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affinity for divine and eternal things. His thoughts were of God and Christ, dwelt in the solitude of eternity. Risen with Christ, he sought the things which were above, where Christ sitteth at the fection on things above, not on things on the earth. For he was dead and his puppets for our play is played out." life was hid with Christ in God. He died to the world, to all its maxims and buoyant with divine life and energy he up. was ready for an ascension. He had walked with God and could, like Enoch,

ture, wealth, pleasure and fame, breath- time. ing the atmosphere and the aroma of the skies! He had God-like virtues and tastes and was in perfect harmony with A little skillful diplomacy in the home them that make peace. all that is true and beautiful and good. goes a long way. A wise generalship er and maker is God." Those prizes dex of a kindly heart. which challenge and enchant the soul of man were nothing to him. He had rated the world at its true value and when he sincerely and deliberately had renounced its vanity and its pomp. swears everlasting fealty to truth. it duty and to God. He had been trans- as long as she harmonizes with our noformed into another spirit and life. He tions and bias. But we should be pretrod habitually a region "far above the pared to overhaul all our theories and smoke and stir of this dim spot which to reconsider all our plans if truth demen call earth." He mused among in- mands. It should be our aim to know is partly accounted for by their increasvisible realities and sunned his soul in the exact reality of things, the very land."

eminently a spiritually-minded man, he light and a brave purpose to follow it was no recluse nor mystic. He was al- any and everywhere. ways in sympathy and touch with man and "he toiled terribly" leaving behind him a record of gigantic labors. He ocean of air. Like fish swimming in the to consider her palaces, has been to at went into the amphitheater and fought water, so we disport ourselves in the least one of them a delightful and an a good fight, carving a Christian sol- ethereal atmosphere. This is a symbol dier's passage to the skies. His inde- of that vast sea of spirtual and provi- quire, Watchman, what of the night? fatigable industry was as remarkable as dential influences which overarches and he answers without hesitation. All is the refinement of his soul, and while he encompasses us. Divine and eternal well. lived the lofty dream-life of a divine things press in upon us on every hand. communion, he bore "the care of all This mighty network of subtle energies the Churches" upon his heart. He walk- and beneficent circumstances was ined through the world without contract- tended to bring and hold us to God. A The hopes that under the new czar ing its defilement; he discharged his man must ride rough-shod over Proviarduous duty without forgetting God; dence and grace and fight his way to sia would become more tolerable have he performed his immense labors and hell. The Spirit and the Bride say, proved futile. At the recent twentyendured his bitter griefs without any Come. abatement of eathusiasm and love. His pure soul remained untarnished, his lofty aspirations pulsed on. His hungering and thirsting for God increased. The Methodist Review: A tour tagonist of the policy of religious opwith the flight of time and culminated through the length and breadth of our pression and suppression under three when he wore the clanking chain and Methodism is more inspiring than all Emperors, the present ruler took special snuffed the dungeon's damp and dew. the annual tabulating of returns in the pains to laud the Procurateur's eminent Like a pilgrim wandering o'er land and Book Editor's office. Facts-visible, services and promised him the imperial sea, visiting the ruins of the ancient audible, tangible-speak more directly favor for the future. True it is that world, tarrying among classic associa- if not more loudly than figures. They these persecutions are not carried out in tions and scenes, viewing the art treas-dissipate doubts. They arouse courage, quite so roughshod a manner as was it was never designed we should. Agreeures of a continent and watching the They feed enthusiasm. When a visit- the custom under Alexander III; yet ceaseless procession of a life fascinat- ing brother stands before the crowded the old Russian ideal of "One language, ing and strange, who yet broods with auditories of such magnificent confer- one Government, one Church," has not yearning fondness and inexhaustible ences as the North Texas, the North- been abandoned. Indeed, it is doubtful love upon a little vineclad cottage far west Texas, the Memphis, the North whether a material improvement in this theory about religion, and a very poor away, his resting place and his home, Georgia, the Alabama, the South regard could be effected even if the Czar Christian with a perfect theory about so Paul, moving among the babbling Georgia, and others, he tells Zion's tow- should personally desire reformation. the familiar scenes of the mighty Ori- ter a fashion that no books or statistics religious dissenters is the product of the facts of the Bible and in the soul's ent, kept his treasure and his heart with can substitute. In the judgment of this history of Russia's ecclesiastical legisla-

hollow and ephemeral these sublunary in the press of the Church has not reright hand of God. He had set his af- his desire or having it is satisfied? Come pendence and conviction are differing.

"the light that never was on sea or truth of nature and life and our calm determination to conform thereto. It While it is true that Paul was pre- is difficult to keep a constant openness to secretaries, two book agents, four edi-

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us anticipate and imbibe its spirit and silent but steady growth. The king- sent a committee to St. Petersburg to from others the fact of his intellectual been crucified, had risen from the dead, his strong personality, and won affection AFFINITY FOR DIVINE AND ETERNAL educate ourselves for the higher and dom of heaven cometh not with observ- plead for Protestants, down to our own superficiality and limitation; and I be- and that they had seen him and talked tion by the gentleness and purity of his diviner life which awaits us beyond the ation; it is like to a grain of mustard day, have practically resulted in noth- lieve that many a preacher who resorts with him, and that they should suffer heart and life. He needed no badge of grave. Unless we contemplate life as a seed; it is like unto leaven; it is as if ing tangible or substantial. A glance at to eccentric and sensational stratagems martyrdom in testimony to their belief. authority to enforce discipline. His probation it is an unmeaning riddle. a man should cast seed into the ground the legal status of dissenters in Russia does so from the consciousness of the It is against all parallel human experiually-minded man. He had a strong Our experience now is the prelude and and should sleep and rise night and will show the why and wherefore of meagreness and frailty of his theologiapprenticeship of another. Therefore 'day, and the seed should spring and Russia's methods and manners of treat- cal and philosophical resources. No should suddenly accept the faith of and respect. school thy soul for the future. Partners grow up, he knoweth not how. The with Paul in this destiny and sharers of growth of God's spiritual kingdom, like of immortality and heaven. He lived the same immortal hopes, let us follow that of his natural, is silent. The con- character and ideals, goes back to the no really great singer blacks his face tyr; and that, as the result of the try. His reading was of wide and walked among men, but his soul him as he followed Christ. How troversial tone of much recent writing interests and the mortal life of man! flected, this editor ventures to think, with the civilization of the West. At demical law to astonish the world by "Ah, vanitas vanitatum! Which of us is the calm and steadiness and peace of least he attempted to do this for the daubing nightmares. Men of a much ilization that the world has known. His thought was profound, and far rehappy in this world? Which of us has the Church itself. Brethren of inde- upper ten thousand, while he showed no inferior order condescend to theatricals; Yet these are not myths; they are moved from the commonplace. His conchildren, let us shut up the box and the in some cases widely, as to policies and masses. It was characteristic of his same with respect to the Christian pulmeasures and opinions, but it is with programme that he established an Acad- pit. Henry Ward Beecher did not re-We cannot by any species of sophis- and amity. At more than one confer- there existed a single public school in Simpson succeeded without dressing aims, to all its vanities and ambitions. try or fallacious reasoning invalidate ence an ominous cloud on the horizon all the Russias. It is only natural that himself in Oriental custume; Joseph blessing the world has ever known attention by the majesty of his thought Here was a man not only willing to die the first and second commandments- has seemed to be sighted, and the vision he had no sympathy for religious lib- Parker gets on without a megic lantern; but anxious to die and only consenting the duty of loving God su- has been whisperingly reported by an erty and freedom of conscience, only R. W. Dale used no stage property, posto linger on the earth in order to edify premely and all mankind deep- alarmed brother, but the weather- guaranteeing, out of political reasons, to ture, or passion; and Maclaren discovand comfort the Church. His treasure ly and truly for his sake. prophet has invariably proved to be the colonists from Germany, whom he ers no anxiety to straddle the latest senwas in heaven and his heart was with Without love there is no religion. 'Tis mistaken as to the magnitude of the invited to the capital city and to East- sation. But the preacher who is conit, and there was his long-sought home. the consummation and perfection of the cloud or the direction of its movement. orn Russia, the privilege of retaining scious of deficiency in the deeper qual-He had become so assimilated to the divine life in the soul. And yet how few Much good sense and practical religion. Although materially and iffications of his vocation seeks to awaknature and life of God that he needed a delight themselves supremely in God. have been manifested in the councils of otherwise Russia has made great strides on and maintain public interest by eccelestial environment and sphere. These | How few contemplate with a profound | the elders and brethren. Militant editendencies which once made him grav- and abiding interest the wretched race tors and doughty correspondents have absolutely no advance in the matter of subjects he chooses or in the manner in itate earthward had been neutralized by of man. Yet to this issue must we been known to dream dreams, and to religious liberty. Here the principle of which he treats them. Our congregafaith and love, and now with tastes in- come. A heart-searching sermon on disregard the injunction and indignant finitely refined and sublimated and this subject would wake some people question of Jeremiah: "The prophet to abide, that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him The power to repress ourselves under speak my word faithfully: What is the Carroll as "the most eminent and relia- tude in Christian doctrine is not spechave leaped over the battlements of trying circumstances is an inestimably chaff to the wheat?" It is by no means ble statistician of the Churches of the heaven. He championed with perfect precious virtue. Sometimes silence wins an indefenzible opinion that if the Genfidelity the cause of religion and was the victory just as a soft answer turns cral Conferences and Bishops of both nations in size rank in the following nize in our doctrine the things by which as ready as the old prophet for the char- away wrath. It is a great thing to pos- Methodisms from 1844 to 1848 had been order: Roman Catholic, Methodist, Bapiot of flame. Paul's soul was purged sess one's soul in patience. A constant permitted to operate the Plan of Sepaof earthly dross. He was a God-intoxi- talker is rarely a wise man. Garrulity ration according to its obvious import, of Christ, Protestant Episcopal and Con- will find his ministry influential when cated man. He walked in eternity. The and folly are generally inseparably without the perpetual nagging of some gregational, says: garish world had lost its charm for- linked. There are times when we must very great men in the press of the "The net increase in the membership have passed away.-W. L. Watkinson, seal our lips. Too often one bitter word Church, the division might have been of the Churches in 1896 was not far D. D., (London), in Methodist Review, What a wondrous spectacle-a man has alienated two hearts forever. Here consummated as it was begun-in peace. from three-quarters of a million-a redeemed, the impersonation of love is one of the tests of character-the Both Bishop Soule and Bishop Morris much larger increase than that of the and holiness, indifferent alike to cul- ability to say nothing and to bide one's inclined decidedly to this view. The previous year. The figures show that profuse shedding of ink is not always one-third of the entire population of a shedding of light or peace. The fruit the United States, including men, wom-Tact is a beautiful and helpful thing, of righteousness is sown in peace of en and children, are Church members,

> more diligently and successfully in dis--attended the conferences in greater State." numbers or met with a more general or hearty response to their appeals on beed number-which means increased organization. There are now ten General Conference officers-two missionary tors, one educational secretary, and, last, but not least, in any sense the word will bear, one secretary of Church extension. To walk about Zion, to tell We live and move at the bottom of an her towers, to mark well her bulwarks, edifying occupation. If his readers in-

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fifth anniversary jubilee of the public services of the Superior Procurateur of the Holy Synod, who has been the promultitudes, towering monuments and ers and marks her bulwarks strong af- The policy of brutal opposition to all editor the machinery of the Church was tion and could not be changed without Time is the vestibule of eternity. This never working more smoothly or effi- modifying the official position of the world is the ante-chamber of the world ciently. The omnipresence and omnip- Czar and of the Holy Synod in the orto come. This is neither our habitation of ence of the law codified in that little ganization of the Orthodox Greek nor our rest. 'Tis a passing show- book known as the "Discipline" were Church of the Empire. It is chiefly for evanescent all. Let the sleeper awake everywhere evident. Methodism is still these reasons that all protests of Westand call upon his God. Let the dreamer the incarnation of order. Moreover, ern Christianity, from the time when bizarre methods to attract a congrega-

ing those not of the Orthodox faith. work of Peter the Great, who first sought to bring that State into touch and tone larity; no great artist renounces acainterest in the advancement of the gifted men have no need. And it is the a very high degree of mutual respect emy of Sciences in St. Petersburg before sort to flags and dulcimers; Bishop semper idem continued, and continues tions desire above all things clear, deep,

The Outlook, after referring to Dr. popularity. The interest of the multi-

while of the total membership more The Church is prosperous: both per- than two-thirds are Protestant, and less He had grown in grace and knowledge, obviates a world of confusion. Trying sonal observation and the returns so far than one-third Roman Catholic. These He had served a long apprenticeship to to govern by sheer brute force is the received at this office justify this judg- figures are encouraging. They show toil and sorrow. He had lived under superlative of folly. Tact is a form of ment. The editorial journeyings this that the Churches are not asleep, and the guardianship and tultion of the love. Affection anticipates trouble and autumn have extended from Hannibal, that they are making substantial pro-Spirit of God and time had added its prevents it. Affection instinctively dis- Mo., on the north, to Abbeville, S. C., on gress. The question was one; asked of ripening and mellowing touch, and now cerns the best way for circumventing the cast, and New Fountain, Texas, six a Japanese: 'is Christianity making dominated by the genius of the gospel embarrassments. A true tact will solve hundred and fifty miles west of New Or- progress in your empire?' The reply of Christ and filled with all the com- many a problem, prevent many a quar- leans on the Southern Pacific Railway, was: 'If you mean, Are the Churches municable fulness of God, he was pre- rel and cure many a heart-ache. Tact on the southwest. Everywhere the vast growing? I must say, Not very fast: pared for a translation to "the city is a gentlemanly and lady-like thing. Connection is pervaded by the spirit of but if you mean, is the kingdom of God which hath foundations, whose build- the badge of good breeding and the in- connectionalism. Never has greater re- extending? the reply must be, It is exspect been accorded the General Super- tending in every direction and with intendents; never have they labored great rapidity.' The figures which we have quoted show that not only charge of the onerous duties of their kingdom of God advancing in our rehigh office. Never have connectional public, but that the Church itself is in-The glory of earth had faded, its empti- is a great thing to get the consent of officers—though sometimes sadiy per- creasing, not only in the number of its ness stood disclosed and Paul waved it one's mind to look at things in "a dry plexed by the fearfully and wenderfully communicants, but in its power on the a long farewell and gave his heart to light." Too many of us love truth only constructed plan of episcopal visitation life and thought of individuals and the

THE PRESS. The Best Creed.

The Apostles' Creed is a model confession of faith. It comprises the fundaof Jesus Christ. The truths are those an unconscious grace. universally received by Christendom, congregation of the faithful. Underneath these facts is a philoso- lovely.

phy. Men must think about the facts, things given in the gospel. As all men Interior. agree as to the facts, but differ in theory, the facts seem to be the proper material out of which to make a creed rather than the theories in which they can never agree. But, strange to tell, a large part of the Confessions of later Christendom are built on the sandy foundation of human speculation. So long as men are differently constituted. we cannot bring them to an agreement in speculative matters about religion; ing in essentials, they should be indulged in great liberty as to speculative and non-essential matters. A man may be a good Christian with a very defective the gospel. The theory is not religion: religion lies back of all theories in the consciousness of allegiance to and fellowship with God .- Zion's Herald.

The Apprenticeship of Preaching.

and joins the minstreis to secure popuscriptural truth, and any ministry of real teaching power is sure of perennial ulative and arbitrary; it is personal, they live, and he who can state evanthe mere rhetorician and sensationalist

Small Courtesies.

One evening last week I entered a room where several young people, with books and work, were sitting around lexicon and the grammar on the table before him was the busiest of the group but he instantly arose and remained standing until I had taken my seat. The little action was automatic; the courtesies, and the boys have been trained from childhood to pay deference to women. They always rise whenever a lady, their mother, sister, friend, or the guest of the house comes into the room where they are at work; they place chairs gallantly and gracefully for ladies at the dinner-table, they take off their their hats when they metheir mother on the street, and they never kiss her with a hat on; in saying the Advocate a pleasant call. good-morning or good-evening to her it is with hat in hand. Her bundles are carried, her way is made easy, a beautiful politeness waits for her word in the domestic discussions, and refrains from interrupting her even in the most heated argument. Neither mother nor sister goes out after dark without an escort. One of the boys can always go out of his way, or find it in his way, mental truths and cardinal facts of the to see her safely to a friend's door, or to Taylor in Clarksville, Texas. gospel. It sets forth the existence and the meeting which she wishes to attend. work of God, the Holy Spirit, and the Most winning and sweet is the air of ferings, death and glorious resurrection have acquired-which they wear with

Equally charming are the manners of and the facts are a part of universal his- the girls in the home I speak of; gentle, tory. The confession is worthy to be soft-spoken, appreciative, considerate, recited every Lord's day by the whole and reverential. To old people they are tender; to children, kind; to each other,

One cannot too sedulously look after compare them one with another, and the small courtesies in one's conduct, endeavor to adjust them to other great and, if one be charged with the manageverities of the material and moral uni- ment of a household, in the accustomed verse. The facts remain undisturbed ways of the family. Habits count for by the speculations, which are merely everything here, and example is better the thoughts of men about the mighty than precept .- Margaret E. Sangster, in

Facts, Not Myths. In a paper read before the Society of

Biblical Exegesis at its Christmas holidays meeting, the Rev. S. J. Barrows, editor of the Christian Register, discussed the mythical elements in the umphantly elected from the Irish city rity of purpose than Dr. Thomas. Fullness of knowledge saves a min- of Boston? Yet the Hon. S. J. Barrows, He was a splendid type of the old memory of this fact had much to do ister from the temptation of resorting to M.C., knows it is not a myth. It is Roman-rugged in feature, stern in de-, with influencing his choice of that

der. If we are destined to eternity let Church is one of profound peace and of tion, held in Basel a generation ago, be, he cannot long hide from himself or teacher and daily companion, who had He comanded respect by sheer force of truly great actor becomes a Blondin this resurrection, and after a long life The Russia of to-day, in its universal walking a tight rope to draw a crowd; of toil and labor should die as its mar- the first men of this counteaching of these disciples of Jesus, range, and well chosen variety. there should have been produced the His style was Addisonian in its purity one great beneficent religion and civ- and a model of terse, laconic English. the miracle of Jesus Christ makes the of the best Reviews and Magazines of life of the apostles and the beneficent the country. Though not an orator in is hard to believe that the greatest and impressive speaker, commanding and its chief regenerating force rest and the purity of his diction. upon a myth.-The Independent.

On the Wing. tled, "Shoot-flying Hill." The Indian origin of the name is evident to a hunter: for the ridge which runs down the center of the cape affords, or did when wild game was more plentiful, a capital stand for the sportsman who would bring down the feathered quarry passing on the wing. We have often thought The minister who creeps up slowly through a library of polemics to take a "dead rest" while he aims at heresies that sit and quack far away toward the horizon, is not just what the pulpit needs now. He must be quick with his hand and quicker yet with his eye He must be on his feet at the least indication of approaching wings, and unless he be ready to "shoot flying," he had about as well not shoot at all. If there be any man whom his duties require to be "up to date" it is he who stands in a modern pulpit before a nine-

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We regret that Rev. G. S. Clothier, of Bryan, has been quite sick.

Many thanks.

Conference is the faithful and efficient Chaplain of the State Senate.

Bro. J. H. Tadlock, of Chico, spent few days in Dallas this week. He made

The death of Brother T. B. Yarbrough, a devout and sterling layman of Honey Grove, is a serious blow to our Church and an irreparable loss to his family.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Maggie May Lamb to Mr. J. J.

A note from Rev. J. A. Lowe informs tenders condolence and best wishes.

human experience must be regarded as I was among the first to matriculate copal Church in Washington, President mythical. He admitted that this would at old Emory in January, 1866, and Lincoln's early associations were much not exclude miraculous healings, as we found Dr. Thomas, with Professors with the Methodists, and he had a high have experience enough for them; but Luther M. Smith and George W. W. regard for that Church. During his he implied that it would remand the Stone, in charge of the institution. I Presidency, however, he attended a resurrection of our Lord and similar engaged board with Dr. Thomas, and Presbyterian Church, though he was miracles to the sphere of myth. But spent two years of college life under never received as a member of any does it not contradict experience that a his hospitable roof. In the class room, Church. modern scholar and a clergyman-ed- and in the privacy of his own home, I President Arthur's father having been itor while absent in Europe, should be had full opportunity to find out the man a Baptist minister he was trained in the suddenly pitched upon for election to in every aspect of his character; and I doctrines of the Baptists, and his early Congress without any knowledge on can truthfully say that I never knew a associations were largely with this dehis part, and that he should be tri- man with more force of will and integ- nomination. His wife was an Episco-

bestir himself and put his house in or- generally speaking, the state of the the Evangelical Alliance in its conven- tion. No matter how clever a man may that twelve men should believe their possessed of a kindly and genial spirit, residence in Washington,

Intellectually he took rank with downright facts, unquestioned. And tributions were welcome to the pages history of Christianity reasonable. It the ordinary sense, he was a forceful

He left Georgia in the fall of 1867 to ake the presidency of the college at Vacaville, California. For nearly thirty years he has labored in his adopted Down East, it is upon "the Cape," state, occupying various positions of there is an elevation which has been honor and trust. In every station he called since the country was first set- has filled, he has shown capacity, fidelity and constant energy. More than him, and he died on the 14th of this month, full of years and honors. His wife, the faithful partner of his life, still survives, and many hearts in her old Georgia home will go out in sympathy for her in the midst of her bereave-

> Peace to his ashes. After life's fitful fever he sleeps well.

"Green be the turf above thee. Friend of my carlier days, None knew thee but to love thee. None named thee but to praise."

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Zion's Herald: Bishop Ninde, in reaching at Epworth Church, Cambridge, last Sunday morning, a sermon of profound thoughtfulness and spiritual power, made the following personal the lamp. The young man with the teenth century audience,-The Interior, and interesting statement: "When seventeen years of age, though I had received Christian instruction and nurture, I had drifted into a condition of doubt concerning the verities of the Bible. One evening while walking my room alone, I had a vision of Christ ex-Rev. J. R. Morris, of Italy, promises tending his arms toward me in comto work and write for the Advocate. passionate love and persuasion. It made me weep, and I wished most carnestly that I could believe the declarations of Rev. F. S. Jackson, of the West Texas | the Bible concerning him. A month later, I had another vision, I saw Christ on the cross, and the cross was not in far-away Judea, but right before me, and he hung there for me. The vision broke and filled my heart and I became his disciple."

> The Independent: Our note last week on the religious denominations of the Presidents of the United States, has called forth the following letter from the Rev. Samuel McKean, of Lansingburg, N. Y.:

The recent illusions in The Independeat and other periodicals to the Church relations of the Presidents of the United States have suggested to me the propriety of adding some information to what Through inadvertence we failed to note has already been given. James K. Polk facts as to the human birth, life, suf- good breeding which these young men the marriage of Rev. Nath Thompson died a Methodist, though he is generally of the West Texas Conference. We ten- assigned to the Presbyterian Church. der hearty congratulations and best During his public career he was not a wishes for long life and abundant hap- member of any Church; but as Mrs. Polk was a Presbyterian, he, very likely, attended her Church during the term Rev. J. S. Chapman, the presiding of his Presidency. In the early part of elder of the Abilene District, writes us his last sickness he sent for his friend, a pleasant note, reporting Church af- J B. McFerrin, D. D., of the Methodist fairs very favorably and saying some Church in Nashville, Tenn. In the inkind things of the Advocate, which we terview which followed he stated to Dr. McFerrin, that though circumstances had prevented him from uniting with the Church he was a Methodist and deus of the recent death of his father in Church. During this sickness Dr. Mcsired to enter into the fellowship of that Mississippi. He was a first-class physician and a devout member of our the Church, and administered to him the Church. Bro. Lowe is improving some, sacrament of our Lord's Supper. After though still an invalid. The Advocate his death this clergyman was called on to officiate at his funeral.

Prior to his election to the Presidency Southern Methodist Personals. Franklin Pierce was a regular attend-Rev. B. H. Sasnett, in Wesleyan Ad- ant upon the services of the South Con-New Testament, and gave, as a prin- vocate: Permit me, Mr. Editor, to pay gregational Church in Concord, N. H., cipal criterion for distinguishing what a tribute to the memory of this truly where he resided, though he was not a is mythical, the old anti-supernatural great man, the announcement of whose communicant in it; but for some reapresumption that whatever contradicts death apeared in your issue of last week, son he became an attendant of the Epis-

palian, and it is understood that the

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OUR SYMPATHIZING LORD.

the hearts of men, stirred their enthus: nor restore to life those who through upon the right answer to which depend unique monkey audience." asm and fired their devetion, has been those fearful three days were swallow- ed Christ's power. And so in every the history of the Lord as the Great Sufferer. This tale of how the Son of the. What concerns us now is the en- sets all his faculties free for the efforts God came under every human experi- during effect upon the life of the nation of which they are capable, and produces griefs and even weaknesses of our huas nothing else has done, and has been the inspiration, the confidence, the courage, the love and hope of the Church in every age. When Christ said, "If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto Me." he declared that the cross would be the grand instrument for spiritual attracttion and for advancing his kingdom. And so it has proved, for the vision of the crucified, that visible expression of divine fellowship in suffering, as it is also the seal of divine love, has been the power of God to win the world to himself. Christ the sufferer is verily God's gospel for a suffering world. ' "He was in all points tempted like as

we are."

There is no necessity for touching here on the intricate question as to how far the human nature of Christ was open to many of those temptations to which we are liable. It is enough for us to perceive that the trials of Christ were real trials, and that his sympathy is founded on an actual experience His divine nature did not preserve him from the sharp pangs and sore conflicts that mortal flesh is heir to. He so emptied himself of all that glory which had been his before the world began, that he came wholly under the weakness of our humanity. The cross of self-sacrifice bore down with all its weight upon him at every siep. "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." His "strong crying and tears," "his agony and bloody sweat" were the visible exponents of the reality of the conflict. His sympathy was not a condescending and distant pity, as that of the rich who visits the poor without having himself known an hour of penury. The glorified Jesus understands by experience the worst that we have to pass through. He tasted the bitterness of sin as the evil of the world took its intensest shape beneath his gaze. Ingratitude, treachery, pride, hatred, cruelty had encompassed him round. In his holy love he had tasted the death of all deaths in his vivid consciousness of human witkedness and wrong. So that there is no one in the thick of the battle, struggling bravely, or lying faint and wounded, plunged in self-loathing and crying, "Save me or I perish," but can feel that the great Captain of their salvation understands it all, and not only sympathizes, but is able to help and deliver in the time of need. He meets us at every point-whether under the agony of sorrow, or calling to God from the depths of the cvil we abhor.-Donald MacLeod, D. D., in Good him say: Words.

LIFE IN RETROSPECT.

Whoever fails to see God in his past life will see but very little in it worth considering. It is because of this failure that the review of life is so dull to many minds, and that they come to view the past as did one of Shakespeare's morbid characters:

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and tomorrow.

Creeps in this petty pace from day to day.

To the last syllable of recorded time: And all our yesterdays have lighted fools

The way to dusty death.

God only gives meaning to time gives content and value to eternity. Eternity itself, devoid of him who inhabiteth it, and who fills every moment of it with his activities, as he fills every portion of immensity with his presence, is but a vast and trackless abysm. But eternity is God's witness. In Mrs. Browning's noble words.

Eternity stands always fronting God; A stern, Colossal image, with blind eyes,

And grand, dim lips, that murmur evcratore. 'God, God, God.'

to recognize in the review of the past his behalf-and thus achieve results is the relative unimportance of pleasure and pain considered in themselves, quality can not hope to obtain. What This lesson was grasped and wrought in enduring stone by those who presided over the building of the great ca- the midst of the sea! It was faith that thedral of Milan. Over the archway of enabled engineers to pierce tunnels one of its lateral entrances is carved through the Alps, to drain the German a wreath of reses, and under it the Ocean and plant trees in its legend, "All that which pleases is but old bed in Northern Holland. for a moment." Over the door upon It was faith that bridged the the other side is a sculptured cross, and beneath it the words, "All that ed the Mediterranean with the Red Sea, church?" The little monkeys, thus rep- sait two hundred miles by landcost two which troubles is but for a moment." and the German Ocean with the Baltic, But over the great central doorway is by means of their wonderful canals. It cut the sentence, "That only is impor- has achieved the most marvelous results listen intently to what he was saying. tant which is eternal." Looking back in every department of human industry. upon the past of mankind, it is not a matter of chief concern to us to know that which a man has in others, and they thus sat demurely until the either how much men enjoyed or how which has the power of calling forth all preacher finished his sermon and until much they suffered; we are concerned that is the best in them. Such faith we had distributed gospels and tracts to know what came out of their pain makes the objects of it great, develops among the audience, and had started and their pleasure. We read both of in them the germs of goodness, and for our tents. the joys and agonies of the past with stimulates them to attain their ideal. A "Our 'celestial audience,' seeing our complacence, as mere surface and pass- man must be believed in in order to do 'terrestrial audience' dispersing, then, ing incidents in the real life of man- his best. Contempt or indifference has and not until then, left their seats and

battle of Gettysburg, that sternest death-grapple of the war of the rebellion. And yet now as we read it, its terrors are softened into a fascinating picture. If we could we would in their behalf, "Believest thou that I ing over what they had heard the The Gospel which has really touched not blot out Gettysburg from history, can do this?" was the crucial question preacher say. And thus we left our ed up in the bloody maelstrom of bat-

ence, passing through the toil, the and the world which resulted from that battle. And just because we see that such faith that all the mighty reformaminity, has reached home to mankind, at Gettysburg secession received its tions of the world are effected. Faith in death-wound, we feel that Gettysburg, fearful insuffering though it was, was better than a thousand festivals of mirth. The laughter, the songs, the two kinds of faith in self and in others mirth, the sighs, the groans, the cries -viz: faith in God. This is the highest nowhere crossed the Mississippi River; of agony, all die out and fade away into the deep silences of the past; we view them all alike with complacence, verse. For it a susceptibility to or re- of them had a population of a million because we know that in themselves they were not the chief things, but only evanescent incidents, possible means, temporary instrumentalities to endur-

> And with the same feelings do we come to review our personal history. How complacently now do we look back both upon the joys and the sorrows of our past! How like a tale told, like a dream when one awaketh, is the memory of the noontides and the midnights of other years! And yet they were intensely and tremendously important to us once. How our souls thrilled with the ecstacy of cur joys, with what passionate eagerness did we drink from the intoxicating cups of cur bliss; and how we staggered under our heavy crosses, how bitterly we cried out under the keen cuttings of pain, and how wearily the heavy night of our sorrow dragged on! But now it is all past! And as we look back upon it we wonder that either the suffering or the pleasure ever so concerned us. scarcely know, sometimes, which is the more pathetic, our pleasures or our pains; only we are sure that our estimate of their importance at the time was wildly extravagant; and the wider the distance in time we get from them. the more completely do they fade into obscurity and insignificance. And we feel sure that as we shall look back upon our lives from the still, clear heights of the other world we will un derstand yet more perfectly how relatively insignificant in themselves were both happiness and suffering. Both the wreath of roses and the cross will have faded out of sight-the things that

are eternal only will remain. In one of the catacombs of Rome where the Christians of the first centuries who suffered such relentless persecution from the Roman rulers buried their dead, was found an epitaph, which Robert Browning had translated into English verse, and which expresses the estimate from the view-point of eternity which the soul will make of suffering. The inscription above the sleeping dust of the martyred saint makes

was born sickly, poor, and mean, A slave; no misery could screen The holders of the pearl of price From Caesar's envy: therefore twice fought with beasts, and three time

saw My children suffer by his law.

At last my own relief was earned: was some time in being burned. But at the close a hand came through The fire above my head, and drew My soul to Christ, whom now I see,

Sergius, a brother, writes for me This testimony on the wall: For me, I have forgot it all.

-Rev. J. T. McFarland, D. D., in Central Advocate.

THE POWER OF FAITH.

Faith is a living power; it is the very highest and most powerful exercise. Take the case of a man who has a large amount of faith in himself. That faith will give him a resoluteness of character, an energy of will, a singleness of eye, which will enable him to overcome all difficulties. In the accomplishment of his object he will submit to any privation, and deny himself any indulgence; he will give his days to hard labor. and his nights to anxious thought. He will inspire others with a conviction of Another thing which we are brought his capacity, and enlist their services on which others less endowed with this but this personal faith has actually removed mountains, and cast trees into ocean with its swift ships, and link-

But there is a higher faith still, viz:

case, faith in a man, sympathy with him results which astonish himself. It is by humanity lies at the root of every good

faith of all, the highest manifestation of life, the greatest force in the uni- States in the Union, and when no one ceptivity for that which is Divine, and communicates to the person who pos- thousand inhabitants. sesses it the very nature itself of that which is Divine. This faith in God is since Cornwallis laid down his arms at the contrary, the exercise and spiritual- States came under the New Roof and ferter to what is now within the reach ization of an original quality of our na- made the Constitution the supreme law live brought into contact with the high- ing progress that the people of the est possible subject, and in this contact with the Divine made itself Divine. And so glorified, it is an all-conquering prin- tion. Yet as we of to-day look back to ciple. It brings heaven to our help; it allies Omnipotence with our own power. Faith in God is the source of all the greatness of man. Believing in Christ, we become kings unto God; we are inspired with all might to rule our own nature royally for him; we go forth to subdue the world to his sway. For to fathers of many of us were men who are the creations of our day. A specialhighest ideal that has actually been realized in the ordinary molds of human life; and by Christ who has realized all our ideals, strengthening us, we can do all things.-Rev. Hugh Macmillan, L.L. for thriving cities at the opening of the little preparation was needed for any D., in The Quiver.

OLD AND YOUNG

The Monkeus Went to Church.

We usually think of monkeys as mischievous creatures, given to all kinds of pranks, and not able to behave prop- hard by the front door, in "The Golden Rule" of a well-behaved congregation of monkeys which attended one of his street services. It by the town pumps, for there were but shows that among monkeys, as with find it more difficult to be good in church, but the punishment which fol-

The missionary says: "I had noticed that behind the louses on the opposite side of the street there was a long row of trees lack of proper drainage, and ignorance the term of service two complete suits growing in their back yards, the branches of which stretched out over the flat roofs.

many branches of these trees begin- and Philadelphia and Baltimore were streamts," reached port, the public and saw the faces of some old jack monkeys peering out through the foliage. Soon some of them jumped down big brothers' in the street were about, as they stood gazing so intently at these white men standing of the platform. Springing upon the parapet, they scated themselves, with their hind feet hanging over in front, and gazing with fixedness at the preacher, as they saw the people in the street doing.

"Other mankeys followed, until there was a long row of them thus seated on the parapet. The late-comers I could see walking along behind the parapet. looking for a place wide enough to get a seat. Failing to find a wide enough place between two already seated monhighest power of life. It is life in its keys, they would put up their hands and, pushing each other sidewise, would seem to be saying: 'Sit along a little, please, and give a fellow a seat,' until the 'bench' was crowded.

"The audience in the street, standing with their backs toward that row of houses, did not notice the monkeys, and so their attention was not distract-

ed by them. "Many mother monkeys had brought their babies to church with them. there were two hundred newspapers in These taby monkeys sat upon the thigh of the mother, while her hand was placed around them in a very human fashion, but the sermon was evi- whole country, had then been dreamed dently too high for these little folks to of. But it mattered little, for the field comprehend. Glancing up, I saw one a merchant could cover in his business of the little monkeys cautiously reach was limited by the immense cost of his hand around, and, catching hold of transportation. As late as 1810, to another baby monkey's tail, give it a move freight from New York to Lewpull. The other little monkey struck iston on the Niagara River, almost enback, but each mother monkey evidently disapproved of this levity in church, and each gave its own baby a box on the ears, as though saying: 'Sit still! Don't you know how to behave in ty-five dollars. To carry a bushel of rimanded, turned the most solemn faces dollars and a half. The charge for toward the preacher, and seemed to "With the exception of a monkey

now and then trying to catch a flea,

kind. What fearful carnage, what in- always a tendency to diminish his pow- demurely walked back and sprang upon

describable agonies there were in the ed. Our Savior himself could not do the branches again. There were no many mighty works among his own "monkey capers' as they went; they nim. It was the faith of people in him | ing a church, and sat upon the branches

A Gentury of Social Better-

A citizen of the United States who wore a badge of mourning in memory of Washington, and took part in the contested Presidential election of 1800, But there is a higher faith than these where touched the Gulf of Mexico and at a time when there were but fifteen souls or could boast of a city of fifty

The twenty years which had elapsed not a thing apart from our nature, and Yorktown, and especially the ten years imposed upon it from without. It is, on which followed the day when the ture. It is the daily faith by which we of the land, were periods of such amaz-United States in 1800, compared with what they were in 1780, were a new nathem, their condition of life seems so crude that it-is hard to realize that they are separated from us by a hundred. not a thousand years, and that there are numbers of men still with us who saw the light while Jefferson was serv ing his first term as President. It is hard to realize that the great-grandbelieve in Christ is to believe in the never in the whole course of their lives struck a match, or used a postagestamp, or heard a steam-whistle, or saw a pane of glass six feet square of a building ten stories high. What passed few thousand houses without any pretensions to architectural beauty, ranged the office of a judge or a physician was along narrow streets, none of which were sewered and few of which were paved and lighted. The government quired no preparation whatever for the was of the simplest kind. The mayor still held a court. The watchman, with and law were the only recognized prohis rattle and lantern, still went his rounds at night. The citizen was still required to serve on the watch, the "mechanic," had no existence as and to keep in his house, erly and quietly if they want to; but a number of leather buckets, with which, missionary in India, telling of a at the clanging of the court-house or preaching tour which he made in that the market bell, he must hurry to some country, gives an interesting account burning building. Water for putting free states were thousands of Irishout fires, indeed for household use, was men, Scotchmen, Englishmen, Gerdrawn from private wells or supplied

> were not), or to be out after ten at night. Lack of good and abundant water, spread diseases of the most dreadful sort. Small-pox was common among times raged with the violence of

coals from a neighbor's house (a com-

visited by yellow fever, which some plague Few of the appliances which promote and came forward to see what their health, which increase comfort, which and buy them from the captain. When save time and labor, were in use; not the redemptioner had served his time, even in the houses of the rich was there a furnace, or an open grate for hire, the wages paid him were such as burning coal, or a bath-room, or a gasjet. The warming-pan, the foot-stove, and the huge four-post bedstead with dollars a month. Farm-hands in New its curtains to be drawn when the England were given four dollars a night was cold were still essentials. That boy was fortunate who did not have to break the ice in his water-pail per day for fifty cents. Workmen on morning after morning, in winter. No the turnpikes then branching out in city had reached such dimensions as to every direction were housed in rude make a horse-car or an omnibus nec- sheds, fed coarse food, and given four casary. Time was of little value, and no pains were taken to save it in the May, and six dollars from May to Nohousehold or in the affairs of the business world. That magnificent display Genesee River to Buffalo was under of inventive genius which is the admiration of the world had scarcely begun. Few of the modern methods of extending business, of seeking customers, of making the public aware of what a board, lodging, and a daily allowance merchant has for sale, existed even in of whiskey. a rude state. There were no commercial travelers, no means of widespread thrifty could save nothing. But woe advertising. When the century opened

tirely by water-route, cost forty dollars a ton, with tolls extra. To haul a ton of goods from Philadelphia to Pittsburg cost one hundred and twentransporting a barrel of flour three hundred and fifty miles was five dollars; the same charge was made on a hundred pounds of sugar carted three

hundred miles. Nct only was the field of business enterprise thus restricted, but the tran-



saction of business within that field people because they did not believe in were as serious as a congregation leav- kept his own books-or, as he would itarian spirit, a generous sympathy for that enabled him to perform miracles in a meditative mood, as though think- his letters with a quill, and, when they all our land there was not a reformawere written, let the ink dry or no letter-boxes in the streets, no hour- Monthly. ly collections of the mail. The letter written, the paper was carefully folded, sealed with wax or a wafer, addressed and carried to the postoffice, where postage was prepaid at rates which would now seem extortionate. To send a letter which was a single sheet of paper, large or small, from Boston to New York or Philadelphia, cost eighteen and a half cents, and to Washington twenty-five cents. To carry a letter from Philadelphia, then the capital of the United States, to Boston, and bring back an answer by return mail, would have consumed from twelve to eighteen days, according to the season of the year and the weather.

What was true of the merchant was rue of men in every walk of life. Their pertunities were few; their labor was Il paid; their comforts were far inof the poorest.

In the Sunday issues of the great metr. p:li:an journals-a Sunday issue was a thing unheard of ninety years of employers seeking help. Many of not be neglected by any real follower of the advertisers are conducting trades, known in 1800, and to these might easily be added many more. The great orporations, the mills and factories, the railroads, the steamboat, express, ist of any sort-a patent lawyer, a corporation lawyer, an occulist, a physician devoting himself to the cure of diseases of children, a nurse trained to tend the sick-was unheard of. Very present century were collections of a profession. The knowledge gained in the course of a few months passed in sufficient to entitle any man to practice law or medicine. Many sects reministery, and the ministry, medicine, fessions.

What we call the "workingman," classes. Labor was performed in the South almost entirely by slaves, and in the North very largely by men and women who for the time being, were no better than slaves. Throughout the mans, who, in return for transportation from the Old World to the New. two cities in the Union blessed with had bound themselves by indenture to human beings, the children seemed to waterworks. It was still an offense to serve the captain of the ship that smoke on the street, or to carry live brought them over. The time was three, five, even seven years, and the lowed their misdeeds had a good effect. mon practice in the days when matches conditions were that the servant should have meat, drink, apparel, washing. lodging, and sometimes six weeks' schooling every year, and at the end of of the simplest principles of sanitation of clothes. In every case one of these "freedom suits" was new.

The moment a cargo of such "indent-"Chancing to raise my eyes, I noticed the poor. Year after year New York od servants," "redemptioners," "bondnewspapers, and whoever wanted men or women or any sort of labor, skilled or unskilled, would hasten to the ship and began as a freeman to work for would now be thought shamefully low. Soldiers in the army received three month and found their own clothes. Unskilled laborers toiled twelve hours dollars per month from November to vember. When the road from the construction, in 1812, though the region through which it went was the fron ier, men were hired in plenty for twelve dollars per month in cash, and their

> Out of wages so scanty the most betide him if work was slack, or he fell sick and ran in debt. Then he became the United States, but only seventeen no better than a criminal, and, if the dailies. No great weekiles, no maga- eraditor wished, could be made to share zines with a circulation covering the a criminal's dingy and filthy prison. In nothing is the contrast between

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those days and ours more striking the practiced by Christians in our day. was slow and difficult. The merchant than in the absence of a broad humantory, nor an asylum for the blind, for sprinkled it with sand. There were the deaf and dumb, or for lunatics .then no envelopes, no postage-stamps, John Bach McMaster, in the Atlantic

Christian Courtesy.

Readers who are familiar with the charming Pensees of M. Joubert know that his reflections are not only exquisitely keen and delicate, but profoundly Manners, he writes: "To show deference to age, to worth, and to dignity is where he speaks of courtesy as "the som the fragrance one of the most beautiful qualities of character. The bril- ilege is to minister unto them the comliant Frenchman was evidently of the fort of Christian courtesy, speaking the opinion that courtesy is a kind of per- kind word and doing the helpful deed fection which stamps life with the dig- that shall strengthen them for the nity of true manhood or womanhood. Courtesy may be called one of the

minor moralities, but in any case it is ago-are thousands of advertisements one of the Christian moralities, and can makes it fertile for other plants that Jesus Christ, who was described by an the function of Christian courtesy. Its professions, eccupations, absolutely un- old English poet as "the most perfect ministry ought more and more gentleman who ever breathed." It is to be prominent in the Church striking to notice the emphasis the Mas- of Christ. Samples of the deter placed on courtesy in his practice nunciations of hostile sects would and teaching. One might think that so and telegraph comprnies, that give em- trivial a subject was beneath the dignity of a great religious teacher, but it tians. There should be no more burling was not. Our Lord always regarded cer- of stones at one another by the champtain forms of discourtesy as the expres- ions of differing creeds. The golden sion of serious moral defects. On one rule-"In things essential, unity; in occasion, while dining with a wealthy non-essentials, liberty; in all things, Pharisee, the eagerness of the guests to charity"-ought to be written large get the honorable seats at the table so over the desk of every speaker or writer offended his sense of what was gracious in defense of what he believes to be the and courteous as to call forth censure. Christian faith. It is no weakness to pay He insisted on universal courtesy. In deference to the opinions of a brother his day the Jew never saluted the heath- fheologian if they should happen to en, and when the Pharisee saw a Publi- come into conflict with your own. On can coming his way he studied the sky the contrary, it is the manifestation of very devoutly. Christ taught that the the strength of a courtesy which can withholding of a courteous salutation hold its own firmly and yet be gracious from men of another race or faith was a in its recognition of the rights of others. sin. As charity was to be universal un- Truth is many-sided, and it is given der the Christian dispensation so courtesy was to be universal, for, as Dr. ions change with the ebb and flow of Dale reminds us, "Christian courtesy is human thought, but charity abides forthe graceful and beautiful vesture of ever, and like mercy is twice blessed, Christian charity.

The duties of courtesy are far too lit- ceives.-Central Advocate.

Many men who are orthodox, self-denying, great in sacrifice, and ready to go have said, his own accounts-wrote all the unfortunate and hard-pressed. In to the stake for a principle, are harsh in their judgments, scanty in their sympathy, and ready to drive rough-shod over the sensitiveness of their brethren. The whip of severity is in their hands more frequently than the oil of kindness. The least we can say of such men is that they do not rightly represent the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the most beautiful of the many beautiful things said by the prophets concerning the coming Savior was "the bruised reed he shall not break." A picture flashes out of the heart of the saying. By the side just and true. In his chapter on Good of the dusty road hangs a despised and broken reed, its head bending low to the ground. The thoughtless passer-by a duty; to show deference to equais, to strikes with his staff at the bruised part strangers, and to unknown persons, is of the reed, but the helpful tenderness true refinement and courtesy." Else- of Christ leads him to lift it up carefully and gently. That is a parab'e of life. flower of human nature," as if it gather- Every day we come into contact with ed up into itself and expressed in blos- bruised spirits, baffled and broken by sorrow and disappointment. Our priv-

> Naturalists tell us of a tropical plant which drops water on the ground, and would otherwise die of drouth. That is read like a sad parody on the brother-

rough winds of life.

hood which should distinguish Christo no one man to see all the sides. Opinblessing him who gives and him who re-

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FIRST QUARTER-LESSON 6, FEB. 7.

TRUE AND FALSE GIVING. ACTS 4:82: 5:11. Time: A. D. 33.-Exact date un-

known.

Place: Jerusalem. Golden Text: Man looketh on the

outward appearance, but the Lore eth on the heart .- I Sam. 16:7.

LIGHT ON THE LESSON. Verse 32-37: Here is a picture of the Church after this first persecution. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul. A company, now of thousands, yet perfectly agreed in mind and affection. A great thing for a Church to keep its unanimity while it grows in numbers and in power. This oneness is a rae thing. Where two of you shall the Church first mentioned, says Mr. agree, said Jesus. Look at St. Paul's Wesley (verse 10). Signs and wonders Epistles and see how he commended, are wrought by the Apostles, And none enjoined and prayed for this unanimity.

and 2:2. Neither said any of them that aught unclean spirits are cast out, and multihe had was his own; all belonged to tudes, both of men and women, were Christ, and was to be used for him-in this sense it was common property while each man held his title to it, and stewardship in it. And with great power the Apostles gave witness of the res- and they that were with him, which is urrection. The Holy Spirit's power the sect of the Sadducees. The same showing itself in the manner in which Annas of the former trial and threatenthe witnesses gave their report; so at ing; now, thoroughly aroused, and kin-Pentecost, and Peter and John before dled into angry, bitter, pesecuting zeal the Sanhedrin. Faith followed, and con- by the startling progress of the Nazafusion of the unbelievers. And great rene's faith. "High priest and Saddugrace-Charis-the favor of God rested cees," a goodly company for the priest! upon all; for all were now one. Sanhedrins nor all Satanic heirarchies can them one. shut out God's favor from a praying.

praising, united Church! There was no lack in this happy and growing Church, for as need required every man sold something of his possession—a house or piece of land—thus wrought the grace of God in themand turned over the proceeds, laying it fool! Resurrection, Ascension, Pentedown at the Apostles' feet to be dis- cost. The same man, Ananias and Saptributed by them. In their willingness to sacrifice and minister to the wants

of others, they are exemplars for us. Joses, or Barnabas, son of prophecy and consolation; this man-afterwards the compaion of St. Paul, first leading noiseless hand; the temple guard, or character. out the great Apostle-owned land in officers, knew nothing of what was go-Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean Sea, sold it and brought the money and gelic ministry in these early times: minlaid it at the Apostles' feet; all of it- istering spirits. Dr. Schaff notes six the tenth acted out. Son of Consolation distinct works of theirs in the Acts..

in word, yea also in deed! ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA.

ful story is known of them. A few lines drin; stand and speak in the templeon a gravestone generally suffice for the | right on the ground and in the face of and which the contemplation of his life

annals of a human life. What a piece of history these two made. Here it is: mighty word.

to Barnabas!) named Ananias-signiname the Greek for Sapphira: the Syriac, for beautiful; both living a lie to glory of generosity: wrong, therefore, at the start, in selling with a false motive, and kept back part of the price, while pretending to bring it all. His wife being privy to it, husband and wife deliberately plotting their scheme of fraud. "They wished to serve two masters, while appearing to serve but one. And Peter said unto Ananias, discerning by the Spirit within him the false-Satan filled thine heart? Satan tempted Ananias yielded. To lie unto the Holy

hood of she man's heart: Why hath Ghost, such is the blindness of the human heart, when dazzled by the glitter of unholy praise. While it remained was it not thine own? No compulsion Ananias: thine was thine own, to hold, o keep, to sell; and after it was sold, thou couldst have brought part or all to the common fund; but thou hast rought part, saying it is all-thou hast ot lied unto men, but unto God. The

Holy Ghost is God. And Ananias hearing these words, supower of the Holy Spirit, fell down dead. Thus was the first attempt made by Satan to gain a footing in Christ's flock by hypocrisy met with swift and awful defeat.

And the young men arose. There was society of young men attached to each nas and Caiaphas. ynagogue-"the servants of the syna gogue." Either these are meant, or merely the younger men of the Christian congregation, who would naturally be selected for this service. It is not likely that there was so early as this a society of young men, distinguished from elders; these are mentioned first officially in chapter 10:1-30. These young men, wrapped Ananias round with his own loose mantle and bore him out to his grave. The custom of the Jews was to bury before sunset the

same day. A LIAR'S GRAVE.

In about the space of three hours his wife, not knowing what was done, came n. Who could break such awful news to her? Three hours! What precious time! Sapphira has time for repent-Eternity hung on those three ours. And Peter answered unto her: Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? Time still for Sapphira to repent. Eternity hangs now on one mo-Yea for so much. Too late now. ment! Fatal words, and fatal lie behind them Instantly under the same judicial sentence from St. Peter, Sapphira falls down dead, and the young men, returned from the burial of Ananias, bear her out t her grave. Ananias and Sapphira together once more. No liar shall enter

into the kingdom of heaven. Great fear fell upon all the Church. Theirs was an awful sin and swift, awful punishment: a warning in all after-

time to the liar and hypocrite.

. . . LESSON 7. FEBRUARY 14. THE PRISON OPENED.

Golden Text: We ought to obey God rather than mon .- Acts 5:29.

CONNECTING THE LESSONS Holy, reverential fear, now rests upon of the rest durst join themselves to -Rom. 15:5, 6; II Cor. 13:11; Phil. 1:27 them; in cutward show like Ananias and Sapphira. Sick people are healed and

added to the Lord.

LIGHT ON THE LESSON. Verse 17: The enemies awakened to the situation. The high priest rose up A common hatred and jealousy make

Verse 18: They now arrested the Apostles-using the temple guards as police, and put the offenders in the common prison-or guard house.

Verse 29: Intimates that all the twelve were arrested. Annas has determined upon thorough work. Short-sighted phira, and signs and wonders; still the Sadducee persists.

But the Lord Christ has his police also; an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, a strong yet means of attaining to excellence of ing on .- V. 22. There is much of an-

Leading for the Apostles.—The angel and comfort of mature years. of the Lord says to them: "Go": a com-Ch. 5:1-11: Nothing except this aw- mand: to set over against the Sanhe-

their foes; to the people: the common this the Sadducees denied .- V. 20.

But a certain man (what a contrast Verse 21: Hearing this, they instantgether, and all the senate of the children of Israel, the entire Sanhedrin, and slumbers nor sleeps.

> without before the doors; but no man within. The angel had left no tracks: yet they knew that some other than man had been here. Ah! that Crucified Nazarene and these unlettered men, seem to glide through shut prison doors. Verse 24: They doubted of them thereunto this would grow. In their that the cause of Christ would grow.

that the imprisoned men were standing in the temple and teaching the people, and the captain and the officers fearing the people-what a part fear of the people played in the life of Christ and his Apostles-yea, and in human history. blood upon us. St. Peter charged them of his followers. with this very thing: "Whom ye

Verses 29-32: Then Peter, in the name people who loved to hear Christ; and of all the Apostles, said: We In spirit, vain-glorious; tempted of were now the willing hearers of the ought to obey God rather than Satan, they yield; agree together to lie Apostles. All the words of this life- man. The ground on which he unto God, for the false glitter of un- life eternal through Christ. Religion is had stood at his former trial. the young Methodists to the article on merited praise, and fall dead under his life spiritual, imperishable; precisely Ch. 4:19. A granite foundation; from which a martyr oftimes has ascended to his crown. Peter uses no titles of to be read and re-read and then filed for ly obeyed. The high priest-busy An- honor here, as in his speech to the Sanfying "cloud of mercy" or "favored of nas, turbulent with envy and hatred, hedrin before.-Ch. 4:8. At one bound the Lord," with Sapphira his wife; her and his company, called the council to- he is in the heart of his discourse. The God of our fathers-yours and oursraised up Jesus. In talking to these their names. Sold a possession-not to sent to the prison to bring the Apostles Jews St. Peter constantly tells them minister unto the needs of the poor, but out. But something has taken place, of that Christ's resurrection was God's the information furnished in this valuato cover themselves with glory—the which Annas and his company know work; whom ye slew with your hands, ble article, ought to prove both interestnot. He that keepeth Israel neither hanging him on a tree, basely and ignominiously, St. Peter describes his League. Verse 22: The officers brought back death; a home-thrust at their conscience. word, that they found the prison shut They had sought to entail a curse and with safety, and the keepers standing disgrace upon their victim. But him A Motto for the Whole Year. hath God exalted-from the grave to the throne. With his right hand, honor and power. To be a Prince, deserving all obedience, as we now give him; and a with the courage of a lion, and who gospel again to Annas and his associates, and forgiveness of sin: releasing from its guilt and penalty; God gives the grace of repentance; man repents;

And also the Holy Ghost-a much greater witness, whom God hath given Did we not straitly command you that him now. Mighty Spirit; with what pernaturally spoken by St. Peter in the ye should not teach in his name; be- fire and power hast thou illumined and hold ye have filled Jerusalem with your shaken the ages with thy testimony to doctrine, and intend to bring this man's | Christ-the terror of his foes, the joy

> Spirit of love, and light, and liberty, crucified." Conscience, which makes and purity, and comfort, and power. cowards of men, was not dead in An- The Spirit himself beareth witness with cur spirit.

terrible perplexity, they began to feel only God forgives sin; Jesus is a Savior, because he saves from sin. And we are his witnesses-the wit Verses 25-28: One brings the report nesses of the crucified, exalted Christ in sion and his sinless life going before. Fearless St. Peter. Mark, on which side the fear is here. to them that obey him; and so he gives

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Let us establish peace for the individual and the home and the nation by war to the death against every custom souls." and institution which causes crime or sorrow.

TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY: "THE CHRIST OF ISAIAH."

Feb. 7: Immanuel-God with us.-

The prophecy relating to "Immanuel" occurs in chapter 7:14, where the prophcy seems to have had reference to an event which was soon to take place. and which was to be a sign unto Ahaz. Matthew quotes the passage and applies the prophecy to Christ, (Matt. :23), and the universal expectation of the Jews connected the prophecy with

the promised Messiah. "It is the Messianic King whose por-Old Testament, sketched distinctly. Earlier prophets or psalmists had told of the promises bestowed upon David. and had spoken of the permanence thus these comparatively vague hopes are more closely defined, being centered upon a concrete personality."

It is inspiring and edifying to observe the accuracy of Isaiah's prophecy, measured by the person and life of Jesus Christ.

Lct us remember, while we think of him, that he is God; "God with us." Whether as a little child, or a youth, or a mature man, doing a man's work, he sentiments and teachings are always in perfect accord with truth. He was God, teaching us what a child and a youth and a man should be, and providing for every child and youth and man the

WITH US STILL.

Because he passed through these suc cessive stages of human life he is present still, the guide of childhood, the counselor of youth, and the strength

HIS NAMES. Wonderful."-This describes the impression which he everywhere made

Are you a loyal subject or King Im- still makes, after the lapse of centuries His mother treasured up the many re markable events of his childhood and "pondered them in her heart." He was full of surprises even to his disciples; the multitudes of friends and enemies who heard his teachings were "astonished at his doctrine:" the soldiers who were cent to arrest him returned awed and astonished, and said: "Never man spake like this man." Such has been the impression, in all ages, upon friend and foe alike.

"Counselor."-The wise man had said, 'in the multitude of counselors there is safety," but here is one who is preeminently the Counselor. He is never mistaken; no facts relating to a subject are ever hidden from him. The world outgrows mere human systems of phi losophy; the wisdem of one generation is foolishness to the next, but his wis-Any peace which is not the result of dom is never outgrown. Sage and phi-Christ's dominion, lacks the essential losopher, the wise and the good, all bow before him in recognition of his supericrity. His superior wisdom is at th service of all mankind. He has said: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, and ye shall find rest unto your

"The Prince of Peace."-A condition of universal peace is humanity's ideal. Peace of soul, peace of mind, peace in the home, peace for the nation, are all sought after. Such peace is the object and the necessary result of the extension of the kingdom of Christ. Not mere protense of peace, but peace established by conquest, in which sin, which is the enemy of peace, is to be de

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Kings and conquerors have extended their empires by force; by war and bloodshed they have established and maintained their governments: bu kings and kingdoms have perished from the earth. To the peaceful conquests of Immanuel, there shall be no end; his trait is here, for the first time in the kingdom is established, not with armed force, but with "judgment and justice Instead of war and carnage, peace and prosperity are the attendants of his progress; instead of the cries of the assured to David's line, but by Isaiah people for homes destroyed and land made desolate, there are songs of praisand marks of domestic and civil con tent. The world will realize the vision of the prophet. His kingdom will be es tablished, and it shall not end.

NOTES.

Round Mountain reports a newly or ganized League.

We have received from Bro. Oxley, is the great God, and his actions and the Secretary, the printed Minutes of the New Mexico Conference, Nine Leagues were reported-an increase for the year of eight. The number of members is 349. During the session an Ep

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worth League Conference was organ-

We wish to call especial attention of Texas Methodism, by J. M. Nichols, in the Advocate of January 14. It ought of Man be ashamed, when he shall come condition and growth of Methodism in the State of which no one who loves the Church ought to be ignorant. A meeting devoted to the study and discussion of Methodism in Texas, using ing and profitable to members of the

It is a good idea to take for a New Year's motto something that will be suggestive for every day in the year. That which is appropriate to New Savior, to give repentance to Israel; the Year's day, cannot be inappropriate for every day. We give our readers a suggestive motto for every day in the year: "Looking unto Jesus." We venture to offer a few thoughts by way of recommendation.

Looking to Jesus will take our gaze from self. It will cause us to forget self and the self-life with all its enticements these things: death, resurrection, ascen- to forget God and humanity. It means to forget our feelings and not be influenced by them. Too many estimate their religion by their feelings; when they feel exuberant they think they have a great deal of religion; when depressed, they thing they have none. The steady look at Jesus lifts the soul above the ebbing and flowing of emotion and prevents the spiritual life from dis aster at this point.

Looking to Jesus means that every day this year we shall get our eyes off other people. Many years ago we read these lines on a little card. They have never been forgotten:

"If you want to be distracted loo

around. If you want to be miserable lool within.

If you want to be happy look to Jesus."

If we get our eyes off other people and on to Jesus, we shall not be dis ouraged either at opposition or criti-We shall not be hurt at slight or fancy we are slighted. It will cure this if our eyes are only fully fixed on Jesus. For a clear, steady look at Jesus brings that which compensates for the lack of all other things.

Looking to Jesus we shall not be en ranced or hypnotized by the glamour of this present evil world all about us. It pretends to afford happiness and peace, but it is a liar when it promises these. And there is nothing that better enables us to penetrate its hypocritical mask than the light that comes to ou vision when we get a good look at

"Its pleasure can no longer please Nor happiness afford;

Far from my thoughts be joys like these.

Now I have seen the Lord." Looking to Jesus we shall obtain an

retain salvation. Looking to Jesus we shall have con peace. This will constantly strengthen faith. This will bring support under every trial of the year to come.

Looking to Jesus we shall have all we need every day in the year. Looking to Jesus we shall be aston-

ished at the many other things we de not need nor want. "Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;

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"All for Christ." let vour watchword be Proclaim a salvation, full and free; Tell of a Savior who is risen indeed. And thy brother man to that Savior lead." T. H. Y.

WEST END, SAN ANTONIO.

A meeting was called by Bro. Fisher on January 10, 1897, at the West End Church for the purpose of reorganizing our Epworth League. The names of thirty were enrolled as members, and the following were elected as officers: President, Prof. J. H. Peacock; First Vice President, Miss Simpson: Second Vice President, Miss Schaefer: Third Vice President, Miss Duncan: Organist, Mrs. Robinson; Secretary, Miss V. Lacey; Treasurer, Mr. Tom Dean. As a League we have done very little heretofore, but we hope this time to continu in the good work and become a League | in length, so that students en-V. LACEY.

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Shook, usbs. Jan. 29 .- S. M. Thompson sub. W. W. Nunn, trial subs. T. S. Armstrong, sub. has attention. J. H. Reynolds, sub. I. F. Pace, sub. Jno. L. Williams, has attention. W. H. H. Biggs, subs. I. T.

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ter, sub. C. C. Davis, subs. J. T. Gra- something radically wrong in the very ham, sub. Robt. B. Bonner, has attention. O. P. Kiker, sub. T. B. Norwood, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub.

Feb. 1.-T. J. Duncan, sub. E. R. Large, sub. J. D. Odom, subs. have attention. J. R. Smith, subs. J. J. Clark, subs. G. H. Collins, sub.

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The Advocate has received a copy of the minutes of the last session of the New Mexico Conference. The wideawake presiding elder of El Paso District is due our thanks for same. We will let him comment on the publication and other matters. It is a private did not joke or try to cheer me by his letter, but it will read well in print. wit or drollery. He seemed to underments that make the seed of corn, the Bro. C. C. Edington says:

Our editor was unforunate in not not getting a good dress on them. But we want it strictly understood that we say about our minutes. We will have high-bred gentlemen, high-toned in every respect. You cannot always judge a man by the clothes he wears. word from your pen is always appreciated, but beware of imprudent ex-All remittances should be made by pressions. "Forewarned is forearmed." tistical tables you will observe an in crease over the previous year in every item of finance, and also some pleasant looking figures on Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The difference between a bit of black carbon and a luminous lamp is in the electricity which passes through the earbon. No man is so small but that he occupies a great sphere when he becomes as carbon through which divine

Richmond Advocate: Dr. J. J. Lafferty, that prince of epigrammansts, gets off the following capital thing:

"There is a way to do such things," said one steward to another, after listening to his pastor reprove the congregation in a way which he could not approve. There is a way to do such things, and no doubt the pastor often can be sold. The profits that would were given an opportunity to try his hand at reproving a congregation there would be less disposition to criticise "Why don't you hit the nail on the off! And the parson takes the neares way home with his bleeding digit in his mouth, wondering how he man-

> In that wondrous description of the final judgment Christ makes no reference to theological framework around which our destinies are intertwined. The pivotal point is not forms, but results of creed. Too late then to bals'er least of these my brothren, ye did it unto me."

the nail off his thumb at one stroke.

. . . A great deal of time is wasted, so far as the eternal interests of a soul are concerned, by preaching "in an unis positively necessary, but learning finds its ultimatum in simplicity. Some preachers spend two hours in dissecting a Greek verb or in paraphrasing an Hebrew idiom. Souls are dying maybe while lexical changes are rung on "baptidzo" before an unsophisticated audience. Such makes us think of a leading apostle of "higher criticism" who used the following language to show how they were trying to simplify the Bible that the less learned might comprehend. Many preachers have never earned that simple language is the livery of profound thought. The apostle

"As Bible vivisectionists we have passed the stages of Elohistic and Jehovistic redactorship, having unfettered orthodox theology from the galling yoke of adumbrated cosmogary. We are now releasing humanity from sint canistic superstitions, so future generations assimilating our conceptions will readily redistribute the anochronisms of a multifarious monism."

There are people in every church who stop believing the Bible whenever a collection is taken .-- Ram's Horn.

Character finds its altitude in "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," Profession and creed find their validity in this divine rule A man's character never gets beyond his thoughts.

. . . Rev. J. C. Kreusch makes the following notable confession in "Presby-

terian Banner:" "I am a Presbyterian. I love the Presbyterian Church. I love her Scriptural bas's. I reverence her Calvinistic spirit and backbone. I love her democratic government. Never has the thought entered my mind to become anything else, and with all due respect and reverence for sister churches, nevthe Presbyterian Church. And yet, when I think of other churches, the Michod'st Episcopal Church, for inful progress in this country, a church much larger than ours, a church which beasts of having no vacant churches and no unemployed ministers, I must conclude that I am not disloyal, but speak forth the words of truth and so- of the ungodly and skeptical counteract eat out the life of his sermon.

core of our church polity.

If there is a system ordained of God. by which the flock of Christ is to be continually fed, it is the itinerant in preference to the "called" or "settled" pastorate. Such acknowledgment is but the inevitable.

The paster, in the sick room, should above all others be an evangel of comfort. We clip the two following inci-

opportunity: "Janet sent for the minister, and he sickness and my farm, and I said noth-Drake, sub. W. H. Brooks, O. K. E. S. me what I was to do for my soul. But the dark. After he left I turned my face to the wall and wept.'

The second scene is: "He came in so quietly that I hardly knew he was in the room until I had opened my eyes. He did not stay more than ten minutes, but an angel could

not have made a more helpful impression in the same length of time, He excellence and utility. stand that I needed spiritual help, and in refined and practical words he led my thoughts to high and holy things. getting them dut earlier and also in I was not strong enough to talk much; life in the midst of the dead elements and after getting me to say sufficient to about it. It may be impossible to dewe want it strictly understood that we relieve any embarrassment which 1 are first-class in every respect and we might feel, he dropped on his knees forewarn you to be careful what you and was talking with the same simple but the fact that it does not germinate and direct earnestness to the Lord our is positive proof of its want of the you know that we are hot-blooded, God. He commended the sick man and his work and his family to the care of the Covenant-keeper, and, with a warm 'God bless you,' went quietly out. It fused into the seed by human agency, often genteel though shabby. A kind was my sickest day; but that call was and matter has no power to impregnate better than medicine.'

> New York Advocate: The itinerant system of our Church may have disadcant as its benefits. Doubtless other de nominations would be greatly relieved trying circumstances.

In "The Advance," a correspondent, speaking to the vacant Congregational Churches in and about Boston, mentions the following populace yet pastorless Churches: Concord, Portland, Worcester; Pilgrim, Prospect and life force of the seed to give shape, form, North Churches in Cambridge; Franklin Street, 'Somerville; Winthrop, Charlestown; Melrosa and College Churches in Amherst; Warren and Central Churches at Fall River.

North Carolina Advocate: "Oh! hardly ever read anything." Almost every week we hear these words. When an able-bodied man ceases to dig gold from an inexhaustible mine, we are driven to one of two conclusions. Either he is satisfied with what he has gotten, or he is too lazy to work the mine. You who beast of your indifference to reading, what inference may we draw in your case?

mind's declining day!

Alexander Maclaren, D. D., in his Wise Words to Young Preachers:"

"I thank God that I was stuck down in a quiet, little, obscure place to begin known tongue." An educated ministry half of you young fellows; you get pitchforked into prominent positions at once, and then fritter yourselves away n all manner of little engagements that you call duties, going to this teameeting, and that anniversary, and the other breakfast celebration, instead of topping at home and reading your Bi-God for the early days of struggle and perior favor with God.

> Men that have molded shought and reformed theologies were disciplined in obscurity. In Sinal, thundred-girt and lightning-guarded. Moses received his right as a national lawgiver. Not among the busy throngs, but in the Between twelve and thirty Christ was in obscurity, yet from out of such he came to penetrate and reform a world's moral thought and action.

WHAT OF THE PULPIT?

The question is often asked: "What is the cause of the decline in pulpit power?" There may be many causes, or a complication of causes, but whatever may be the real foundation of such decline, it cannot be for want of an educated ministry, or a lack of well written books, commentaries and other his speech, but when a man tells the belps in the preparation of sermons, truth there is power in it. There seems to be as much loyalty to the early preachers under whose min- fraud, though he may tell the real truth, istry thousands were brought from He should have his experience abreast darkness to light. The same methods with his sermon, and if his faith seems are sung, the same doctrines are preach- and tarry at Jerusalem. ed and the visible means of grace are much the same as those used in the Sunday who does not live with Christ days of Wesley, Asbury and Whitefield. all the week. Pastoral visiting benefits the are utilized to keep the young people others. Preachers are sometimes inthey have been converted.

sary may be.

tration of this gospel.

May it not be that man is materializing dents showing the wrong and the right too much the gospel of Christ, and de- preciates his efforts in the pulpit, but a his cause. idea. The first is the picture of a lost pending too largely on the visible agen- real reformation from former evils incies for results? While education must spires the belief that he is sincere in his itly-"as the Lord hath prospered." not be underestimated, may we not be utterances for good. was very kind, and he spoke about my drifting away from the personal expeplant, and the fruit and flower depend upon the peculiar life force for their

ments that make the seed of corn, the shape and color may deceive the eye, but when planted it fails to produce tect the fraud with the natural senses, clements of a real seed.

The rusurrection power cannot be initself with procreative life. If the life force in the seed is so necessary in the formation of plant, leaf and flower; if vantages, but these are not as signifi- fruit can be had only through this life giving principle, how much more is the If they had some modification of our system upon which to lean in certain energize the dead elements of the soul the whole lump; and St. James tells us with the Lord and you will find you dollar paid to them goes towards the life of Christ needed in the sermon to and infuse the nature of God into lifeless humanity.

The very thoughts of the preacher while preparing his sermons need the secret seed-life to give direction, just as the leaf, the bud, the fruit need the beauty, life and vitality.

It is not so much the book that a preacher reads as the spirit with which come epistles known and read of all treasury. he reads that gives him seedthoughts for his sermon.

The soil may be sandy, or waxy, but the seed will form the same kind of plant and produce the same kind of fruit.

If the seed, therefore, gives form and beauty only as it has the life force, so the preacher is entirely dependent on commission is caused by an empty the Spirit of Christ for the results of treasury; and the empty treasury is the his preaching. The words of his ser-He who falls, between the ages of mon are only a part of the agencies for twenty and forty, to store his mind good, for every preather presents to his with a rich fund of information will hearers a real picture made up of vahardly make it successfully across the rious parts. His private life enters to what the Scriptures teach on this the main-spring of life-it is the pri-"dead line." The antidote for pessimis- the scene, and his habits in private life. tie age is youth-time reading. The mind If he has spoken idle words, engaged in is an hibernaculum in the zone beyond foolish levity, associated with the vile the fifties. To pass life's winter within as pastime, spoken evil of his fellowis inevitable; in thought, to be a her- man, failed to sympathize with the dismit. In the aftermath but few new tressed, or manifest the concern for thoughts are born. They are but re- sinners in practical life that he manicasts, ideas evolved from those already fests in his sermons, refuses to meet the will on this subject as well as on any no purpose; so with the majority of gathered. Mind! the day is coming obligations of life in a way that mani- other subject, and as we learn it do it. Church members: they have the privwhen intellect, weary with its years of fests to the world that he loves not his for the heathen in a material way, or you lay by him in store, as Goes not visit the sick and feed the God has prospered him, that is their purpose in making it? We have hungry, these things spoil the power of there be no gatherings when the privilege of gaining knowledge, but and in this effort to build the much his sermon because it is evident that I come." Now, that covers the to what purpose? Money and know!the does not speak from the heart. He is playing the part of the hypocrite, and is playing the part of the hypocrite h my ministry. For that is what spoils his words, like Sodom apples, may be to a true Christian life. It comes to us worth very little to us unless we have a leautiful to look on, but have neither with all the force of a Divine command purpose for being in the Church. What let us all see to it that we have a part substance nor nutrition.

of evils in the Church, and men con- honor God with his gift as he is to pray riously, What am I in the Church for? scious of this want of power with the for daily bread. We have not been so If every minister would seriously reflect people in bringing them to Christ have, educated, it is true, and many a gray- upon what is his mission in his holy bles and getting near to God. I thank in some cases, pretended to possess su- haired man, who has done much serv- calling! Is it merely to go the rounds

predict the manifest wrath of God in the cause of the Lord. But Christ will flock? Is it to get an easy place or to the death of some member of their con- either master a man's love for money, make a fine report; or is he prompted gregation, and interlard their sermons or the love of money will master the by the presiding elder to exert himself with rehearsals of wonderful displays of man. We have a great many professed in his work? These are impure and grace in former sermons, even insinu- Christians who have no idea that Chris- worthless motives; no true minister profoundly silent fastnesses of old Mt. ating that God tells them when to begin than giving is a part of Christian liv. should stoop to such motives. If in Horeb, Elijah received his commission. a meeting and where to go to conduct ing. We must learn that we are not livered, that is down, there needy, and take care of the helpless. It the next.

honesty, and a liar will boast of his also." truthfulness, the apple vendor will cover up the small, defective ones by placing the Church should pay something into but what are we doing; not in what begin the addition. Don't delay one the few larger ones on top. Some preachers shout with dry eyes and undured for God and the Church.

Hypocrisy is as easily detected by a plank is seen by the line of vision. A deceiver always betrays himself by

A sermon that has in it what the are now used, many of the same songs to lag, he should go to the mercy seat

No man can preach with power on Our preachers visit from house to the preacher and adds to the efficacy of have broken the covenant they volun- because the equipment of them depends country for debt, and thus form an Ener has the thought entered my mind to house, the prayer-meetings are held, his sermons, provided he practices in tarily entered into when they connected upon voluntary gifts. The State cannot glish colony. A ship load came over Sunday-school and Epworth Leagues his visits the religion he preaches to themselves with the Church. Such ones do the work which the welfare of the and located on the Savannah River. from going back into the world, after sincere, expressing in word more than continue to be a sponge upon the Church. To say it can is infidelity to ple seeking homes on the distant shore they feel in heart and experience, and Church and the liberality of their breth- the command of our ascended Lord, started, Gen. Oglethorpe found that the Some say that these times of rail- this same insincerity will be lugged into ren, and if they will not repent, they His last charge to his followe: s was "Go, ship's company consisted of English roads and telegraphs bring the world the pulpit the next Sunday and hang ought to be dealt with according to Teach." The Church is the rightful immigrants, Germans, Moravians, adso close together that the evil influences on his words like the deadly cancer to Paul, as a "covetous man who is an teacher of the nations. It alone is quel- venturers, gold hunters—a motley tdolater."

entirely untenable, for we are taught the world and effect good by preaching himself-old and young. This will cre- was correct that the children belong to that the gospel is the power of God unto against avarice; he cannot urge his peo- are a sense of personal responsibility. the State, and are to be educated for its salvation, and against this gospel the ple to secret prayer unless his life gives When the father pays for the whole service, then the Church has no mispowers of darkness must give way, no evidence of his having been with God. family, it relieves the children of a sion; but if humanity belongs to God, matter how well entrenched the adver- All we know of secret forces is what is sense of obligation and of a personal then any system which leaves God out, observed in matter under the influence interest in the work of the Church. Let or the moral nature secondary to the There is a cause for this sterility of the of these forces, so men need not talk every one-father, mother, daughter physical is mischievous in its reusits. Church, and the inactivity of religious about the power of faith unless their and son-pay for him or herself, and people shows a defect in the adminis- life gives evidence that they are guided then when the parents are dead and of education and it is a significant fact Every defect in a preacher's life de-

We know that life comes from the rience of the preacher, and the unseen grave of something before it; vegetable one else gives, but as the Lord hath Colliers, prayed that the gates of hell rand of Him who guides the arrow to life is transformed into animal life only Smith, sub. J. W. Hill, sub. T. S. he began upon the sheep market at Armstrong, sub.

In what I was to do for my soul. But he began upon the sheep market at he began upon the sheep market at he began upon the sheep market at handles, and I knew he was also in the dark. After the death of the plant, and the animal body lives by a constant process of the constant pr seed that has life in it will grow, and dying. Life is an ascending principle set apart a definite per cent of our inmatter will yield to the formations of and it passes from one grade to anoth- crease to be paid into the Lord's treas- reared it by funds which he received this secret life, but the kind of life er only through the shades of decay. ury; consider that as sacred money, from the income of his college fellow-

by the hand of God.

preacher is evidence of a healthful ment. Abraham paid tithes; Ja- it is in him. growth, and the idea of vigor and fresh- cob vowed to pay one-tenth Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edness in religious zeal will attach to the to the Lord; Moses recognized iffeth, i. e., buildeth up. sermon and add new power to the the tithe as a just proportion and inwords of the preacher.

preach on the sacrifices endured by practiced it; and when they failed to understand pure and undefiled religion. Christ, and the haughty man is shorn pay this proportion the Lord called That Romanism is sworn to the deof strength when telling of the humilia- them "robbers of God."-Mal. 3:8-10. struction of Protestantism is known to tion of our blessed Lord.

But no man is perfect except by the tenth?" Yes, you cannot afford not to history. The oath taken by every Cathpower of grace divine, and this grace pay what you owe. Nine dollars out of olic priest commits him to this end. enters into our life like the leaven every ten you receive is worth more They have nearly all the government which the woman put into the three with the blessing of God than ten would schools and millions of dollars from measures of meal, and waited until be without his blessing. Try this plan the public treasury have gone into their chemical affinities wrought their work for one year: Make it a practice to di- hands, and yet Protestants persist in that faith works with our works and by will have less trouble to help the propagation of their faith. Let Proworks is faith made perfect. After all, Church than ever before. I believe if testants protect themselves and their is not this being made perfect in love? you will faithfully try this plan you children by support of their own When our conduct in all things shall be will make it the rule of your life. Thou- schools. directed by love to God and man, the sands of men and women in the work of regeneration, yielding many Churches are adopting this plan of layblessings, shall come to be seen in out- ing by one-tenth, some one-seventh, ward manifestations and we shall let some one-fifth of their increase and our light incessantly shine and be- paying it regularly into the Lord's men. ISAAC W. CLARK.

Bonham, Texas.

THE SCRIPTURAL PLAN FOR PROVIDING It is the Lord's will. Shall we answer, CHURCH FUNDS.

Most of the hindrances in the way of the Church in carrying out its great result, I believe, of the unsystematic way we have of contributing to the a large extent grows out of ignorance as subject.

the majority of his hearers would like little to do with success or achievefor him to do, they would be kept in ig- ment-they are of secondary impornerance so far as the teaching from the tance. Purpose drives its way through pulpit is concerned; but, dear reader, it circumstances to success. A majority is your duty and mine to learn all God's of the people of the world seem to have Paul, in I Cor. 16:2, says: "Upon the lilege to be in the Church, but no pur-

Paul required that every member of and go by. It is not where we are, is the time. Bro. Vaughan is restless to the Lord's treasury—"Ict every one of sphere, but how we fill it; not what day. Send a hundred, send fifty, twenyou." But you say, "Suppose we are position we occupy, but what use we ty-five, ten, one. Wills Point responded emotional hearts, and relate with feign- not able to pay anything?" I answer, are making of our position. God will nobly. Snow and ice did not keep everyd weeping the sacrifices they have en- Paul enjoins the duty on those whom the Lord has prospered, and if the Lord purpose that brings humanity into conhas not prospered you, then you are not tact with the Divine. Ask the rock, address, 391 Ervay street, Dallas, Texas, congregation as the crookedness of a expected to contribute. But it has been "What doest thou here?" The answer my observation that the poorest mem- is, "Nothing. It is no purpose or will bers generally do contribute. One dear sister, who was so crippled that she had to be rolled around in her invalid member-I am here, but no purpose? chair, and who was nearing her eighttruth as is exhibted in the sermons of preacher does not know to be true is a leth birthday, and whose only means of earning money was knitting nets, would make her regular contribution, and when told that it was not required of her, she positively refused to be denied the privilege of giving to the Lord's

> But I am asked, "Suppose some refuse that are able to pay?" I answer, they

I submit that if these rules of th apostle were adopted, the whole problem of Church finances would be solved. "Thy will be done?"

R. S. HEIZER.

Eastland, Texas.

LIVING TO PURPOSE.

God is the giver of life. He does not ask us whether we live or not. He Lord's cause; and the lack of system to is also the giver of privileges; God does not control our purposes. Purpose is, mary element of all true living. His-And if the preacher would do just as tory proves that environments have but privilege of making money, but what -"let every one of you." It teaches a blessing would come to the Church if This weakness has been the spawner that every one is as much bound to every member would ask himself seice in the Church, has not yet learned and kill time? No improvement of Some preachers turn prophets and to bring his money into subjection to heart and mind in order to feed God's fire. in obedience to the command of our should not be a disposition to get away comes by bank checks and money or-A thief will talk much about his Lord until we "abound in this grace as soon as possible. If there is, we have deers, and they stop me on the street lost the spirit of the good Samaritan, to hand me money for the Home. Now

EDUCATIONAL.

A. W. GIBSON.

Under the Direction of the Board of Education of the Northwest Texas Conference.

(Prepared this week by Rev. H. A. Bourland.)

Methodism early felt the importance gone the children will continue to recog- that the year which is recognized as nize their obligation to the Lord and to the epoch of Methodism, the date of its first field preaching it began its first Our giving is to be according to abil- literary institution. Whitefield laid the cornerstone of Kingswood School and Not according to that he hath not, but the history is, kneeling upon the ground as he hath so let him give; not as some- surrounded by weeping and reclaimed prospered you. But how shall we give might not prevail against it, while the makes a vast deal of difference in the "The seed dies that the plant may not to be used for anything but the ship or received from his followers." grow, the plant is exhausted to make Lord's work. But what per cent ought The view Christians take of this questhe bud, the bud is blasted that the I to set apart? The only per centage tion commits them to the undertaking, flower may blow, the flower fades and named in the Bible is ten per cent. for moral education is first and highest its dying breath is its sweet perfume." "The tithe is the Lord's." This is the and Christ is incarnate truth, and we The leaving off of weaknesses in a rule of Old and New Testa- are bound to take care of the truth as

But there is a special work for the corporated it into his law; the Jews Protestant Church, for Romanism does A complaining preacher need never through all their national existence not represent religious education as we But you ask, "Can I afford to pay one- every one who is conversant with their

THE DEATH OF FATHER YELL.

While we were reading yesterday an article headed "An Historic Spot," signed by H. G. H., in which he spoke of the only surviving Texas itinerants of the date referred to, we were then watching the encroachments of death upon Father Yell. He died at the residence of his son, Mordecai Yell, Jr., near Dale, in Caldwell County, Texas, last night at 9 o'clock. At present suffice it to say that his death was as his lifetransparent with hallowed light. We realized the truth: "That the chamber where the good man meets his fate is privileged above the common walls of

life, quite on the verge of heaven." A more extended notice will be sent to the Advocate when his daughter. Sister Floyd, reaches home and sends facts relative to his history. He will be buried at Lytton Springs to-morrow.

L. S. CHAMBERLAIN. Dale, Texas, Jan. 31.

REV. R. W. THOMPSON AND THE ADDI-TION TO THE ORPHANAGE.

As to the first I wish to say that Bro. hitherto, both by liberal contributions in the work. As to the addition, in place of the plank shell referred to, I wish to say that we did not build the the purchase of the property. Replace it with the brick contemplated and our entire structure so far will be brick and comparatively free from danger from W. H. VAUGHAN.

Waco, Texas.

OUR ORPHAN HOME.

The money is coming right along. Our people are ready at all times to help the hold us responsible. It is a single-eyed body from Church, and the pocket-R. W. THOMPSON.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

The first one established on the continent of America was by Rey. George Whitefield, at Bethesda, a suburb of Savannah, Ga., about 1733, in Gen. Oglethorpe's colony. By edict of George II, sanctioned by Parliament, Oglethorpe was granted a very large portion of what is now Southern Georgia, with the idea that he was to settle We plead for larger benevolence in on it many families of England and support of our educational institutions, persons who were in jails in the old should be admonished, and if then they race demands at the hands of the When the second ship bearing the peoified to impart complete education. If crew. Rev. John Wesley was his Chap-Jan. 30 .- J. G. Miller, sub. J. C. Car- berness, when I say there must be the influence of the gospel, but this is A preacher cannot manifest a love for Again, every member should pay for the doctrine of Lycurgus and Greece lain and Charles Wesley his Private

Secretary. This crew landed on a high bluff, a piece up the Savannah River, felled the forest, laid off and started the city of Savannah, naming the country "Georgia," after their King. The first report sent back to England was that it was a goodly land, with a rich soil and full of promise, the only trouble being wild Indians and rival Spanish settlement in the direction of Florida, George Whitefield was then beginning to make a stir in England on the subject of evangelizing foreign lands and providing homes for the destitute orphan children who were then growing up on the crowded streets of the large cities of England. He conceived the project of establishing an orphan's home at Savannah. The scheme met with favor, and the home was established on a plat of ground donated for the purpose by the authorities, and a number of children were gathered in the home, houses having been erected. Mr. Whitefield then began to range over England, Ireland and Wales begging money for the support and enlargement of the home, and the number of occupants greatly increased. He made also thirteen trips across the ocean in its interest, preaching over the settled portions of America. The home was run successfully for many years. Girls and boys learned trades there and grew large enough to make their way in the new world and earn their own living. After many years the home was removed, became embarrassed, and, after some struggles, ceased to exist. Its location was considered to be too far from the centers of population. Now every large city in America and Christian Europe has its orphan's home-some of them three and four such homes-well cared for and under good Christian influences.

The State of Texas has a large and prosperous one at Corsicana. All the religious denominations of any size or influence have them, and many secular institutions support such places for the orphans of their orders. They are the product and fruit of Christianity.

The one lately burned in Dallas was under the auspices of the Baptist

The Methodists run a large and prospercus one at Waco. If the pastors of the Churches or agents call for a collection, be ready to help. These homes should be the pride of Christian civili-

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

BUFFALO GAP.

J. B. Elder, Jan. 28: Our first Quarter ly Conference is a thing of the past. Our new presiding elder was on time, presiding and preaching to satisfaction of all present. We have been we'll received and we are praying and expecting great things of the Lord this year. I would like to say to all inquiring friends that my wife's health seems to have improved very much.

J. H. Chambliss, Jan. 29: I beg leave ately well in Cisco. The la grippe, how- of cur lives, the Lord helping us. eral weeks. Quite a number of persons in town have had it, but with no fatal results as yet, I believe. Mrs. Chambliss and myself have both had it, complicated with other troubles. We are both up now and hope soon to be entirely well. We received many kindnesses during our sickness, not the least of which was a pounding by the

BANGS. R. D. Moon, Jan. 25: This is a new field to me. I have four appointments, only one church house, and we have a very good parsonage if it was finished. We have received seven into the Church since conference and have been pounded and treated very kindly in every way by this people. They are good, loyal Methodists, and we are very much pleased with Bro. Sensabaugh as our presiding elder. He is a man. I have two good local preachers, and they are good men, and I am following a worker, Bro. Cameron. Many thanks to Kirk for the nice presents they sent me just before conference by that untiring layman, Bro. J. Tegal.

LITTLE RIVER. W. M. Adams, Jan. 27: We had a good Quarterly Conference, the first one held on the first district in our Annual Conference. Our good presiding elder, Bro. Wright, was here: came on Friday and stayed till Monday-thus giving us more than full time. It was raining, so only two out of five appointments were represented. We did not make the assessment for the preacher in charge, but on the 13th of February, at Three Forks Church, we will meet for that The good people of this charge are supplying our wants, especially the brethren of Wilson Valley and Little River. A short time ago the storm which had purpose. Let all the stewards take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

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with something good for the preachersuch as meat, butter, eggs, preserves canned fruit, honey, coffee, sugar, and even soap, etc. We praise God and hank the donors.

GRAPEVINE. W. N. Curry, Jan. 29: Last Saturday and Sunday was the time for our first Quarterly Conference. Notwithstanding the very cold weather we succeeded well. Bro. Wyatt, our presiding elder, and Bro. Lloyd, of Polytechnic College were with us. They both preached very close, strong, helpful sermons. Every place was officially represented, not only in person, but in good reports; in all 106 dollars. Our presiding elder, Bro. Wyatt, preacher in charge, and every member of the Quarterly Conference, promised the Lord and each other to report that we are moving on moder- that we would make this the best year

DECKER. J. N. Broyles, Jan. 25: Our firs Quarterly Conference found us all O. K. Our new presiding elder, Bro. O. F. to all the interests of the Church. He Floydada.) I find an active and resonight. It was good to be there. Brother Bates, of Robert Lee Circuit, was with us and added much to the occasion. The Lord send him this way often. Spring Creek reported \$20.90: Decker, \$15.00: Newhope, \$9.50; Silver, \$1.00; Mt. Carmal, \$4.50; Hylton, Wingate and Elm not heard from. We have organized one League since conference with thirty members, at Spring Creek. President, Miss Zella Heasly; First Vice President, Mrs. Lagrone: Second Vice President. Miss Mattie Casper: Third Vice President, Miss Pearl Summers; Secretary, Miss Lizzie Henson; Treasurer, Miss Cattle Fosett.

LIBERTY HILL.

Mattle Cramer, Jan. 28: We have been

taking the Advocate for some time. It is very interesting indeed to read of the good that is being done for the Lord throughout Texas, but it doesn't satisfy me to read of the good that is being done at other places and not read a word from our little Church-Liberty Hill. I think we ought to let the people of the Advocate know that there is a number of us at this place who are they have papered it and put in a new making their aim for the same place you all are and join you in sending up praises to the Lord. Our preacher, Bro. Stevens, delivered his first sermon at to us. We expect to bring up everything this place the first Sunday of this in full at conference. month. I was not permitted to be present, but know from the words spoken by the Christian people of this place in regard to our new preacher and his sermon that we will all be pleased with vere pounding from Fairview, one of Bro. Stevens and his work, knowing our appointments. Almost every day that he is a child of God working in the right cause. May the Lord bless good to eat has found its way to the been brewing, gradually ever since we him in his work this year and may all parsonage. We thought it one of those came, culminated-i. e., the sisters and the members stand by him and help him to proclaim the name of the Lord it came—a storm—one of weight. They to an ever-dying world; then, no doubt, said, when first drove up, "We have a JOSEPH CILLOTT'S shouts of new-born souls will ring out few chickens for you," but when they from old Liberty Hill before the year began to unload we found nearly everyof 1897 is closed. We have a good Sun- thing that a sharp appetite could ask-GOLD MEDAL, Paris Exposition, 1889 day-school. Mr. J. M. Cramer is Super- not only live chickens, but a baked one, intendent; Bro. W. L. McGehee, teacher and so many other good things I feel THE MOST PERFECT OF PENS. of senior class; Miss Maud Davis, teach- like I used to feel when I was a boy

er, teacher of the little people's class. have been very liberal in helping the for the Advocate. Church when called upon. The Misses Whiteley and Gregg are organists. There are quite a number of good singers. We use the Triumphant Song

to Christ, is my prayer. EASTLAND. R. S. Heizer, Feb. 1: I have been onfined to my bed and in my room twenty-eight days from severe attack of la grippe and neuralgia. I am now able to be up, but fear it will be some time before I can resume my labors. My wife and two of the children were taken about the same time and for some weeks our house looked like a hospital. We ere all able to be up at this writing. I wish here and now to express our thanks to the ladies of Eastland for their kindness and service rendered to my family during our sickness. Many of them left their own sick to minister unto our comfort. We received a real pounding also, which was gotten up by wo young girls of our Church, Miss Joda Simmons and Miss Ella Nixon. The many things that were sent in were a great help to us in our time of need. Not only were there eatables of all kinds, but there was some cash also to pay for such things as we did not have.

them in spiritual things.

We pray that the Lord may reward

LUBBOCK. J. W. R. Bachman, Jan. 23: After a trip of about 125 or 150 miles in a buggy across the plains and occasionally a rough canyon, myself, wife and baby arrived at Floyd, the first point on this, my new work: and as we have not yet received our household goods from the railroad on account of the softness of the roads from the recent rains and snows, we are "boardin' 'round" till we can get our things and into the parsonage. I have reached all the appointments save one, and met and preached to the congregations, two of which I served formerly and who gave me a glad and hearty welcome into their midst again. As far as I have become acquainted with the friends and membership, where I was those with whom I had formerly met. I may say I'm well pleased, almost if not quite delighted. I'm looking, praying for, and expecting a highly prosperous year, especially on spiritual lines. I'm domiciled for the next two or three days at the elegant home of Bro. W. M. and lady are absent the young man in no such organization, nor has there the Church the first quarter—all by letcharge, Mr. Dean, who is a brother-in- been since I have been in charge. Will ter. Our League is beginning to work. uary 23, 1897, in Kaufman, Texas. royally, (My wife stopped the travel with me on this last trip on account of the inclemency of the weather and a slight illness, remaining with the family of our good brother, R. T. Miller, at preached for us at 11 o'clock and at lute membership in this work-those who want and are willing to work for the upbuilding of the Master's cause. The good ladies at Emma will raise some funds for our parsonage at Floypreparing to move a churchhouse to that place, having bought one elsewhere. I have collected some funds for our district parsonage at Clarendon, So you see the work has begun.

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

PORT BOLIVAR.

Jno. L. Williams, Jan. 19: We reached Port Bolivar in good time; found a good place. Have four appointments-all on the railroad. We have had a kind reception. We have here a nice parsonage. The "Ladies' Enterprise" have furnished it nicely, and since we came stove. The parsonage is right on the beach-not more than 200 yards. Many have been the expressions of kindnes.

W. W. Gollihugh, Jan. 25: We are now laboring under the effects of a secontinuous showers, but last Thursday

kindly received. Our people gave us a God's vineyard. Book, Nos. 3 and 4, combined. We warm reception and continue their rehave had a great deal of sickness. membrance of us almost every day. We Everybody has been down with la feel that we are with friends, old and grippe and pneumonia, but the good new, and by the help of the Master we mighty cyclone struck the North Texas Lord has spared us all so far and all will try to do the best year's work of Conference on November last, we were I can hear from are improving. God our life. We have good congregations, lifted from the piney woods of East were soon housekeeping. We have not fellowship of the brotherhood here with wisdom to send out the Christian Ad- League. Our first Quarterly meeting rain to the cross-timbers of Northwest supplied with all the essentials. We beautiful beyond. vocate all over the land that it might be has been held. Our presiding elder, Texas, to that place we have been hearan instrument used to point many souls Bro. John Adams, was with us in the spirit of work. The Board of Stewards vocate.

LIBERTY.

ent. He presided and preached to the ing the people. delight of all. Fair provisions were made for the expenses of the Church and some money paid in. Several nice pounding at one time, they have kept because of that fact. We are glad to with a gracious revival.

WHITE HOUSE CIRCUIT.

points except Noonday. Was frozen out them for all these things and give us there yesterday. My people have rewisdom and strength to minister unto the parsonage and hope to bring it out of debt by the end of the year. I am comfortably and pleasantly situated in the home of my Recording Steward, Bro. Joe Dabbs. There are eight Churches on this circuit, with a membership of nearly four hundred. Most of them in fair condition, and despite the general depression occasioned by short crops and business failures, we hope to make steady advancement along all lines of Church work. Would be glad if more of the Southwestern University boys would write to the Advocate. My postoffice is Flint, Smith Cuonty, Texas.

MORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

D. F. Fuller: We have organized a W. P. and H. M. Society with thirty tive and soon will hold an open meeting. But I am sorry to add. I have not yet organized a League. The State League authorities place an assessment in the Advocate of the 28th instant accept the assessment, however, and raise it if I can.

CELESTE. Mrs. Maidie Green, Feb. 1: Last Wednesday night, while all without was cold and uncomfortable, a few met at our little church for prayer meeting. Bro. J. Riley Green was our leader for the spectably filled both morning and even- A fallen soldier and surgeon lies with night, and after reading God's word, a ing. Four accessions in the morning, marble brow. As he lies ensurouded called for the unconverted who wanted ing in all some twelve or fifteen accessdada. The brethren at Floydada are to be Christians and love the Lord to sions since conference. Our congrega- fought bravely, and in valor he lays Then our dear beloved pastor, Bro. J. J. than our Church membership, and is "Come up higher." Clark, asked for all who had not taken doing excellent work. Our Leaguepart in the services and did not fully well, its meetings are a spiritual preparealize their acceptance with God and ration to the paster for the evening skill and wisdom. His name and fame desired the prayers of the Church to service. Not an uncommon thing it is were beloved in every household. come and kneel in the altar and there to have 150 present at its services. give their hearts to God. While the These services are simply an intellectusweet sleep; quiets the nerves and builds | Church sung, prayed and instructed as al and spiritual treat. Our financial sys-

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er of junior class, and Bro. J. R. Walk- when Christmas time came and there blest one after another until nine were were so many good things to eat. I was converted. The services closed by each About 40 pupils are enrolled. The Sun- always sorry because I could not eat new convert rising and telling what day-school has bought an organ since any more. On my rounds I always good things God had done for him or hey organized the school, besides they make it a point to have a word to say her that night, and a good old "Methcdist" time was had by all. "Blessed be the name of the Lord." God has heard our prayer. I pray that this may be our Albert Little, Jan. 28: We have been best year, spiritually, in Celeste and all

CALLISBURG.

R. F. Bryant, Jan. 23: When that ing of from childhood-where the wood bine twineth. We are in the midst of a made a liberal assessment and paid generous people. Our first Quarterly ference was held January 16th and 17th. educationally and spiritually he threw \$158.70 first quarter. I am visiting from Conference is a thing of the past. Bro. house to house and presenting the Ad- J. M. Binkley, our new presiding elder, was on hand and looking well; preached us a fine sermon. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the preacher. are working and praying for a success-O. A. Shook, Jan. 27: Our first Quar- Everything looks hopeful for a good terly Conference was held last Satur- year. We are preaching, holding Church subscribers to the Advocate. day. Our new presiding elder was pres- conferences, class-meetings and visit-

RILEY SPRINGS MISSION.

B. A. Thomasson: The first Quarterly tokens of appreciation in the way of Conference for Riley Springs Mission provisions and other favors have been was held December 19th and 20th. Bro. received at the parsonage, and while the Rippey, the all-round presiding elder good people have not made any special was at his place and preached Saturday and Sunday to the edification of all up a steady bringing of their good present. The reports showed but one things, which is to us more appreciated | Sunday-school and one regular prayermeeting. There are about 413 members serve so generous a people. We trust on this work. Paid presiding elder and that they will be abundantly rewarded preacher in charge for quarter, \$39.60 in corn, meat, lard, wood and silver, Not one dollar of gold (sound money). Of all the idols these people may wor-Arthur Downs, Feb. 1: I have com- ship, none of them have the golden calf. pleted my first round, preaching at all Since the Quarterly Conference we have been busily entertained at home and on the work with la grippe. No abatement ceived me kindly. We have rented out yet. Many deaths. We hope for a good year. Plenty of work to do.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

C. B. Garrett, Feb. 1: Bro. J. B. Cochran came and held the first Quarterly weather was bad and interfered very much with preaching services. Sixty dollars was raised for the ministry; asseasment for Orphanage paid. Our congregations have been good, and we expect a prosperous year on the charge. My people are not opposed to Church extension as the report of the Conference Board indicates, but favor it and will show their faith by their works.

ROCKDALE.

Fred L. Allen, Jan. 28: We are at Rockdale. Have had good congregations. The pounding came and continlast Saturday and Sunday. We all love Lay at this place, and though himself against Rockwall League, but there is to have him come. Seven accessions to We organized the Sunday-school into a Miczionary Society. Hope to have a of Nashville, 1854. prosperous year.

GALVESTON-ST. JOHN'S.

W. D. Bradfield, Jan. 26: Sunday was our best day at St. John's. Our large | Life is a conflict; death is victory. auditorium, not full, yet was quite re- | * visit, declared Sunday that she Have you no eyes? Better he that he could not say nay. laughs last, you say? No such thing. Though the labors of the obscure and if the sun shines to-day, I mean to engracious presence we enjoy and whose

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

M. T. Allen, Jan, 28: We were re-

ceived back to this charge very kindly. the cord of love is not broken, only Our people know how to take care of their preacher. We are hard at work us to heaven and loved ones in the and expect to see many souls converted skies. God graciously designs that the to God this yecar.

BUDA.

after conference I filled my first ap-

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have a good work and people, and by The town and county has indeed lost the grace of God we intend to do a good year's work. Our first Quarterly Con- was a man of enterprise, and politically, Bro. Morris was on hand; preached his weight in their behalf to accomplish three excellent sermons. The Board of the betterment of the people he loved Stewards made a liberal assessment for us. The outlook is encouraging. We ful year. We hope to send many new

PORT LAVACA. J. W. Long, Jan. 25: Our first Quar-

terly Conference is just over. Bro Biggs, our presiding elder, was present. \$18.75 for presiding elder and preacher A man can fatten on tooth-picks as eas ily as he can on promises. A hors his first cent to turn loose. Going ion, a grand and glerious invitation coul unless it is accepted. Heaven i safety. Of what value is it to a doomed, lost soul? The merchant takes his invoice the first of the year to see in running. What if our God should take our invoice? A merchant counts it of no little honor to have some commer cial agency to report him favorable, as all right. Are we all right with God? Since coming to this charge we have reccived thirty-five members; have held one meeting, lasting eight days; sixtoen joined the Church-by letter, 13; by ritual, 3. We are trying to do ou best by God's help. It is very cold today. Some poor people are suffering very much. There is nothing here for a day laborer to do. Hands are plentiare looking this way: Do not come unless you have something to live on. This is a fine country, 'tis true. Who can live on scenery?

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IN MEMORIAM.

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few songs, prayers and testimonies, he three by certificate, one by ritual; mak- in his emblem of uniform gray, does it not bespeak his virtue? As a hero he come forward and kneel for prayer, tions have steadily grown. Our Sun- his armor down. A promotion awaits when lo! there were twelve or more. day-school has an enrollment greater him. The Great Commander speaks,

> As a physician, in the medical association he was considered a man of

best we could, God came, met with and tem is not yet what we hope to make it, midnight hour will be heard no more. but you can count on any membership In rain and sunshine, in darkness and that has St. John's enthusiasm as now gloom, he readily took up his hasty Don't Pay Agents manifest, One member, recently return- march to the relief of the suffering ones ed from Gainesville, after a two months' of earth, with often never a thought of recempense or reward; but with big. thought she must have gotten loving heart pressed on with unabating into the wrong church. Are zeal to the end, even after his own our hearts happy? Can't you see? body was racked with fever and pain-

> unnumbered hours may not be counted joy it, even if it may be cloudy to- here, they will be numbered as golden morrow. Blessings be to our God whose gems for his crown; and when the great tattoo in the final day shall sound. "we shall know as we are known," and many will rise and call him blessed.

At the social hearth is left a vacant place. The treasured lore of bygone days in the literary circle will perchance in memento serve as consolation. In friendship's bright and shining chain shifting-'tis like a mystic cable to bind death of our beloved and the desire to meet them again should make us better, more faithful and true,

W. O. Shugart, Jan. 28: On Sunday As a Knight in the various lodges of which he was a member, he valued the pointment here. We have been well re- brotherhood of man as a sacred oracle, ceived and kindly treated. We have no and with a glad heart and free did he ceived and kindly treated. We have no and with a glad heart and free did he parsonage, and we're not able to build contribute his means, his time and his one dun pony, with left ear split, not left shoulder, the O extending back to build contribute his means, his time and his cne just now. The official board rented a house and purchased furniture and we link, invisible and eternal, to unite the to S. G. SHAW, Boerne, Texas

bless you all and give you grace and a live Sunday-school and Epworth Texas and carried through wind and been pounded, yet we have been well the fellowship of the Trinity in the

Aaron and Hur, he served long and faithful. He appreciated the compaswith a feeling of our infirmities, "and always when tempted and tried found refuge and comfort at his side," and with his latest breath he whispered, "I am weary, let me rest.

With lavish hands, loving friends end offerings, and strew the lovely flowers over his grave as a token and tribute of affection to one who in each noble cause has ever done his part.

Though short and sudden was the warning given, his soul was ready; and while the pearly gates still hung open, with mind clear and rationcounting each pulsation with his own hand, said: "I have only ten minutes now to live," and as he called each son and daughter to kneel by his bedside his hand already bathed with celestial dews, was placed on each head as he pronounced a parting benediction. To the wife, "God has ever been the widow's friend the orpan he has promised to defend his own right arm will prove their constay and strength provide 'sufficient to their day."

He will not return to us, but God will oring us to him. We would not call him back. His life is not ruffled with anxious care, neither storm-tossed nor tried, but appears in celestial joys for-

Calm on the bosom of thy God, Fair spirit, rest thee now; E'en whilst with us thy footsteps trod His seal was on thy brow.

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HORSES LOST.

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general Church to be observed as a man organization. It will not be supweek of prayer by all the auxiliaries of posed that any considerable part of this that society. We trust that the week amount was contributed by persons is being faithfully observed by auxili- who had not met their obligations in aries and individuals as indicated, and the way of dues and conference fund. that blessed results may come in answer But they, if they take the trouble to to the united prayers of the week. All consider the subject at all, look at the hearts and minds may well unite in the aggregate and say, "See what our soone universal petition, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"; and when this sentiment have been \$829.34-that is by about a crystallizes itself into the one deep, earnest desire of our hearts, and its accomplishment finds fulfillment in every expression and act of our lives, then given in the same proportion, the total will we realize that the coming of this receipts would have been increased kingdom is at hand. Those who cor- about thirty-five per cent, or more than rectly apprehend the nature and char- one-third. acter of this kingdom but the more fully realize the great importance of its coming. This kingdom, which is one not of this world-"not of meats and Unfortunately, they are sometimes very drinks, but of righteousness, peace, and tough, and if we resort to a sausage joy in the Holy Ghost"-comes as a blessing to the earth, comes to supplant unrighteousness and every type and and need more of the meat. character of evil-doing, all forms of vice and corruption, and to plant instead the peaceable fruits of righteousness. For the coming of this kingdom we as port December 1st was a decided immembers of the W. P. and H. M. Soclety have met and communed together and deliberated and prayed from day to day during this week-for this we dues, \$31.35 conference fund. have lifted our united hearts and voices, What we most earnestly desire, that we most earnestly work for and seek after. If we most earnestly desire that all the kingdoms, nations and tribes of the earth shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ, then will we work and pray to this end. And not only would we have this kingdom set up on earth. but also that the will of our King shall be done on earth as in heaven-angels and men joining in one glad chorus, above, below, ascribing praise to God in the highest, and "on earth peace and

good will to man." "Jesus has redeemed the world and gone to heaven, leaving us to evangelize it. Redemption is his-evangelization ours. He has put the world into our lips. Jesus has redeemed the world, and two-thirds of humanity do not know that they have been redeemed because they have not been told."-Guinness.

A LETTER

To the Members of the W. F. M. Society of the Texas Conference.

Dear Sisters-Please notice that this letter is not addressed to a society, but to its members. The old maxim, "There is strength in union," has been quoted and misapplied until it is losing its force. The collective tendency of to-day is so strong that the value of mathematical axiom, familiar to every beginner, " the whole is equal to the sum of all the parts," is assumed, and a great number of names are collected to represent a force. But if the persons are weak or idle, the names represent a cipher at best; more frequently a negative quantity. The whole is not only "equal to the sum of all the parts," but identical with that sum composed of units.

Someone has said that "one-man power in a Church of fifty members means forty-nine men weakness."

Now, shall we endeavor to estimate the relative strength and weakness of our conference society? The magnificent minuteness of our Corresponding Secretary's work, with the unfailing accuracy of our Treasurer, furnishes the terms. In the Corresponding Secretary's report we find the following words:

members were 683, at ten cents per will have an excellent report at our mouth dues would be \$819.60 for the \$400.00, both equalling \$1219.80. Receipts from both were \$829.34, leaving a balance unpaid of \$390.46. The Conference fund of adults alone amounts to \$27.55 more than the whole amount send out more workers in the send out more workers in the man, Texas. paid by both classes, and the juveniles do pay their conference fund. I leave these facts and figures with you. Most all things through our Redeemof you pay your pledge, assist to clothe er. Work ever, at all times, brings well as generous.

During the fiscal year ending March 1st, 1896, there were organized five auxiliaries and three juvenile socie-Most of these are proving to life, and when they begin to laries Dallas District: First Church, double their membership in order that we may come up to the 100,000 mem-Mrs. W. J. Clark, 223 McKinney Avewe may come up to the 100,000 members, and to pay their share of the \$600.00 pledged by our Conference Society, they will show "what stuff they are made of." I would like to see a spirit of Christian emulation among Street; Oak Cliff Church, Mrs. Henry our societies,-a trying which will do Dorsey, Oak Cliff; Trinity Church, Miss

the most for the cause of missions for our Lord.

We have 681 adult members, 642 juvenile members, 62 life members, 1 honnile members, 62 life members, 1 honnile members, 62 life members, 1 honnile members, 63 life members, 1 honnile members, 642 life members, 1 honnile members, 65 life members, 1 honnile members, 1 subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate, 172 to Little Worker, about 300 to Home Tidings. There are 39 auxiliary and 28 juvenile societies. Total membership is 1323.

MRS. S. S. PARK, Conference Corresponding Secretary. Now we gladly and gratefully recogpize the facts that the entire receipts of

"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done the Conference Society amounted last year to \$2253.04-nearly three times the amount of dues paid. This fact illus-The present week has been set apart by the W. P. and H. M. Society of our trates the danger attending every huciety has done!"But it has been done by thousand of our members instead of one thousand three hundred and fifty. If the other three hundred and fifty had

We have high authority (Bishop Mc-Tyeire) for the statement that "statistics are juicy, but require chewing." mill or other unnatural means of mastication, we are apt to lose the juice

For the quarters ending June 1st and September 1st, 1896, the Treasurer's rcprovement. The receipts for that quarter amounted to \$505.10, but of this sum only \$189.75 was in payment of

The difficulty is greatly increased by the fact that those who do not pay do not read about our work or pray about it. Some of our members do not know whether Miss Holding and Miss Haygood are together or apart. Some think our Miss Holding, Superintendent of our work in Mexico, went to heaven nearly four months ago.

When the President of a Conference Society says she loves the society, she utters a platitude. When she says she loves every member, please believe her, When the truth is told about the society, please apply it to every member.

It is almost time to receive another report, the last of the fiscal year. Oh, that we could feel what we do knowthat the Lord himself will receive it! Sisters, you who read this article, will

each one of you read it to one who does not read it herself? Will you pray about it? Yours in love, work and sacrifice, MRS. S. PHILPOTT. Dew, Texas. Pres. T. C. W. F. M. S.

W. F. M. Society, Dallas District, North Texas Conference.

Dear Sisters: It is time we were stirring our best energies in our district to catch up with the work that has been placed under our care. Spring with all its renewed beauty will soon be upon us, and I do hope that each auxiliary will come forth with strength and power to do more to advance this cause than we have in the past. Let us see units is forgotten or overlooked. The what plans we can present to each other that will promote the interest of our Master. Prayer, with humility, will have to accompany each effort, for while we enjoy and take in its richest power. It will help more than we can ever know. We must visit from house to house, leaving sweet messages for der Trouble. Less than two bottles d our Savior. Don't you think a very the work. good plan would be for each one belonging to the society to lead the monthly meeting by turns, so as not to have make religion such a cruel thing the too much monotony? If we have the richest diet too frequently, we often become satiated and very soon will seek a change. We Methodist people love variety, and by thus changing, in turn, each one will feel that it is her meeting and it will beget a deeper interest. Of course, we will have caution: for, Paul says, all things that are lawful are not expedient. God will help us, if we try In my report of March 1st, the adult to do our part. I trust each auxiliary foreign missions. year. Juveniles were 667; at five cents coming District Conference. I want us per month year's dues would be to feel that we have an interest in the \$400.00, both equalling \$1219.80. Reproteges among the Mexicans or Indians, answer to other calls made on love will refresh us and we shall be This is well. Let us be just as love will refresh us and we shall be sprinkled with showers of blessings upon our every effort. May God bless every effort thus made to honor him.

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8	Elkhart cir. at HolmesMar 20.
2	Saron mis, at Prairieview
4	Trinity L. and G., at Trinity Mar 27.
•	L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Peaumont Dist	rict-First Roun 1
Pinckney mis, at Midd Livingston cir, at Livi Moscow cir, at Moscow Beaumort and Sabine Jasper mis, at Magnoli Jasper and Kerbyville China mis, at China Burkeville, at Burkey	neil, at W. Feb 8, 1 kay Feb 7, 1 kay Feb 7, 1 kay 1 kep 18, 1 kep 20, 2 a Feb 20, 2 a Feb 20, 2 kep 20, 2

San Augustine District-First Round.
Melrose, at Fairview Feb 6.
Nacogdcches sta Feb 13,
Center cir, at Shady Grove Feb 20,
Timpson staFeb
Shelbyville, at Shelbyville Feb 27,
Appleby, at Appleby Mar 6.
Douglass, at Pine Grove Mar 13,
San Augustine and Chireno, at S. A. Mar 20, Sharpsyille, at Hebron Mar 27.
Sharpsville, at Hebron Mar 27, Sexton, at Sexton April 3.
Hemphill, at Pine Grove
J. T. Smita, P. E.
Pittsburg District-First Round.

	Gilmer cir, at Gilmer Park mis, at Redwater Park mis, at Redwater Fairview and Rose Hill, at Fairvi Texarkana, State Line, at State I Daingerfield cir, at Hughes Sprin Musgrove cir, at Soule's Chapel. Naples cir, at Omaha Linden cir, at Douglassville Leesburg cir, at Reeves' Chapel. Winfield cir, at Bridges Chapel. T. P.	Feb 6, 7 Fri, Feb 12 ew. Feb 13, 14 Jine, Feb 14, 15 gs. Feb 20, 21 Feb 27, 28 Mar 6, 7 Mar 13, 14 Mar 20, 21
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Tyler Di	strict-First Round.
Walton, at Mallar	d Prairie Fri, Feb i
Malakoff sta	Sat. Feb (
Athens sta	Feb 7, 8
Tyler, at Center	Feb 13, 14
Grand Saline, at A	ntiochFri. Feb l
Edom, at Ben Wh	eeler Feb 20, 21
Canton, at Canton	Feb 7, 8 Feb 18, 14 Antioch Fri. Feb 18 eeler Feb 20, 22 int Mar 6, Mar 6,
Whitehouse, at Fl	int Mar 6, 7
Tyler Marvin	Mar 7. 8

Tyler, Marvin New York, at New York Lindale, at Mt. Sylvan Troupe and Overton, at Overton Mar 27, 2 Tryler City mis, at Sneed's Chapel. John Adam's, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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Petter	way, at Ro	ans Frai	rie	Cochran, F	e a

Austin District-First Round.	
Cedar Creek cir, at Cedar Creek. Feb 18 Smithville sta. Feb 13. Winchester cir, at West Point Feb 20. LaGrange sta. Feb 27. Columbus sta. Mar 6. Eagle Lake cir, at Eagle Lake Mar 13. Weimar and Osage, at Weimar Mar 20.	10000
Flatonia sta	

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	Prenham District-First Round.
	Ben Arnold mis, at Ben Arnold Feb
	Lexington, at Lexington Feb 13
	Giddings cir. at Giddings Feb 20
1	Deanville mis, at Shady Grove Feb 27
1	Davilla cir, at Friendship
1	Pleasant Hill, at Pleasant Retreat Mar 13
1	Maysfield, at Maysfield
1	CaldwellMar
1	Milano Mar 27
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١	J. C. Mickle, P. F.

Columbia and Brazoria Dickinson, at League City Pattison Matagorda	
Huntsville District—I Prairie Flains, at Mary Chap Willia sta	pel Feb 6,

Houston District-First Round.

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MORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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	Stephenville cir. at Stephenville Feb 2	M.
	Cariton cir. at FriendshipFeb 2	π.
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	Green Creek, at Green Creek Mar I	
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	Bluffdale, at WesleyArt	
	Glenrose, at PaluxyApr	
	Desdimonia, at Pieasant Home Apr l	
	Morgan Mill, at Oakdale Apr l	
	Sipe Springs, at LibertyApr 2	
	Gorman, at Jewell	
m-	Carbon	
he	Rising Star, at Rising Star May	4
1d.	DeLeonMay	22
gs	E. A. Smith. P.	E

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1	rownwood	Distric	t-Seco	ad Reu	nd.
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Brown	wood sta.				Mar 6.
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	Anna cir.				
Indian	Creek cir	at McA	nally	N	ar 27, 2
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Blank	et cir. at T	urkey P	eak		May 1.
Flemi	ng cir			******	May
Comat	iche sta				May 8,
	ger sta				
Rober	t Lee cir.	at Rober	t Lee	N	ay 18, 1
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Comanche cir			
Abilere District-	Second	Round.	
Albany sta		Feb 6,	
Sweetwater sta		Feb 13.	
Moran mis		Feb 20.	
Abilene sta		Feb	
Colorado mis		Feb 27,	
Colorado sta		Mar	
Big Springs sta		Mar 6.	
Eastland cir			
Cisco sta		Mar 13,	
Buffalo Gap cir		Mar 20,	
Baird sta			
Cottonwood cir		Mar 27.	
Midland sta		Apr 3.	
Anson cir		.:Apr	
Truby mis		Apr 17.	
Merkel cir			
		Aren Ol	

Waxabachie District-Second Round.	۳
Waxahachie sta Feb 6, 7	
Sims and Glenwood cir, at Bethel Feb 13, 14	
Ennis sta Feb 20, 21	
Venus cir. at Mountain Peak Feb 27, 28	
Ferris cir, at CarrolMar 6, 7	
Bristol cir, at Hines Chapel Mar 18, 14	
Reagor cir, at Reagor	
Avalon cir, at Rankin	
Italy sta	
Milford cir, at Derr Apr 10, 11	
Hillsboro sta	
Itasca sta	
Alvarado staMay 1, 2	
Grandview cir, at Auburn	Re
Midlothian staMay 15. 16	100

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7	Waco District-Second Round.
21 28 4	Morrow StreetFeb 7
28	East WacoFeb 14
	Fifth Street Feb 21
-	Moody Feb 27, 2
-	Lorena cir. at Spring Valley Mar 6. 7
- 1	Bruceville, at BrucevilleMar 13, 14
	Troy, at Pendletonville
7	Mart, at Battle
2	Aquilla, at Scott's ChapelApr 3.
4 I	Morgan, at FowlerApr !
5	Whitney, at Whitney Apr 10, 11
1 1	Abbott, at Fell Springs Apr 17, 18
	West, at Ross
7	Peoria, at Cedar Creek
4	Mt. Calm
	District Conference, at Whitney May is
8	On Saturdays and other week days Quarterly
1	Conferences will be held immediately after
	preaching unless dinner can be served at the
11	hurch. Let the preachers notify their officials
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to come to preaching at 11 a.m., so that the may be on hand for the conference. Jas. Campbell, P. E.
Fort Worth District-Second Round.
First ChurchFeb
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Mulkey Memorial Feb 13.
Peach StreetFeb 14.
Riverside, at FossilFeb 20.
Glenwood Feb 21.
Azle, at Harwell's Chapel Feb 27,
Missouri Avenue Feb 28, Ma
Arlington sta
Arlington cir. at Forest Hill
Cleburne cir. at Price's Chapel Mar 13.
Mansfield, at St. Paul
Marystown, at Cahill
Cleburne sta
George's Creek April :
Covington, at PhiladelphiaApril 10.
Cresson, at Long CreekApril 17.
Blum, at RiovistaApril 24.
Grapevine, at Enless
SmithfieldMay
Let all the preachers preach some time duri
this quarter on the subject of "Christian Ec

this quarter on the subject of "Christian Edu-cation," according to the requirement of the Discipline. The District Conference will con-vene at Mulkey Memorial Church May 14-17, 9:30 a. m. The preachers will please arrange appointments accordingly, so that they can re-main over Sunday. The District Epworth League Conference will convene on 12th and 13-h of May, at same place, at 9 a. m. A suitable programme will be published in due time. Lot all the stewards be active in their work. That times are hard makes it the more necessary that there he wideawake.

G. S. Wyatt, P. E. Clarendon District-First Round. oyd, at Floydada..... ellington, at Wellington adian and Mobectic, a

R. A. Hall, P. F	c.
Georgetown District-First Round.	
Bertram, at BertramFeb	6,
Liberty Hill, at Leander Feb	7.
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Sam'l P. Wright, P. E. Corsicana District-Second Round.

Weatherford District—First Round. Breckenridge cir. at Breckenridge 21 of F Ranger mis, at Ranger
Gatesville District—First Round. Coryell City, at Osage

Vernon District-First Round. ildorado, st Eldorado

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WALL TOWN CONTRACTOR
Dallas District—Second Round.
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First Church4th Sun in Fe
Oak Cliff
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Denton
Argyle
Lancaster
If any of the pastoral charges of the Dalla
District failed to elect delegates to the District
Conference, let them do so during the secon

round.	R. M. Powers, P. E.
Neola Floyd Lone Oak Weston Blue Ridge	istrict—First Round. ———————————————————————————————————
	District—First Round.

t. Vernon, at Saltillo
Paris District-First Round.
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Sherman District-First Round. Feb 6,
Feb 13 1
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Feb 27, 2
J. R. Wages, P. E. Pottsboro sta Gordonsville cir.... Howe cir..... Pilot Grove cir

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Bonham District-First Round Feb 20, 2 Feb 27, 2 Mar 6 Mar 13, 1 Isaac W. Clark, P. E.

Terrell District-First Round.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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ly	San Marcos District-Second Round.
ls ey	Seguin Feb 18, Lockhart Feb 20, Kyle Feb 27,
	Luling March 6, Belmont March 13, San Marcos March 20,
7	Gonzales
14 1	Lockhart cir April 16. Dripping Springs April 24. Harwood May I. I. T. Morris, P. E.
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Dripping Springs.	April 17, 18 April 24, 25 May 1. I. T. Morris, P. E.
	trict-Second Round.
Boerne cir, at Selr	na3d Sun in Feb
Bandera and Medi	na City and Bandera cir.
Conter Point etc.	t Brownsboro 4th Sun in Feb
Rocksprings cir. a	t Rocksprings. 1st Sun in Mar
Kerrville sta	
Cherokee cir. at C	olony3d Sun in Mac
Round Moun'n cir.	at Johnson C'y.4th Sun in Mar
Blanco cir	
Willow City cir	2d Sun in Apr
San Saba sta	
Lippo eta	Ion night after 4th Sun in Apr
Delegates to Di	strict Conference elected this
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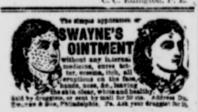
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San Angelo District-First Round

J. A. Baker, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE. El Paso District-Second Round

co, at Hope. C. C. Edington, P. E.



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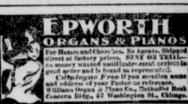
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From the Capital, Sedalia, Mo. There is probably no one better known in Sedalia, especially among the members of the First Baptist Church, than Mrs. Mollie E. Roe, the wife of Mr. Roe, the nurseryman, and nothing is better known among the lady's acquaintances, than that for the past four years she has been a physical wreck from locomotor ataxia, in its soverest form. That she has recently recovered her health, strength and normal lecometion has been made apparent by her being seen frequently on the streets and in church, and this fact induced a representative of the Capital to call on Mrs. Roe to enquire into the circumstances of her remarkable recovery. Mrs. Roe was seen at house at the corner of Ohio Avenue

tory of her case for publication: "Four years ago," she said, "I was attacked with a disease which the physicians diagnosed as locomotor ataxia, and I was speedily reduced to a mere wreck. I had no control of my muscles, and could not lift the least thing. My flesh disappeared, until my bones almost pierced my skin. The sense of touch became so exquisitely sensitive, that I believe I could by walking over the softest carpet blindfolded, have ccunted every seam, so it may be imagined how I felt when trying to move my uncontrollable limbs.

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'The most eminent physicians were consulted, but they gave me no relief, and I was without hope, and would have prayed for death but for the thought of leaving my little children. All thought of recovery had gone, and it was only looked upon as a question of time by my husband and my friends when my troubles would end in the

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Birdwell - Murrell -- December 24. 1896, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Rush Birdwell and Miss M. May Murrell; all of Cooke County, Texas; Rev. T. B. Norwood officiating.

Crenshaw-Goodson.-At Iola, Texas, Jan. 24, 1897, by Rev. W. Wootton, Mr. E. W. Crenshaw, of Bryan, Texas, and Miss Lena Goodson, of Grimes County,

dence of Mr. J. W. McAnally, in Whitney, Texas, by Rev. S. C. Littlepage, January 17, 1897, Mr. Jas. C. Sims and Miss Moselle Middlebrook. Harris-Chandler.-At the Methodist

Sims-Middlebrook.-At the resi

parsonage, January 31, 1897, at Bluff Dale, Texas, Paul Harris, of Comanche, and Miss Emma Chandler, Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Tunnell-Lawrence.-At the residence of Mr. N. Walters, near Tunnell Chapel, Van Zandt County, Texas, January 28, 1897, at 6:30 p. m., Mr. J. R. Tunnell and Miss Addie Lawrence, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Read-Chaney .- At the home of the writer, near Martin's Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas, January 24, 1897, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. Thomas B. Read and Miss When the pastor wanted some one to Alpha Chaney, Rev. Frank Everitt of- superintend the Sunday-school at

ficiating. Chaney-Fagan.-At the home of the bride, near Palace, Van Zandt County, Texas, January 24, 1897, at 3:30 p. m., Mr. W. T. Chaney and Miss Millie Fa- dent of the League and one of the Stewards of the Church, filling all these gan, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

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JAMES.-Mrs. Mary Louisa James (nee Griffin) was born in Fayette County, Tenn., July 23, 1828, and departed this life at the residence of her daughter. Mrs. Fannie Roberts, in Madisonville, Texas, January 10, 1897. Sister James removed with her parents from Tennessee to Arkansas about 1836 and came from there to Texas about 1852 and settled in Madisonville when there were only about three houses in the place. She embraced religion and united with the Methodist Church when a girl sixteen years of age, and was a faithful member until death removed her from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. She leaves three children-one son and two daughtersto mourn her departure, but they do not sorrow as those who have no hope, for they feel confident that she has gone home to glory, where death shall never come and where they may meet her in the sweet by-and-bye after the storms of this life shall all have passed away. Her mortal remains were laid away in the cemetery at this place January 11, 1897, to await the resurrection morning

W. W. HORNER, Pastor.

RIVERS .- Little Julian came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rivers April 26, 1894, and left for his home in glory, October 16, 1896, at Elgin, Texas, His coming brought joy and gladness, and his leaving left "an aching void," which can never be filled.

He was a very bright, promising child, like a sweet flower planted in the hearts of his parents, to bloom awhile; now he has been transplanted to the garden of the Lord.

He was only loaned to them for a short while, but long enough to entwine his little life and love into the Jeepest depths of their affections.

He was always the first to meet hi papa at the gate and would express his joy in such loving terms of affection. That little form, though cold in death, is now waiting with little Ned for papa at the beautiful gate.

He has just gone on before and though your hearts are saddened and home is not what it once was, still you can by faith anticipate a glorious re-

It is farewell now, but not forever, for after awhile "this mortal shall put on immertality" and you will see your little Julian again. Then you will understand why your little darling was taken from you; until then his grace will be sufficient for you.

May the dear Lord comfort the memmay be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

May the dear Lord comfort the mem-bers of the sorrowing family by taking up his abode in their hearts in place of up his abode in their hearts in place of

he dear one gone. Let us bow to the divine will of him

who doeth all things well." This is in loving memory by his mam-

na's friend. ANNIE MORGAN.

EASON .- Died, at the residence of his laughter, Mrs. J. C. Anderson, January wo sons and two daughters with a host of relatives and friends to mourn their oss. Judge Eason was a native of Ala-Major Wm. P. and Margaret F. Shelley. leceased, of Talladega, Ala., and sister of Gen. N. G. and H. E. Shelley, of tway. Deceased was a man of firmriends have the consoling thought that, panion and other loved ones who have which a Heavenly Father gives, for your night of sorrow will soon pass MRS. H. F. GOLDMAN.

Dallas, Texas. McMILLIAN.-How sad we were last November when the news came that P. McMillian was dead. He was at him away to a richer inheritance. How we miss him, as he was one of the nost noble of our land! Born Novemper 4, 1875, he had just attained his maority, but in goodness he was in adrance of many much older than himself. At Owensville, where he was born and raised, he joined the M. E. Church. South, when about sixteen years old. Owensville and older men refused, George said he would do the best he could, and eternity alone will reveal how well he did. He was also Presi-

places for nearly two years and only FRED L. ALLEN. eternal. Rockdale, Texas.

GRANTHAN .- John Grantham, agad about 70, and John Grantham, Jr., 22

years old, were buried at Green View Grantham died Sunday morning, January 18, at 9 o'clock, and Johnnie died father and son in quick succession from

B. A. THOMASSON. Cold Hill, Texas.

and died January 16, 1897. She was the safety. He was a member of the Church wife of David McCleskey. Their home over fifty years and a good part of that loved ones, and to be a pilgrim neverhas been blessed by seven children, all time an officer in the Church. He was more. Hers was a stormy sea, but of whom are Christians except one. Her stricken with paralysis April 1, 1894. life has been peculiarly devoted to her He recovered from this, but was again havens of rest. Glorious triumph, abund-Master and His Church. Joining the stricken February 25, 1896, from which ant entrance, a welcome home amidst her rolls sixty-six years. Her life has ground near Ovilla which stands as a ter Harkins had many friends. Sh been a great blessing to humanity. Havquietly and with Christian fortitude lay leaves a wife and one son widowed and be well said, she made home happy. May her armor by and passed from this clouded earth to the glorious and eternal beyond, where years are unnumbered and rest is everlasting. We trust the vacancy may be filled with the sunshine of God's love ar .. that her loved ones may press on to that land where separation never comes.

O. P. KIKER, P. C..

STEPHENSON .- Mrs. E. B. Stephenson, wife of Jno. B. Stephenson, deceased, mother of Mrs. N. J. Brown, and grandmother of Mrs. J. E. Downes and 1, 1891. To them were born Cecil and Hill in Oglethorpe County, Ga., in 1840. Jas. F. Brown, of Crockett, Texas, was born at Wytheville, Va., in 1815. The family moved to Texas in 1834, permanently locating in Crockett. Houston County, during the late war. Her husband was an active soldier in the Mexican war, and for his efficient service she received an annual pension. Twenty-four years before her death she received injuries from a fall, which prevented her from ever walking again look into its eyes as only a mother can, and necessitated her going on wheels and say, "Bless your little soul!" Who his last illness, and I always found him till the day of her death. These were knows the struggle made to say "fare- meekly submissive to the Divine will. long, weary years of physical suffering till God said, "It is enough," and the death angel came to the quiet home of Sister Brown, her only daughter, in the town of Crockett on New Year's day, possessed of a profound Christian ex- that they may rest from their labors; January 1, 1897, and took her to her perience. A jewel in the Church, ster- and their works do follow them." home on high. No longer does she count ling in qualities, she will be sorely missthe slowly passing years as they meas- ed. In the home she was affectionate are off time into spaces, but enters upon an eternity of joy, where the sufferings God will send the light of a sympathizof this life have wrought out for her a ing Christ. Be brave! be buoyant! Af- person and robbed it of the youngest far more exceeding and eternal weight ter awhile the mist's will clear away and son, Loyd, He was born October 1, 1868, not expected so soon. She took the laof glory. No greater blessing ever came you will know why you so often taste of to the life and ministry of the writer bitter sorrow. You may now walk in grown to young manhood without any monia, and the end came in nine days. than that of having the spiritual oversight of this mother in Israel during a man of sorrows and acquainted with pastorate of four years. His Sunday grief. Death is but a dream, the wakwork was never regarded as ended until i, 1897, Judge Bolivar Eason, who leaves the services of the day were fully reported to her on Monday morning-not than we think. God intends her gentle only must she know what he preached presence shall silently hover o'er you. about, but also what he preached in depama; was married when quite young tail. How her face would glow when o Miss Sarah J. Shelley (daughter of she would hear of the prosperity of the Church she loved and to which she had how they "would mourn o'er their sorconsecrated her heart and life and what an inspiration to the preacher was her Austin, Texas, Gen. C. M. Shelley, cf faith, consecration and patient endur-Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. H. M. Wait, ance! During these years of affliction of Easonville, Ala.); afterwards joined was not patience doing her perfect work he M. E. Church, South, of which he and were not the incidents and events care and toil. was a consistent member until called of human life doing their perfect work in the development of a Christian charness, ever ready to uphold the right and acter that would stand at last perfect ecndemn wrong. His relatives and and entire, wanting nothing? Though deprived of the inspiration of an active hough they hear his footsteps no more, life and confined for years to the monotand his voice is hushed to them forever, ony of an invalid's room and chair, yet ils spirit has taken its flight to a she never grew old at eighty-two, but 'haven of rest," to meet the loved com- was always bright and cheerful, and the ong been "waiting and watching" for knew her. To the loved ones, whose sunshine of her life was felt by all who aim. Bereaved ones, drink the cup thoughtful and loving ministries cheered her on her way and made all the years of her life happy and comfortable. whose thoughts and affections have followed her to her heavenly home and who now wonder if they shall know and love her there, I would say, yes. Your present intensity of desire to know Tuntsville fitting himself for a useful that God has made your sainted mother more of heaven is evidence of the fact ife when the messenger came and bore and grandmother a happy medium through which he has been and will con- husband a good wife, the children a

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resigned the places the Church had born in Wilson County, Tenn., January January 7, 1897. Bro. Dismukes was nonored him with to go to school. It 6, 1827; joined the M. E. Church at Wal- faithful in all his house—trained up his is not strange that his parents, broth- nut Grove, Tenn., at the age of fifteen; er and sister, as well as the whole com- moved from there to Texas in 1853, and of the Lord. His children professed remunity, should stand around his coffin died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. ligion and joined the Church before and grave and weep in silence for one Shano, in Tyler, Texas, December 20, they were grown. He adorned the Chrisso young and yet so admirable. Novem- 1896. Her happiest days were spent at- tian religion in his everyday life. Just ber 21, 1896, at Huntsville, he laid down tending Church and preparing to enter- before he died he called his son to him the mortal and put on immortality. His tain preachers. Whilst visiting her a and said, "I have fought the good fight; death was in harmony with his life. It few days previous to her death, among there is laid up for me a crown of life. was our sad office in connection with the first words she said, "I am ready A good and true man has gone to his Bro. W. K. Turner (who had known and anxious to go and be with those him from birth) to perform the last who have gone before." Few can feel as their father did and with him find a service to his name and memory. We the loss of this fallen relative more home in heaven. fee! richer to have known our brother. keenly than the writer. The ties of sis-In quiet submission as loved ones and terhood and friendship that have been friends we wait a resurrection to life growing stronger and more sacred for nearly a quarter of a century have been MRS. J. M. HEARN. Pirtle, Texas.

PUTMAN.-Bro. Joseph G. Putman vas born in Lewis County, Ky., January January 19. A very sad funeral. Bro. 31, 1830, where he lived until mature manhood. In 1852 he settled in Fulton County, Rl. While there he married Monday morning, at 1:30. Thus passed | Christena Bordener in 1859. In 1873 | case of consumption, but in all her afhe moved to Dallas County, Texas, and flictions she was resigned to the Divine time to eternity. Peace to the sorrow- two years afterward moved to his farm will. Her faith was implicit in him near Ovilla, Texas, whence he ascend- whom she had served and she kept it to ed on January 18, 1897. "Uncle Joe" was converted when sixteen years of age. He was the son of a Methodist She leaves two children, a husband, McCLESKEY .- Elizabeth McCleskey preacher. It is said he often spoke of (nee Downum) was born March 28, 1815, his early training as a means of his of relatives and friends to lament their M. E. Church in 1830, she has been on he never recovered. There is a campmonument to his liberality and inter- was a loving mother, a faithful and ing lived her allotted years on earth she est in the welfare of the Church. He true wife and a good neighbor. It may fatherless, but they know where to find the bereaved ones have faith in God and J. W. DICKINSON.

PASCHALL.-Sister Olive Paschall (nee Crumpley) was born near Springfield, Mo., April 22, 1873, and died in Mesquite, Texas, December 25, 1896. She from there he moved to Spartanburg, S. was of a family of seven children, all of C., in early life; thence to Griffin, Ga. whom lived to be grown; her death and from there to Dawson, Ga., in 1862, broke the family circle. Converted at where he lived two years, when he mov-Long Creek during the pastorate of Bro. ed to Tuscumbia, Ala., and from there to Maybery; baptized by Brother Keen in Texas on December 24, 1866. He was 1889; married J. P. Paschall November | married to Miss Elizabeth Middleton Olive, both of whom are left motherless without ever having come to a con- his loss. He joined the Methodist Epissciousness of mother's love and tender- copal Church when only eight years old, ness. Olive, the tender baby, was but twenty-one days old when its mother went from earth to heaven. How heartrending to see thus broken the tie which Texas, January 8, 1897. Bro. Seay was a binds a baby to a mother! But God member of the Methodist Church sevenknows best. When almost in the throes ty-four years. He was a good neighbor of death she would take up her child, well" to her loving children and hus- He died in the triumphs of a living band? Only God's infinite hand can lead through such shadowy vales. She was a woman of intense loyalty and from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, and religious. Through gloomy paths closer touch with Christ since he was a of the vices or immoralities that so ofing from which is blissful. Our loved ones beyond the flood are nearer making your path to grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. The bereaved droop with sadness now, but oh! rowful fate, if sorrow in heaven could be; if no one should be at the beautiful gate, there waiting and watching for them." Yes, we'll all meet in the palace of the skies in that day so free from

J. MARVIN NICHOLS. HOLLY, -Mrs. Idonia Holly was born in Van Zandt County, Texas, and died at her home in Tyler, Texas, January 17, 1897. She was married to George Holly in October, 1895; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in girlhood, in which she lived a useful Christian life; so she was ready to die. She was perfectly rational until the last and talked freely about her prospects beyond the grave; said all was well. She said to the writer, "I have fought a good fight and kept the faith." She begged her weeping husband not to grieve for her, but to try to meet her in heaven. When we kneeled around her bed she prayed audibly for an easy passport from this to the other shore. Cedar Street Church has lost a good member, the tinue to reveal heaven to you. May good mother, but we feel sure that heavwe all follow her as she followed Christ.

B. R. BOLTON.

Her pastor,

W. W. McANALLY. Tyler, Texas,

DISMUKES.-George Dismukes was orn in East Tennessee in the year HOW A FARMER'S WIFE MAKES MONEY. BOWN A FARMER'S WIFE MAKES MONEY.

Dear Editor—I feel so happy I must tell you what I did. Hard times threw my husband out of wort: interest on mortage was due. I read Mrs Leviel success, sent for a 85 Vapor Bath Cabinst. It's a well in 1850; profesed religion and joined the C. P. Church the same year with his wife. She died in 1857. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Strickland in 1858. She died in 1888. He died at his

HEARN.-Mrs. Easter Lee Hearn was son's residence near Hamilton, Texas, children in the admonition and nurture reward. May his children follow Christ

> S. D. WADDILL. Levita, Texas.

HARKINS .- Mattie A., daughter of Rev. I. H. Scoggins, deceased, was born in Bell County, Texas, March 2, 1865; married to W. W. Harkins May 11, 1881 and died January 2, 1897. She was converted in early life and joined the M. E Church, South, of which she was a member at the time of her demise. She suffered long with the loathsome disthe end. She was the mother of sever children, five of whom preceded her three sisters, four brothers and a host ioss. But she goes to meet a host o peaceful landing, and she enters th the shouts of the loved ones there. Sis meet her in heaven.

J. E. STEPHENS.

SEAY .- Dr. W. B. Seay was born near Lynchburg, Va., October 26, 1814; Three of his children survive to mourn in which he lived a faithful and consistent member to the day of his death. which occurred at his home in Giddings a true friend, a faithful citizen. It was my privilege to visit him often during faith. Of him we can say truly, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord

W. H. BROOKS. APPERSON.-On December 2, 1896. death entered the home of Mr. J. P. Apnear Wilmer, Dallas County, and had grippe, which soon developed into pacuten stain the lives of our boys. He ear- across the river and she leaves nine ly gave proof that mentally and morally children here, with a host of friends to his life would be a success. But disease had marked him as its victim. Five years ago an attack of dengue left him loved once and may this separation be a confirmed invalid, and though the loving care of a watchful mother and other children and friends. "Blessed are the relatives prolonged his days, it failed to bring back the glow of health. Still no murmur or complaint ever passed his lips; he accepted the situation with fortitude and patience; but when shadows of death hovered near, his friends were 1897, little Bula, the infant daughter of anxious to know if he was prepared for the final summons. A sister asked him Texas, left a sorrowing family and pass if he realized his condition. "Yes," he ed over the river of death to join her replied. "Are you ready?" said she. God's justice in taking my life while two months old the day she died, and her yet so young and so much to live for. but I will pray for resignation, pray Let father and mother, brothers and sisdeath and for sweet rest in heaven. 1 den on Him who doeth all things well. will let you know the result. Alice, before I go." In a few days he called the same sister to him to give her the "glad tidings" that he was ready, only waiting to cross over the river and rest in the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams. MRS. M. P. WHITE.

REINHARDT .- Yancy Cass Reinhardt, son of J. R. and Emily Reinhardt, was born January 22, 1896; was a little sufferer all of his life and seemed so good, patient and sweet through it all. He rallied in the fall and seemed to be getting well, but was taken with pneumonia and brain trouble and died January 10, 1897. As little Yancy had formed no character, there is no doubt of his salvation, "for as in Adam



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all die, even so in Christ shall all be a devoted Christian, a loving wife and a made alive." We very sildom under- kind mother. She was loved by all stand God's dealings with us at the who knew her. She has gone to meet present time. We so often think, why her father, mother, brothers and little has the Lord permitted us to be so af- angel daughter at the pearly gates and flicted? Why does the allow death to walk the golden streets, sing with the dimpled cheek which the fond mother ones, for wife and mother. She has presses with so many kisses? Divine risdom, love and mercy are back of all home to glory. Her loving nephew, this; and if we follow up the Divine will it will lead us from behind those urtains into the glorious light and knowledge. R. A. MOWREY. Gainesville, Texas.

son (nee Chatham) was born in Alabama April 24, 1829, and fe Savior, near Hockley, in Walley County, Texas, January 23, 1897. Sister McPherson gave her heart to God in early life and united with the Church of her choice. While her service was not ostentatious, her faith was abiding, and her life consistent. Though getting feeble with age, the end was Her husband and one child preceded her mourn their irreparable loss. May the dessings of God rest with the bereaved sanctified to the eternal salvation of her dead that die in the Lord."

H. R. KIMBLER. Hockley, Texas.

CLARK.-On the night of January 21 Samuel and Mary E. Clark, of Alice, innocent soul with the angels and spir-"No," answered Loyd; "I fail to see its of just men made perfect. She was short life was one of constant suffering. for strength and help to triumph over ters, in this time of trial, east their bur-

Alice, Texas.

WOODLEY .- Sister Balm Woodley (nee Jones) was born in Coryell Counhis Savior's arms. And when the end ty, Texas, October 28, 1876, and died in came he fell asleep-like one who wraps Coryell County, December 24, 1896. She was married to Earl Woodley July, 1895. She professed religion at the age of fourteen and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life up to her death. She leaves a husband, babe, mother, five sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. But we weep not as those who have no hope. May the Lord bless the bereaved family.

W. H. CARR.

HAMPTON .- Mrs. Lucinda Hampton (nee Covey) was born in Hardin County, Tenn., June 2, 1850; died in Wood County, Texas, January 22, 1897. She was converted and joined the M. E.

come in and claim one of the sweet, redcemed of God, and, the best of all, ender buds for its victim, and pale the to be with Jesus. Do not weep, loved crossed Jordan's stormy banks and gone W. A. NICHOL.

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The regular correspondent of a leading daily newspaper, in writing up the opening scenes of the Legislature, which met on the 12th instant, uses the following language:

It is a significant fact that nearly all the nominating and seconding speeches were of a nature that warmly patted on the back the University of Texas. The institution was eulogized in the most glowing terms Every panegyric pronounced upon themet with the wildest applause. It is true that the major portion of the applause came from the galleries where a large number of University students occupied seats, but all the same, the sentiment seemed to meet with the approbation of a good many members of the House, Mr. Dashiell is a graduate of the University and was britliant leader in its debating socie-

Straws show which way the wind blows and when we put this and that together it might be taken as an indieation that this educational institution at least will fare well at the hands of the present Legislature.

Do the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyteriars and other religious denominations know what this means? As the writer quoted above significantly remarks, "Straws show which way the wind blows." And it would appear that a man with any reasoning powers at all could see that a sentiment largely faverably to the State University is in the lead. It has become the fashionable thing to "pat that institution on the back," both with words of praise and with substantial aid. From the standpoint of a citizen of Texas I am glad to see our State institutions have a strong hold on the affections of our people Very different are my feelings, however, when I study this question from the standpoint of a Christian and a Methodist. With my convictions as to the necessity for higher education being under the auspices of the Church, and the injustice and unwisdom of the State attempting to do that kind of work. I can never be a complacent onlooker while the tide sets in the wrong direction. It is setting that way now.

It is becoming the fashionable thing to give the University all it asks for It is becoming the highly fashionable thing to send our sons and daughters there for education. President Winston has already correlated the superintendents of the State in such a way that they will be expected to send their high school graduates right on to the Austin. The meaning of all this is that the denominational schools of the State have entered on an era where they must fight for their lives. Unless our pulpits plead unceasingly for Christian education, and our people give the money to equip and endow our colleges and universities, it will not take many years to practically hand this whole business over to the State. This we cannot afford to do, nor do we intend to do it. Then let the note of advance be given. Sound the alarm and rally everybody to the fight. Endow the Southwestern: build and equip the Polytechnic; plant North Texas, Weatherford, Coronal, San Antonio and Jacksonville on a firm basis, and let us determine that the precious heritage of Christian education shall not be forfeited.

W. F. LLOYD. Fort Worth, Texas.

A CALL FOR HELP.

We have been trying ever since conference to get two men for the work in Coos County. Coqville is a station; a circuit on each side-one with three appointments and three church buildings, in China and Japan, to say nothing of not large in meniforehip, but an important work-the home mission of our conference; the other four appointments, one of which is an afternoon appointment, three church buildings, quite a membership; important work. The former, three small towns; the latter, one town, three country appoint- () tear out all that teaches the duty of ments. A young man could live and do foreign missions. The type of Chrisa fine work on either without an appropriation; but there is some money carrying abroad. When the Church gets for each. We want two single men, or on the cross the heathen will be saved. man with small family, who have education, grit and grace, upon whom the Lord has laid his hand for this work tians at Antioch, but they ceased to be and who says, "Here am I, send me." provincial when they sent out mission-Who will it be? Where are the Lord's aries. "My opinion," or that of any anointed? This is an important part of one else, has nothing to do with it. Suphis vineyard. Who hears him say, "Go?"

We are losing all the time by not having men for these charges. Who is re- he can do it without our help." That sponsible if it is not the man God has chosen and he refuses to go?

W. B. SMITH, Pastor. Coqville City, Or.

A TEXAS INCIDENT IN RHYME. BY J. H. WISEMAN.

On a dreary, wintry day. A cross 'twixt rain and sleeting. Bro. L. was on his way

To a wayside meeting

The rain was hard, the mud was deep. The hillsides all were quirky: Spring branches ran with fearful sweep. And creeks like rivers murky.

Old Ash Creek boomed from bank to bank The preacher said, "I'll swim it." He touched his mustang in the flank, And, plunge, she went right in it!

The current wild swirled round the nag. Like maddened demons raving Until her strength began to fag. And the preacher felt her caving.

He stroked his pony's bonny mane. And guiding her said, "Go it To the landing place," but all in vain-She was landing far below it.

The distant bank was very steep. He felt his pony sinking: Our preacher had no time to weep And little time for thinking.

But," thought he, "for a bark so frail I must be too much freight: I'll fall off and catch her tail That preacher wore a long-tailed coat.

Which bout his feet did dangle,

And when it should have been affont For crawfish it did angle. Oh, luckless day and hapless plight What evil was there in it? The preacher thought he grabbed aright,

And yet he had to swim it. His own coattail with useless grasp He clutched: the waves rolled o'er him He came to top with hurried gasp-His pony gone before him.

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The pony grazed on grassy plain. The preacher still did swim on. And when he reached the land again He was yellow as a Lemon

Part Second. Fairmount, Ga.

Once more upon the bank he stood; His truant nag grazed in the wood With draggled coat and slackened rein Once more along the bank he strolled:

Behind him deep the waters rolled. Before him stretched the muddy lane And so he strode his nag again. No sooner had he gained his seat Than quick she turned with faithful feet To plod again the yielding road.

Underneath her dripping load.

0 0 0 0 "What afls the man:" the people cried. As later on they saw him ride. With starchless clothes and dampened fac Pressing toward the preaching place. When he reached his destination There was great consternation.
"Sure," said they. "if that's our preacher. Then he is no highland creature

And now, as if to suit my rhyme. The congregation was on time The trickling waters filled his shoes-Copiously as Hermon's dews.

But when did faithful woman fail To hear a preacher's plaintive wail? So, to alleviate his woes. Soon was brought a suit of clothes.

But all men are not of a size. So there is no room for surprise When I tell you he was smaller Than his pants were, though much taller.

His coat, a ducking roundabout Almost raised irreverent shout: And though he put forth effort due. Only had he gained one shoe

For the preacher so belated: He must cease his vain endeavor And discard the worthless leather With one shoe off and one shoe on

Sermon notes and hymn book gone.

Time was up: the people waited

And his congregation face. Sure I am the Witch of Endor Ne'er raised priest without suspender

But such was our preacher's plight. As he strove to do his might. Though, soon his heart began to glow And his words did freely flow. His eyes could only roll in sockets

For his hands must stay in pockets: When his theme grew sweetly tender He forgot his needed 'spender And with hands gesticulated.

While his trousers gravitated

Short he cut his peroration. Quickly checked the gravitation: While the "sand" slipped from his gizzare And he trembled like a lizard.

For awhile he stood and panted Wider, then, his feet he planted: Again his eyes rolled in their sockets. While faithful fingers clutched the pockets

When he escaped the water demon. Twas said he was a juicy Lemon: Though none can tell the reason why. All say his sermon was quite dry.

ECHOES FROM A GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

There are eighteen millions of people the millions in Mexico and Brazil, who are dependent upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the gospel. The man who does not believe in foreign missions knows nothing of the mind of Christ. We would have an empty Bible between the lids were we tianity among some of us is not worth -Bishop Wilson.

The disciples were first called Chrispose Agabus had risen up at Antioch God gets ready to convert the heathen would have been "a spell of weather"

in Acts. There is great talk, in some Churches, about being in the "apostolical succes- with a lisp and smoke cigarettes. Why,

power of the Spirit too large a business for trifles .- Dr. W. A. Candler.

Children and the Sunday-School. When Jesus wanted to teach an obor some other adult, but a little child. stacks of quilts, what shelves loaded The commission of Jesus to Peter was, with pickles and preserves of all kinds, "Feed my lambs." Pastors should be in and what rosy children romping in the for they may be dead before eleven our most useful men come. God bless o'clock. There is no possible chance to the farmers, the farmer boys and far-A man converted after he is thirty of this country and of every other land. years old is only half converted. Each But I stop right here and short off. Sunday-school should have a definite work along Church lines. There is no consecration of money until it begins with the young .- Dr. James Atkins.

Christian Education.

Some laymen who make great speeches at the death of preachers who died in the work ought to go into the dying tation for the last twenty years on the subject of education than ever before. If we could just get all the amens, shouts, etc., concreted into visible form! It is not because we have not the money that colleges are not built, but because we have not religion enough .- Dr. R. J. Bigham.

There are enough men who want keep them going. Churches differ as to many things, but are a unit as to the necessity of Christian schools and colleges. The State cannot educate equitably-to much politics. Jesus is the grandest figure in the world's history. The State cannot teach him .- Dr. W. A. Candler.

P. L. STANTON.

LETTER FROM GILDEROY.

Here I am in the Mississippi bottom, sawamped" at last. So you see I have "struck the bottom," and the bottom strikes me as the finest country I ever saw. La! la! man, how rich this land is! It makes me hungry to go back to M. E. Church, North, are represented the plow again. What straight rows I here. Our Church in Oklahoma Terricould lay off here, and how I would love to see this fertile soil roll from the wing of a good plow! It is really inspiring to turn a furrow in good land. And then to plant the seed, and see them spring and grow and tend the crop and see it come to maturity. 1 shall never lose my love for the farm. grew up between the plow handles. Why boys want to leave the farm and go to town and into a store I do not know. There is an independence and manliness on the farm-a regular round of duties and a degree of contentthat can be found nowhere else. How good hog jowl and greens, bacon and corn bread are after a day's plowing in the spring! The memory of it is sweet to me till this day. The average boyand most boys are only average-makes a big mistake when he leaves the farm for any other place or business under the sun. If he makes only a good living, he does well. While doing that he makes a man of himself-an independent, self-reliant, manly man. A man on the farm has his own way-is maser of the situation and nobody to please but himself. Here he is lord. but in most other callings he is servant. Oh, that our Southern boys would All we eat and all we wear comes out of the ground. God made man to till the the Texas Advocate. ground. He is the only animal that does cultivate the soil-the only one that plows, sows seed, tends the crop and reaps the harvest.

forgot myself, as I often do. Since I've been a preacher and live in town I buy everything and produce nothing-nothing but sermons, and they are nothing to brag on. I live in paper sacks, nve or ten pounds at a time. On the farm we had corn, wheat and meat enough for the year. We bought sugar, coffee, rice and molasses enough to last all smokehouse. We made it. It was money; we did not need much. We had what was better than money-plenty to live upon. No man hardly knows how much what he grows is worth until he has to buy every mouthful he cats. It costs money and lots of it. The milk and butter and the chickens and the eggs we used to have on the farm! I often have these to buy now. We grew and killed our own beef, but I buy my beef these days. We cut and hauled our own wood on farm and had roaring fires, but I buy my wood, or buy coal now. On the farm we had soap grease and ash-hoppers and made our own scap, but now I have to buy all the soap I use. The poorest of all poor folks are the poor about a town. skimpeverything to make it go as far as whisper to the girls and tell them that

But, excuse me. I got a-going and

listen how she sings as she goes about her work-housekeeping, gardening, in else that has for its aim the salvation ward Allen. During this day we were the poultry yard and out by the dairy of souls and the general upbuilding of tried, not in a flery furnace, indeed, looking after the milk and butter. She Christ's kingdom on earth. We are su- but in the black mud and chilling winds ject-lesson as to the measure of his is the queen of a good home. It is a perannuated, but I still sometimes catch of a severe blizzard. Arriving at the kingdom, he did not take Peter, John, delight to stop at her house. What myself wishing that I could go to China the Sunday-schools more. They should yard! That is a farmer's wife. From I can't go now. Sometimes I think no idea that a Methodist preacher not wait for the eleven o'clock service, just such homes our best women and that when I get up yonder my Heaven- would travel, by private conveyance, reach the masses except in the cradle. mer's wives. They are the backbone of those lands to flutter over and GILDEROY. boys and girls.

A NOTE FROM OKLAHOMA.

On the 6th of November, in the quiet little town of Mertens, we bade farewell to many of kindred and other dear friends of former years' association and took our departure for our field of labor. business. There has been greater agi- Burnett Charge, situated in the bounds of the Indian Mission Conference, in the Territory of Oklahoma.

After a tedious journey of three weeks through the rain, sleet and snow, facing the cold norther that followed, contending with muddy roads and swollen streams without bridges, we reached the Canadian River on the 4th of December, We landed safely on the north bank of schools to start them, but not enough to this dangerous stream at 4 p. m. This brought us in the bounds of our work. On reaching Wanette we were informed by Bro. Bethune, formerly of Red Oak, Texas, that Sunday was our regular preaching day. Here we camped and filled our appointment on Sunday.

This part of Oklahoma Territory is only five years old-that is, opened to new country. All parts of the United ers. We have but few in this section. ome out and look at the country? The land is as productive in this part of Oklahoma Territory as it is in Texas. The field is white unto harvest, but the local laborers are few and are in great demand. J. W. FRENCH. Avoca, O. T.

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AUNT MARY AGAIN.

permission of our editor, endeavor to write a few words of cheer to all the children and young people, especially chose who read the Advocate.

Many of those with whom I once labored in their missionary work as little at their homes around their firesides the worst blizzard of the season was loubtless have grown beyond my recognition. But to each and all I wish a happy year. Christmas is a time of the past. The new year 1897 is upon us with all its obligations. Have we They live from hand to mouth and kept and fulfilled the vows that we made a year ago? If not, let us repent possible. Doctor, excuse me, but do of our wrongs and failures and urge the boys to stay on the farm. And resolve this day to do beter; live nearer to God than ever and said, "It's my opinion that when a brave, manly farmer, a hard-handed in the past. It may be that God will son of toil, is a ten times better catch call some one or more of those to for a good husband than a cow pen full whom I am now writing to come and of these dandy, town dudes, who part give an account of him or herself before their hair in the middle, wear store this year closes. Oh, let us all be ready clothes and tooth-pick-toed shoes, talk with the wedding-garment on and not be speechless and then have to be sion." Which one-Judas or the others? sir, here in Mississippi some of our taken and cast into outer darkness! I Church pride must be humored (?) Some girls marry store clothes and get no am now old and feeble. It will soon Churches are proud of the tenor voice sort of a man inside of them! Look at be said that Aunt Mary is gone to reap in their choir. I had as soon be proud that farmer's wife, how healthy and her reward. But I am here yet. I bid of a dinner horn with no dinner. The independent and happy she looks, and you Godspeed in the missionary work,

the Epworth League and everything upon us, but we turned our steeds toor to some of those far-off nelds where the bondage of ignorance and sin. But ly Father will permit me to be a ministering spirit and will send me to some

Now a word to all, and I close for this time. Let us pray more earnestly than ever before that a great work may be carried on for the salvation of our young people at home and then the saving of the heathen will not be so hard a task.

Let me ask Bro. Stafford to write good year. often. His letter in Advocate of January 7 was so full of good cheer. I hope to get letters from some of the

oung people. Direct to Carbon, Texas, AUNT MARY.

FAREWELL TO PAINT ROCK.

Alone with God. With gratitude to my Heavenly Father I remember my good friends of Paint Rock. To-day, January 15, 1897, I expect to leave this place, never to return. Providence seems to indicate that the time has come for me to go. I regret to leave my friends, and especially those who are the friends of Jesus Christ. Three years ago, in the providence of God, it was my happy lot to be sent by the homesteaders. This is a new county appointing power of the West Texas and has all the disadvanatages of any Conference as pastor of this charge. After a pleasant and soul-profitable States are represented here; also many year, the inevitable had to come-suoreign nations. Many denominations, perannuation. The next year that religiously speaking, are represented in faithful young minister, Bro. C. H. this Territory. The M. E. Church, Peele, was appointed to serve the work ful hearts to commemorate the death of South, seems to be in the lead. The an a supply; and last year at Ozona Southern Methodists were the first to he fell with his face toward Zion and place missionaries on the ground. The entered eternal rest. Last year Bro. J. elder into our midst, his stay among W. Gibbens served the work very acceptably and successfully by the help tory needs more efficient local preach- of the Lord. Many souls were won to bless him as he goes in and out among Christ. Thank God for converting Why not some of our local brothren who grace! Last year also our San Angelo year thus far of our life, and we are enare crowded on small works in Texas District Conference met here, presided over by our gentlemanly, scholarly and intelligent presiding elder, Bro. J. W. Stovall. We had a good conference, because the Lord Jesus Christ was present in the hearts of the people. It was good to be present. It is always good to be where Jesus shows his smiling tace. This year Bro. F. L. McGehee is starting fairly well on the work. I love TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSIONARY RE. these faithful ministers of God! Yes. the one in heaven, I love him still; and also those on earth. I love the people of God here. After having lived among them for three years I feel more at home here than anywhere else in this world. But I go out again from home and friends-not knowing whither I go! The Spirit of God bears witness with my spirit that I am his child. He leadeth me. He will never leave me, nor forsake me. But did I say I went out from tificate of your membership. Please home? Ah! In the language of our send me your names and postoffices. sainted Wesley:

No cottage in this wilderness;

A poor wayfaring man! i lodge awhile in tents below, And gladly wander to and fro

my friends; farewell, my foes! My peace with these, my love with those. And to you, my friends, "God be with

R. M. LEATON.

A NOTE FROM BRO. BALL.

When read out for Ailen Circuit by Bishop Keener at Paris we were glad, for we wanted to come into this section of the country. Our hearts were made sad, amid falling tears, in parting from our many friends in Postoak Circuit, with whom and for whom we have labored for the past two years. May God's blessings ever be upon them. In moving here we were detained in Decatur two nights and a day by rain. But we were made comfortable and we think welcome, too, in the homes of old friends in that city. God bless them, After a long silence I will, with the and make us truly grateful for that hospitality which shelters us from the storm amid our trials and wanderings from place to place. Leaving Decatur we soon entered the region of black mud, but landed safely in Denton the following night, which was spent with workers for Jesus and associated with old friends in that city. Next morning

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parsonage in Allen just at night, we found it cold and dark. Then driving they are struggling for freedom from to the residence of W. C. Killingsworth we surprised the family, for they had with his wife and children, in such weather and mud; but we received a hearty welcome and were soon comfortamong the children there and impress ably seated by a warm fire and in due them to be good and to be Jesus' little time permitted to feast at a rich table Amid the slush and mud of this great country and the suffering we endured, we did not in the least become disgust-

> ed, and we are glad we are here. We have been all round the circuit, preaching to good congregations, and in spite of some difficulties have been well received and we are hopeful of a

Many good things have found their way to the parsonage, which are duly appreciated and which gladden the preacher's heart as well as the hearts of wife and children. God bless the thoughtful donors who thus cheer our hearts on coming as strangers among

them.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 16th and 17th inst., in the rain and mud at Allen. On account of the bad weather, not an official from any other point was present, but we had a good Quarterly Conference. The stew ards had already fixed the preacher's salary at \$640, nearly 100 of which was paid-Allen paying \$75.50 at the first quarted. Rev. I. S. Ashburn, our new presiding elder, was at his post filling his place satisfactorily to all. He preached only one sermon, which was highly appreciated and greatly enjoyed by the small congregation present. His remarks at the sacramental board were very touching, and we knelt with grate our Lord. God was with us. May his Spirit abide. The visit of the presiding us and his conversations in the family circle have been a bleessing to us. God us. We want to make this the best

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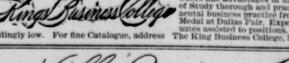
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