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With the birth of the Wesleys was born a great evangelical revival. The scripture was again fulfilled which says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Our blessed Lord fulfilled this scripture as effectually through the evangelical preaching of the Wesleys as he did in person while on earth in the flesh. But the manifold results of the great Wesleyan revival are not the fruits of preaching exclusively. Mr. Wesley was wise enough to ally the pulpit and the press. He was not only a great preacher, but also a great publisher. He says that "much love did not always imply much light." But love without light is not only blind, but a fruitless thing. It can never lead, and must either follow or fall into the ditch. God is love and God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. The love that abides and grows and is fruitful-leading into larger life and closer communion with the Lord-is enlightened love. Across the path of the other kind there always yawns the dark abyss of fanaticism, from which the angel of light can only rescue its victims by miraculous interposition.

The evangelical press has always

puipit. From the beginning it has been the aim of Methodism to edify by education. Sanctified schools and literature have been no mean part of her with religious literature has always been the meaning of her publishing interests. To get the literature into the hands and then into the hearts of the people is one of the accomplishments she realizes as necessary to the fulfillment of her mission. To get the literature in the hands of the people is a serious element in the problem. since when once gotten there the other will follow. An attempt at a better solution of this problem, and a wise one, has brought to us the Book House at Dallas. The aim is to put the books conveniently at our door. It remains for us to buy, read, sell and distribute, The plant deserves the concentrated patronage of Texas Methodism, not for its own sake, but for the furtherance of an intelligent Christianity among our people. With the proper cultivation it is hoped that ere long we will have not only a Book House, but a real and flourishing Publishing House. This result can only be the result of a united patronage which will advance the Unurch in better equipment and more power to do her divinely appointed work. So let's have a "strong pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether' for this end.

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The Church must seek to change the taste of the reader, and demand will correct the quality of the supply. The only by keeping the right kind of literature before the people, through the consecrated efforts of our preachers.

The success of our early preachers was due to the fact that they kept good books and urged the people to buy and read them.

scattered over The books now the country are made to sell, and the object in view is the money they bring and no care is taken except to pander to the lusts and excite the passions, while every book of this kind that is read increases the desire to read more, augmenting the trade by the spontaneity of the seed sown.

If the Church had used half the diligence in scattering religious reading matter that common book-readers have done, we would have reaped a large harvest for the sowing, and if the shepherd sees the wolf coming and fails to give the warning and thus save his flock from the impending danger, he is guilty of their blood.

The thoughts of childhood are seed thoughts for manhood, and the books our boys and girls read will bear fruit, good or evil, in mature life. It is said the room of Napoleon's mother was decorated by scenes of the Trojan war, and the young life of Napoleon was fired by the martial spirit suggested by the mute though expressive canvas.

Children brought up under the influence of wholesome literature will find its sentiments forming the warp and weft of mature life.

Like whisky and morphine, bad books are used to gratify a vitiated taste as morbid and unnatural as the diseased palate, and as ruinous and blighting to the soul as they are to

The Church that reads nothing will be eaten of dry rot, and decay will evidence its presence by inactivity and selfishness; the Church that reads bad books will indicate its dying condi- draw others after you to heaven.'

young people will develop into criminals; the Church that reads good books will be intelligent and responsive to every appeal to good works. There are few good men who are not indebted to good books for the motives and desires that urge them on in the good way.

No Church member can be intelligent and reliable who does not read, and he who depends entirely on the sermon for religious instruction will, sooner or later, be tossed by every

wind of doctrine.

The Twentieth Century question in Texas will be answered by the reading masses, but the remainder (the larger part) must be left to the care of the faithful pastors who will teach them to patronize our Methodist Publishing House at Dallas. I. W. CLARK.

While in Dallas attending the meeting of the Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate 1 called at our Branch House, located in Dallas, and found Bro. W. C. Everett, Business Manager, and a corps of polite clerks in attendance and busy. If I am not mistaken Everett is the right man in the right place. Trained to business, his heart in the work, and possessing the rare faculty of interesting himself about the smallest matter that concerns his customers, if this venture of our Publishing House to establish a branch business in Texas does not succeed it will not be his a large, well-arranged house, on one of periodicals from floor to ceiling. I said in my heart, and say so now, Texas Methodism ought to rally to this ed the high regard in which the whole Church holds Texas Methodism, and its faith in our ability and willingness to support such an enterprise. To let it fail would be to disappoint this hope and confidence. Second, because of its convenience and nearness to us. The city of Dallas is almost in gun shot of the most prosperous sections of East Texas, of the rich and populous sections of North and Northwest Texas, and Middle and Western and Southwestern Texas. The House can be reached from almost any section in thirty minutes by telephone and can be reached by letter any four to twenty-four hours, whereas it would take from twenty-four to forty-eight hours to reach Nashville. Then again, for every one of our Texas preachers and laymen who visit Nashville it is safe to say that fifty visit Dallas. How convenient when in Dallas to walk over to our Publishing House and buy the books that we want, or to step to a telephone and give our order and receive the goods in four to twenty-four hours. All this, no doubt, our Agents considered in establishing this Branch House. They knew that Dallas was a far better distributing point than Nashville by reason of its having much better railroad facilities. There is scarcely any nour of the day that express trains are not entering and departing from the city. With all these advantages the House ought to succeed immensely, and it will if our presiding elders and pastors will call attention to it, and encourage our people to buy good books, and when they desire it, order for them. With the advantages now offered us, what may not Texas Methodism do? With our own grand Texas Advocate, our own well-filled book store, our school and colleges equal to the best-ah! we must, we can, we will, succeed. J. T. SMITH, Timpson, Texas.

A little girl was lying sick, nigh unto death. Beside the bed her father was watching and weeping. much do I cost vou, papa, every year?" asked the dying child. Again and again she asked the question, until the father named a certain sam. "Why do you ask this?" he said. "Because," you would lay that amount out this year in Bibles for poor children to remember me by." With heart swelling with deepest feeling the father kissed the cold brow and replied. "I will, my child;" and then, after a pause, added: "I will do it every year, that you may

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TWENTIETH CENTURY TIDINGS.

December 7, 1899.

Last July, during the great gathering of young people's societies in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. some five missionaries of our Southern Methodist Board got together for a few moments to discuss our attitude towards the Twentieth Century Movement. We had been reading, praying and thinking before, and as soon as the matter was mentioned the unanimous verdict of those present was that Mexican Methodists would not lag behind. The more we talked the more the fires of enthusiasm kindled. We resolved that, by the help of God, we would go forward, and that the missionaries would lead in the contributions. Plans were laid for educational rallies at the three conferences. Then each one present went down into his pockets and gave \$100 each to this great cause.

Three months slipped by, and at Durango, the seat of the Northwest Conference, under the inspiring leadership of Bishop Morrison, we found ourselves in the midst of the first rally. with both foreigners and natives making as liberal gifts as one could possibly expect. Indeed, they went beyond expectations. Out here not many learned, not many great, not many rich, have been called; but those that have accepted the invitation to the gospel feast are as consistent, earnest and devout as any Christians in any part of the world. To our surprise, on this occasion they pledged \$846.25. Mexican currency, part of which is already paid.

Two weeks afterwards the Central Conference was called to order in Mexico City. Here, as in Durango, the feature of the sessions was the educational rally. The matter was presented by ringing speeches from Rev. I. S. Rivera and Bishop Morrison with admirable results. In less than fifteen minutes \$1625 were subscribed. In addition, Rev. J. W. Grimes very generously donated a piece of property that he owns in the city of San Luis Potosi.

With these examples before us, we were sure of success at our home conference, the Mexican Border, which met at Laredo November 2. The cause of education and the Twentieth Century Movement were presented to as large, representative and intelligent a body of Methodists as has been my good fortune to see during six years of labor across the Rio Grande. Rev. G. B. Winton made the first address, the eloquent Basilio Soto followed, and the Bishop, in his own happy style, closed with an exhortation and lifted the collection. On this occasion they gave \$1635, and at the Seminary Sunday afternoon another \$1000. I know of two other gifts of \$200 each, so that the grand total subscribed to the fund on our territory is \$5000, with more to follow. This will make an average of one dollar a member. This is so much better than we at first supposed could be done that we bow our knees in praise and thankfulness to the great Head of the Church. May be multiply the zeal, the consecration and the liberality now manifest in this part of our beloved Zion.

With pardonable pride we point to past in the work of self-support and in the missionary collections. Urged on by the Secretaries of the Central Board, and the very wise and universal demand that new churches should self-supporting, self-propagating churches, the workers in this field are straining every nerve to hasten the glorious day when we shall not be dependent upon funds from abroad. Only those on the field, however, understand the great difficulties to be met in attaining such a desirable end. much easier to say what ought to be done than to roll up the sleeves and use the tact and Christian patience necessary to do it. We are meeting with success. The collections for missions exceed those of last year by \$700, and the collections for the sup port of preachers in charge are \$850 beyond what they were last year.

The brethren which are with me salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

Monterey, Mexico.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Sometimes I feel like taking up my pen to vindicate the rights of our heritage in the Territories, and again I think, it is too much like trying to defend the truth, which needs no defense, right when he said: "No man is elector else a better champion than one so unworthy as I. Some people in the States have the idea that the Indian Mission Conference is a weakling, with no organization. This is a great mistake. Our conference is strong and well organized, consisting of nearly two hundred preachers. Among these are some of most remarkable talent,

Bishop, after delivering a very practidience and invited them to give the 'right hand of fellowship." which turned into a general old-fashioned Methodistic handshake. The effect was wonderful. Men and women shouted the praises of God in the old-time way, and that, too, right in the midst of a conference are a very consecrated body of men. Some alarming experiences feast. One man told of how he had lived on one meal a day, eaten from a the whosoever won'ts." tin pan, set on his knees, and then had carried a hod to procure means to take him to conference. Others told of their children crying for something to eat, and yet these men said: "Give me work." These are men who know how to labor and suffer and die for Christ's sake, and what they lack in temporal things is made up to them in spiritual things. These are the characters who, as instruments in God's hands, will rescue this country from the powers of darkness and present it as a thank offering to Christ. With such as these, can you be surprised that we have faith in the future outcome of the work in these parts? With such men consecrated to the service of God we could take the world for the Master.

One of the most remarkable features of the conference was the Christ-like spirit, shown in the way the preachers received their appointments. Hardly a murmur or complaint was heard, but everyone seemed to be resigned and determined to go anywhere.

We were especially glad to be sent back to Dougherty, as we have a good charge and a good people. We are very much indebted to the ladies for their kind care and encouragement for the preacher. They take a pride in doing any kind of work for Christ. They never seem to be idle, but always getting up something in the interest of the preacher or the Church.

Our stone church building is slowly moving toward completion. We are striving hard to finish it up and move in. Quite a good deal of help is coming in from the outside and some of it from Texas, too. Sister W. H. Dougherty, of Gainesville, has just helped us out with a nice donation, for which we are very gratehusband gave us \$50 in the summer, Methodists, their means continue to flow into God's treasury, and they will find in the afterwhile that they have not given amiss. He whose eye beholds the falling sparrow takes knowledge of the smallest gifts of His children.

We are praying for and expecting 100 conversions this year.

Bro. J. F. Sherwood is our presiding elder again, for which we thank God. He was a pastor in the North Texas Conference for a quarter century, in which capacity he was a decided success. But if ever a man has found his place, Bro. Sherwood certainly has. He but it is a short step. is cut out, made up and dressed down strictly for a presiding elder. He is a hustler, full of business, and all his business full of religion.

May God bless the Church everywhere this year as never before. God give us some of the old Pentecost power. Pray for us of the Indian Mission

W. ARTHUR SHELTON.

Dougherty, I. T.

BIBLE READING ON METHODISM.

Chapter 4.

ELECTION.

of election as taught in the scriptures. That is, that everyone who is elected to salvation must first become a ing to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctification of the Spirit. But for one to be thus elected through the Spirit he must first submit his will to the will of God. The colored brother got it down about ed 'cept he becomes a candidate." When you can get a sinner to earnestly tion is soon accomplished. There are those abroad in the land who contend would be saved thereby. that the mission of Christ and the minfoundation of the world to eternal hap-

wonderfully endowed with the gift of ory is native contradicted by the lotton.

God. The conference just held at Arding scriptures: Mark 2:17: "They that by "dipthong" are whole need not a physician, but To say "systematize" for the terse tended. Its characteristics were: they that are sick. I came not to call and simpler word "systemize, remind-Peace, harmony, brotherly love and the righteous, but sinners to repent- me of walking on stilts, tho we are all the power of the Holy Ghost. The scene ance." Matt. 18:11: "For the Son of ready provided with legs for locomat the reception of members into full Man is come to save that which was tion. connection was simply sublime. The lost." 1 Tim. 1:15: "This is a faithful. In Funk & Wagnalls' publisht list I saying, and worthy of all acceptation, notice that option is allowed in cal lecture, turned the class to the au- Christ Jesus came into the world to spelling of certain words. This is to save sinners." Rom. 5:8: While we take but half a step, and mars the were yet sinners Christ died for us." uniformity of the system. Now that 1 Tim. 2:4: "Who will have all men to the reform is begun, let thoro work be saved." 1 Tim. 2:6: "Who gave be done. If the language is to be sys Himself a ransom for all." Rev. 22:17: temized, take away the option and "Whosoever will let him take the wa- write "fotograft," thus avoiding the ter of life freely." The foregoing scrip- use of three letters and conducing to business session. The members of this tures are very clear as to the divine simplicity. side of election, or the work of the There would be gain to speakers seeking Savior. The preacher was also if our pronunciation were given at the Sunday morning love right who said that the "elect are the unified. To allow two pronunciation whosoever wills and the non-elect are of one word serves to arouse

Now let us examine a few other fers to call it differently. This que scriptures as to the human side of elec- tion definitely settled, a vast deal tion: Is, 55:6: "Seek ye the Lord while lexicografical search would be he may be found; call upon him while viated, resulting in a distinct gain he is near." Ez. 18:23: "Have I any time for more valuable rewarch. Compleasure at all that the wicked should tinuity of thought would be favore die? saith the Lord God, and not that also, since the listener would not have he should return from his ways and his attention abruptly arrested by live?" 2 Peter 3:9: "The Lord is not grotesk pronunciation slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness, but is long suf- tionary of the English Language" had fering to usward, not willing that any adopted either one of the should perish, but that all should come nunciations of the word "wound to repentance." There are those who practice would soon have stand at the door of their wills with in that direction, and confusion avoid the door locked and bolted and resist- ed. ing every knock and call of the Spirit If some one who has sufficient leis and say they are waiting for a special ure would consult the standard of call. They mean by that that they ex- thoepists who are already pect God to come up to the door of the making a faithful count of preference will and by force snatch the key from the result ought to be satisfactory their hands and force an entrance, the public. Take the word leve This is just what God will never do, for instance. If a majority of Though he is an omnipotent God, pos-thoepists prefer to pronounce sessed of all power in heaven and "lev-er," then let it be so to the earth, that is one thing that he can not of time. And so of "revolt," "leis do, for he has delegated to man the ure," "humble," and all the power to choose for himself in this matter. "Choose ye this day which ye C. G. SHUTT. will serve. Barry, Texas.

(To be continued.)

ABE MULKEY PHONETICS A SYSTEM OF SIMPLIFIED SPELLING-A LONG DELAYED CREDIT.

Having known the father it was with peculiar pleasure that I heard the son preach at the late Cleburne Conference. His facial expression has softened since I saw him about ten years ago. His opening sentence captivates his hearers. He carries his business methods into the pulpit. He ful. It will be remembered that her is direct and pointed. The utter absence of the clerical tone is refreshing. but, like true Christians and loyal is a preacher under obligation to use any other than his natural voice? But did not commence to write up Abe Mulkey. That has often been done better than I am able to do it. I wish, however, to call attention to the fact that scant justice has been done his pioneer father. Had he lived till today he would have been written down a linguistic reformer. He was a hundred years in advance of the times in

> The American Philological Society and the American Spelling Reform have taken one step in the direction of the Mulkey System of Phonetics.

This system was considered by Mr. Mulkey's contemporaries to be so revolutionary that they stood aghast before it. And yet his system, radical as it is, contemplates such simplification of the language that the merest child could read and pronounce correctly, because nature's method of cause of ordin vocalization was followed. The elementary sounds in the word were uttered, and only these. No character possessed more than one value. This was uniform and unchangeable.

Among medical journals it is noticeable that The Medical World of Philadelphia adopts a modified system of phonetic spelling. For instance, bromine, iodine and such like have the We Methodists believe in the doctrine terminal "e" omitted. There is a saving of three letters in writing thoro instead of thorough.

Last year The Medical World called candidate. 1 Peter 1:2: "Elect accord- for a symposium on the simplified spelling. Here is a voice from Texas: Editor Medical World: By all means let the spelling reform go on. Life is too short and problems demanding solution are too numerous to handicap ourselves or our children with burdens which well might be thrown off. The child could spell as well as the adult if our language were seek a seeking Savior the work of elec- conformed to a system of phonetics (fonetics.) Time, labor and expense

When doing away with diphthongs, istry is to feed the sheep and strength- why not write the word fonetically, en those who were elected before the difthong? This not only saves the writing or printing of another letter. thorough culture, and, above all, most piness. Such a very preposterous the- but corrects a faulty pronunciation as cloth, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

To illustrate: If "A Standard Dis

JOHN F. NEAL

Georgetown, Texas.

DETAINED AT HOME.

at home, detained by necessary or but of thy sending; my care could no move them. Wherefore, though I can table with the rest of thy guests their meat hither, and feed my sos Though I can not pray with them, I pray for them. Yea, this comforts me; i am with thy congregation, because I

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reading and cramming. A man can read of floating in thin air. a good book, take in the whole of its substance, digest it and make it his own for all time to come, or he can tie circle is a home angel, but an irri- Allen spoke for the institution. go through it hurriedly, gather a table and a fussy one is only an angel smattering of it for temporary use, but when she is in a good humor. receive no permanent benefit from its contents. The former habit will A professional gossip, whether man strengthen his mind and enrich his or woman, belongs to the itinerancy character, but the latter will impover- of the devil, and the work thus done ish his resources and weaken his men- is very pleasing to his Satanic Majesty.

make very plausible furniture and tree, and when they hit the ground their presence may make the impres- they seem to be very much surprised. sion upon the visitor that the people who live there have a literary turn of mind; but the mere possession of a themselves, others have wives capable study, and not to give finish to a wellregulated home. Some people have weakness for buying books just for the functions of a man in the domestic Lucas, Texas, accompanied him. sake of owning them; but books in a economy unless she has a husband of a library are of no good to the house- decidedly feminine turn of mind and hold unless they are studiously read heart. and mastered.

timent of mankind. Many of these bachelor. may have been gone long years before, but here they are with us in the revel in their well-informed and cultivated company. We make them our his friends sit down by him and argue them may still be living in the great intermission. centers and across the seas, but their books bring them as guests under our

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EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

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When the roll is called up yonder we'll be there-if it does not happen that we are somewhere else.

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The preacher who has acquired a good forgettery and makes it prominent town, was in Dallas this week and after he separates from some company called on the Advocate. is to be congratulated.

Now and then you find a man in your goings and comings who would in his Church. be all right if he only knew how to attend to his own business.

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Higher Criticism is called high because it indulges in theories whose spe-There is a wide difference between cific gravity imparts to it the quality

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Some men are able to take care of library does not impart knowledge. of attending to this matter, but a few Eooks must be bought to read and others are sadly in need of guardians, 0

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Reading good books is a real joy to widow of pious character, but she was has been for many years an efficient Reading good books is a real joy to a lover of knowledge. They bring him possessed of fine judgment and knew body. His brethren sympathize with into communion with the great souls exactly how to lay her plans in the him in his affliction. His address is whose thoughts have shaped the sen- capture of Boaz, the unsuspecting old Marble Falls, Texas.

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It was enough to put Job's wife out our Georgetown exchanges quietude of the home circle and we of humor to have a husband covered with boils and then to have three of daily associates. Many o'ners of abstruse questions for weeks without

THE COAT IS FOUND.

roof and we can look into their faces In the last issue of the Advocate we and listen to their words of wisdom. mentioned the fact that some one at All of their laborious research and in- the North Texas Conference had abvestigations into the deep subjects stracted our overcoat. We now anwith which the mind is contending, hounce that the garment is again in they bring and deliver into our pos- our possession. It arrived safe and session. The man who loves good sound on the morning of Thanksgiving books has the advantage of the com- day. After the adjournment of the pany of the best men and women conference at Honey Grove a lady was who have lived and are still living looking through the room in her house among the varying conditions of so- which had been occupied by two of the presiding elders and found the coat hanging up in the closet. How it came A good book can never die. It is there she has not the remotest idea, endowed with immortality. The mind unless it was carried hither by one of which produced it is immortal. It is the two "beloveds." Now both of these made up of true and noble thought, presiding ciders were seen in the hall God. The outward form of the man evening the coat disappeared. One or who wrote the book will die, but the the other of them evidently laid viomind whose thought is imbedded in lent hands upon it and hied away with the book will defy change and live on it to his abode. We thought more after things temporal have passed than once that both of these officials away. Then these good books in our bad a suspicious look while we were beenes give to us and our children an shivering around in a norther, but as brave soldier in the Confederate that day. Where a preacher can not

found the coat we were not prepared war he represented his district in Con-When a man knows that he has done to charge them with the offense. But gress for several terms. He was a you a meanness he wants to avoid you. Now it turns out that they had guilty knowledge of the missing garment. High stepping is invariably an indi- At the next conference we will have a cation of defective eye-sight and such 16ckoning with them. One of them in the first Sunday-school at Thomas personal appearance is tall, lank and lean, while the other one is fat and When doctors are perfecting a new squatty, built somewhat after the remedy they always experiment on toost improved model of a lump of its first page into a great picture galjelly. If any one can ideat'fy them lery. The last issue had a cut of the according to this description the city of Jerusalem as large as a Too much mouth has often been the knowledge will be received in confiruin of some heads well filled with dence and thanks tendered for the favor.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. N. M. McLaughlin, of DeLeon, made the Advocate an appreciated

Rev. James Campbell, of George-

Bro. E. R. Hightower, of Belcher, made us a good visit the other day on his way to Houston. He is a steward

Rev. Dr. Horace Bishop, of the Waxahachie District, made us a pleasant visit last Monday. He is making a good start for the new year.

On account of severe indisposition, Frof. R. S. Hyer had to leave the session of the North Texas Conference without addressing the brethren upon cessor. the interests of our University.

passed through the city last week on his way to Cedar Hill to attend the 180. Good for the old North Carolina funeral of an old friend of other days. He called to see us while here. He in membership this year of 1200. has Willow Street Church at Sherman this year.

We acknowledge an invitation to the marriage of Winnie Graham to Mr. J. W. Cook, which happy event will take place the 12th instant at Staples, Texas. Miss Graham is the daughter of West Texas Conference.

Rev. C. E. Gallagher, of Northwest Texas Conference, after the adjournment of that body, visited relatives and friends in North Texas. His call at the Advocate office was a pleasant one. His niece, Miss Cora Pharr, of

A note from Rev. C. H. Maloy, Marble Falls, states that his wife is still tioned at Blank, 1899. quite sick. Bro. M. located at the late session of the West Texas Conference Ruth was not only a beautiful young on account of his wife's health. He

We clip the following from one of

Regent R. S. Hyer, of the Southwestern University, made an eloquent speech at the meeting of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference at Cleburne last week in explanation of the great work the Southwestern University was doing for the cause of Christian education. Those who heard the speech speak in the highest terms of it and regard Regent Hyer's remarks as the ablest heard in many a day. He paid high tribute to the grand educational institution that is to-day loved by the Methodists of Texas. They founded it because they believed it would perform a grand mission and followed it with an earnest real that has challenged the admiration of all who are familiar with its struggles and triumphs. Regent Hyer is preeminently a man in whom the people have reposed every confidence and upon the occasion of the speech at Cieburne distinguished himself. ...

METHODIST NEWS.

The average salary paid the past year to the preachers of the Virginia Conference was \$817.

Dr. J. P. McFerrin, late of the Louisville Conference, has just been appointed to the First Methodist Church in Birmingham.

our old friend, Gen. R. B. Vance, of Sunday in December. If possible have

good man.

In 1786 Bishop Asbury organized Crenshaw's residence in Hanover County, Virginia.

The "Old Richmond" has converted bianket.

Dr. W. M. Green, of the Midland Methodist Church, has been compelled to abandon work for a few weeks in order to recuperate his strength in needed rest.

Rev. B. F. Haynes, of the Tennessee Conference, who was recently appointed to Trinity charge, East Nashville, has resigned the place. It was not large enough for him.

Bishop Galloway has been appointed by the proper committee to preach the opening sermon at the Ecumenical Conference to be held in London in September, 1961. That will be a rare eccasion.

Dr. Schell, Secretary of the Epworth Leagues of the M. E. Church, has tendered his resignation on account of the trouble he got into in a little money transaction some time back. Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., is his suc-

At the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference, Bishop Key made an address upon the Twen-Rev. John S. Davis, of Sherman, tieth Century Movement and took up a collection, which amounted to \$10,-State. That conference had a net gain ...

REV. J. T. RASCOE.

Rev. J. 7. Rascoe, appointed to Channing Circuit, Clarendon District, died at Snyder at 11 a. m. to-day. Bro. Rascoe served the Snyder Circuit last Itev. and Mrs. J. T. Graham, of the year; was sick much of the time; but did not think his condition so serious.

J. S. CHAPMAN.

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 5, 1839.

A CONTRAST.

Contrast between now and twenty years ago. I saw in the last issue: Rev. J. J. Blank, having finished a full course at Vanderbilt, has entered the North Texas Conference and is sta-

CONTRAST.

The Rev. John Henry Johnston, having finished a full and complete course at Harvard College has joined the North Texas Conference and is stationed on Post Oak Mission. Before hitching a young horse to a fine buggy, you had better have him pull a bush around awhile. 1897.

A. J. ANDERSON. Brother Anderson is mistaken in the first name. "Rev. J. J. Blank" does not figure in the appointments of the North Texas Conference. As to the other preacher mentioned, we are not acquainted with him. Whenever the Bishop and his cabinet hitch up a colt to a "brush" and have him pull it around for awhile, the Advocate will make record of the fact. But this paper is not in the business of "breaking colts." But when the conference breaks them and puts them to work, whether they are from Vanderbilt or the mission, their appointments will be duly recorded. We commend the remark of Brother Anderson to the wisdom of Bishop Hargrove and the "beloveds." -Ed. Advocate.

TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK-OFFERING.

To the Preachers and People of Greenville District, North Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren: We must give the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering the right-of-way in the district for the next four months, and as the Board of Education did not propose a plan for this work I suggest the following for our district: Let the work begin in every Church, League and Sunday-We note with sorrow the death of school in the district on the fifth that day. Where a preacher can not they frequently asked us if we had Army and rose to eminence. After the be secured to conduct the service a

layman or Le charge. A c congregation the service a subscriptions Look. Each a book and th dist, old or en it with th This book wh placed among charge. The Sunday in De day for the di Sunday the w and gratefully committee wi securing nan the fourth Su another public ducted in ever time each pa represent and of and need o gregation. Tl will meet imn of the first re a report fron called for as If any pasto

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layman or Leaguer may be placed in charge. A committee of three or more should be appointed in each congregation to assist in arranging the service and securing names and subscriptions for the Century Roll-Look. Each charge should have such a book and the name of every Methodist, old or young, should be placed on it with the amount contributed. This book when completed should be placed among the archives of the charge. The Friday before the fifth Sunday in December will be the fast gay for the district and the following Sunday the work should be earnestly and gratefully inaugurated. The local committee will continue the work of securing names and offerings until the fourth Sunday in March, when another public meeting should be conducted in every Church. In the meantime each pastor will have time to represent and fully explain the object of and need of the fund in each congregation. The District Conference will meet immediately after the close of the first round on the district and a report from each charge will be called for as to results in each.

If any pastor needs a book or other help he can secure same by writing the General Secretary of Education or perhaps the Conference Secretary. Cur motto: A century thank-offering from every Methodist in the district. Our marching orders: Begin the work on the fifth Sunday in December and close it on the fourth Sunday in March. I. S. ASHBURN, P. E. Greenville, Texas.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren of the Corsicana The Twentieth Century District: Fund Committee appointed by the presiding elder for our district met at Blooming Grove, December 1. The committee organized by electing E. A. Bailey, presiding elder, Chairman; J. P. Odom, Secretary; Gov. Geo. T. Jester, Treasurer. The district was divided into five sections, containing from two to five charges each, and a place was selected in each section at which to hold a rally. The following are the sections and places for rallies: Section 1. Mexia, Cotton Gin, Groesbeck, Thornton and Horn Hill, at Groesbeck. Section 2, Hubbard City, Armour, Wortham and Dawson, at Armour. Section 3, Rice, Kerens and Hester, at Wesley Chapel. Section 4, Frost and Prandon, at Mertens. Section 5, Corsicana, Corsicana Circuit, Barry, Blooming Grove and Dresden, at Barry. Dates for these rallies are to be fixed at the preachers' meeting of the district to be held at Corsicana the 13th instant. Suitable programs will be arranged and speakers secured for these rallies. We contemplate an all-day service, if not longer, at each place. It is very much desired by your committee that these ralifes shall be occasions of real spiritual uplifting—"seasons of refreshing from the day-school Lessons for 1900, by DeLoss presence of the Lord." Secondly, we M. Tompkins D. D. published by Fred want to quicken the conscience of the D. Ewell, 132 Market Street, Chicago. Methodism of our district upon the This little volume presents in a most subject of Christian education; third- convenient form the lessons for the Normandy," by Salees Kennard, is a ly, we desire to make these rallies so- entire year, together with a remark- descriptive article on this picturesque cial blessing; and, finally, we expect able amount of comprehensive study a thank-offering unto God for the cause of Christian education from every Methodist in the district-not one to be excused. Shall we be disappointed? Will any dare excuse themselves from the biessed privilege of giving shown in its make-up have produced for the honor and glory of God? Both inspiration and experience teach me by every busy person fortunate enough that "it is more blessed to give than to possess one. to receive." We receive all blessings from the bountiful hand of our Heavenly Father. We should prize no blessing that crowns our lives more than the ability to give. God blesses you that you may be able to bless another. "Receive not the grace of God in vain.' What has God done for you, my brother? What has he done for our discrict? We stand first in our conference. We lead in accessions to the Church by 233. In number of baptisms 31. For all purposes we paid last year \$30,959, which is \$314.23 more than the next highest district. Our district paid more money last year than the Dallas District of the North Texas Conference by \$214.67. We are the leading district in our great Texas Methodism. This carries with it no small responsibility. Shall we meet that responsibility? By the grace of God we will meet and discharge it. We ought to give \$20,000 to the cause of Christian education by January 1, 1900, and I believe we will do it. It is simply a question of will, not of the globe; stories of soldiers and sailability. God has given the ability, ors; of explorers, and of missionaries; and now it remains to be seen whether of statesmen, and of scientists; of rewe will show our gratitude by making the offering. Let us honor God

J. D. ODOM, Sec. District Committee.

as he gives ability.

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The December number of The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine has for frontispiece a portrait of Rev. William Nasi, the John Wesley of German Methodism. The interesting and eventful life of Dr. Nast is ably treated in an article in the same issue. "Col-eridge's 'Ancient Mariner,'" by James Main Dixon, is given first place in this number. The author furnishes a fresh and suggestive interpretation of this popular poem, and discusses the circumstances which led Coleridge to write it. The illustrations of the article are reproduced from the Dore edition of the poem by permission of Messrs. Harper Brothers. "Rambles in province, and is beautifully The historical points are well brought out, and a reproduction of the famous mooring, and setting our white sail Bayeux tapestry adds much to the in-B. Galloway contributes an interesting dreams into the glories of the great article on Blennerhassett. The story of Harman Blennerhassett, seldom told and almost forgotten, posseses a weird mingling of romance and tragedy, and forms a part of one of the most thrill-True Stories of Heroic Lives. By ing chapters of our national history-Various Authors. 12mo., cloth, 320 pp. that in which Aaron Burr played such a conspicuous part. The tenth chapter of "The Illustrated History of Methodism" is "The First Decade of Ameri-

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I am home again from Arkonsus and am ready to assist the pastors in their meeting for the next few weeks-at least till Christma

ED G. PHILLIPS.

What we call death is but an exo age into the land of liberty: for the fresh breeze and the brigh terest of the article. Bishop Charles sun; an awakening from life's troubled the eternal reality; a victory, a home coming to the friends, to the Fathe to the Christ; a coronation: "I will give you a crown of righteousness and ye shall reign kings and priests unto God." "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."-Lyman Abbott, D. D.

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John Wesley, born as he was in 1703 and dying as he did in 1791, covers as nearly as mortal man may, the whole of the eighteenth century, of which he was one of the most typical and certainly the most strenuous figure. began his published journal on Oct. 14, 1735, and its last entry is under date Sunday, October 24, 1790, when in the morning he explained to a numercus congregation in Spitalfields Church The Whole Armor of God," and in the afternoon enforced to a stiil larger audience in St. Paul's, Shadwell, the great truth, "One thing is needful," the last words of the journal being I hope many even then resolved to choose the better part."

Between those two Octobers there lies the most amazing record of human exertion ever penned or endured. I do not know whether I am likely to have among my readers anyone who has ever contested an English or Scottish county in a parliamentary election since household suffrage. If I have, that tired soul will know how severe is the strain of its three weeks, and how impossible it seemed at the end of the first week that you should be able to keep it going for another fortnight. and how when the last night arrived you felt that had the strife been accidentally prolonged another seven days you must have perished by the wayside. Well, John Wesley contested the three kingdoms in the cause of Christ during a campaign which lasted forty years. He did it for the most part on horseback. He paid more turnpikes than any man whoever bestrode a beast. Eight thousand miles was his annual record for many a long year, during each of which he seldom preached less frequently than five thousand times. Had he but preserved his scores at all the inns where he lodged, they would have made by themselves a history of prices. And throughout it all he never knew what depression of spirits meant-though he had much to try him, suits in chancery and a jealous wife.

In the course of this unparalleled contest Wesley visited again and again the most cut-of-the-way districtsthe remotest corners of Englandplaces which to-day lie far removed even from the searcher after the pict-In 1899, when the map of England looks like a gridiron of railways, none but the sturdiest of pedestrians, the most determined of cyclists can retrace the steps of Wesley and his horse and stand by the rocks and the natural amphitheatres in Cornwall and Northumberland, in Lancashire and Berkshire, where he preached his gospel to the heathen. Exertion so prolonged, enthusiasm so sustained, argues a remarkable man, while the organization he created, the system he founded, the view of life he promulgated, is still a great fact among us. No other name than Wesley's lies embalmed as his does. Yet he is not a popular figure. Our standard historians have dismissed him curtly. The fact is, Wesley put your ordinary historian out of conceit with himself. How much easier to weave dren's souls than of their bodies. nto your page the gossip of Horace less jest of George Selwyn's, to make it blush with sad stories of the extravthe rhetoric of Burke, to humanize it with the talk of Johnson, to discuss the rise and tall of administrations, the growth and decay of the constitution, than to follow John Wesley into the streets of Bristol, or on to the bleak moors near Burslem, when he met, face to face in all their violence, all their ignorance, and all their gencresity the living men, women, and children who made up the nation.

It has perhaps also to be admitted that to found great organizations is to build your tomb-a splendid tomb, it may be, a veritable sarcophagus, but chapels lie a little heavily on John Rome make us forgetful of the grave

It has been said that Wesley's character lacks charm, that mighty antisentic. It is not easy to define charm, which is not a catalogue of qualities. but a mixture. Let no one deny charm to Wesley who has not read his journal. Southey's life is a dull, almost a stupid, book, which happily there is no need to read. Read the journal, which is a book full of plots and plays and novels, which quivers with life and is crammed full of character.

John Wesley came of a stock which had been much harassed and put about by our unhappy religious difficulties. Politics, business, and religion are the three things Englishmen are said to worry themselves about. The Wes-leys early took up with religion. John Wesley's great-grandfather and grand-

father were both ejected from their theological stock, having a spint for a livings in 1662, and the grandfather father and a notable devout woman for was so bullied and oppressed by the Five Mile Act that he early gave up the ghost. Whereupon his remains were refused what is called Christian burial, though a holier and more primitive man never drew breath, actions. After a good deal of heart-This poor, persecuted spirit left two sons according to the flesh, Matthew mother, Wesley was ordained a deacon and Samuel; and Samuel it was who

Samuel Wesley, though minded to share the lot, hard though that lot was, great delight of his father. of his progenitors, had the moderation of mind, the Christian conservatism which ever marked the family, and being sent to a dissenting college, became disgusted with the ferocity and bigotry he happened there to encount-Those were the days of the Calf's Head Club and feastings on the 29th of January, graceless meals for which Samuel Wesley had no stomach. His turn was for the things that are "quiet, wise, and good." He departed from the dissenting seminary and in 1685 entered himself as a poor scholar at Exeter College, Oxford. He brought £2 6s. with him, and as for prospects, he had none. Exeter received him. During the eighteenth century our two universities, famous despite their faults, were always open to the poor scholar who was ready to subscribe. not to boat clubs or cricket clubs, but to the Thirty-nine Acceles. archbishops of Canterbury during the eighteeath century were the sons of small tradesmen. There was, in fact, much less snobbery and money-worship during the century when the British empire was being won that during the century when it is being talked about. Samuel Wesley was allowed to remain at Oxford, where he supported himselt by devices known to his tribe, and when he left the university to be ordained he had clear in his jouch after discharging his tew debts, £16 15s. He had thus made £7 19s. out of his university, and had his education, as it were, thrown in for nothing. He soon obtained a curacy in London and married a daughter of the well-known ejected clergyman, Dr. Annesley, about whom you may read in another eighteenth century book "The life and Errors of John Cunton."

The mother of the Wesleys was a remarkable woman, though cast in a mould not much to our minds nowa-She had nineteen children, and greatly prided herself on having taught them, one after another, by frequent chastisements to, what do you think? to cry softy. She had theories of education and strength of will, and of arm too, to carry them out. knew Latin and Greek, and though a stern, forbidding, almost an unfeeling. parent, she was successful in winning and retaining not only the respect but the affection of such of her huge famiiv as lived to grow up. But out of the nineteen, thirteen early succumbed. Infant mortality was one of the great facts of the eighteenth century whose Rachels had to learn to cry softly over their dead babes. The mother of the Wesleys thought more of her chil-

The revolution of 1688 threatened to Walpole, to enliven it with a heart- disturb the early married life of Samuel Wesley and his spouse. The husband wrote a pamphlet in which he deagance of Vex, to embroider it with fended revolution principles, but the wife secretly adhered to the old cause; nor was it until a year before Dutch William's death that the rector made the discovery that the wife of his bosem, who had sworn to obey him and regard him as her over-lord, was not in the habit of saying Amen to his tervent prayers on behalf of his suffering sovereign. An explanation was demanded and the truth extracted, namely, that in the opinion of the rector's wife her true king lived over the water. The rector at once refused to live with Mrs. Wesley any longer until she recanted. This she refused to do, none the less a tomb. John Wesley's and for a twelvemonth the couple awelt apart, when William III. having Wesley. Even so do the glories of the good sense to die, a reconciliation became possible. If John Wesley was occasionally a little pig-headed, need one wonder? The story of the fire at Epworth Rectory and the miraculous escape of the infant John was once a tale as well known as Alfred in the neat-herd's rut, and pictures of it still hang up in many a collier's home.

John Wesley, received a sound, classical education at Charterhouse and Christ Church, and remained all his life very much the scholar and the gentleman. No company was too good for John Wesley, and nobody knew better than he did that he cared to carry his powerful intelligence, his flawless constitution, and his infinite capacity for taking pains into any of the markets of the world, he must have earne'i for himself place, fame, and fortune.

a mother. Wesley from his early days learned to regard religion as the business of his life, just as the younger Fitt came to regard the House of Commons as the future theatre of his searching and theological talk with his by the excellent Potter, afterward Priin his turn became the father of John mate, but then (1725) Bishop of Oxand Charles Wesley. ford. In the following year Wesley was elected a Fellow of Lincoln, to the ever I am." said the good old man, "my Jack is Fellow of London."

In trying to form even a glimmering idea of the state of the Church of England in 1725, when Wesley took orders, there are some incidents in its past history which must not be overlooked. I mean its repeated purgings. Evictions are of course of frequent occurrence in all Church histories, but the Church of England has been pecuharly unluckly in this respect. Let me, in a handful of sentences, recall the facts. I pass over the puzziing and unedifying events of King Henry VIII.'s time the Protestant rule of his short-lived son, the frank Romanism of his eldest daughter, and begin with Elizabeth, who succeeded in November, 1558. Crowned though she was according to the Catholic ceremonial, including the unction and the pontifical mass, it appears to have been well understood by those in high place that England having got a new master must be prepared once more for new men and new measures. They were indeed strange times. Can it be that the country did not care about the contimuity of its Church? The Act of Supremacy soon made its appearance, annexing to the Crown all jurisdictions, spiritual and ecclesiastical, for the visitation and reformation of the ecclesiastical state and persons, and of all errers, heresies, and schisms. The inevitable oat: was directed to be taken under the usual penalties-first, loss of property, ther loss of life. Queen Mary died there were but fifteen Anglican bishops alive. Of these, fourteen refused the oath and were turned neck and crop out of their sees. They went away quickly enough and disappeared into obscurity. Elizabeth called them a lazy set of scamps. We have no evidence that they were anything of the kind. Hardships and indignities were heaped upon them, some died in prison, others in retirement one or two escaped abroad. It seems to be the fact that they all died in their beds. They had no mind either to burn or hang. Jeremy Collier gives us, in addition to those fourteen prelates, a list of three bishops-elect, one abbot, one abbess, four priors, twelve deans, fourteen archdeacons, sixty canons, one hundred priests, well preferred, fifteen heads of colleges, and about twenty decrors of both faculties, all what one may call stationary people hard to move, who were at this same time deprived of their places, profits, and dignities. does not seem a great many out of the nine thousand spiritual places in England. Still to lose its whole hierarchy (except the Bishop of Llandaff) at one blow was a shrewd knock, nor we may be sure did the bishops-elect, the deans, the archdeacons and canons, the heads of houses and doctors of divinity, and the one hundred well-preferred priests go out without rendings of the heart and bitter reflections. There were no newspapers to record their emotions or to summarize their losses under the heading, "Crisis in the Church," but we may be sure they were plous men, sick of shuffles and crowned heads, while of those who remained who can tell with what uneasiness of mind, with what pangs of conscience they gid so?

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Purge No. 2 was numerically more important. Charles I. got into those difficulties which brought his comely head to the scaffold, and the beneficed clergy were made subject to visitation by order of the House of Commons and in large numbers turned adrift. That many of these clergy were liliterate and unfit for their office is true enough; but in the teeth of the protests made by the best men among the Puritan Farty, other tests than those of learning and piety were imposed and en-forced. Loyalty to the dead King, or malignancy as it was termed, was counted to be a disqualification for a country parson; a sour observance of Sunday was reckoned piety, and many a good man who earned and deserved the love, of his parishioners was evictnd fortune. cd to make way for a Presbyterian. Coming, however, as he did of a How many parsons were turned out

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Purge No. 3 is the best known in Nonconformist circles. It occurred after the restoration of the Stuarts, when two thousand of the clergy, including a large number of the intruders of the Commonwealth, were turned out of their livings for refusing to take the outh required by the Act of Uniformity. The celebrated Richard Baxter (who refused a bishopric) tells us in his life, which is one of the best books in existence, how these evicted tenants were made up. The passage is too long to be here quoted, and it is enough to say that by this jurge the Church of England lost a host of her clergy who had no objection to bishops or to a liturgy, who had never signed the Solemn League and Covenant, who had been against the civil war, but who were unwilling, because unable, to give their unfeigned assent and consent to all and everything contained in the Book of Common Prayer. But they had to go; they were devout, they were learned, they were peaceful, they were sensible; it mattered not; out they went like Wesley's own grandfather, and were hunted from place to place like wolves.

Purge No. 4 has still to be endured. The Stuarts ran their destined course. The blessed restoration was in less than thirty years succeeded by the glorious revolution, and a fresh oath had, of course, to be invented as a burden upon the conscience of the established clergy. It was in form simple enough:

"I, A. B., do sincerely promise and swear to bear true allegiance to their majesties King William and Queen Mary But to appreciate its horrid signifiance we must remember that the now mouldy doctrines of "divine right" and "passive obedience" were then as much the talk of the clergy of the Church of England as incense, lights, and the sacramental theory are to-day. The books and phamplets on these subjects may still be counted, though hardly read, in thousands. The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Sancroft) and five of his brethren, including Bishop Ken, were deprived of their sees, and at least four hundred divines followed them into exile. These were the non-jurers, men of fabulous learning and primitive piety, who added evangelical fervor and simplicity to High Church doctrine. To read the lives of these men is to live among the saints and doctors, and their expulsion from the Church they alone loved and they alone could properly defend, diverted into alien channels the very qualities we find so sorely lacking in the Anglican Church of the eighteenth century. How absurd to grumble at the Hoadleys and the Watsons, the Hurds and the Warburtons! They were all that was left. Faith and fervor, primitive piety, Puritan zeal, Catholic devotion, each in its turn had been decimated and cast out. What a history it is! Whether you read it in of Collier, or turn over the biographies to be found in our old friends but hold up your hands in herror and amazement. Wherever and whenever there was goodness, piety, faith, devotion, out it had to go. It was indeed as into a dungeon, stripped, swept, and bare, that the Church of England stepped at the revolution, and in that dungeon she lay for a hundred years. Since then many things have happened. There has been a revival of faith and fervor in the Church of England, so much so that Purge No. 5 may shortly be expected.

The reason why I have dwelt at great length on these facts of church history is because we should have them in mind if we are to understand what may be called the Status quo ante bellum John Vesley waged with the Devil in Great Britian.

Wesley's motive never elades us. In his early manhood, after being greatly affected by Jeremy Taylor's "Holy Living and Dying" and the "imitatio Christi," and by Law's "Serious Call" and "Christian Perfection," he met "a serious man," who said to him, "Sir, forsook him, which he wore on every you wish to serve God and go to heaven. Remember you cannot serve Him alone. You must therefore find companions or make them. The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion." He was very confident, this serious man, and Wesley never torgot his message. of make them. The Bible knows noth- sential fitness for freedom of our ruding of solitary religion." These words est populations. They were coarse and forever sounded in Wesley's ears, brutal and savage, but rarely did they determining his theology, which re- fail to recognize the high character and jected the stern individualism of lofty motives of the dignified mortal Calvin, and fashioning his whole poli- who had traveled so far to speak to

during the Commonwealth it is hard to ty, his famous class-meeting and gen-

Therefore to him it was given Many to save with himself.

We may continue the quotation and apply to Wesley the words of Mr. Arnold's memorial to his father:

Languor was not in his neart, Weakness not in his word, Weariness not on his brow.

If you ask what is the impression left upon the reader of the journals as to the condition of England question, the answer will vary very much with the tenderness of the reader's conscience and with the extent of his acquaintance with the general behavior of mankind at all times and in all alist although an enthusiast places. Wesley himself is no alarmist, no sentimentalist, he never gushes, seldom exaggerates, and a ways writes on an easy level. Naturally enough he clings to the supernatural and is always disposed to believe in the bona fides of ghosts and the diabolical origin of strange noises, but outside this realm of speculation, Wesley describes things as he saw them. In the first published words of his friend Dr. the heavy slumber of humanity. Johnson, "he meets with no basilisks without deafening the neighboring inhabitants.

Wesley's humor is of the species donnish, and his modes and methods

onietly persistent "On Thursday, the 20th May (1742). I set out. The next afternoon I stopped a little at Newport-Pagnell and then with whom I immediate y fell into conversation. He presently gave me to know what his opinions were, therefore I said nothing to contradict them. But that did not content him. He was quite uneasy to know 'whether I held the doctrines of the decrees as he did;' but I told him over and over 'We had better keep to practical things lest we should be angry at one another.' And so we did for two miles till he caught me unawares and dragged me into the dispute before I knew where ! was. He then grew warmer and warmer; told me I was rotten at heart and supposed I was one of John Wesley's followers. I told him 'No. I am John Wesley himself.' Upon which

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he would gladly have run away outright. But being the better mounted of the two I kept close to his side and endeavored to shew him his heart till we came into the street of Northampton."

What a picture have we here of a fine May morning in 1742, the unhappy Calvinist trying to shake off the Arminian Wesley! But he cannot do it! John Wesley is the better mounted of the two, and so they scamper together into Northempton.

also Deists, Mystics. Swedenborgians. Antinomians, Necessitarians, Anabapslow-dying delusions. Villages were in the presence of many who praise divided into rival groups which fierce- God on his behalf." ly argued the nicest points in the aptbles a man is likely to encounter a gray badger as a black Calvin st.

The clergy of the Established Church were jealous of Wesley's interference in their parishes, nor was this unnatural-he was not a Nonconform st but a brother churchman. What right had be to be so peripatetic? But Wesley seldom records any instance of gross clerical misconduct. Of one drunken parson he does indeed tell us, and he speaks disapproving y of another whom he found one very hot day consuming a pot of beer in a lone ale-house. I am bound to confess I have never had any but kindly feelings toward that thirs y ecclesiastic. What, I wonder, was he thinking of as Wesley rode by-Libres Meditations d'un Solitaire Inconnu-

unpublished! When Wesley, with that dauntless courage of his, a courage which never occasion with the delightful case of a soldier, pushed his way into fierce districts, amid rough miners dwelling in their own village comunities almost outside the law, what most strikes one with admiration, not less in Wesley's journal than in George Fox's (a kin-'You must find companions dred though earlier volume), is the es-

them. hustled, and once or twice pelted with ride up and down the country with the his sufferings at the hands of the mob in England. to be compared with the indignities it was long the fashion to heap upon the John Wesley. Neither Clive nor Pit. heads of parlimentary candidates. The neither Mansfield nor Johnson. You nob knew and appreciated the differ- annot cut him out of our national life ence between a Bubb Dodington and a No single figure influenced to many John Wesley

man will be much horrified at the de- a life's work for England. As a writer meanor of the populace. If there was he has not achieved distinction he was disturbance it was usually quelled. At no Athanasius, no Augustine, he was Norwich two soldiers who disturbed a ever a preacher and an congregation were seized and carried ganizer, a laborer in the ser before their commanding officer, who vice of humanity; but happily erdered them to be soundly whipped, for us his journals remain, and from in Wesley's opinion they richly deserved all they got. He was no sentiment-

Where the reader of the journal will during which he lived and groved and be shocked is when his attention is had his being -- Scribner's Magazine called to the public side of the country-to the state of the jails-to Newgate, to Bethiehem, to the criminal code-to the brutality of so many of the judges, and the harshness of the magistrates, to the supineness of the bishops, to the extinction in high places of the missionary spirit-in short, to

Wesley was full of compassion, of a that destroy with their eyes, his croco- compassion wholly free from hysterics = diles devour their prey without tears, and like exaltative. In public affairs and his cataracts fall from the rocks his was the composed zeal of a How-His efforts to peneirate the ard. dark places were long in vain. says in his city way: "They won't let ne go to Bediam because they say I make the immates mad, or into Newgate because I make them wicked." he reader of the journal will be at no loss to see what these sapient magisrode on till I overtook a serious man trates meant. Wesley was a terribly exciting preacher, quiet though his manner was. He pushed matters home without flinching. He made people cry out and fall down, nor did it surprise him that they should. You will find some strange biographies in the journal. Consider that of John Lancaster for a moment. He was a young fellow who fell into bad company, stole some velvet and was sentenced to death, and lay for awhile in Newgate awaiting his hour. A good Methodist woman. Sarah Peters, obtained permission to visit him, though the fever was raging in the prison at the time. Lancaster had ro difficulty in collecting six or seven other prisioners, all like himself waiting to be strangled, and Sarah Peters prayed with them and sang hymns, the clergy of the diocese being otherwise occupied. When the eve of their execution arrived the poor creatures begged that Sarah Peters might be allowed to remain with them, to continue exhortations, but this could not be. In her absence, however, they contrived to console one another, for that devilish device of a later age, solitary confinement, was then unknown. the bellman came round at midnight to tell them, "Remember you are to die to-day," they cried out, "Welcome news! Welcome news!" How they The England described in the jour- met their deaths you can read for your nal is an England still full of theolo- selves in the journal, which concludes gy: all kinds of queer fook abound: the narrative with a true eighteenth strange subjects are discussed in odd century touch. "John Lancaster's body the Roman page of Lingard and Dodd places. There was drunkenness and was carried away by a company hired and Morris, or in the Anglican record cock-fighting, no doubt, but there were by the surgeons, but a crew of sailors pursued them, took it from them by force and delivered it to his mother, by Walker and Calamy, what can you do tists, Quakers, nascent heresies, and which means it was decently interred

> If you want to get into the last cenest language. Nowadays in one's ram- tury to feel its pulse throb beneath your finger, be content sometimes to leave the letters of Horace Walpole unturned, resist the drowsy temptation to waste your time over the learned tritiers who sleep in the seventeen volumes of Nicnols, nay even deny yourself your annual reading of Boswell or



Wesley was occasionally your biennial retreat with Seerne, and mud and stones, but at no time were greatest force of the eighteenth century

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JEFFERSON.

Mrs. Anna Barnes, Dec. 3: Thanksgiving Day was kept at our parsonage according to Luke 14:12, 13, 14. Bro. Burk, wife and grand old mother have nearly finished a year of great usefulness amongst us. He will soon go to conference, and we are hoping, praying he may be returned to us. We can hardly tell which we want the most, the preacher or his family. But we loyal Southern Methodists stand ready to abide by any decision of the

NEW YORK CIRCUIT.

P. R. White, Nov. 29: We are closing out our second year with this people. Everything is still pleasant. We have had good meetings on the work this year-a gain in membership of thirty. The collections ordered by the District Stewards all in hand. The presiding elder and preacher's salaries not paid yet. It only likes a small amount. The interest in Church work appears to be much better than last year. We hope to continue to increase in interest until New York Circuit may be raised to a first-class circuit. Our closing out round is very pleasant indeed. Many tokens of kindness to the

--CENTER.

J. B. Turrentine: We are winding to a close in our second year in charge of this pleasant station (Center). We have had another good year; haven't done as well as we wished-never expect to do that; but, all in all, we are glad. Our reports will all be in full; a nice sum subscribed on the Twentieth Century Fund; have received eighteen members into the Church; baptized three adults and eight infants: married ten couples (one just a few minutes since, in the parsonage). with plenty of time for a few more before conference. The Lord gave us a gracious revival during the first week of September. Bro. Willie Crawford, of Rice, Texas-Northwest Texas Conference-came through by chance-no. the Lord sent him! and he did all the preaching. He preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, and as he preached "our hearts burned within us, as he opened unto us the scrip-The Church was greatly revived; perhaps a dozen conversions and reclamations. Of course, all the they ever? But we feel sure of one thing-"the kingdom of God came nigh convocation.

West Texas Conference.

KERRVILLE STATION.

W. A. Govett, Nov. 30: We arrived at our new appointment soon after conference. It is a delightful baby city at the terminus of the San Antonio and Araisas Pass Railroad-the health resort of West Texas and the center of a zealous Church of Methodists. We have never been more enthusiastically welcomed at any charge. A hot supper at the parsonage on arrival. A very bountiful pounding. Affectionate handshaking. Comfortable parsonage. Large congregations. The pastor and wife upon the altar of consecration for the best year's work of their lives.

UVALDE.

V. G. Thomas, November 29: Never was preacher more royally received than was this scribe when he reached this place on November 18. The good women had put new matting on the floors and bought some new furriture, while the people in general had pounded the parsonage until the larder was filled to overflowing-and the preacher's horse was not forgotten. A bountiful supper and a happy, welcoming crowd awaited our coming, and the parsonage looked like a garden of roses. We felt thoroughly at home the moment we crossed the threshold. The first Sunday was wet and dreary, but we had good congregations morning and night. Last Sunday was clear and bright, and the house was nearly filled at each service. Bro. Bowen preached in the morning, and in the afternoon we reorganized the League, with forty members. Bro. P. A. Gates, late of De Leon, Texas, and superintendent of our public school, is the President. The officers are active, intelligent Church

workers, and great things are confidently looked for. The juniors are clamoring for organization. They will get it next Sunday. A Sunday-school teachers' meeting has been organized and starts out well. Nine members have been received since conference. The way seems open for prosperity and success in our Methodism here. We feel encouraged, and are thankful.

---MILBURN.

to the proclamation of our President the people of Milburn, to express their gratitude to God, came together in the M. E. Church, South, in Milburn and God met with us. We had a day of thanksgiving. Preached, prayed, sang and praised the God of love. At the close of the sermon dinner was announced, and as nice a dinner as any one could wish. Then, to our great surprise, Bro. Clay Oldham aanounced that the good people of Milbarn are going to pound the preacher, and in less time than it takes to tell it Broyles got one of the best poundings of his life and just the thing he has been needing for some time. I hope it will make a better man of him.

North Texas Conference.

FATE AND CHISHOLM.

D. F. Fuller: We begin our second year on this charge in much hope. We have first honors in attention to our Orphanage, as we hold receipt No. ! for current expenses for the pres-ent year. A grand Thanksgiving service at Fate and fine collection.

Northwest Texas Conference.

FERRIS CIRCUIT.

L. W. Carleton: A journey of seventy-five miles from Cresson brought us to Ferris, our field of labor for this conference year. We have been kindly received, quite well pounded, and all our temporal interests carefully looked after. The stewards added some good furniture to the partial supply we had in the parsonage. Our predecessor left a high ministerial standard. It must not be lowered. We start well and will tell you more about the year's work next November at Georgetown.

MORGAN.

J. H. Chambliss, Dec. 5: 1 got to my new work last week and have met people didn't join. Did they ever? Will one appointment. A very cordial re-The pounding ception greeted us. preceded us and we found a well furunto them" and they are left without rished larder when we took possession excuse for having refused it. God bless of the parsonage. The kindness of the Bro. Crawford, is the prayer of many brethren enables me to begin work at of our people. Two more weeks, and once. The fact that my predecessor then conference. Our daily prayer is was appreciated is a guarantee that I that the Lord's will be done in our will receive a like esteem if faithful to my trust. Many friends nave been left on our former charge whom we loveand for whom we pray. We rejoice in the fact that new ones are so ready to take their places, so that we do not feel that we are among strangers. If the editor can come and spend a Sunday with us we will be glad to have you and to hear you preach.

Texas Conference.

WEST END, GALVESTON.

S. F. Chambers, Nov. 28: We are now rounding up for conference. In many respects we have had a pleasant year at West End, Galveston. There have been 25 accessions, but only 14 net increase. Methodism in Galveston is not as strong as in Houston and Dallas, but we are making some progress. Bros. Bradfield and Oxley have done a good work this year in this city. West End expects to pay everything in full, and I think all three of the churches here will have a full report. Our people, unlike many, gave the pastor and family a nine months' trial and then gave us a heavy pounding, which was highly appreciated. While this Church is not as strong as some others, yet we believe with the efficient leaders we have it will soon become a strong

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Rev. H. C. Jolly, Gail, Texas. Rev. Sam'l Morriss, Lovelace. Rev. J. P. Mussett, Arlington, Texas. Mrs. J. P. Mussett, Arlington, Texas.

SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

The United States Senate and Con cress are now in session. A Vice-Fresident pro tem, will have to be selected to take the place of Mr. Hobart, recently deceased. Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, was chosen to represent the Democrats and Mr. Henderson, of lowa, to represent the Republicans in the Lower House. Mr. Bailey, of Texas, declined, much to the regret of his J. N. Broyles, Dec. 1: In obedience friends, to be re-elected to the place al!"-Catholic Youth. of minority leader.

> A bloody battle recently occurred at Modder River between the English and the Boers. It lasted some hours and the British held the field, but their loss in killed and wounded was appalling. Full results have not yet been received at the war department in London, but enough is known to fill hundreds of English homes with grief.

The Hon. W. J. Bryan, the great Democratic leader, is wintering in South Texas with his family. He passed through this city last week and will keep his wife and children in the State during the rigor of the winter. However, he will continue his canvass throughout the country.

The Dallas County Criminal Court is still grinding away. Last week it gave one murderer a five year term in the pen. Carlyle, the murderer of Prof. Lipscomb, is now on trial. He pleads insanity. So do all murderers when the evidence is all against them. Dallas County rever hangs a white man. What will be done in this case awaits to be seen.

The Lower House of the Georgia Legislature recently passed by a very large majority a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. In other words, the bill is a statutory prohibition act. It is now before the Senate with the liquor men moving the earth to defeat it.

WHAT PREACHERS HAVE TO STUDY NOW.

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A HEROIC FRENCH NURSE.

In presence of all the French troops guarding the capital of Tonquin the Governor-General bestowed the Cross of the Legion of Honor on Mother Mary Teresa, Superior of the Sisters of Charity in that empire. The troops were drawn up in the little plaza of the city in a square surrounding a platform, on which were the Governor-General and his staff.

The General, in a solemn and impressive tone, addressed her as fol-

"Mother Mary Teresa, when you were twenty years of age you received a wound from a cannon-ball while assisting one of the wounded on the field of Balaklava. In 1859 the shell from a mitrailleuse laid you prostrate in the front ranks on the battle-field of Magenta. Since then you have been in Syria, in China, and in Mexico, and if you were not wounded it was not be-

cause you have not exposed yourself. "In 1870 you were taken up in Reischoffen covered with many saber wounds. Such deeds of heroism you have crowned a few weeks ago with one of the most heroic actions which history records. A grenade fell upon the ambulance which was under your charge-you took up the grenade in your arms; you smiled upon the wounded who looked at you with feelings of dismay; you carried it a distance of eighty meters. On laying it down you noticed that it was going to burst; you threw yourself on the ground; it burst; you were seen covered with blood; but when persons came to your assistance you arose up smiling, as is your wont. You were scarcely recovered from your wound when you returned to the hospital whence I have now summoned you."

Then the General made her knell down and, drawing his sword, touched her lightly with it three times on the shoulder and pinned the Cross of the Legion of Honor on her habit, say-

"I put you upon the cross of the people and army. No one has gaineed it by more deeds of heroism, nor 30 Broad St., Atlanta, Ga.

by a life so completely spent in selfabnegation for the benefit of your brothers and the service of your country. Soldiers, present arms!

The troops saluted, the drums and bugles rang out, the air was filled with loud acclamations, and all was jubilation and excitement as Mother Teresa arose, her face suffused with blushes. and asked:

"General, are you done?"

"Yes," said he. "Then I will go back to the hospit-

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The class of the fourth year will please meet the Committee of Examination in Timpson, Texas, on Wednesday morning. December 13, at the Methodist Church at 9 a. m.

D. F. C. TIMMONS, Chr'n. Texarkana, Texas.

All preachers and persons having reports to make to the tellers at the East Texas Conference will please secure bank drafts as near as practicable for each fund separate, which will be less work and counting of money on the tellers. W. H. CROUCH. Cashier Teller.

Nacogdoches, Texas.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the class of the fourth year: Please take notice that the examination of your class in 1900 will be written and not oral.

J. E. HARRISON, Chr'n.

CORRECTIONS.

In my article, which appeared in Advocate of November 23, you have "Calvinism" where it should be "Dow-!eism." J. A. Dowie is an independent preacher in Chicago, claims to be at the head of the "Christian Catholic Church." He is an anti-doctor, anti-Church and anti-everything else that has anything good in it, yet he has a following. Please make the correction. S. E. WILSON.

Big Oak Flat, Texas.

The Advocate says Paris District had 800 conversions and 1100 accessions. I reported between 1600 and 1700 conversions and 1100 accessions. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE.

Paris, Texas.

APPOINTMENT CHANGED.

I have made since conference the following change: Rev. B. H. Webster changed from Leonard Circuit to Sulphur Bluff Circuit, and Rev. H. K. Agee from Sulphur Bluff Circuit to Leonard Circuit

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The burden is God's gift, And it will make the bearer calm and strong.

And deem it there unguessed.

Yet, lest it press too heavily and long. He says, "Cast it on Me, And it shall easy be."

-Author Unknown.

A PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

O Lord our God, under the shadow of thy wings let us hope. Thou wilt support us, both when litle, and even to gray hairs. When our strength is of Thee, it is strength; but, when our own, it is feebleness. We return unto thee, O Lord, that from their weariness our souls may rise toward thee, leaning on the things which thou hast created, and passing on to thyself, who hast wonderfully made them; for with thee is refreshment and true strength. Amen.

THE PATH OF SAFETY.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways ackonwledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Ps. 3:5, 6. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:24. Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; and I have respect unto thy statutes continually. I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end. Ps. 119: 117, 112. Now the God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do his will. working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ. He. 13: 20, 21. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Ps 37:

THE TALENT OF PRAYER.

The greatest and the best talent that God gives to any man or woman in this world is the talent of prayer. And the best usury that any man or woman brings back to God when he comes to reckon with them at the end of this world is a life of prayer. And those servants best put their Lord's money to the exchangers who rise early and sit late, as long as they are in this world, ever finding out and ever following after better and better methods of prayer, and ever forming more secret, more steadfast and more spiritually fruitful habits of prayer, till they literally pray without ceasing, and till they continually strike out into new enterprises in prayer, and new achievements, and new enrichments .-Alex. Whyte

SECRET PRAYER.

If Jesus prayed in the morning, how much more important it is for us, before the world gets possession of our thoughts; before Satan fills us with unholy feelings; when we rise fresh from beds of repose, and while the world around us is still! David thus prayed (Ps. 5:3). He that wishes to enjoy religion will seek a place of secret prayer in the morning. If that is omitted, all will go wrong-our piety will wither, the world will fill our thoughts, temptations will be strong, and through the day we shall find it impossible to raise our feelings to a state of proper devotion. The religious enjoyment through the day will be according to the state of the heart in the morning; and can, therefore, be measured by our faithfulness in early secret prayer.-Rev. Albert Barnes.

THE DANGER OF IRREVERENCE.

It has been said that this age in which we live is notable for irreverence, and that America is peculiarly given to that sin. How lightly we speak of it, not knowing that no character is so hopeless of transformation as the character set in frivolous irreverence. Men may perform, under stress of temptation, most shocking acts of sin, but if in the deeper parts of their natures there is, after all, a reverence for sacred things, conscience has a foothold, and their recovery, may be wrought. There is such hope for the flippant fool out of

God, for his word, his sanctua- ing hold of the inspired Word, from ries, his holy day, his faithful peo- the spoils which we take in our victorple has gone. There is no argument ies over our spirtual foes, are eternal character fixed in irreverence. The and finally used there by us. heart of a fool is invulnerable.-C. I. Schofield, D. D.

IN THE WRONG PLACE.

We have located our troubles in the wrong place. We have thought that our unrest was due to poverty, to lack of culture, to the obscurity of our sphere and to our inability to tap pleasure's fountain at our will. But this analysis of life's misery is fallacious. We have drawn our indictment against an unoffending combination. If a man had a good conscience and perfect faith in God's providence, the evils enumerated above would be divested of every semblance of harm. The truth is, a comparative poverty is positively conducive to the spiritual life. Christ taught that affluence is a positive bar to the kingdom of God, and such an insuperable obstacle that nothing but a special dispensation of divine grace could remove it .- Anon,

THE THANKSGIVING OF LIFE.

The day of national Thanksgiving is well placed in the autumn, when the fruits are gathered in. After that the year goes quietly away to rest, wrapped in its mantle of white purity. It is cold outwardly, to be sure, but earth is nursing in her heart the strange and beautiful children that will bless the new life of the new year.

And life, too, passes on till it comes to the end of autumn, and, as it is right and natural, life has its fruit at this time; and if it has reaped well, it surely ought to have its thanksgiving

season. You who are at the harvest-time of life, what sort of fruit are you gathering? Have you full, rich sheaves of deeds done, not for your own glory, but "in His name," to carry to the Master? Or, if every plan and ambition of your life, even the work you planned for Christ, has failed, have A you that yet richer fruitage which is gathered only out of fields sown in tears? Whatever your harvest is, it is as the sowing was. If you sowed for Christ from the heart in the springtime, if you worked for him through the summer season, you have now fruit laid up in the storehouse above.

Then, take a little time out of these busy days, and thank God for your harvest. In the very thanksgiving. you will find strength to go on and do greater things. John Newton says: am not what I was; I am not what I would be; I am not what I should be; I am not what I shall be, but by the grace of God I am what I am." is the spirit of the Thanksgiving of life. Give thanks to God that he has brought you thus far with blessing. Look with confident trust to a yet greater harvest, for the seed you have gathered shall be sown again and again long after you have thanked God face to face, and only eternity can tell what your harvest shall finally be. And 'tis for the young in the springtime. with the harvest yet in the distance, let us teach, by loving word and deed, to sow well, to sow carefully and faith-When fully, and also to sow much. we bring the sheaves into the Master's presence we shall never regret the

> "Long days of labor And nights devoid of ease."

No one will ever regret having done much. God may have given you a very small field in which to sow. It is God's will that you cultivate that faithfully, and not leave it to try to take your neighbor's larger field. Remember, if you leave your little spot of earth unplanted to love and purity, it will grow up to vile weeds, and no other man can ever do the work you neglected. Sow in your own field, my brother, and it will bring forth the "hundredfold." So shall you enter into the everlasting Acid, Urates, Lithates, etc., life with songs of thanksgiving .-Christian Standard.

IN VIEW OF ETERNAL THINGS.

Christians ought to make a practice of regarding the things in this life which affect them, in view of the eternal things, the heavenly realities. We are so apt to gauge our experiences by the things which we see with our natural eyes, by the days of our earthly years, by material calculations and values, that we miss seeing the richest treasures which lie inwrapped in our spirtual experiences and gracious posssessions. We forget that our real lives are indissolubly linked with great and eternal verities. The spiritual kingdom in which we now are is united with the kingdom which is on high. Whatever treasures we are getout of whom all reverence for our communion with him, from our lay- City.

nor arrow in all the scripture for a treasures, to be stored up in heaven,

Doctor Maclaren says: "They who look out into the eternities have the true measuring-rod and standard by which to estimate the duration and intensity of the things which are present If you and I would let the steady light of eternity and the sustaining pressure of the 'exceeding weight of glory, pour into our minds, we should carry with us a standard which would bring down the greatness, dwindle the duration, lighten the pressure of the most crushing sorrow, and would set in its true dimensions everything that is here." May not our sorrows in this life be the burnishing agents which will make our souls all the brighter in heaven's mansions? Will not our hardships here put on a finer finish to our hearts for eternal use than they would have without such an experience? Surely the disciplines of heart which we receive in this world do pear some relation to the world beyond us and above us. We must not reckon spirtual values by visible scales. The worth of a redeemed and sanctified soul has its price fixed in the counting-house of heaven It is in the light of eternity that we get true definitions of personal sacrifice, pain, deprivation, devotion and crossbearing. Wait for the fun revelation! -Rev. C. H. Wetherbe.

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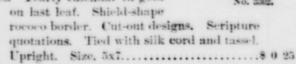
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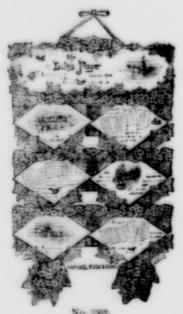


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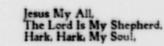
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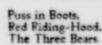
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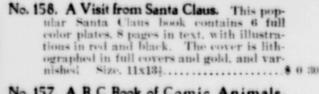
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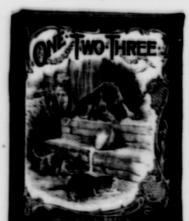
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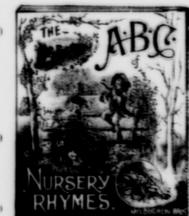
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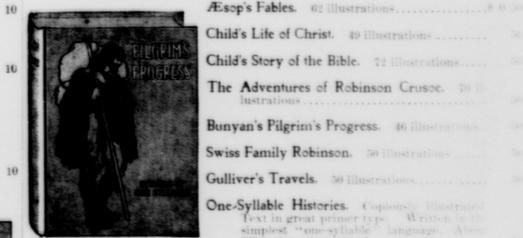
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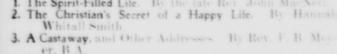
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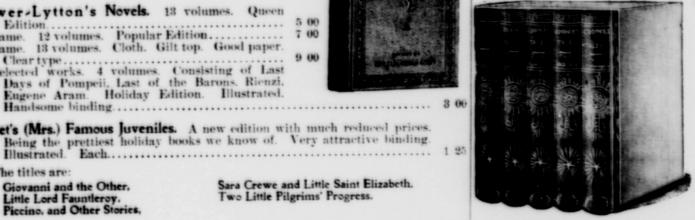
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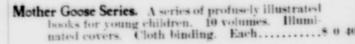
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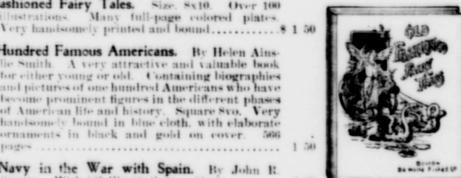
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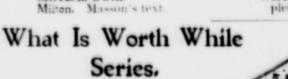
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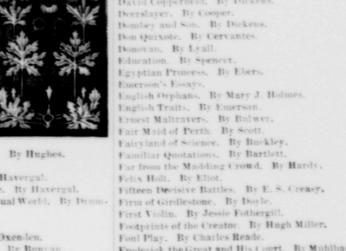
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Just one more kiss for good-night, mamma,

Just one more kiss for good-night, And then you may go to my dear papa, And-yes-you may put out the light, For I'll promise you truly I won't be

As I was last night; you'll see, 'Cause I'm going to be papa's brave little maid,

As he told me I ought to be.

But the shadows won't seem so dark, mamma,

If you'll kiss me a little bit more: And, you know, I can listen and hear

where you are. If you only won't shut the door. It will make me so sleepy, maybe,

Then I'll go to sleep just as quick as a wink. And forget-to-to cry !ike a baby.

You needn't be laughing, my mamma dear.

While you're hugging me up so tight:

You think I am crying to keep you here.

You, and-I guess-the light. Please kiss me good-night once more.

mamma; I could scarcely my promise keep,

If you'd only stay with me just as you

And kiss me till-I go to sleep. -Harper's Round Table.

THE STORY OF A TEN DOLLAR BILL.

It seemed a great thing to the Macdonalds when Annie got a place at Brown & Hill's as cash-girl with wages at three dollars and a half a week. You children who often think it hard to give up your play for some small household task have little idea how, to so many others no older or stronger than you are, to have work to do seems the most fortunate thing that could possibly happen. It was so with Annie, the eldest of the three little Macdonalds, who had no longer a father to care for them, and who saw their dear mother grow pale and thin in the struggle for food and shelter.

They made quite a little festival of the day on which Mr. Casson, the manager, had promised Annie the situation, even going to the length of having a bit of hot meat for supper.

'For you see, Annie darlin'," said poor Mrs. Macdonald, "the three dollars and a half a week'll pay the rent and a little more, and only the Father above knows what a load that'll be takin' off my mind."

And, maybe, after a bit, we can be savin' enough to get the new flannels who had been down with rheumatism, and could, even yet, only stump about by the help of a pitiful small pair of crutches.

It's as like as not that we can do have to be dressed decent. I'm think- drops were running down her cheeks. in' I can get one for you out o' my brown skirt."

"Oh, but, mother," cried Annie, then you could never go to church at ing in another part of the great city.

'Maybe not for the present, deary, but it isn't as if the good God wouldn't hear my prayers at home; and, indeed, I'm thankin' him, this blessed minute, for the good luck that's come to us.'

So they talked on, dreaming and planning, until Mrs. Macdonald sprang up from the table, blaming herself for such a waste of time. While Annie brown merino gown-the only reminder left of Mrs. Macdonald's "better days."-was brought out, and the scissors put into it quite cheerfully.

Annie was a shrinking little thing. and, in spite of her delight at being useful, she was a good while learning forth her heart. to feel at home in the great store. The crowds and confusion, and the sharp voices of the clerks, as they tapped the counters with their pencils, calling "Cash! Cash!" frightened her very frightened her very much at first. Then, too, it seemed so strange to her not to be "Annie" any longer, but only "No. 62," that, sometimes, she scarcely understood when she was spoken to, and had to be called twice over and impatiently. However, she did her best, which is the caught in the crowd, and one of the

most that can be expected of any one. fro, all day long, between the various counters and the cashier's desk, and them. I could see the X on it. I can't Annie's feet often ached with weari-ness, so that she felt as if she must hadn't had anything to eat since mornsink down upon the floor. But not for ing, and I didn't know but I'd be set worlds would she have complained to into the street that night. It came

her mother. The proudest moments of over me all in a minute, while the folks her life were when, on Saturday evenings, she brought home the proceeds of her week's labor, and saw the grateful smile on her mother's worn face, as she added the amount to the store in kept sacredly for rent-day.

Sometimes, after the tired little girl had crept to bed at night, and Mrs, Donnely, the next-floor neighbor, had chanced to look in upon her mother for a few mniutes, she could hear the two women whispering together, supposing her to be asleep.

'It's a treasure that ye have in Annie," Mrs. Donnely would say, and the mother would answer:

You're right in that! Little as she is, it's she that keeps the roof over the heads of us all.

Then happy tears would come to An-For if I can hear you talking, I think nie's eyes, and she would slip softly away upon the sea of dreams.

The "mark-down" sales, of which Mrs. Macdonald had spoken were at their height, and all the great store was crowded with eager bargain-seekers. At the remnant-counters stood lines of women, two or three deep, elbowing each other for a nearer view of fabrics tumbled and tossed out of all appearance of newness. It was hardly be wondered at that the salesgirls, trying to answer a dozen questions at once, grew weary and nervous, while the cash-boys and girls could only weave their way like shuttles through

the throng. 'Here, Cash!" cried a clerk from the silk department, and

'Here! Sixty-two!" answered Annie, as she took from her hands the bundle of goods, topped by the sale-check and a crisp ten-dollar bill.

As Annie turned about, the crowd surged upon her. Somebody jostled her sharply, she tripped over the foot of somebody else, and, recovering herself with a stammered apology, she suddenly realized that the bill had disappeared!

The money: the money!" shrieked, and casting herself down, began to search for it under the very feet of the people, who stared at her curiously, or brushed her impatiently out of their path. All was in vain-the bill had gone, leaving no trace behind. Terrified Annie felt the stern hand of the floor-walker on her shoulder, and heard him order her to report at the office. A few minutes later, she knew her sentence-to work out the amount which, as she was told, she had lost by her inexcusable carelessness.

You may imagine how heavy a heart Annie carried home that night. For myself. I do not like to think about it. Rent-day was only a week off, and now the money which had been laid by, penny by penny, for Davy's flannels, had to go into the cracked teapot instead. Add to this that Mrs. Macdonald had just lost one of her best weekfor Davy," said Annie with shining ly "places," owing to a regular launeyes-Davy being the little brother dress having been taken into the house. and you will understand how dark seemed the outlook as Annie and her mother shivered together over their handful of coals. If her mother had "It's as like as not that we can do scolded her. Annie thought she must that same," assented the mother, "if we have died, but Mrs. Macdonald was wait for the January mark-down. But very gentle and tender, and wiped her darning-cotton, Lettie's umbrella, this about a frock for you, Annie! You'll little daughter's tears while the salt

While the little cash-girl was dragging through her long days of wageless work, something else was happen-

A young woman, knocked down by a heavy truck, upon a street-crossing, darning-wool, not cotton. had been brought to the hospital so badly injured that for some time her life was in great danger. Slowly, howand nurses, the bruised body mended, and there began to be hope of recovery. But the patient's mind seemed sadly ill at ease. She scarcely spoke, except washed the few plates and cups, the in answer to questions, and, again and again, the nurse found her pillow wet with tears for which she would give no explanation.

At length, one wakeful, restless night, with the nurse's gentle hand on her forehead, she suddenly poured

"I did a wicked thing," she sobbed, "just before I was hurt. I think it was for that I was punished. I hadn't anybody belonging to me, and I couldn't get work. My money was all gone, and was like to be turned out my lodging. I went to Brown & Hill's one day, to see if I couldn't get a place, but they didn't want me. I felt about desperate, for I didn't know which way to turn. As I was coming out, I little cash-girls pushed against me It was not easy work to run to and She had a lot of silk pieces in her hands, and a ten-dollar bill on top of

were crowding and nobody looking. The little girl stumbled, her things were scattered, the bill touched my hand. My fingers covered over it. heard her scream when she knew it the little cracked teapot on the high- was gone—I've heard her a hundred est shelf in the cupboard, which was times since in my dreams. I never did such a thing before-never! My poor mother'd turn in her grave, if she knew I was a thief!"

"My poor girl!" said the nurse. "Did you spend the money?"

Every cent, ma'am. I paid my debt to the woman where I roomed, and a month in advance. And I bought a basket of coal, and something to eat. It was all gone that same night. Sometimes I think I'd like to die, and then I feel I must see the little girl first, and ask her to forgive me. Do you sup-pose, ma'am"—the great brown eyes looked up in pitiful appeal—"that she

could be got to come here?" "I think she might. But, my child. do you not understand that it is God's forgiveness that you need more than

"I know, ma'am, but when my mother was alive, and used to read in the Testament to us children, there was something about making it right with your brother first if he had anything against you-I suppose a sister would be the same. I don't dare pray till I've seen the little girl. Oh, ma'am, if I could hear her say she'd forgive me, I could die happy!'

The nurse next "afternoon off" was a busy one. To go to Brown & Hill's, and gain an interview with the manager and leave of abscence for Annie, was a work of time and perservance. That accomplished, there was the long ride across the city to the hospital, with the little cash-girl in charge

Not for one moment did Annie's gentle heart harden itself against the sick girl's pleading. When she had listened to the broken story, her slender arms went around the neck of the penitent, while her childish lips set the seal of unselfish forgiveness on her

The story would end very well with that kiss, but there is really much more of it. For the sick girl grew well and strong again, and the nurse, who had "a friend at court," found her a situation in another of the great stores just across the street from Brown & Hill's. And, best of all, at Annie's intercession, Mrs. Macdonald opened her door to the friendless young creature, whose need of a home, though ever so humble, was so sorrowful and pressing. The stranger girl's added earnings brought increase of comfort to the little household, and, in return, she received the priceless treasure of motherly and sisterly love. The lesson of her first and last dishonesty had been too sharp for her ever to be tempted to repeat it. And so out of evil and sorrow, a kind heavenly Father, who never forgets the least or loneliest of his children, brought the sweetness of pardon and abiding peace.-Mary A. P. Stansbury, in Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

PEG'S SURPRISE.

"Is that all, now? A yeast-cake, note for Minnie Mason, see when Kit's glasses will be mended-And the postoffice.

'Oh, I always go there, don't I? Fifty times a day, I guess. Well, if this is all, I'll go.

'Don't forget chicken corn; and its

"Oh, there! I'm going. You needn't try to remember anything more, for I shan't get it; and this is the last time ever, under the skillful care of doctors I'm going on errands. You don't give do a fellow time to breathe.'

Jim ran down stairs whistling; the girls heard the hall door slam, and then the front gate, and then the whistle grew fainter.

"Here, Peg, run to the window, quick! He's forgotten this note to

Peg dropped her sewing; the spools Then she rolled across the floor. stepped on the cat's tail, and Jim was out of sight and hearing when she had succeeded in opening the window and called, "Jim!" half a dozen times.

'I do think," grumbled Peg, while she poked and peered after her lost spools, "that Jim is getting too careless and selfish for anything. Half the time he won't go to the village when

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we want him to, and then he generally forgets something. I had to wear my old brown dress to the Clarkes the other night, because he forget the thread for my red one; and Thursday I had to make sponge-cake, because there was no vanilla, and who should come to tea but Mr. Morgan, and you know he hates sponge-cake."

Yes," said Lettie, "and I lost the train Saturday, and couldn't take a music lesson, because he didn't bring my watch back from the jeweler's."

The girls waited in indignant expectation of sympathy from their mother, who only smiled with provoking calmness, and said, "Well?"

"Well!" echoed Peg. "I should say ill-very ill, indeed. Do you know how many times I've darned that boy's stockings-holes as big as door-knobs playing marbles?

"Door-knobs playing marbles! What an amusing sight," laughed the moth-

"Oh, I know," cried Peg; "it's easy to laugh.

"You don't seem to find it so," Nan him ever since he was a baby, just because he's the only boy? A nice brother. I must say!"

"And now he says he won't even do as much as he has done! won't finish his old jersey; so, Mr. Jim, I guess you'll be sorry!" And Peg jerked her needles so fierce-

ly that she dropped half a dozen stitch-

Their mother laughed outright then. "Well, girls, poor Jim has stirred up a tempest, to be sure. But what can I

"Why, tell him he must go. Aren't you his mother? Can't you make him do what you like?"

"I suppose I could, but I do not like to make him do as a duty what is really a courtesy. If he does not realize that he owes you a return for your kindnesses and little favors, it lies with you to find the remedy. He has his lessons, his out-of-door work for me, and his amusements. And are you sure you are as considerate as you might be? Didn't I hear Nan say that he forgot this, that and the other thing every time he went out? Nan. who forgets to put down the things she wants, and then asks Jim to go for them a second time."

Jim came home that evening just in time for tea. He had forgotten the wool and the dog-collar, but had the yeast-cake, with which Peg had promised to make dough-nuts. When she discovered this she was in a fine rage.

'Jim Brown," she said, "you're a mean boy. Here I've been waiting all the afternoon for that darning-wool. Now, I can't go sailing to-morrow, because I'll have to mend the stockings. And the dog-collar. Suppose you had to stay tied up for three days because

some one forgot your collar home! old dough-nuts." "All right-don' your chicken-coop

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'All right-don't. I won't finish your chicken-coops.

Oh, very well. Your sweater isn't half done, and I don't intend to finish it," said Peg, in an icy tone.

Jim's heart sank; but he said, angrily:

"Huh! don't finish it! our boat is half painted, but I don't care. It will now. look beautiful at the regatta, won't it-one side white, the other dirty blue? Mr. Morgan will say, 'What a charmingly new idea, Miss Brown!'

when he sees it. Oh. la!" Jim's mocking laugh added new wrath to the bitter thought of not to him yesterday, and told him not to

sailing her boat in the June regatta. As for Jim, there were hot and angry tears in his eyes as he walked away, whistling carelessly.

"I should think that after all I've done for those girls. Peg especially" he reflected; "they might do me a favor once in a hundred years. Do they ever count the times I run to that old postoffice. And as for the clerk in the dry-goods store, he asked me why I didn't come and live over the shop. If Peg don't finish that sweater I'll never do another thing for her-ney- said Nan, with much symathy.

But even the pleasure of revenge could not make up for the loss of his new jersey. He had hoped to wear it in the races on regatta day. Jim was justly proud of being in the athletic club crew, for he was the youngest and best man in the boat.

The Lakeville crew always rowed the Sound Bay crew on the 15th of June, and this was to be Jim's first appearance in the Lakeville boat. How would be look in his old gray jersey. far too small, and with the mended shoulder, among the seven new white ones, gay with their blue and orange monograms?

His allowance was overdrawn; he was not allowed to borrow, so that buying another jersey was out of the question.

"I won't row," vowed the lad, and tried to forget it; but a cloud of gloom settled over the household, in spite of the bright June weather.

Jim's time seemed to hang heavily on his hands. He could not row all day, and his own tasks were soon disposed of. He sat about whittling, and paying no attention to the girls, who by this time were at their wits' ends. Every morning it took them some time to decide who should go to the village. With that finally settled, there followed a discussion as to how many things the one who went could

and would bring home. "I need only a band-box and a birdcage to look like a newly arrived immigrant from the old country," cried Nan, as she came in, hot and tired, one day, and tumbled into a chair after throwing a pile of bundles on the table. The other girls examined everything hastily.

You've forgotten my pattern! cried Lettie.

And my quinine!" groaned Kit. "Haven't you brought the bread? Then there isn't a slice in the house for lunch

asked mamma, mildly.

'Did you leave the order for coal?'

"Oh, bother!" cried Nan. "I'm half dead. I can't go back. Where's Jim?'

"No you don't." scowled Jim, in the doorway, whence he had been watching the proceedings. "I'm glad you've forgotten. Now you know what it is to be sent back every day-every day! and he nodded his head emphatically.

It was now three days before the All hope of having the new jersey had vanished from Jim. He had cautiously examined every box and basket in Peg's room and in the sewing-room, to see whether she had not been secretly working on it; but he of white wool wrapped up in a towel. Hoping against hope, he had been rowany one to take his place.

He had watched Peg trying to make but Peg. the chicken-coops herself, and had had hard work not to do it for her, especially when she came to lunch the same day with both thumbs tied up, and eyes that looked suspiciously "weepy.

"Hang it!" said Jim, "I'll do it, any-

the rickety results of poor Peg's toil. 'I can't stand this any longer," he said to his mother, that evening, as he come yet. sat with his head on her knee; "and I for giving in. I'd rather do things my- might not have happened. self and have 'em ship-shape, and 1 don't mind running up to the village the dock, where they arrived very

some one forgot and wouldn't bring getting all hot and dusty. I hate to proceeded concentration of the state of the state

The mother laughed. Well, dear, I'm glad to have you see that revenge isn't as sweet as it first seems to be. I think the girls have found a very thin coating of sugar on that bitterest of medicines. You're not a bit 'soft' to 'give in'-rather brave, I should say-and you will be much happier soon, if you are not

'Here's a letter from Mr. Morgan. Peg. Is he coming Saturday?"

Jim watched his sister as she read the letter, which Lettie had just brought.

"Yes, I'm sorry to say, he is. I wrote come; but he is in Washington, and will not go home again until after Saturday: so he won't get the letter. Oh, I'll use one of the boats at the dock for the regatta; it won't matter if we do go out in an old hulk that has to be bailed with a tomato-can, and smells of fish, and hasn't any cushions. Nobody cares, and I'm sure I don't."

She tossed her head and went on sewing.

"Can't you get one of the Sanford boys to finish painting your boat?"

'Do you suppose I'd ask any one to finish another person's work? 'Lassie' can drop to pieces, if the one who undertook to do so does not finish there, or I'm no judge. the repairs it needs."

Jim strolled out to the porch, apparently dear to all these remarks; but a smile would keep twitching at the corners of his mouth.

What did Peg say when she found the chicken-coops finished?" he asked Nan, a little later, when he found her

she hated to have you do it." Why?

"Oh, I don't know. Just on principle, I guess. She's going to thank you when she feels in a dignified mood.

Friday was a busy day in the Brown's household. The lunch must be was away all the morning at the final trial spin on the bay. The housework had to be done as usual, and it seemed as if there never had been so many things forgotten in the village.

The girls were putting the finishing touches to some gay dresses, whose colors honored the home crew. Peg was in her room nearly all day, and after supper she retired thither, and no night; but Nan noticed next day that her lamp had not a drop of oil left in

When Jim woke that morning, his disappointment came back with fresh pang. He almost wished that it were not such a glorious day, so that the race might be put off. He dressed slowly, and stood looking out the window for some moments before he went corners of his mouth up into a very bean family?

much astonished and very happy smile. All at once he dashed down-stairs brand new jersey, royally embroidered cloth and orange letters, and startled even Peg, who had been in a state of excitement for half an hour.

an angel!

A brick angel! That's something

"I don't care. It's something new to have a sister like you. I'm everlastingly grateful, and you won't regret it -never mind, though. I won't say anything, only thank you forever.'

Peg was really glad and happy, in spite of the thought of the unpainted boat.

Jim left the house after breakfast. had found only the needles and a hank and the rest of the family promised to be at the dock by ten promptly, so that they might get a good place from ing every evening with the crew, too which to see the race. Everybody was proud to tell why he wanted to re- in a state of excitement, rushing up sign; and now it was too late to get and down-stairs, into each other's arms, laughing, singing-everybody

> "Never mind, child," said Nan; 'you've done a noble deed. Let that console you for the sufferings you endure. You've poured enough coals on that young sinner's head to leave scars for life, and I predict they will."

But Peg couldn't share this feeling. And that afternoon he finished half and when they stopped at the station a dozen coops, after a hearty laugh at to meet Mr. Morgan,on their way to the

point, Nan whispered: "Cheer up, old lady; the worst hasn't

And if Mr. Morgan had not appeared don't care if the girls do call me soft at that minute, there is no telling what

As it was, they all walked down to

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hearty kiss, wholly oblivious of the nights. smiles of the spectators.

Every one exclaimed in admiration of the "Lassie's" fine looks—a com- with the band, joyful tears dropped plete coat of white paint, new cushion- from their faces, like those from the covers, clean sails, a dry, white deckeverything was completely in order. And, as for Peg-well, no one knows "She was glad enough, but she said who was the happier when the home crew won the race, she or Jim; and the brother down there, who was diboth declared that it was owing to the other's trying to do right

ed on the same plan ever since, and you care to. everybody seems to be satisfied.

"If you want to be happy, don't be prepared for the next day's sail, Jim stingy with hot coals," is Nan's way of putting it .- I. S. Fletcher, in Youth's Companion.

THE SUNFLOWER CHRISTIAN.

A Fable.

There grew, last summer, in the back part of my garden, a row of sunflowers, standing from five to fifteen feet high, the flowers measuring from six then use your fulness by coming down one had a glimpse of her again that to twelve inches across-a most pleas-

tallest one, whose head was up among and in love. - Mark Guy Pearse the branches of an apple tree, said, "Good morning!" with a most cheerful tone; and I went on to say: "I am happy to see you so bright and ches ful after the shower last night. What to the closet, and pulled down the old sort of Christians are you, wide awake gray jersey. Something came with it, so early, and up, when your neighbors. something which made Jim's eyes open the potatoes, corn and all the rest are a 'mild stimulant,' that I hardly knew much wider than usual, and drew the down, unless held up like the pole- what to do when I found it was really

"We belong," said he, "to the Independent Order of Sunflower Christians. unstrung. Am a school teacher and with a wild whoop, waving a beautiful Have you never heard, sir, that the was exceedingly ner praise him!

"Hi, Peg! You're a brick! You're attending to, according to our best none of us could endure it, it was so

Seeing how fully he was carrying out his idea, I asked: "How came it about that you are so much higher than some that are larger than you!

He gave a little bow of his head as he replied: "I'm only obeying orders, sir. I'd no idea of ever going so high, but our family often grow tall. At any rate, I was told to do it, and this friendly old apple tree encouraged and heiped me; so here I am.

Looking at him, I said: "You make a brave show, Brother Sunflower, but your colors are very common-green. vellow and brown: they are not even in the flag of our country you see floating over the mountain yonder. like you, but don't you think the mignonetttes and sweet-peas are better Christians than you, though not half so showy

He was not the least disturbed by my remarks, and answered: "The mignonettes and sweet-peas are very lovely Christians, and show their colors well; but didn't God make yellow, green and brown, as well as the more delicate shades? I know we are a prominent family, but we don't crowd anybody; the Lord made us as we are. Already an army of bees, wasps and dies have feasted on our faces, and pretty soon the sparrows and yellowbirds will be here, and we shall all give up our lives to supply their wants. half as much as I mind their going and promptly, to find Jim waiting for them, that God has made and is using us."

it. sorry I've not stopped and conversed "Will you come on board now? The with you before; it seems to me you

Brother Sunflower looked down "The 'Lassie!' " cried Peg. "Why, I smiling, and said: "Didn't you plant ought-" us for sunflowers, and nothing else-"I know you did, my dear; so did I and hasn't the Lord made us grow that the 'Lassie' has a new coat to add to are thankful just to be. We praise

Said I: "All these dark, damp, hot nights?" "O yes!" said he; "our Mak-er said, 'Let your light shine, and And the happy boy gave his sister a said nothing about putting it out

> Just then a happy little morning wind came along, and shook hands old class-meeting saints, and I look

Yes," said he, "there was a poor lit-However that may be, they have act- and died. You may take his place if

It takes a soul to save a soul. It takes a life to save a life. When I was in North Wales some time ago, walk ing along by the slate quarries. I no ticed that no empty fruck went up un less a full truck came down. There is picture that I would fain hang up in the chambers of our imagery. Go up on high and get filled yourself, and ward. There is the law, the necessity One morning, as I had been feeding the chickens, I stopped and said, "Good morning. Brother Sunflower!" The surrender of ourselves in prayer

SCHOOL TEACHER Pulled Down Hill.

"I relied on Coffee so much to keep me up, having been told that it was pulling me down hill. My sleep was badly broken at night and I was all

to leave off coffee and try Postum Well, sir, that's the business we are Food toffee. Mother made it first, but throw the package away, but I said. 'Suspend jugment until we have made it strictly according to directions.' It seems she had made the Postum like she always made coffee. taking it off the stove as soon as it began to boil. Mother was so preiudiced against it that she did not care to try it again, but I got sister to make the Postum next morning strictly ac to boil full fifteen minutes after the boiling begins.

"We were all amazed at the difference. Sister said it was better coffee to her taste, than the old, and father who is an elderly gentleman and had used coffee all his life, appeared to rel ish the Postum as well as my little brother, who took to it from the first.

"For a while, mother clung to her old favorite, although she was sick more or less of the time. Finally, one morning, she drank a cup of Postum by mistake, believing it to be coffee We joked her so much about it, be cause she did not discover the difference, that she finally admitted she had occasionally taken a sip of the Postum Coffee, and from that time she pro posed to use it altogether. Her health has been very greatly improved, and we are all strong advocates of Postum. Please omit my name from publica-We are happy, and most of us now are tion."-..... Flagler, Col. Name can be bowing our heads in grateful praise given by Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich

Sunday-School Department,

FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON II, DEC. 10.

LESSONS IN GIVING. Mal. 1:6-11 and 3:8-12.

Golden Text: "God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:7.

The occurrences of this lesson are between 427 and 420 B. C. The place is Jerusalem. We clip the following comments upon the lesson from the International Evangel:

It is uncertain whether the name 'Malachi" is a personal name or an official title. It means "messenger," or 'angel," and it is thought by some that the real name of the prophet is unknown, and that "Malachi" was used to designate him on the suggestion of 3:1. It is not important that we should know. Some one, whom we have come to call Malachi, had put upon him "the burden of the word of the Lord to Is-The message is of more importance than the messenger. The date of Malachi is put at some sixty years after Haggai and Zechariah. He was probably a contemporary of Nehemiah and Ezra. The evils against which he protests are the same as those with which they had to deal.

A peculiarity of the style of the book ought to be noted. The prophet's method of teaching is (1) to make a general affirmation of a principle, a truth or fact; then (2) a denial of that fact or principle, put in the form of a question from those against whom a charge is preferred; and (3) the divine rejoinder in specifications and illustrations of the charge. Note this in 1:2. The general statement is, "I have The querulous denial is, Wherein hast thou loved us?" and for me. the rejoinder, the reference to Esau and Jacob. So in the first section of the lesson, the general statement is that the priests, as the ministers of the people, had dishonored His name; the denial, "Wherein have we despised thy name?" and the rejoinder in specin the second section of the lesson 3:8-12), the general charge is, "Ye have robbed me." The denial in the form of a question of assumed innoand offerings." So also in 2:11-15, the charge is that they put away their native wives and married "the daughthe mixed races. Coupled with this charge is the threat, "The Lord will cut off the man that doeth this" (2:12). The denial or defense is the insolent question, "Wherefore?" (14), and the been a witness between thee and the The process is wife of thy youth." that of arraignment, defense and con-

The lesson deals with the sin of cheating and robbing God. The charge is supported by two classes of specifications: (1) The offering or polluted ices unto God: (2) the keeping back of tithes. Their sac- ciple is conscious is the pardon of his rifices were corrupt, and their offerings sins. So long as the consciousness of or tithe-taxes were unpaid.

The first section of the lesson (1:6-11) deals with the character of their sacrifices. The law of Moses was very explicit in forbidding all blemished sacrifices. "If there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord thy God" (Deut. 15:21). "Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the Lord" (Lev. 22:22). But this was precisely the kind of sacrifices that were being presented by the people and accepted by the priests. The rebuke is directly to the priests, for he says, "This hath been by your means (v. 9). But back of the priests were dies.' the people whom the priests sought to please by accepting their contemptible sacrifices. And God complains that in as a son should honor his father, and 6). They would not dare to offer such things to their Persian Governor (v. 8). Surely what would be an insult to a father, a master, a civil Governor, could not be accepted by Jehovah. He tells them that it were better that doors of the temple should be closed altogether, and the fires upon the altar allowed to go out, than that such offensive offerings should be tendered (v. 10). Even among the heathen his name was held in greater reverence than that; for in v. 11 the accepted version incorrectly puts the future tense. It is present tense and should heathen." It is correctly rendered in every individual heart, names may di-

v. 14, "my name is dreadful among the vide us, yet the true Church of Christ

(3:8-12), the sin complained of is the powers of sin. robbing of God in the keeping back of the tithes due for the support of his house. The Levitical law (Lev. 27:30) said expressly, "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's." The possibility of supporting the service of the temple depended upon the payment of these tithes. Because they were kept back, the Levites, being left in destitution, were compelled to neglect their sacred duties. So God's house, not only by polluted offerings-as sick, maimed and lame animals-was brought into contempt, but also through the failure to support its servants it fell into neglect and decay. Therefore the curse of God was upon the nations-devourers destroyed their fruits, and the vine prematurely cast its fruit. If they would prove that their calamities were because of their unfaithfulness, let them bring in the tithes, and they should be made to abound.

Epworth League Department.

Lesson Topic for December 10: "The Indwelling Presence."—Col. 1:21-29; Will disclose all my treasures from Plutus.
my god.

We take the following remarks on the lesson from an exchange:

The keynote of the reference in Colossians is, "Christ in you the hope of glory," which Paul denominates "the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles." (Verse 27.)

The verse in Galatians reads: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself

By nature, we are sinners and alienated from God. Sin is a great separatist. Man was originally created in the image of God, and so long as he maintained that image, was in the closest intercourse with God. Sin was the repellent force that drove him ifications given in vs. 7-8. Similarly away from God. How was this inter-in the second section of the lesson course restored? "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting cence, "Wherein have we robbed life." Faith in Christ brings back the thee?" and the rejoinder, "In tithes sinner and restores this union. The proces of this restoration is a very simple one. Man, by sin, had forfeited this relation, incurred the penalty of ters of a strange god," or women of death, and had no means of reinstating himself. God, in great love, and in the person of his own Son, furnished the substitute and made a way of pardon. Until then, pardoned man could not come back into communion with rejoinder is, "Because the Lord hath God. The only conditions of pardon are, repentance and faith, which always lead to the required obedience of the life.

"I am crucified with Christ." We die unto sin, and are made alive unto Christ. "Nevertheless, I live; yet not 1, but Christ liveth in me." Pardon, then, is the beginning of the new life; turned. the first thing of which the new disunpardoned sin remained, there could be no intercourse with Christ. The can be used with perfect safety. sense of pardoned sin makes its subject unspeakably happy. Sin, being taken out of the way. Christ comes into the heart and makes his abode there so long as we yield ourselves to the gracious influence of his indwelling presence. Then begins the growth in grace that leads on to the highest experiences of which the pardoned soul is capable in this life.

There could be no perfection that does not involve the idea of growth. The child or plant may be a perfect plant or child in every stage of its growth. "When a living thing stops growing, it ceases to be perfect; it

Having Christ enthroned in the heart, and our wills conformed to his will, one of the first results is the vital such sacrifices they did not honor him unity with other Christian hearts. No matter what be the name, every truly a servant should honor his master (v. Christian heart is in sympathy and unity with every other truly Christian heart. This is the only kind of Christian unity we may expect in this lifespiritual unity. Organization can effect very little in this direction; forms and ordinances will never bring Christian hearts together. And where this heart unity exists, there will always be Christian fellowship; they go together, and there can be no forced fellowship aside from heart union in Christ. This is the only solution of the problem of Church unity. It can not be legislated into the Church or forced upon her by any uniformity of ordiread, "my name is great among the nances. But with Christ enthroned in

will be a unit, and will move on in its. In the second section of the lesson growth to certain victory over all the

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To me is a day of perfunctory gifts.
The treadmill must turn on, grinding out
pelt;
No halting allowed for brute, clerk or self.
What's sentiment worth? Sells love by the
pound?

pound?
Affections are crushed in the mill's ruthless

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round.

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Promptly at 10 a. m. President Works took the chair and called the meeting to order. Mr. W. E. Hawkins led in prayer. The chair submitted a schedule of topics for consideration, the first of which was State League Finance. Mr. Works wanted to know the financial condition of the State League, and what had been done by the Secretary toward the collection of the assessment fund. The Secretary replied that the total indebtedness was over \$200, and that a call for State League tax had been issued from his office on October 2, a copy being mailed to over 600 pastors and Leaguers throughout the State. The President urged the Secretary to press the collection of the State tax (which is 50 cents for each twenty members) and to call on other officers if help was needed. The Secretary was also instructed to push the sale of League requisites which he has on hand.

The chair stated that the next item to claim attention was that of missions, and reviewed the five years' contract made by the Texas Leaguers to the Board of Missions for the support of three missionaries in Caina at a salary of \$3000 per year.

Mr. Ragsdaie then took the floor and said the assessment plan was becom- crowded, and Nath gave us another ing unpopular, as collections had been steadily falling off. He told of his unsuccessful efforts to get in touch with the sundry Missionary Committeemen throughout the State. But one conference, he said, had appointed district committeemen, and that was the North Texas. He mentioned the excellent service rendered by R. M. Means, Special Missionary Secretary-Treasurer of said conference. At the conclusion of Mr. Ragsdale's remarks Rev. P. L. Cobb said that Texas was to be congratulated on being the first State organization to take up the support of missionaries. . "Texas," he said, "has influenced other States in stimulating mission work." He then referred to and explained the "Holston Plan" of raising assessments for missions. Rev. Cobb stated that he was authorized by the Secretaries of the Board of Missions to offer the mail that brought Dr. Rankin's able proposition to the State League Cabinet releasing the Texas Leaguers from the noted agnostic brought to me a tract, provided the cabinet would pledge the Leaguers to iar; but it bore heavily upon my heart, deep water navigation. She has eleven pay the mission deficits in this State under the supervision of the pastors and presiding elders. He said: the League can bring up this deficit it will find great favor among the pastors.

Upon motion of A. K. Ragsdale, secepded by A. H. McVeigh, the proposition as above stated was accepted. At the suggestion of the chair a committee of three, to-wit: Rev. P. L. Cobb, A. K. Ragsdale and R. M. Means, was appointed to present the new plan to the preachers and Leaguers in this State.

The matter of time and place of next State League Conference was eternity-drifting-sinking-no hopetaken up. The Secretary read a resolution adopted by the Texas Conference League recommending the city of Austin as the next place of meeting. Upon motion the President was requested to solicit offers from cities desiring said conference.

Mrs. Johnson made a statement relative to the work and needs of the Dallas Rescue Home. She also stated the action of the North Texas Conference League toward the building of an Epworth Annex" to this institution, and solicited the prayers and financial aid of the members present.

sense of the Texas State League Cabipet that a Southern League Conferthe General Epworth League Board.

Upon motion the Third Vice-President was instructed to prepare during the next four months outlines of books in 1541. in the Reading Course for publication in the Epworth Era and Texas Christian Advocate.

The resignation of Mrs. Ethel Woodard, Second Vice-President, was read tead and accepted. A vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Woodard for the faithful manner in which she had discharged the duties of her office. Upon motion the President was instructed to appoint a successor to Mrs. Wood-

The resignation of former Secretary, Gus W. Thomasson, was referred to and a vote of thanks extended for his singular efficiency in the work assigned to him while serving in the capacity of Texas State League Sec-

The Secretary stated that he was at work on the Texas League Directory for 1899, and expected to publish same about December 10. His plans were explained and approved.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned sine die, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. P. L. Cobb.

R. M. MEANS, State Secretary.

Whitesboro, Texas.

NATH THOMPSON AT PEARSALL. Yesterday was the time of my first Quarterly Conference and the presiding elder, Bro. B. Harris, was on hand in good shape, and preached an excellent sermon, much of it, as any one could see, being but the echo of his own experience. It was suggestive and enjoyable throughout and a good prepcration for the delightful communion service that followed. At 5:30 Bro. Nath Thompson, the Field Agent for our Rescue Home at San Antonio, addressed a large congregation of men only in the interest of the work in hand. His address was strong, chaste and to the point. Old men and young men listened and smiled and wept as the preache; went on in simple earnestness to describe his work and to set forth the demands of the enterprise. Aye, more. They gave their money (more than \$75), and they did it with such a hearty good will as to leave the impression that they were glad to do it. Again at night the house was characteristic discourse. You will have to hear him to know what that nieans. You can not anticipate him, nor can you describe adequately one of his sermons. But they are always sensible, always simple, always to the point. They bristle with facts and glow as the light under his simple illustrations, and the spirit of the man moves everything before him. None sleep, none seem ever to grow listless while he tatks. It would seem that he is divinely called to the work he is now doing, and I bespeak for him and his cause the right of way in every place fortunate enough to secure from him a visit. JNO. S. GILLETT.

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To day the sky seems more than bright.
With not a cloud of gloom.
And all the flowers at our feet
Are deeper in their bloom.

The we sit down at set of sun.
And count the things that done.

To-day we praise thee, Spirit, come And fill the earth and air, And make our loving hearts thy home, And every thought a prayer,

FRANCIS BARNES.

POLITENESS LEARNED BY ITS ABSENCE.

The aged may have no appetite for We've eased no heart by yea or nay; od, but they hunger for sympathy for If through it all feed, but they hunger for sympathy for the kind words and cheering smiles We've nothing done that we can trace which will turn their aching hearts from sighs to song.

Could the full meaning of the word "regret" be realized, how few would withhold from the old the tenderness and reverent consideration which their just due; they are hallowed epportunities to change ordinary kindnesses and trival, helpful acts, for the imperishable riches of heaven; they are barriers between the younger generation and an unknown world; when they shall have passed through the gate of silence, and sons and daughters stand in their place, then will these in turn bitterly learn what it means to be set aside, tolerated, pitied,

It is not an uncommon occurrence to see children that are ashamed of the parents who have given them advantages which were impossible to themselves; they deride mispronunciations and unfashionable dress or manners. seemingly unaware that all look upon such ingratitude with contempt. One who honors his father, no matter how illiterate or uncultivated that father may be, honors himself in the act. It is pitiful, but one frequently sees an aged father or mother so accustomed to disregard, that a personal attention will cause the lip to quiver. Though the mind may still be strong. friends are apt to drop away when the body becomes feeble and can no longer be made useful; and what unshed tears dir, the vision of those who sit in their loneliness, conscious of being superfluous, yet longing for the affection which would brighten their waiting.

Is it polite to say, "Take this seat, father; you know you don't hear very well?" Or, "I've given you a room down stairs. Aunt Sarah, on account of your rheumatic knee?" Would it not be kinder to say, "This is a good place, father; you can hear splendidly here?" "I want you to have this room. Aunt Sarah; the view is lovely from Not a bit of decepthis vincow." tion about it, either-it is merely a be more cruel than to draw attention to uncertain carriage, failing evesight. or other infirmities of the aged; for, as has been said, the mind and heart are sensitive long after bodily powers are weakened. Lavish cordial thoughtfulness upon the old, but help them not too obviously. "Let me do that" may be agreeable offering, but how much sweeter to lovingly smile. and do it silently! Conspicuous thoughtfulness hurts.

Almost every day one may see the beartless or unrefined laughing at pecultarities of the aged. "See that man drinking from his saucer-how oldfashioned!" exclaimed a loud girl in a hotel dining-room.

"It was old-fashioned manners not to notice such things," said the old gentleman putting down the saucer.

It would be well for the ignorant to remember that while fashion is despotic, there are varying usages. A hundred years ago it was a la mode to drink from the saucer, and cup plates came with every set of china, that the damask might be protected when the cup was removed from the saucer.

The first Mrs. John Quincy Adams ate with her knife, as was the custom. and laughed at her husband when, on his return from France, he brought four-tined silver forks and ate with one, as etiquette at the French court then demanded. The word "etiquette" has a curious origin. In French it means simply a label. So those to whom the term is applied as being its finished master, are simply labeled as fit to enter polite society. Its origin in the sense that it is used now, dates back to Louis XIV. He had employed a doughty Scotch gardener to lay out the grounds at Versailles. The courtiers would wander all over his smoothly made lawn, and he complained to the king, who told the gardener to place sticks with labels on them directing the offenders to walk only on the paths indicated between them. "Walk between the etiquettes" was the word that went round, and it is easy to see how the meaning broadened.

Table etiquette especially is a constant study, and even young people must look well to themselves, wasting no time over the lapses of their neigh-

"The whole of heraldry and of chivalry is in courtesy!"

And count the things that we have

And counting find

lost."

One self-denying act, one word That eased the heart of him who heard,

One glance most kind. That fell like sunshine where it went,

Then we may count the day well spent. "But if through all the livelong day

That brought the sunshine to a face, No act most small

That helped some soul and nothing cost. Then count that day as worse than

-Dr. Buckley, in N. Y. Advocate

----A LEGEND.

A legend was told me the other day which may interest you. A young man, discontented with his lot, dreamed a wonderful dream. He was carried into a beautiful country, and was driven in state through leafy bowers and under arching trees, through groves redolent with orange blossoms. Rare exotics bloomed on every side. The place seemed a perfect fairy-land of beauty

After driving for miles and miles. he stopped before a magnificent palace. It was built of marble, and the carving was of the finest workmanship. Its minarets and domes were ornamented with rare jewels, which flashed in the sunshine. The doors were of pearls, the floors of gold, and the ceilings, instead of being frescoed, were studded with rubies and diamonds. The bulding was of enormous size, covering with its wings fully a square mile, and everything was on a scale of rare splendor.

Stepping to one side of the palace. his eye rested on a dark brown niche, small, but in such a striking contrast to the place that he asked the guide what it meant, and why that was not marble also, and set around with precious stones.

Imagine the young man's surprise when he said. "The fault is yours. This is the Palace Beautiful, and this is your niche. You have been unhappy because of your lowly station in life, and since you could not have a position of prominence, you have spent your time in discontent, while others have been improving their time. Golden Rule kindness! Nothing can It rests upon you alone to make this palace perfect."

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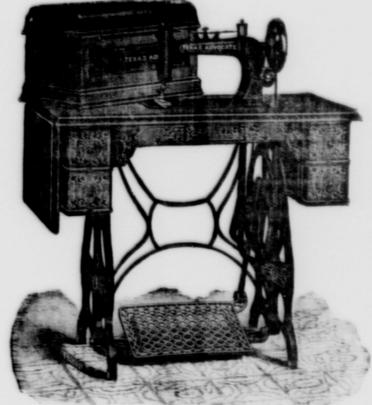
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And goes to sleep on the train.

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But what is the fare to this pleasant

land? I hope it is not too dear; The fare is this-a loving kiss-And it is paid to the engineer.

So I ask of Him who the children took On His knee in kindness great, "Take charge, I pray, of the trains each day

They leave at 6 and 8.

'Keep watch o'er the passengers," thus I pray,

"For they are very dear; And have special ward, O gracious Psalm.-Uplook.

O'er the gentle engineer!"

-Christian Observer.

row due to their District Secretary, December 7, at 2:30 p. m.: Mrs. J. H. Braswell, Lampasas, Texas, MRS. S. S. MUNCER,

Pres. Conf. Society.

The visit or Miss Maria L. Gibson, Principal of our Scarritt Bible and Training School, to our State in October is remembered with pleasure by those so fortunate as to meet her in ment. the social circle and to hear her in her public address. She visited the annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society of the North Texas Conference held in Shettles. Plano, and made an address in behalf of the Training School. At the close of her address this Conference Society. under the inspiration of the hour, then and there decided to send a pupil to the school and pay all expense for the term, and Miss Olivia McLean, daughter of the presiding elder of Dallas District, is now attending the school as the beneficiary of the society, having accompanied Miss Gibsen on her re- dohl. turn to Kansas City.

Miss Helen Baker, a faithful, zealous Shettles. member of the First Methodist Church of Dallac has since entered the school for the present term at her own ex-

Miss Norwood Wynn, a member of Trinity Methodist Church of Dallas, entered the school at the opening of the present term in September as the beneficiary of the scholarship of the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference. It is around this young sister that the desire and expectation of that Conference Society are centered, and for her many prayers no doubt ascend to a gracious Heavenly Father. After briefly to state the plan: Miss Wynn's departure for the school another young lady of that same Church, Miss Webb, expressed a strong desire to go to take a course of training in the school. The Auxiliary Home Mission Society of Trinity Church undertook to provide the means for her to go, and she is now in the school, her expenses being met by that auxiliary, will be seen, therefore, that there are now in our Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, Mo., four young ladies from the bounds of the and Miss Baker, went as the direct re- cal reports of their welfare and prosult of Miss Gibson's visit to our State. gress will be sent. Four dollars Miss Gibson visited Waxahachie, Corsicana, Waco, Temple and Georgetown while in Texas, all these points being in the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference, she going by the invitation Mexico City, or to me. No more efficaand arrangement of Mrs. J. P. Mussett, cious means can be employed to re- of the bride's parents, Mr. J. R. Hand Corresponding Secretary W. F. M. So- vive life in society, a League, Church and Miss M. F. Adams, Rev. W. C. ciety of that conference, and we know or individual, dying spiritually, than the cause of the W. F. M. Society, as to do a work like this—a work that In New York, Texas, on November well as that of the Training School, in will be so far-reaching and enduring 22, 1899, at the home of the bride's matted for the in-tamps. Be Riettre

terest enhanced by her public utter- to-day; to-morrow other knights will Eliza Jones, Rev. P. R. White officiaances and by her personal influence claim the field." on individuals We pray the blessings of God upon her and upon her work, and trust that some others may be constrained to go to the Training School from the various places visited by her to fit them for greater usefulness in either home or foreign mission work.

REMEDY FOR TROUBLE.

If you are down with the blues, read

the twenty-third Psalm. If there is a chilly sensation about the heart, read the third chapter of

Kevelation. If you don't know where to look for a month's rent, read the twenty-

seventh Psalm. If you are lonesome and unprotected, read the ninety-first Psalm.

If the stovepipe has fallen down and the cook gone off in a pet, put up the pipe and wash your hands, and read the first chapter of James.

If you find yourself losing confidence in men, read the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians.

If people pelt you with hard words, read the fifteenth chapter of John and the fifty-first Psalm. If you are getting discouraged about

your work, read Psalm 126 and Galations 6:7-9. If you are out of sorts, read the

twelfth chapter of Hebrews. If you are troubled about what you ought to say to some one who is seeking salvation, read the fifty-first

PROGRAM.

Program of the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of The societies of Gatesville District the Texas Cenference to be held at will please send their quarterly reports Marlin, Texas, beginning Thursday,

THURSDAY.

Devotional exercises, Mrs. S. W. phia Record. Thomas.

Enrollment of delegates. Address of welcome from Marlin Auxiliary.

Response, Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Appointment of committees. Fix time of meeting and adjourn-

Reports of District Secretaries. Our Homes, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss,

FRIDAY.

Devotional exercises, Mrs. E. L.

Reading of minutes.

Presentations and addresses. Mrs. I. M. E. Blandin.

Report of Corresponding Secretary. Report of Treasurer. Our Schools and our part of the

Twentieth Century Offering, Mrs. S. Thomas,

Reports of delegates. SATURDAY.

Devotional exercises, Mrs. J. C. Eng-

Reading of minutes. Parsonages and Supplies, Mrs. E. L.

Report of committees.

ing, "Is Tithing Practicable?" by Mrs. lar real estate channels."-Harper's Radeliffe, will be read, followed by a Bazar. It will be remembered by some that discussion of the subject. Election of officers.

Adjournment.

THE CHILDREN OF BELEM.

As letters have been received from individuals and Epworth Leagues asking for more specific information as to how these children shall be cared for when taken from the prison I wish

They are to be placed in a branch department of the Charity School of Keener Institute. Here they will be fed, cleansed, clothed, taught and led into the way everlasting. These dear little ones will be looked after with maternal selicitude by three of the mis- "I won't go anywhere near it."—Buffasionaries of our Church, viz: Misses H. K. Norville, Annie Churchill and assisted by several other Auxiliary Fanny Moling. As the Churches, Ep-Home Mission Societies of Dallas. It worth Leagues or individuals advise us these children will be selected and taken from the prison. Full particu-lars and all the information that can be obtained concerning them will be North Texas Conference (all from written those taking them out. After ting. Dallas) and two of them, Miss McLean they are placed in the school periodi-(United States currency) is the estimated expense of each child per month. The money may be sent to Miss H. K. Norville la Calle de Colon No. all those places was helped and the in- in its results. "Our day for doing is mother, Mr. J. A. Harper and Miss Made Easy, Prof. Jan. MccMaster, Dallas, Tex

MISS JULIA WATERWALL,

Keener Institute. 1a Calle de Colon No. 7, Mexico City, Mexico.

JUST BE GLAD.

O heart of mine, we shouldn't Worry so. What we've missed of calm we couldn't Have, you know.

What we've met of stormy pain, And of sorrow's driving rain, We can better meet again,

If it blow. We have erred in that dark hour

We have known. When the tears fell with the shower, All alone.

Were not shine and shower blent As the gracious Master meant? Let us temper our content

With his own. For we know not every morrow Can be sad;

So, forgetting all the sorrow We have had,

Let us fold away our fears. And put by our foolish tears. And through all the coming years Just be glad.

-James Whitcomb Riley.

Holiday rates to the OLD STATES via the COTTON BELLT ROUTE, on sale De-cember 20, 21 and 22, limited for thirty days, at ONE FARE for the round trip. For information as to through ears, rates, accommodations or connections, address A. S. Wagner, C. P. and T. A., 237 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

A LITTLE FUN.

Blobbs-"I heard a lectureer last week who gets \$500 a night." Slobbs-"That so? What was his

subject?" Blobbs-"Free speech."-Philadel-

What He Wanted .- Weary Willie-'Dese horseless kerridges is great, isn't

Anxious Arthur-"Yep: but what dev orter invent is a biteless dorg."-Baltimore American.

Forty Knots .- "What progress does this little girl make in her sewing?" asked the tall and stately patroness at the charity school, as she stopped before the daughter of a 'longshoreman and noticed that the pupil had her thread hopelessly tangled. "About forty knots an hour," roguish-City Missions and Rescue Work. About forty knots at the looked up.

> The golfer-"You must acknowledge that it requires a great deal of skill to drive a ball a hundred yards-

> The farmer-"Don't require half ez much skill ez it does t' drive a pig fifty feet."-Harper's Bazar.

> "Leave the house," cried little Binks. making a great bluff of strength to the burglar.

"I intend to, my small friend," replied the burglar, courteously. "I am merely after the contents. When I Systematic and Proportionate Giv- take houses I do it through the regu-

> A Lost Art.-Mr. Henpeck-"I wish sometimes. I had the knowledge of the ancient Egyptians."

Friend-"In regard to what, old man?"

Mr. Henpeck-"Perhaps you have seen some of their mummies. They understand how to make a woman dry up and remain so."-Life,

"Mamma," said little Freddie one evening, "may I go out on the street with the other boys and look at the comet?"

'No, dear," replied his mother: "I'm afraid you might get hurt."

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Tolosa, Texas, November 19, 1899, Mr. W. T. Williams and Miss Mary Weir, Rev. C. C. Davis officia-

Last Sunday evening, December 3, at the residence of Wm. Watters, three miles north of Alto, Mr. D. B Single-tary and Miss Viola Watters, and Mr. J. Tullies and Miss Mary Baxter, hev. S. M. Thomas officiating.

On August 28, 1899, at the residence Stallings officiating.

In the Tunnell's Chapel Church,

Van Zandt County, November 26, 1899. Mr. J. Earl White and Miss Minnie Centry, Rev. P. R. White officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Brown, near Nursery, Texas, Mr. R. L. Jordon and Miss Addie Brown, Rev. W. O. Shugart officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents, near Wimberly, Texas, November 29, 1899, Mr. W. B. Perry and Miss Sallie Estes, Rev. Hiram Graham officiating

At the residence of the bride's sister. Mrs. Walter Ransom, at McDade, Tex., Mr. William Sheets and Miss Lillie Norrill, Rev. R. C. George officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. S. C. Moore, at 6 p. m., November 30, 1899, Mr. J. A. Stanger and Miss Alice Moore, Rev. T. B. Vinson officiating.

November 30, 1899, at the residence of the bride's father, Hon. T. J. Wilson, near Douglassville, Texas, Mr. J. Dickey, of Tyler, Texas, and Miss Mary Gray Wilson, Rev. J. M. Greene officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, J. II Killingsworth, near Sala-Co. Texas, November 29, 1899, Mr. Claude Houston and Miss Lucy Killingsworth, Rev. W. B. Andrew officia-

By Rev. C. C. Davis, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Wilson's Chapel in Kaufman County, Texas, 1899, Mr. Albert T. Pecember . 5, Knowles and Miss Lois Averatt.

At the residence of Mr. Joe Weatherly, near Chandler, Texas. Mr. Will Rounsaville and Miss Cynthia Weathcrly, July 2, 1899, Rev. W. C. Stallings officiating.

Sitting in a buggy at the parsonage in Arlington, Texas, by the Rev. J. P. Mussett, December 3, 1899, Mr. J. A. Mousey and Miss Ada B. House; all of Mansfield.

On November 30, 1899, at my home, five and a half miles west from Tyler, Texas, Mr. R G. Dorough, of Terrell, Texas, and Mrs. Sue Anderson, of Tyler, Texas, Rev. W. C. Stallings officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father on November 29, 1899, Mr. B. Humphreys and Miss Hattie Willard, Rev. Stuart Nelson officiating.

At the home of the bride, near Lovelace, Texas, November 29, 1899, Mr. J. L. Collins and Miss Lula E. Shrum, Rev. Sam'l Morriss officiating.

At the Methodist parsonage in Arlington, Texas, December 3, 1899, by Rev. J. P. Mussett, Mr. G. W. Hoffart and Miss Alma Williams.

At the residence of the bride's parents, four miles west of Grapevine, November 26, 1830, Mr. M. O. Shuman and Miss Jes-sle A. Austin, Rev. J. C. Smith officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in Hondo Canyon, November 23, 1809, Mr. James Moreland, of San Saba County, and Miss Louis Hudspeth, of Bandera County, Rev. M. K. Fred officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents, lichmond, Grant County, New Mexico, Ir. Charlie C. Martin and Miss Weta Vindham, on November 22, 1809, at 4 p. L. Rev. W. Sherlock Hugget officiating. At the residence of the bride's father, Mexia, Texas, November 26, 1839, by Rev. T. J. Duncan, Mr. B. D. Reynolds and Miss Eugenia Wood.

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NEW ORPHANAGE BUILDING.

Call No. 3.

TO SANTA CLAUS.

I am inquired of, all over the State, the names and ages of the children in our Orphanage at Waco, that they may know what size of suit of clothes they can make them a present of. So I have secured the names and ages of both boys and girls. Everything must be sent expressage prepaid, as there is no money in the treasury for that purpose; or send by mail. These little remembrances will bring great joy to these motherless little ones at Christmas tide. Address the child, in care of Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Waco, Texas.

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WILL THE PASTORS please ent this out and hand to their city and county papers in behalf of the orphans? Some, perhaps, will not see the Advocate, and would like to send a Christmas gift to some one of these little ones, and we want to make it available by this means.

Respectfully yours, ARE MULKEY.

60 men and women wanted to send me \$5 each, which pays for a panel of wire and iron fencing, to fence the Orphanage in and which will last 50 years. So many can raise \$5 that can't furnish an apartment. Sunday-school classes. Junior Leagues and small Sunday-schools can be represented in this. Please send post-office order to me at Corsicana, Yours. represented in this office order to me at Corsicana, Yours, ABE MULKEY.

Answers received in reply to the call for fence:
No. 4, Lr. T. B. Taylor, Page, Texas. \$5 00
No. 5, D. R. Spiller, McDade, Texas. 5 00
No. 6, John Woods, Bastrop. 5 00
No. 7, C. W. Webb, McDade. 5 00
No. 8, B. H. Allen, Waco. 5 00
No. 9, Mrs. J. L. Dockum, Corsicana 5 00
No. 10, Mrs. Jas. H. Wood, Corsicana 5 00
No. 11, Jas. E. Whitesell, Corsicana 5 00
No. 12, Mr. Will Peck, Corsicana 5 00
No. 13, A. D. Timmons, Corsicana 5 00
No. 14, Mr. H. G. Damon, Corsicana 5 00

Corsicana, Texas, Nov. 30, 1809.
Dear Old Abe: Your old Sunday-school, of which I am now superintendent, takes delight in furnishing the Matron's Room—850. In a short time we will send you the wherewith. We all want to see the Orphanage some time. God's blessings rest upon you in this enterprise for the little ones. From your old friend.

MATT PURDOM.

Bro. Mulkey. Corsicana. Texas—Dear Bro.: The Hewitt Juvenile Society desire to farnish a room in the Orphanage, and enclose you a money order for \$28.85. Should this reach you before all the rooms are taken, we would be glad you would have engraved upon the wall the "Hewitt Juvenile Society." This comes from a place where the only Methodist organization is this small society, and they desired, in ad-

Gainesville, Texas, Nov. 25, 1899.

Dear Brother Mulkey: I informed Brother Vaughan while at conference that you could set me down for one apartment—828.65. May God's choicest blessings rest upon you and the Orphanage, Your sister, MRS, L. H. POTTS.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 26, 1809.

Dear Brother Mulkey: Brother Vaughan preached for us Sunday, and I informed him that my Sunday school must have their name on a tablet over a \$28.65 apartment.

SUPT. OF FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL, M. E. C., S.

McDade, Texas, Nov. 26, 1899.

Dear Abe: Please find enclosed \$23.65. We will send you in thirty days \$21.35 more, which will cover the amount to furnish the recitation room. Place on the tablet, "Furnished by McDade, Rastrop County,"

HARVY & McMaSTER,
Sec. and Treas.

Ozona, Crockett County, Texas,
Nov. 22, 1869.

Rev. Abe Mulkey, Corsicana, Texas: I
send you two dollars to buy table for music room in the new Orphanage building.
Should this interfere with other arrangements, put the amount to any good use
your judgment would direct for the good of
furnishing the building.

Yours in the cause.

(MISS) MARY PAYNE.

DIVIDE WITH THE ORPHANS.

Will the good sisters who are suppiled with preserves, etc., please divide with Bro. Vaughan for the orphans? His family is so large now that it will take several gallons of sweetmeats for them to get a taste around. "A word to the wise is sufficient." Yours for the orphans.

A. M. IRELAND.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth

Katle Freeman
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TAKE NOTICE!

WILL THE PASTORS please cut this

The same to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs.
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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Nov. 20-J. D. Hudgins, subs: 2 cards. Joe F. Webb, sub. W. H. Crawford, change. J. M. Culver, o. k. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. E. R. Edwards, subs. J. H. Trimble, has attention.

Dec. 1-A. S. Whitehurst, sub. L. F. Palmer, sub.

Dec. 2-G. W. Kincheloe, sub. Dec. 2-G. W. Kincheloe, sub.

Bec. 4-W. W. Gollihugh, change made.

R. B. Evans, sub. J. R. Atchley, subs.

J. L. Massey, sub. L. G. Rogers, sub. J.

M. Linn, sub. S. J. Vaughan, sub. Jas.

A. Walkup, sub. S. J. Drake, sub. E.

W. Alderson, subs. Geo. S. Slover, thanks.

Will T. Renfro, subs. L. M. Broyles, sub. No. 13. A. D. Timmons, Corsicana... 5 100
No. 14. Mr. H. G. Damon, Corsicana... 5 00
Reception hall 90 00
Youths' apartment 28 65

No. 15. A. D. Timmons, Corsicana... 5 100
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dition to their missionary work, to help in this worthy enterprise, and this is the results worthy enterprise, and this is the results upon you. It. Wishing God's how to complete the property of the propert

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Sherman District-First Round.
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Bonham District-First Round.
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Bailey5th Sun. Dec.
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Ladonia4th Sun. Jan.
Randolph
Trenton
Brookston and High 3d Sun. Feb.
Gober4th Sun. Feb.
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The District Stewards will meet in Bon-
ham, in the Methodist Church, Wednesday,
January 3, 1900, at 2:30 o'clock. The
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HARRIS.-Charles Walter, son of Onias and Kate Harris, was called home July 20, 1899. He was not quite three years old, but he had sung for more than a year the sweet songs of Zion. He was beautiful and innocent here. He is beautiful and holy "over there." God help my cear and only brother to look beyond the tomb.

HIS AUNT IDA.

PATTERSON.-Little Josie Patterson was born December 23, 1896, and died November 4, 1899. Josie was a sweet little child and loved by all who knew her; and while the loving parents are passing through this sad bereavement. we would say, remember that Jesus has called little Josie to himself, and if they be but faithful they may see her L. B. TOOLEY.

Santo, Texas.

RANEY.-John W. Raney was born November 20, 1856; died October 19, 1899; was united in matrimony to Miss Eva E. Berry August 5, 1885; was converted under the ministry of Rev. D. F. Fuller in 1895. He joned the M. E. Church, South, in August, 1895, and lived a consistent Christian until his death. He was a kind husband, a loving rather, and respected by all who knew him. May his loved ones so live as to meet him in heaven.

I. N. CRUTCHFIELD, P. C.

PATTERSON.-Columbus Patterson was born January 12, 1895, and died November 8, 1899. This very sad bereavement comes to Bro. and Sister Patterson just a few days after losing their little daughter, Josie. Columbus was a bright little boy and patient in all his sufferings. When Columbus saw his little sister die he said: "Where is Josie gone?" And the mothen." On this he said: "Mamma, I die, you die, and we will see Josie." And so it was. He went to see Josie in a short while. L. B. TOOLEY. Santo, Texas.

CESSNA.-Walter G. Cessna was born in Leon County, Texas, September 9, 1876. He was a son of John D. and Mattie J. Cessna; joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1895; married Miss Clara Glover December 11. 1898, and died September 28, 1899. often expressed his willingness to die during his short illness. His only rethree sisters and many friends. The Lord bless and keep those who remain, and help them to so live in this world that they may all meet in that better world above.
C. M. THOMPSON, P. C.

Centerville, Texas.

STANDLEY. - Ammie Beatrice Standley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Needham Standley, was born September 21, 1892, and died September 13, 1899. Little Ammie was a lovely child. Every one who knew her loved her. Although she was very tender in years, she was one of the most self-denying children I ever knew. It was a real pleasure for her to give up her pleasures for the pleasure of her little brother and sister. She was affectionately devoted to her father and mother. Her death was a sad stroke to her parents. But we know she is with God. Be faithful, dear father and mother, and meet her in heaven. J. M. PERRY.

ALEXANDER.-Sister Lucy E. Alexander, whose maiden name was Christian, was born in Newton Countv. Ga., May 5, 1832, and died November 10, 1899. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about twelve years of age. Her connection with the Church was never severed until death removed her to the Church triumphant. She came to Texas in the fall of 1877, and remained in the same until death removed her. She was very patient during her sickness, though she was confined to her

bed several weeks. She was true to her God and loved the Church; a de-voted wife and a kind mother. Weep not, sorrowing ones; your loved one is not dead, but sleepeth. God has called her up higher, and will accept her service in a better land than this. She leaves a husband, six children and in the end they may meet her in the no more. Her pastor, J. D. BURKE.

GIBSON.-Little Mary E. Gibson, infant daughter of Bro. D. A. and Sister N. E. Gibson, was born November 1898, and departed this life October 28, 1899. The little sufferer lay sick four weeks, when the good Lord came for her and took her to himself. When our little ones die oh how consoling are the words of our good Lord: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Dear Bro. and Sister Gibson, look up. The little beckoning hands are calling you homeward. Oh, that sweet, bright day, when mamma and papa and sweet little Mary meet on the sunlit hills to part no more! We will not weep as those that have no hope. We will live for God. S. N. ALLEN, P. C.

HIGHTOWER.-Pauline May, little daughter of T. P. and Jennie M. Hightower, was born September 4, 1898, and Our little died September 28, 1899. Pauline was a beautiful child, lovely in disposition; had a pleasant smile for anyone who spoke to her. Her unusual intelligence for a child of her age was observed by many. When eleven months of age she was taken sick and continued to suffer until she passed away. Was beginning to walk and to talk in sweet baby language. We loved her so much. It was so hard to give her up. Just as the sun was setting we laid her precious body to rest in the cemetery at Wylie, Texas, and bade her farewell, but not forever. She is safe in the "tender Shepherd's fold." Dear little Pauline, we "will see you in the morning" of the resurrection. Her grandpa, A. C. MAY.

WHITE.-Sister Mary White was born in McMinn County, Tenn., September 2, 1837, and died November 7, 1899. Sister White was a Methodist of the purest and truest type, filling the place of a true wife and mother, loving the doctrine of her Church, and, er answered: "She has gone to heav- above all, living faithful to every interest of her Master's cause. How she loved to talk of the goodness and mercy of God! How gladly would sae come to the house of God, even though she suffered intense pain at times! But grandma has reached her reward for her faithful and efficient service. She now enjoys the blessedness of heaven, and may God help all the family to be faithful, even as the precious mother L. B. TOOLEY. was.

HOOKER.-Mr. W. C. Hocker was He professed conscious salvation and born in Alabama, May 1, 1815, and died at his home in Montgomery, Texas, November 16, 1899. In 1845 he gret was leaving his wife and little came to Texas, where he resided until baby. He leaves a wife and babe, his death. At the commencement of the war between the United States and Mexico he enlisted as a soldier and followed old Zack Taylor and Winfield Scott to victory on the battlefields of Mexico. Bro. Hooker was married to Miss Mary Ann Irion in 1852, with whom he lived happily until his death. In 1898 Bro. Hooker became deeply interested about his soul's saivation and sent for Rev. J. B. Nutter, his former pastor. After seeking the forgiveness of sins in deep earnestness he embraced religion and was received into the Church by Bro. Nutter, who baptized him on his bed last year A few days before his death I talked and prayed with him, and after prayer he said: "Bro. Horner, I am fully satisfied now that I am a child of God, and I know that my sins have been forgiven." We tender our condolence to his afflicted widow and all the rela-W. W. HORNER. --

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ROWE.-Mrs. Myre Rowe (nee Tippet) was born in Blount County, Tenn., May 22, 1817, and departed this life November 10, loss, aged eighty-three years, five months and twenty-one days. Her parents came to Texas in 1833 and settled in Sabine County, and from there went to Panola County, a number of grandchildren to mourn where she remained until death re-ber absence. May they all so live that lieved her of her suffering. She was married to James Rowe August 18, sweet by and by, where partings are 1836. She was left a widow in 1868 and remained in widowhood until death. Aunt Myre joined the Methodist Church in 1838 and has been a faithful, consecrated Christian member the remainder of her life. She was a cripple the last thirteen years of her life, caused by a fall, and went on crutches. She bore her afflictions with patience. She called her children and grandchildren to her bedside and gave them her parting blessing and told them to meet her in heaven. She leaves five children, a host of grandchildren and friends and one only sister, Aunt Toomy, to mourn her absence. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Old Center Church, Panola County, Texas, to await the resurrection morn. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. E. T. BRIDGES.

> DEVEREUX.-Clara Cato, the oldest daughter and third child of B. F. and Mollie Devereux, was born January 12, 1893. She was dedicated to God in holy baptism some time the same year, Rev. J. M. Wesson, of sacred memory, officiating. She became the joy and sunshine of the household. The passing of time bound her but the closer. She was the most affectionate child I have ever known. This was remarked lectual, a perfect little lady. She was devotional. Every night she would kneel at her mamma's knee and say: 'Now I lay me down to sleep." She loved the Church, the Sunday-school and the preacher. She loved to sing, especially, "Jesus, the Light of the World." She now joins in the morning anthem of the angels as they sing praises to Him who said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," for her soul slipped out of her little body November 17, 1899, and went to dwell with Jesus. May He who went into the home of Mary and Martha and comforted them comfort Bro. and Sister Devereux.

CHAS. U. McLARTY, P. C.

BOARDMAN.-Miss Estella Gertrude Boardman was born in Audrian County, Mo., April 2, 1875, and died at her father's home in Walnut Springs. Texas, November 9, 1899. She was converted and united with the M. E. Church, South, when about fifteen years old, and remained a consistent and profitable member until God called her to the Church above. She was loved by all who knew her, because to know her was to love her and appreciate her noble character. At the time of her death and for a long time before she had been organist for the Church and Sunday-school, and will be greatly missed by both. She was also a teacher in Sunday-school and loved her class and the little children all loved her. Her prudent conduct, her Christian fortitude and her devotion to her parents and her Church made her equal hard to find. It has not been my privilege for a long time, if ever, to know a young lady of a sweeter disposition and who had gamered around her so many friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Methodist Church in the afternoon of November 9, and, as an evidence of love and respect, all business in the town was suspended. After the service the remains were followed by an unusually company, which gathered around the grave to witness the last scene, and then turned away, feeling that the community had lost much, but Miss Essie had gained far more. W. V. JONES.

REYNOLDS.-The subject of this memoir, Josiah F. Reynolds, was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina, November 7, 1824. He moved with his father to Cherokee County, Alabama, when quite young and learned the blacksmith trade. On the 25th of May. 1843, he was married to Miss Sarah N. Chisolm. From this union there were seven children, of which number five are living. After the death of his wife he was married to Mrs. H. L Mackey, of Longview, Texas, who is still living. Bro. Reynolds was conber till death. He died in Kilgore, Texas, September 7, 1899. He was al-



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of the right and the uncompromising foe to evil in any form. He served the Church as trustee, steward and Sunday-school Superintendent. Promptness, punctuality and faithfulness were his characteristics. Being well acquainted with his Bible and a man of much prayer, he was a sale counby all. Modest, quiet and highly intel- rellor involving questions of morality and religion. He was a good citizenbonored and respected by all classes. Every one who knew him sustained a less by his death. His suffering in his last illness was intense, but grace triumphed and his end was peace. We commend his family to the God he worshiped and the Savior he loved. L. M. FOWLER.

> HOGG.-Horace Bishop Hogg, son of J. B. and M. L. Hogg, died November 24, 1899, aged four years and eight months. This brief notice above tells the story of a little life that spent but a short while here with leved ones and then God took him to a "fairer clime." It was a sad day in the home of Brother and Sister Hogg when we buried little Horace, for they loved him so tenderly; but these Christian parents, like David of old, looked up in faith and said: "He can not return to me, but I can go to SAM R. HAY.

BOHANON.-J. C. Bohanon was born February 13, 1836, in Marion County, Ala. He was married to Miss M. L. Bailey February 14, 1865, He moved to Texas in the early part of 1880. He was first a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His last years were spent in the Methodist Church. He died very suddenly at his home, turee miles southeast of Smithville, October 11, 1899. He leaves behind him his wife, two daughters and four sons. While he was snatched away suddenly, not having time to bid loved ones farewell or give them the final asurance of his readiness to go, we know that those that have lived right will surely die right. May the Comforter be with the bereaved ones and help them that they be prepared when called is the prayer of your pas-J. W. KELLEY. tor.

HIX.-Waldo Hix, son of J. P. Hix and wife, Dora Hix, departed this life November 18, 1899, in Tyler, Smith County, Texas, aged three years, two months and thirteen days. Waldo, like most baby boys, was the idol of this home, and when baby is gone nearly all is gone. But Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Then, dear Bro. and Sister Hix, Waldo can not come back to you, but you can go to him. And you have one more strong cord to bind you to heaven. May God, who is so good, give you his grace and strength for your day and trial.

C. H. SMITH. Tyler, Texas.

ORRELL.-Tommie Orrell, son of R. P. and Bettie Orrell, was born at Leakey, Fexas, March 13, 1891, and died of slow fever October 18, 1899. I was the pastor of the family in 1896, verted in youth and joined the Metho- and at the meeting asked those who dist Church, of which he remained a would pledge to meet me in 'seaven to faithful, valuable and consistent mem- come and give me their hand. Little Temmie was playing near the door and apparently paying no attention; ways true to his convictions. He but he started promptly to the altar feared no man. He was the champion and was the first to reach me. His

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V. G. T.

PROCTOR.-Nancy Proctor was born in the State of Tennessee in the year 1821. She was thrice married, and leaves behind a husband and two children, all of whom are religious and in a fair way to meet the wife and mother by-and-by, to live forever together in the world that's free from sin and death. Sister Proctor was converted at seventeen years of age and lived a very consistent Christian in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, throughout its whole history. She died at the home of her sou, Frank Moore, in Hopkins County, Texas, July 23, 1859, in a ripe old age and in the triumphs of a living faith. She was among the first I met at her place of worship, and if able she was always in her place-a devout worsh.per. She loved the house of God, and greatly enjoyed the services of the sanctuary. No doubt she will enjoy forever the service of God in the Church above.

S. L. BALL.

Cumby, Texas.

IRION.-Mrs. Anna Irion was born in Hancock County, Ga., October 29, 1839, and moved to Texas when quite young, and died at her home, in Montgomery, Texas, November 17, 1899. Sister Irion was happily married to Dr. J. L. Irion in 1856, who, with two children, a son and a daughter, survive her. Sister Irion was not a member of our Church, but embraced religion while young and united with the Presbyterian Church, in which she remained a faithful and consistent member until called away by death to her home in the mansions of glory beyond the skies. Sister Irion was a devoted wife: as a mother she was gentle and affectionate; as a Christian she was consecrated, true and faithful. Sister Irion's faith in God was truly sublime, and, of course, she was ready to go home when the summons came. She even asked her intimate friends to pray God to take her away and end her sufferings. At last the death angel came, and her pure, sweet spirit winged its flight to the mansions of eternal bliss, where there is no suffering, nor sorrow. nor sickness, nor death. We tender to the bereaved family our most sincere condolence. W. W. HORNER.

LISTER.-W. J. Lister was born April 18, 1845, and died November 25, 1899, aged fifty-four years, six months and seven days. He was married to Miss Eugenia A. Runnells July 6, 1869. and their union was blessed with six daughters, four of whom are left with his desolate wife to mourn their loss Bro. Lister was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in August, 1887, at Shelbyville, Texas. He was a good citizen, blessed with much property, which was used to assist and not to oppress his less favored neighbors. He was an affectionate husband and a kind, induigent father. Oh, how they will miss him at home! He was the preacher's friend, in every sense of the word. He loved the Church-ever ready to respond to her calls, always regretting he was not more faithful and consecrated in his life. He died trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ for salvation, who said, "Him that cometh to me I will in nowise cast He has lain his armor down, out." through great tribulations he has gone at last into the presence of the Allwise, who knoweth the secrets of our hearts, and who doeth all things well. To the stricken family, the bereaved wife and the fatherless children, we would say, "Let not your hearts be troubled." God is your friend. Trust him for the future, and in the end all will be well. His pastor, J. B. TURRENTINE.

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Waxahachie District-First Round.
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Waco District-First Round.
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Mt. Calm, at New Hope 11 a. m. Dec. 1
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Lorena, at Lorena
Abbott, at Abbott
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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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Bowie District-First Round.
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Terrell District - First Round.
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The District Stewards will meet in Ter-
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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Marshall	District-	Fourth	Round.
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Pittsburg District-Fourth Round. Musgrove cir, at Marvin's Chapel.Dec 9, 10 T. P. Srolth, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

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A VISIT TO METHVIN INSTITUTE. ANADARKO, O. T.

Returning from a visit to Texas after the session of the Indian Mission Conence at Ardmore, I. T., I spent two days at Anadarko, the seat of Methvin Institute, a mission school supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our Church. In addition to this, there are three other mission schools near by. These are the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian (North) and Besides these there is the Riverside government school, a magnificent affair just across the river from the village. Anadarko is the capital of Klowa, Comanche, Apache, Wichita, Caddo and Delaware Indians. While I was there these Indians thronged about the Agency from early morning until late in the afternoon. What their business was I do not know. The white population consists, for the most part, of teachers in the various schools and government employes. On the evening of my first day's stay I attended a reception given by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. in honor of Mesdames Eastman, Boake and Gathers. Once inside the elegantly decorated chapel of Methvin Institute, in the midst of these cultured people, one might have imagined himself anywhere almost save in the Indian capital. But another pic-ture. That very atternoon I had gone with Bro. Methvin to the Indian camps. Here I found many living just as their ancestors lived when white men first set their feet upon the shores of this continent. There was the tepee, cotton cloth taking the place of skins. In the center of this tepee a small hole was dug. This was the fireplace. About this, on three sides, were the beds. These are sometimes grass, but as often, perhaps, tall weeds bound into bundles are used. Over this the blankets are thrown. A large family of Indians will sometimes live in a small tepee. Tables and chairs are unthought-of luxuries among these Indians. Bro. Methvin informed me that the tepee, by its form, acted as a chimney, and the inmates were not bothered by the smoke. In our rounds we stopped at a house where lived some civilized Indians. One would never have known from appearances but that it was the home of respectable white people. I was im-pressed with the fact that these In-

that he has their fullest confidence. There was much sickness among them, and to these he was especially attentive. He supplies them with food and medicine and tells them of God, heaven and immortal glory. What an example of Christian self-denial is presented in the life of this man, qualified as he colleges or for a pastorate in our best

But it was of the school that I proposed to write. I have sketched the life of the camp Indian in order that the readers of the Advocate might see ter able to appreciate the work being Bro. Methvin's daughter. Miss us: Emma Methvin, and Miss Hall are the we sing in Europe." After another song. in the singing. the school standing, we had prayer. Bibles were then given the children. and Miss Methvin read the scripture lesson from Acts 5. Questions were asked on the lesson, to which the children responded readily and intelligently. After this service had ended, I was shown the different departments of the school by Brethren Methvin and Hines. First we visited the boys' dormitory. where Prof. Pritchett is in charge as industrial teacher. Manual training is not neglected here. The school has a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. The great need of the Indian is to be taught to labor. In fact, he should be taught that he must labor. Accustomed to idleness, the race does not take to labor cheerfully. From the boys' dormitory we went to the laundry. Adjoining the laundry is the baking department. Our next visit was to the girls' dormitory. Miss Swanson is in charge here as matron. We went through the dining room, with its rows of tables; then upstairs, looking through the various rooms; then across to the sewing department, where Miss Bradford teaches the girls to cut, fit and be pleased with this "numbering of make their own garments. When at Israel, else why so great confusion? last I left the grounds, it was with the An indifferent guessing, seems to me, impression that no part of the child's will beat it. education is neglected here. His spirhighest esteem. There is no doubt but ing is attended to by persons certificate and otherwise, 5837; grand

right man is at the head of affairs. He is abiy assisted in the school. Mark Hines, the assistant pastor, is "all wool and a yard wide." I love him.

I can not close this letter without referring to the Epworth League meeting on the last evening of my stay. The lesson was "The Story of Samson." Miss Hall presented a splendid outline of "The Seven Locks of the Christian's Strength." She spoke in a way that all could understand, and I could not doubt that good was being done in the hearts of these Indian children.

Our women have done a good work in their support of this school-a work which speaks for itself. The attendance is greater than at any other school at Anadarko. A greater and a better work can be done. A new dor-mitory is needed for the boys. A bet-ter grade of cattle is needed. All the buildings need repainting. Our great and aggressive Church can not afford to be behind any other in this noble work. GEO. G. HAMILTON. Chief Cloud, O. T.

GERMAN CONFERENCE.

The M. E. Southern German Conference convened in Seguin, November 30, 1899, Bishop Goodsell presiding. The attendance of clerical and lay delegates was full from the opening session. Mayor Horn delivered an admirable address of welcome, which was happily responded to by the Pishop. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered and the body proceeded immediately to business, conducted in English. The Bishop is a most imposing figure, conversational in style, easy in his manners, quick to grasp every joint, and looks like a thorough Yankee on a broad Dutch build. He evidently was at home among the Germans. The brethren were well dressed and looked well fed. A sturdier looking body of men I never saw. They are very ororderly and deferential in speech the older men taking the lead in everything. Rev. Dr. Nast, of Cincinnati, was here representing the Christian Apologete, and during the session Rev. A. B. Rabe, of New Braunfels, editor of our Pittsburg German paper, came down and mingled with the brethren. He is gathering data for a history of our work among the Germans. All the services were held in our large church on Sunday. At 11 a. m. the Bishop preached to a great congregation, more than half of whom were Germans and the rest Englishspeaking people. The sermon was in English and the singing and prayers in German. The subject was: in us the hope of glory," and it was a is for work in our best schools and discourse exceedingly rich and full, as to who Christ was and how he dwells in us "the hope of glory,' delivered with unction and moving effect upon the large congregation. The Bishop has a grand face and the ladies said he was bandsome. The paternal the contrast and therefore be the bet- spirit prevailed and was universal. It was a grand time all during the weel done among these wild tribes. In com- with the strong and growing German pany with Rev. Mark P. Hines, the as- Church here. They turned out from sistant pastor. I visited the school, We far and near. Their singing was an arrived just in time for chapel ser- inspiration. An Englishman said to "Those are the grand old hymns A great crowd assistants in the school work. The of Southern Methodists took the chapel service opened by singing Fishop by the hand and said: "Bish"There's a Blessing in Prayer." I beop we love you. That's the good old op we love you. That's the good old lieve that every child present joined gospel." The German Church here is A. A. Household Supply Co., Box 421, Cincinnatt, O. a power in the land. It is doing a work the Americans can not do, and it is meeting with heartiest appreciation and encouragement. It stands like a bulwark against the Sabbath desecration and atheism of our large German population. They have just furnished their church with the best bell in the city and made other improvements. These Germans have the peculiarities of their race, but they stand like a stonewall for righteousness in this community. H. G. H.

----BROTHER BAILEY ON STATISTICS.

In the figures to which Bro. Bailey refers, the Advocate followed the copy of the Statistical Secretary of his conference.-Ed.

In your issue of 23d inst. you give in summary by district what purports to be te statistics of the Northwest Texas Conference for the con- lars address ference year ending November 20. truly astonishing, coming as they do from men that help to compose that great conference. The Lord must not

The Advocate gives us total addidians all hold Bro. Methvin in the itual, mental and physical train- tions on profession of faith, 4737; by

who understand their business thor- total of additions, 10,574; grand total oughly. A grand work is being of removals, 7669; leaving a net gain done for God at Anadarko. The of 2905. This net gain, added to memof 2905. This net gain, added to membership last year, 66,911, gives us a total membership this year of 69,816. The Advocate gives membership this year 66,867, a mistake in the way of net loss of 2949. That is, we have forty-four members less this year than last, after adding to last year a net gain of 2905. How figures do lie! Surely our statistics are befuddled with Kentuck's Bourbon or politics. E. A. BAILEY.

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Corsicana 495	6.953	7.448
Waxahachie 494	6.740	7.234
Dublin 297	6,650	6,947
Abitene 436	4.722	5,158
Weatherford 133	5.152	5.285
Gatesville 117	5.603	5.720
Brownwood 335	4,498	4.833
Vernon 405	4.438	4.843
Clarendon 161	2.140	2,301
Total3,111	66,911	69,814

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Please say that the Crisp Mission, Waxahachie District, was filled the day after conference

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Burditt's Well, via Lockhart, Texas.





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