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#### HOME CONFERENCES.

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

### EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

J. L. Whitescarver, Dec. 1: Our fourth quarterly meeting for Grapeland circuit met last Saturday at Antrem, Bro. J. T. met last Saturday at Antrem, Bro. J. T. Smith, presiding elder, present. Bro. Boyenton, of Palestine mission, came with him and preached for us Saturday at 11. All of the claims against the circuit fully and cheerfully met. All who subscribed for ADVOCATE, through me, have paid up, and no one has ordered his paper stopped. Grapeland circuit is a paper stopped. Grapeland circuit is a pleasant work, with as good people as

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T. W. Boynton, Dac. 2: Fourth quarterly conference over. Joined the M. E. Church, South, this year, 130; adults baptized, sixty-two; infants baptized fifty-three; collections ordered by conference up and some in advance; preacher and presiding elder paid in full. This kind people gave their preacher \$28 to buy a nice suit of clothes which he will wear to conference. I haven't told all yet: The good sisters at Pleasant Spring gave my wife \$\frac{1}{2}\$ together a nice conference. gave my wife \$4 to get her a nice conference dress. God bless this people.

with his usual dignity. A goodly num-ber of the official members of the quarterly conference were present. The mission has not paid its assessment in full up to date. The conference claims will all and Bonita circuit. May the Heavenly be paid in full. As we closed our year's | Father bless them all. werk last Sunday for this conference year we are able to give the following report: Members received, 200; dismissed, 35; increase, 165; total membership, 406; adults baptized, 60; infants baptized, 7. Ali in all, we have been successful in a measure on Lawndale mission. There is a great deal to do here yet. This is a generous people and will receive their new preacher kindly I think.

### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Jas. P. Rogers: We did not arrive at our work (Yoakum) until November 27. We were met at the depot with a buggy and conveyed to the new parsonage, nearly completed, where about fifteen ladies were awalting us with a sump-tucus dinner and other tokens of kindly regard, all of which will long be remembered. We put this down as one of the "royal receptions." Every want of the preacher and family was anticipated for many a day to come. We feel grateful and encouraged.

lost seven members last month. They formerly belonged to the Protestant Methodist Church, which they joined

### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

L. F. Palmer, Dec. 5: Pilot Grove circuit will soon have a new parsonage.

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Times-Starr: The Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church met Monday night and made the assessments for pas-tor's and presiding elder's salary for this conference year. The preacher's salary was raised to \$1200. The first quarterly conference meets next Monday night. The district stewards meet at Terrell next Tuesday night. The new presiding elder, Rev. Geo. T. Nichols, will preach next

J. P. Rogers, Dec. 2: I got to my work November 25; found parsonage vacated by my predecessor; have been kindly re-ceived and the outlook is hopeful. Since our arrival the people have been bringing us all sorts of entables, which taken in all would amount to a first-class pounding, and besides this some kind hand had been here before we got here and provided groceries and wood. So it does seem to me that "our lines have fallen in pleasant places." Have not been to any of my appointments except this; preached here last Sunday to a very good congregation. Am expecting and praying for a good year.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

W.T. Keith, Dec. 5: We left Elgin last Saturday after shaking hands and bidding farewell to a host of friends conwere the expressions of love and good wishes spoken by many with tremulous voices and tear-stained cheeks. We thank God for the many friends left behind and God for the many friends left behind and pray for those who may have done us harm. The very handsome and costly caning given me by the many admirers will be a most pleasant and agreeable recollection. When in hoary age, should I be permitted to see silver locks, leaning upon the golden ebony, God's blessings shall be asked for those who so thoughtfully and beautifully told me "they loved me still." Adieu, dear friends; but may it not be forever. I am on the wing, not it not be forever. I am on the wing, not knowing where my tent shall be pitched. But with unshaken faith in God, I still linger round the cross.

etc. And may heaven's richest blessings rest upon them. Indeed, Hearne must be nearer heaven than before. Such

### NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Lela Gardner, Dec. 1: We wish to thank the ladies of the Illinois and Bonita circuit for three beautiful quilts Lawndale Mission.

J. W. Griffin, Nov. 19: Our fourth quarterly conference convened on the 26th and 27th of this month. The presiding elder was on time and presided to us during our stay among them. We love them all and though we have been sent to a new field of labor, we will often think of the dear friends who were so

CHRISTMAS OFFERING. With perfect unanimity, the conferences thus far have adopted the plan of a Christmas offering to aid in the erection of a main university building, for the use and benefit of the Southwestern Univerand benefit of the Southwestern University. The need is imperative, and the plan will be eminently successful, if there be harmonious and systematic effort on the part of our preachers and people. A similar effort in a sister State, brought, as we learn, \$25,000 in a day to a newly inaugurated college. With like effort on our part we should more than double this amount from the vast resources of our State. The plan is, that on Christthis amount from the vast rescurces of our State. The plan is, that on Christmas day, every family of the many pastoral charges, and the friends of the institution, shall make a voluntary off-ring to the Southwestern University for the purpose above stated. This should embrace, if possible, every member of the family, the children as well as the parents. A thoughtful grandfather and ardent friend of the university said to the writer that he intended to place money in the hands of his grandchildren for this purpose, instruct them as to the object, Hiram Graham, Dec. 3: We reached our work November 18, 1891; found seven appointments and many good people. We are kindly received by all. There is no parsonage on the work, but think we will be able to build one this year. We let work the hope of an education at the institution, thus aiding the enterprise and imparting a laudable desire to his posterity. The benefits of the plan are these: it avoids that work a posterity will be able to build one this year. the usual expense and delay of an agent, it presents the matter at once, to all the members of the church and the friends when they left us. Our people here have taken a strong stand against whisky. There is not a saloon within the bounds of this mission. Thank God for this. pastors, one and all, present this matter kindly and faithfully to their charges, and will not our people, and others friendly to the university, readily and heartly contribute of their means, as God has prospered them, to this most worthy object? The benefits in due time will return to our people and country, in the highly cultured Christian men, who are to serve in the useful and honorable stations of church and State. We would not limit any one in his contribution. There are those who can, and we are persuaded will, give by the thousand. Possibly such can not pay just at once, but can arrange to pay at suitable time in the future. Some may not have money to pay, but can make donations of land or other valuables. Still others on that good day commemorative of the greatest blessing of humanity may in their wills bequeath a portion of their lestates to the benefits of the university.
Let all do something. If only a few can
give by the thousand, others can give by the hundred, and still others by smaller amounts, even the smallest. We will thankfully receive the gifts of all, from the least to the greatest. Necessity is upon us to provide a building commensurate with the high character of the university and its growless retroached university and its growing patronage.

Latly, my brethren, let us prayerfully lay this matter before our Heavenly Father and seek at his hand and in his

### JOHN H. MCLEAN. THE STAR.

"For we have seen his star in the East, and come to worship him." These were the words of the of the wise men when questioned by the eager king. The star had appeared to them. "What? Is that your only reason for believing that there is one born, King of the Jews? A star in the Feast only that and you have come the East, only that, and you have come to worship him. "No other evidence is given; no other reason stated; we have seen his star in the East and are come to

worship him."
Why was King Herod troubled? Why was all Jerusalem troubled? Why the gathering of the chief priests and scribes? Only his star in the East. That is all of only his star in that star led them

I Doubtless he has his purpose in it all, and whatever else may come, that holy and glorious purpose, whatever it may be, will be fulfilled. And so may it be forever—God rules, let the world rejoice!

Jas. M. Rollins.

perid plain.
Did not others see the star? Why did they not come to worship him who is of the most heart-rending nature are be-born King of the Jews? Why not? Thousands saw the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come to worship him who is of the most heart-rending nature are because of the same star, why did they not come to us from the scane of the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come to us from the scane of the same star, why did they not come to us from the scane of the same star, why did they not come to us from the scane of the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the same star, why did they not come?

sion of the star! Only a star, a coldly-beaming, far-off star in the unreachable heavens, but it led to Christ. It led to Christ because there was faith in the heart. Without the faith it would have reception! With glad hearts and willing hands, these noble women and Christian men, had prepared a dinner grand enough for the Duke of Wellington. Wife smiled, the little boy laughed and the preacher's heart was transported with joy. Thank God for such people! After friendly hands hakes, and demonstration of gladness on the part of all, we passed into the diningroom and wife did justice to the turkey. After dinner we returned to the sittingroom, read the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, after which we invoked the blessings of God upon these noble souls. After prayer one brother said: "Bro. Anderson, here is \$10; perhaps after moving a little cash would not be out of place," and then another said: "Here is \$5," and another \$250, etc. And may heaven's richest blessings

of Christmas joy. What is our Christmas joy flavored with? In our rejuicings over the 'unspeakable gift' to man, do we remember the poor, the suffering and the troubled? Have we forgotten to cheer those who need it? Have we falled to speak the tender word and send the welcome gift? If so, let us search for our star. We will find it beaming over the babe in a manger born, and near it faith will read: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me."

MAEY R. LESESNE.

### EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

Following is an account of the dreadful effects of the recent earthquakes in Japan by one of our missionaries:

My first eight of the dreadful consequences of the earthquake was at a cotton mill in Osaka, erected by foreigners in fereign style. There were about 800 hands in the factory when the walls crashed in. One hundred were wounded and killed. I stood by and saw the rescuing party doing their work of mercy. and killed. I stood by and saw the rescuing party doing their work of mercy. Here and there lay a dead girl, a boy, a man, crushed into a jelly. Around stood the screently the great piles of debris would be removed from another place. The physicians would first enter—but too late. Then came the atrather but it late. Then came the stretcher, but it was not of use, for a better carrier was of canvas cloth, which would hold the man-gled remains. Twenty-seven bodies were thus removed. How it would melt one's

torn completely down and burned. Tens of the great West are about used up.
thousands were killed and wounded, and hundreds of thousands of houses utterly demolished. Whole districts have thus been destroyed, and a population far greater than the entire inhabitants of St. less. This is the substance merely of the untold misery that follows. It can never be written. Many miles of the railroad not get a good grip on at least some parts sank, telegraphic communication has been cut off, and even mountains are reported to be crumbling away by the selection of the selec near the door, ready at any moment to escape with our lives. Often we have sprung up, gathered our children while house trambled and the earth shook with convalsions. When we have laid ourselves down to sleep at night we have not known but our fate would be next. Still, through it all, I have found perfect and abiding faith in "Him who is the resurrection and

the life." The report comes that much distress prevails among the sufferers. The gov-eroment has opened stations at corners of the streets, where they are beiling rice for the sufferers. The Emperor has given \$25,000, and large private subscriptions have been made up. Scores and hun-dreds of physicians have flocked to the rescue, and native Caristians have not failed to carry Jesus there, too. O, that His name might be sung out so lond "that earth and heaven might hear." Much damage to mission property has been done, and while some missionaries are reported wounded, none have died to my knowledge. One of our native Christopher in the scene of gelist or anybody else to do his work. tians has just returned from the scene of disaster, and reports the horror beyond all possible conception. The earth is torn and split into great ditches, and the volcanic smoke ascends in many places. In Gifu, a city cf 200,000 inhabitants, way the measure of blessing needful for us. We will aid the pastors, as far as practicable, with circulars and cards. which was totally destroyed, boiling streams of water gushed out of the ground with such force that it flew into

the air for several feet.

Japan has fifty-two volcances, and there is no doubt but that this eruption, or earthquake, is but a repetition of what has been constantly occurring for many centuries. An earthquake shock in Japan is as common as the changing of the moon. Indeed, cometimes there is an average of one per day—of course not felt everywhere, nor of great force. Tais one is the severest for thirty years.

But now I will stop this "tale of woe," for I don't like to dwell so long upon this

freak of God's eternal decree, that makes us all pitiable sucklings and more help-

over long, weary miles of desert sand and Amen. JA P. S .- As I mail this letter, incidents

one said: "Here is the parsonage." We looked, and found a beautiful little parsonage close to the church. In it we found quite a number of kind-hearted, Christian-spirited, undaunted, indubitable and indefatigable women, who were waiting for the preacher. What a royal reception! With glad hearts and willing hands, these noble women and Christian hands, these noble women was seen lying by the road side with both legs broken trying to suckla her child. One whole valley sank 400 feet. The earth is cracked and split for miles. The rumbling still continues and shocks occur every few minutes. The them now. The star beamed above the Bethlehem village. They know their long journey had ended; they knew that the King of the Jews was there.

What a lesson in all this beautiful mission—there were none to help. A mother was seen lying by the road side with both legs broken trying to suckle her child. One whole valley sank 400 feet. The earth is cracked and split for smoke actually comes through. All this not in one piace only, but for miles the entire population are suffering as above. Great God, shall I tell more!—J. M. Rolling and the company of t ins, in St. Louis Advocate.

### PEN POINTS.

Herbert Spencer says that great men sometimes fail on account of the fine edge of their imagination. We suppose on the principle of a duli tool cutting smooth paper with more precision than a keen edge. Often the cause of failure is absence of moral character. Adaptation is

latter statement is based on pure fiction, not history. Sam Houston married twice, and both times, to splendld Amercan women.

Some writer makes a funny statement that Santa Anna lost a leg and a shield in the battle of San Jacinto, and that the leg was buried with the honors of war, on the battle field. Living old veterans will emile at this remarkable statement, made in a leading Southern paper, fifty-five years after the battle was fought, and when all its important events are well known in history. Santa Anna was cap-tured while running away from the battle-field, on two legs—true, one of them may have been cork.

A dramatic scene was presented at late session of West Texas Conference, when Rsv. R. P. Wilson, business manager of Pacific Methodist, and a splendid looking man, stated that when he was a wild young fellow, traveling through Texas, and near the spot where the San Marcos church stands, he was overtaken by the spirit of the Lord, and presented himself for church membership in a meeting conducted there by Rev. A. F. Cox, who. that moment, eat within three feet of him, not knowing that the speaker was the same young man.

A great rush of young blood into the veins of the West Texas Conference, cothus removed. How it would melt one's heart to see these hardy poor, these "sone of toil," who for less than a dime a day lost their lives working for a morsel of rice! They never knew the Prince of Judgment, and surely these things will be mercifully weighed in the balance at the last day. Amen. The wounded were returned to their homes to make the best of life, maimed, or to die of starvation. But this instance is nothing compared to what has occurred just 100 miles away, at and near Nagoya and Gifu.

Whole cities of 200,000 inhabitants were weins of the West Texas Conference, coursed at its recent measion. A few men of large experience and wide reputation if dropped out the ranks of the active itinering the recent measion. A few men of large experience and wide reputation if dropped out the ranks of the active itinering the recent measion. A few men of large experience and wide reputation if dropped out the ranks of the active itinering the recent measion. A few men of large experience and wide reputation if the west transform to find the west transform. A few men of large experience and wide reputation of large experience and wide reputation if the west transform. A few men of large experience and wide reputation if the west transform and the part of these young men were but scantilly furnished with implements of education. The hope is that experience will come set the part of these young men were but scantilly furnished with implements of education. But years of toll and study and battle and noly living, are necessary on the part of these young soldiers to produce another Thrall, or Monk, or Hill, or Gillett. The heroic days are nearly over in the West. Whole cities of 200,000 inhabitants were in the West. The old circuit riders and

I am just home from two conferences the Texas and the Northwest Texasnot get a good grip on at least some parts of the work. I felt sorry for the good Blehop, for while I have not been a It could not be otherwise. When men want comething bad that don't belong to them they are liable to be disappointed. There are some of this class. Then there are more great men than there are good places. Some are not going to get what have reason to expect, and they will be disappointed. One thing noticed was that very few of the faithful conscientious workers were not satisfied with their lot as it came from the hand of the Bishop. The reports were good, showing that the men had been faithful in their work. The question of transfers at the Northwest Texas Conference became a serious one, especially to some of the transfers who for lack of ground were eft without appointment. A wise man finds a lighting place before he leaps. a good transfer can only light on a whole conference and not in a particular place. -ED.] Some of the brethren were down on evengelists like a thousand-of-bricks. But most men need help sometimes, and if a man will prepare himself for it and then take care of the results of their efforts, my experience is that their work will prove quite as satisfactory as that of anybody else. If, however, a man sits down in his study or runs off on a lark, leaving his new converts to look out for hemselves, he will find in the end that they have perished for lack of that atten-tion which is given only through a faith-ful pastorate. Take care of the lambs and you will have sheep, no matter where the lambs come from. My appointment was very satisfactory, for I followed the worst enemy I have on earth; so now I can get even with him. I can criticise his work as much as I please. [Self is, no doubt, a great enemy. ED ] There has been no rain here since

last June. The ground is getting a lit-tle dry, but we are hopeful and look forward under God to a good year, May great mercy be upon the Texas conference, and great prosperity attend the Northwest Texas. [Amen.—ED] Them's my septiments. C. C. Armstrong. my septiments.

### CHINA AS A MISSION FIELD.

China is our hardest mission field. deep seated prejudice exists among all classes against all sorts of foreigners. The eight of a telegraph pole, steamboat, church, foreign flag, railroad, stirs afresh this prejudice. Foreigners have not been Hearne.

A. J. Anderson, Dec. 3: We made our land the midst of this good people. Into the cars came one Bro. Covingtion, who said: "Is this Bro. Anderson." The preacher said, "This is he." Said Covingtion: "I am giad to see you," and I have all reason to believe he was. Outside, we found one Bro. Graham, a noblehearted Christian gentleman, just started and beautiful span of black horses. Off the young child was. When they saw and a beautiful span of black horses. Off we drove for the pareonage. The preacher said, "The give did not wait to see in the young child was steadisst. The star had not in the case of the same at the same star, why did they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands had not the desire, the expectancy, the inspired they not come? The thousands it was only a star. To those wheels hearly of the star as did the wise pread to make the star the whole place begins to smell with they not come? The theologand, ethics, producing the most fatlen buildings after the Chinese" is their idea. The resonance is the spirit of the clarity is put on a par with the invention of the Sabbath. It produces the throughout the caying bodies. Some have been restaints of the clarity is put on a par with the invention of the Sabbath. It produces the throughout the produce and they invited they not come? Thousands at in the institution of the Sabbath. It produces the throughout the clarity is put on a par with the invention of the Sabbath. It produces the the star they rejuded to experiment to the coun

had access to them principally by appealing to their cupidity. The missionary to China is a hero and a martyr. The overmastering love of Christ is in his soul. He should be supported by all the resources of a great church. Hundreds of millions of souls living and dying without Christ in China.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

As agent of the Southwestern Univeraiy I will be in attendance upon the coming sessions of the several annual conferences and notice is hereby given to all parties, who have heretofore given notes or obligations, which are due or past due, to please arrange to sottle same at their respective conferences. Those brethren who will not be at conference, but who have given notes, can send up the amount by their pastors or presiding elders. We hope that every brother included in this said to be the ground of universal success.

A writer in a secular paper says that Sam Houston once lived at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and there woed and wedded a beautiful Indian maiden. He may have lived at Fort Gibson, but the latter statement is based on pure fiction,

### AN OFFER.

If any Texas preacher will send me his name on a poetal I will send him my book, "Childhood and Conversion," and after he has read it if he don't think it has done him a quarter's worth of good he need not send me the quarter. If he does, he can send me twelve two-cent GEO. G. EMITH.

### EXPLANATION.

In your report of the Joint Board of Finance, of the Texas Conference, in making up the moneys paid out to super-annuate, and widows, you neglected to report the Calvin Fund of \$9, which amount should appear in the report, as the world and church will want to know what was done with that fund. Respectfully yours, M. D. Colu,

Chairman Finance Boar

### THE SABBATH QUESTION.

o the Bishop and Members of the Northwes Texas Conference: DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN-

All the facts connected with the insti-

tution of the Sabbath indicate to us its importance, sacredness and necessity. the legislation had upon the Sabbath It is a significant fact that the first day of man's existence was the Sabbath. It is a well authenticated fact, allow us to recount the repeated ensustained alike by the utterances of Revelation, the exhumed debris of the cities of ages past, and the eternal fit- Christian Sabbath and to substitute a ness of things expressed in the physical, continental Sabbath in its stead. The mental and moral constitution of man, that the Sabbath is a divine institution to be perpetuated throughout the ages. In the sitting of the last legislature. The clay tablets found among the ruins of Babylon, the cuniform inscriptions history, a Prussian by birth, who somedeciphered records on the tombs of or House of Parliament. He had to Egypt, as well as the imperial almanacs of China, to say nothing of the utterances of the poems of Hesiod and the author of the bill that proposed, Homer, bear testimony to the fact that almost at a stroke, to destroy our Sabthe gentile nations observed the Sabbath before there was a Jew upon the ing in common with the good citizens earth. Twenty-five hundred years of this government, a revolutionist, led after the institution of the Sabbath, the attack against this holy day, and God expressed again his will and intent concerning the Sabbath under the the sons of Texas, joined in this crumost imposing circumstances. The mountain trembled at the presence of It remained for our lieutenant-govits maker; hoarse thunder crashed ernor, a member of our church, to heavens as if the cliffs of granite were being shattered to pieces, its echo dying solemnly away among the defiles; livid lightning lit up the aky with awbeing written with the finger of God in letters of fire, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." Around this day God has thrown the majesty of his own law. The penalties of which invariably follow its infraction. Under the former dispensation the severest this end every lover of God and man penalties were inflicted upon the slight- must stand in the front rank and mainest desecration of this day. The Scriptures contain the most solemn warning against its profanation.

The physical structure of man, and the beasts of burden, is such that one day in seven is demanded to restore wasted energies and expended forces. This law of our being is as eternal as nature itself. He who set apart one day in itself. He who set apart one day in seven for rest, made man to conform are desecrations of the Sabbath. If to this law. It is a sanitary law as we will be true to God, he will hold innecessary to man as sleep and food, tact for us our blessed heritage through-The concensus of statesmen, economists, out all time, for he has said: "Upon philanthropists, journalists, workingmen's representatives, and even Sunday society advocates, acknowledge the necessity of one day's rest in seven. The highest authorities attest the truth of this proposition: Chauteaudriand, Prof. Tyndall, J. R. Farre, M. D., Drs. Muzzey, Strong, Haegler and thousand of others. While the Bible and nature demand with such emphasis a day of rest, man's moral interest depends upon support from it. We must be firm and it. This precludes the idea of a conti- unswerving in purpose to preserve the nental Sunday, a day of pleasure and sanctity of this day, and God will help dissipation. A day of profanity totally us. In view of the importance of this defeats the end aimed at in the institution of the Sabbath. It produces the mest dangerous and deplorable results to throughout the bound of our confersociety. It genders intemperance, pro- ence, local as well as itinerants, be refanity, debauchery, the less and greater | quested to preach upon this subject. morals usually follows the profanation of the Sabbath." Judge Hale said, R. C. Ar

"A holiday Sabbath is the ally of despotism.'

Our religious, social, and civil interests are so closely allied that they stand or fall together. The civil law must by its strong arm protect the sanctity of this day, because the best interest of man is subserved thereby. Destroy the Sabbath and you at once sap the foundation of this government; you remove the only safeguard to our liberty, and create a pandemonium on earth. In the language of Hon. J. R. Tucker: "Ah, my friends, break down the fence of Christianity, and liberty and law and civilization will perish with it." Disguise this fact as you may, there are continuous encroachments upon this institution. The government by her Sunday mail transportation and delivery is educating the people to profane this day, besides depriving 150,000 employes of its sacred rest; and this, too, in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution, which provides that "No State shall make or enforce any law, which shall abridge the privilege or immunities of citizens of the United States." And also the first amendment which sets forth the following limitation: "Congress shall make no law respecting and establishing religion, or prohibit-ing the free exercise thereof." Under the sanction of law the owners

and proprietors of railroads deprive, according to the best statistics not less than 250,000 men of Sabbath rest and privileges. No greater evil with less extenuation is being fostered in our midst than the publication and circulation of Sunday newspapers. This gigantic evil robs not less than 100.000 printers and attaches to printing offices in whole or in part of the Sabbath. And all this has the sauction of law. But in open violation of law the ven-ders of goods and whisky are allowed to carry on their trade in many towns and cities unmolested. Baseball games, sacred (?) concerts so called, and other forms of sport, and ways of pleasureseeking are not infrequent. Your committee would call special attention to question in our own State during the last decade. Our limited time will not croachments on the Sabbath by our legislature; a part of whom have evidenced a determination to abolish the most astounding and appalling act that has occurred during these latter years was that of our State Senate duron the alabaster slabs of ineven, the time during the decade from 1840 to bath. A man with but little or nothtwelve other senators, some of them

through the air, peal on peal rent the give the casting vote against this holy institution. We would here, now and forever, stamp this act as unstatesmanlike and unpatriotic, deserving the condemnation of all good people. ful brilliancy, while these words were Against this day stands a long line of communists, anarchists, foreigners with ideas of a continental Sunday, and all the vicious elements of our home land. To meet these a vigorous and persistent war must be waged-a war that will know no truce, no compromise. To tain a consistent course. Professing Christians can not be directly or indirectly particeps criminis to Sabbath Nature demands as well as revelation the septenary arrangement of time. meat markets, ice factories, Sunday newspapers and Sunday mail delivery. Nor can they afford to seek pleasure this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The eyes of this great nation are turned with anxious solicitude to the management of the Columbian Exposition. Will they or will they not open the gates on the Sabbath? Should they decide to open on the Sabbath every Christian man and woman should at once withdraw all

1. Resolved, That all the ministers

2. That the Bishop appoint a comcircles, producing the most fatal conse- mittee of three to memorialize the manquences. Speaking to this question agement of the Columbian Exposition Blackstone says: "A corruption of not to open their gates on the Sabbath.

R. C. ARMSTRONG,

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BIBLE EVANGELISM.

and studying the Bible is the great central power of this work, and is cultivating and developing an intelligent, heroic Christianity that must soon conquer the world. It is this use of the Bible that is doing and will do more to fix forever its divine authenticity in the minds and the hearts of the people than all the learned homilies that have | Spirit. been written or spoken since the Bible was given to the world. There is a divine and practical power in the written Word that touches the conscience and strengthens the faith when wielded by the Holy Spirit that makes it the true exponent of the divine in the salvation of a fallen and condemned humanity. God is in the Word to quicken, convict and grant repentance unto life to the erring and unsaved. God is in the Word to build up and perfect Christian character and mold it in the image of him that created it.

There is danger even along this line, that the grand saving truths of the Bible may be partially lost sight of in their uplifting and transforming power by a critical study of orthodoxy or sectarianism that deadens the moral and they will have to be abandoned. Cause: spiritual power of the soul, and offers only husks instead of the rich kernel mans and Bohemians, the Americans

of the gospel truth.

The Bible is a great inexhaustible reservoir of divine truth, touching every interest of humanity both in this life and the life to come. If we consult the Bible in the interest of science -as a treatise on civil or criminal law-as an exponent of archaeological spiritual manhood that we may grow youd our reach? To this I hear the in the knowledge and love of God. answer: "They are Catholics and con-

evangelism. Divine Spirit that kindles religious en- yet we are sending thousands of dollar thusiasm in the soul; that uplifts from to convert them from their errors.

swer full of accusing thought. May it not be asserted as an unquestioned fact that many good Christians read the would despise the difficulties and glory whose husband is killing himself driak.

To use and to other make me a truer Christian Here's how they do it: Mrs. A, may and a happier being that many good Christians read the would despise the difficulties and glory whose husband is killing himself driak.

To use my then associate the solution of the pioneers of Methodism, that whose husband is killing himself driak.

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is responsive only to the true worshiper to them. Why, when those needing | man goes into the saloon and buys a of God as a Spirit. The talisman of this precious gospel come among us do bottle of whisky. No questions are afoot I bilstered my feet, and while try-Divine power slone unlocks this arcans | we desert the cause, furl our flag and gaked. The man tanks up and goes ing to do my best I cometimes did my of love and mercy to the loyal citizen beat a hasty retreat? in rearch of light. Many consecrated 3. Are not the souls of Ger- process is repeated as long as the strike out of memory any one of the Christians of the past century spent bours daily on their knees reading the bours daily on their knees reading the Bible; many Christians of the present nationalities? I am here answered, vided for such emergencies? Every

Holy Spirit on his work.

With intense mental effort he calls up an image from the valley of dry bones, and in response bone comes not listen to them." to bone, and flesh and skin as soft and fresh as childhood covers the frame, will ask, are they more prejudiced and an image of perfection and rare against us than are Mexicans, Chinese, beauty stands before him. The work Japanese and other foreigners? Are is complete; he has reclothed the dry they more prejudiced against us than church in other places, but who have bones and his soul exults in his work, we against them? Let us honestly ex- removed without certificate. Some of and he proudly admires his work. But, amine our hearts and see if the preju- these are from other States, which alas! it has no spiritual life; it is dice is not in us as much as, if not shows the evil is not peculiar to Texas. charming, but dead and cold as the more, than in them. It is natural for What pastor has not been puzzled to glaziers of the alps.

his can command the divine vitalizing tend to instill a feeling of superiority. I pastors, and leave no information such power. In the pulpit God may honor will not moralize or philosophize upon as to enable him to reach them with make his well meant effort a blessing considers his family the best in the an indifference as to church relations to himself and his auditors; but, oh! world; his church better than all that we are forced to believe such rehow limited the power and effect of others; his country the superior, and lations are not properly appreciated.

The image called his language the sweetest of all.

Here and there we find persons livers in the superior of the image called his language the sweetest of all. up and reclothed in his study should It takes these notions to make a man, ing at one place and holding memberbe radiant with divine light and life; a devoted father, a zealous Christian, ship at another. Circumstances might every fibre and every nerve should a true patriot. These characteristics be such as to justify such course, but it tremble with the inspiration of the are the result of that pride, ambition is rarely justifiable. If church mem-Holy Spirit. Faith and fervent prayer and love given to us by the wise Giver bershid is properly appreciated, it will should move every muscle; every heart- of all good for beneficent purposes, be kept up—and not left behind. Nine throb should be in touch with fallen Then we should not fall out with Ger- cases out of ten, where membership is humanity, struggling for the mastery mans and Bobemians for possessing held in another neighborhood, when it

The image should be a ministering that there is within them innate prin-angel to the tempted and sorrowing; a ciples of true manhood. I have lived these cases, and so far have found but fierce thunderbolt to the scorner and smong the Germans; know nothing of little except the corruptness of the carimpenitent. Through such living im- the Bohemians, but can say the native nal nature. Generally it is for the age God speaks with an authority and Germans who have been brought in purpose of shirking religious duties. power that brings men trembling and contact with American ideas and This also shows a want of proper appenitent to the cross of Christ.

Word. On the human side reading on righteousness, temperance and judg- Hence they become infidels. Thus

J. F. RIGGS. pel and be saved. MARSBALL, TEXAS.

SHALL WE ABANDON TER FIELD?

At district conference of Cuero dis trict, and also at annual conference West Texas, I heard one of our venerable and respected pastors report about as follows:

"My charge is fast giving way What were once among the most prosperous churches in the conference have gone down until some of them have no membership, and others are so weak the country is being settled by Ger-

consideration:

1. Is Methodism only adapted Americans? The proceedings of the late Ecumenical Conference show that

Herein lies the power of true Bible firmed in their devotion to Roman sm." To this objection I answer: "S: It is the answering response of the are the Mexicans and Brazilians, and tion on mind and heart. It is a paren- this fact. They go to none but the period by proof. It is the easiest thing mial spring of living water to all who will ask and drink.

How readest thou? may suggest to the mind of every Bible reader an anand often with less interest than is felt same can be said of Mexico, Brazil, calls he is told, "we can't sell to you, in a novel.

Japan, China; yet we are sacrificing your wife has ordered us not to." The Bible is the Word of God and men and means to carry the gospel to He steps out; presently a colored

day read it lying down, and some- "They regard not the Sabbath; they saloon keeps a "nigger" to clean spit. hole" mission afoot- but I must desirt times as a means of procuring sleep, are beer drinkers and addicted to vari- toons and buy whisky for anybody Under such circumstances is it strange ous vices that we cannot tolerate." I who needs their assistance. The colwe have sleepy Christians? | who needs their assistance. The colgled with sunshine and hope and faith,
reply, "The religion of our Lord Jesus legs student or minor can get all he which have never abandoned me for a The Bible should be read with as Christ can alone correct these evits; it much spirituality and devotion as we is all-sufficient to break the chains of those bell-holes. No, Bro. Cameron, is the cry, though the way be stony. It prays we talk to God; when vice and set at liberty the sin-burdened you can't catch old birds with such we read the Bible God talks to us. It soul." The Author of our religion is a familiar fact that even the ministrate of came to call not the righteous, but sindows that the came to call not the righteous, but sindows the catch old birds with such the case of these seclesiastical periods chaff as the statute you quote. They lingers on the very outer circle of present don't have to violate that law; its caster existence, and soon freed, with its record, ter of the gospel in his study preparing ners to repentance. We are commist to go round it. his sermon for the coming Sabbath sioned to carry this gospel to all peoearnestly porce over his Bible and ple. It is true we are commanded to of hell is all bosh. The only way to books of reference, just as the lawyer "go," but this does not imply that get rid of them is to prohibit them enprepares his brief for the court. The when we find sin and sinners all around tirely, and the only way to do that is same intellectual struggle, the same in- us, we are to "go" to avoid them. No; to elect officers pledged to enforce the tense effort, without one prayer, it may if sinners are around us, our duty is to law when enacted; in other words, the be, for Divine aid or the baptism of the them as well as to those in distant only solution of this most terrible lands.

Again I hear the objection, "They are pray. prejudiced against Americans and will

Without admitting this charge, I every people to consider themselves the know bow to have his church register He breathes into it, but no answer- superiors of all others. Our peculiar posted? Some members remove withing response is returned. No fiat of customs, our education, our laws, all out even mentioning the matter to their his reistaken zeal for intellectual work, this. Suffice to say, every true man their certificates. All this shows such

over degrading passion and perverted them. The very fact that they have might be held in his own neighborhood, these characteristics is an evidence there is something radically wrong. American civilization are as true men preciation of church relations.

In the great day of reckoning it will as we have. It is true, as a general not be asked of the minister how much thing, they are not of our way of thinkintellect he put in his sermons-bow ing upon religious subjects. Often they ness. Did you ever have the love of

> tion, hoping that by so doing some-thing may be done to avert the danger Draw on him for church duties at both staring Southern Methodism in the face. places; and instruct the stewards to

> If the idea foreshadowed in the re- draw on him for full tax where he port cited in the commencement of this lives, because every member owes it to article is to be adopted, not many the community in which he lives to days hence the Texas and West Texas support the institutions of the church Conferences will be extinguished, for there; and tax him where he holds all this fair land is becoming rapidly membership, for the fact of his membership causes that church to be taxed igious and social ideas will predom- more, and he ought to pay the tax he inate-all of our strong churches will causes. iously awaiting developments.
>
> GEO. W. L. FLY.

[This is a live and important question to Methodism in Texas.—ED]

provingly the statute requiring saloonor babitual drunkerds, or to a person whose wife, mother or daughter has notified the barkeepers in writing

through an officer not to sell to them.

Bible irreverently, without prayerful in surmounting them. But again I log, notifies, through the proper officer and true devotion; read the Bible as hear the snawer, "They do not under all the saloon-keepers to cease selling they would a book of history or science, stand our language nor we theirs." The her husband whisky. Next time he

> home to curse and abuse his wife. This worst; but what of that? I was happy wants without even going inside one of day. Onward is the watchword, upward

The idea of regulating these agencies evil is prohibition, for which let us all A. M. RAGLAND, PILOT POINT, TEXAS,

HOW IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AP-PRECIATED?

An energetic pastor finds many persons who have been members of the

much poetry, eloquence of diction, cut loose from their moorings and drift filthy lucre to prompt you to say to a Greek and Roman history he burdened out without rudder or compass. Taught | brother who was moving into an adjoin-It is an encouraging indication of them with, or how many grave theother that Catholicism is the only true retired and permanent progress and logical subtleties he brought forth to ligion. American civilization and his membership, as he was not going very final success of modern evangelism that startle and puzzle his hearers, nor, in- education lead them to rebel against far; and he could come back occasionfinal success of modern evangelism that startle and puzzle his hearers, nor, ineducation lead them to rebel against tar; and he could come back occasionit is strongly entrenched by the truth
of God as revealed in the inspired orthodoxies, but how well he reasoned they conclude all religion is false.

you might be taxed higher if you move the distribution of the clan belonging to orthodoxies, but how well he reasoned on righteousness, temperance and judgment to come—how much of the divine soul saving power by faith and
fervent prayer he breathed into his
image called up from the valley of dry
bones. Read the word, study the word
with faith and fervent prayer for divine light, preach the word with power
and in demonstration of the Holy
Spirit.

Give the world a heroic Bible evangelism in the pulpit and press—a Biblereading, consecrated, witnessing Christianity in the pew, sad the nations
will soon yield to the power of the gospel and be saved.

J. F. Riggs. tion. I have said this much to stir up his membership to remain? That the church to thought upon this ques- would be irregular, but if he insists

> be disintegrated. I could give my views as to how the evil may be avert-wonders in bringing members and mans and Bohemians, the Americans are all selling out and leaving."
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> This report put me to thinking, and several questions suggested these leves to my mand which I wish to submit to the church for careful and prayerful columns of the ADVOCATE. But, anxiously awaiting developments.
>
> Wiews as to how the evil may be averted wonders in bringing members and membership together. Try it, ye stew ards of the church. Suppose he won't take the remedy! Very well, get your pastor to hold his nose and give it to him in the good old way. A bill of charges and specifications for violation of church yows will succeed in extreme cases and bring about a healthy action in the whole church. A. CACTUS.

me, nor forgotten me. A trie that is hard to beat. I have conversed and com-muned with home and friends and native spiring faith; that consecrates a redeemed and sanctified humanity to the service of the living God. Herein lies the manna of true spiritual life—the meat for a heroic Covisian manhood strougholds at home whose me has a such disadvantage as we are at a such disadvantage as we are at a such disadvantage as we are at at, away from home, abandoning our meat for a heroic Covisian manhood strougholds at home whose me has a such disadvantage as we are at, away from home, abandoning our meat for a heroic Covisian manhood strougholds at home whose me has a such disadvantage as we are at, away from home, abandoning our meat for a heroic Covisian manhood strougholds at home whose me has a such disadvantage as we are at, away from home, abandoning our meat for a heroic Covisian manhood strougholds at home whose me has a such disadvantage as we are at such disadvantage as we are at, away from home, abandoning our meat for a heroic Covisian manhood strougholds at home whose me has a such disadvantage as we are at such disadvantage as we are at, away from home, abandoning our meat for a heroic Covisian manhood strougholds at home where means a surprise at Bro. Cameron's innocent confidence in the land through and with home and friends and native land through and with them to-night. Hence this letter. "A flood of thought came o'er mo, that filled mine eyes with tears," as column after column, paragraph after paragraph. Were nearly some and the paragraph and with home and friends and native land through and through and through and through and through and through and through them to-night. Hence this letter. "A flood of thought came o'er mo, that filled mine eyes with a statute referred to. If the manhood through the manhood through the manna of true spiritual life—the area at such disadvantage as we are a second to the manna of true spiritual life. The manne of true spiritual life and through the manna of the manna of true spiritual life. The manne of true spiritual life and through the manna of true spiritual life. The manne clace in that noise body of herces—Meth-dist itinerant preachers. Of no one ac-ion (as to the action itself) of my life have been more uniformly extended than with to one that thus honored me and opened useful to me and to others, and sare to make me a truer Christian, a stronger man and a happier being than I could

J. T. L. Annie' estimate of my first charge, I received 'a bung-hole, and was required to build a barrel to is applest memories, dearest brotherhoods. and most abiding friendehips of my minstry claim that year and appointment as

their cradle.

It is true that while riding my circuit All the years have had their trials, sor raws, mistakes, failures and regrets min-

will swing off to take its stand in the long, long file of years agone, and another will take its place! Each comes like its pre-



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I verily believe the preachers are to blame for much of this slack twisted-blame for much of this slack twisted-pers. Did you ever have the love of etepping atones to a better, sweeter life? One thing I can say, I feel, with each receding and succeeding year, more of life's earnestness and reality, and realize more clearly its responsibility. Yes, in Mexico, as at present we measure time

places, 200, or about seven services per day by nine pastors, four local preachers and presiding elder; square miles of territory embraced by this work, 30,000;
distance traveled on horseback by the
presiding elder, 4.520; tracts and papers
distributed, 10,000; money given by the
people, \$512, or over a dellar per capita.

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field which, in four months time, yielded us a harvest of sixty souls, with many more to follow. This put us in some cort of contact with 100,000 additional souls, but the core 200,000 additional souls, but there are 200,000 more at our door un truth—as an inspiration to elequence, poetry and song—as a declaration and exposition of theological truth, it may be safely asserted that our labor will be samply rewarded. But in all this we will fall infinitely short of the rich feast in store for us if we "search the Scriptures" for food to nourish our spiritual manhood that we may grow spiritual manhood that we may grow spiritual manhood that we may grow and song—as a declaration and exposition of theological truth, it may be safely asserted that our labor will in every section, among every people and truths of Christianity, as promulgated by Methodism in Texas.—ED]

SHALL WE FAIL?

CRIPPLING THE SALOON.

Our young friend, Bro. Cameron, of Dublin, Texas, thinks he has discovered the nearly quiet in dreaming quiet in drea provingly the statute requiring saloon-keepers to give bond in the sum of S5000 to refrain from selling to minors in salville and St. Louis Advocate:—my district church building aid and or district church building aid and an o faithful friends, who, unlike many others of my childhood and early life and ministry, have never lest sight or track of able resource to further on the world able resource to further on the worl Shall we fail? That depends on our fait and energy, your prayers and help an

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proclamation, and had arranged a balmy air and bright sunbeams to make this a perfect day.

touch of mother's hand, the breath of behaving nicely it makes me feel bet-mother's love. behaving nicely it makes me feel bet-

ment among the pastors here to hold a feelings, and maybe it makes the poor food for the simple morning meal. union Thanksgiving service in the boys have pleasant feelings too. So pera house. The ministers take turns of the ministers talent and melody of the choirs heart beats better and feels healthier. when the fragments of the loaves and are harmoniously blended. Meth- And you know I am disposed to heart fishes were gathered. odist, Baptist, Jew and Gentile meet on trouble, and I think I ought to do anyone common platform to praise one thing that would strengthen my heart the number of fishes was 153 (fishercommon God. There are no schisms and keep off heart trouble. nor isms in this service: the world can uncle's grandmother died of heart join us. It is like some of the old failure. patriarchal services held in the valley of the Jordan, David standing on the I mean the drill. Oh, I wish you fast-approaching ministry.

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lee this ought to be. The angels I don't want you to think I think too

We got to the opera house on time. Everybody was dressed in his best attire-I suppose to let people see that they had something to be thankful for; or, perhaps, to remove the doubt from their own mind. The pas-tors of all the churches were present and took part in the exercises, except our Bre. Ashburn, whom moving kept away. The building was crowded with an attentive, happy audience, who joined heartily in swelling the anthems of praise and contributed liberally in the thank-offering at the close of the

Dr. Richardson, Presbyterian evangelist, preached an excellent sermon. He is a very fluent, pleasant speaker, with a clear, distinct utterance, and

easy, graceful manner.
Reading lessons, 67th Psalm and part of the second chapter of I Timo-

Text, verses 5 and 6 of 67th Pealm. Outline of the sermon: This is a practical age. It meets every proposition and custom with the question, What will it profit? Where did it come from? The business men who have closed their establishments to worship with us to-day have had to meet

God, the earth yields her increase.

Things for which we should be thank-

(1) Abundant harvests; instead of have more than we can gather. God has not only fed and clothed us bountifully, but he has enabled us to distri-

bute the surplus to distant nations. (2) National peace. Notwithstanding the threatenings of war with England, war with Italy, and war with Chile, God has controled the national

councils and preserved peace.

Sherman should be thankful for more like butcher shops than houses You Italian, you German, you Jew, kicked out of Russia, rejoics with us. Say halleluiah, for the liberty and welcome received in this Christian land.

(3) Progress of Education.
(4) Progress of Christianity. Twelve years ago Ingersoll prophesied that in ten years the churches would be deserted and sold. Now twenty churches are built every day. Five thousand recruits to the ministry and one million to the church membership is the record for the past year.
Spread of Religious Literature.—

Many recular papers publish sermons because the people demand it. Pepularity of Church Services .-

Record as taken in St. Louis in one day: Ninety thousand attended church, eight thousand visited the saloons and of the Lord."

was fruitless. Zone should be according to knowledge. Moses said to the Jews, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." beer gardens.

Not one fact of the Bible has been mony to the truth of this book.

praise and thanksgiving in your hearts. an unknown form as on the way to Lord was risen; he understood before

the dining-room with a sumptuous eaten with bread.

feast—turkey, cranberries, celery, cake,

They answered him, No—their com
Jesus, and at once communicated his

in short, just such a good and bountiful dinner as a school girl knows how to manage with just appreciation, and we

this institution whenever we can. Of course we don't care anything for any one of the boys in particular, but we have great respect for man in the ab. II. It is the Lord — Verses 7, 8. have great respect for man in the ab.

ing out there, but just explaining how Our Thanksgiving really began yesterday evening, when some boxes of good things from home arrived. These good things from home arrived. These were liberally shared with our schoolmates, and gratefully enjoyed. The cakes and pies that mother made—there is nothing so sweet as these tokens from home. Balmy Arabia contains no spice so rich and fragrant as the touch of mother's hand, the breath of the property is mother touch of mother's hand, the breath of behaving nicely it makes me feel bet-

I don't know how long the custom my sister that got married, and I don't it is a harmy sister that got married, and I don't tional miracle. He who made the has existed, but it is a happy arrange. know, but it makes me have pleasant world can easily gather fuel, fire and about in conducting the services. The giving day. Yes, and somehow my of their labor; a lesson of economy, as

Sunday-school Leason.

PREPARED BY REV. CHAS. O. JONES, A. M. FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON XII .-DECEMBER 20.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

THE RISEN CHRIST AND HIS DIS-IPLES .-- John 21:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT: It ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God .- Col. 3:1.

TIME: A. D. 30. PLACE: The Sea of Galilee.

It is the Lord.—Verses 7, 8. III. Breakfast .- Verses 9-14.

INTRODUCTION. On the day of his resurrection Christ appeared five times: (1) to Mary Magdalene; (2) to the other women; (3) to two disciples on the way to Emmaus; (4) to Simon Peter; (5) to ten disciples and other believers, Thomas bethese questions.

The origin of Thanksgiving can be traced from Abel's offering, through Isaac and Jacob and the Hebrew feasts, etc., and all along the line the law of nature and the law of grace correlate: when all the people praise ing absent. Eight days after he aprelate: when all the people praise sion of faith. The apostles had gone into Galileo according to the command of Christ, who had promised to meet them there (Matt. 28:7-16). He fulfill his promise and meets seven of the half crop expected in August, we them at the sea on whose shores so them at the sea on whose shores so many of his wonderful works had been done.

taken nothing. They were faint in spirit, weary in body, discouraged if not in despair. It was then that Jesus done.

I. JESUS ON THE SHORES.-Verses

1. After these things -the events recorded in the preceding chapters.

appearance had not been given.

zeal, though it may sometimes be not according to knowledge than on account of idleness or lethargy. That Let us not be discouraged in long

4. Jesus stood on the shore—Rev. which, woven together, make the per Ver., "on the beach;" he appeared sudrefuted; but every new scientific discov-ery and every excavation adds its testi-and place. The disciples knew not that had a profounder knowledge of Christ What is the benefit? To stir up fully come, or Jesus may have been in the empty tomb he believed that the

6. Cast the net on the right side-not | were not so quick as he. ate-ate as those who are wissly mind-knowing that it was Jesus, they may ful of the fact that Thanksgiving din-have supposed that the stranger on the John in perception, he was ready to means of livelihood. You are paid 86

instant obedience the mysterious in- years and imitate it.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The day is lovely. It seems as if the elements had heard the President's courage them, brighten their lonely lives and help them to drill better to any days love of the net and drew in the fish. Insight is good, enthusiant the fish in the fish. Insight is good, enthusiant the fish in the fish. Insight is good, enthusiant to the home and mother and sisters and miracle and he said, It is the Lord. Simon Peter... girt his fisher's coat—a fish. Jesus told them to bring in the elements had beard the President's courage them, brighten their lonely short armless garment thrown over his lives and help them to drill better to understand the president's courage them, brighten their lonely short armless garment thrown over his lives and help them to drill better to understand the president's lives the fish, and Peter left the Lord to go and lives and help them to drill better, to underclothes. Cast himself into the sea help land and count the caten. No know that the eyes of some members of ; -true to his usual impulsivness he doubt these five faithful workers re special program of temperate weather, the gentler sex were beaming on them. leaped overboard and swam or waded ceived the approbation of their Lord as

III. BREAKFAST .-- Verses 9-14.

My men like to count their catch), and they were "great," the multitude and size of the fishes symbolically fore-shadowing the vast success of their

has provided, and furnishes a symbol of the 'marriage supper of the Lamb', be. If you love her as you should, might know when earth keeps Thanks giving day.

We got to the opera house on time.

The angels of the think I think too of the 'marriage supper of the Lamb' when Christ shall "come forth and counsels; your skill will always find serve" his faithful followers (Luke 17:37).

on this occasion.

The text ends here. The remainder of the chapter records Christ's conversation with Peter and Simon's triple confession of love, ending with his complete restoration to the apostleship which he had forfeited by his denial. which he had forfeited by his denial.

conversation which Jesus had with PLACE: The Sea of Galilee.

OUTLINE.

I. Jesus on the Shore.—Verses 1-6.

Conversation which Jesus had with Peter concerning himself and John, yet it is suggestive. We might speculate on the characters and motives of life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking, perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice—smoking perhaps—and later in life with read against some small vice with r these seven disciples as they awaited the coming of their Lord. Peter's impatience, or at least his restless energy, could delay no longer and he led the dent in his strenght and the business way back to their old avocation of experience of ten years, laughs at the fishing. It is said that the courage of soldiers in battle is tested more by waiting the command than by charging and prosperous will be be, if the errors the enemy. The enforced idleness of of the past are allowed to guide to sickness is a great strain on the nervexcuse lethargy on the plea that we are waiting the command to go forward.

2. Jesus comes in the hour of need. All night the apostles had toiled and came. So before he had appeared when the ship was about to sink in the storm on the lake. Thus he comes to us.

The apostles did not at once recognize him. In the twilight they saw a 2. There were together Simon Peter, form—a man—but did not know who . . . Nathanael . . . the he was. This was characteristic of his sons of Zebedee and two other-they had appearances. Mary did not know him special prosperity—a city of ten thou. gathered perhaps at the house of Peter at first; he seemed a "stranger" to the sand inhabitants without one needy in Capernaum. It would be interest-disciples going to Emmaus; at his appoor. (Right here he said something ing to review the characters here gathabout Sherman's churches looking ered. The two not mentioned are sup- by his voice and by showing his posed to have been Philip and Andrew. wounds ; so now they do not know him. dedicated to God; but he told us not to report that to the Dallas newspapers). The other four had good reasons for absence, as the exact time of Christ's he reveals himself. He reveals himself beence, as the exact time of Christ's he reveals himself. He reveals himself only to those who love him. Talk to an infidel of the presence of Jesus in game—this boy told his father of the cocke, true to his active character. spoke, true to his active character. your heart, and he thinks you are de-They may have been waiting several luded, as a man born blind may call days, uncertain when Christ would day night; but those who love him come; the idleness grew tiresome and know that it is no delusion but blissful painful, and Peter could stand it no experience. "The natural man relonger. His zeal was infectious, and caiveth not the things of the Spirit of the others said, We also go with thee. God: for they are toolishness unto him: The church suffers less on account of neither can he know them, because

night they caught nothing-a suggestive and unsuccessful toil, for at the momen fact. They went to work when they of greatest need if we look toward the had been told to wait, and their labor shore we shall see Jesus, and our labor was fruitless. Zal should be accord- and obedience will receive a great re-

> 3. We have in the deportment of the seven apostles three characteristics,

it was Jesus-the light was not yet than any of the others. When he saw "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us."

Mrs. Kidd remembered us kindly in Greek implies anything, especially fish, and the others the Scriptures concerning the others the Scriptures concerning Jesus and his resurrection; he is now the first to recognize him, saying to Peter, It is the Lord. He did not wait Greek implies anything, especially fish, the instinct of love knew that it was

plete failure furnished an opportunity spiritual impressions, thus strengthen position who made such a request, infor the notable miracle that followed. ing himself and helping those who volving work left and one he was paid

ners are twelve months apart.

A drill at Austin College in the baps a rippling of the water—on the vening. We are all invited to go.

We cultivate fraternal relations with side. Christ knew the depths, and the first to abandon the continuation of fish—perbags a ccept his testimony and to act upon it. He was the first to propose to go acfishing; and the first to abandon the carbon of the side. Christ knew the depths, and the first to abandon the continuation of the water—on the baps a rippling of the water—on the carbon of the side. Christ knew the depths, and the first to abandon the carbon of the side. Christ knew the depths, and the first to abandon the carbon of the side. Christ knew the depths, and the first to abandon the carbon of the side. Christ knew the depths, and the first to abandon the carbon of the side. Christ knew the depths, are the carbon of the side They cast therefore -some see in their at the enthusiasm of this man of fifty

five apos les stuck to the net and drew I am not apologizing exactly for goashore.

8. The other disciples—they loved Peter. The wheel-horses pull the wagmuch as the loving John or impulsive

> This combination-spirituality, enthusiasm, faithfulness-is rare, but

Take a little dash of water cold, And a little leaven of prayer, And a little bit of morning gold Dissolved in the morning air.

Add to your meal some merriment, And a thought for kith and kin; And then, as your prime ingredient, A plenty of work thrown in.

But spice it all with the essence of love, And a little whill of play; Let a wise old book and a giance above Complete the well-made day.

A TALK WITH BOYS. I have a word for the boy who is about to enter business. You are thinks he is old enough for short hair of the Jordan, David standing on the hillside, with his heart full of gratitude and calling on "everything that bath breath" to praise the Lord and maker of all.

A Constitutional Thanksgiving, a Constitutional Thanksgiving, a and the boys were disbanded, that the boys were disbanded, that the counter or how he had suddenly come.

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A constitutional Thanksgiving, a and the boys were disbanded, that the boys were disbanded, that the boys were disbanded, that the counter of the current is swint; some times it will be for, but ofitimes against you. Always carry your mother near times it will be for, but ofitimes against times it will be for, but ofitimes against you. Always carry your mother near times it will be for, but ofitimes against times it will be for, but ofitimes against you. Always carry your mother near times it will be for, but of times it will be for, but sort of "E pluribus unum" service.

National thanksgiving; a nation praising God; sixty million halleluiahs rising to heaven! What a grand jubi-lead—he serves the meal which he has provided, and furnishes a symbol.

And awe kep! them from asking why or how he had suddenly come.

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In any act, think what the commission of any act, think what she would say—would she approve? If you care for her, a little voice will speak, however far removed from those kind eyes you may served, and as Roy served. 14. This is now the third time-but A very trying time it is-to some an-14. This is now the third time—but the seventh of the ten recorded appearances of our Lord. John refers only to his appearances to the apostles—to ten on the day of the resurrection, to eleven one week later, and to seven on this occasion.

A very trying that it is—to some dather than the little girl is when shopping, the young lady replied:

"I'll wait until the little girl is waited upon."

Rep's face flushed, and, climbing down from the stool on which he was boy with a conception of the word on this occasion. The text ends here. The remainder responsibility, and but very little

of those who care for us. The child PRACTICAL. will not heed its mother's warnings

1. Our text is here to lead us to the but the little hand must be placed in or near the fire for the lasting lesson life, with weakened nerves or impaired digestion, he wil say: "Had I only listened to father!" The man, confiadvice of an old friend, risks and loses. So it is through life; and wise is he,

> future success. Let me illustrate the unconscious wrong an honest boy did his employer. It was in September, the height of the "busy season," and a sixteen-year-old boy had obtained a position as assistant entry clerk, his duty being to aid in charging and shipping goods. But s week had he been at his post. Saturday came, and it was the first he had ever worked. It came to him like a shock, particularly as his "nine," for which he pitched, was to play a "crack" team from an adjoining town. Membership of this club he had not thought of giving up. After dinner his employer was told of his desire to

leave work about 2 o'clock. "Well, my boy, there are those bills

to be charged.' He hadn't thought of them, and his heart sank. His club would be beaten, and all on account of his absence; so he mustered up courage. "But, sir, I promised the boys I'd be

there, and they'll be beaten sure if I don't pitch." The response came quickly: "You can go, but don't let it occur again.'

conversation and the result, adding : "He's a bully man, father."

After a few moments' thought this wise, and sometimes severe, parent said: "My son, had I a clerk in your

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to perform, I should have told him to

The boy thought his father hersh. ears and imitate it.

(3) Fidelity to work. The other Monday morning, he learned that his "bully" employer had taken his place, and done what he had left undone, the implied and merited rebuke cut him. Manfully he apologized for his shortsightedness, and never again in the many following years did he allow any personal preference to interfere with his plain duty. Wherever neglect is, trou-ble will follow shortly.

A boy surely has some preference, and most positively, though but six een. has developed decided characteristics, which, exerted in one direction, would be of greater use than if in another.

I have known boys possessed of good conversational power, pleasing address, boys who had the happy faculty of making friends everywhere, forced by thoughtless parents or guardians to labor behind a desk, displacing some, possibly, whose qualities peculiar-ly fitted him for just this work, and who would have made a success where the other failed, because he was intended for a sales man. I say failed, for there is no half-way ground. If one does not advance, he fails .- The Christian Union.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS.

Can any one explain why it is that every boy seems to have an inborn instinct that he belongs to the stronger sex and indignantly resents being mistaken for a girl long before his mamma and his first pantaloons?

A little girl was also waiting to be served, and, as Ray seemed slow in making his choice, the proprietor turned to the little miss, and asked what she wanted. With a politeness that some of her elders might well imitate when shopping, the young lady replied:

the house; he ran to his mother, and in tones of misgled joy and indignation demanded-

"Mamma, be I a boy or a dirl?" "Why, Roy, you are a boy of course."
"Well, thea," with a supreme expression of disgust, "what has I dot on petticoate for ?"

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CHRIST'S ESTIMATE OF MAN.

material wealth of Judea.

devil as was the demoniac of Gadara, record made at the Centennial Exposihuman souls are counted less than Sabbath desecration, so can this. And

Of all the gad things to be observed in this connection, however, the saddest of all is the case of the minister of the gospel who turns aside from soul-saving to money-making. To see the embassador of Christ turn aside from the work which angels would be glad to do is a sad case indeed. The man whose preaching has been honored by the conversion of souls, who has been once blessed as the leader of revivals, but who has secularized until the power has departed, is of all men to be pitied. When herding swine becomes more to him than saving souls, his case is by far worse than that of the Gergesenes. As the human soul is of all things in the world the most precious thing to God, the ministry of salvation is of all ministries the important one.

Those who value but little the souls of others value but little their own souls. Those who preferred the ownership of swine to the deliverance of a brother man from the power of the devil, besought Christ to depart from their country. When they sent away the Savior of the demoniac, they sent away their own. They who think more of their property than of their fellow-men, think also more of their property than they do of their Savior. Nevertheless, they are not without the gospel preached unto them. When the Lord Christ departed at the request of the Gadarenes, he left himself not without witness in that place, for he sent back the saved man to tell them what great things God had done for him. That which men think is of less value than a herd of swine, Christ came into the world to seek and to save by the shedding of his own precious blood.

THE SABBATH QUESTION.

tion before the country by refusing to reaped their richest barvest on Sunday "We do not want to save his sort," we settle the question of opening of heard a brother say of a fellow-man. the gates on the Sabbath. It is As to how much earnestness there was | thought by some that the policy is to in the remark we can not say, but we give no decision until the time arrives can be no doubt that the law itself is di trust the words did not express the and everything is in readiness and then rectly responsible for the change. true sentiment of the heart, and yet the open the gates seven days in the week. cash trade among workingmen and day subject is too serious to be treated as a Such a course certainly is unworthy laborers has increased 100 per cent since passing joke. We have not started any body of honorable men. Millions day as their day off, were too many of out, however, to preach a sermon from of American citizens are waiting the them in the habit, on that day, of throw that text. The conduct of the Lord decision in suspense. They wish to the gaming table. But now the wages Chriet, which is just to the contrary of know whether this great effort to honor go for comforts needed in the home, and the above sentiment, is what we wish the discoverer and the discovery of and well fed. It is evident that the to call especial attention to. Out of America is to disgrace the best senti- saloons and gambling houses, below this the many instances in which the estiment in American civilization. As
the was enforced, must have absorbed the weekly wages that are now being prodigal son. I found that this boy had spent for the necessaries of life. When concluded that he was a man, and had fested, perhaps there are none more bration, they have a right to know striking than the case of the demoniac whether they can do so without vio- not bought, and that poverty and wretchof the tombs in the town of Gadara. lence to their consciences. They wish This man confronted our Lord to all to know whether they can join in this rights, but facts constitute the best argu-This man confronted our Lord to all to know whether they can join in this rights, but facts constitute the best argu-human appearances no better than a grand celebration of the discovery and ments, and these are the facts in the boys still continue to do; and as fathers wild beast. Naked and full of un- prosperity of a Christian country withclean spirits, he dwelt in the unclean place. Unfit for the society of the living, he dwelt among the dead. Too wild to be bound in confinement with results. It is with them not a mere living that institution and the living that institution are living that institution which has contributed so much to its glorious would be the better off for it and so would every city in the State.

It is mith the argument is strengthened for the enforcement of this law in every city in Texas. The State would be the better off for it and so would every city in the State. wild to be bound in confinement with results. It is with them not a mere a chain even, he was the terror of the question of speculation or casuistry, but community. The Lord saw in this a matter of conscience. It is a quesraging habitation of wieked spirits tion of religious liberty. Christians what he had doubtless come into the and those who believe in honoring the country to see. He saw what no man laws of God and Christian institutions can see except by the eye of faith in can not be expected to go on in the the omnipotent goodness of God. In dark participating in all the preparathis wicked and devil-polluted fragment tory arrangements for the celebration of humanity he saw the possibilities, as though it were only a question of under the divine grace, of a true man- expediency whether the gates be opened hood. He saw in this foul den of un- or not on the Sabbath day. There are clean devils what might become the those who want to have nothing to do abode of the Spirit of God. The soul with the World's Fair if it be run on which could suffer the presence of a Sunday, and as the World's Fair is a legion of devils could become the tem- national affair and is to be supported ple and bear the image of the Holy in part by the the government every One. Here was what to the Divine citizen of the United States has the mind was of more value than all the right to know what the character of the concern is to be. Moreover, we Surely man's estimate is not as God's believe that the congress of the United estimate. The devils, driven from the States ought to take the matter in hand man, entered a herd of 2000 swine. and decide the question. If congress New Testament opposed to a moderate and rational use of smassement. Romanist had sufficient control to locate, and if his right mind, to his country, his family and to his God. The swine were money to support it, then congress gle believer, and both have utterly failed lost in the sea. How did the Gadashould decide the matter which conin the purpose. Whatever may be the
duty of the church toward amusements,
it is obviously not her duty to be hostile they rejoice in the work of God, which of the nation. And there seems to us toward them. delivered a brother countryman and a to be no question as to how congress brother man from the powers of hell? should decide the question, since it is Nav. verily: They grieved over the only a question of dollars on the one loss of the swine and feared-no doubt side and the general moral and relest more swine should be destroyed- ligious sentiment on the other. The think that the church (I may say churchand they begged the Savior of the man argument for the poor breaks down es) is (are) too harsh, too strict or to depart from their country. The since it only touches a few people in are innocent in their nature and in no swine were more to them than the Chicago. Those who are too poor to sense forbidden (but on the contrary man. Trade was of more value than a attend on week days, could not pay Himself) in Scripture. human being. They preferred that traveling and boarding expenses, and Now, in the first place, the Ecumen- usually given at solemn and religious devils should possess a brother man while this is true thousands of em- ical Conference as such did not express festivals, and that the choir was usually rather than that they should possess players would be deprived of the itself on the subject of amusements at hired for the purpose by the one givtheir hogs. This is no prehistoric fable. Sabbath rest in order to amuse a all. The above language is simply ing the entertainment. To characterize Bro. W. E. Towson. The Texas Con- reason why men are not saved, but a It is just what is occurring every day few people of one city only. The the utterance of one individual and this "music and dancing" (in which the ference came within \$644 of reaching

succeed or not, the gates should not beopened on the Sabbath day.

SOME OF THE RESULTS. It is a very great mistake to suppose that the enforcement of the Sunday law is a harsh and tyrannical suppresis an institution of mercy, and in mercy ther from prohibiting "amusements to all the State law enforces the Sabthat the law which has its origin in the goodness of the All-Merciful Being could bring any evil to men. The compelled to obey it. But on the con- no sin to "laugh and grow fat." They trary, the element of mercy lies in the know that God has endowed childhood, fact of the law's enforcement. If the the most innocent stage of human life, freedom could rest without law, but friend has ever been thrown much in the enforcement of law gives the lib- the society of Methodist preachers he erty of rest to the multitudes whose has observed that no class of men endependence upon others does not allow them to do as they choose. The mer- believe life is ordained to be a perciful element in the law is that it se- petual groan nor one long and solemn cures to every one the privilege of a funeral march. Methodists, however, rest day each week.

The Sunday law has been enforced in Austin since some time in June. The city has had an opportunity to judge of its effects. There is not the least doubt that it has been enforced. Even its enemies concede that. There has o course been some complaint, especially from men who are in the habit of patron izing salcons and gambling-houses. They have naturally been disposed to regard the new law as a direct hardship upon themselves, and have had much to say on the subject of "sumptuary legislation" and "inalienable rights." Upon this th Upon this the Statesman has but one opinion. It is the law, and being the law it ought to be en forced, goed or bad. But there are other verdicte, which it would be well to weigh The managers of the World's Fair sgainst those of complainers. The police reports show that up to the time this sunday law was put into effect the court persist in keeping the Sabbath ques-Instances of drunkenness, disords brawling and fighting were only too nu merous. Since this law went into effect some time in June, there have not been half a degen arrests a Sunday.

> Again, the merchants state that their fune. The workingmen, who had Sun

If so much of good can be thus accom-

DID CHRIST ENCOURAGE DANCING? On return from the late session of found en our table a somewhat lengthy communication clipped from the News, discussing the church's attitude toward amusements. The document was sent to us by whom we know not, but suppose by the author. The author has made two discoveries of which he gives us the benefit, and from the standpoint of which he exhorts the church to change her attitude and ways toward worldly amusements. The first discovery is that the Methodist Ecumenical Conference lately held at Washington was not opposed to, but in favor of, amusements. From some report of the proceedings of that conference he quotes as follows:

There is nothing in the spirit of the

Our author then makes the following comment:

The above quotation is from the before mentioned report of the Ecumenical Council and in it I fully concur. I do straight-laced against amusements which advocated and encouraged by our Savior

erty. Many men are daily put in grown in this country to the extent of taken on any subject which in needle in a haystack. There is, how summation, for, before specials however this world absorb the attention and

every whit as bad plight by the whisky causing the nation to break the fine volved the Discipline or doctrine of ever, another word in the New Testa- urgent, is the importance of reaching our writer. We do not propose to speak for other churches, nor do we know whether our friend is a Methodist, but to whatever church he may belong we beg leave to inform him sion of human liberty. The Sabbath that no church nor individual is furby our Savior himself) in Scripture" observance is to be optional with every with the sense of play, and none enjoy individual, then the element of mercy childhood longer and even down to is eliminated, for all who have the old age more than Methodists. If our joy fun more than they. They do not are not indiscriminate in their selection In proof that the Sunday law can of amusements. They believe some be enforced, and that the results are amusements are helpful and some inbeneficial, we give the following from jurious both to body and soul. They a recent issue of the Austin Statesman : draw a line of distinction. The line is drawn at the name of the Lord Jesus. We are commanded in the Holy Scriptures to do everything in his name, and therefore in our General Rules all "diversions" or amusements which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus are prohibited. Diversions which are helpful to body, mind and soul, can be used in his name and are not forbidden by our church; but all such as cannot be used in his name and to the glory of God are forbidden, because they are injurious and not helpful. Whatever is advocated and encouraged by our Lord we heartily accept and practice, so far as we know how.

> But our young friend announces another discovery as follows:

Now, when I joined the church, some thing over two years ago, I became very straight-laced. Having quit a sinful life I tried to get as far from sin as possible, and as a natural consequence I got away off on the other extreme (which was well enough for myself, but not a good rule for me to apply to others), and characterthings as sin which were not ein. But I determined to examine fully the Scriptures and be governed by them, and let man's doctrines quietly rest. So in reading the Scriptures I came upon the they absorbed those wages, it is equally called upon his father for a division of evident that the necessaries of life were not bought, and that poverty and wretchedness filled the lives of these people. It fathers also do, the father divided his livis easy enough to talk of inalienable ing; and the boy went off in great state, yet do, this father met him with open arms and, instead of chiding him for his

MUSIC AND DANCING.

Don't take my word for it; read Luke On return from the late session of the Northwest Texas Conference we dozen times before the sense of this verse

lution in our young friend's views and graven upon memory's tablet in such feelings. When men start out so very deep lines that time cannot erase them. "straight-laced" and extremely harsh, This is a power worthy to be coveted they are very likely to end in extreme by any preacher. St. Peter said: "Yea, looseness, both as to lace and opinion. I will give diligence that at every time It is extremely strange, however, that | ye may be able after my decease to call in all the past years of Bible study these things to remembrance. There upon the part of the church, it re- are men now dead whose sermons are mained for a two-year-old church mem- living realities in the memory of those ber to discover in the year 1891 that who heard them years ago. Happy is our Lord Jesus Christ advocated and the man whose preaching and teaching encouraged modern dancing. But we and influence go on from generation to suspect that the church has known all generation after he is dead, provided these years just what our young friend he has "followed no cunningly devised factory to some. Rev. Geo. S. Wyatt, presiding elder of the Corsicana district, and Rev. E. L. Armstrong, of the Abilene commentary, viz: That nothing and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," similar to the modern dance is out of a heart fully able to attest by mentioned in the 15th Chapter experience the truth as it is in Him. of the Gospel of Luke. The Greek word translated dancing is choron, and from this we get our words, through the Latin, perhaps, chorus and choir. What took place in the father's house on the return of the prodigal son was really a concert in which the choir did both the music and dancing, the dancing being simply an accompaniment to the music and a part of it.

Meyer, in his comment on the place, says that it was such a concert as was in our midst. Men value property real question involved is whether not of the conference. The conference musicians did all the dancing) as anymore than they do the manhood and the management shall be allowed to did not hold itself responsible for the thing similar in form or nature to the (\$5,500) and pledged \$775 toward the out of the heart. The man who can salvation of their fellows. Men who use the people's rest day, recognized as views of its speakers. Each speaker promiscuous dance of the modern ball- support of Bro. Hendry in China. The wear the name, Christian, will pay such both by the general government expressed his own views and the con- room is ridicuously absurd. The man Northwest Texas Conference would more for one Jersey cow, or Berkshire and by every State in the Union, for gain. ference by vote neither endorsed who goes to the Bible to find encour- probably reach its assessment, so said tention long enough for the truth to pig than for the conversion of the We hope the motion to open the gates on nor condemned. In fact it was agement for the modern dance under- Bro. Bishop, president of the Confer- take hold upon the heart is the man world. The great burden of legislation the Sabbath day will not prevail. We expressly provided that the vote takes a task more difficult than the ence Board, when I left Corsicans. who does the most effectual work. in human governments concerns prop- hope that foreign influences have not of the conference should not be famous crank who went to search for a This certainly would be a grand con- So prope are men to let the cares of

language quoted and the comment of Herod, and which resulted in beheadwhich are innocent in their nature and to Christ through a dancing church. nor eradicated by the fact that men are "laughing animal," and they think it in order to get into the true church, tor him. When it is but a step from for the harvest home. the world to the church, it will be but a step back to the starting place.

Now, while our young friend thinks the amusement of dancing is very innocent and harmless, yet he recognizes that there is danger :

But don't let the enjoyment of social life take possession of your soul and make you forget God and fall short in doing his service. This would be sin; and right here is where the danger lies. There is danger. I recognize it; you recognize it, all the world can see it. This is what causes the church's solicitude. But why not meet it fairly and squarely? Why

is no sin? But the over-indulgence of it to the exclusion in the remotest particu-lar of our duty to God is a sin, which is so plain that all can see, just as in our appetite for daily food which is no sin, but the over-indulgence of it is a sin.

There is no analogy between dancing and eating. Eating is absolutely essential to life. Not to eat is to commit suicide. The danger of over-indulgence in the one case is by no means parallel to the danger in the other. Eat we must, but to dance is neither necessary nor helpful. Not to dance to excess is the exception and by no means the rule. It is injurious to both body and soul. Any physician familiar with the diseases of women and their causes will tell our young fruitful source of such diseases. The senior editor speaks as follows: dance excites unlawful passions in both sexes and the fall of many a poor creature into the lowest depths of iniquity is attributable to the modern ball room. The tendencies of the dance, especially of the hugging variety, is evil and only evil continually. It is a diversion which can not be used in the name of the Lord Jesus, prohibits amusements fraught with so much danger.

THE COLLECTION.

Do NOT forget the offering for the Southwestern University Christmas morning.

THERE are sermons which impress you well at the time, but which do not tasten the truths uttered upon the mind and heart so as to be forever afterward called to mind. You remember that a brother preached; that he said many good things, but you do not remember what the good things said were and are. You have heard other sermons which There is nothing strange in the revo- you cannot get rid of. They were

> A BROTHER from Houston, whose name we have not, writes: "I inclose 85 for the brother on the hard work. who a short time since asked for assistance through the ADVOCATE. Please send it forward. My prayers go with it." We have received and forwarded to the missionary above referred to

THE tide of missionary enthusiasm bravely over last year's collections, its assessment for foreign missions

any of the churches represented. But, ment which is translated "dance." It the line of assessment. The Memphis and yet for the money in the trade tion. If that fair succeeded without in the second place, there is nothing in literally means to lift up the foot, and Conference which I am attending the Discipline of the church which we is used to describe the performance of shows an increase over last year of represent not in harmony both with the the daughter of Herodias before King \$1252 on foreign missions and \$948 on domestic, or a total increase of \$2200 ing John the Baptist. This dance is Over and above this, \$773 have been similiar to the modern social dance in pledged towards Bro. Utley's salary. that it always beheads (metaphorically To-day a letter comes from Dr. H. C. speaking) the prophet of God. The Morrison which says, "Western North prophet had as well chain a millstone Carolina assumed the support of Wilabout his neck and cast himself into son in Japan; and also gives \$500 to the sea as undertake to lead the world build him a church. Old Virginia takes support of Leitch, Bruce and bath as a day of rest. It can not be in no sense forbidden (but on the con- Our young friend thinks that the Dickie." Dickie is a married man. trary plainly advocated and encouraged world can be saved more readily by Three missionaries assumed by one conbringing the church and world closer ference! Thank God, we are getting than are the Methodists. Methodists together. No man can be saved in the down in earnest to this work of preachmercifulness of the law is not destroyed recognize that God made man a world. He must come out of the world ing the gospel to every creature. The crowning day is coming. We will and the farther he gets from the world sweep off the debt, reinforce our miswhen he gets into the church the better | sions, plan a final campaign, and then

> WALTER R. LAMBUTH. COVINGTON, TENN.

LET every member of the family honor the Lord by giving something for Christian education on the morning of the 25th of December.

THE papers say that Governor Hogg was asked to give a reception on the Sabbath, but he declined. The reception was then arranged at the Driscol hotel and the Governor invited to attend, but declined on the ground that he did not think such things proper on the Sabbath. This is a praisworthy and proper example set by our chief executive officer. May all who hold office in the State follow the wholesome

THE city council of Palestine has impeached and removed from office the city marshal for neglect of duty in failing to suppress gambling. A good example, we hope, may be followed by the city fathers in many other places. The officer who fails to do his duty in enforcing the law should give place to another. The people can have faithful officers if they will.

THE New Orleans Advocate now has an assistant editor whom we bid welfriend that the modern dance is a most come to the tripod. Of his work the

> Much of Bro. Lewis' time will be spent in field work, and we bespeak for him the good offices of the brethren wherever he goes. He has special instructions not to invade foreign territory, but to keep him-self within our bounds. Having come along thus far, the New Orleans Christian Advocate can not afford to weaken its relf-respect by poaching.

The New Orleans Advocate is an honorable journal to which we always lift our hat. It is delightful to us Texans and the church stands on the eternal to know that there are some instituprinciples of righteousness when she tions in the M. E. Church, South, which do not think the patronage this State a common prey. At a late session of a Texas conference, even the Tennessee Methodist had an agent who made no public announcement of his business, it is true, but we were informed that he worked the conference privately like a beaver, and carried away a good list. This paper might make it profitable to visit all the conferences. but, like the New Orleans, we prefer to work our own territory for honorable reasons. We have subscribers in the regions beyond, but they came to us; we did not go after them.

BRO. CARTER, of the New Orleans Advocate, thinks there are none greater than the "rider of the black horse : We have long regarded the presiding elder as the "biggest" man in the itinor-ancy, not excepting bishops, nor even editors. We lock upon his office as the most important office in the church. Of course, then, we think anything that hinders the elder or cripples the efficiency of his office is an evil, and should be instantly and without hesitation

Well, there is no doubt but that the "beloveds" are greats folks.

THE assignment of preachers to their different charges at the recent conference of the Methodist Church, South, here, it is said, has been very unsatisdistrict, agreed to swap, with Bishop.
Fitzgerald's full consent, but this proved the entering wedge for such a general desire to change that the Bishop was obliged to decree that the cabinet assignments of the conference should stand as made without any further change.—Dallas News.

The above is given for what it is worth. We cannot vouch for the correctness of the statements.

ONE of the chief duties of the preacher and teacher in divine things is to remind the hearer of things already known. It will not do to confine yourselves to things original and never is indeed rising. The North Texas heard of by your audience. Teaching Conference, in addition to coming up in original thought is not the greatest function of the ministry. The ignopledged 8750 toward the support of rance of the truth is not the main failure to embrace the truth with an attentive mind, so as not to let it slip present the common truths of the gospel in such a way as to arrest the at-

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This adds greatly to the cost of manufacturing ROYAL BAKING POWDER; but, as all its other ngredients are selected and prepared with the same precise care, and regardless of labor or expense, an article is produced that is entirely free from any extraneous substance, and pure in all respects. The ROYAL contains no ingredients except those certified by the most eminent chemists necessary to make a pure, wholesome and perfect Baking Powder.

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crowd out the thoughts of spiritual which emanate from invisible sources. | the Business Committee as to the busi things that they need to be constantly The effects are felt and known as ness to be acted upon, and as to reminded of the plainest truths and surely as the effects of light on the eye. when it should be acted upon. The duties. The inspired apostle Peter un- The bodies which can be seen with the conference had a good committee, and duties. The inspired apostle Peter understood this when he said: "Whereeye are no more real to our knowledge no inconvenience was felt from it, but expects to see her again. What is his fore I shall be ready always to put you than those which are invisible but reundoubtedly the Business Committee less is another's gain, and Bro. Leaton refore I shall be ready always to put you | than those which are invisible but re- | undoubtedly the Business Committee in remembrance of these things, though you know them, and are established in the truth which is with you. And I think it is right as long as I am in good and bad are projected upon the this tabernacle to stir you up by put-

fails at this point will be left in the distance by the advancing hosts of God's army. No part of our church needs a will depend largely on the enthusiasm of the preachers for the cause. We were greatly shocked and pained on last Thorsmore than Texas. Our university has nothing undone to make it a success. more than Texas. Our university has nothing undone to make it a success. done well under the circumstances, but the time has come when we must advance or fail to meet the ends designed in the establishment of the institution. More buildings is now the imperative demand. To meet this demand the Christmas offering is proposed. Let every one who feels an interest in Methodism make an offering Christmas morning.

"Do you pool your collections? I am sorry to see the missionary collection carrying other collections. This is hardly fair. The missionary is a post resurrection law, and this collection ought not to be mixed up with anything else."-Bishop Keener.

OUR Nashville Publishing House has issued a very neat and appropriate Christmas service, entitled, "Jesus The Joy of the World," which all our Sunday-schools will do well to order at once. The price is 20 cents per dozen, or \$1.25 per hundred.

A RECENT writer in the Arena says separate the difference in the lines is challenged, when it would take but a discovered that some of the stars which but a short time to count the House in instead of one. The most powerful tee by the last congress, we beg leave telescope with sufficient power to sep- rules governing the late Ecumenical arate them. So that these stars will Conference at Washington. The prealways be invisible to the human eye; rogatives of the Business Committee yet they are known to exist and to re- were arbitrary and absolute. The Bussilent and yet perceptible rays of in- the program itself. This put the confluence exerted upon the human mind ference entirely under the control of

vealed to us through our spiritual sen- had too much arbitrary power. sibilities. God does not have to be seen in order to be known. Influences spiritual sensibility and seen in the

THE success of the Christmas offering and it will be difficult to supply his will depend largely on the enthusiasm | place.'

souri Conterence. Dr. E. K. Miller, writes: 'Our dear brother, M. R. Jones, died this morning (Tuesday, November 24,) at 1 o'clock. He was sick only eighteen hours. He died of apoplexy. We are sadly bereaved. Pray for the strick-THE Y. M. C. A. of this city are giving another star course of lectures for which they have furnished us with season tickets. We are obliged for the kindness and hope for them the most eminent success. The cause is worthy. Let everybody lend a helping hand.

PARENTS, children and grandchildren all put something on the breakfast table Christmas in honor of Him who was born in the manger, but at whose birth the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

A QUESTION that will be watched with a great deal of interest is, whether the present congress will return to the old practice of counting only those who vote as present and constituting a quorum, or whether every member present shall be counted in determining the presence of a quorum? Our opinion is that in all deliberative bodies all the members actually present should be that invisible stars are being not only counted. The count should be made discovered, but chemically analyzed by on a call of the House and not means of the spectrum. This is done left entirely in the hands of the Speakby photographing the refracted rays of er or chairman of the body. If it be light, or the lines of the spectrum, on said that this would occupy too much plates of glass. The lines of the spec- time the answer is, that the call could trum vary, as the luminous bodies are be made by States. The congressmen far or near, and by this means it is de- from each State should have a chairtermined whether the bodies are in man, and when the name of any State motion. Also if the rays of light is called the chairman should report from two different bodies fall on the how many are present in his delegation, spectrum at the same time and then and his statement should be taken, unless perceptible. In this way it has been moment to verify it. It would take appear to us to be single are really this way. As to the arbitrary powers doubles. That is, there are two stars granted the Ways and Means Committelescopes can not separate these stars to dissent. This feature of the Reed to the eye, nor is it possible to make a administration was engrafted on to the volve around another star with a iness Committee had precedence on the velocity much greater than any body floor of the conference at all times and in our planetary system. So there are under all circumstances, not excepting

ist Ecumenical Conference which recently convened at Washington, and he has been here, as he has there, holding his position as a friend of our people. He and Bishop Haygood are looked upon as two of our best friends in the South."

-Holston Methodist: At the close of the war the Northern Church had everything war the Northern Church had everything its own way in East Tennessee. Sentiment was overwhelmingly for everything that claimed to be loyal. Our church was literally run out. To day this section is overwhelmingly Republican, and yet we have nine-tenths of the wealth and intelligence of the Methodism of this country in our church. We have 22,000 members in the little strip of Tennessee this side the Cumberland mountains. Few sections of like size can beat that in Virtions of like size can beat that in Virginia. We started with next to nothing and have built up this great church in the face of prejudice and unlimited money. Nearly one-half of the largest and richest church in the Holston Conference is composed of men and women who once be-longed to the Northern Church, or were in sympathy with it; but though living in sight of a finer and taller steeple of their own denomination, they declined to join and thus aid in building up a church whose only claim to existence in this country is based on sectional hatred.

### TEXAS PERSONALS.

-The address of Rev. L. G. Watkins is Llano, T∈xas. -The address of Rav. E. M. Myers is

-The postoffice of the Rev. Geo. W. Graves for the present is Georgetown,

-Rev. W. T. Keith was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by many of his admirers before leaving for his new field of labor in East Texas—Galveston

-Calvert Courier; Rev. O. T. Hotch-kiss, to the undisguised gratification of his many friends in Calvert, will remain in charge of the M. E. church in the city for another year.

-Bishop Key presides with deliberateness, dispatch and devotion. There is a very happy combination of these elements in his presidency. There is never the semblance of haste, yet a steady and reasonably rapid progress of business, but always time for devotion.

-Mrs. A. V. Winkier, of Corsicana, Texas, has been chesen by the Texas Brigade Association to write the history of Hood's Texas Brigade. She chose for the title, "The Confederate Capital and Hood's Texas Brigade." The work is now in the hands of the publisher.

-The Rev. C. H. Maloy writes: My postoffice for the ensuing year will be Kerrville. The change was caused from Bro. W. M. Gillespie's health breaking down after conference and the presiding older made the change, rending me to Kerreille and Bro. W. G. Cock to Junc-tion City. Bro. Gillespie is improving.

The Rev. R. M. Leaton has been ed upon to perform the very sad duty of saying farewell to his daughter, Editha, who has just departed from his home on a bridsi tour, but he sorrows joices in making others happy.

-The Rev. J. W. Sims, of Rockport, Texas, writes, November 24: Rev. H. M. Booth, a superannuated member of the East fexas Conference, is very sick at this place, suffering with severe chills and spiritual sensibility and seen in the light of consciousness. These influences Granbery's health has improved and he probably for as many more. He bears send your subscription or several to Mrs.

> Dripping Springs are kindly thoughtful of his and his family's wants. Serious apprehensions are entertained as to the result. Let prayer be made for him and hie family.

-Hearne correspondent of the Calvert Courier: The new Methodist pastor and his family, Rev. A. J. Anderson, are expected to arrive to-day (Thursday), and the ladies of the church are preparing to We give them a cordial welcome. Rev. C. M. Keith, who has been pas-tor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Hearne for two years past, goes to Navasota next year. He and his good

wife have many warm friends at Hearne.

—Arkansas Methodist: By request Rev. B. H. Greathouse preached in the morning in the Baptist and at night in the who wish them a pleasant pastorate at Navagota. Cumberland Presbyterian Church; at the latter there were present many of his -San Antonio Express: Rev. H. S. ministerial brethren, who had learned with much regret of his transfer to the Thrali's retirement from active labors as a minister of the Methodist Church of Southwest Texas on account of age and Texas Conference, in which he is appointed to St. John's Church, Galveston. One of the ablest preachers of our State, he will sustain his reputation in the important charge to which he has been assigned. feebleness recalls a career that has been spent in unselfish devotion to the betterent of mankind. When the Ray. Mr. Threll first began preaching in Texas his int-lock rifle was quite as necessary as -Austin correspondent to the Terrell Times-Star: "Rev. A. Grant, the colored Bishop presiding over the annual conference of the African M. E. Church, in session here, thus alludes to the amicable

perience in those days that qualified him to write his history of the State, which is used as a text book in the schools. Now that he is approaching the silent shores of eternity it is with the consolation of a life well spent and the hope of reward from the Master he has so faithfully

Church, South: 'I had the pleasure of meeting Bishop Fitzgerald at Hearne and acknowledged to him with pride the assistance that his preachers are giving in the education of our people. His church has been doing good work along that line. I informed him that I had been preaching to several of his congregations lately; that the churches had invited me to their pulpits and treated me as well as my own. -H. G. H.: A great and consecrated soul shone out from the face of the venerable William Monk as he stood in the pulpits and treated me as well as my own presence of the Bishop and West Texas people. Whenever it was necessary to extend financial assistance to our churches Whenever it was necessary to Conference for the superannuated reistion. A man of extreme modesty, but in this State, the M. E. Church, South, has always generously responded. Bishop great nerve and quenchless zeal for the Fitzgerald was a delegate to the Method- cause of the Master. A history of toil

and success in the service of the church covering four or five States, lay in the past. He has never asked place or nosi-tion at the hands of his brethren. Even when his form was bent with age he was at the remote outposts in Arizma and New Mexico with the young men of the conference. He has uncomplainingly served in the hardest fields. To carry the gospel to the frontier was his ambition. A gentleman and preacher of the old school, he has remained untouched by the petty rivalries for place and power. God give him rest and peace and plenty among the generous people of the beautiful city of San Marcos. [Amen.—Ed.]

#### MEETING AT BLANCO.

Abe Mulkey will begin a meeting in Blanco, Blanco county, on the 16th inst., to continue ten days. All preachers or laymen who want to work in a Caristmas meeting are cordially invited to attend. My neighboring pastors are especially invited.

J. B. DENTON.

THE SUNDAY-SCOOL SUPERINTEND

All who will send their orders for Sun-day-scool literature for next year to us are hereby notified to send us the order at once so we may get it in time at Nash-vil'e for the first quarter.

Remember we are now to serve the church in every way the House at Nash-ville has heretofore done. We must have the order in time for them or it can't be filled. I. Z. T. Morris. FORT WORTH.

COLPORTERS' WORK.

I want a colporter in every presiding elder's district in Texas. He must be recommended by the presiding elder and must be able to travel through the district and supply the people with such books as the pastors recommend. Write me and I will give further instructions. I. Z. T. MORRIS.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

Keep yeur eyes open; 25 cents buys Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain. Tourists to Yellowstene Park next season might encounter a northwestern blizzard. If they are wise men they will take along a supply of the famous Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

#### ABOUT YOUR BOOKS.

Will all the brethren who have bought books from us, or who order books in the future, send me their postoffice and express office. If they will do that they will get their orders filled promptly; if they do not, it will take us some little time to find just where and how to send the books.

I. Z. T. Morris.

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, And a Musical Scholarship.

Mrs. Norna Oxford, a member of First Methodist Church, Dallas, and leader of its choir, is a contestant for the prize offered by the Ladies' Home Journal, of Philadelphia, Pa., viz.: One year's tuition, voice or piano, with board, at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, to any lady who will send them one thousand annual subscriptions prior to January 1, 1892. to January 1, 1892.
Mrs. Oxford is a young widow, admired and respected by all who know her, and

postesses a voice remarkable for its sweetness and truly musical qualities, one that should be cultivated to the fullest extent.
We know there are quite a number of

our subscribers now taking the Home Jour No church which fails to educate can in this age of the world meet the grave responsibility imposed in the obligation to use all means possible to convert the world. The church which fails at this world and the character of the sources the character of the influences.

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-M. B. C., in St. Louis Advocate: "We have the transfer of the tra be sent not later than December 20, 1891. Address Mrs. Norna Oxford, care of Geo. Dealey, Erq., News effice, Dallas, Texas.

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IT is always with great satisfaction that we present reports from our auxillarios to our readers. We only wish a greater number of them would send us reports of their work. We urge that our societies-the W. M. S. and the Parsonage and Home Mission Society, also Ladies' Ai Societies, in fact any organization of on church conducted by the women of the work, from time to time, so that each may know what the other is doing.

will be pronounced a model report. Let us hear from others of our members: TYLER AUXILIARY, W M S.

bers attend at different times some of these meetings, there usually being fif teen or twenty present. We use the published program, and as our president, Sister Adams, wife of our presiding elder, is a consequent of the published program, and as our presiding elder, is a consecrated and efficient leader, and our own hearts in the work every meeting is a spiritual feast. Our membership numbers fifty-four, an increase of fourteen in six months, and our subscription to the Woman's Advocate doubled. Following is the treasurer's report: Daes, \$35.50; ontingent fund, \$3 25; outgoing mission ary, \$20.85; self-denial. \$14.75; public meeting, \$20.20; total, \$94.55.

We will begin another year with renew-ed energy and zeal. We would like to bear from other auxiliaries.

MRS W. F STABLEY

Corresponding Secretary.

APOSTOLIC HEROISM IN THE WEST. St. Paul's heroism, that dared brave

anything, and "counted all things bu ain unto the resucrection of the is repeated in the lives of some of God's servants to day. A preacter, a plain devout man, with a sensible, patient, in-dustrious wife and five children, had no pareonage on the circuit to which he was sent, and no money to pay rent. A kind-ly disposed man gave him the temporary use of a board shanty with two rooms and a kitcher, the whole of the most primitive pattern. Here they managed to live somehow, not in comfort certainly, but in submission and willingness to en-

our church papers—the Nashville Advo-cate in one place, the St. Logis Advocate cate in one place, the St. Loois Advocate in another, and so on. This unique proceeding made it possible for any friend coming in to read the church news, and imbibe religious knowledge white resting on one of the rustic chairs within that rude abode where a faithful servant of the Lord and his self-forgetting, noble wife were living under heavy privations rather than leave that needy field without the preached gospel.

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It is so hard to get employment now and so

Home Mission Society for aid, but the treasury had been emptied to serve prior made by Bishop Fitzgerald. The money was raised, and the presiding elder is taking his "vacation" in building the house. Soon the nomadic preacher and his wife and little ones will have a home. Arizona circuit will be strengthened and encouraged, and that faithful man of

God can stay and go on with his work. The secret of such heroism is that i inspired by the love of Christ, and it is all for Christ.

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As our conference year is drawing to a close, it seems appropriate to send you a report of this auxiliary. We meet regularly once a month, and besides have many called meetings. All of our members attend at different times some of the satisfactory of the satisfactor

an Old and Well-tried Bemedy MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUE for children toathing should always be used for children while teathing. Itsoftens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colds and is the best remedy for distributes.

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How many ladies are on the occasional sick list, but still more about? How many are unsize to attend to their household dubut in submission and willingness to one dure hardness for Christ's sake.

To relieve the looks of the undressed boards, the wife upholstered them with our church papers—the Nashville Advo-Dromoodle's English Emale Bitters.

wife were living under heavy privations rather than leave that needy field without the preached gospel.

Another case is sent to used a preacher and his family in Arzma. They were and his family in Arzma. They were enable him to pay the high rent of that region. His parisheners were too poor and too cramped for room to accommagnate them. What was to be done? The work could not be abandoned, and the work could not be abandoned, and the preacher must be sheltered.

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funny? Those trees seem to be going by us instead of us going by them. He—Yes; this train is so confoundedly slow.

First Stranger—I say, that's my umbrella you have. "I don't doubt it, sir—I don't doubt it. "bought it at a pswnbroker's"

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Pilot Grove cir, at Cross Roads. Feb 20, 2

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Yet who shall say the pledge is broken? Brave eyes may read the promise still, Though writ in lines of pain and loss; The path lies onward up the hill, Though every mile-stone be a cross.

Long time ago my soul and I Converse and counsel held together, When clear and bright youth's morning sky Finshed rosy in the summer weather; "Soul," said I, "many a pathway fair, Waiting thy choice, before thee lies; Think long, choose well, then proudly dare Thine utmost might to win the prize."

And so we looked, my soul and I, And many a fair, false joy refusing, Beheld at last, serene and high, The crown of her supremest choosing; And on it fixed our steadfast gaze,
While the bright, joyous wizard, Hope,
Through all those bounteous Summer days,
Drew one delicious horoscope.

But Summer hours fade fast away. And that dear crown, above my winning,
Here in the twilight of my day,
Gleams far, as in my bright beginning;
And now Hope's eyes are dim and sad,
And Doubt and Grief walk close beside,
And many a joy that erst I had
In this long toil has drooped and died.

And yet I know my soul's true good Lies still, lies ever, there before me; I could not turn me if I would. Though clouds and darkness gather o'er

me. And, though I fail and though I die Far from my goal, my crown unwon, No meaner star can tempt the eye That once has known the steadfast sun.

So on I press up that steep slope,
Behind whose brow that sun is setting I walk with Faith, and not with Hope, Despairing not and not forgetting; But, when the last brief breath is sped, I shall not grieve if this men write: "He strove—he failed—and he is dead. True always to his highest light."

THOROUGH CONVERSION.

-Barton Grey.

All men do not pass through the him empty-handed, feeling that "Cursed rica!-The Missionary Herald. is he that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm." There must be a stripping before there will be a clothing; fore there can be filling with the Spirit's power. Have we all been led in this right way? How like this finding peace is to the way in which the spirit's page is to the way in which the spirit is the way in which the spirit is spirit in the spirit in the spirit is spirit in the spirit i peace is to the way in which John Bunyan describes it in his Pilgrim's Pro-gress. There stands the poor burdened wretch who fain would go on the pil-cristors to the Colesial City but find. George Fox through all these annealings in his inward conflicts. Why, how could be fear the face of a man when he had feared the face of God,

He who has heard a lion roar will tremble at what man could do to him, accompany all orders. when he had felt the arrow of the Almighty sticking in his heart and drinking up the life-blood of his soul? and a mau who has had dealings with Almighty God, and has been in the secret period when the monk was painfully climbing up and down Pilate's staircase, seeking rest but finding none, would have so plainly said: "By the works of the law there shall no flesh living be justified?" Can we imagine honest John Bunyan writing that noble allegory, the Pilgrim's Progress, if it had not been for those years of soul-distraction, when he was looking to the broken cisterns of the creature, and learning to his sorrow that they held no water. Temptation, adversity and soul trouble are the training exercises for the heroes of the truth. Hone the process of the truth. works of the law there shall no flesh Upon the wheel of soul-conflict the vessel is fashioned for the Master's use. The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, in the Chris-

and been made to quake and tremble

beneath his awful presence?

'TIS WORTH IT ALL.

Yes, to get hold of the grand truth that God loves the poor fallen world, and that he loves me, one of the fallen ones in it, is worth any trouble, care, pain—anything which one may have to go through in order to get a firm hold of it; and yet many esteem it so lightly that they would not go the same of the lightly that they would not go through even a little for it. St. Paul counted all things but "loss" that he "might little Moina has joined her little ange! It was born to them, Bennett, who is now a bright and promising youth, just verging

to learn a lesson. It was such hard work and he made so little progress that the missionary got tired, and told him one day that he had better give it up. "No, mazsa," said he, with great earnestness, "me neber gib it up until me die." And then pointing his finger to the beautiful words he had just spelled out in John 3:16: "God so loved the world," he said, with tears in his eves, "it's worth all de trouble."

John — Martha Ann Johy was born August 21, 1877, and died in Kerrville, and the Kerville, Texas, November 24, 1891. She was converted and united with the M. E. Church, South, last June. Since then she has been quite faithful as a young Ohristian, giving promise of great usefulness in the following:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from us our young friend and brother while yet in the vigor of young manhood; and, whereas, a young man of great promise and usefulness has been removed from our Sunday-school; there for several days before death; but was the spirit of God. She was unconscious for enoved from our Sunday-school; there for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, She was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, She was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for encoved from our Sunday-school; there for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for encoved from our Sunday-school; there for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit of God, she was unconscious for everal days before death; but was the spirit o to know that word "so"—to know it promising member.
WM. M. GILLESPIE. truth, it is illimitable, and I am glad that it is so. If God had said he had loved the world or my poor soul up to any Father, in his wisdom to call from us and specified value—millions of pounds, his labors our much beloved brother, M. millions of worlds, if you like—I L. Abernathy, to his rich reward; theremight always have been saying: "Ah! my sins are so great they exceed all this." But when he gives me the illimitable, then I know his love covers my all of sin or want .- The Quiver.

right thoughts, such as a Christian should cherish? May we of America same depths of sorrow in coming to consider well, and as in God's sight, Christ, but they all have to come to what is our sphere of influence in Af-

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mighty God, and has been in the secret place of thunder, and heard God's wrath go forth against him, and then in Kerrville, Texas, November 21, 1891. I visited her a short time before her death and found her faith strong in Christian and found her faith strong in Christ as a personal Savior. A few days later she was received into the Methodist Church. Her health declined rapidly till her decesse. As she grew weak in body she grew strong in a spirit. A short fore nothing else to fear. Would Mar-while before her departure she told her to her daily while before her departure she told her who, having fought the good fight here. while before her departure she told her tin Luther have been so blazing a torch if he had not been thrust into the called her brothers to her bedside and she saw her sainted sister. She called her brothers to her bedside and stater and mother brothers and sister, our told them to meet her in heaven, se-

> his brothers and sister, gathered around him. He bade each of them, one by one, good-bye; death made the mighty stroke; Little Jimmie was no more, for God had taken him. Little Jimmie was one of one little Sunday, school scholars, a trop our little Sunday school scholars, a true friend to the preachers and a dutiful child. He was born August 9, 1883, and died of pneumonia, November 21, 1891.

all things but "loss" that he "might win Christ." Many a one counts anything, precious above thing, everything, precious above Christ. Would that there were more of the spirit of the poor old negro among us all. This poor old fellow was very anxious to be able to learn to read his Bible. He lived a long way from the missionary's house, and yet he would come, whenever he had time, he would come, whenever he had time,

his eyes, "it's worth all de trouble, frequently singing her favorite hymns massa, to read dat one verse." And in truth it is worth all the world can give but the church in the loss of a most to know that word "so"—to know it.

ABBRNATHY .- Whereas, It has pleased

Resolved, 1. That the Sunday-school has lost one of its most true and valuable workers.

2. That while we, as a Sunday-school,

Miss Ella Chambers. workers.

2. That while we, as a Sunday-school, mourn his less and miss his noble exam

ple and loving precepts of wisdom and goodness, we realize "that his works do

or others, and that if I refuse what they have a right to expect of me, their blood, shed parhaps by the hand of a white man, will cry for vengeance against me. I owe myself also to God, with all I have, with all I am." Are not these right thoughts, such as a Christian or others, and Sister Mary Phillips, near Ravenna, I children. She was patient under sellic tions. A short time before she died she called her father, stepmother, little of the damily. The property of the children and pet of the family. The property of the children and pet of the family. The property of the children and pet of the family. The property of the children and pet of the family. The property of the children and pet of the family. The property of the children and pet of the father, stepmother, little brother and others present and kissed to the children and pet of the family. The property of the children and pet of the family. not only tractable and obedient to his parents, but loving and gentle with his brothers and tister, as well as a favorite among his playmates. Dying at the tander age of eight years and ten months, and being taught and trained in a Christian home to love and fear God, it seems

knew her as to her preparation for the trying moment. But, bless the Lord, our people die well. Her dying testimony to her family was: 'Read your Bible; obey its teachings, and meet me in heaven.' She always had a kind word of advice and encouragement for the young itinerant preacher. Her nouse was his home, and we all level her. was his home, and we all loved her. May God's blessing rest upon her sorrowing make an unbroken family in heaven.
J. J. Callaway.

Bown.—Whereas, God in his infinite love and mercy has removed from our midst our beloved friend and co-worker,

midst our beloved friend and co-worker, Sister Charity Bowen; and,
Whereas, Sister Charity, a consistent and faithful Christian, zealous in the cause of her Master and a faithful member and worker of the Missionary and Ladies' Aid Society during her life, render it proper that we should place upon dear it proper that we should place upon the contract of the Christian record our appropriate of the Christian.

lected hymns to be sung at the funeral and then sweetly went to rest. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

WM. M. GILLESPIE.

When we are sailed to are who was a mobile Christian, devoted daughter and sister; that we try to emulate the example of Sister Charity, and so live that when we are called to our heavenly home we shall have no fears or regrets, but gladly welcome the summons for our de-

Missionary Society on North Beiton circuit.

MRS. M. A. NICHOLS,
LAURA WAYLAND, ANNIE BLANCHARD, MARY NIBLING, Committee.

CULLEN.—Mrs. Elizabeth D. Cullen, wife of Rav. D. P. Cullen, preacher in charge of Canton circuit, died peacefully and calmly in the parsonage at Canton, Van Zandt county. Texas, November 8, 1891, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place to await the great resurrection. Her maiden name was Knox. She was born in the State of Tennessee, in the year 1832; moved with her parents to Texas about the year 1840; was converted and joined the Methodist Church in early life. By her first mar-riage she had threechildren, two of whom are living. In 1871, the was married to Rev. D. P. Cullen, of the East Texas Conference, and for twenty years the shared with him the toils and cares and Rev. D. P. Cullen, of the East Toxas Conference, and for twenty years the shared with him the toils and cares and triumphs of the itinerant ministry, and the was truly a helpmest. One child

fore, be it Resolved, while we kneenly feel our eavy lose, yet we bow in audmissive resignation to the will of our Heavenly Father.

2 That in the death of Willio this Sun-day school has lost one of its brightest ornaments, one of its truest, noblest

characters.
3. That our tenderest sympathies go out to the bereaved relatives of cur deceased brother.

4. Phat these resolutions be put on the

civilization which can be only disastrous to the black race, if the gospel does not correct or hinder its effects?

No! this abandonment of my duties I am not prepared for. I will remember that I owe the gospel, that I owe myself, to these heathen Africa. God bless and take care of the family, and specially the brother, and may he never forget the counsel and example of his dear sister.

P. O. Tunnell.

Passmone .- My father, S. J. Passmore, and being taught and trained in a Christian home to love and fear God, it seems that the dear child was selected to lead the way for the family to heaven. The Lord comfort and bring them all to that same sweet rest by and by.

T. L. Miller.

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Fragueon, wife of J. N. Fergueon and daugner of G. R. and M. A. Curry, was born Jaiy 22, 1847, and M. A. Curry, was b yan describes it in his Pilgrim's Progress. There stands the poor burdened wretch who fain would go on the pilgrimse to the Celestial City, but field it hard work to toil thither will be breaked the seed to the celestial City, but field it hard work to toil thither will be breaked on the breaked of the br ing in his adherence to what he believed to be the claims of principle; always more ready to stand well with his own conscience than in the opinion of others. He never appeared other than he was; never feigned feelings he did not possess He was singularly warm in his home affections. No wife ever had a truer husband; no son or daughter a more faithful father. Some hearts opened downward; his opened upward. Life is dark in time of bereavement, nothing looks bright beyoud the grave; but we mourn not as those who have no hope. Though the urn that held our treasure is broken, our eyes have vision of a reunion, and our hearts are filled with its serene hope. Dear father, we will love thee still with a love which can not be broken till we meet thee in that life where there is no death, and where tears shall be those of joy Dear brother and sisters, think of him as just across the river waiting our coming.

> the immertal shall your companionship be. R. H. Passmorn.  $\mathbf{R}$ .

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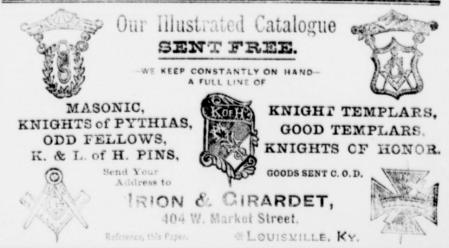
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prominent symptom is hoarseness, which shows that the disease has reached the larynx and vocal chords.

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### UNANSWERED LETTERS.

ov. 30-J W Blackburn, sub. Thes Gregory, W H Crawford, sub. R J Deets, sub. W R Skett, subs. J T H Miller, sub. H O Meore, Grockett, subs. J I H miller, sub. F O Favre, sub. T B vinson, ok. W F Mayne, change made R M Chenault, change made, J W Beetham, ok. W K Jordan, has attention. E L Spragins, sub. Dec. 2—Mac M Smith, has attention. H T Hart, sub. B H. Passmore, subs. W H Crawford, subs. 2 cards. E G Hecutt, sub. B H McLendon. sub. W J Johnson, sub. G S Sandel, sub. Geo H Phair, who

10c. 3-JC Moore, has attention JL Russell, ill stopsub at six mouths. M L Moody, sub topped. JN Hunter, sub. M H Msjor, sub. W Crockett, sub. JA Greening, sub. W G Cocke, shaud chappe. sub and chance bec. 4-JW Harmon, sub. R R Raymord, sub. WF Brinson, sub. D W Gardner, sub. Sterling

WF Brinson, sub. D W Gardner, sub. Sterling Fisher, sub.
Dec. 5—J White Davis, sub stopped. O P Thomas, sub. J W Gullen, sub. J B Denton, sub. W R Crockett, sub. D H Hotchkiss, sub.
Dec. 7—J T Browning, change made. J M Shuford, sub. L G Watkins, sub. Marian Mills sub. M J Alien, sub. R R Raymond, subs. J R Nelson, sub. J C Ballard, sub. J C Russell, sub. Z Patker, sub. L F Palmer, subs.

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SAN ANDREAS, Cal. Co., Cal., Feb., 1889. My boy, 13 years old, was so affected by it that he could not go to school for 2 years. pottles of Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic restored his natural health, and he is now attending MICHAEL O'CONNEL.

Rev. W. C. Kampmeier, Lowell, Ohio, writes: After the second dose of the Nerve Tonic which I ordered for my little son upon the advice of Rev. E. Koenig, the spasms disappeared and no symp-toms shown since four weeks, although the at-tacks came from 15 to 20 times each day before. The child was so delicate that it could hardly stand or walk, now it is playing in the yard and has gained 3½ lbs. in weight. Although the Rev. Ecenig had expressed but little hope that the Nerve Tonic would help, I thank God, that I followed his advice and shall recommend the semedy to all sufferers.

LA PAZ NOTES

We are making a single-handed struggle in this mission. I can not report any wonderful forward movement, but I am cheered by the thought that we are slow-ly "gaining ground." One of my most intimate acquaintenees, a Sanday-school student, entered school to-day to study Spanish only. Others study Spanish as a secondary study, but he does not want to study English now. I take this as a compliment, though my meager attain-

ments make me feel unworthy of it.

An inquiry is being made by an Italian living therty miles from here. He wants me to receive his son as a boarder. I hope to be able soon to receive him and several more. When we become fully established, it is thought many of the neighboring villages will be anxious to patron ze us rather than send to San Fran-I could neither eat not sleep. Pera-na c.acc—a long, expensive journey. Receiving wonders for me, and now I am in betting these students from various parts will ter health than I have been in ten years. give us good opportunities for establishing many small missions.
Several of the best families of La Paz

are wanting me to teach private classes of girls. However, I can only put them off until re-enforcements reach me, as I am already running two small schools, besides the work of preaching, which falls to my lot for five or more weeks during the

lot for five or more weeks during the preacher's attendance at conference.

The above statements prepare the readers to entertain a hope that we may at least partially cultivate this extensive "field white unto harvest." The most encouraging indication, however, is the growing thirst for religious knowledge. Almost daily inquiries have been made of late for Bibles. While I write a gentleman who wants my Bible is by the desk. I suppose \$12 worth of Bibles are on the read for La Paz, but I wish it were a \$100 worth. I would scatter them over the peninsula, so as to let God's Word begin its mighty work. The missionary should follow.

Some friends entertained fears that this climate would not suit my health. 'Ten months' experience causes me to hope that I may do as much work as can be done by a native, and that I may not suffer much more from heat than if doing the same work in Texas. Considering the amount of work I have done the A pamphlet on the cause and cure of all catarrhal diseases and consumption sent free to any address by The Peruna

Drug Menufacturing C. Calmaha. with tunding these difficulties. I have an unwavering falth in the final success of our efforts. When our preacher reaches La Pan he can begin work under more favorable circumstances than formerly— a better house, a better locality and closes to those most interested. And if the Bishop sends an assistant teacher, who 's also a preacher, our school interest will soon increase greatly. However, if the conference provided for the support

of the assistant, it will leave me with a small sum on hand, contributed by a few friends, when I thought the young Mexican of Durange was soon to come to me. But the Mexican did not come, nor did the collections amount to more than enough to pay his board for one month. I am tomewhat at a less to know what to do with this money, not because the school treasury is full, but rather because the assistant has not yet been secured. The money, having been given for a specified purpose, and that purpose not being yet accomplished, I can not use the money even for a kindred purpose without the consent of the donors. However, not having the address of each one, I'll put the money in safe-keeping until they are heard from, or until the assistant comes. If the Mission Board sends me county, her clothing caught fire and she was so burned that death resulted. an assistant with a salary, I aim to ask to use the money referred to above for the purpose of buying a few volumes toward a school library, or to save the same to pay toward school furniture, or else to spend for Bibles. Will not the donors do me the kindness to read the minutes of the conference in El Paso, Nov. 12, and then instruct me as to the disposition of these low dollar I would state the exact amount, if I know it. Only \$5 has reached me; it came from Bro. Sherman. Bro. Corbin will send the other by the

preacher who is appointed to his charge. Oh, for sustaining grace for soul and body that I may do acceptable work in the estimation of God! More and more I feel the need of special prayers in my ba-

God bless all agencies and instrumen-talities that are for the moral good of man. Gcd pity those who are at ease in Z.on. J. C. CAVENER.

"Who said Hood's Sarsaparilla" Thousands | died from the effects. of people, who know it to be the best blood purifier and tonio medicine.

### PEACE CONFERENCE.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, in May, 1890, adopted an Overture, addressed, "To the Highest Esclesiastical Authorities of Christendom." This Overture asks that these bodies join the Assembly "in petitioning all the governments of Christian tioning all the governments of Christian the Hill county poor farm, are also countries to take measures to banish among the fires of this date. The warfare as a means of settling the strikes gin house of A. H. Letot, ten miles that arise between nations, and to substitute a more rational and Christian tribules of cotton. At Coupland, on the that arise between nations, and to substi-tute a more rational and Christian tri-They were farther requested to appoint delegates to a conference, the time and place for its meeting to be named by the committee entrusted with the

carrying out of their action.

This committee, consisting of W. A. Campbell, D. D., Moses D. Hoge, D. D., Robert P. Kerr, D. D., and Marshall M. Gilliam, Eq., has arranged for the conference to meet in the Manager's Room of the Bible House, in New York City, on Thursday, December 17, 1891, at 11 o'clock a. m.

o'clock a. m.

It is proposed also to have on the evening of the same day a general meeting at the Cooper Union Hall, at which addresses will be made by teveral prominent public men invited by the committee to render that service.

tee to render that service. The delegates who have been appointed to the conference are requested to send me their names, and to inform me of their purpose as to attending, that a roll may be ready at the opening of the sessions
On behalf of the committee,
W. A. CAMPBELL,

Obituary-Texas.

Dec. 1.—Capt. Chas. Godwin, who served in the Confederate navy under Admiral Semmes, died in the Confederate Home at Austin: John W. Shankin buried at Belton; D. R. Bass died at

Pittsburg.

Dec. 2.—Judge E. B. Henry, Weatherford, died at Morrelitown, Ark.; W. T. Avery at Taylor; Mrs. E. Votaw at San Antonio; H. W. Mischke at New Braunfels.

Dec. 3.—Mrs. J. F. Kettle died at Commenche: Chas. Danvien at Sulphur

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Springs.
Dec. 5-Jno. D. Peteet, lawyer, died at Discases sent free to any address, and poor patients can also obtain this medicine free of charge.

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M. Check, of Giddings, took morphine

Pete Demont killed in a railroad wreck near Groveton.

L. Woods shot and killed E. Finn at Laughter's Branch, Bell county. A convict guard shot and killed a convict near Chappell Hill. Conductor George Acton was fatally in-jured in a freight train wreck near Har-

Sol Stokes was shot and killed by another negro called Wiley Hart at Greenville.

Jerry Turner, a young man of Lamar county fell from a horse and broke his Jao. J. Ford, an industrious well dig-

ger of Dallas, lost his life by the caving-in of a well. Mrs. James Shaw, wife of a night watchman, hung herself at Bells. She

was insane. Will R. Wear, near Wortham, was instantly killed by a log falling on his head and crushing his skull.

Jas. Mason split open Jim Booth's head with an ax, killing him instantly. Both negroes of Kildare. Frank Kalka, an old farmer, was killed near Medina by his wagon loaded with

cotton turning over on him. Ike Gibson was instantly killed with a knife in the hands of Arthur Estes at Danton. Both negroes.

Duke Hubbard, a Robertson county negro, was assessinated by some one unknown at a negro festival.

Eddie Harrison, fifteen years old, was fatally crushed by an elevator in the Hendricks building, Fort Worth. Henry Addison, alias Robert Houston, an escaped negro convict, was shot fatally

by an officer at Waco. The negro resisted arrest. Al Claiborne, a rallroad trainman, lately from Springfield, Mo., where his parents live, cut his throat at San Antonio De-

R. N. Williams was shot and killed at Victoria by W. J. Douglas. Douglas is a newspaper man, and Williams was at-tempting to horsewhip him.

Miss Maggie Miller, the sixteen-year-old daughter of a farmer living near Rogers, Bell county, died from effects of burns caused by her dress catching fire.

Henderson Carter, a negro, was brought in from the Territory charged with kill-ing his brother. He said his brother and

another negro were trying to work a population. vondoo spell upon him. Near Reagan the body of a peddler of unknown name was found. The buzzards had almost stripped his bones. His pockets were turned and his skull broken,

proving he had been murdered.

T. S. Buffinger, railroad mechanic, struck on the head by another workman, Chas. Davidson, in the shops at Houston,

Willie Warner and Jake Bickham, watchmen at Dunn, Wartsbaugh & Rand's planing mill, at Lodi, were in-stantly killed December 1 by explosion of

the boiler. FIRES.-A fire at Dainzerfield, December 1, destroyed 100 bales of cotton, the depot and depot platform and one other house; gin of R. T. Shadduck at Hallville, and twenty-six bales of cotton at Taylor, Bastrop and Houston railroad, fire destroyed the postoffice and contents, Gliz Bree, storehouse and merchandise, G. W. Randt's saddlery and hardware business; loss \$30,000 to \$40,000. Chas. Wilson's gin at Collinsville; the axlegrease works of the Waters, Pierce Oil Co. at Houston, loss \$10,000; storehouse and goods of J. T. Townsend, Eastland, loss \$7,000, are among the fires of December 2. Five hundred bales of cotton burned at Lockhart. Bledso's gin near Gilmer and twelve bales of cotton burned.

The gin of Shaw & Tarrell, near Column.

The gin of Shaw & Terrell, near Columbus, loss \$2000; two cars cotton at the compress, Navasora, destroyed by fire.

Burnet is working to secure the Northrestern to Llano. The Columbia Tap railroad is to be put in first-class condition.

Texas Incidents.

Prohibition gained in elections at Whitewright and Kildare. Decatur has secured the location of the Northwest Texas Baptist College. The Southern Pacific road and its em-

ployes settled their differences at Houston Saturday. Gov. Hogg and the Penitentiary Board,

on a tour of inspection, visited the Rusk penitentiary December 4.

Bell county, through the enterprize of Belton business mon, had a large poul-try show Monday, December 7.

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The twenty-second annual reunion of the famous Terry Rangers closed at Austin, December 3, with a grand banquet.

J. M. Drake, so many times tried and twice convicted to death, was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary at Waco.

The Cattlemen's Convention in session at Colorado had delegates from Albany to to El Paso, and from San Angelo north sixty in all.

The Grand Lodge of Masons meet in Houston next week. Prominent Masons will be there from Mexico. The barquet to be given Tuesday night is to excel all previous Houston efforts. An alien land company bought up last

week, through its agents, Brown Brcs., of Austin, the Loonie ranch in Bosque county, 14,000 acres—the ranch being sold to satisfy a judgment of \$85,000 borrowed money.

Bryan Callaghan, mayor of San Ante-nio, has been indicted by the grand jury, the charge being misappropriation of funds in paying a salary to a mayor protem. The San Antonio city council sustains the mayor. The arrest grew out of law quibbling.

Col. W. L. Crawford, of Dallas, was elected Fletorial Representative December 1 for the thirty-fifth district. An error in the proclamation by Judge Bower, and in the ballots gent from Austin, made it the thirty-ninth instead of thirty-fifth district. Whether this will vitiate the election remains to be seen. election remains to be seen.

The State treasurer's balance-sheet shows amounts on hand as follows: General revenue, \$722,752; available school fund, \$143,463; available university, \$16,-\$84; agricultural and mechanical college, \$3244; Confederate home, \$13,340; peni-tiary fund, \$20,000; aggregate cash for all accounts, \$1,215,572. Exclusive of the available the school fund has \$7,709,786, the university \$571,340, the agricultural and mechanical college \$209,000, and other funds and smaller amounts in bonds

aggregating \$8,855,283. The ceusus department has just completed the official count of the population returns from the state of Texas. The figures for the same according to the tenth census are also given for purposes of comparison. The population of the State as returned in 1880 was 1,591,749; in 1890 a population of 2,235,523 is returned, an increase of 643,774, or 40.44

The population of the thirty-three cities and towns having 3000 or more inhabitants, in the order of their rank, is as

CITIES AND TOWNS.	tic	n.	No
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Dallas	38,067	10,338	27,709
an Autonio	37,578	20,550	.7,123
alveston	29,084	22,248	6.886
Iouston	27,557	16.513	
Fort Worth	43,676	6,663	16.418
ustin	14,575	11,013	3,562
Naco	14,445	7,295	7,150
aredo	11,319	3,521	7,798
Denison	10,958	3,975	6,983
1 Paso	10,338	736	9,602
Paris	8.251	3,980	4.274
herman	7,385	6.093	1.242
farsmall	7,295	5.624	1.583
yler	6,908	2.423	4.485
ainesville	6,594	2.687	8.927
orsicans	6.28	3.373	2,912
Brownsville	6.134	4.988	1.195
alestine	5,838	2,997	2,811
Brenham	5, 09	4.101	1.108
Corpus Christi	4,387	3,257	1.130
reenville	4,330		4,330
emple	4.047		4.047
Weatherford	3,369	2.046	1,323
sonham	3,361	1.880	1.481
Seaumont	3,296		3,296
leburne	3.27×	1.855	1.423
bilene	3,194	2,000	3,194
Drange			3,173
Waxahachie	3.976	1.354	1.722
lefferson	3,672	3.260	
ictoria	3.046	,,,,,,,	3.046
sulphur Springs.	3,038	1.854	1.184
Relton	2.000	3 707	1.000

H. Lowerv, a brakeman, just after the train left Kyle, December 2, struck over the head with a pistol one of four tramps stealing a ride, when the pistol was discharged and killed another of the tramps.

The returns show that only sixteen of the 244 counties indicate a decrease in

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Miscellaneous.

Dam Padro, ex-emperor of Brazil, in dead.

The public debt statement shows less than \$750,000 cash in the United States Treasury. In New York out of 225 patients bitten

by mad dogs and treated by the Pasteur method only one died. Near Glendale, east from St. Louis, on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, marked robbers looted the express car,

obtaining from \$50,000 to \$200,000. A crank calling himself H. D. Wilson demanded of Russell Sage, the million-aire broker of Wall Street, a large amount of money. Mr. Sage refusing, Wilson threw a dynamite bomb. It wrecked the second story of the building, threw many street pedestrians to the ground, and shocked everybody for sev-eral blocks. One man was blown through eral blocks. One man was blown through an office window into Rector street. He died that night. Another had his skull broken and will die. Several others were injured. Mr. Sage himself was only elightly injured, but his escape seems almost a miracle. The man who threw the bomb is thought to be a lunatic escaped from the asylum at Albany.

caped from the asylum at Albany. The United States Treasurer reports: The true assets and liabilities are found to have been \$757.915,078 on June 30, 1890, and \$743,347,866 on June 30,1891, for which he held cash or credit instantly for which he held cash or credit instantly available, with the exception of comparatively small amounts of uncurrent coin. The reduction affected during the year in the principal of the bonded debt and circulation notes which will not be reissued amounted to \$116,590,273, and required an expenditure of \$126,991,494, including premiums on bonds purchased. This sum was made up by taking \$83,751,731 from the reserve in the treasury in addition to the surplus revenues of the year. tion to the surplus revenues of the year. The consequent reduction in the annual interest charge was \$4 322,092.

"What were your husband's last words?"
"He hadn't any," sobbed the widow; "I was with him."

# WEST TEXAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROVER. Liano cir, at Upper Willow Dec 12, 13 Welmar mis, at Content Dec 19, 20 Cibolo and Elm Creek, at Cibolo Valley Jan 2, 3 New Braunfels and York Creek, at New Braunfels Jan 9, 10 Maxwell and Lockhart, at Maxwell Jan 16, 17 Weesathe and Goliad Jan 24, 25 Cuero, at Reinhards Jan 30, 31 Sommerset, at Oak Island Feb 14, 15 San Antonio, at San Antonio Feb 20, 21 New Fountain cir, at New Fountain Feb 27, 28 J KERN, P. E. WEST TEXAS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND

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At 7:30 p. m. Dec 16
Waxabachie cir, at Mt. Peak. Dec 19, 20
Dec 26, 27
Dec 3 Waxahachie sta, at Waxahachie

Waxabachie cir, at Mt. Peak Dec 19, 20
Sims and Glenwood, at Glenwood Dec 26, 27
Alvarado sta, at Alvarado Dec 26, 27
Grand View cir, at Grand View Jan 2, 3
Italy cir, at Forst Jan 19, 10
Avalon cir, at Elm Branch Jan 16, 17
Reagor cir, at Boise Jan 23, 24
Ennis sta, at Ennis Jan 30, 31
Bristol cir, at Bristol Feb 6, 7
Lancaster and Ferris, at Lancaster Feb 15, 14
Oak Cliff sta, at Oak Cliff Feb 20, 21
Oak Cliff mis Feb 20, 21
Wesley and Rush, at Wesley Feb 27, 28
Red Oak cir, at Ovilla March 5, 6
The district stewards will please meet me at Waxahachie, December 17, at 10 O'clock a. m.
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