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Dear Brethren: --- After the lapse

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ment of evangelical Christendom is activity in His service.

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her legitimate affinities, and her ecclesiastical system. best modes of successful defense. What, however, is of unspeak- to posterity.

which attend our quadrennial gathering. On no previous occasion of this kind, have we enjoyed richer this kind, have the richer this kin evidences of Divine favor, or postical organizations, and the retent perity, it is not without regret, and cise of Christian liberality in provide munificent donation of whose erative to the extent indicated, has sessed greater elements of power tion of doctrinal peculiarities, are even apprehension, that we witness ing for the temporal wants of those founder was gratefully acknowl- not yet reached that degree of perfectly consistant with its culti- certain departures from the stand- who "give thems elves continually edged by the last General Confer- strength and intensity of interest Since the adjournment of the vation, and, in fact necessary to its ards and genius of our system, and to prayer, and to the ministry of ence, and subsequently increased amongst us which would arouse

and instructive events affecting the By an unexpected and mysteri- promise its character and impair gospel are required to devote them- gone into operation with gratifying bilities with respect to the myriads fortunes and destiny of the Christian ous process, in which we devoutly its efficiency. Changes of mere selves wholly to their work; as, prospects. It is fully endowed, en- who "sit in the region and shadow acknowledge the overruling hand of economy adapted to the altered "the laborer is worthy of his hire;" tirely free from debt, comprising of death." tory of the world. To some of these God, our country has recently condition of times and places are as the Lord will take account of all the departments, academical is the life of the church. To rewe may briefly refer, as pertinent passed into a state of marvelous sometimes absolutely necessary and his stewards; and as the full meas- and professional, of a university press it is ultimate paralysis and to this occasion. They are "signs tranquillity, eminently favorable to eminently salutary; but those which ure of cheerful labor is needed by proper, and possessing all the fa-death. of the times" which it is our duty, the expansion and energy of Chris- affect the constitution and consist- the church, the adequate support cilities for the higher education. A new element of success in our as officers of the church, to con- tian enterprise. The contrast be- ency of the system itself must be of every grade of our itinerant We trust that, with its superior foreign missionary operations, of der and improve.

The providential government of a church, we emerged more than their incipiency result in a gradual with comfortable homes, is a sacred and lustre to our educational en-God is instituted to subserve the twelve years ago, and in the midst surrender of its vital forces. We and paramount duty, and is essent terprises. behests of the kingdom of Christ. of which, more or less, our lot has refer to several admonitory symptially necessary to our itinerant He is Head over all things to the since been cast, is so astonishing as toms, which we take the liberty of system. church. "All judgment is com- to justify special thanksgiving to urging upon your attention. mitted to the Son." Every depart- God, and to stimulate our healthiest We cannot omit from this cate- has fully kept pace with the prog- didates for the ministry, in prepar- Society." It should, by all means,

an integral portion of the common- In the meantime, a war of ter- day laid upon the doctrine of "en- direction, if it has not surpassed it While the church does not require laws on the "Support of Missions." neither obscure nor visionary. The new period for enlightened Chris- irregularity of its experimental ting superintendents.

ago, and which has since pervaded, all the nations of the earth are now doctrine. mercial world, contains a lesson manner in which prophecy and to the decline of an institution, the developed and improved by Dr. come.

elevated to positions in the only hailed with joy, as the exponent with a generous reponse. We re- ple of general but voluntary assess- perity than a working endowment in behalf of the missions. legislature, and the supreme judi- and vindication, under diversified joice to believe that the church is ment, its boards of finance, its re- and a generous patronage. We Other doors in foreign lands are ciary of our church. And we es- aspects, of the "one Lord, one in a generally healthy condition. quired reports, and the regular re- can not afford to let them perpet- open to us; and the wail of the pecially acknowledge, with grateful faith, one baptism, one God and Our statistics will show a gratifying view of them by Quarterly and uate a struggling existence, and to perishing millions resounds in the hearts, the auspicious circumstances Father of all," which, in all ages, progress in its growth and spiritu- Annual Conferences, render it remit the education of our youth words of their ancient representa-

tified by its consecration to His has not only maintained its ground, God, against "such diversions as as a means of success, and a pow- the recommendation was made. irritating discussions. It should cause; but the deficiency of the but has continued to evince the cannot be used in the name of the erful agency for good, evinces its Our foreign missionary opera- not be invested with any other preone ought never to hinder the ad- wisdom of it, separate existence, Lord Jesus," especially against importance with every advancing tions are comparatively limited. rogatives than those which it now vancement of the other. It is a pretext for avarice and inaction. The
resources of the Christian church, notwithstanding the fluctuations in recated, at the time, by good men emphatically reiterated this protest. scientific knowledge, and the in- separation of the two principal taining to it should be formulated the markets of the world, are equal on both sides, has inured in a firm- at is lamentable to what an extent exorable demand for scholarly bodies of American Methodism, in in analogy with the directions given to its demands; and the combined er compactness and better conserv- it remains unheeded. Many of our attainments amongst both sexes, 1844, has, in effect, deprived us of to Annual, Quarterly and Church efforts of its real members, actuated ation of the fundamental principles members indulge in these forbidden leave no alternative but to meet the larger part of our missionary Conferences. by the constraint of Christ's love, which distinguish the great Weswill compensate the deficiency and leyan movement; and the aggrethe church. Parents do not reand energetic measures, or surrenern Methodism participated pro
should retain their present schedule

ing Savior, a more self-sacrificing occurred during the past thirty-eight cisive action, or it will become un- faithfully discharged their duties, the colored people in the Southern

West Texas Conference.—John W. Devilbiss ag will correct the ordinary calculation of the church, during the lacts remain in the absence of the condition of the church constrain us to say that a majority of our that no signal success has attended to us ecclesiastical community does plus for the cause of Christ. The push of the stability of Southern Method-ism, or lesson our attachment to its institutions. A more homogeneous to say that a majority of our that no signal success has attended ous ecclesiastical community does plus for the cause of Christ. The question of personal convenience will be merged into one of Christ.

More, John Adams.

West Texas Conference.—John W. Devilbiss ag will correct the ordinary calculation of the church constrain to the spiritual tation of the church, during the lacts remain in the absence of the condition of the church constrain us to say that a majority of our that no signal success has attended ous ecclesiastical community does ous ecclesiastical community does of the church constrain us to say that a majority of our that no signal success has attended ous ecclesiastical community does in proportion to their merits, or the hopes of the church, during the condition of the church constrain us to say that a majority of our that no signal success has attended ous ecclesiastical community does in proportion to the church of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absence of the condition of the church constrain that the absen tian obligation, and a new phase of The quadrennial term now ex- tars, and the morning and evening majority of them have been embar- and Germans of our own country, finance will replenish the revenues piring has been characterized by sacrifices of the household are the rassed by debt, feebly patronized are in a highly encouraging condiftle church.

The startling diffusion of new mony amongst our ministry and many of our Israel. The laxity of quently been unable to supply hitherto made in their behalf, and and imposing forms of unbelief, membership, both in respect to domestic piety is entailing its bane-within the period of which we doctrine and discipline, and in their ful fruits upon the rising genera-plement of libraries and apparatus, in the future. The mission in speak, has placed the entire Chris- cordial subordination to the ex- tion, and our sons and daughters, and furnish the desired support for Brazil is yet in its infancy. It is tian church in the presence of a ercise of legitimate authority. unnurtured by its sanctions, are commanding professional talent. judiciously located, and is the formidable and self-confident an- Nothing has been more decisive falling into the giddy ranks that The principal cause for this depres- nucleus of operations in a vast and tagonism, which is forcing upon her throughout our wide and varied throng the road to ruin. Family sion has been the general financial thickly populated region, destitute the vital questions of her true domain, than their unanimity in religion is the imperative adjunct stringency of the country, extend- of the bread of life. It is full of Address of the Bishops the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance in the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance is the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance is the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance is the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance is the vital questions of her true domain, that their distance is the vital questions of her true domain, the vital questions of her able condition of its transmission quadriennium. It is a matter of ing care. Amongst these missions,

tendencies to others, which com- the word." As ministers of the by him to \$1,000,000, has since the whole church to her responsi-

even transcend it by the affluence gate results, we have reason to beof their contributions. Riper scriplieve, have counter-balanced the
trual views of the conditions of incidental evils of that apparently

Our Sunday-school department our literary institutions afford can-mean the "Woman's Missionary

for the church. As a matter of fact, Providence are blending in the his- history of which is incorporated Cunnyngham, both in matter and We heartily approve of the plan Board of Foreign Missions will lay it has reacted with corresponding tory of the world, enhance the vo- into that of Methodism, and which form. The adoption of uniform of district schools, recommended before you a complete and detailed force upon all those agencies of cation of the entire church of more than any other human ex- lessons, accompanied with our own by the last General Conference, account of its operations since the Christianity employing the use of Christ, and indicate the relation pedient contributed to its growth. interpretation, is, at the same time, an element of Protestant catholic in many localities, for the education in the education in many localities, for the education in the educati crisis ought not to retard, much less tain to the grand consummation. is fragrant with its blessing. Its licity and denominational strength. of their children. They are the monstrated its utility in promoting arrest, those operations. It is a radi- Thus has the Lord been preparing suspension has been a calamity. Its The inculcation of our doctrinal only antidote to that godless feature the general interests of the church, cal mistake to suppose that the a highway for himself, and training neglect has not been compensated views, by the constant use of our in the public schools, which ig- and developing its social elements progress of Christ's kingdom is his militant hosts for the fulfill-by any proposed substitute. It catechisms, remains to complete dependent upon the laws of comment of the apostolic commission: has not been abolished. It still our system of Sabbath-school intraining of youth. They are escapely affected by "Go ye into all the world, and survives by law. Its resuscitation struction. It is of sufficient imperiations, the contraction or expansion, the preach the gospel to every creature." in some effective form would vastly portance to justify a special enact- our educational system, by reach- within each Presiding Elder's Disecarcity or repletion of the currency. Its abundance, though which we refer, and a nidst all its porate strength.

During the stirring period to enhance our individual and corment on the subject by the General dents both for our male and female confining its inquiries strictly to rarely ever dedicated to God, ought changes and complications, the Methodism has always protested, The subject of general education, colleges. We are happy to say that the schedule assigned it, and keepalways to be subsidized and sanc- Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by explicit warrant of the word of under the patronage of the church, many have been established since ing it aloof from all irrelevant and

Texas Christian Advocate success, a livelier faith in a reign- calamitous event. Nothing has It should be arrested by more de- tions have retained their integrity, clusively the vast field occupied by and manfully sustained the repu- part of the United States. These response to the calls of duty, and a years to shake our conviction of manageable altogether.

wiser economy in the use of money, the stability of Southern Method
Our inquiries into the spiritual tation of the church, during the facts remain in the absence of the thanksgiving that they have passed those in China and in Mexico are All alike are obliged to accept this ably more value, and cause of pro- Our preachers have, for the most the ordeal so safely, ready to ex- unquestionably of the greatest gauge of war. We, too, must ad- founder gratitude, is the blessing of part, been more liberally support- pand with the return of more prospective importance. Both of just ourselves to these exigencies. God which has crowned the agencies ed, during the past four years than auspicious times. Yet we are not these are located in the midst of At the same time, the elements of the church, during the past at any former period. In many blameless as a people in this reveal these are located in the midst of the church, during the past four years than auspicious times. Yet we are not vast populations, perfectly open to been permitted, in the good provi- of evangelical Christendom, wheth- four years, with decided success. instances, however, their support spect. The church, though di- us, with foundations of abundant dence of God, to convene, as representatives of the Methodist Episco-internal impulse, or from both, been faithfully and fearlessly shamefully irregular. The defi-she is rich enough, with proper China has been recently reinforced. pal Church, South, in its highest have, in a remarkable degree, man-preached. Revivals of religion ciency, in these instances, has been effort, to set afloat and endow every It has received a powerful impulse, constitutional assembly; invested ifested a tendency towards unity in have extensively prevailed. Thou- unquestionably due, in the main, to recognized institution among us. both within itself and at home, by with "full powers," under certain the fundamental articles of faith, sands have been added to the the want of competent stewards, The fault is the want of intelligent the seasonable and successful visit specified "limitations and restric- and in spiritual fellowship. Their church, and our borders have been and of rigorous fidelity, on the interest, and well-devised plans, of Bishop Marvin, whose official tions, to make rules and regula- approximation on these grounds, continually extending. Houses of part of the Quarterly Conference, and not of ability. The glare of services and whose mature and tions," such as in your godly judg- is a prominent feature of the worship, in highly improved style and not to the want of additional great donations has, perhaps, daz- comprehensive views have placed ments will best promote its mis- times in which we live, and de- of architecture, have rapidly multi- legislation. Our fiscal plan is, in zled us. We do not comprehend it before the church in a new and on in the world.

We greet you, in the name of our does not appear to involve a sur-attractions to increasing numbers skill, elaborated by the best minds. It behooves the members of this sion amongst the Mexicans is common Lord. We congratulate render, or even a compromise of you upon the dignity which has peculiar tenets or modes of polity; been erected with unusual frequenbeen conferred upon you by your but to seek only the affiliation of cy, and with better accommodations All that is necessary to its effect church to appreciate the responsitive Christians, on the basis of action true Christians, on the basis of action to the families of our preachers; iveness, is the conscientious and bility which it involves. We think Since the last General Conference, the exercise of their electoral rights; knowledged essentials. Viewed in and appeals for contributions to systematic execution of its details. that these institutions require Bishop Keener has made three by whose choice you have been this light, the movement should be benevolent objects have been met Its Scriptural authority, its princi- nothing more to insure their pros- visitations to the City of Mexico

heathen nations, has recently been We regard with deep satisfaction developed, by a special providence, the opportunities which many of amongst our pious ladies. We gory the insufficient stress in our ress of the church, in every other ing them for their high vocation. be incorporated into our present

wealth of Israel; and the prosperity rible proportions and destructive tire santification," as inculcated in in all others. Its indispensable attendance upon them as a sine qua Restricting the management of of each is more or less involved in severity in the East, whatever may the Wesleyan theology and exem- connection with church growth, in non for admission into the travel- Foreign Missions exclusively to a all those historical stages which be its merits, has, thus far, termi- plified in the first age of Method- the present age, has been thoroughly ing connection, it is her imperative general board, remitting the oversignalize the course of human af- nated in the humiliation and cur- ism. Notwithstanding its neglect demonstrated in the last four years. duty to place such opportunities sight of Domestic Missions to Anfairs. Contemplated on this wider tailment of the greatest anti-Chris- on the one hand, and its fanatical It has replenished our member- within their reach, as will better nual Conference Boards, and sepascale, we are better prepared to re- tian power upon earth. We may distortions on the other, by factious ship with its largest numbers and enable them to enlarge the sphere rating the collection for each, were alize the relations of our Method- reasonably hope that, notwith- leaders, it is nevertheless the clear its best materials; and has assumed of their usefulness, and occupy any steps in the right direction. It ism to the universal church, and standing its horrors, it has bro- testimony of the Holy Scriptures. proportion prophetic of yet positions to which the demands of was a disentanglement of two very to humanity, and to project plans ken, if not removed, one of the Its experience is the unquestion- grander results. The last General the age may summon them. The different operations, both in theory for other places and other times fiercest obstacles to the evangeliza- able privilege of believers, and its Conference settled, by law, a prin- stern logic of events is happily and practice. We deplore, howthan those with which we are more tion of the world; and that, to-enjoyment the full-blown flower ciple of prime importance, when it meeting with a response. Our col-ever, the encroachment of the immediately occupied. The congether with the temporal disfran- and the ripe fruit of the Christian defined the relation of Sunday- leges and universities, by general claims of Domestic Missions upon nection between these general facts chisement of the Papacy, it has life. The infrequency of its proc-and our present responsibilities, is opened a new theatre and started a lamation from the pulpit, and the ring upon it the right of nomina-by special training, are concurring collections for the former are frewith our established economy, in quently in advance of those of the apprehension of it is a part of our tian zeal, in which a massive and power in the church, has proven a Our Sunday-school literature has supplying us with laborers suited latter. The number of Domestic wisdom. It will enlarge the circle corrupt ecclesiasticism shall be sub-of our horizon and animate our stituted by the church in its purity, and the crescent of the Moslem our mission "to spread scriptural vanced necessities of the cause, and truthfully say to the other: "I circuits. And we hope that the holiness over these lands." Let us ought, without exception, to be inple, which commenced four years In general, the extent to which more than ever reassert this great troduced into all our schools. Its need of all, of every grade of ability, use of a term common to both, but new phase, happily inaugurated by whether of one talent, or of five wholly inappropriate to places of perplexed and paralyzed the com- accessible to the gospel, and the We refer in this connection also Dr. Haygood, has been successfully talent, to occupy until the Lord domestic destitution, will pass away forever. The Secretary of our

and honor the other members of imperishable monument.

that the venerable chairman of the converts and the information that delegation was not permitted, on account of bodily infirmity, to at home concerning the special field the various Methodist bodies in the facility with which Annual Conferences create supernuthat distribution.

Methodist Episcopal Church in the tion.

3. The facility with which Annual Conferences create supernuthat the shall receive anything from

these pleasant recollections, that should, on their return, attend the response.

astical status of the Methodist Epis- mission into the hands of his ador- elect. the church as the settlement of the the battle-field, by the command ation of it.

sleeps in an honored grave. His lating our unadulterated views of ours, to maintain its moorings in statutory laws are changed.

authorized to appoint a delegation consisting of two ministers and one layman, to bear our Christian salu-tations to their next ensuing Gen-tations to their next ensuing Gen-tation of the Bishop presiding. Four native assembled, not as seedal moved. The condition and affairs of the Vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, beautiful as fine the Vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but under the solemn sanctions of the Publishing House will conformation of new but under the solemn sanctions of the Publishing House will conformation of new but under the solemn sanctions of the Annual Conferences, by the division of older ones, not only the authorized to appoint a delegation to divide the Vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but the Vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but under the solemn sanctions of the Publishing House will conform the description of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but under the solemn sanctions of the Publishing House will conform the description of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but under the solemn sanctions of the Publishing House will conform the description of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as political partisans, but and vigorous operation of our form bodies, nor as po day, 24th of December, these can- hope that some measure will be thority to divide be granted by the of God, are in a measure commit-"2. That in order to remove all didates were ordained by the Bish- adopted to save to the church that General Conference, but the act of ted to your hands. The spiritual obstacles to formal fraternity be-tween the two churches, our Col-they had been elected. great institution, and to perpetu-ate the benefits of its publications. division be, in every instance, con-summated by that body during its generations is the subject of your

associates survive to recall his piety and his heroism, and to enjoy the approbation which their services terest amongst our widely dispersed in the uncertain sands of some of the solid stratum of its well-tried sides attending a large number of approbation which their services terest amongst our widely dispersed in the uncertain sands of some of the solid stratum of its well-tried sides attending a large number of alive with the children repairing good.

earnestly co-operate to make it a may visit the Pacific Conference tation with the Book Committee, fundamental principle of construct your godly judgment.

lege of Bishops is authorized to appoint a commission, consisting of able epoch in the history of the than ever.

This solemn event was a memorion a firm basis, and a wider scale session, and be not left to the condendations. Heaven, earth and tingent action of Annual Conferded the condendation of Annual Conferded to the condendation of Confer three ministers and two laymen, to mission. It reminds us of apostolic We have received from a com- ences during the interval of the lings. You need an eye single to meet a similar commission author- times in its simple grandeur and mittee, authorized by the last Gen- General Conference. The evils the glory of God, and a body full ized by the Methodist Episcopal spiritual power. It was the seal eral Conference of the Methodist which arise from local and per- of light. You need the presence of Church, and to adjust all existing and benediction of the Holy Ghost Episcopal Church, a communicasonal preferences would thus in a Christ and the unity of the Spirit difficulties."

Let upon the far-distant children of the tion which cannot fail to arrest great measure be prevented. It in the bond of peace. "If any of In accordance with the first of mother church through one of her your attention, and awaken your would be better to remit proposed you lack wisdom, let him ask of these resolutions, Rev. Lovick general superintendents. Bishop interest. That committee was in- divisions, of doubtful propriety, to God, who giveth to all men liberal-Pierce, Rev. James A. Duncan, and Marvin visited the several mission structed to consider the subject of a future General Conference than ly, and upbraideth not, and it Dr. Landon C. Garland were apstations in China. His presence an Ecumenical Methodist Conferto commit the result to a lower trischall be given him. But let him pointed fraternal messengers. It and counsels were of incalculable ence. They were empowered to bunal, and to the hazards of internal ask in faith, nothing wavering; for was a matter of profound regret benefit to the missionaries and to speak for and in the name of the agitation and an unequal distribu- he that wavereth is like a wave of

participate in that memorable trans- of his visitation, and various others, the world, and endeavor to arrange meraries is a growing evil, and to e Lord. action. The previous history and the existing voice of the church seemed to demand his presence. with larger conceptions and a more judged most advisable, in order to ably abused by constituting it a The hand of God denied us the hallowed appreciation of foreign consider topics relating to the posi- mere convenience for disposing of privilege. Though absent, he placed missionary enterprise. He proved tion, work, and responsibility of otherwise impracticable cases, and his testimony on record in a com- himself fully equal to the extraord- Methodism, for the world's evan- even putting into it those who munication worthy of his mission inary embassy assigned him, gelization. This communication have not reached the eldership in and his fame. With what fidelity and his name is inscribed upon its comes to you from that General their ministry; some of whom Conference, through its committee. finally pass, without merit, into the delegation performed their duty, needs no commendation from us. It is eminently proper that we lt proposes a call for a representative council of every Methodist or nuated who have "borne the burden The dignity and the responsibility a trust committed to him and his ganization throughout the world. and heat of the day." We would in Calvert. On the Sabbath two for snarling. of the occasion were fully met, and associate by the College of Bishops It assigns the reasons and sets forth recommend the adoption of some announcements were made—the In the second place nine-tenths

issue, and the exercise of becoming have just reported. He is not here, bond of denominational brother the reasons for the precautionary ful blessing of an aged mother, very long. Christian candor, they adopted, as we fondly hoped, to recount his bond, and consolidate the Method-directions laid down in the Disciwith entire unanimity, as the basis own labors. He has finished his istic forces for their proper position pline are augmented. Many of our many friends. May the Lord grant the churches as being secondary to rienced, and others, in the fullness return. copal Church, South. This essen- able Master. Endowed with ex- The communication referred to of their zeal, are too anxious to se- When night approached, the

commissions were fulfilled, and accordingly their action in the premium that so bright ises must be considered final. The and shining a light should have transaction of these commissions, been so suddenly quenched, is one of a great principle of true policy attention to the character of that groom, on the right, and four on as the historical and official expo- of those problems which await so- than about additional enactments; portion of it which pertains to the left—our young friend, Mr. of the lower good—this is what nent of the present reciprocal rela- lution in the world to come. His that is, when the existing form of organization of your own body. Cain, rendered the bridal march on they lack, and this what our tions of the two great branches of death produced a shock through government is salutary and success- The introduction of lay delegation the organ. When in position, churches, if they are doing their American Methodism, is invested out the entire church, and she will ful, the less legislation the better. was a material reconstruction of which was accomplished with great with peculiar significance. It illustrates also before the world the ish.

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submitted to the regular review of the Annual Conferences, in order to correct administrative and clerimakers, for they shall be called the called the denomination. We cannot accomplish our mission, as a church, in the present age, without it or its called the present age, without it or its called the called the conferences and insure accuracy and children of Cod? The whole church mourns denomination. We cannot accomplish our mission, as a church, in new laws, but the new life of its pears and insure accuracy and children of Cod? The whole church mourns denomination. We cannot accomplish our mission, as a church, in new laws, but the new life of its pears and insure accuracy and children of Cod? The whole church mourns denomination. We cannot accomplish our mission, as a church, in new laws, but the new life of its pears and insure accuracy and children of Cod? The whole church mourns denomination. We cannot accomplish our mission, as a church, in new laws, but the new life of its pears and insure accuracy and children of Cod? The whole church mourns denomination. We cannot accomplish our mission, as a church, in new laws, but the new life of its pears and insure accuracy and children are constant.

We are, dear brethren, your ser-

ROBERT PAINE. GEORGE F. PIERCE, MUBBARD H. KAVANAUGH, DAVID 8. DOGGETT, HOLLAND N. MCTYEIRE JOHN C. KEENER.

Eventful Days in Calvert.

This has been an eventful week

town unite in the celebration. At The Christian men will bring

to correct administrative and clerical errors, and insure accuracy and uniformity in their records.

The Church Conference, though operative to a limited extent, yet as a connectional institution, has not fully realized the object of its enactment. It possesses elements of great utility, and we trust that our preachers and people will

makers, for they shall be called the children of God." The report of childre our preachers and people will "Resolved. That the bishop who special request to meet in consul- In strict conformity with this statement we leave the subject to Shortly after our arrival, the entire company-said to be the largest during the next quadriennium, if the city of Nashville, December, tion, we commend to your consideration the following special sugwe report with unleighed pleasure the success of the measures
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#### Charitable Cant.

"You preach your sermons, and you sing your songs and you talk your pious talk in the prayermeetings, but the poor all around you are hungry and cold. Give us a little less theore ical and emotional religion and a little more of the practical variety." We hear a good deal of this kind of talk and a large share of it is simple cant. There is a humanitarian cant that is just as meaningless and as nauseating as the cant of the prayer-

Of course the duty of caring for the poor is one of the first of Christian duties. When you find a starving family you must feed them first and preach to them afterwards. Of course the religion that is merely theological or sentimental is the

worst sort of a sham. But, in the first place, the work of visiting the sick and feeding the hungry is mostly done by the people who preach and sing in the churches and who talk in the prayer-meetings. If the folks who stand outside and snarl at them did as much for the poor as they do, they would find much less time

their response has been accepted and the Board of Foreign Missions, as the utterance of the church. It under the assumed warrant of the Methodistic Convention, in forcible 4. It would in our judgment procasts a shadow of darkness over General Conference, that they terms, and solicits your favorable mote the efficiency of the elder- Thursday, the 2d day of May; the While they are in their present ship, in the itinerant ministry, to second, a wedding on the night of condition of mind alms are more one of the actors on that occasion, ensuing session of the British Wesand one of the brightest ornaments leyan Conference, in the city of with the moral grandeur and the of the church, did not long survive his greatest achievement. He was it Episcopal, Church, South, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of elders, with the view of dispersion of the brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of which now ends with the graduation of the church, did not long survive brightest ornaments leval Conference, in the city of the church of t suddenly stricken down by death that patriarchal body. They were ment assures us, than twenty-four recting the inquiries of our young tions. These announcements did could be taught self-denial and selfwhile yet on the meridian of his present at that session, were duly different ecclesiastical organizations preachers, and cultivating their not, however, reveal all that agita- respect and the value of character, anhood and his usefulness.

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These two commissions met by conference. If net thereof, we are producted to the product of the exaction of examinations.

W. G. Taliaferro, of Bryan, and other words, the ideas and sentiments which it is the business of the ceiving members into the church pronounced "husband and wife." agreement, at Cape May, August, With emotions too deep for uttions to each other, to the universal is, in many cases, too loosely adin the name of the blessed Trinity. They are starving for. Those of
the door is not suffithem that come into the churches, days, characterized by devout supcially, to announce to you the en nations, and to the times in ciently guarded. Inasmuch as all residence of the bride's mother, not after the loaves and fishes, but plication for the divine blessing, a death of our honored and beloved which we live. It would strengthen who are received into the church, the happy couple take the train for after the Bread of Life, do not redue appreciation of the pending colleague, whose missionary tour we each other's, hands, cement the enter into full status as members, San Antonio, pursued by the tear-main in penury and dependence To talk of the spiritual work of

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EDITOR'S NOTICES.

WHEN articles are rejected, we must decline

In preparing articles for publication write on but one side of the paper; otherwise your communications may be thrown into the waste-basket.

the sun is now setting behind the great arm of the mountain known here as the "Sierra Madre." which is an extension of the Rocky Mountains. The mountains, though about pipely miles.

ARTICLES refused publication will, in no instance, be returned to writers. OBITUARIES should not be over twenty lines; eight words make a line.

PRIVATE letters to the editor should be marked Personal " Written for the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. STANZAS.

BY REV. J. M. PUGH.

How delightful to stand by the dark rolling waves. And to hear the wild music of ocean's deep caves;

"green shore." Dies far in the distance, and is welcomed no

O, how pleasant to sit in some lone, leafy bower. And to hear the birds warble in morn's balmy hour.

To behold the clear rill as it winds through the And to welcome its strains as it sighs to the gale.

How enchanting to hear, when the moon's mellow beams Have displayed their mild beauties, and dance on the streams.

The soft music that floats 'mid the slow waving As 'tis borne on the wings of the love-sighing

It is rapture to hear, when the sky smiles above, The sweet song of our choice from the lips that

And to feel that together our hearts are entwined. That each in the other's faithful bosom 's enshrined.

But 'tis blissful to feel by the spirit's control, When the sunlight of God's love illumines the soul.

The warm gushings of joy, the transport of heart, Which the smile of the Savior has power to impart. Yea, 'tis religion alone true bliss can bestow

It lends a calm lustre to all things here below All the pleasures of earth no such raptures impart : 'Tis the sunshine of the soul, and joy of the

heart. It allies us to angels, unites us to God, Though we live on the earth, or lie under the

An assurance of dwelling with Jesus is given A home with the ransomed, with scraphs in heaven. 1849.

Letters to the Children.

DEAR LITTLE COUSINS-As I have never said much to you in my letters about this country or about our missionary labors, I believe I will, in this one, give you a sketch of a trip that I have

On Thursday morning the sun rose clear and bright, after a two days' rain. At ten o'clock my large saddle-bags are packed with Bible, hymn-books, etc., and change of linen; home affairs are all arranged, and I have crossed the Rio Grande from Reynosa, Mexico, to Hidalgo, Texas, to start off on a missionary tour to Laredo, Texas, and Laredo, Mexico, and all points between here and those two towns. I am invited to eat a lunch at the house of Bro. L. H. Box beare ready, and I am bidding your cousin Alma good-bye. Several hours have been spent on a muddy road, and at sunset I begin to look for a place to stop where my horse can get grass and I can get water. Darkness comes on, and no such place is found, and finally I conclude, after riding some distance in the night, to stop anyhow. In a short time my pony is tied to a bush within a few feet of where I propose to spread my blanket for a bed; my fire is made, and I am broiling some meat by putting it on a stick and holding it in the blaze. Now I feed my horse, whom I call Bill, by letting him run his nose into a little grass-sack which contains shelled corn, and fastening it there by means of a string which passes over the top of his head; after which, I cat my cold or toasted bread and broiled meat, and then spend an hour reading the Bible by the firelight. After a comfortable night's sleep, I arise at the break of day, saddle Billy, and renew my journey. I have now ridden about two hours and am purchasing some dry, rough looking grass for Bill which is all that can be found in

this lonely little ranch. The Mexicans here show me great courtesyinvite me into the house, and when I ask them to prepare a cup of coffee for me to eat with my cold bread, they place a nice jaro (pronounced barrow) of coffee, a quart cup full of boiled goat's milk and a large piece of queso (Mexican cheese) before me. This was just what they had any tortillos (pronounced tor-te-yos, and means anything to make bread of any kind. After assuring them that their apology is accepted, I take out a large lot of bread that I had provided myself with before leaving Reynosa, and placing it on their little board table, I sit down, and, of course, give thanks to God, and ask His blessings Bear in mind that the marriages and baptisms upot my breakfast and upon all in the house. This were Mexican mission work. Write soon and of attracts their attent on and admiration, as I see often to yours affectionately, Cousty Joe. by their silence and by the old gentleman's bowing his head until I finish, and then exclaiming to his children: "Give attention, children, for this is religion-religion that makes folks good and happy on earth, and safe for eternity!" I of course divide my bread with the children.

and as I leave them they are eagerly reading the Word of God. It is now eleven o'clock, and I am in Rio Grande City, Starr county, fifty miles from Hidalgo, Hi-

and I baptize four men and four ladies.

Monday finds me back in Rio Grande City, at

work for the church,

house. Tuesday morning Brother Armendariz tarted on to Mier. Mexico, to arrange for services there at night, and I remain in Roma till evening, in order to do some important writing; but, before I have mished it, I am taken quite sick

Texas Christian Advocate and remain in bed until Wednesday evening, at 2 o'clock. At four the wind is blowing pleasantly, and as I feel tolerably stout, I saddle William and start for Mier, nine miles off, where I expect to rejoin Bro. Armendariz in Divine service, at 8 P. M. Ah! how delightful the ride: the sun is now setting behind the great arm of

> The mountains, though about ninety miles from me, seem to be very near-not more than three or four miles. The beautiful green and brown-clad hills are to be seen in every direction, and all seem almost to sparkle in the reflection of the sun's setting rays; and now as I pass around the brow of a rocky hill, Mier looms up as from a valley, and in a few moments the whole city is in full view. Just as it is getting dark enough to light the lamps, 1 am riding into this lively Mexican city of several thousand inhabitants.

I am directed to the house of an American lady, who takes in travelers, to stay all night. and soon after my horse is put away. I hear the familiar sound of Bro. Armendariz's little bell, While the echoes from mountain along the which he takes from place to place with him. The public school house in Mier, Mexico, is now well lighted up for a Methodist to preach in. The

congregation, though very large and attentive, is not quite as large as in Camargo. The work in this place is still so new that there are no converts, and hence none to baptise. Nor have the ladies yet begun to attend. They always wait until their husbands and fathers are fully convinced that the services will be con-

ducted in decent and good order. On Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock, just one week from the time I told your cousin Alma good-bye, I am bidding good-bye to a gentleman who has been kind enough to borrow a horse and ride three miles with me to show me the nearest way to the old historic crossing of the Rio Grande, the Alamo, where I strike the road from Roma to Laredo. At one o'clock I stop at a ranch, purchase some green oats for my pony, put him under the shade of a large mesquite tree, where he can cool off nicely, and am invited into a hut, where the Mexicans show their hospitality by giving me a cup of coffee, two fried eggs and a few tortillas. After a few short lessons from the Bible, two or three of our sweetest Spanish hyms, and a little prayer, I ride on, leaving them reading the Word of God.

About an hour by sun I am aroused from my lonsome, tired feeling by the fast galloping of a horse right close behind me, and on looking back am delighted to see the honest mail rider | General Conference. from Rio Grande City to Laredo. "Ah!" exclaims I, "you are the mail-rider to Laredo, are you not?" "Yes, sir," is the reply, "I am glad to see you." says I, "for I feared that you were ahead of me and I would have to pass through the mountains alone." "No," says he, "they told me in the ranch where you took coffee at noon, that there was a man just ahead going to Laredo and that is why I was galloping to overtake you." It is now so'clock and we are in a ranch and have unsaddled our horses and fed them on green oats which is all we can get here. Don Manuel (for that is the mail-rider's name) informs me that he is so much fatigued that he fears he will not be able to awake at the proper time, and proposes that, if I will be watchman and wake him about one or two o'clock in the night, that he will be pilot through the hills. It is agreed to and he goes to sleep, but I get into a religious conversation with the family and it is so interesting that when I close my Bible and hymn book and look to see the hour, I find that it is eleven. After a sleep of about two hours I awake and call Don Manuel, and at two o'clock Friday morning we are on the road again. Now, he warns me to be careful, as we are going down a steep bank into one of those large and deep but short creeks that make from the mountains to the river. As we follow a bridle-path which leads through a meandering gully which has washed down through the great bank, my horse going down a flight of winding stairs, and my feet, knees and saddle-bags all scrape the banks on either side as we go down; and it is so dark that it looks as though we were entering a cave. After awhile we ride out of this utter darkness into a creek about thirty-five yards wide, where risburg circuit, Holston Conference. the stars give us good light. Ascending the other bank is almost as difficult as descending the first. After passing through several similar places and much brush and many thorns, we arrive at Cariso, the first mail post, at seven o'clock, which is one hour late. We stop three times during the day and feed our horses on such provinder as we can get for them, and at nine at night we stop to sleep a little, after having ridden sixty-six (66) miles from the time we started paring a course of study for them. this morning. At two o'clock, Saturday morning, we are saddling to renew our journey, ing House, and at five o'clock on the same morning I am in

Laredo, 175 miles from your cousin Alma. The first house that I go to is that of one who has recently been converted, and the news of my arrival is soon carried to Bro, Paz (peace), the them. missionary in the city, and from there to other church members; and I tell you, my little cousins, it would make your precious little hearts prise circuit, favoring the abolition of District fairly glow to see these happy people as they Conferences. come in, one by one, during the day, and hug me as an expression of their gratitude to the Providence that sent me here. Thus Saturday has P for breakfast, for their apology for not giving me passed away and Sunday morning has come. Now, it is Sunday night and I have baptized, to-Mexican bread), is that they had no corn or day, fifteen children and thirty-five adults (1)x 35 50), besides marrying two couples and preaching to the Americans of the place at night. I have two more couples to marry next Wednesday night, (D. V.,) after which I wish to start back to Reynosa,

(Communicated.) quarterly meeting on the Moscow circuit. And trom thence I went to Tyler, Smith county, which place I reached Wednesday, the 24th. Expecting to meet the Texas delegation at Texarkana on the 26th. I left hone in high spirits. My family well and happy, and amply provided for during my absence at Atlanta. And I must say, that I anticipated a pleasant and profitable time. But my pleasure terminated at Tyler, where I received a telegram from my wife informing me of the destruction of our residence. I left home on the 18th day of April to hold a dalgo county.

I find Bro. Trinidad (Trinity) Armendariz, our Mexican ministers who has charge of the mission consisting of Rio Grande City, Roma, Mier, Villa Nueva and Camargo, well, and in fine spirits. He informs me that they have not thrown any more stones nor eggs at him since I visited him in January. Says he, "God is manifestly on our side. He is veryifying the promise to be with us, even unto the end of the world; for He is establishing the work of our hands upon us." I attend his services in Rio Grande City, Texas, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., of same day, and baptize three Mexican men, who are at once received into the church Saturday morning I arise early and spend the day in the interest of church in the place). Just before sunset I cross the "Great River" on my way to Camargo, Mexico, five miles distant. At night we have preaching, and I baptize four men and four ladies.

The Sakhath is spent, in Divine gentle and in the morning of the 2st of April. For an hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from my wife informing me of the destruction of our residence by fire on the morning of the 2st of April. For an hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the right course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the first course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecided in regard to the first course to be pursued, being from hour or more I was undecid him to go forward with our delegation to lanta. I write this in order that all the mem The Sabbath is spent in Divine service, and donday finds me back in Itio Grande City, at york for the church,

At 4 P. M. all things are ready and I start to Roma, Texas, fifteen miles farther up the river, where we have services at night in a private met. I think that I have done right, and trust my course will mee the approval of my brethren.

## General Conference.

FOURTH DAY.

MAY 4, 1878. Conference met at 9 A. M. Bishop Wightman in the chair. Religious service conducted by R. Alexander. Minutes read and approved.

Rishop Doggett took the chair. The chair called for reports of standing committees.

D. C. Kelley presented report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions, as follows: Your committee beg leg to report the following

Resolved, 1st. That Rev. E. R. Hendrix be requested at some time during the session of this General Conference to deliver an address on Woman in Heathendom, together with the op-portunities and duties of Christian women for their evangelization.

eir evangelization. 2d. That the chairman of this committee be requested to arrange with the Committee on Public Worship as to time and place for this ad-dress, and a suitable programme for the occasion D. C. Kelley, Chairman.

J. B. Ferrin, Chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests, presented the following: On joint motion of Drs. Potter and Finney, the chairman was directed to ask of the General Conference leave to present to it, for the purpose of reference to this committee, the investigation made by the expert, Mr. Litton, of the books of the Publishing House, and the History of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, as written by Dr. J. B. McFerrin, and other similar papers, and that Dr. A. H. Redford, the Book Agent, be requested to appear before the committee at its next meeting, with any documents mittee at its next meeting, with any documents pertaining to the matters now before the com-mittee in regard to the Publishing House, which he may deem necessary. The following substitute was offered and

adopted: Resolved. That the Committee on Publishing Interests be and is hereby authorized to call for any persons or papers necessary to the thorough investigation of the affairs of the Book Concern. P. A. PETERSON, W. E. WAILES, PAUL WHITEHEAD.

Mr. Redford placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests the record of the Book Committee.

Reports from select committees were called for. E. E. Wiley, from Committee on Introductions, said the committee shall present only 'accredited messengers and agents of similar bodies.

The chair called for petitions, memorials and appeals. We report the response to the call that our

readers may understand the business before the BALTIMORE-D. Thomas presented a memorial

from Union Charge, Lewisburg district. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries, VIRGINIA-W. W. Bennett presented a memo-

rial of the Virginia Conference recommending : 1. Change of Discipline in regard to presiding change of Discipline in trial of minister.

Change of Discipline in the third restrictive on the basis of representation in the Gen-

eral Conference.
4. On division of church property, when charges are divided.
5. On the power of Appellate Courts.
6. Rees mmending the appointment of Conference evangelists.

The first and sixth items were referred to the Committee on Itinerancy, and the second, third, fourth and fifth to the Committee on Revisal. L. M. Lee presented a petition from Trinity church. Richmond, favoring the removal of the temporal restriction in regard to the pastoral

Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Hotsrox-F. Richardson presented a memorial of that Conference concerning Foreign Mis-

Referred to Committee on Missions Also, on the Installation of Stewards Referred to Committee on Revisal, Also, one on the change of the name of the

church. Referred to the Committee on Revisal Also, one on preparing a Course of Study for local preachers.

Referred to Committee on Revisal. G. Stewart presented a petition from Stony Creek Church, Sinking Creek circuit, Baltimore Conference, asking to be transferred to the Har

Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. North Carolina.—B. Craven presented a me-morial from that Conference on its division. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—A. Shipp presented a me-morial from that Conference, asking a change of discipline (chap. v. sec. 5, page 122, in regard to the organization of Sunday-schools. Referred to the Committee on Revisal

Also, one on licensing local preachers, and pre-Also, one on the cost of books at the Publish

Referred to the Committee on Publishing In-

Mississippi.—C. G. Andrews presented a me-morial from that Conference on licensing local preachers and preparing a course of study for

J. A. Ellis presented a memorial from Enter-Referred to the Committee on Revisal.

North Mississippi.—H. W. Foote presented a petition from that Conference, and petitions of citizens of Mississippi and Alabama, praying for a change of boundaries between the North Mississippi and North Alabama Conferences.

Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. TENNESSEE. - D. C. Kelly presented a memorial rom, W. G. Dorriss on education of colored

Referred to the Committee on Education. Kentucky.—C. W. Miller presented a petition, signed by himself, in regard to the appointment of local preachers. Also, a memorial in regard to the change of Discipline in the Order of Basiness of Quarterly

Referred to Committee on Revisal. H. P. Walker presented a memorial from the

Sr. Louis.-J. W. Lewis presented a memorial from the Salem District Conference, on the Constitution of District Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Revisal.

Also, a memorial from Centennary church, St. Louis, on extension of the pastoral term. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Also, a petition of St. Louis Conference on Installation of stewards.

Referred to the Committee on Revisal. MEMPHIS CONFERENCE .-- W. T. Harris presented

Referred to the Committee on Revisal. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.—T. M. Cobb, presented a memorial from Neosho district on the duties of presiding elders, recording stewards and of presiding eiders, District Conferences.

Referred to the Committee on Kevisal. Also, a memorial from Little Osage circuit in relation to a certain legacy. Referred to the Committee on Finance

MISSOURI CONFERENCE--W. M. Rust presented memorial from Hannibal district, on stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisal. Also, one on the support of the ministry. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Also, one on Mexico-District, on boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. DENVER.-D. Morton pre-ented a memorial con Denver Conference, a king for division of

from Denver Conf Referred to a Committee on Boundaries. asking for division of the Denver Conference.

Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. LITTLE ROCK,—A. R. Winfield presented a me-morial from Little Rock Conference in regard to a Church Extension Society.

Referred to the Committee on Missions Also, a memorial from the same Conference

on publishing a cheap hymn book. Referred to the Committee on Publishing In-

TEXAS.—H. V. Philpott presented a petition from a local preacher of Chappell Hill station on lay delegation. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy

PACIFIC.—J. C. Simmons presented a memorial rom Visalia District on the election of delegates o Annual and General Conferences. Referred to Committee on Revisals. ILLINOIS.-C. Murchison presented a petition

from Illinois Conference on the change name of the Conference. On motion of O. P. Fitzgerald, it was referred to a special committee of thirteen, to whom all

similar subjects shall be referred. On motion of R. N. Price, the memorial from Holston Conference on the change of the name of the church, was referred to the Committee of C. Murchison presented a memorial on divis

on of Illinois Conference. Referred to Committee on Boundaries. Also a memorial from trustees of M. E. College

Referred to Committee on Education. W. J. T. Miller, lay delegate from North Caro lina Conference, appeared and took his seat. The following resolutions were presented, read

and adopted :

A. Hunter and others offered a resolution ask ing the Committee on Revisal to inquire into the expediency of allowing lay members to participate in all the business of the Conference. Three resolutions of T. J. Magruder and and thus leave the size of the district to the others, asking the Committee on Sunday-schools to inquire into the expediency of Amending the

Discipline (ch. v., sec. 5, ans 7), by inserting, and adult persons"-to provide for the attendance of children on public worship, and enlarging the Sanday-School Magazine. A resolution of J. E. Edwards and Thomas Branch, asking the Committee on Revisal to in- schools. quire into the propriety of amending ans. 1, sec.

1, ch. ii., by inserting the words "next preced-On motion of N. H. D. Wilson it was Resolved, That daily, immediately after the call for memorials, the roll of the Conferences shall be called for resolutions, which the members of the body wish to submit and have referred to Standing Committees, and that the call begin

On motion of W. G. Neal, it was ordered that resolutions be referred, without vote, unless ob jection be made.

J. E. Edwards and Paul Whitehead offered a resolution, instructing the Committee on Revisal to inquire into the expediency of so altering Discipline (ch. iii., sec. 4, ans. 3 to ques. 1, page 75). as to strike out the words, "and that the General Rules be read at least once a year in every congregation," and the striking out of the question, 'Have the General Rules been read?" on page

P. Whitehead and P. A. Peterson offered a resolution concerning the Committee of Investiga-

Referred to the Committee on Revisal. I. G. John and A. W. Wilson offered a resolution favoring the allowing of one local preacher at least in the delegation to the General Conference for every Annual Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisal.

W. G. Veal and J. D. Shaw offered a resolution on the ratio of representation in the General R. Abbey, Special Agent for the prosecution of the claims of the Publishing House, in Congress,

presented his report relating to the subject which was read and referred to the Committee on Pub lishing Interests. A communication from the Bishops of the Colored M. E. Church in America was presented by

Bishop McTyeire, read and referred to the Committee on the Ecumenical Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction FIFTH DAY.

MAY 6, 1878 Conference met at 9 A. M., Bishop Doggett in the chair. Keligious service conducted by W. W. Bennett.

J. E. Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Revisal, presented Report No. 1 of that committee, which was read and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Revisal beg leave to report an the Salem District Conference of the St from the Saiem District Conference of the St. Louis Annual Conference, asking that the num-ber of laymen constituting the District Confer-ence, and the method of their appointment, be fixed by the Discipline, and not left to the discre-tion of the Annual Conference; and they respectfully recommend that this Conference do

Also, a memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Enterprise circuit. Mississippi Confer-ence, asking for the abolition of District Confer-ences; and respectfully recommend non-con-

urrence.

Also, a memorial and petition, respectively, rom the Holston and St. Louis Annual Conferences, asking for a form to be provided in the biscipline for the public installation of stewards; and respectfully recommend non-concurrence.

Also, a memorial from the Hannibal District Conference of the Missouri Annual Conference, asking for the election in every circuit and mission of a "steward at lurge," to be exofficio district steward; and respectfully recommend that this Conference do not concur.

The chair called for petitions, memorials and BALTIMORE.-Presented a memorial from that

Conference, favoring the expunction from the Discipline of the clauses limiting presiding elder's districts to fourteen appointments. Also, a memorial on the admission of expelled

Conference on adding Scripture proofs to the Articles of Religion.

Mississippi,—A petition on closing the door of Annual Conferences during the examination of

NORTH MISSISSIPPL-A memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Sardis Station on the presiding eldership.

TENNESSEE.—A memorial of that Conference on the election of stewards; one on the presiding discontinued for the remainder of the session of dership; one on lay delegation.

Also one from the Quarterly Conference of Savannah station, asking that Quarterly Conferences be required to present their journals to the District Conferences for examination.

LOUISVILLE.—A Committee on Church Trials and Quarterly Conference Business.

WEST TEXAS.—A memorial on the organization of a new Mexican Border Conference.

WESTERN VIRGINIA.—S, Black offered resolutions on the ratio of representation in the General Conference; on the expunction of the sixth Restrictive Rule; on the expunction of Annual Conference; on the election of lay representatives nference; on the election of lay representatives in Quarteriy Conferences and cla appointment of leaders; on fasting before the admission of preachers into full connection; on the duties of preachers in charge; on transferring certain sections of the Dicipline.

NORTH CAROLINA .- E. A. Yates and J. A. Gidstruction, and on a form for opening and closing B. Craven offered resolutions on the licensing

and trial of local preachers, and on reporting accessions to the church. Also, resolution concerning the Joint Board of Finance, and distribution of Conference funds, tion be indefinitely postpone i.

NORTH GEORGIA.-W. F. Cook and W. H. Potcoffered a resolution on the expediency of or-

amusements. Referred to the Committee on Re- The point was raised whether a motion for an admission on trial in Annual Conferences.

J. O. A. Clark offered a resolution on the pas- table.

Also, one from Montana District Conference, toral instruction of children. Referred to the Committee on Sunday-schoels. The following resolutions were offered and

ON TRIAL AND APPEAL OF PREACHERS.

Resolved. That the Committee on Revisal be in-Ecsowed. That the Committee on Revisal be in-structed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law of trial and appeal of preach-ers, so as to authorize an immediate and proper trial ad interim in the right of appeal (if prefer-red) to a court to be raised in each Annual Conred) to a court to be raised in each Annual Con-ference to try all appeal cases of the traveling and local ministry; said court may be either permanent for four years or only for the session of the Annual Conference to which said appeals may be made—the right still remaining to the may be made—the right stiff remaining to the diterent preacher to appeal to the General Conference, if preferred, to the Annual Conference Court.

Signed,

J. W. HINTON,
N. W. DOZIER,
J. S. KEY,
J. B. MCGEHEE.

the Bishop.

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS. Resolved, That the Committee on Missions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of re-pealing the law relating to Domestic Missions, so as to abolish the name and leave each Annual Conference full liberty to provide for ministerial support by such plans as each may deem best.

J. W. Hinton, R. W. Loveit.

TRIAL OF LOCAL PREACHERS, ETC. Resolved, That the Committee on Revisal be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law of trial of local preachers, as follows, viz:

When it is inconvenient or impossible to have When it is inconvenient or impossible to have a preliminary investigation by a committee of three local preachers, then a committee of three laymen may be appointed to investigate in their stead, and a prosecutor shall be appointed by the pastor or presiding elder, who shall not be one of said committee.

J. W. HINTON,
H. D. MOORE,
H. A. CRITTENDEN.

Resolved, That the Committee on Itinerancy be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the limination of fourteen appoint ments—Discipline, page—paragraph—, to con-stitute a district, and to strike out the proviso, discretion of the Bishops

J. W. HINTON, R. LANE, W. F. EASTERLING.

ALABAMA, -J. W. Rush, S. H. Dent and others the proposed change. F. Law and H. D. Moore offered a resolution

R. A. Hardaway and S. H. Dent offered a resolution on the proceedings of Quarterly Confer-

on the election of superintendents of Sunday-

W. E. Wailes and J. W. Rush offered a resolu-

J. E. Groce and J. B. Stevenson offered a reso

a resolution to secure the meeting of District Stewards in the District Conferences. NORTH MISSISSIPPI.-H. W. Foote and J. Cameron offered a resolution on the Constitution of the General Conference.

J. G. Murry, P. P. Ellis and M. H. Neeley offered a resolution favoring the holding of a temperance meeting. MEMPHIS.-T. L. Boswell and W. F. Harris of

fered a resolution favoring the restoration of the clause in the Discipline: "Do you expect to be made perfect in this life?" T. L. Boswell and A. H. Thomas offered a reso- and then acted upon. lution for receiving members.

Tennesser.—W. Mooney. J. W. Allison and others offered a resolution on the presidency of Quarterly Conferences. KENTUCKY .- H. P. Walker and C. W. Miller offered a resolution on sending records of Quar-terly Conferences to the Annual Conferences. H. P. Walker, J. W. Fitch and others offered a

H. P. Walker and S. X. Hall offered a resolution on boundaries between Kentucky and

Louisviile Conferences. on the baptism of infants.

M. Messick offered a resolution on there presen-tation of local preachers and lay delegates in the General Conference. mittee, and have directed me to report to recommend non-concurrence therewith. The chair called for petitions. tion on changing the General Rules in regard to drunkenness.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.—H. J. Adams presented a memorial from R. W. Bigham and others on church papers.

N. H. Lee, A. H. Redford and G. H. Hayes of fered a resolution on the transfer of Shelbyville District from Kentucky to Louisville Conference.

B. M. Messick and H. C. Settles offered a resolution from the pastors and members of Methodsi-t Churches in savannah desigla, asking for the appointment of an agent for the Wesley Monume and Church. SOUTHWEST Mission.-A. T. Winsor and P. P. venerable Lovick Pierce concerning said church.

tors to Sunday-schools. M. Adkinson and T. M. Cobb offered a resolu-M. Adkinson and T. M. Cobb offered a resolu-tion on change of the order of business of the Quarterly Conference.

North Alabama.—A memorial from the Quar-terly Conference of Carrolton district, depreca-ting the change of boundary prayed for by the

MISSOURL-W. W. Jones and W. M. Rush of fered a resolution on the duties of Bishops. C. H. Spencer and T. M. Cobb offered a resolution on the mode of publishing Episcopal deci- be made perfect in this life ?" J. D. Vincil presented a resolution of the Mis-

Also, one on the Ecumenical Conference. C. J. Vandeventer and P. P. Ellis offered a resolution on the election of only one Bishop, W. O. Gray and P. P. Ellis, a resolution on rep-

resentation in the General Conference. P. P. Ellis and J. Y. Murray offered a resolu-tion on amending the General Rules on buying and selling liquors.

EAST TEXAS.—D. H. Connally and R.W. Thomp-son offered a resolution on duties of Joint Board of Finance.

REVERSO SIR—Peeding out 'try lighty hourded and especially favored by the presence of so august an assemblage, it affords me great pleasure to transmit herewith a certified copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Gen-eral Council of Atlanta has hight. Most respect-fully your obedient servant. N. L. ANGIER, Mayor. and selling liquors.

of Finance. WEST TEXAS .- J. S. Gillett and P. C. Woods of-

discontinued for the remainder of the session of this General Conference. After considerable discussion the resolution

was adopted.

A motion of J. E. Evans, to raise a special committee, to whom certain constitutional questions may be referred, and not to the Committee on Revisal, did not prevail.

the Secretary of this Conference be directed to transmit to the Mayor and Council a copy of this resolution.

P. A. PETERSON.
C. K. Marshall. On motion of J. E. Edwards, Report No. 2 of the Committee on Credentials was taken up.

day, May 3, when it was suspended by the order J. W. Lewis, who had the floor when the discussionwas suspended, continued his remarks. S. Regester withdrew the substitute and offered

S. Regester, which was under discussion on Fri-

the following: WHEREAS, Logan D. Dameron, a lay delegate from the St. Louis Conference, is already en-rolled, and whereas the question of his eligibil-ity to a seat in this General Conference is a ques-tion of the constitution of law in regard to which there is a difference of opinion among members equally conscientious and intelligent. Resolved, That the consideration of this ques-

An explanation of the effect of this substitute

ter offered a resolution on the expediency of organizing a Sunday-school Union.

SOUR GEORGIA.—J. C. McGehee and others offered a resolution on the organization and duties of District Conferences.

Also, one on Financial Plans, opposing church fairs, etc.

J. B. McGehee and N. W. Dozier offered a resolution on a specific rule concerning worldly in this body for this sestion, and to week. D. Dameron in his seat, with the question of the unsettied. The motion is to large the unsettied. The motion is to appear the conference of the

indefinite postponement could be laid on the Vincinix - P. Whitelead and J. E. Edwards of cred a resolution on the readmission of expelled ministers and members.

The President decided: First, there was a report of committee; second, an amendment was offered to the report; third, the amendment, after being discussed, was withdrawn; fourth, four brethren present what they call a substitute for the whole report, and it was read with its preambles; fifth, a brother moves to lay substitute on the table. This is the attitude of the case. The chair decides the motion to lay the substitute on the table in order.

The question taken by a right was the first substitute of the case.

The question taken by a rising vote, and the substitute, by a vote of 163 to 80, was laid on the

W. L. Nugent moved to recommit the report. so that all the facts may come before the Confer

J. W. Hinton obtained the floor Conference adjourned with benediction by

#### SIXTH DAY.

MAY 7th, 1878. Conference met at 9 A. M. Bishop McTyeire in the chair. Religious service by J. B. A. Ahrens. Minutes read and approved.

phis Conference, was elected Assistant Secretary, and also Assistant Editor of the Daily Advocate Bishop Keener took the chair. Reports of standing committees called for.

W. C. Johnson, reserve delegate from the Mem-

S. Regester, Chairman of Committee on Fris copacy, presented

REPORT NO. 1 ON EPISCOPACY. 1. A paper containing resolutions asking for the preparation of a catechism for the baptized children of the church, signed by H. P. Walker and J. W. Fitch, was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy, the consideration of which prop-erly belongs to the Committee on Sunday-schools, and it is returned to the Conference that it may

be referred to that committee.

2. The paper signed by W. W. Jones and W. M. Rush, asking for a law in the Discipline to determine how an Episcopal district, being without a superintendent, from any cause, should be provided for, was fully considered. The committee determined that no legislation was necessary.

3. The paper signed by B. H. Spencer and T. M. Cobb. recommending change in the Discipline so as to provide for publishing Episcopal decisions as an appendix to the Discipline, was duly considered. The committee does not concur in

The Committee on Itinerancy presented report No 1, recommending non-concurrence in the resolution favoring provision for the employment of Conference evangelists. After prolonged de-

bate, the report was sustained. The entire report of the committee, which is as follows, was then adopted

REPORT NO. 1 ON ITINERANCY The Committee on Itinerancy beg leave to re-port that they have carefully considered several papers referred to them, with the following re-sults, viz:

Mississippi.—R. Abbey and W. H. Watkins of fered a resolution on the church membership of children.

C. K. Marshall and C. D. Oliver offered a resolution favoring the publication of a history of the M. E. Church, South.

W. L. Nugent and J. A. Ellis offered three resolutions on the basis of representation.

T. L. Mellen, C. K. Marshall and others offered a resolution to secure the meeting of District a resolution to secure the meeting of District and Conferences, with all the rights and privileges of other lay delegates." the committee

nual Conferences, with all the rights and privileges of other lay delegates." the committee
recommend non-concurrence.

3. In the memorial from the Virginia Conference, asking 'that the Bishops be empowered to
appoint an Evangelist to operate within the
bounds of an Annual Conference, when, in their
judgment, the necessities of the work demand
such an agency, and the Conference shall recommend the appointment," your committee
recommend non-concurrence.

John S. Morros, Chui'n.

L. M. Lee moved that reports of standing committees be presented one day, and be published,

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Revisal were presented, and both laid on the table under the rule. Committee on Finance presented Report No. 1.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions and

as follows, which was adopted : Your committee would respectfully report that they have had under consideration a resolution signed by D. H. Connolly and R. W. Thompson, referred to said committee, as to the propriety of so changing the latter partion of the print paragraph of sec. 5, page 160, of the Discipline, on the organization of the Joint Board of Emance of the August 160. resolution on questions propounded by Annual J. W. Fitch and S. X. Hall offered a resolution on the baptism of infants.

Louisville.—A. H. Redford, N. H. Lee and B. M. Messick offered a resolution on there presenting the first property of the North Carolina Conference upon the same mittee, and have directed me to report that these

lution on the business of Quarterly Conferences. J. O. A Clark presented a memorial from the

Ellis offered a resolution on the relation of pas- Both documents were referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial, signed by W. Baker, asking the

Referred to Committee on Revisal. The following communication from the Hon. souri Conference on revisions of the Hymn Book. N. L. Angier, Mayor of the city of Atlanta, was

presented by Bishop McTycire, and read : MAYOR'S OFFICE, ATLANTA, GA., May 7, 1878. To the President of the General Conference, of the M. REVEREND SIR-Feeling our city highly hon

COUNCIL CHANRER, May 6, 1878. West Texas.—J. 8. Gillett and P. C. Woods of fered a resolution on change of the Constitution of the Board of Missions.

J. 8. Gillett and D. H. Connally offered a resolution on the reception of ministers and members from other Methodist bodies.

H. 8. Fhrall and J. 8. Gillett offered a resolution on readjusting the boundaries between the West Texas and Northwest Fexas Conferences.

J. 8. Martin. 8. Rodgers and A. W. Wilson of fered a resolution that after Monday, May 13th, fered a resolution that after Monday, May 13th, and the freedom of the clay is hereby extended to the members of said Assembly, and that his Honor, the Mayor, be requested to communicate the same to said body.

Passed in Connell Changer, May 6, 1878.

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Cotton of the Largert Lands with their presence, composed, as it is, of ministers of the gospel, statesmen, lawyer, dectors, merchants, etc., that a cordial well with their presence, composed, as it is, of ministers of the gosp

Passed in Council.
FRANK T. RYAN, City Cierk. The following resolution was then offered,

read and adopted by a rising vote: Resolved. That we gratefully accept the free-dom and hospitallites of Atlanta, this day ten-dered by resolution, communicated from the Mayor and General Council of the city, and that the Secretary of this Conference be directed, to

the Committee on Credentials was taken up.

The report was read, also the amendment of Regester, which was under discussion on Friay, May 3, when it was suspended by the order T. M. Finney presented a memorial from Iron Mountain District Conference, protesting against the expunction of the temporal restriction of the

> pastoral term. DENVER .- A petition of E. J. Stanley, Montana, praying for the organization of a new Confer ARKANSAS.—A memorial of C. F. Harvey and and others, on paying the debt of the Publish-

ng House.

TEXAS .- A memorial from Texas Conference, relative to the boundary of that Conference.

Northwest Texas.—A memorial from this Conference, deprecating the change of boundary prayed for by the Texas Conference.

Littors.—C. Murchison presented an appeal of T. B. Harbin from his suspension for six months from that Conference.

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NORTH CAROLINA.—E. A. Yates and W. H. Bobbitt offered a resolution inquiring into the expediency of amending the Discipline on the trial of local preachers. B. Craven and A. W. Wilson offered a resolu-

tion favoring the publication of a Quarterly

SOUTH CAROLINA.—A. M. Chrietzberg and O. A. Darby offered a resolution on the Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance. Also, one on the order of business of Quarterly

Conferences. H. A. C. Walker and P. A. Peterson offered resolutions on sundry changes of Discipline.

NORTH CAROLINA.—H. J. Adams and T. M. Merriwether offered a resolution respecting the number of charges in districts.

H. J. Adams and J. C. Johnson offered a reso-

Missions, and the taking of but one collection.

resolution deprecating the multiplication of churches in a circuit. J. B. McGehee and J. A. Ellis offered a resolu-

tion on lay agency for the relief of pastors from excessive table-serving.

FLORIDA.—G. W. Taylor and G. W. Frazier favored a resolution in regard to district stewards.

ALABAMA.—W. H. McCarty and J. W. Rush offered a resolution respecting the trial of mem-Also one on admitting preachers into full con-

nection. MISSISSIPPI.-J. A. Ellis and S. B. Watts offered

H. F. Johnson and T. L. Mellen offered a resolution on the expediency of adding a question on Annual Conference business.

C. K. Marshall and C. G. Andrews offered a resolution urging a strict conformity to the directory on conducting public worship, and providing for the same.

MEMPHIS .- A. H. Thomas and T. L. Boswell

A. P. Warterfield and H. A. C. Walker offered a resolution concerning the collection of presiding elder's salaries.

D. G. Goodwin and A. H. Thomas offered a resolution concerning trustees. S. W. Moore and W. W. Bennett offered a reso-

lution on the expediency of revising the hymn TENNESSEE.—D. C. Kelley presented a communication from the treasury of the Board of Missions concerning the bequest of J. T. Colvin.

E. D. Patterson and C. R. Head offered a reso lution on representation in the General Con

Kentucky.—C. W. Miller and H. P. Walker offered a resolution favoring the readjustment of Annual Conference questions. H. P. Walker and C. W. Miller offered a resolu-

tion concerning the trial of members. S. X. Hall and J. W. Fitch offered a resolution on making presiding elders members of Confer-

ence Mission Boards. LOUISVILLE.—A. H. Redford presented a statement of losses sustained by the Publishing louse from 1858 to 1862.

J. Boring moved to suspend the order of business to allow him to move an order of the day

## SEVENTH DAY.

MAY 8th, 1878. Conference met at 9 A. M. Bishop Keener in the chair. Divine service conducted by T. L. Boswell. Minutes read and approved. Bishop

On motion of W. P. Harrison, the order of business was suspended to allow him to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved. That the right of a delegate to a seat in this body shall be determined by a majority of the whole Conference, and not by concurrent majorities of the clerical and lay delegates voting separately.

W. P. HARRISON, W. F. COOK.

J. D. Giddings claimed that in case of a majority of the Conference voting together, a layman (the laymen being always in minority by nonattendance), might be unseated by preponder-

Others participated in the discussion, pending which the order of the day-being the action on Report No. 2 of the Committee on Credentials' the time having arrived, was taken up. The question under the order of the day was

the recommitment of Report No 2, in the case of Logan D. Dameron, claiming his seat as a lay delegate from the St. Louis Conference. After much disputing, the vote was taken and

the report was recommitted to the Committee on

on Credentials was increased to twenty-one.

The following resolution was offered and read: Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials be instructed to consider whether the trial of L. D. Dameron was regular, and in accordance with the law of the church.

Pending action on this resolution, the time expired and the Conference adjourned with the

#### benediction of the Bishop. EIGHTH DAY.

MAY 9, 1878. Conference met at 9 A. M. Bishop Paine in the chair. Divine service conducted by L. Parker. Minutes read and approved. Bishop Pierce took the chair.

A letter from Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Protestant Church, was received and referred to the Committee on Introductions.

REPORT NO. 2 ON EPISCOPACY.

The Committee on Episcopacy would respectfully report that a memorial, signed by James A. Lanius and others of St. Louis, Mo., "concerning the ruling of presiding elders and Bishops, as touching and affecting the rights of individual membership in the M. E. Church, South," was referred to this Committee.

Upon examination it was found that no name

of any fishop was given, nor the case in which, the place where, or the time when, the irregularities complained of were stated to have occurred; nor does the paper refer to any testimony by which its statement could be substan-The memorial is returned to your honorable body as being too indefinite for any action thereon.

respection ask the adoption of the following, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in General Conference assembled, at Atlanta, Ga., May 9, 1878, endorse the Wesley Monumental Church at Savannah, Ga., and commend it to Methodists the world over as an enterprise eminently proper and meeting our hearty approval.

2. That the Bishops be and they are hereby authorized, when they deem it expedient, to appoint an agent to represent this Memorial Church to Wesley, and solicit the aid of Methodists everywhere to bring it to an early completion.

Report adopted

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES. Your committee have considered sundry resolutions, petitions and memorials, and offer the following as the result of their deliberations:

1. That the territory of Montana be, and the same is hereby created, a separate Conference, by the name and style of "The Montana Conference, because".

w. F. Cook and J. W. Hunter offered a resolution favoring the election of two Secretaries of
the Board of Missions.

J. S. Key and J. Boring offered a resolution
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Report laid on the table under the rule. REPORT NO 3 OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISAL,

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The Committee on Revisal beg leave to present as Report No. 3:

That they have considered a memorial signed by C. W. Miller, asking that it be made the duty of the Quarterly Conference, at the first session after each Annual Conference session, to make out an accurate list of the local preachers within its bounds, and, with the aid of the presiding elder, to assign to each of them a definite field of ministerial labor for the year; and respectfully recommend nonfor the year; and respectfully recommend non-

for the year; and respectfully recommend non-concurrence.

They have also had under careful considera-tion a resolution signed by P. A. Peterson and A. R. Winfield, asking that it may be provided in the Discipline that no member elect to the Gen-eral Conference shall be admitted to a seat in that body, if at the time of its session he is a member of an Annual Conference other than that which elected him; and respectfully rec-ommend that this Conference do not coucur. Laid on the table for the present.

MINORITY REPORT NO. 3 ON REVISAL. MINORITY REPORT NO. 3 ON REVISAL.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Revisal, being unable to agree with the majority in regard to a resolution referred to said committee, declaring that no person shall be admitted into the General Conference as the representative of an Annual Conference of which, at the time of meeting of the General Conference, he is not a member, respectfully submit for adoption the following change of Discipline:

On page 33, chapter 2, section 1, after the word "Conference" in the last line of the first paragraph, add: "But no one shall be admitted to a seat in the General Conference who, at the time of holding said Conference, shall be a member of an Aunual Conference other than the one by which he was elected.

P. A. Peterson

P. A. PETERSON J. Y. MURRY, M. H. NEELY, H. V. PHILPOTT, J. W. Compton.

Laid on the table for the present. REPORT NO. 4 OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISAL. The Committee on Revisal beg leave to pre-

as Report No. 4;
That they have had under consideration a memorial from the Neosho District Conference, Southwest Missouri Annual Conference, with reference to item one of which, they respectfully recommend that see, 3, chap, 2, page 51, of the Discipline be amended by inserting after item 4, the following: (5). "As to the manner in which the records of the Quarterly Conferences have been kept."

With reference to item two, of the same paper, making examination of Quarterly Conference

ness to allow him to move an order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Motion prevailed. Louisville,—G. W. Beard and W. S. Johnson offered a resolution on the support of preachers. Little Rock.—A. R. Winfield and C. D. Oliver offered a resolution requesting Dr. Pierce to give us his matured views on entire sanctification, in his sermon before the Conference.

Texas.—H. V. Philpott and J. C. Giddings of fered a resolution on the duties of presiding cliders.

Also, one concerning lay representatives in Annual Conferences.

Baltimore,—S. Rodgers and J. B. McFerrin offered a resolution referring to forms of church records.

The time was extended to allow Mr. Cupples to make a report of collections for the Marvin Memorial Fund.

All the above resolutions, memorials, petitions, etc., were referred to appropriate committees.

Conference then adjourned with the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

[It will be seen that a large amount of business has been brought before the Conference, and if all pass, our Discipline will be as bulky as it will be incomprehensible.—Editor...

MAY 8th, 1878.

May 8th, 1878.

With reference to item two, of the same paper, making examination of Quarterly Conferences have been kept. With respect to item two, of the same paper, making examination of Quarterly Conference to preach they respectfully recommend non-conceurrence.

Touching item three of said paper, they recommend the amendment of the answer to question 5, section 15, chapter 3, page 107 of the Discipline, by inserting as a second answer: "2. To send the records of the Quarterly Conference to the District Conference for examination by the Bistrict Conference for examination by the District Conference for examination of Quarterly Conference for examination of Quarterly Conference for examination of Quarterly Conf

Conference."

With reference to the second resolution, prowith reference to the second resolution, pro-posing the transfer of licensing and recommend-ing preachers to the traveling connection, and the recommendation of local preachers for dea-cons' and elders' orders from the Quarterly to the District Conference, we respectfully recom-

with referet ce to the third resolution em-With referet ce to the third resolution em-bodied in the same paper, your Committee agree, in the main, and recommend that the answer to question 2,sec. 11,chap. 3, page 93 of the Discipline be amended by inserting after the word "ex-amination," in the second line from the top of the page, the words "on a course of study to be prescribed by the Bishops, as a preparation for deacon's orders," so that the whole paragraph shall read: "A local preacher shall be eligible to the office of a deacon after he has preached four years from the time he received a regular license, and has obtained a recommendation from the and has obtained a recommendation from the quarterly Conference, on a proper examination on a course of study to be prescribed by the lishops, as a preparation for deacon's orders, signed by the I'resident and the Secretary; and after his character has passed in examination before, and has obtained the approbation of, the

after his character has passed in examination before, and has obtained the approbation of, the Annual Conference."

Your consmittee also recommend that the answer to question 3, sec. 11, chap, iii., page 93 of the Discipline be amended by striking out all from the word "examination," seventh line from bottom, to and inclusive of the word "Secretary, fourth line from the bottom, and inserting," on a course of study to be prescribed by the Bishops, as a preparation for elder's orders; and the fact of passing an approved examination on this course shall be stated in the recommendation, which shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Conference," so that the entire paragraph shall read: "A local deacon shall be eligible to the office of an elder after he has preached four years from the time he was ordained a deacon and has obtained a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference, on a proper examination on a course of recommendation from the Quarterly Conference, on a proper examination on a course of study to be prescribed by the Bishops as a preparation for eider's orders; and the fact of passing an approved examination on this course shall be stated in the recommendation, which shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Conference. He shall present to the Annual Conference such recommendation, with a note certifying his belief in the doctrine and discipline of our church—the whole being examined by the Annual Conference; and, if approved, he may be ordained."

Your committee have considered a memorial from Holston Conference, embodying resolutions of like tenor with those from the Mississippi Conference, and recommend concurrence

sippi Conference, and recommend concurrence so far as they state the same propositions, and

so far as they state the same propositions, and no farther.

They have also considered a memorial from the South Carolina Conference, and recommend non-concurrence in all points not covered by the action already recommended in this report.

They have also considered a memorial from the Memphis Annual Conference, and recommend concurrence, so far as it advises the action contemplated in this report, upon similar papers from the Mississippi, Holston and South Carolina Conferences.

Laid on the table for the present.

REPORT NO. 2, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. Your Committee have had under consideration the resolution of Hannibal District Conference within the bounds of the Missouri Conference, and other memorials and resolutions on the same subject, asking the passage of a law that shall be uniform in its action throughout all the churches, and that shall impose an obligation upon each member of every particular charge to contribute to the support of the ministry, and thereby settle the method of raising funds for the support of the preachers in the littnerancy.

R. N. Sledd, T. Branch and L. S. Reed offered resolution on the expediency of publishing a church; and as the result of their deliberations, respectfully ask the adoption of the following, on the subject which are necessary or judicious. Laid on the table for the present. MINORITY REPORT NO. 2 OF THE FINANCE COM-MITTEE.

On the memorial of the Hannibal District Con-

On the memorial of the Hannibal District Conference, referred to the Committee on Finance, requesting that a method of raising money for the support of preachers on circuits and stations shall be more clearly defined and settled, and which shall be made uniform throughout all the churches, the undersigned, a minority of the Committee, report concurrence with the memorial, and recommend changes in the Discipline in order thereto, as follows:

No chap. iv, sec. 1. item 3, p. 155, second line from the bottom of the page, substitute "may" for "shall" and add to the whole item the following words: "Unless otherwise ordered by the Church Conference, the stewards shall adopt the plan of assessment with consent, as provided in item next following." so that the whole item shall read as follows: "3. The stewards shall report to each church meeting the whole amount to be raised, and that part of it which each congregation is expected to pay. The Church Conference may adopt its own method of raising the money. Unless otherwise ordered by the Church Conference, the stewards shall adopt the plan of assessment with consent, as provided in item next following."

Laid on the table for the present.

REPORT NO. 3 OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. Your Committee on Finance have considered a resolution signed by A. P. Warterfield and H. A. C. Walker, referred to them by this Conference, on "Support of Presiding Elders," and "on mode of collecting Presiding Elders' salaries," proposing to amend chap, ix, sec. 11, art. 2 of the Discipline, and have unanimously recommended a report of non-concurrence in said resolution. Laid on the table under the rule.

REPORT NO. 4 OF THE COMMITTE ON FINANCE Your Finance Committee have carefully considered a resolution of the North Carolina Conference, and a resolution signed by John A. Ellis and S. B. Watts, respecting the distribution of the Conference Fund by the Joint Board of Finance of the several Conferences, and have innance of the several conferences, and nave in-structed me to report that they recommend non-concurrence therewith; as they believe the Dis-cipline upon the subject, and the action of the several Joint Boards of Finance do now, and can thereunder, fully accomplish the ends desired to be attained.

Report adopted. REPORT NO. 5 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. REPORT NO. 5 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. Your committee have carefully considered the resolution, signed by J. B. McGeehee and J. A. Ellis, instructing the Committee on Finance to consider the propriety "of maturing some plan that will utilize the lay element in fifting the collections ordered in our Discipline," and thereby leave the ministry to give themselves wholly to the great work to which Christ has called them; and are of the opinion that the lay element is tolerably well utilized whenever the collections ordered in our Discipline are lifted, and have instructed me to report that they consider no action in this behalf required, and that they recommend non-concurrence therewith.

Report adopted. REPORT NO. 6 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. Your Finance Committee have had undercon Your Finance Committee have had under consideration a resolution, signed by G. W. Beard, W. S. Johnson and John L. Wheat, "that there be added to item 2d, section 1, chapter 9, page 155, the following: "and the Board of Stewards shall, when there is a parsonage, embrace in their estimate for the support of the preacher, the annual rent of the parsonage, which shall be credited quarterly to the charge, and at the end of the year shall be reported to the Annual Conference," and have instructed a report that they recommend non-concurrence therewith.

Report adopted. REPORT NO. 7 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORT NO, 7 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. Your Finance Committee have considered a resolution signed by J. B. McGebee, T. M. Meriwether, J. M. Matthews, and R. W. Lovitt, respecting the too prevalent practice of raising money for church purposes by fairs, festivals, excursions, suppers, theatrical performances, etc., and have directed a report that the subject matter of said resolution has been fully met by the pastoral address of the Bishops and by the Discipline, and they therefore respectfully ask that they be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Laid on the table for the present.

MINORITY REPORT NO. 7 ON FINANCE. A minority of your Committee on Finance being unable to agree with the report of the ma-jority of said Committee, as regards the matters contained in said resolution, beg leave to submit the following:

1. No one can appreciate more highly than we

do the salutary recommendations contained in the pastoral address of our revered Bishops. But we submit that the matters contained are in no wise, and can in no wise, become the law of the church, except by legislative action thereon by this General Conference.

2. We are not aware of any part of our Discipline which speaks either deprecatingly or approvingly, with authority, on these subjects, or on kindred evils now affecting those important questions in the churches.

And in view of these facts, we respectfully recommend the passage by the Conference of the following resolution:

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ommend the passage by the following resolution:

\*\*Itesalecel\*\*, That in the opinion of this General Conference, it is inexpedient and impolitic that money for church purposes should be raised by fairs, festivals, excursions, suppers, theatrical performances, drawings, lotteries, or by chance, in any manner whatsoever.

JRO. S. GAUNT, J. C. C. WINCH.

Laid on the table for the present. REPORT NO. 8 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred a resolution of D. H. Connolly and R. W. Thompson, making a change in chapter 9, section 5, paragraph 2, page 161, of the Discipline, fourth line from top of page, by inserting after the word "Chairman" the word "Treasurer," so that it shall hereafter read: "They shall elect their own Chairman 'Treasurer,' Secretary," etc., having duly considered the same, have directed me to report that they recommend that this Conference concur therewith.

Laid on the table for the present. We have given the reports of the committees in order to present a clear statement of the business. As these reports are taken from the table, we shall refer to them by their caption alone. Those who desire to keep up with the business will do well to preserve the reports in the order in which they are presented by the committee.

The roll for resolutions to be referred to committees was then called, and responded to as fol-

VIRGINIA.—R. Pollard and T. W. Mason of-fered a resolution in reference to Sunday-school publications. WESTERN VIRGINIA .- W. S. Black and J. B. Mc-

Ferrin presented resolutions in two papers, respecting the bounds of districts, changes in the ritual, and other matters.

Also, several resolutions in a third paper, respecting salaries of presiding elders and other T. S. Wade and J. S. McCarver offered a reso-

lution respecting the employment of a missionary at large in an Annual Conference. Holston.—F. Richardson, J. P. Kelley and others offered a resolution in regard to the boun-daries between the Tennessee and Holston Con-

George Stewart, F. Richardson and T. P. Sum mers offered a resolution on the ratio of repre-sentation in the General Conference. Rights of lay members, District Conferences and other

J. W. Paulett, C. R. Head and J. W. Gaut offered a resolution concerning the employment of a traveling agent for the Publishing House. NORTH CAROLINA.—W. S. Black, W. H. Bobbit nd others offered a resolution on the sale of

district property. B. Craven, Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, presented a resolution of that Con-

FLORIDA.—A. A. Robinson and T. L. Boswell offered a resolution on change in the mode of church trials. A. A. Robinson and J. J. Davis offered a reso-

lution proposing an appendix to the Discipline

containing the doctrines peculiar to Methodism, The report was adopted.

And have directed me to report—

The Committee on Itinerancy.

The Committee on Itinerancy respectfully report that they have had under consideration the memorial of the pastors and churches in Savann ah, Georgia, and that of the Rev. Dr.

Itinerancy.

And have directed me to report—

That, by a large majority, the committee recommendation on the duty of preachers relating to education.

Mississippl.—W. H. Watkins and C. G. And that case, ix, sees. 1, 2, 3 and 4, on page: 155-6 of the Discipline, "on the support of preachers on the hymn book.

By a perusal of the card, "To Planters," in another column, you may avert the calamity of the hymn book.

W. L. Nugent and J. A. Ellis offered a resolution on collections for publishing interests. S. B. Streater and J. D. Cameron offered a resolution on a complete course of study for Sun-

MEMPHIS.—A. H. Thomas, R. H. Mahon, and others, offered a resolution favoring certain changes in the office of baptism.

TENNESSEE.—R. K. Hargrove and W. Burr offered a resolution on the duties of Recording

R. K. Hargrove, J. B. McFerrin and D. C. Kelley offered a resolution favoring alternate lessons in the burial service. Kentucky,—C. W. Miller and J. W. Field offered a resolution favoring certain changes in

the office of baptism. The above resolutions were referred to appropriate committees.

REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN REGARD TO THE COLVIN BEQUESTS. To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South:

DEAR BRETHREN.—Mr. James T. Colvin who died in Hamburg, Iowa, in 1874, made to the M. E. Church, South, for the several purposes named, the following bequests, as specified in the tenth clause of his will, which is as followed.

in the tenth clause of his will, which is as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto the Agent of the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, located at Nashville, Tennessee, the several sums in this bequest named, their several uses to be controlled by said Agent severally for the specific objects and charities hereinafter named and specified, to-wit:"

"The sum of \$10,000 in cash for the use and benefit of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The sum of \$5,000 for the use and benefit of the Sabbath-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now under the control of A. G. Haygood, and under the direction of the General Conference of said church. The sum of \$15,000 in cash for the use of said Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, and the sum of \$10,000 in cash for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans of the traveling preachers of the M. E. Church, South, who die in the traveling connection said sum to be established a permanent fund for the purpose and object named, and hever in any manner to be appropriated or expended, but said fund shall be invested in the most advantageous manner, and the interest and proceeds thereof to be appropriated for the use and benefit of said widows and orphans, under the direction of the General Conference of said church: and I hereby specially priated for the use and benefit of said widows and orphans, under the direction of the General Conference of said church; and I hereby specially direct that all the aforesaid bequests to the said Agent of the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church. South, shall be applied by said Agent for the uses and benefits herein named, under the direction of the General Conference of said Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and as they shall judge best caculated to promote the object of these bequests, as herein named."

promote the object of these bequests, as herein named."

The will further provides in Article 13, after the payment of his debts, funeral charges, expenses of administration, and the payment of all other bequests named, as follows:

"I give and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate and moneys, to the Agent of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, in manner and form as set out in the 10th paragraph of this will, for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans herein named, to be added to and made a part of the permanent fund for their use and benefit as herein provided."

I beg leave to submit the following statement: The sum of \$6500 for the Missionary Society has been paid me by the administrator, Mr. silas Woodward, and turned over to the Board of Missions, for the use and benefit of the society. The sum of \$16,950 has been paid to the Publishing House and Sunday-school Department, and turned over to the House for the uses specified.

specified.

The sum of \$8500 has been paid for the benefit of the widows and orphans of traveling preachers, and invested in the Publishing House, ers, and invested in the Publishing House. All of which is respectfully subminitted.

A. H. REDFORD, Agent. H. P. Walker and J. J. Wheat offered a resolu-

tion on the publication of a Digest of Bishops' Decisions. A. B. Stark and J. H. Brunner offered a reso

lution on publishing a Review. W. S. Johnson and W. H. Watkins offered a resolution on the basis of representation. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.-H. C. Ewing and A. T.

Winsor offered a resolution on changing the words "April or May," on page 34 of the Disci-pline, to "January or February." offered a resolution favoring one hymn-book for

A. T. Winsor and J. F. Rucker offered a resolution on the trial of members. F. Eucker offered a resolution

C. S. Vandeventer and W. O. Gray of the resolution on the support of foreign missionaries

W. A. Tarwater, J. D. Vineil and W. W. Jones offered a resolution concerning admission into the traveling connection.

Church on temperance.

NORTH TEXAT.—R. Lane, Asa Holt and others offered a resolution on a change of the souther boundary of said Conference. NORTHWEST TEXAS .- W. G. Veal and J. S. Me-

District Conferences.

TEXAS.—J. C. C. Winch and J. D. Giddings of-

fered a resolution on pastors' work in Sunday A. H. Redford presented the exhibit of the export concerning the business of the Publishing House with the Depository at New Orleans.

The chair then called for petitions, memorials and appeals. NORTH CAROLINA.—B. Cravein presented a memorial from Salisbury district on division of

the Conference. He also presented a petition from the Bremaker-Moore Paper Co., Louisville, on matters touching the interests of the Publishing House. The above were referred to appropriate com-

He also furnished a resolution of the North Carolina Conference, deprecating any change in the name of the church.

NORTH ALABAMA.-H. Brown presented a me-

MORTH ALABAMA.—H. Brown presented a memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Tuskaloosa station and Northport circuit, deprecating the change of boundary asked for by the North Mississippi Conference.

Louisiana.—J Barcroft presented a memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Blackland circuit, deprecating any action abolishing the office of presiding elder.

The question pending an adjournment yesterday was taken up, and after prolonged discussion, the vote was taken on the majority report of the Committee on Credentials on the case of Logan D. Dameron, lay delegate from the St. Louis Conference. The ayes and noes were called for, and the vote stood, ayes 131, noes 133. or fulcrum either. The result of this vote was to leave L. D. Dam' eron in his seat.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop. The General Conference--- Mode of

Baptism. Though late, I desire to call attention to the above subject.

I am satisfied that there will be in the General Conference a good many members who will desire the rule of the Discipline so changed as to commit our church to one single mode of bap-

Conference, presented a resolution of that Conference deprecating any change in the name of the church.

SOUTH GEORGIA.—J. S. Key and J. Boring offered a resolution asking of the Bishops an opinion on the law of election of lay delegates.

H. A. Crittenden, J. M. Matthews and others offered a resolution on the work of local preachers.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—W. W. Duncan and O. A. Darby offered resolutions in relation to the eligibility of local preachers to deacons and elders orders.

FLORIDA.—A. A. Robinson and T. L. Boswell

Now, as a firm and solid Methodist, and as one giving the preference, as to mode, always to affusion for me; yet I do not wish to force everybody to my views on this question.

As a church we have had the advantage on this ground, and have "held the fort." and still while hold it, if our Discipline is let alone.

By the way, who wants a particular mode in which to take the Lord's Supper? Why not have one, just as well as for baptism? If my views and choice were to control, I would never immerse any one; but in open questions like this, I am not to dictate to nor decide for others. Let us gibility of local preachers to deacons and elders' orders.

FLORIDA.—A. A. Robinson and T. L. Boswell ow, as a firm and solid Methodist, and as one

The advertisement of that old and reliable firm, Messrs, Rice & Baulard, which needs no commendation from us, will be found in another column. Read it, and if you desire anything enumerated therein, write to them, and you will

ELDERGRAPHS-NO 4.

Calvert and Hearne form one ministerial charge, and is under the pastoral care of Rev. J. Fred Cox. Bro. Cox is as pleasantly situated as a man can be who is away from home so much, his family being located five miles below Bryan. Sister Cox superintends the education of the children and conducts the farm in the absence of her husband. It was my pleasure to spend several days on the Mollie Farm and enjoy the hospitality of their home. The boys and girls met us at the depot with wagon and team, and amid rattle and prattle, we were soon received by the mistress of the house with the welcome of the olden friendship. The house stands in a beautiful grove, fronting south, with a good view of the farm, the tank and prairie beyond, With some soaking rains to fill the new cistern and tank, and to push off the corn and the cotton, all will be in full bloom. The nearness of the State College will furnish unusual facilities for the education of the boys, and all the milk and butter that can be spared will find a market at home, and will furnish the means to educate the girls at Waco Female College. So Bro. Cox, if not endowed, is in a fair way of endowment. Somebody, a year or two ago, ridiculed my suggestion that the pig and potato formed an important factor in Texas preachers' support. If the world knew just how little money we do receive, the wonder would not be that we try to supplement our salary, but it would be how any one can live without the help of the pig and potato. Stir up the farm, Sister Mollie, and fatten the pigs; you will need them.

Before leaving the neighborhood, I was conducted through the State Institution, and was highly pleased with the buildings and furniture of the college. A new and larger chapel for religious worship and for public occasions is very much needed. More recitation rooms and additional professors must be provided to insure success in teaching. Too many classes to the teacher wear him out, and too many students in a class overburden it. The greatest want of the institution is that of a chaplain. There is religious service by the gratuitious ministry from the churches in Bryan, but there is no bond between the students and any man whom they know and love as pastor. No accidental or casual supply of preaching can meet this deficiency. Let the authorities give us a chaplain for our boys in

But I must get back to Calvert. To be in Calvert is like being in Rome. You can't be in the latter without seeing the Pope, and you can't be in the former without seeing Uncle Jimmy Graves. He is a layman, about six feet high, prominent features, especially the organ of inspiration and expiration, which is rather red for a temperance sign. In character he is of a high mercurial temperament, which has been fully enthused with religious life. He is now a noble worker in the Redeemer's cause; believes in holiness and professes sanctification. He is in perfect harmony with his paster, and can not be induced to affiliate with any movement which looks like separation from the regular work. At present, he is getting a tabernacle ready for our spring and summer campaign in the district. The design of the tabernacle is new and worthy of notice. It is made of the best duck, and is about sixty by thirty feet. It is so arranged that on each side are five divisions, each division forming a tent for a family; and, by ropes and pullies, in case of rain, these divisions are removed, and it furnishes a good shelter for worship. When thus spread for public worship, it will be seventy by thirty-five feet, making a very respectable tabernacle. If any one desires more specific information as to this new camp-meeting equipage, write to Bro, Graves. G. W. Jones, C. K. Marshall and T. M. Cobb Our prayer is that a thousand souls may be converted in the tabernacle this year.

On the way to Wheelock, a short time is spent MISSOURL—C. I Vandeventer, P. P. Ellis and J. Captain Love. The jail is a novelty of the lock-

LITTLE ROCK,-A. R. Winfield and R. Lane offered a resolution on defining the position of our

a report that the Bishops have a private book, which they allow to be read only by their special favorites, as it contained secret instructions for the government of the church. It was not a manual for the confessional. like that of the Romish Church, but it was the manual of Discipline, by Bishop McTylere. What will the Bishop say to that when we tell it on him in Atlanta? The gist of it was, Bro. Turner could not satisfy the people until he proposed to purchase as many as they wanted, if they would furnish the money. A wonderful man thought he could move the world if only he could get a fulcrum for his lever; but some people seem to think that they overturn Methodism without lever

Well, the round has been made, and with many prayers for the success of the work, we bid you adieu until after the General Conference.

(Communicated.) Bible Work in Bosque County.

As local agent of the American Bible Society, I have completed the canvass of Bosque county, Texas, with the following results:

One hundred and nine days were devoted to the work, in which I visited eleven hundred and eighty-six families and places of business. Out of this number, one hundred and sixty-two families were found destitute of any part of the Scriptures; ninety-nine of whom were supplied by sale at cost or donation; besides thirty other destitute individuals. Twenty-three dollars collected for the Bible cause. Three hundred and nine books were sold, for which I received one hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-five cents. Forty-nine books were donated, amounting in value to thirteen dollars and sixty-five cents. In this work I traveled one thousand three hundred and fifty-six miles.

Oscar M. Addison, Local Agent.

(Communicated.)

ELGIN, May 9, 1878,-Our little town of Elgin ELGIN, May 9, 1878.—Our little town of Elgin is still improving some, and our people are highly pleased with the idea of getting the District Conference, which I see is published to be held the 21st of June. The good people are making preparations for the preachers and clelegates, and I hope all will attend. I would ask all interested to please pray for a revival of religion at that time. We would be glad to see Bro. John at the meating, and others who feel like comitag. We have had no revival yet, though about twenty five have joined the church this year at the different appointments. Pray for us.—Daniel Morgan. (Communicated.)

Our Judiciary. In all governments of modern times in countries advanced in civilization, it has been found best to distribute the duties and responsibilities of office so that the fullest possible guaranty that human weakness may not, any more than human fault, prevent the administration of public affairs so as to secure the greatest possible good to the governed. We might quote from legal writers ad libitum, but refrain, believing that the suggestion is enough for our use, which is to call attention to the fact that our church government is anomalous, and not the best calculated to "vindicate the character of the church," nor the best form of guaranty that the individual could have that his covenant and natural rights and interests as a church member will not, at any time, be impaired. I am not for apeing the general government of the United States or the State government in our church government. But I am not so far prejudiced against these or any of them as to be willing to discard the wisdom of experience. The greatest minds of the centuries have wrought, and, with untold travail, have evolved the general form of constitutional government now prevalent in this country and in the best governed States of Europe. And why despise the wisdom of statesmen with respect to matters when they are wiser than ecclesiastics, and were interested in what they did to the whole amount of their fortune and fame, to say nothing of the fact that many of them were philauthropists of the noblest type, and not a few of them devoted Christians? On the contrary, ministers of the gospel have devoted their energies and their studies to other subjects and labors, and are not so wise touching principles of law as the lawyer or the statesman.

And to-day, while we have the purest faith best to distribute the duties and responsibilities

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And to-day, while we have the purest faith that was ever contained in any formula (and the most efficient movement of any Protestant church) we are open to attack by our enemies, who have not failed to make the most of the flaws they have seen. Yea, they have used them as occasions to assault the church most hurtifully. For when they allegs some popularia-

flaws they have seen. Yea, they have used them as occasions to assault the church most hurtfully. For when they allege some monstrous falsehood, they are able to refer to evident defect; and after the manner of a fallacy of quotation, they prove their huge slander.

According to our present law, the whole of the executive department of government is in the episcopacy, a portion of the legislative, and almost the entire judicial department. The Bishops preside over the General Conference, and impress themselves and their office very largely upon the legislation, and when a law has been enacted, afterwards, as presidents of Annual Conferences, the individual Bishops pass upon questions of law, and then the matter goes to the College of Bishops for final settlement. They individually, without being subject to review by the College of Bishops, decide cases of appeal coming up from Quarterly Conferences. And in case of appeal of a traveling preacher to the General Conference, the Committee of Trial is presided over by a Bishop, whose decisions about all questions of law, affecting the case, is final. And then, as before r-marked, he is, or they are, the repositories of the whole of the executive department of the government. Is not this too much! Should it not be divided, so that more hands and shoulders would take part in sustaining so many and so great burgens?

ment of the government. Is not this too much? Should it not be divided, so that more hands and shoulders would take part in sustaining so many and so great burdens?

I call attention to tendency in the movement of church life and administration, that it is in the direction of involving as many in the sense of responsibility as possible, and of giving the respresentative idea as large scope as possible. Until 1866, laymen had no voice in any of our Conferences or courts, except the Committee on Primary Jurisdiction in cases of lay members charged with offense against the church law and in the Quarterly Conference, since that time they enter the Annual Conference, and are equal in number and everything else with the ministry. The M. E. Church is moving in the same direction, and so also are the Wesleyans. But notwithstanding this tendency to incorporate laymen in all of the Conferences, the M. E. Church, South, which has been all the time in the lead in this matter, gives them no place or voice in its judiciary—the place, certainly, where the learning and skill of the laity would be more useful than anywhere else in the church.

Should not our judiciary be made a composite body?

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The question I would submit to the next General Conference, is as to the propriety or expediency of mixing the courts of final appeal. Let the Bishops hold the entire executive department of the church government, and let them hold the judicial in conjunction with some first-class layman, to be elected by the General Conference, whose term of office might be regarded, so that some would serve eight and some four years, just as Senators of the United States now have a longer and a shorter term.

April 10th, 1878. (Communicated.)

To Grumblers. We have seen a good deal in various papers in Bryan, and acceptable rest is found with lately of a comparative character regarding the m Bryan, and acceptable rest is found with Captain Love. The jail is a novelty of the lockup building. Inside of the solid brick walls is the 
cage, which is made of the hardest steel. The ceils 
cage open upon a platform, which is surrounded by a protection of steel bars so hard 
that ordinary files have no effect upon them. 
This arrangement allows the prisoners to come 
out of the cells for bathing and other purposes. 
The keeper can let the prisoners out of the cells 
without going inside the cage, so he is no danger 
of surprise, and need never be overpowered by 
those in his charge.

An afternoon ride in a wagon with Bro. Duncan, brings us to the home of Mr. Vol. Cavit, in 
Wheelock, where many an itinerant has rested 
before. In the morning we are at Hickory 
Grove, with a small assembly. Bro. Turner is 
faithfully at work, though no revival encouracages us yet. The community was much disgiven by a mysterious murder which had just 
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(Communicated.)

Random Thoughts. The weather has been very peculiar this spring; according to temperature, three weeks or a month ahead of time; but, by reason of drouth and cool nights, just about on a par with the month and time of year. Crops are backward. Corn is about knee high in some parts of farms, while in others it is just up. Some of it has been six weeks coming out of the ground. Cotton has come up strong and hedthful—a good stand; but the cool nights may an blight it. Wheat is promising—the best poect we have had for many years. It has the red rust on the blades, but the stalk is free from injury; yet I fear the Mediterranean wheat while be injured, as it lacks three weeks of maturing. If the rust does not attack the stalk, the crop will be better than for the past six or eight years. Garden vegetables are taking a rust or blight, and many are dying out. Insects abundant, caused by the very warm, mild winter.

Health of the country has been good till about three or four weeks past, some malarial fevers and dysentery prevailing.

Times very hard, and money scarcer than for many years. The financial condition of the circuit generally distressing. The poor preachers, likely to be poorer still; none of them have been paid more than twenty-five per cent. of their salaries. They are, however, pressing onward, and trusting God for the future. A good wheat crop will relieve the pressure. May the kind Disposer of Events grant us a full crop and good prices.

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Disposer of Events grant us a full crop and good prices.

Glad to see the Advocate taking so strong a stand on the whisky question and other vices. Hit them again, whether they be in high or low places. Truly, "we wrestle with spiritual wickedness in high places." The disgraceful acts of our Texas Legislature at the close of the session, and of the Congressional Committee on the Silver Bill, are an odium on free institutions. How can foreign nations respect our government, or foreigners be favorably impressed with Republican institutions, when such scenes become public? God have mercy on us and bring wisdom to our rulers!

A. H. B.

ROCKWALL, TEXAS, May 3, 1878.

THE attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of the STAR LINEN MARKER, We have the pleasure of an acquaintance with Mr. B. N. Matthews, who is now traveling in Texas in the interest of his agency. We cheerfully reccommend him to our patrons. He will be found strictly reliable.

----ERRATA.- In the Bishops' address, on page 2, third column, third paragraph, read "Armenian" doctrine, instead of "American" doctrine ,

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#### Texas Items.

The lands along the Concho river are pro-A military telegraph station has been established at Santa Maria, on the border.

On the night of the 2d, Wills Point and other portions of Van Zandt county suffered from a severestorm.

San Lucas Springs, in Mexico, will have a number of Texas health-hunters to spend the summer there. A Teacher's State convention meets at Mexia in July. The object is to make suggestions in reference to a State educational system.

Mr. Griner, of Kinney county, reports that from 3100 ewes he has this year raised 2919 lambs. The sheep interest does well at all points.

Upon a carload of potatoes, shipped the other day from Brenham to St. Louis, the producer realized 62 cents a bushel.

There are about 300,060 pounds of wool in the market at San Antonio. Prices range from 12 to

The examining court at Palestine refused bail to the seven men accused of the murder of Dr. Grayson and wife. Cars are now loading daily at Brenham with new potatoes, beans and other garden truck for Northern Markets. The peach crop promises

The Murphy movement was inaugurated in Br; an on the 6th inst. The meeting was quite enthusiastic, about forty putting on the blue ribbon. Another meeting was held on the night of May 7.

In the County Court a party was convicted for failing to work on the streets, in violation of an ordinance of the city of Bryan. The case was ap-pealed from the Mayor's Court.

Another colony is being formed in Barton, Allegheny county, Maryland, to consist of about forty families, all of whom will emigrate to

The Murphy movement was inaugurated at Clarksville on the 8th inst. under the leader-ship of the Rev. Felix Johnson, forty-five putting on the blue ribbon.

Indians do not pay much attention to the Fort Concho garrison when they want to make a raid. The troops there are under command of one Grierson, and are pronounced by the Waco Examiner a set of drunken, disorderly negroes. Mr. C. G. Hubbard, wool buyer, reached Mason on the 9th inst., and reports Indians in Kimball county. As Capt, Roberts, with a squad of rangers, passed through yesterday in that direction, it is supposed he is in pursuit of the naiders.

Mr. Hubbard has just purchased Mr. Carlin's clip of wool, and reports it the largest clip ever grown in northwest Texas by any one sheep-raiser. It will amount to fifty thousand pounds.

Mr. Carlin's fock numbers ten thousand, and will average about five pounds.

A petition has been sent Governor Hubbard from the citizens of Uvalde county. It asks that permission to carry fire-arms in the town of Uvalde be withdrawn. The petition is signed by the members of the late grand jury and also by prominent citizens. They attribute to this habit of carrying arms a majority of the matters that have come before the grand jury for investigation.

it is necessary some times to speak of them as Northern Methodists to distinguish them from the M. E. Church, South.—Austin (Texas) paper.

Howe, May 8.—A tornado, accompanied by rain and hail, passed over this section of the county about twelve o'clock this morning, doing considerable damage to crops. The storm lasted one hour, destroying several buildings, among which were a substantial two-story warehouse recently erected by Mr. J. M. Robertson, the frame of a dwelling being erected by Mr. Stephens, and several sheds and outhouses, Mr. Taylor's residence and several other buildings were removed from their foundations.

The District court, after holding court for two weeks in the old court-house, at Corpus Christi, took posession to-day of the new court-house. This is a two-story brick building, 35 by 75 feet, and 39 teet high. In the lower story are the cages for the reception of criminals, and for the sheriff's office. The upper story is neatly fitted up for the District Court, and reflects credit on Joseph Fitzsimmons, county judge, and J. W. Dunn, county commissioner, for the interest they took in its erection. The building is one of the most substantial in the State, and cost about \$37,000. The District court, after holding court for two

The officers of the Corsicana and Palestine Railroad Company, together with a full corps of civil engineers, congregated at a point just opposite the Molloy house, on May 7th, at Corsicana, and after a few preliminary arrangements, M. Drane, Treasurer of said Company, in the presence of the President, Vice-President and Secretary, drove with a new hatchet the first peg on the survey. Much rejoicing is manifest among our citizens in consequence of the assurance that the building of this road is now a fixed fact to be developed in the early future. The suc-

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BY JULIA PHIFER TRUITT.

And I smiled to think God's greatness flowed around our incompleteness. Round our restlessness His rest."

Mrs. Browning What would it matter if one small star, darkling; Should melt away and leave no track in space? The summer skies, with brighter lights, are sparkling.

No soul would miss it from its dwelling-place. What would it matter-one bird less to summer, Or fewer flowers to over-generous spring?

Content with bliss of greeting each new-comer, Earth were too bright to mourn for anything. What would it matter to the world's grand sing-

Should one faint voice, in tears and silence, die? The mighty harmony would still go ringing, Though many unstrung harps might tuneless

What would it matter? Yet, oh God of heaven, Beyond our restless earth's close pressing bars, To draw our souls beyond the dusk of even, Thy Hand has set the glory of the stars.

Thou that dost watch the smallest sparrow's falling.

Thou that hast led these June bird's o'er the

Would'st note, 'mid all the woodland voices calling.

It matters much, oh! human soul, grown weary, That love and praise should never fail nor fall Thy silence is a discord, wild and dreary,

To God, who makes one harmony of ALL. ENNIS, TEXAS, April 22, 1878.

STEPHENSVILLE, ERATH Co., TEX-As, May 8.—The District Conference for the Stephensville District will convene in the town of Stephensville, Erath County, June 26, at 9 o'clock A. M.-J. P. MUSSETT.

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#### Unanswered Letters.

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#### Obituaries.

BLANTON.—Rev. Joseph M. Blanton, of the East Texas Conference, died May 2d, 1878, near Comford, Kendall county, Texas. Bro. Blanton was born June 25th. 1849, in Washington county, Arkansas, and came to Collin county, Texas, in 1859. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at a camp-meeting which was held in July of the following year. He was licensed to preach in March, 1872, and the same year joined the North Texas Conference, and was appointed to the Robinsville circuit, where he labored his first year and had his first experience as an itinerant. In 1873 he was transferred to the East Texas Conference and was appointed to the Palestine circuit, where he labored for two years. His next and last appointment was the Larissa circuit. His health, which for some time had been poor, continued to decline, until he was unable to continue his work. He preached his last sermon at Roose's Chapel on the 3d of May, 1866. That fall the Annual Conference put him on the superannuated list. He came to Kendall county, with the hope that it would improve his health, having a great desire to recover, that he might preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. During the latter part of his illness he was a great yet patient suiferer. He seemed perfectly resigned to the will of God; no murmur or complaint ever passed his lips. For him to live was Christ; to die, was gain. He passed to his eternal reward in great peace. Bro. Blanton leaves a devoted wife and two children to mourn his loss. May God bless, comfort and sustain them in their great affliction.—I. Kingsbury.

GARNER.—Bro. James William Leonidas Garner, eldest son of Rufus and Lizzie Garner, was born September 16th, 1861; was baptized in infancy; professed religion at the age of sixteen; died January 16th, 1878. Eight hours before his death he called to his mother, saying; "I see grandma, I see grandma." On being told that his grandma was at dinner, he said: "I see my other grandma; I never saw her before, but I see her now." Then, smilingly and rejoicingly, he repeated—

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see."

Was blind, but now I see."

Reaching up, and his arms around his grandma's neck, asked her if she would go with him. Promising him she would, he gave signs of rejoicing, saying: "Heaven is my home, Heaven is my home." After which he said: "I am going home, will you meet me?" and sweetly passed into rest. James lived a strict and religious life—never was heard to swear an oath or use any bad words. We extend our profound sympathy to the bereaved father and mother and family, together with the relatives, and feel their loss was his gain.—W. W. HENDERSON, P. C.

If there is a hateful man in America, call him a Democrat or Republican, it is the man who has fought only since the war was over. Is it not time that these enemies of our common country were put down and out?—A. G. Haygood.

Messrs. Preston & Robert, of this city, are agents for what is said to be a "sure demolisher" by all who knew her. On being asked if she was ready, said: "I would not give what little hope I have for the world." While we are grieved to part with our loved ones, and sympathize with the bereaved, we rejoice that she is in heaven.—W. W. HENDERSON, P. C.

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ATLANTA, GA., May 10, 1878.

WE have received No. 1, Vol. 4, of the American Sketch Book, a monthly magazine, hereafter to be published in Texas, at Galveston and Austin. We learn from the work that it is to be devoted chiefly to historical papers, reminiscences, incidents, etc., relating to Texas, together with descriptions of the present condition of various points in the State. This number contains the first portion of an interesting sketch of Austin bringing the record down to the period of annexation. The frontispiece is an excellent view of the city, looking from the Deaf and Dumb Asylum. In addition to this, the contents are varied and readable; among them a poem entitled "Austin." by the editor; and one, "The Colorado," by Marietta Holley; a love song, "Mount Bonnell," by the editor; "Curse of the Cardigans," a story; "Reminiscences of the Late War; "The Texas Poetess," a humorous sketch; "A Remembrance of Henry Clay," etc. The magazine is edited and published by Mrs. Bella French, a lady who has won much fame as a poetess and writer of great merit. We trust that the publication will receive a liberal support. Terms, S3 per year; single numbers, 30 cents.

The market here is steady. Sales 820 bales this day. Quotations are as follows: Low Ordinary, 73/4c: Ordinary, 81/4c: Good Ordinary,

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#### What Did the Man say?

A scene at court with a stupid witness. A man has been caught stumbling-block having been rein the act of theft, and pleaded in moved, the work of philanthropy extenuation that he was drunk.

witness.) "What did the man say when you arrested him?" Witness-"He said he

drunk.

say he was drunk?

said he was drunk; heacknowledged | fold.' the corn.

Court (getting impatient at the witness' stupidity)-"You don't understand me at all; I want the words as he uttered them; didn't he say I was drunk?

Witness, deprecating-"Oh, no, your Honor. He didn't say you were drunk; I wouldn't allow any man to charge that upon you in my presence.

Prosecutor-"Pshaw! you don't comprehend at all. His honor means, did not the prisoner say to you, 'I was drunk?'

Witness, reflectively-"Well, he might have said you was drunk, rushed into the house shoutingbut I didn't hear him.'

Attorney for the prisoner -"What the court desires is to have you state the prisoner's own words, mother had never treated him so preserving the precise form of the pronoun that he made use of in then he spoke againreply. Was it first person I, second person thou, or the third person eat be, she or it? Now then, sir, (with severity,) upon your oath, didn't my client say 'I was drunk?"

Witness, getting mad-"No, he didn't say you was drunk, either, but if he had I reckon he wouldn't a lied any. Do you s'pose the poor fellow charged this whole court with being drunk?"

#### Frozen Kindness

not much better than no kindness at all The fuel in the stove makes the room warm, but there are great the room warm are room warm. hills where nobody can get them; care." these do not make anybody warm. of wood in plain sight of these promised to do better, and, after san saba mission, May 18, 19
W. T. THORNBERRY, P. E. fallen trees if you had no means of receiving a piece of pie went to getting the wood home and making school a wiser, if not a better boy .a fire with it. Just so in a family; Myrtle, love is just what makes parents and children, and brothers and sisters happy, but if they take care to never say a word about it-if they keep it they offer you wine at dinner?" a profound secret; as if it were a crime-they will not be much happier than if there was not any love among them; the house will seem cold even in summer, and if you live there you envy the poor dog when anybody calls him "poor fellow."

## Hold on, Boys.

Hold on to your tongue when about a sip." you are just ready to swear, lie, or speak harshly.

Hold on to your hand when you er." are about to punch, scratch, steal,

off from study, or pursuing the ty. path of error, shame, or crime.

associates seek your company, and was not." invite you to join in their mirth, games and revelry.

Hold on to your good name at

throughout eternity.

Hold on to virtue—it is above all price to you at all times and places.

Hold on to your good character for it is, and ever will be, acter for it is, and ever will be, an invitation from the General with the young man should refuse that the young man should refuse the place of your best wealth .- The Messenger.

## Try Example.

with cases of intemperance. The I honor you, sir, for refusing to do Rev. John Griffith, M. A., Rector what you consider wrong." of Neath, tells us that a Quaker friend did much to enlighten and ton!" exclaimed Dick. to instruct him. Meeting with this seal in attacking the sin of drunk- thought right,-Child's World. enness, which so generally prevailed in the parish; and then asked:

"Wilt thou tell me how many converts thou hast had from drunk- the pledge and been initated into

"I fear none," was the reply.

Texas Christian Advocate what preaching will do, and thou that the three opening addresses at "Well," said he, "thou hast tried It was an undesigned coincidence The man, who knowing Alfred suppose thou dost try what ex- Convention at Atlanta, were made

the largest planters in Georgia. To- may now be asked what have been dist preacher, and a Northern(no day the freedmen who were his the results of his professing teeto-slaves love and trust him as they talism. Eight hundred persons, in Northern in such a connection) do nobody else. He was one of the course of eighteen months, Methodist ex-general. It was the bravest of Confederate generals. signed the pledge; seven hundred perfectly delightful to see these

frequenting public houses ceased Y. Methodist. to be considered respectable. The xtenuation that he was drunk.

Court, (to the policeman, who was fill columns," says Mr. Griffith "with the mention of the fruits of those labors. I shall mark out one Henriette and Cambridge, May 11, 12 was for special notice, viz.: the increased influence the profession of total Court-"I want his precise words, abstinence conferred on me, not as just as he uttered them; he didn't an individual citizen, but as a minuse pronoun he, did he? He didn't ister of the gospel. By avowing myself on the side of total absti-Witness-"Oh, yes he did-he nence, my influence increased ten-

ought to be studying your lesson. You'll get a black mark, if you don't study," said Mrs. Mason.

"I don't care," replied the boy. "You ought to care, my dear," eplied the lady, with a smile.

'I don't care," said James. "Don't care will ruin that child," aid Mrs. Mason to herself. "I will each him a lesson that he will not

When noon arrived her idle boy "Mother, I want my dinner."

"I don't care," replied Mrs. Mason. James was puzzled. His before. He was silent awhile

"I don't care," was the cool re- CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

and I shall starve if I don't get some dinner," urged James.

boy to endure. He burst in tears. second sunday. His mother said-

This world is full of kindness you have of saying, 'I don't care.' that never was spoken, and that is Suppose I did not really care for piles of fallen trees lying on the you will cease saying, 'I don't

James had never looked on this You might freeze to death for want | evil habit in this light before. He

## Say No.

"Alice, what will you say when asked Dick.

we take a sip.

"O! Dick, you don't mean it! Think how we promised mamma CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. we wouldn't! Think of the trouble intemperance brings!"

"I'm not talking about intemperance," said Dick, impatiently, "just

don't take even a sip, dear broth-

"Cousin Mary will look, and Louis or do any improper act.

Held on to your foot when you are on the point of kicking, running on the point of kicking of kicking on the point of kicking on the point of kicking on the point of kicking of kicking on the point of kicking of kic

"So do I," said Alice. "Perhaps Hold on to your temper when you are angry, excited or imposed upon, or others are angry with you.

Hold on to your temper when it won't be as bad as we think. I mean to say 'No' all the same. It will not be rude," she added eagler-lay; "General Washington said it posseriates sayk your cover when evil by; "General Washington said it posseriates sayk your cover and the property of the property of

Revolutionary War," began Alice, Gatesville et. at Gatesville. 4th Sabbath in May "a young officer came to Phila-delphia to see Washington on busiall times, for it is of more v lue delphia to see Washington on busithan gold, high places, or fashion-ness. He was invited to a dinnerhan gold, high places, or lashion-ble attire.

Hold on to truth for it will leave the table, Washington, call-ling him by name, asked him to

Corsicana et, at Petty's Chapel, May 18

Mexia et at Cotton Gin. May 25

Thornton mission, June 1

JOHN S. McCARVER, P. E. serve you well and do you good ing him by name, asked him to take a glass of wine. 'No, thank WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

such an invitation from the General. 'He is rude!' they thought. What! say "No" to Washington!" Dr. Reid, of Glasgow, says: Per- Washington saw in a moment how mit me to give a single instance, they felt. He said, 'I do not want showing what an advantage absti-nence gives to a minister dealing any thing against his inclination.

Rockvale circuit, at Walnut Creek, May 18, 19
Llano mission, at Mountain Vailey, May 25, 26
san Saba circuit, at Rock Shoals, June 8, 29
Normalis mission, at Rock Shoals, June 8, 29

"Good for the General Washing-

"Good for the young man," said young philanthropist shortly after Alice. "He was not sure what SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. entering on his present charge, he General would think of him, and was congratulated by him on his yet he was not afraid to do what he line that at Pleasant Hill, May 25, 26 Lin Flat and boughass, at McLane's Court house, thought right.—Child's World.

> Since its institution in 1842 no less than 3,000,000 men have taken Harr sonet, at Andrew Chapel. May 25, 26 the order of the Sons of Temper-

hast tried what lecturing will do; the International Sunday-school Colquitt, dislikes him, must be bad. Before emancipation he was one of The appeal was irresistible. It by Methodists: a Southern Methodist ex-general, a Canadian Methodby Methodists: a Southern Method-He is Governor of Georgia by a young people became abstainers. three men speaking from the same The whole moral aspect of the platform. "Behold, how good and town became changed; sobriety how pleasant it is for brethren to was soon in the ascendency, and dwell together in unity! "-Cor. N.

#### Church Motices.

#### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GAINESVIL!E DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND W. H. Moss, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Grapevine Springs mission, May 18, 19
Bethel, May 25, 26
Delegates to the District Conference are to be elected this round. The District Conference will be held at Cocran's Chapel, beginning July 4, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The opening sermon by T. R. o'clock, A. M. The opening sermon by T. I Tee. W. H. HUGHES, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. "My son, you are wasting your time playing with that kitten. You ought to be studying your lesson."

Coffeeville circuit, third Sunday in May filmer circuit, fourth Sunday in May Longview circuit, first Sunday in May Longview circuit, first Sunday in May filmer circuit, third Sunday in May filmer circuit, fourth Sunday in May filmer circuit, fourth Sunday in May Longview circuit, fourth Sunday in May Longview circuit, fourth Sunday in May filmer circuit, fourth Sunday in May Longview circuit, first Sunday in June Longview circuit, first Sunday circu

> SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. Oakland circuit, May 18, 19 Sulphur Springs station. May 25, 26 sulphur Bluff circuit. June 1, 2 sulphur Springs circuit. June 8, 9 Winsboro circuit. June 15, 16

Winsboro circuit, June 15, 16
Mineola circuit, June 22, 23
Lone Oak circuit, July 13, 14
sulphur mission, July 29, 21
White Rock circuit, July 27, 28
Greenville station, August 3, 4
The District Conference will meet at Greenville, Hunt county, Texas, Thursday, August 1, 1878, at 9 o'clock a. M. We earnestly request all of the members of the District Conference to be present at the opening session. The pastors will please come prepared to report all of the statistics required at the Avanual Conference.

Thos. M. SMITH, P. E.

## TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GALVESTON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. before. He was silent awhile hen he spoke again—

"Mother, I want something to Galveston, at St. John's Church, June 8, 26
Galveston, at St. John's Church, June 1, 2
Galveston, at St. Jame's Church, June 8, 29 B. D. DASHIELL, P. E.

"I don't care," was the cool rely.

"But recess will be over, mother,
and I shall starve if I don't get
bome dinner," urged James.

"I don't care."

This was too much for the poor
oy to endure. He burst in tears.

"I don't care."

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Caldwell, at Thompson's Church, second Saturday and Sunday in June
Brenham, fourth Saturday and Sunday in June
Bryan circuit, at Rector's Chapel, first Saturday
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"My son, I want to make you feel the folly and sin of the habit Flatonia, June 1.2 R. W. KENNON, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

UVALDE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Seguin station, 3d Sunday in May Elm, at Wesley Chapel, 4th Sunday in May Rancho, at Seale's Chapel 1st Sunday in June JAS, G. WALKER, P. E.

"Affee, what will you say help of the you wine at dinner?"
sked Dick.

"I shall say, "No, I thank you."

"Suppose, for politeness' sake, we take a sip."

San Marcos, station, May 25, 26
Lockhari circuit, at Luling, June 1, 2
Gonzales circuit, at Catoo Creek, June 8, 9
Each Quarterly Conference will elect three delegates to the ensuing District Conference. Let the quarterly fast be strictly observed by all the members of the various pastoral charges.

O. A. FISHER, P. E.

Corpus Christi station, May 18, 19 Legarto circuit, at Nuccestown, May 25, 26 R. H. BELVIN, P. E. .. ------

## NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

"But one sip might lead to more; BRECKINRIDGE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Savana mission, at Buchee's, 3d Sabbath in May Eastland et, at Sandy, 4th Sabbath in May Palo Pinto et, at Pleasant Hill, 1st Sabbath in

June Official brethren are earnestly solicited to be

FORT WORTH DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

STEPHENSVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND "One day, near the end of our Jonesboro et. at Hollie's Prairie, 3d Sabbath in

CORSICANA DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND, Cameron circuit, 3d Sunday in May West Falls circuit, 1st Sunday in June Thos. Stanford, P. E.

COMANCHE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Mountain mission, at Rock Springs, June 8, 9 Comanche circuit, at Ebenezer, June 15, 16 Brownwood circuit, at Gay Creek, June 22, 2 PETER W. GRAVIS, P. E.

## EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Mount Enterprise circuit, at Dethel, June 3, 9 J. C. A. Baidges, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT-SECOND BOUND. Starrythe et at Starrythe, June 1, 2 Lerisa et at tari's Chapel, June 8, 9 Grand Bluff mission, et Grand Bluff, June 15, 16 Marshall station, June 22, 23 Bellview et, at Kingere, June 29, 30 District Conference at Henderson, July 3, 4, 5, and 6. Conference will be called to order at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 3d, and all the local and traveling preachers withthe delegates of the district, are earnestly requested to be present a that hour. The editor of the Advocate is cordially invited to be with us. Brother John, do come.

R. W. THOMPSON, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Wallisville circuit, at Wallisville, June 15, 16
Beaumont circuit, at Liberty, June 22, 23
District Conference will convene at Moscow,
Polk county, July 4th and 7th. Dr. I. G. John
expected to attend. E. L. Armstrong, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROCKE.

Cherokee circuit, May 18, 19
Crockett circuit, May 25, 26
Crockett station, June 1, 2
Palestine circuit, June 8, 9
Tyler station, June 15, 16
District Conferencewill meet at Jacksonville on Thursday, the 20th of June.

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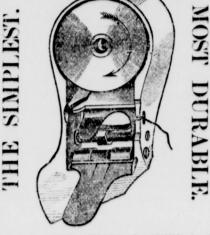
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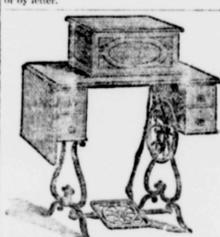
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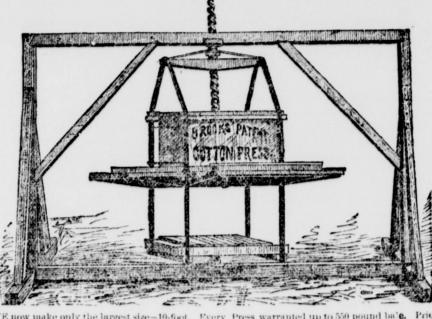
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Mews of the Week.

Washington, May 9.—The nomination of Packard as consul at Liverpool was reported favor-

dan's confirmation as Register of Deeds of the district.

of Louisiana, Recorder of Deeds for Simon Wolf.

The President has appointed Prof. A. S. Venable, of the University of gested by Mr. A. Watson. Virginia, visitor to West Point.

The committee of the District of corder of Deeds for the district.

Washington, May 10. - The Senate passed the Bill repealing appropriates nearly \$27,000,000 the Bankrupt Law to take effect and provides for 20,000 enlisted September 1, instead of January men, composing six cavalry and 1st, as passed by the House.

The entire Alabama delegation The request was granted.

ing unrestricted Chinese immigra- trance. tion, and directing the President to tain and China on this subject.

collector of the Austin (Texas) dis- eration fixed for 29th inst. trict, and the matter went over. Name since withdrawn by the

his full Christian name. This is to Prince Bismarck. the second faulty or bogus requisition for this man.

The Secretary of the Treasury has proviso that nothing shall accure to officers whose salaries are \$4000 Christians in that empire.

affected thereby.

Washington, May 7.-The Senate Committee on Postoffices has agreed to an amendment to the Gen. Todleben's proposed withizing the Postmaster General to contract for mail service to Brazil. Ships of the New Orleans line are

Washington, May 9.—A joint resolution reported by Mr. Goode, of Virginia, from the Committee on land. They believe it would be all the departments of the govern- wish to unite with England for the nace." These three men.-he who ment, gave rise to a lively discus- benefit of Christians, and to secure had subdued kings and kingdoms sion, in the course of which Mr. peace. They only fear that Eng- could not subdue three men! by the government as scandalous lieved that in Vienna and Berlin further. and infamous.

advocated a penalty for its disre-

2. That it is proper that both cumstances, permit it. governments shall engage that the

Mexico to connect at the boundary government, thus securing for them furnace of fire. And then how tentiary, we think common de-would be safe to insult our 750,000 have gone back this year on cotton with lines of railroad in Texas or the protection of Europe and their changed is all by the resolute faith elsewhere in the United States.

The Home Mutual insurance company of Boston Mass., has been enjoined from doing further busi-

The genial American peanut has been transplanted to the south of France, where it grows well.

Washington, May 12. - President Green, of the Western Union There seems no doubt of Sheri- Telegraph Company, has renewed the offer of the late president to furnish free telegrams to test the Nominations. - G. A. Sheridan, system of storm and flood signals by the telegraph and cannon to the District of Columbia, vice give certain, instant and general found wanting.-Dan. v.: 27. warning of coming storms and floods, according to the plan sug-

Clarkson N. Potter, of New York, Joseph Henry, Secretary of the has been selected as manager of the Smithsonian Institute, died here tical with Baal, a golden image in their malice had to clark them into a furnace; but, then, alleged election france in Florida. alleged election frauds in Florida and Louisiana.

to-day. He had been ill for some the plains of Dura, close to Babytheir malice had to cease. So it is in life. The wicked can bind the Catholic priest on our Atlantic seadied in full conceives a died in full conceives a Columbia agreed to report favor- telligence. His serious illness was rendered it impossible that it was cast them into furnaces of fiery ably on the nomination of George the subject of great concern, and solid. It was likely overlaid with trial, heated seven times hotter than A. Sheridan, of Louisiana, as Re- prayers for his recovery were offer- gold. The Colossus of Rhodes was for ordinary occasions, by falsehood ed at many churches in the city.

> The Army Appropriation bill fifteen infantry regiments.

called upon Commissioner Raum tablished by the lighthouse board was to be cast into fiery furnace. to-day to obtain the continuation at the South Pass of the Missisof certain illicit distillery cases. sippi river, at the mouth of the his empire to exact allegiance of admit their error. He saw one The Committee on Commerce side of the end of the jetty, and ication. He evidently intended, them. agreed to report a concurrent resolution modifying the treaty allowone on each side of the South Pass, through these officers, to require all his people to worship the same cast, and addresses them as serventeed to the children of the South Pass, through these officers, to require furnace where he had had them cast, and addresses them as serventeed to report a concurrent resolution modifying the treaty allow-

open negotiations with Great Brithe time for considering the Senate pear at the dedication, and six 27. And he does this in the iana found it safer to depart be-At the executive session of the which was ordered for to-morrow, call them to worship. Daniel's honors them where he had intendresolution to adjourn 10th of June, Senate a long discussion took place be postponed to 10th June. This over the confirmation of Baker as was rejected and the day for consid-

The Eastern Question.

LONDON, May 11. - England seems firm in her demands. Rus-C. S. Bell, arrested on requisition sia is warming up on the war path. from the governor of Texas, charged and Austria does not like the outwith murder, was dicharged on the look of Count Schouvaloff's misground that the writ did not give sion to England, and with his visit

mission to England means either burning fiery furnace," (a kind of prepared a bill allowing bribes for the dismemberment of the Otto- smelting furnace). In verse 19, we man Empire, or a combination to are informed that the king was so secure the independence of all

LONDON, May 13.—Gen. Todleben on elections to report whether ple unless the Turks should evacuother two are not likely to be, as postoffice appropriation bill author- drawal is not approved at St. Petersburg.

ferring to Count Schouvaloff's mis- themselves against the fierce flames sion, says: The Russians earnestly when the door of the furnace was desire an understanding with Eng- opened. Education and Labor, for the en- better for Russian interests than \* \* \* forcement of the eight-hour law in an agreement with Austria, and midst of the burning, fiery furvery little desire is felt to see negoti-Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, ations between Russia and England the king, was astonied, (astonish-

The joint resolution was passed. graph has the following from its ernors), did we not cast three men, the bidding of the Catholic Church eye, and then shalt thou see clearly Libraries are said to be measures Washington, May 8.—The Con- Vienna correspondent: Count bound, into the midst of the fire? current resolutions submitted by Schouvaloff takes with him what And they answered and said unto Senator Morgan to-day concerning may be considered as England's ir- the king: True, O King!" Well the relations of this country with reducible minimum. Simulta- he might be astonished, and rise further, Protestants are liberal Now, suppose Methodism has Mexico propose that Congress shall neously M. Denovikoff, Russian am- up in haste. make substantially the following basadors at Vienna, will be inform-That in defining and settling by jections already made. I hear from in the midst of the fire, and they treaty the relations of the two a high official source that when the have no hurt, and the form of the ready with their taking head- anything? Is that city, ruled as countries it is just and expedient, English and Austrian reclamations fourth is like the Son of God." lines to show how they relish it has been so long, and plundered and in accordance with the interest are acceded to, little or nothing of There were three bound, and now their work at the first rumor of a by men elected by a Catholic conof the people of the United States Gen. Ignatieff's scheme will remain. four loose are seen. The Son of Protestant scandal. We have a stituency, anything to boast of? in the maintenance of the right of Montenegro and Servia are giving God. There is no article to the self-government on this continent, much offense to Austria. Of Mon- word Son in the original, and hence that the present boundaries be- tenegro a government organ says: it does not mean Son of God as we ago a prominent Catholic priest, to piled up and exceeding in amount tween Mexico and the United States Austria protests against the ex- now use that phrase.

and in order to place the peace garia, situated north of the Balkans, come witnesses for the God of Shadand friendship of the republic on a shall be conceded to Russia, and rach, Meshach and Abednego. stable footing, such mutual agree- stipulates that the southern porments should be made as will pro- tion of Bulgaria, shall remain to a ernors, and captains, and the king's tect the borders from raids of out- great extent under the authority of counselors, being gathered together, laws, and that citizens of one country residing in the other should be solely to Asiatic compensation, the fire had no power." Severe reader that the Journal is in its formed by the noble sisters of charities in its formed free from the arbitrary assessments which it is proposed shall be reor exactions in regard to their persons and property.

The third solution is the straight of the strai relates to the straits question, and fourth one walks with them in the has no organ here to defend itself thereby only advertise your own we will next give you something 4. That it is expedient to provide will be arranged hereafter. The fire. He is only seen with them in by treaty for the protection and en- fourth demands a definitive settle- danger. couragement of such citizens of ment of the war indemnity. Under either country as shall, with the the fifth division it is proposed 21. How helpless these three the grave accusation against the desire among our enterprising of that church which is the same consent of the government of Mexi- that both Thessaly and Epirus men in the hands of an enraged Bishop; but as the charge comes Methodists in this State, of whom co build a railroad from the City of shall be accorded the right of self- king until they drop into that from a man frosh from the peni- we have 75,000; nor how far it A good many farmers in Georgia

national independence.

Sunday School.

Prepared for the ADVOCATE. INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER-EIGHTH LESSON, May 26, 1878.

Dan. iii: 21-27; The Fiery Furnace, Place-The Plains of Dura, near Babylon. (Time, 587, B. C.) Prophets Daniel and Ezekiel in Babylon, and Jeremiah in Jerusalem. The Seven Wise Men Flourish

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou art weighed in the balance, and

Nebuchadnezzar, having become to have thought there should be a Washington, May 13.—Prof. Supreme God in his empire. He zeal. ity says of this same image: that when they are not consumed. every stanger had to bow to this before he could enter the city; and secutors are astonished when they Temporary lights have been est the penalty for failing to do so, that cast them in are consumed.

In caucus Mr. Wood proposed of officers who were required to ap- ants of the Most High God. Babylon's king of kings by rethe golden image. Daniel must have been absent, or he would have sel of subordinates.

-21. "Then these men, (Shadbound in their coats, their hosen, St. Petersburg, May 12.—It is and head), and their other garments, thought that Count Schouvaloff's and were cast into the midst of the furious at the disobedience of these

V.-24. "Then Nebuchadnezzar, ed), and rose up in haste and spoke,

V.-25. "He answered, and said: ed that Austria maintains the ob- Lo! I see four men loose, walking

shall be guarranteed as permanent tension of the principality to the V.-26. "Then this astonished charged by his own sister, we be- the reconstructed States combined. Adriatic, and will, under no cir- king addressed them as servants of lieve—certainly by an official sis- Why, you might almost as well the Most High God." Their miracu-Hamburg, May 7.—London dis- lous deliverance had been witnessterritory of each shall be protected patch says: The basis of arrange- ed by the officers of his empire the great Brooklyn divine, and the Sing prison. You refer to your against conquest by any European ment which the powers desired to whom he assembled there, not matter was settled much in the charity institutions. Protestants submit to the Czar has been agreed only to worship that golden image same way. Did the Journal of well know where the money comes 3. That with a view to giving the upon. The arrangement is separa- of Bel, but to bear witness to his citizens of each country equal advantages of trade and intercourse, poses that the two regions of Bul- mighty empire. But, lo! they be-

V.-27. "For the princes, gov-

of the three. The god for whom cency would have required a fair- in the Southern States. It seems, and are planting heavily of corn.

gave up all for God when the test of its fire will not be upon them.

mentions an image 12 cubits high with God. How, too, are their near Babylon, and another author- wicked persecutors astonished 24. How, too, their wicked per-

He convenes all the officers of frank as was Nebuchadnezzar to

image. He enumerates eight grades cast, and addresses them as serv-

musical instruments that were to presence of all his officers. He companions incur the wrath of ed dishonor and death. And we quences of his notorious crimes. fusing to bow down and worship that he promoted them to great church that he was afraid of. And honor and authority. So was it with while you are in this business, those faithful three, and so has it been among the disobedient. Kings always been with God's faithful easily forget the wisdom and coun- servants. This lesson teaches that fail, and that a few, with God, are in and their hats, (clothing for body a majority, though a whole empire be leagued against them.

#### SECULAR PRESS — CATHOLICISM AGAIN.

The Journal of Commerce, of this three Hebrews, that he directed the city, in its issue of April 27, refurnace to be heated seven times veals its true character-a pretend- many in this city who can aid you tolerates no other, and it be-Florida frauds to the Committee threatens to occupy Constantino- hotter than it was commonly ed, non-political, non-sectarian, in getting up the case. No, Mr. lieves as firmly in its right ate the fortress of Shumla, Varna and Batoum. This seems like a king's commandment was urgent, desperate piece of strategy. The (imperative), and the furnace ex- of Methodism in particular, and they do not screen their own, they to be the same everywhere; and it first has been surrendered, but the ceeding hot, the flames of fire slew of Protestantism in general. It do not take pleasure in circulating is wherever it dare be. It would those men that took up Shadrach, claims as a reason for its defense Catholic scandal as our secular silence us, as it did its own great Meshach and Abednego." The of Catholicism "a sympathy for press Catholics do. Let all the editor in Italy a month or so ago, meaning seems to be, that these men were burned to death, because the the under dog in the fight." And guilty be condemned, but do not here any more than the Romish flames ware so hot; and because, another reason assigned for its zeal fill your columns with the filthy here any more than the Romish London, May 9.—The Daily News in their haste to execute the king's is "that the Catholic Church does details of the crimes. Read for church tolerates Protestants in to touch at Galveston going and restricted to the country of the c gan to defend itself when thus as- history of the late Pope; read the nor any more than it did in France V.-23. "And these three men, surprise some good Catholics here minister and cardinal. Read also hoped that the present Pope would fell down, bound, in the who take one or another of their the history of the Pope whom Pio not re-assert his claim to temporal able organs. The point we desire Nono succeeded. If you find no power; but he has done so. This our readers to understand is this: sullied robes, take off your Catholic is the claim of the Church of Rome, that while quite a number of our spectacles and read again. It seems, and all true Catholics must sustain Banks, of Massachusetts, denounced the disregard of the law hours ating to Russia. It is generally benounced the disregard of the law hours ating to Russia. It is generally benounced that furnace; but it could go no hours and Berlin hours and believed that in Vienna and Berlin hours and Berlin papers in disguise, or are what the Father C. give you this point, or cation not honorable to them. Journal claims to be-not much of did you think of it yourself? First You seem to hunger for statistics. London, May 9.—The Daily Tele- and said unto his counselors, (gov- anything; but always ready to do take the beam out of thine own We will give you a small dose. support-power; and because, brother's eye. enough not to complain. All such lost in New York city-as you papers are as deaf as a post when claim, and refer to the New York any Catholic scandal is affoat; but Herald as authority-does that prove case in point: Less than a year Look at the debt of that city thus the west of us, in this State, was the entire fraudulent debts of all ter-with as gross conduct as was boast of your members in Sing Commerce parade this case as soon from to support them. Look at the as it got afloat, under the taking present call to aid the Catholic And yet the Journal gloats over the count what Catholics contribute to dents, while Catholic colleges had case of the Michigan Bishop, in a Protestant asylums. You are at column and a half, in a way that liberty to state, as you do, that leaves no doubt on the mind of the "more practical good work is perwhen thus assailed. We know ignorance and malice. We can not from the SYLLABUS of the late Pope, nothing of the truth or falsity of tell how much of a circulation you that will reveal the true doctrine

that immense image is erected, is minded journal to wait until the too, that you are to become the overthrown in the hearts of the affair was investigated. You should tail of a respectable New York particularly affair was investigated. king and his officers. The temptations that urged these men to submit to the king were great.

try to be as charitable to this per. We think that paper would not desire to make such bare-faced branch of Protestantism as you He had educated them, honored are to your immaculate Catholicism. declarations when these same them, and given them rule in his We use this word because you Methodists whom you term Bible kingdom. To him they owed all claim that church so to be. You say: pounders foot up-1,750,000, with save their trust in God. But they "Show us a single instance where- publishing houses turning out came. All who are cast into in the Catholic prelate has stained books, etc., almost a million dolfiery furnaces of affliction should his robes and sullied his church by lars in value annually. No, Mr. remember that there is One who committing the crime charged." Journal man, you can not hurt will be with them, and if their The crime referred to is the one Methodism in the United States, faith is unshaken, even the smell charged on Beecher and the Michi- but you can hurt yourself if you 22. Often is it the case that gan Bishop. We will simply state butt hard enough. You have misan almost supreme ruler, seemed those who persecute the righteous that if Catholic prelates and their taken the material you are biting. suffer or fall, through their own church have not been sullied You bite a file. We do not died in full consciousness and in- 6 cubits (9 feet) wide. Its gize good with fetters of prejudice, and board recently eloped with his fe- In the meantime don't forget 70 cubits high, and the column of Nero 110 feet high. Herodotus with Cod Herodotus with Cod Herodotus and hate; and when they have or keen olfactories, as it got into late Pio Nono, as he had an undoubted right to do. He arraigned 25. All wicked men are not as the guilty party there been a Prot- as an answer. Many Protestants pass on each jetty and 20 yards in- them to this image at its ded- like the Son of God protecting could have filled several columns offer some defense for some of the 26. He recalls them from the details, to the exclusion of com- bus, and the blasphemous dogma mercial items.

Some years ago a priest in Louis-

learn in connection with the lesson And we will add: it was not his please look up the history of Cacharacter. The case was published, and the friends of Romanism here tried to buy up all copies of the sort of literature, look up this case, deal with all alike? There are true church, and in its creed commercial journal, as its name Journal, the truth is you know that to universal dominion to-day as sailed." This broad assertion may entire history of his great prime before the last election. It was really so. They are either Catholic salary did Father Chambodut. Did they resort to a species of prevari-

again and again, they are pretty care to waste words with one hard to sully. Please look up the who is so blind as never to have

male organist. Certainly that could how this controversy began. Dr. not have escaped your Argus eyes, Bird chose to review the life of the other case in a very large city on his doctrines in respectful language, our Northern lakes, about the same and made no untrue statement of distance from us as Detroit, the them. At once Father Chambodut residence of the Bishop whom you assails him with ungrammatical, have so exultingly exposed. Had illogical and undignified slang, estant instead of a Catholic, you went to hear him, hoping he could of your valuable paper with its monstrous doctrines of the syllaof infallibility. They were disappointed. We chose to review the Rev. Father's low harrangue, as we tween suns than to face the conse- felt we had a right to do-just as the same Rev. Father had reviewed Beecher a short while before, with this difference, however: we took care to know what the Father said, while he did not attempt to arraign tholicism in Galveston. You will the false doctrines of Beecher, as no danger is so great that trust in not have to go far back to find a we did. By the way, Mr. Journal, God will not bring deliverance. It case of the then resident priest of why did not you come to the front rach, Meshach and Abednego), were also teaches persecutions always the most revolting and disgusting then? Beecher was certainly the " under dog in the fight " here.

No, no! the truth is very plain —you never raise your bristles for publication. Now, as you relish this fight unless Catholicism receives a blow in defense from Protestantism. and publish the facts. Dare you Romanism claims to be the only

for the sake of its one-man-solid to pluck the mote out of thy of enlightened civilization. And as Catholicism is older in this country than Protestantism, you can not complain of a comparison. Please examine the report of the Commissioner of Education for 1875. You will find there that the number of volumes in Catholic college libraries are 345,000; and that the number of volumes in the colleges of Protestants are 2,327,-700. Endowments and other means used for promoting education are still more unfavorable for the Catholic colleges. And a greater destitution is found in Catholic academies and schools of a lower grade, as compared with like schools of Protestants. Look at Texas, for example. In this same report you will see that Protestant colleges in less than 200.

You need not sing your Circean song of Catholic toleration to us.