and \$112 to the presiding elder, to begin with. We moved to Pearl the 15th inst, and our post-office hereafter will be Pearl, Texas. We have not received a regular pound, but have received many tokens of kindness since our return to this work, which we appreciate very much. We are working and praying for a gracious revival of religion.

South Belton.

I. N. Burks, Feb. 23: Our first quarterly meeting just over. Our dear presiding elder, Bro. Bishop, failed to be with us on account of the sickness of his wife. We are moving along very smoothly on the South Belton circuit. Our people received us very kindly, and are still showing appreciation of their kindness by sending in to us such things as are needed at the parsonage. We have a good house with four rooms, for which my predecessor, Bro. Smith, deserves great credit. We have added a chimney to the house since we came here, which cost us \$27; also have part of the lumber on the ground for a barn, which is badly needed. We have a good stream with plenty of water. Have received five into the church since conference. We are expecting great things of the Lord this year. Some of the brethren have already said they believed we were going to have the best year that we have seen in this part, and I can say amen to that. Our congregations are large and interest good. Have one Sunday-school with good interest, and hope to be able to organize others soon.

Bosqueville.

Jos. P. Callaway, Feb. 26: Our first quarterly conference was held February 20 and 21. I have seldom seen a better, more harmonious time anywhere. Our finances were well up, and the stewards made a liberal assessment for the presiding elder. The presiding elder, R. C. Armstrong, was in good preaching trim, with reference both to health and spirit. A good sermon on Saturday at 11 o'clock and a splendid one at night. It was muddy, but we had a good crowd at 11 o'clock Sunday, and the presiding elder gave us good instruction on Sunday government. The love-feast Sunday evening at 3 was a feast to the soul. At night a fine crowd out; the presiding elder at his best. We had a short

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prayer-meeting just before preaching. At the close of the sermon Bro. Armstrong closed penitents; three came, two of them converted. We had eight accessions during the meeting. Uncle Tom Stanford was with us. Uncle Tom is feeble in health, but his spiritual strength is such that it is a benediction to be in his presence. Standford's Sermons is a neat little volume of 320 pages, containing about thirty sermons, and these contain the nature thought of the writer. Uncle Tom has given the church faithful service, and his book will be appreciated by his many friends, and doubtless others who have not personally known him.

May.

D. C. Stark, Feb. 23: Everything is moving on smoothly on the May circuit. The pastor and all his children—four—were sick at the time of conference, and for sometime after. Owing to this fact we were late in getting to our work. When we came we found Bro. J. W. Bowden, a local preacher of this work, filling our place till we got to the work, having been appointed by the presiding elder. Bro. Bowden had the work well in hand. He is a good man, and the people of this country love him. Our first quarterly conference came off last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Massett, our presiding elder, was on hand, and though unwell, looked after the business of the church, held the quarterly conference and preached us two good sermons, which did us much good. The more we are with him the more we love him. When we got to the work we found a parsonage under construction, and now we are living in it. It is a good house, well located. Bro. E. L. Drinkard, a member of our church at May, bought the material for the house, but the quarterly conference said that the entire church on this circuit would help bear this burden. The Board of Stewards made a liberal assessment for the preacher in charge. We have a good Board of Stewards and an efficient corps of local preachers on this work. Altogether we think the outlook good for May circuit. May the Lord pour upon us the Holy Ghost and use us for his glory and the salvation of the people.

Duffau.

J. H. Trimble, Feb. 21: Our "beloved," Rev. E. A. Bailey, (and he is as beloved as any of the beloved, but I don't think their "belovedness" will kill any of them) held our quarterly conference to the satisfaction of all, and preached the dedicatory sermon and dedicated our church, and he sure preached; in fact, "he got there with both feet;" and that last expression means a great deal. His descriptive powers and reasoning faculties and logical conclusions had a grand effect on our people. He laid a foundation that is like bread cast upon the waters. I don't know of a presiding elder that is ahead of him. I am talking about presiding elders—not Bro. Hearn or your humble servant. We received into the church on Sunday ten—among the number a bride and groom. I have received into the church since conference eighteen, and know of several more to join. We now have a full-fledged Methodist Sabbath-school—the first in Duffau and every one, old and young, seem to be interested. We need a bell for our church and it is sure to come. Bro. Hearn and myself are working conjointly for the ADVOCATE, and we think we are succeeding. Our motto is to put the ADVOCATE in every Methodist family. I would not do without it for \$10 in cash a year. I mean just what I say. We are going to try to build another church on the work this year, and expect to succeed; and we are looking for and expecting a good meeting at every appointment. We have a good official board, and they made a liberal assessment for pastor and are paying it as needed. We have fine mineral waters here. A great many people come in the summer and find relief.

Epworth League.

J. A. Wyche, Secretary, Feb. 25: In response to your call in the ADVOCATE I beg leave to report the Epworth League at this place, which was organized September 20, 1891, by our beloved pastor, Rev. H. M. Sears. We have a membership roll of thirty-two, most of whom are zealous young Christians ready to do the work assigned them. Our devotional meetings on Sunday evenings are well attended, and a great interest is being manifested at these meetings. The League has been enjoying a steady, gradual growth ever since it was organized. And not only does it increase in membership, but in spiritual strength, and soon we hope to be a power in the church and do the work that the League, is designated to do. We will help our pastor to raise the conference collection for this year. Thank the Lord for the Epworth League.

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Reduced rates will be given on the following lines of railroads to the State Convention of the Epworth League: Houston and Texas Central, International and Great Northern, Cotton Belt, Santa Fe, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and Texas and Pacific. These lines very willingly give rates of four cents per mile. Tickets will be on sale March 16 and 17. Buy your tickets on those days or no reduction will be granted. All these lines extend tickets for return on Monday, 21st, except the Texas and Pacific, which extends the limit to Wednesday, 23d. The League is an institution of our church and has proportions remarkable for its age. It is eminently important that this, the first State Convention, be a success. From names sent in we will have a representative attendance.

C. N. RIGGAN, Secretary Preachers Meeting.

Obituary—Texas.

Feb. 22.—Alonzo E. Atkins, at Bailey. Feb. 23.—Thos. Gahagan, at Pilot Point; David Nicholson, an old citizen of Lamar county, near Paris; Mrs. L. V. Lyday, at Honey Grove. Feb. 25.—J. H. Barrett, at Pittsburg; Rev. M. M. Wolfe, of Greenville, at Poetry. Feb. 26.—G. W. Baird, aged seventy-three years, at Ennis.

Texas Casualties.

Alonzo Graham, a negro, had one of his hands crushed in the Paris oil mill February 24. Near Crockett, February 24, Will Jones, a young man, accidentally shot and killed himself. Mrs. J. M. Powell, who lives eight miles north of Honey Grove, was severely bitten by a rabid dog, February 27. February 27, a child of Mr. Stone, two of Dory Andrews and two others were bitten by a rabid dog near Wolfe City. W. F. Briggs, who lives near Gainesville, was accidentally shot by a gun falling from a sulky plow and being discharged, February 26. Gus Zackery, colored, a brakeman, was, in some unaccountable way, thrown from a log train at Lodi, February 27, and probably fatally hurt. On February 23 Cora Ruppener, the six-year old child of a German farmer living at Lindsay, Cooke county, was mysteriously drowned at Elm creek. At Brenham, February 24, R. E. Merritt, a painter, fell from a scaffold to the ground, a distance of twenty-two feet, breaking his collar bone in two places. At Palestine, February 25, Fred Sciler, night car inspector, and Silas Glanna, night watchman at the railroad yards, were killed by the collision of a freight train with a lot of box cars. At Cleburne, February 25, W. T. J. Burton, a man about fifty or sixty years old, almost fatally stabbed his son, John Burton, aged about thirty years. The elder Burton says he was asleep, and in a frightful dream got up and stabbed his son, thinking he was some one else. At Austin, February 27, a runaway team ran against a buggy in which Mrs. Gililand, aged eighty-seven years, and Mrs. Edmonson were sitting, turning the buggy over and bruising the ladies severely. Mrs. Gililand had a small valise which contained \$300 in money and \$500 in checks, which was picked up and carried off.

Texas Incidents.

The Texas World's Fair Association, capital stock \$500,000, filed its charter in the State department at Austin, February 25. At Hempstead, February 23, a traveling comedy company tried to play "Uncle Tom's Cabin," but some of the lights in the opera house were shot out and some of the windows of the car in which the company were traveling were broken. After the firing commenced the company was guarded by officers until it took town, at 11:15 p. m. The railroad commission has issued an amendment to the grain tariff, reducing the maximum rate on grain and pay to 22 1/2 cents from the present 25 cent maximum, except that the old rate applies on the Sunset to Eagle Pass and El Paso, and on the Texas and Pacific west of Colorado City. It goes into effect in twenty days, and is made to meet a cut of interstate lines to 22 1/2 cents.

Miscellaneous.

A bill making June 30 Jefferson Davis' birthday a legal holiday has been passed by the Mississippi legislature. The Peoples party will meet at Omaha, Nebraska, July 1, to select candidates for the presidency and vice presidency. A majority of the Ways and Means Committee have submitted a report putting binding twine on the free list, while a minority report adversely. A telegram from Washington, D. C., February 27, says the anti-silver men will try to amend the silver bill so that all pensioners shall draw their pensions in gold, and all persons receiving less than \$1500 per annum shall have the right to demand payment in gold. Reports from Guatemala via New York, February 24, said that Gen. Enriquez, a prominent candidate for president, together with his two brothers and two servants, have been shot and killed by soldiers. The soldiers, it is said, had secret orders to arrest and execute Enriquez on a charge of heading a revolution, and Enriquez, hearing of it, resisted and was killed.

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Texas Crimes.

Tom Merken committed suicide near Flatonia, February 26. G. W. McKee shot Ernest Gomer, February 27, at Gainesville. Gomer's wounds are not serious. February 23, James Miller and James Wheelock got into an altercation near Brewer, Freestone county, in which Miller struck Wheelock on the head with a billet of wood, from the effects of which he died. At San Antonio, February 21, two negroes drove a horse and buggy over

a boy named Eddie Easton and the boy's skull was fractured by the horse's hoofs. A burglar was shot by Simon Duerling, while trying to burglarize the latter's store.

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