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LETTER FROM MARSHALL.

EDITORIAL.

On Tuesday, December 15, we boarded the Texas and Pacific Railway en route to Marshall, the seat of the East Texas Conference. We reached our destination in due time after a very pleasant ride. As soon as we reached the bounds brethren serving the various pastoral charges along the line of the railway began to get aboard. Soon ers interviewed each other and re- bear abundant fruit. counted the experiences of the year that is gone.

At the depot we were met by ing, which at greatly reduced figures carried the guests to their shall entertained the conference in a truly elegant and bountiful manner. No set of preachers, lay ence.

was selected as the place for holding the next session of the conference.

Was selected as the place for holding the next session of the conference in the place for holding the next session of the con delegates and visitors ever tendered the usual vote of thanks with more real gratitude and enthusiasm. In company with Rev. marked degree, and we shall allover us and about us. ways appreciate their lavish kindness and unstinted hospitality.

Marshall is one of the best towns We saw many things which reminded us of our former home and lack of enterprise which we sometimes witness in the eastern section of the State. On the conand life, and we believe that the Day. near future will see a larger development and a more extensive business. The fact that Marshall Orleans, and the fact that the are located there, will always give this place the advantage over hospitable citizens.

We found Bishop Hendrix promptly in the chair Wednesday had held three conferences in spair. as many weeks, he was remarkably vigorous and fresh. He conducted the business of the con-There were some things which threw a positive gloom over the conference and others which The President steered the way through all the difficulties and brought the business of the body to a happy consummation. The The East Texas Annual Conference of the reports of the preachers were in the main very good, and the past year, though one of much embarrassment and many difficulties, was, on the whole, a year of progress and usefulness. Three of the connectional officers were present-Dr. Barbee, Dr. Bigham and Dr. Lambuth-who at different times made telling and enter- M. J. McCann. taining addresses in behalf of the Mrs. W. C. Young, of Dallas, who rison, W. F. Hardy.

are laboring so zealously in behalf of the "Rescue Work," were also present, and they succeeded in securing the co-operation of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society of this conference with those of the North Texas and the Northwest Texas Conferences in this noble and much needed work. It was the verdict of all concerned that this was a most pleasant and of the East Texas Conference the influence of it will be felt in years

Sunday was a high day, great crowds gathering in the various well. we had an abundance of agreeable churches to hear the preaching of company, which helped to beguile the gospel by members of the con- ers are ordained deacons? M. I the natural tedium of such a ference and others. We heard Birdwell. journey. Cheerful talk and laugh-ter filled the train as the preach-and trust that the seed sown will are elected deacons? F. A. Downs,

Monday morning, about 10 o'clock, the conference closed. A sea of anxious faces was turned Rev. J. T. Smith, the preacher in toward the Bishop when he rose charge of the Marshall Station, up to make known the contents of Abney. and Bro. J. R. Heartsell, a staunch | the portfolio. Dr. I Alexander's and Bro. J. R. Heartsell, a staunch layman of our Church, who welcomed the numerous guests and assigned them to their respective brace itself for the coming dishomes. Carriages were in wait- closure and the trials of the future. So far as we were capable of judging the appointments were good homes. Bro. Smith and his assist- enes and the best interests of the ants performed the duties and preachers and people conserved. courtesies of hospitality with The Bishop made a brief and formuch more than ordinary thought- cible talk and answered the last are elected elders? B. Z. Powell. fulness and diligence, and Mar- question on the list. Palestine shall entertained the conference in was selected as the place for hold-

We reached home in good time, devoutly thankful that we had been preserved and blessed during this tour of the conferences, and W. H. Vaughan and Rev. H. that our loved ones had been di-Twomey we were domiciled in the vinely guarded and cared for in Hall. pleasant and bountiful home of Dr. our absence. We ought to be bet-Taylor, who, with his most esti- ter and happier all our life for the mable wife, did all in their power rare privileges which we have ento make their visitors comfortable joyed and for the manifest Proviand happy. They succeeded in a dential mercies which have been

SUNDAY MORNING.

indications, even to a casual observer, of solidity and prosperity.

If o'clock, Sunday morning, in the Methodist Church. The day was perfect, a large audience filled the spacious of the conference? Local preachers, 182; members, 33,922.

Ours 22 Households C. B. Smith. Crockett Station—A. S. Whitehurst. Crockett Circuit—J. T. Kirkpatrick. Saron Mission—W. F. Hardy. building, and the service was eminently spiritual and profitable. The Bishop preached on the "Advent." a sermo and early life. Marshall is not beautifully appropriate to the Sabbath 1495. characterized by the stagnation preceding Christmas day. In the introductory remarks he spoke of the profound and wide-spread influence of lustrated the fact that the world was trary, there are signs of progress tremulous with the inspiration of the

He then raised the question. Why was the coming of the world's Redeemer so long delayed? He said, first, that the long delay was in harmony with is the point of departure for New the general methods of Providence. God works slowly, but surely, as is Texas and Pacific Railway shops seen in nature and history. He said, second, that the coming was delayed until everything was ripe for the incontrovertible authentication of the many of its rivals. Our best wondrous event. Before then methods wishes go out to Marshall and its of records and proof were limited and defective. He said, third, that they waited until then that man might have the opportunity of exhausting all other | \$961.25. means of salvation and demonstrating morning, December 16, and, not- their inadequacy. Man had come to the for the American Bible Society? withstanding the fact that he end of his own strength and was in de- Collected \$86.27.

The Bishop elaborated these points with great fulness and force and the pressed. Responses were frequent and ference with unwearied patience carnest, and tears fell like rain. It was and with unusual tact and efficiency. a very sacred hour; the Divine Presence was manifestly visible and many hearts were quickened into a better life. The Bishop's sermon met the expottations of the preachers and people threatened more or less friction. and contributed to the edification and comfort of all who heard.

THE MINUTE BUSINESS.

M. E. Church, South, Held at Marshall, number of parsonages, 81; value, Texas, Beginning December 16, 1896, \$58,735. Ending December 21, 1896--Bishop E. R. Hendrix, President; A. J. Frick, and value of district parsonages? Secretary.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? F. A. Downs, C. H. Rice, M. Coppedge, D. S. Burke, J. M. Perry, W. W. Nunn, W. S. Easterling, R. J. Smith, R. L. Steelman,

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? great interests which they repre- C. T. Cummings, J. W. Goodwin, J. sent. Mrs. W. H. Johnson and A. Harvey, J. M. Brewer, Gus Gar- ers stationed this year? See ap-

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? W. M. Zimmerman.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? M. I. Rrown, J. T. McClure, R. J. Birdwell. Ques. 5. Who are re-admitted?

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? J. B. Turrentine, W. A. Manley, W. W. Graham, J. A. Beagle, B. H. Greathouse.

Ques. 7. Who are deacons of one profitable gathering, and that the profitable gathering, and that the B. Smith, A. Methvin, W. F. Davis, D. L. Cain.

Ques. 8. Whattraveling preachers are elected deacons? M. I. Brown, J. T. McClure, R. J. Bird-Ques. 9. What traveling preach-

Brown, John T. McClure, R. J.

J. G. Pollard, C. M. Davis, J. M. Martin, J. F. Johnson, H. A. Abney, W. H. Powell. Oues. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Downs, J. G. Pol'ard, C. M. Davis,

J. M. Martin, J. F. Johnson, H. A. Ques. 12. What traveling preach-

Oues, 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Kidd, J. W. Bridges, J. W. Downs, J. B. Luker, J. H. Kirkpatrick, T. B. Vinson, W. W. Watts, H. W. Bowman.

Ques. 14. What local preachers Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? B. Z. Powell.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? G. W. Langley, R. H. Kim-

Ques. 18. Who are superannu ated? R. S. Finley, W. N. Bonner, R. W. Thompson, M. Donegan, A. D. Parks, J. A. Smith, J. B

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? W. T. Burch.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? They were called one by one and their characters Homer-W. W. Nuni passed, except J. C. Calhoun, who

Ques. 21. What is the number of Oues. 21. What is the number of Elkhart—Alex. Methyin. local preachers and members in the Holcomb—C. B. Smith. Oues. 22. How many irfants have been baptized during the year? 611.

Saron Mission—W. F. Hardy.

Lufkin—T. T. Booth.

Wells Mission—J. W. Hamner, supbeen baptized during the year? 611.1 Ques. 23. How many adults have

Ques. 24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 43. Ques. 25. What is the number of the Advent Season. He proved and il- Epworth League members? 1777.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 212. Ques. 27. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1603.

Ques. 28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 15,969. Oues, 29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orpnans of preachers? S2122.

Douglass—G. W. Henderson, supply. Appleby—J. W. Goodwin. Sexton—H. L. Hare. preachers? \$2122.

Oues, 30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1537.15. Ques. 31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$3338.60; domestic, \$1815.05.

Ques. 32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? Ques. 33. What has been done

Ques. 34. What has been contrib-

uted for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge: immense congregation was deeply im- Presiding elders, \$5459.22; preachers in charge, \$37,151.33.

Ques. 35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$718.30. Ques. 36. What is the number of

societies, and the number and estimated value of church edifices? Number of societies, 478; number of church edifices, 2931/2; value, \$251.343. Ques. 37. What is the number of

pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them? Number of charges,

Ques. 38. What is the number Number of district parsonages, 2; value, \$2300.

Ques. 39. What are the educational statistics? Collected \$608.30 equally divided between South-Collegiate Institute. Ques. 40. Where shall the next

session of the conference be held? Palestine. pointments.

APPOINTMENTS. Marshall District.

Marshall, First Church-D. F. C

North Side-D. W. Towns. Harrison Circuit-J. C. H. McKnight. Arleston-W. W. Graham; and one to be supplied. Beckville-W. A. Sampey; G. W. Langley, supernumerary, Kellyville—Jus Garrison. Coffeeville—B. T. Hayes, Longview—A. J. Frick.

Henderson Station - C. F. Smith. Henderson Circuit—Marvin Coppedge. Jefferson-Ellis Smith, Hallville-D. P. Cullen. Church Hill-H. B. Smith Kilgore-J. M. Mills. Secretary Conference Foard of Education-D. F. C. Timpons.

Tyler District. JOHN ADAMS, P. E. Tyler, Marvin Church-B. H. Great-Cedar Street-W. W. McAnally.

Tyler Circuit - T. B. Vinson. Walton Mission - E. R. Large. Edom Circuit-D. L. Cain, J. Brewer.
White House-F. A. Downs.
New York-B. C. Ansley, supply. Mineola-A. A. Kidd. Wills Point Station-A. Little: R. H Kimball, supernumerary.
Wills Point Mission P. R. White.
Emory Mission-G. M. Fletcher, sup-

Troupe and Overton S. N. Allen. Malakoff Station-R. J. Birdwell. Pittsburg District. T. P. SMITH, P. E.

Pittsburg-J. W. Johnson. Winfield -L. H. McGee. Texarkana. State Line J. A. Beagle Fairview and Rose Hill Mission-

G. C. Hardy.
Leesburg—W. T. Ayers.
Quitasan—G. R. Hughes.
New Boston—W. J. Owens. Park Mission – R. L. Steelman.
Dalby Springs – Wm. Sproule.
Queen City – C. T. Commings.
Atlanta – A. A. Wagnon.
Musgrove Springs – S. W. Jones.
DeKalk Mission – R. J. Smith.

Palestine District. L. M. FOWLER, P. E. Palestine-I. Alexander. Brushy Creek-J. B. Luker.
Grapeland-J. M. Perry.
Trinity, Lovelady and Groveton-J.
L. Dawson.

Alto- W. L. Pate. Jacksonville-G. V. Ridley. Jacksonville Circuit-L. A. Burk

> San Augustine District. I. T. SMITH, P. E.

San Augustine and Chireno-J. B. Turrentine. Sharpsville Mission-J. S. Wilson supply. Center Station-A. J. Weeks Center Circuit-I. F Pace. Garrison-J. W. Bridges, Nacogdoches-L. A. Webb. Melrose-W. W. Gollihugh, supply. Timpson-J. W. Downs. Tenaha-S. M. Thompson. Carthage - W. F. Davis. Minden - J. D. Burke. Shelbyville--John Helpinstill.

Hemphill-W. D. Lum. Beaumont District. T. J. MILAM, P. E. Beaumont, First Church-W. W.

Beaumont and Sabine Mission-Woodville and Colmesneil-J. D. sey. Livingston-W. A. Manley.

Jasper and Kirbyville-J. T. Clure. Jasper Mission - C. H. Rice. Burkeville-J. A. Harvey. Orange Station-I. T. Stafford. Liberty-O. A. Shook. Kountze-W. S. Easterling. China Mission-E. J. Gates. Pinkney Mission-S. K. Spell, sup

ply. Newton Mission-J. F. Johnson, supply. Boliver-J. L. Williams. Moscow-D. S. Burke.

TRANSFERRED-M. J. McCann, to the West Texas Conference: B. Wright, to Louisiana Conference; H. M. Du-Bose, to Mississippi Conference, and stationed at Jackson.

NOTES.

In connection with the report of the and Dr. J. H. McLean addressed the conference in behalf of the Southwestern University, stating encouraging friends to greater loyalty and zeal. Also western University and Alexander Collegiate Institute, located represents. The brethren heard him bly on the conference floor. If the He proposes to make this institution a nesday night the Doctor preach. Agent, the business of the Publishing Ques. 41. Where are the preach- crn colleges and universities. This is a very large congregation and touch- It would be a fine thing if we could work in Texas, but at the same time a the selection of Dr. Bigham for the po- tion of our resources.

very important one. Our public schools do not prepare boys and girls for college. But this school is correlated with great usefulness. His visit to the East the Southwestern University and in this position is prepared to do and to do cation to the preachers and people. ociates upon their success and wish them a more abundant prosperity in

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, representing the 'Rescue Work" of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society, was introduced to the conference and made a brief speech. She was listened to attentivecommend this most excellent lady to he Church and public. We would mention particularly the little paper, the King's Messenger, which she edits and publishes in the interest of the "Rescue Work." Mrs. Johnson and he noble ladies associated with her in this great work are entitled to our conidence and co-operation. Mrs. W. C. Young, of Dallas, the Treasurer of the 'Rescue fund," was also in Marshall luring effective service and adding in-

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, the General Colporter of the Texas Conferences, was present in Marshall, mingling with the brethren and selling books. Bro. Mor. stances, to continue in this excellent work. Bro. Morris has done a fine bus ness during the fall conferences, and says that the outlook for the future is Worth will be promptly filled, and during the year he will travel and sell books as heretofore. We trust that the General Colporter will do a fine business during the incoming year and that he will be instrumental in the accomplishment of much good.

The conference organized a Brother nood with the usual insurance features. ed and the roll of the charter members Bro. J. R. Heartsill was elected Secretary and Treasurer. This is a good move, and now, all the conferences in Texas are provided with an institution

The Memorial Service was held Sunay evening at 3 o'clock. One minister of ministers had died-Mrs. J. M. Mc-Carter and Mrs. A. A. Kidd. Rev. R. W. Thompson read the memoirs which spot, thus completing the assessment, had been prepared by the committee and also preached the sermon, which was able and oppropriate. Several brethren then spoke of the deceased. The occasion was a solemn and tearwas no doubt an inspiration to many to lead a better life.

The publisher and Bro. Ragsdale were hospitably entertained and en-E. B. Blocker.

o other conferences and who could not be received on account of the crowded reated by the Bishop. Notwithstandthem in a good-natured way the Bishop took their part and tided them over the

enerable Dr. R. W. Finley present at he conference. The Doctor is a veteran member of the conference, though now superannuated, and is highly honored and greatly beloved.

Dr. F. T. Mitchell, of the Northwest Fexas Conference, and Rev. R. Lane, of the North Texas Conference, both superannuates and veterans, attended the session in Marshall and were made thoroughly welcome by the brethren. It was a great gratification to see these fine old gentlemen and heroes of many battle-field going in and out among the preachers and people.

Dr. Lambuth, one of the Missionary Louisiana Conference, and stationed ference and made an impressive and at Vienna Circuit; S. S. Holladay, to effective address. He spoke of our ence greeted these distinguished brethmissionary literature and exhorted the the cause. We were glad to note that Board of Education, Dr. W. M. Hayes the audience listened attentively and ed the utmost delight. sympathetically.

sition which he fills was a very happy one and we predict for him a career o Texas Conference was a great gratifi-

work and we wish for it the most abun

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Society held its annual meeting during essions and put in some good work for the noble cause for which they stand.

The Bishop presented Rev. W. I Rankin, the Agent of the American Bi cellent judgment. The East Texas Con ference had within a comparatively when we shall do our whole duty to this indispensable and glorious insti-

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, the Agent of the Orphan Home, made a fine talk to the once to tears and which proved and ilbeen upon him and his work. A small deficit of \$61.35 was raised upon the

second year Friday morning at half past ten o'clock. He explained the difference between being on trial and betus: "Let no man despise thee." He said that the following things caused a preacher to be despised: Over-profession, arrested development, indolence joyed the company of the family of Dr. and Insubordination. He made a fine plea for manliness. Taking up the disciplinary questions he dwelt especially The brethren who were transferred upon these: "Have you faith in Christ? Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love condition thereof, were very kindly in this life? Are you groaning after it?" He treated minutely each one of these ing the brethren were disposed to teaze interrogatories, elaborating it thor- H. L. Hare oughly and pressing it home upon the conscience and the heart. He then emphasized the point of a full consecration to the work of the ministry, the It was a great pleasure to see the care of the children, pastoral visiting and affiliated themes. He then asked the other questions in order, commenting briefly thereupon and brought to a conclusion a discourse full of thought and feeling and one which made a profound impression upon a very large and interested congregation. The Bishop spoke very tenderly, now and then nelting into tears and dissolving his audience with him, and the occasion will be remembered for many a long

The Missionary Anniversary was held Friday night. Dr. I. Alexander and Bishop E. R Hendrix were the speakers-the former representing the domestic work in his inimitable style, and Secretaries, was introduced to the con- the latter the foreign work in his characteristic manner. A very large audiren and the occasion was one of great brethren to circulate it. The speech interest and profit. It was a time of took a wide range and was full of in- seed-sowing, fine trains of influence formation and pathos. It bristled with were started, food for meditation was sharp points and did good service for furnished. A creditable collection followed. The immense audience profess

Dr. Barbee was a welcome visitor to Dr. Bigham, the Secretary of the the conference. He was diligent in colfacts and exhorting the brethren and Board of Education, was introduced to lecting accounts and made himself very the conference and made a capital and affable in the social circle. He Professor Williams, the Principal of telling speech for the cause which he spoke for the House briefly and forciin Jacksonville, Texas, represented this with real pleasure and we doubt preachers and people would only give institution in a sensible, forcible speech, not with much profit. On Wed-heed to the practical suggestions of the training school-a feeder to our South- ed on "Christian Education" to House would be more than doubled

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

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	The Joint Board of Finance met	in
	the city of Marshall December 1	8
	the city of Marshall December 1 1896, and opened with prayer by	0,
	1890, and opened with prayer by	x.
	W. Thompson, Chairman. Membe	rs
	present: R. W. Thompson, W.	F.
	Davis, J. L. Dawson, C. H. Smith,	à.
	C. Hardy, J. F. Reynolds, H.	D.
	Sells, J. F. Cely and T. S. Garriso	n.
1	Assessed the sum of \$1800 for t	ha
1	year 1897 for conference claimant	
	year 1597 for conference craimant	s,
3	and apportioned as follows:	
,	Marshall District \$3	25
	Tyler District 3	25
-	Palestine District 3	
-	Pittsburg District 3	25
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Palestine	298	50	128	85	20	25
S. Augustine	260	00	108	00	18	25
Pittsburg	314	35	150	00	27	00
Beaumont	64	50	41	00	6	00
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from all sources	2515	15
Total amount to be distributed	2887	58
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Paid for printing minutes	110	90
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Balance on hand	219	48
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Sister A. M. Box S	80	00
Sister J. M. Mills	90	00
Sister A. L. Kavanaugh	90	00
Sister J. R. Bellamy	49	
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1	for 1896 as follows:	
1	Sister A. M. Box	\$ 80 00
1	Sister J. M. Mills	90 00
1	Sister A. L. Kavanaugh	90 00
1	Sister J. R. Bellamy	49 00
1	Sister S. A. Williams	130 00
1	Sister J. R. Burke	90 00
1	Sister F. M. Stovall	100 00
1	Sister J. C. Huckabee	75.00
1	Sister Ed Ogden's child	54 90
١	Sister Bettie Crouse	130 00
1	Sister J. C. A. Bridges	40.00
1	Sister Mary Lynch	15 00
1	Sister H. M. Booth	50 00
1	Bro. M. Donegan	70 00
1	Bro. W. N. Bonner	100 00
١	Sister R. M. Kirby	100 00
1	Sister J. R. Shock	80 00
1	Bro. R. S. Finley	125 00
1	Bro. J. A. Smith	100 00
١	Bro. John Helpinstell, paid	
ı	since last report	

Paid preachers with small salaries: W. D. Lum \$ 25 00 J. T. Kirkley O. A. Shook . . . Julian Woodson E. A. Blount S. E. Wilson 5 50 Pink White

Respectfully submitted, R. W. THOMPSON, Chr'n. T. S. GARRISON, Secretary.

Total paid conf. claimants. \$1770 90

COLLECTED FOR MISSIONS.

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- 1	Hemphill			75
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9	Douglass			75
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	China Mission			250
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ı	Pinkney			50
•	Jasper	*******	******	50

(Continued on fourth page.)

THE OLD TIN DIPPER.

What has become of the Old Tin Dipper?" We never asked the question be fore, but when the waiter at the cafe set down our tumbler, thin as paper, and poured the water-lake water-inte the fine glass, out of a carafe that reflected the light from all its thousand well-cut facets, the question flashed across our mind, "What has become of

the Old Tin Dipper?" It used to hang just inside the wellcurb on a ten-penny nail, above and to oracles of Jehovah. The greatest of all one side of the well-spout under which the bucket usually rested, full of water. How long it had been there we never takes him as its organ. He is like a knew, only it was hanging on that nail | giant oak through whose boughs sween when first our eyes rose above the en- the storms of highest inspiration. Isaclosing curb; and it was still there ich is a flaming phenomenon. He towwhen, grown to manhood, we turned away from the old home to see what fate the wide world had in store for us. It is gone now, but sitting here in the of years that intervene between his heart of the city to-day we can see the time and ours, and we feel to-day the well as we saw it in our boyhood with magnetism of his presence and the diits dark mouth and deep throat and vinity of his utterances. Isaiah has iron stone wall covered for a third of the in his blood; crowns, kings, armies, naway up with dripping moss.

It may as well be confessed that the tin dipper was not in itself an object of cares nothing for these unless they be beauty, but it was large, and whole- on the side of the God of Israel. The some and clean. Probably the world idea of the righteous Jehovah has sovhas never sought to know who design- ereign possession of his soul; it is as a ed its shape and bulk, but whoever he fire in his bones: it makes him as firm was he built it for the toiler. It was no in what he believes to be right as the "netite verre" holding half a thimble- iron-ribbed rocks of the mountains. ful, but it was generous and suggestive. It was evidently fashioned by hat and feasting his eye upon the great tion thereof as a lamp that burneth." bright bowl of limpid coolness before he assuaged his thirst with its perfect refreshing. But it is gone; nobody tin dipper.

"Which things are an allegory," says

There really was nothing very esthetic about the presentation of the expression to its highest heights. In gospel, as it was made to us in our his description of the fall of the Assyyouth; but one thing we know, that rian monarch the depths of hell ring et him awhile with curious eyes, woned catechism in a good many years, but his coming. Isaiah blazes with the when she saw that he was making the draughts we used to get out of it genius of imagination. In him this rawere bracing, that's a fact. There was diant faculty flashes with unwonted not much of "form or comeliness" about splendors; he sees as with eagle's eyes the old dipper; but the water it held undazzled. The finest eloquence and had bone-material in it; more lime in the sublimest rhetoric in all literature a gallon of it than in all of Lake Mich- are found in the writings of his book

But it would be hard to imagine service less dependent upon externals with imagery bright as burning mounthan the worship of our Puritan or Cov- tains. Some of its chapters speak with enanting forefathers. To this day men speak of it as "bare;" but the sweet- ocean's breakers; they utter tones as ness of the water does not depend upon the ornament of the receptacle. Their throned thunders, prayers were long because they had large spiritual desires. Their songs were as severely simple as a Doric pillar. No glory of art surrounded the worshipers in the straight backed pew; but let us confess one thing, they all Christ. This simple service satisfied them because they found him who is Life in it. And to this day, those who

Whether it be in the old dipper or the delicate "verre," cut in the very latest Isaiah: "He gives Babylon over to the design and exquisite as frost work, it is the water that counts. The life is in briers; Tyre to ashes; Jerusalem to the fountain, not in the cup. Yet we night." Only in the light of Isaiah's You must know that Santa Claus' land ity of water that seems dimmed by the presence of too elegant an art. Perfect feet to Bethlehem. True art underwater drawn from a faucet, chilled with a single and its people a happy people."

Artificial ice and carbonated with a single Isaiah's doctrine as spoken by phon, may need a cut glass tumbler to a great British statesman. receive it; but the water that is fed

els which God made to the moss-hung, willow-shaded well, needs nothing othr than the old dipper which hangs within the curb to convey its benedic tions to a thirsty and a grateful world. The Interior.

W ISAIAM, THE SUBLIMEST OF THE HEBREW PROPHETS.

The Hebrew prophets are the moral

teachers of the human race. They are men of striking and tremendous personality: they are men of lofty spiritual ideas; they are men of magnificent vision; they are the messengers and the these prophets is Isaiah. God's spirit breathes through him; God's spirit ers up like a divine Titan. His thunderveice comes to us across the ages. He projects himself through the thousands tions, empires, overwhelmingly grand as they may be, cannot daunt him; he

Isaiah is a patriot-prophet. He loves his country with a quenchless affection. some one who believed in deep He lives in a time of great degeneracy. draughts. The curly headed girls who The people have forsaken God; they drapped their skipping-ropes and have grown hold and unblushing in thronged about the well, loved its am- their iniquities. He arraigns his whole ple proportions and touched its wide nation; his strokes are strokes of lightrim with sweet lips. The boys who had ning; he sounds the trumpet of warnbeen playing circus under an improvis- ing; he unfurls the banner of righteous ed tent in the orchard did not find it ness; his vow is this; "For Zion's any too large for their abundant thirst; sake will I not hold my peace, and the "hired man" who left his spade and for Jerusalem's sake I will standing upright in the garden bed not rest, until the righteousness thereof came thither, fanning himself with his go forth as brightness, and the salva-

most gifted, the most dramatic of all the bards of the Bible. Could language knows just when it disappeared; only be more poetic than this: "O thou afit is doubtful whether we shall soon flicted, tossed with tempest, and not find anything out of which life will get comforted! behold I will lay thy stones as much "sweetness and light" as we with fair colors, and lay thy foundadrank in bygone days out of as the old tions with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of Saint Paul; and somehow another line pleasant stones." As a poet Isaiaa of thought has been braiding itself all shines with sunlight brightness; the through these reminiscent visions, a music of his song is pitched to the loftthought concerning "Christ and the lest key. There is pomp in his diction. grandeur in his figures, majesty in his style. He carries the Hebrew power of gospel was abundant and free. We with hollow laughter, as hell from behave not seen a copy of the old fashion- neath is moved to meet the monarch at never seemed to be exhausted. But igan. The water one gets in cities, as Augustine, after his conversion, asks a rule, requires cut class to make it Ambrose, "Which of the sacred books palatable, not to speak of ice and car- is best to be studied?" Ambrose replies, bonic acid gas. It would be "awfully "The Book of Isaiah." The book is insal symbolry. Some of its pages flame

awe-inspiring as the diapason of en-The great doctrine of Isaiah is that God, sitting between the cherubim, is king of nations as well as of individuals, holding in his hands, not only the breath of individuals, but also the breath of nations. Upon nations that do drank of that spiritual Rock which is not do right Isaiah pronounces judgments that are full of thunder-bursts, that are like flashes of forked lightnings. He says: "God shall rebuke" were so refreshed associate lovingly in the nations that do wickedly, "and they their minds the preciousness of Christ shall flee far off, and shall be chased as with the severely simple presentation the chaff of the mountains before the of his grace which they knew in youth. wind; and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind." Victor Hugo says of moles and the bats; Nineveh to the

voices grand as the music roll of old

have noted this to be true, the more art doctrine can human history be explainis expended upon the vessel the less ed. There is a stone cut without hands men love so simple a beverage. The that dashes to pieces the nation that old tin dipper had no rival; and, boy or forgets God and tramples upon his man, he who drank from it drank deep. laws. That fact we read, as in hiero-But when the carafe stands close be- glyphics of blood and fire, all along the side the decanter the water-bottle is track of the centuries. The story of naseldom touched. The fragile tumbler tions is as a mighty drama in which feels more at home beside the punch Cod is the omnipotent actor; he reigns bowl than beside the pitcher. There is forever as King of nations, and rulers something about the exquisite simplic- that forget God are tossed to the righ or to the left like bubbles blown of the wind; their scepters are crushed as as a diamond, like a diamond it de- though they were but crackling alders; mands a setting that shall be "simplex their thrones are overturned and shatmunditis," simple in its elegance. So tered as though they were only the toys the story of Jesus seems to us best pre- of children. John Bright, of England, sented not amid the pomp of some says: "There is no permanent greatgreat function in St. Peter's; but, as it ness to a nation except it be based was from the beginning, in the cottage upon righteousness. I do not care for of a fisherman and in the language of military greatness or renown. I do with his mallet until his snowy beard the common people. The minister who most devoutly believe that the moral elaborates his sentences too often con- law was written not for men alone, but ceals his message, and the choir singer for nations. If nations reject and de who imitates the prima donna leads no ride this moral law, there is a penalty which will inevitably follow. Only as stands its limitations, and in the pres-ence of the divine reaches its supreme, and eternal principles of God's moral achievement in self-effacement. The law can it be permanently a great na-

Isaiah's visions have to do with the

nountains, and which flows by chan- reign. He puts his visions of Christ in those who were in need, who were perprophetic strains that are like mighty ishing?" musical symphonies-strains that give us the most glowing and rapturous poetry that has ever been written. He surpasses all other prophets in his inspired pictures of the coming Deliverer; he gives a complete statement of his Messianic visions of the impassioned Isaiah. In the coming Christ he sees all the grandeurs of Deity, and he speaks of him under titles of resplendent and overpowering majesty. He speaks of him as the Lord of hosts, as the Holy One of Israel, as the "Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." In describing his infinite peak to mountain peak.

Before Isaiah's prophetic eyes unroll

the panoramas of millennial beauty

that have to do with Christ's all-embracing dominion; and he breaks forth into the royal chant: "And it shall mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto All peoples are to come under his presence and throbbing with the admitted: ower of his almightimess, acknowledge his divine and eternal sovereignty. The very ends of the earth are to become ragrant with Christ's name, and all the rlumphal arches of the world are to become as golden gateways to grace the universal coronation of the Lord of glory. Such is the prophecy of "Isaiah, the sublimest of the Hebrew Prophets.' -John Reid Shannon, D. D., in Chrisian Advocate, New York.

OLD AND YOUNG

SANTA CLAUS' NEW IDEA.

Isaiah is a poet-prophet. He is the It was neither a fairy, nor a brownie, nor even a little bird, that put it-the new idea-into Santa's head. No. it was that bright-faced, roly-poly little personage, Santa's wife, who has never received as much credit as she deserves for her part in all the happy schemes carried out by her popular husband at the merry Christmas time. Where she got the idea-well, where does a bright little woman get all her original ideas? Just out of her own fertile brain, and nowhere else!

Early in the autumn Santa began to bestir himself because he wanted to invent some new methods of pleasing the children at Christmas. His wife watchdering at his skill and ingenuity, which some expensive presents, which were very beautiful indeed, but of no specia use to anybody, she was not wholly pleased.

"Santa!" she said. "What, dear?" he replied, looking up from his work and holding his mallet poised before him.

"Whom are you making that elegant picno for?"

'For Miss Argentine Lewellan," turned the jolly husband, proudly. "Who is Miss Ar-Ar-whatever

you call ber?" "Ha! ha!" laughed Santa, gaily. "She's one of the daintiest, pretties and most aristocratic little ladies on Opulence Street. I take her an elegant Christmas gift every year."

"Her parents are rich, are they?" "Rich as-as-Croesus, my dear,"

"Does Ar-Argentine really need this

fine new instrument?" "Oh! well-as for that-no. loesn't really need it. She's got one now that's almost new, and it's very fine-but, you see, this one is still finer. Her neighbor, Miss Arabella Williamson, got a more elegant one than Mis-Argentine's old one, and so I happen to know that Miss Argentine wants the best piano on the street. And she shall have it, too, no matter what it costs."

Madam Santa Claus looked thoughtfully out over the hills where the reindeer were grazing on the green grass is bright and green a part of the year "Santa," she said, after a few mo ments, "do you know that the times

are very hard in the country where

your little favorite lives?' "Yes, I believe I did hear about that, replied Santa, hammering sharply with his mallet. "Rollo Mercury, my messenger brownie, told me so. I remember it now. But what of it?"

"There is going to be a great deal of want and suffering among poor people the coming winter, so Rollo says. A great many men cannot get any work at all, and they and their families won't have even the necessaries of life. Think of the poor children shivering and hun-

"Well, what about them?" blurted Santa, a little impatiently, pounding and locks shook with the effort.

"Why, don't you think, dear," reponded Madam Santa Claus sweetly, that it would be better this year to bestow your gifts where they are most seeded? As you have done heretofore those who have had the most received the most. Why not help the needy, and teach those who already have plenty to more like the spirit of the Christ-child secret." whom you represent in a manner? from sources deep hid under the ancient promised Christ and his world-wide Didn't He come into the world to help

"Hem! ahem!" coughed Santa, pound-

ing away. "Now, there is Miss Argentine who has everything that heart can wish, and yet you are going to make her a gift of a piano worth hundreds of dollars, qualities; every question that we can while the Widow Ballard and her chilask about him can be answered in the dren, living in the same city, won't have bread enough to satisfy their hunger or fuel enough to keep them warm. You

> Santa Claus dropped his mallet and gazed thoughtfully out toward the distant mountain-peaks, stroking his white beard with his hand. He was in a deep study. At length he said:

"You're right, wife. You've given me a new idea. Will you help me to carry spiendors he steps as from mountain out some splendid plans for Christmas -a new departure? Where's Mercury?

Madam Santa ran out and called Mercury, who was playing with the reindeer in the field. The fleet messenge was instructed to go to the land where there were so many needy people, and come to pass in the last days, that the so many rich and selfish ones as well, and bear many important messages. How he managed to whisper the new idea into people's hearts was his own business, but he managed it very discreetly, you may depend upon that. One sanctifying influences and the of the persons he approached-just in transfiguring power of Christ; he is to what manner I must not tell-was Mr. move on his conquering way until all Lewellan, Argentine's father. After the nations, flashing with the brightness of interview the wealthy manufacturer

"Yes, you're right. Some of us have been too selfish. Those who need the most receive the least at Christmas. I'll see if I can't help to make matters better."

And thus the arch little messenger converted every one he met to Santa's beneficent idea.

What a different Christmas the folowing Christmas was from every one that had gone before! From Christmas Eve to Christmas morn old Santa, jollier than he had ever been in all his she has thought about how near jelly life, was busy driving from place to place in his sleigh, drawn by the morning she did not find a thousanddellar piano, but she was not disappointed, for she said, with tears of joy in her eyes:

"Papa took the thousand dollars and gave it to some poor men who were out of employment-I don't mean that he gave it outright, but he gave them work so that they could earn something. It makes them feel better to earn it than to receive it as a gift. That will make a good many families feel that Christmas has come to their homes. I'm so glad papa did that. I feel better in my conscience than if I had received that fine piano.'

Well, the same or a similar story was told everywhere. Santa Claus passed by the rich houses, or stopped only a moment to leave some small token of his good-will. But at the homes of the distressed and poor he lingered longer. not only filling the children's stockings, but putting bread and meat and potatoes and everything in the food line into the pantries and cellars, and coal in the bins, and clothes in the empty wardrobes, and-and-well, you could never mention all the useful articles he

And what jolly times the old Saint had at the Sunday-schools! He entered whip, and then made a little speech in his clear, hearty voice:

"Children, I am so glad you were generous enough to give up your treat of candy and nuts, which I have always brought you heretofore, and have conented to let me bring instead all these sacks of flour and potatoes, and thes canned goods, and these warm clothe and these packages of tea and coffee, and this whole mountain of useful things for the poor and needy. There will be Christmas cheer in many a pov erty-sticken home to-morrow because a merry Christmas in my long life, but this is the merriest of all."

And then the boys and girls clapped their hands with delight, and cried: "Santa Claus is right. Hurrah for his new idea!"

And over all the land there was joy and "good-will to men."-Rev. Leander S. Keyser, in Zion's Herald.

CHRISTMAS SURPRISES.

Into the clean little kitchen where Mrs. Wilber sat sewing and Helen was washing the dinner dishes, Tom ran without a thought of snow-covered shoes or shutting the door, and running up to Helen he slyly opened his first and whispered, as she smiled at the dime she saw, "been shoveling snow from the grocer's pavement."

"Tom," said Mrs. Wilbur, "do you see the tracks you have made over Helen's clean floor, and the door you have not properly closed?"

"I'll have to own them, I guess," said he, laughingly, comparing the tracks and his stout little foot, and away he ran for brush and pan, and soon had cleaned up the spots and restored or-

"Hurry up, Helen, I'll help you," he said, as he seized the towel and dried dress for her; but it would take our and put the dishes away, and together they ran up-stairs to Helen's room and closed the door.

"It does me good to see those chi dren so happy," said their mother. aloud. "I wonder what they are up to be unselfish? Dear, wouldn't that be now-they seem to have some great

Tom threw his ten cents down or bed and said: "Now, bring our treas-

ure; let's count her; I bet we have a

Helen was on her knees reaching far back in her closet, and brought from and we could have everything." under some papers a little box, and took from it an old stocking and went spinning gayly around the room, and

then handed it to Tom "to feel how we have; what do you say?" heavy it was." "Land sakes! isn't it jolly? but"and a doubtful look came over his face

-"I'm afraid there is a good many pennies, and they weigh heavier than they count. On the bed rolled the contents, and sell them.' the sorting began. "Here we put the

"Tom, you are sure you are will-

pennies," said Helen; "we have only yet the day we got them, don't you? the skates; the ice looks like glass to-

> Away he went and manfully told Mr Sheldon just how matters stood, and he nodded in a business-like way, "All

ive of our pesky little nickels!"" "Well, isn't it so? I had to say mething to comfort you, or I would have cried over my own sore paws." would give him a chance to earn a fine "Now, keep quiet, and count to your Christmas dinner and some presents self," said Helen, as Tom commenced, as well, for being in the business, you see, you will be entitled to wholesale After a long count Helen looked up.

and said, with a very happy smile, "I Christmas Eve Mr. Sheldon took Tom in his carriage to the depot to meet grandpa and grandma, and under the seat was the basket, so heavily laden he had to lift it out-"For, you Helen was correct, and Tom turned a see, I, too, want to see your mamma somersault and said, "Who'd thought receive her 'Christmas surprises;' " and the joy he witnessed repaid him and

when we were so poor last Christmas, and made up our minds that we'd save the faithful children who had planned as I saw their bronze and seemingly up for this one, that we would be so them .- Philadelphia Methodist. rich? I say, Helen, isn't it like the fairy tales you read of? Just think how many things we can get! Won't A PURITAN XMAS. we surprise mother? I don't believe

Christmas is." "Don't fool yourself on that, Tom: fleet reindeer, carrying gifts of a useful caught her crying the other day, and breakers of the great sea toss and kind to every needy home. When Miss when I questioned her about it she said crash against the rocky shore. Argentine Lewellan rose on Christmas a load of Christmas trees had been taken by, and it recalled to her the good and give us. I told her we were happy with just her for our Christmas, and she said we were a great comfort to her, and I was so glad we had not

dimes, here the nickels, and here the

two quarters in the pile-I remember

Those were grand, big blackberries

and we each got a quarter—but my!

what scratches we got in the bargain!

make it five dollars and three cents."

Tom made it five dollars and six

ents; so they counted it over again,

and placed it in dollar piles, and found

'one, two-"

squandered all we had earned." "Now, there's the present for mam ma; which does she need worst, a dres or shoes. Helen?"

"A dress, I think. I saw such a neat turkey, and last of all our skates, and f there is not enough for them we'll and fro like shadows. just keep on saving and play it is our Christmas for ourselves later on."

done the pricing just to make believe it was Christmas, but hurrah! this yea t will be to some purpose.'

As they went down stairs Mrs. Wilber called Helen to ask her "to take the basting threads from work she had finished, so that she might go on with

A big sigh of disappointment cou not help rolling up, but she managed to give a cheerful reply, and whispered to Tom to go alone, and told him to goods; and so off he ran, and Helen was soon at work, singing snatches of the Christmas music they were practicing at school.

"Your singing reminds me, Helen, of when your papa was living; he always led the children, and I heard the pieces sang at home so often during their preparation. Those were happy days. Your papa always sent for grandpa and grandma to come spend the holidays with us, for the change was a very pleasant one to them, for they have to live in a very careful way in their little home in order to get along. t has been a long time since I have seen them, so long I feel sometimes that I can bear it no longer and must

"Two dollars for the round trip, and that to mamma is a great deal."

Helen finished her work as some cus omer came in, and Tom's whistle called her out, and quite out of breath from the run he had, produced a little bundle of samples.

will see us," said Helen.

"The turkey is to be 15 cents ound, and Mr. Sheldon says a nineone is big enough; so that would be a dollar thirty-five, and the skates are seventy-five cents apiece for real good ones, not nickel-plated, you know, but good enough enough sight better than

"What makes you look so quiet all of a sudden? Don't any of the samples suit? He gave me a little piece of nearly all he had."

"Tom, mamma was talking about how papa used to send for grandpa and grandma every Christmas, and how she longs for them. It just struck me maybe it would please her more it we could surprise her by having them come on Christmas than have the new skates and a pound or so of turkey to bring them; besides, we would have to send four dollars, and that would

"Oh! why ain't I nineteen instead of nine? I could earn such tots of money, stranger."

"By that time we likely won't have Grandpa and Grandma, whatever else she cast her eyes to the floor and

"I'm agreed! but it places me in mean place, for I told Mr. Sheldon we would take the turkey and skates and choose the dress. I hate to tell him differently, but he'll understand. I'll go right away; he might have a chance to ding and tried to make some conver-

"Yes, I am-I really am; but I'm shamed of a sorry feeling to give up

can feel yet how they smarted when right; but can you oblige me by taking day." wet them, and you kept saying, 'You will forget all about them when Christthis basket around for this lady, and then come back? I want to see you." mas comes and we count up our savngs-why each one of them is worth Tom carried the basket, and when could have errands to do morning and night from that to Christmas day that

rates.

How wild the wind blew that night and how strange everything seemed to me as I stood and watched the

The air was piercingly cold, and even the faint winter stars seemed times she and papa used to plan for frozen in their sitent march through the heavens.

> The friendly old moon made he way through dense clouds, and her rays, touching the crests of the waves and the snow on the great forest trees, only brought out into clearer light and distinctness the loneliness of the scene

A short distance from the cluster of little figured one in the store. I tell huts (the simple rude homes of our you, let's put the money away and go Pilgrim Fathers), the camp-fires of the price things-first the dress, then the red men smoked and flamed, and I could see the dusky figures moving to

"A cold night it will be, my friend. Why stand thou here? Come, I offer "I'm agreed! I remember last year thee freely what I have. True, 'tis little in these dreary wilds, but a stranger at our door is ever welcome." I turned to meet from beneath the broad-brimmed hat the kind but searching gaze of Samuel Fletcher, and felt the welcome he had spoken.

"To-night is Christmas Eve" I said "and I am far from home, and"-I was about to say friends, but remembering my companion was a Friend I added-

"loved ones." A cloud passed over Samuel Fletch- dared not mention Christmas-tide know no merry Christmas times, God forbid, God forbid, but to our homes of peace and rest we bid thee."

Opening his cabin door he spoke cheerfully: "Patience Fletcher, I have a stranger with me. He is welcome. Sitting on a low seat by the fire was Samuel Fletcher's wife. She quietly left her place, and putting down her knitting she greeted me as had her husband, saving, "The stranger at out door is ever welcome."

Samuel Fletcher went to his dutie and I was left to myself. I looked around me-the low, barren hut of logs and mud, with rough bark and knots of many years still clinging to the timbers. Not a sign of ornament or nomelikeness, but a few pewter plates ipon a rude mantle over the chimney and a musket strapped to the wall. Yes, there was one thing more, a paper scroll, with the Lord's prayer

written in a queer hand. The fire crackled and leaped into thousand shapes, and as I gazed into the mass of flame I thought of home. of little stockings, of Christman "Come up-stairs; I'm afraid mamma chimes, and merry voices. Where were they all? Why was I here? could not understand.

> The door opened and I looked up just as a sweet girlish voice said: "Am I late, mother?"

"Yes, child, but did something de tain thee?" "The Mistress Grey is very ill, and

wishes thee to come to her." "This is a hard winter, but the Lord

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BLINDNESS PREVENTED

leave only enough for a very small tur- is our refuge. I will go. Mind the pudding, Dorothea, and attend to the supper for your father and the

The young girl observed me for the first time, and making a low courtesy moved quickly across the room, laid aside her hood and cloak of scarlet wool and returned to the pudding,

which was cooking over the fire. I asked to assist her, and while she mixed a meal cake I stirred the pud-

sation. "To-night is Christmas Eve, Miss Dorothea. Will you hang up your stocking?"

Her face was very grave, and she came nearer to me and whispered in a frightened tone: "Thou must not talk so of Christmas, but I'm sure it would be nice if it was not wicked. We fast and pray, sir, on Christmas

I felt sorry for the daughters of the Pilgrims. They knew nothing of happy Christmas times. I wanted to tell he returned Mr. Sheldon told him "he her of our Christmas, but no, she could not listen. Raking aside the coals and ashes she put her cake to bake, and I stirred and stirred the pud-

> Low voices and footsteps at the door caused Dorothea Fletcher to start. "Who's coming?"

"I know not, but it is time father

Samuel Fletcher entered, and with him a youth, who quickly took Dorothea's hand, which was extended in welcome. After the youth came others, not Puritan fathers, but natives of New England. I almost trembled fierce faces, besmeared with war-paint, dressed in skins and feathers, with the tomahawk and other weapons at their sides. They seated themselves around the fire, and in mumbled tones talked

their own tongue. "Is thy supper ready, child?"

"All ready, father." The youth smiled at the maid, and she said a few words to him, then turning to me remarked:

"This is Timothy Mayhew." Timothy was a genial fellow, and we talked of many things-of life in the wilds of Massachusetts, of the Indians of America, of the times in old England, and to him I spoke of Christmas

Samuel Fletcher offered thanksgiving for the food prepared, and we all did our part to stow away Dorothea's

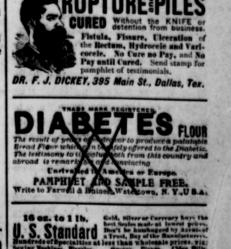
cake and pudding. The red men soon fell asleep. Dorothea took her spinning-wheel to the corner lighted by a candle, and Samuel Fletcher, Timothy Mayhew and myself talked of the future, but my mind was full of Christmas thoughts, of the holy Christ-child, of the blessings brought to earth by his birth, death and resurrection; of the gladness and unselfishness of many hearts in Christian homes. How willingly would they share their Christmas joys with there poor lonely Puritans. But as I looked into the firm, earnest countenances of Samuel Fletcher and his wife Patience. and saw the solemn, maidenly reserve of Dorothea, and the responding gravity of her lover, Timothy Mayhew, I

The youth said good-night, and afte worship (which consisted of the reading of a Psalm and a long prayer by Samuel Fletcher), I was given a blanket, and rolling myself in its folds I lay down to slumber with the kind yet treacherous warriors.

When the long night wore away, and one by one the starry worlds faded into blue sky, and the moon was made to hide her face before his majesty, the time-piece of the world, and the breakers were hushed to calm. I awoke. hearing a little voice crying in my ear. "Merry Christmas, papa, Merry Christmas," and I found at my side, not red men of the forest hardy and Pilgrims, but my own sweet little daughter, and my dream of a Puritan Christmas was lost in the wonders of what Santa Claus brought to our house .- I. A. B. in Michigan Advocate.

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Fourth Quarter-Lesson 13, Dec. 27 REVIEW.

Golden Text: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."-Eccl.

We have come to the last lesson of the year, and the last lesson of the fourth quarter, which has been the history of Solomon's life.

This man's youth was spent in the midst of his father's follies, being the son of Uriah's wife, and reared in an age of polygamy and licentiousness, he could scarcely escape the poison of virus. sensual proclivities.

David was engrossed in the affairs of government, and paid but little attention to the training of his children; while jealousy rankled in the bosom of his home because of the multiplicity of wives and mothers, and consequent divisions in his house. Evil always returns to him who performs, or permits it, and fastens its fangs in the veins of its author, and injects its virus into the blood of him who entertains it, and fills the spiritual pulse with the microbes of every imaginary wrong. "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." David felt the effects of his early sins, and repented in sackcloth and ashes, but his son in- dawn for us out of his eternity; still, herited the inclinations of his father, and, by their influence, fell into wrong

and perished by his own folly. blessings of God in many signal disfailure was the more disgraceful because of the confidence imposed by his help in time of trouble.

choice of blessings, for he was at this thing which you feel you ought to do;" time, like Saul the son of Kish, little in and . . . So gather up the frag- for others and incites to high thinking his own eyes, but, like this same un- ments that remain, lest all be lost .-fortunate prince, he was foolish enough | Canon Farrar. to become great in his own sight, and, leaning on an arm of flesh, fell on his own sword. The sword of Saul and that of Solomon were alike the lust of

God gave Solomon understanding.but Solomon applied it to gain knowledge that ruined him; God gave Saul power and he used it unlawfully, and God harbed the point so as to enter the joints of the harness, and destroy both it and them, lest the power of God be used by the enemy of righteousness.

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onsumed of his own wickedness.

The Proverbs of Solomon are a colection of wise sayings, but they read like the mourning of the lost soul, and resemble more the utterances of re-

The work of Solomon's life was to be the building of the temple, and this he did according to the directions of God, but he ruined the beautiful picture by allowing and encouraging idolatry in the very sight of the house he had built for the service of Almighty God. He fool'shly, tried to curry favor with surrounding nations by taking for his wives the daughters of heathen princes, and, thereby, introduced into his kingdom the most objectionable form of heathen worship, and set the example of dishonoring God before the people over whom God had placed him to lead to a higher appreciation of divine favor.

The dedication of the temple was an epoch in Jewish history, and conironted Solomon with the pledges of God to take care of the nation on condition of his faithfulness and loyalty to God.

The blessing of God on Solomon should have ever reminded him of his obligations to serve him faithfully, and render an account of his stewardship with a conscience void of offense. But this only proves the deceitfulness of riches and how hard it is for those who put their trust in worldly things to get to heaven. The rewards of obedience are as sure to follow as the consequences of sin, "According to thy faith, so be it unto thee." "For whatsoever a

Solomon enjoyed fame and distinction, but these were but the allurements of Satan to lead him on to death and hell.

We often envy the prosperity of the wicked when it is only the brilliant skin of the serpent under which he nides the deadly poison.

The Queen of Sheba traveled many hundred miles to see the glory of Solonon, and her comment indicates that it was splendid beyond her power to describe, and God, doubtless, overruled the wickedness of this feolish being to send the gospel among the heathen. So, while Solomon feasted on these emporal things, the heathen, already, were gathering the pearls of great price. The lesson so often repeated in nature is true in the spiritual world, and while the corn dies in the ground only to spring in a more abundant harvest. Solomon's ruin planted the gospel seeds in the nations about him, and ng of one greater than Solomon.

Solomon was great, but the lily of the valley surpassed him in excellence ained in its growth and development, while Solomon was grand in the distortion of his moral being and in the violation of every law of his nature.

We often deliver lectures on intemerance, and our hearers would conclude that whisky drinking is the only sin against our interests.

It is said, if you pull out the fangs of thes to the Church universal. the rattlesnake, new ones will immediately grow out to serve as vents for the fiery rage of this enemy of mankind. So you may rout the rum-seller, strike of the rattler is the death of the snake, so our best and only real defense against drunkenness is the application of the gospel to communities. thus destroying the serpent whose multiform fangs inject the same poisonous

The quarter closes with the birth of leidoscope, meets the eye with an endless variety of beauty and perfection. His character stands single and alone, the only one that is without spot or blemish, and, as our passover,

was without a rival. "All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall, Bring forth the royal diadem, and

Crown him Lord of all."

In giving us time, God gives us all. forth to us a green leaf out of the Tree which strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4:13. of life. Such a day is this! Oh, waste friend who is still unreconciled? a tem- Wesley and every great reformer who per still unchecked? a besetting sin still your better heart, with your truer self, our own time to leave home and friends He displayed good sense in his you desire not to do; watch for the to toil and suffer and die in strange

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Is the loving Christ your daily comforter and helper-walking by your

abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, John 15:7.

Topic for December: "The Indwelling Ghrist." Dec. 27: The Contemporary of All

Christians,-Matt. 28:20. Matthew hurries over the events after he crucifixion, simply stating the facts if the earthquake, the coming of the

angel, the fear of the keepers, the announcement of his resurrection to the women, their eager haste to bring the news to his disciples, their meeting with Jesus and his message to his brethren, the deception practiced by the tain between Christ and the disciples by his appointment, and the Great Commission, coupled with this promise of his continual presence.

All these momentous events are re corded in a chapter of twenty verses. The last two verses contain the commission and the inspiration of the Christian Church. The command, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations," gave authority to break over the exclusiveness of Judaism, sent Peter to preach to the Roman, guided the devoted apostle to the Gentiles as he journeyed to Ephesus, Athens, Philippi and Thessalonica, and prompted the Apostlee James and John to write their epis-

For this long and seeming hopeless task of making discipes of the ignorant and winning to cause of virtue the vile and deprayed, something more than a but new fangs will grow, and, while bare command was necessary. The dark Sweet Fruit. night of heathen 'ignorance, and the darker one of human sinfulness, would Tabby Party not be dighted up until the lamps of A Little of Everything.

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Something to put your Tooth on Edge not be dighted up until the lamps of tiently and enduringly for generations. What They Had in the Ark... His followers must teach and sacrifice and endure without one sign or promise Hard to Beat. of success, and yet be content to die Tramp Cake. and die in triumph and in confidence of Jesus, which never grows old, but victory. For this there must be the inwhose character, like the rolling kaership of one whose presence turns de- What Boys Call their Sweethearts feat into victory, guarantees the final triumph of the cause, and inspires his Boston's Overthrow. followers to purity of life and heroic en- A Wise Decoction.

durance. Christ said to his disciples shortly before his crucifixion, "Without me ye can do nothing."-John 15:5. Here, as during the coming winter. the very gates of heaven lifted up their am with you alway." More than thirty President, A. H. Chambers, enclosing a years afterward the Apostle Paul, writ- stamp for reply. Still, morning by morning, he causes ing of the vicissitudes of his life, ex- 2. We had the Hemphill quartette another day-a day unstained-to pressed his experience of the presence

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> If we hold fast our faith in a present, living Christ, who leads us and strengthens us, making our religion a religion of hope and youth, we shall go on to increasing usefulness and happiness-the very forms and ceremonies of our worship glowing with beauty and life.

turies."-Deems.

SOME CHARITY AND HELP NOTES.

The Epworth League of the Travis Street Church at Sherman feels that it has especial reason to be proud of the work done by its Charity and Help Department. During the past two months t has raised and expended for charitable purposes over \$120, besides sending over \$50 worth of groceries and clathing to our Orphan Home at Waco. Feeling that the same plans that have worked successfully with our League might work successfully with others, and that glad to try them. I name the four things that have been of most value in our work in this department:

1. We gave a crazy supper. This was well talked up for some time before it was given. Presumably for the purpose of carrying out the idea of crazimen of the League would have full charge of the supper, even to the extent of soliciting the provisions, cooking the coffee, and waiting on the tables. Several days before the supper the following bill of fare, neatly printed on small slips of bright colored paper, was extensively circulated over the town:

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with us one evening. We probably of the ever-present Christ in the words, made more from this source in propormorning by morning, his hand holds "I can do all things through Christ tion to the amount, time and energy employed, than from any other. The This presence has been the perpetual members of this quartette are all Tex-He entered upon his reign under fa- it not! Is there a good impression that portion of every Christian. It made the ans, Christian gentlemen and Epworth vorable circumstances and had the you have suffered to grow faint? Is martyrs of the early Church sing Leaguers. Moreover, the musical and there a holy practice that you have praises to God until the flames licked elocutionary features of their entertainplays of divine manifestations. His long neglected? Have you an offended up their breath; it inspired Luther and ments are of a very high order. Every League in the State ought to have has stood against and overthrown the them, not only as an easy means for father and expressions of God's pleas- unresisted? Oh, here is work for you opposition of generations; it has enure toward him, and his promises of to-day! "Watch against that which, in saled consecrated men and women in Help Department, but also for the sake

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or getting up an offering for it? 4. We used good judgment in select ing our Second Vice-President. We se sense, common sense, business sens If he were lacking in any one of thes three points, his work would not su ceed as it does. Any League in the State may duplicate our crazy suppe our musical entertainment, or ou Thanksgiving offering. As to whether " not they can duplicate our Second Vice-President-"that's another story. from before many years.

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As quite a number of Leagues failed o receive the card of assessment sent them, the committee deems it advis able to publish a list of the assessments by conferences.

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WE are very grateful to our many friends who have spoken so kindly of our Christmas edition. We did our best to please our patrons, and we are glad to learn that our efforts have not been fruitless. Competent judges have pronounced it a great success typographically and otherwise. To know that this effort to please our constituents has been completely successful, is a great gratification. Many thanks for appreciative words.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

W. T. Strange and wife, of Celeste, made the ADVOCATE a pleasant call.

Rev. T. G. Whitten, of Midlothian Station, paid the ADVOCATE a pleasant visit. He reports a hearty reception in his new charge and overflowing congregations, with flattering prospects for an advance along all lines.

We had the pleasure of a conversation with Rev. F. T. Mitchell, D. D., a superannuated member of the Northwest Texas Conference, while we were in Marshall last week. We found him in fine health for one of his years and in the best of spirits. Secretary, Orange.

The Doctor is a candidate for Chap.

Mrs. V. A. Godbey, Treasurer, The Doctor is a candidate for Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Texas Legislature, which meets next January. We trust that and in perfect order, and gives perfect he will be elected, for he is splendidly qualified for the position and deserves such recognition.

SOUTHERN METHODIST PERSONALS.

We see from the New Orleans Advocate that our venerable and beloved Senior Bishop, J. C. Keener, has been greatly bereaved in the death of his daughter, Miss Emma. The whole Church will feel this affliction very sorely and will sympathize with and pray for the stricken family. The ADVOCATE

tenders heartfelt condolence.

"Behold I bring you tidings of great

The East Texas Conference, by form- livered unto the saints. co-operation of this conference; but now they come officially, and, assured of God's blessing, there can be no such word as fail. But speedy success is what we want. With one grand efthe first friend and advocate of these | Sells. friendless, homeless, erring girls, who would Christian women have to say, 1. If you have any doubt about the DEC. 14-E S Smith, sub. W F "No room; your soul must be lost!" J A Walkup, sub. Chas forego the pleasure of giving needless postal card. gifts and bring on this happy Christ- 2. If you fail to receive as many mastide your offerings to our Lord's treasury. Oh, can you know the need to him. DEC. 15-J B Turrentine, change of this home! Can you see these lost

names just as received. There are others who may wish to give to our \$100 one to twelve copies. A E Goodwyn, sub and fund. Mr. W. C. Padgitt and Col. C. C. change. J T Griswold, sub. R Slaughter each have added their names B Bonner, sub. S W Miller, has to this honor roll. Make this Christmas one never to be forgotten by the siding elders, two copies each; pastors, DEC. 17—T J Beckham, sub. J Rescue Home of Dallas in an offering four copies; widows or children of our preached here yesterday and last night; T. L. Annis, sub. Thos Gregory, worthy of him whose we are and whom deceased members, one each; connection I. P. Smelser, sub.

> More love to thee, O Christ; More love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make,

> On bended knee; This is my earnest plea, More love, O Christ, to thee; More love to thee!

With more love and a little selfsacrifice this new Christmas morn all as a memorial to those who put into i their prayers and their money.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON. Financial Agent. MRS. W .C. YOUNG,

Treasurer.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. (Continued from first page.)

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension me n the city of Marshall, December 17, 1896, and received from the six district as follows: Marshall District...... \$ 194 00

 Marshall District
 194 00

 Tyler District
 190 30

 Palestine District
 184 00

 San Augustine District
 174 15

 Pittsburg District
 191 00

 Beaumont District
 41 50

Credit by draft to D. Morton. \$ 487 47 Credit by donation to Rusk Credit by donation to Tatum Church Donation to Percilla Church... Donation to Patroon Church... Donation to Union Church Appropriation for Bulletin Received from Mrs. J. S. Mathis, Treasurer of the W.

P. and H. M. Society, the Louisville.....\$ 150 00 Donated to Beaumont Church 75 00 Donated to Wells Mission 25 00 \$ 300 00

Assessed the sum of \$1600 for Church extension for 1897, and apportioned the same to the following districts: Marshall District \$ 300 00 Tyler District 300 00 Palestine District 300 00

\$1600 00 The following ladies are the officers of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society for 1897: Mrs. G. V. Ridley, President, Jef-Mrs. W. W. Watts, First Vice-

President, Beaumont. Mrs. W. C. Huntington, Second Vice-President, Shelbyville Mrs. W. A. Sampey, Recording Secretary, Beaumont.
Mrs. George Call, Corresponding

DISTRICT SECRETARIES. Marshall District-Mrs. Joe Battle, Tyler District-Mrs. L. L. Jester,

Tyler.
Palestine District - Miss Fannie owler, Palestine.
Pittsburg District - Mrs. Fannie San Augustine District -- Mrs. Adelle

Sanford, Timpson.

Beaumont District — Mrs. Hattie
Stone, Jasper. Respectfully submitted, J. S. MATHIS,

Chairman.

Secretary.

J. D. FORD,

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved. That we express our great pleasure at the masterly and powerful editorials of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. They abound ADVOCATE is the best Church paper in THE RESCUE HOME AT CHRISTMASTIDE. in thought, in research, and in truth. They are a manly defense of the doctrines and polity of our Church, and of the faith once de-

al resolution, accepts the invitation of North Texas Conference to join her and League Department is managed The ADVOCATE is continually im- the Northwest Texas Conference in a fully commend that department to proving, and to-day I was more than triple alliance to build and maintain a all the Leagues of the East Texas D. F. C. TIMMONS.

C. F. SMITH,

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

R. W. Thompson, W. P. Pledger, DEC. 10-J.T Gillett, sub. J R fort let us raise the balance needed to begin work. Are there not two hun-W Adkisson, sub. T J Minnis, sub. dred followers of Jesus of Nazar th, Gynne, T. S. Garrison and H. D.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The journal, edited with more care M T Allen, sub. Sterling Fisher, building fund. What a shout of "Glory than either of the three preceding issubs.

DEC. 12-J M Armstrong sub. to God in the highest" would go up from our workers. Then in two 2d, and the proof is expected hourly,

editor having your true postoffice, give

cepies as you need by January 10, write

3. If you will inform the editor im-We will publish in the Advocate the of your desk and forget them) he will

> 4. Those who do not make special written requests will receive copies according to their office, as follows: Superannuates, supernumeraries and pretional people and others according to this continues we need more room. their known wants or their requests.

5. Those wishing to have the journal, who are not entitled to it postage free, would do a thoughtful thing to en- Now's the time to strike, brethren. close a 2-cent stamp for each copy desired.

6. The editor would like to exchange with editors of other journals. SAM'L P. WRIGHT, Editor. Georgetown, Texas.

No man has a call from God to go as Dallas. Christ at home.-Ram's Horn.

two very pleasant, and we trust profita-

year in the history of the charge.

BOWIE. W. M. Leatherwood: We reached Bowie, our new charge, on Thursday, the 6th, and met a real cordial welcome Indeed, the reception has been really week we received such a "pounding" crowd had deposited their gifts the din-We have not been so well supplied with help us to serve them faithfully. nice things for a long time. The kind and thoughful ladies of the Church have pu' some nice new furniture in the parsonage and the "Little Workers" put handsome shades on the windows of one room. Doubtless more will be addly. The parsonage is new, nice and our gratitude is thoroughly aroused to these kind people and we feel to do all consecrated crop. for them as pastor possible. We are starting off well. Our congregations are large and attentive. We hope and pray for a year of grace. Bro. Stuckey was here four years and did a fine work. Besides the parsonage, the church is practicaly new and is a good building. He added a large number to the Church He is popular with this people and deserves to be. God bless him! We enter irto his labors. If we are not mistaken in the "signs of the times" we are en-

TAYLOR.

tering upon a year of spiritual prosper-

ity in this charge. "So mote it be."

T. J. Duncan, Dec. 14: Your kind words of greeting and welcome, together with the expressed wish that I might be made comfortable in the Northwest Texas Conference, abide with me. Truly, "Kind words never die." I came here the Sunday following the reading the other Churches have given expresof the appointments. Bao. Annis had, in the midst of much personal affliction, done a good year's work. The people paid his salary in full and gave the many kind words giving us welhim up with regret. They received Mrs. Duncan and myself with great hospitality, kindness and love. We have of all gifts and to these kind people spent three Sundays here. The house is full at every coming together. Good Sunday-school, prayer-meeting large and full of interest, Leagues working well, official board hopeful, fifteen accessions on certificate yesterday. The up and the store-room bountifully supference he never ceased his labors, but en route to the printer.

DECKER CIRCUIT. J. N. Broyles, Dec. 12: The last Annual Conference made the Decker Mission a circuit by adding to it Spring New Hope, \$40; Mt. Carmel, \$40; Hil-W. M. Shelton, asking him to settle the do them a good year's work. same for me, but have not been able to hear from him: Presiding elder, \$20; preacher in charge, \$180; Bishops, \$2.90; N. B. Bennett, Dec. 16: We reached conference claimants, \$9; foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$10;

WHITNEY. NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE ligence, piety and cordiality of the people, together with the hearty welcome F. M. Winburne, Dec. 14: "A new we have received and the greating of broom sweeps clean," Preached at Rabbit Hill 6th inst.; nice congregation; thirteen years ago-when I was a member of the old Texas Conference. The subjects of these meetings are still here Fine Sunday-school and League a. m. ing feature of the situation is the prosbrethren are having large crowds. pect of doing good and the heart ness with which the Church enters upon the

we moved to our new home in Mansfield. I said "new"-yes, it is a brandnew, five-room parsonage, built on the

past five years been an evangelist. He with them not only in word, but in is a man of God; a true Methodist deed also. Well, the pounding-it was preacher; has done us good work. The just immense, consisting of lots of meeting still goes on with prospects of our Epworth League at that place, most everything that goes to make up great good. Bro. Patterson's father and a fat kitchen-enough to last some two mother live here and are members of or three months to come. We've spent my charge and are old-time Methodist folk. He is a success in a meeting ble, Sundays here, and the outlook is Any brother who wants real good help very flattering for a most successful will do well to get him. This I know, year along all lines of Church work. We because I have tried him. Glory to God are praying and hoping for the best for salvation. We are confidently expecting a great year at DeLeon this

HUCKABAY.

J. D. Hendrickson, Dec. 9: We arrived here last week and preached left at Quanah and Childress, I think Sunday to large and attentive congrerefreshing. On Monday night of last gations. We have been cordially received, and last night quite a number as we never had before. One hundred of our people came and gave us a libor more people broke in upon us, each eral pounding. They spent a short bearing a package or sack of something time with us, talking and singing, and nice and useful. When the joyous, jolly then left us to recover as best we could from the surprise. This morning two ing-table was a perfect pyramid of young ladies, on their way to school packages, and sacks and bundles were brought in a basket loaded with good under the table and around the wall. things. May God bless this people and

BLANKET CIRCUIT. G. E. Sandel, Dec. 16: We are back again among this people for another year's work. The stewards have met and made their assessment and we are ed from time to time till the parsonage ready to do our best. The many kind has become a home of comfort and of expressions of regard are greatly appleasure to the preacher and his fami- preciated. Took up a novel collection last Sunday: Eleven acres of cotton very conveniently planned. Of course, subscribed for the building of a church at Salt Creek. May God prosper the

COVINGTON CIRCUIT.

C. L. Ballard: I reached Covington Circuit the 4th of December. In one week I visited fifty-five members, held four Church Conferences, appointed seven class-leaders, elected committee to secure and locate a church lot, organized one Sunday-school, organized one Epworth League, lettered sixteen members, dropped by Church Conference four members, preached seven imes, held one prayer-meeting. There is plenty of work to do on Covington Circuit. May the Lord help me to do

B. A. Snoddy, Dec. 11: The preacher and his family have been kindly re ceived on the Rice and Chatfield charge. The membership and kind friends of sions of their appreciation by a handsome pounding, consisting of many nice things. For these good things and come to our new pastorate, words can not express oud gratitude to the Giver May God help us to be a blessing to

them during the year.

PEORIA. C. S. Cameron, Dec. 19: After a move interior of the parsonage is newly fitted our parsonage in Peoria. We have found a kind and generous people here. es of the Church. We are laboring to as bright as the promises of God. 1 represented. The official board made a make a return in spiritual things. Bro have gone partly around my work. I Wright has moved with his family to meet large congregations. I have plen-Georgetown It will be a serious loss to ty of work to do and I shall do it with for a baptism of fire on all our hearts, the working forces of our local congreple. Though quite unwell after con- ing of the 16th instant they remembered us in a very substantial way with with his characteristic energy and a pounding, and it has been continued. mote It be."

PROCTOR. charge immediately after conference. Creek from Buffalo Gap and Wingate Have been kindly received. Preached from Ballinger Mission. The Board of last Sunday at Graham's Chapel, had a Church at all, mingled in the mirth Stewards met to-day and made their large congregation; fine meeting; six and music of the hour, leaving a rich assessment: Wingate, \$60; Decker, \$60; sinners came and gave their hands, deposit of fruit as shaken from asking for an interest in our prayers. branches of the living vine by a wave ton, \$40; Spring Creek, \$55; Silver, \$30. This is a splendid farming country; Bro. N. C. Bolin gave fifty dollars, apart people as a whole are in better shape occurrence can never be deplored. Dropfrom the assessment. I was returned than anywhere we have been in the ping the metaphorical and dealing in to this work; have been kindly receiv- State. Last night our hearts were made plain English there were sugar, coffee, ed. I hope this may be the best year of to rejoice when a procession of Meth-flour, ham, pickles, catsup, canned my life. As pastor of this circuit I odists, Baptists and Campbellites, head- goods, table linen, etc., and last, but deem it due my people to report ed by Bro. Ray, the Baptist pastor, not least, the inevitable gobbler, withthrough the Advocate the amounts came to the parsonage and left a good out which no feast is perfect. After a raised for the different disciplinary stock of staple and fancy groceries for few remarks, expressions of appreciaclaims. I did not get to conference. I the inmates of the parsonage. God tion and prayer by Mr. Littlepage, all sent my report to my presiding elder, bless them every one, and help us to departed leaving the parsonage calmer

our new field of labor on Friday, the church extension, \$2; education, \$1; Or- and hospitable people, who kindly enphans' Home, \$1.75; other objects,\$3.25. | tertained us until our household goods came in. On Sunday morning at 11 c'clock we were greeted by a large and S. C. Littlepage, Dec. 15: I am much appreciative audience. We find here a two hundred and eighty-seven. Conferpleased with my new charge, the intel-most excellent Sunday-school, under ligence, piety and cordiality of the per-the superintendency of Bro. J. B. Roberson, with a corps of good teachers. We have also a live Epworth League, ing church and furnishing parsonage, old friends. I held two protracted presided over by Bro. Ferguson. On etc. Pastor's salary has increased conmeetings here—one twelve, the other Monday, 2 p. m., the Ladies' Aid So- siderably over former years. Our womciety met at the parsonage and carpeted two rooms and added some new League. Our presiding elder and his furniture. Everything moved along family live here-or rather his family some of them. But the most gratify- about as usual with the average itin- lives here, and he stops with them ocerant preacher until Thursday night, casionally. They have been a great deal when the people of various denominations began to rush into the parsonage ple appreciate them and we hope soon labors of the new year. Our District and severely pounded the inmates in a to have them comfortably housed in a good, old-fashioned way-hams, back- district parsonage. Dublin will conbones and spare-ribs, sugar, coffee, tribute about \$500 to this enterprise. canned fruits, preserves, jellies, and We hope to begin work in a few days, A. E. Carraway, Dec. 21: We are in things too numerous to mention. From We have had some great meetings in modern style. A nicer and more com- the midst of a meeting in my charge at the parsonage we repaired to the Dublin since we have been here. But fortable home a preacher need not DeLeon Station. It began the 13th inst. church house and prayed too and the most remarkable one was conducted a missionary to the other side of the covet. Our reception was all we could Rev. T. G. Patterson, formerly of Caliworld, until he has done something for ask for. It is due these people to say, fornia, but now of DeLeon, is doing the cluded by pledging ourselves to more Ward and M. L. McAnally. These breth-they know how to make their preacher preaching for me. Bro. P. has for the useful lives. We were invited to be ren have been conducting cottage pray-

our station-on Friday night to attend the literary entertainment given by which invitation we most cordially accepted. We were met at the depot by that faithful old veteran of the cross, Dr. W. T. Albert, who conducted us to his kind home, where we enjoyed the hospitality of this old Georgian for a time and thence to the church where we found a wide-awake League in waiting for us with a full-grown pounding, which was second to none we have seen in several years. We preached here to large congregations. Bro. Hardy, if you expect to find a better people than you you will be mistaken, even though you have a whole district to pick from. We are expecting a glorious year.

WALNUT SPRINGS.

J. R. B. Hall, Dec. 17: After saying farewell to the many people we loved on the Bertram and Mt. Horeb charge, with tearful eyes and heavy hearts we turned our faces from these pleasant ties to the point which was assigned us by Bishop Keener, and are now safely houses in the parsonage at . Walnut Springs. Not a single face that we have ever seen before have we yet met, but the people among whom our lot is east have shown us many kindnesses already, among which was a nice bounding, and we, very naturally, feel at home in their midst. We are much pleased with the locality and pray that God may bless us and make us worthy of the people we are sent to serve and help us to be a faithful shepherd to the flock over which the Lord has made as pastor. The nice souvenir quilt, presented to us by the W. P. and H. M. Society of Mt. Horeb on our return from conference, we hereby acknowledge the receipt of with many thanks.

SOUTH TEMPLE

J. M. Armstrong, Dec. 14: Our people have received us cordially. Nobody kicking, so far as I know, at our return. Placed electric lights in church since conference. Preacher's wife rigged in new suit by the good ladies, much to our appreciation. Should its shewiness prove an offense to the humb'er saints, the preacher need not be held responsible. In every direction there are signs of an upward trend for Methodism in South Temple.

EASTLAND CIRCUIT.

R. S. Heizer, Dec. 15: We have begun on our second year on this circuit and the outlook for a good year is encouraging. We have received many warm handshakes, many words of welcome and from Mrs. J. P. Shanon a fine turkey for Christmas, for which we return our sincere thanks. Our first Quarterly Conference for the present conference year convened at Eastland, 12th and 15th. Our new beloved presiding elder, Bro.Chapman, was on hand and preached us four soul-stirring sermons. The fact is, he just captivated both saint of 150 miles we are snugly housed in and sinner. All were well pleased and his visits will be looked forward to with joyful anticipation. We have five apclied. Thanks to the kind-hearted ia- The cutlook here for the Church is pointments on the circuit and each was liberal assessment for their pastor and reported \$49 paid the first quarter. Oh,

WHITNEY.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season occurred at the Methopromptness he never rested until the May God reward each of them and I ist personage Tuesday evening. Scarcecopy of our minutes were in the mail will try to administer in spiritual ly had the pastor got straightened up things. We are happy in the work. "So when the mutterings of a storm were heard, and though no one appeared alarmed, its strength increased until both front rooms were filled with a J. W. Fort, Dec. 10: We reached this happy joyous throng of people of both sexes. All ages, all Churches represented in our town, and a number of no of Christian kindness, whose frequent than the surface of a storm-swept sea. -Whitney Voice.

DUBLIN. W. H. Matthews, Dec. 14: We have just commenced our third year in Dublin. The last two years have been pleasant years, and our Church has prospered. The membership has increased from two hundred and thirty-five to ence collections have been paid in full. improvements have been made in the way of fencing, planting of trees, painter have done good work; so has the of help to the Dublin Church. Our peo-

was held last night, under the auspice of the League, which was very well at tended. The exercises were approprier-meetings in Dublin for quite a while. The Holy Ghost put it in their hearts to protract these meetings, and after onsultation with the pastor they did so. The meeting commenced the first of October and the attendance was soon so large that no residence would hold them. Capt. H. A. Smith, a Baptist brother, fitted up a building on South Side, and the meeting moved into it. The meeting continued about two months. There were about one hundred conversions and reclamations. This meeting was called a union meeting and all denominations earnestly engaged in the work. It has gone out that this meeting was a "holiness meeting." I wish to say that Bros. Ward and Me-Anally are not at all in sympathy with the independent holiness movement They do not profess as much as some others, but by their lives and work they have proven that they walk with God A; the Morrison holiness meeting has been heralded abroad as a very great and wonderful meeting, we wish to say that out of sixty-five conversions they claimed, only one has joined any Church in Dublin cut of the one hundred sanctifications reported. We have some few who are true and loyal to the Church, while a number of others are pessessed with the same lawless spirit that characterized the leader of the

MINERAL WELLS.

J. S. Tunnell, Dec. 9: We are in the sixth week of a great revival herethe greatest ever known in the history of this town. Evangelist A. L. Prewett, of Nashville, Tenn., is doing the preaching and leading the hosts. I suppose about one hundred and fifty have been converted and perhaps as many more have been reclaimed. Among the converts are representatives of all classes-lawyers, doctors, bankers, mechanics, business men, saloon men and gamblers. One man was saved the night before his 70th birthday, and even the children have shared the influence of this mighty revival. Scores of family altars have been erected and the Church has become a working force. A mission work has been established on the streets, where daily services are held which are proving a power for good. Greater harmony prevails among our own people than at any time ly Conference Monday night. We are \$15 besides for furniture for the disduring my pastorate of two years past. The pastors of the Baptist and Christian Churches, with their people, have Tabernacle Churches, respectively. co-operated in the work and are reaping souls. Nearly one hundred have joined all the Churches and many more will join. Bro. Prewett is an earnest gospel preacher, using no clap-trap methods. He wields the sword unsparhigly against sin, calls sinners to the

CRANDALL. J. B. Minnis, Dec. 12: By the authorto the Crandall Mission for another such things as a family always needfollow and the preacher will have plenprosperous year.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

J. R. Murray Dec. 7: I arrived home from Bastrop December 1, and started my second year's work on this charge the following night by marrying a couple of our best young people. Yesterday I preached to three good congregations. Since my return our people,not only Methodists, but members of other Churches and others who are not members of any Church, have been quite work. outspoken in expressing appreciation at my return. This morning we decided to build a nice two-story parsonage and we expect to start work on it next

LYONS.

W. C. Bracewell, Dec. 14: We have been kindly and cordially received and pounded, too. These people are not novices at a pounding, for they gave us the most substantial one we ever saw, bringing enough of everything to last us more than a month and enough of ome things to last several months. May





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the Lord reward and abundantly bless thanks to all the friends who have them. Our first Quarterly Conference | shown such a deep interest in her. She presiding elder was present in the spirit of the Master, and we had a home in two weeks more. We are startpleasant and profitable conference. ing on our fourth year's work with the Everything bids fair for a good year on people of the Wylie charge. May the

J. W. Horn, Dec. 14: After a great ingathering of 284 members last conference year, I had suposed that this year in the Epworth League prayer-meeting would be one of training and developing, but with only two Sundays since conference we have received 10 members-four on profesion of faith and s.x glad to note that Bros. Ward and Sears trict parsonage. Eighty-three dollars are starting off finely at Shearn and were paid for the support of the minis-

MADISONVILLE.

W. W. Horner, Dec. 14: The Texas Conference adjourned on Monday. November 16, and I reached Madisonville, my new charge, Wednesday evening of the same week and conducted altar to repent, confess sin and seek the prayer-meeting service that night. I have preached at all the places on the work and have had very large and attentive congregations at each place. Madisonville is a quiet little town of thy of the Church I have been appointed about 700 or 800 inhabitants, and is the glous people at County Line. They cer- necessaries of life. Many tokens of apcounty seat of Madison County. They year As soon as the conference closed have one of the finest schools here that to the preacher. Cooper is a half sta- to the parsonage since. We have met I picked up my grip and started for can be found in any town of its size Crandall. My people all express them- in the whole country, conducted by the is getting into the Church. Very en- first Sunday inst., we were greeted by selves as being proud of my return. Allen brothers, assisted by two very couraging results have been visible at large and attentive congregations, which We have received many tokens of their intelligent young ladies who are also the last two services. We are received manifested signs of spirituality. We appreciation since my return. Last active church workers. The other two mg members every Sunday by certifi- were met yesterday and last night at Monday the Church at Lone Elm gave places on the work are Midway and cate, and we are expecting great results this place by a very large audience, us a regular pounding, consisting of Elwood—one a little town, the other a from their earnestness and zeal which who were very attentive and gave audithickly-settled neighborhood. They two sacks of flour, two turkey gobblers, have fine schools at both of these places that it is the preacher's wife that the expecting a successful year and hope to several dollars' worth of sugar and cof-fee, and many other things too tedious preached here yesterday to two very way to account for my not having been by a faithful year's service. to mention. The class at Lone Elm is large and intelligent congregations, at- pounded. These people care for the hard to beat. Now, let other classes tended the League devotional services preacher and allow him a great many at 3 o'clock, and at 4 we organized a of the good things of life. The Lord ty to eat. Our prospects are good for a Junior League with forty-five children has greatly blessed me in my charge as charter members. They did not elect and its surroundings. their officers, as we did not have time for this, but will complete the organization and put the children to work later on. I have received a very hearty welcome all around the work, and, by in charge at Rhome came in for a and his family have needs at the beginthe grace and help of God, I am de- share. Like that affair in Eastern ning of the year as well as the ending, termined to try to do the very best Texas, it was the women who did it. year's work of my life. There is much In early afternoon, Monday, 14th inst. hard work to be done here, and my a buggy-load came, and by the time earnest prayer to God is that he will it was unloaded there came another. enable me to accomplish great good in and such a pile as was deposited in the rusry, and are preparing for a sweping this field of labor, and build up the parsonage kitchen! Sisters Miller and

Horsford's Acid Phosphate. Dr. A. E. CAROTHERS, San Antonio Texas, says: "It is the best tonic I know of in debility and nervous prostration, with sleeplessness, caused by mental overwork or prolonged lacta-

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GREENWOOD.

J. W. Tincher, Dec. 21: We had a good day yesterday at Stoney. I preached the first sermon in our new church at Stoney. We had a large and attentive audience. The church is not completed yet, but will be soon. Methodism is laying a good foundation in a fine country. May God help us to move Rhome Circuit.

ROCKWALL.

D. F. Fuller: Our reception has been nost cordial. Many kind acts bear evidence that we are to serve a worthy people. The ladies have added to the furniture of the parsonage, and the stewards have made a liberal assessment for the preacher. Bro. Nichols leaves many friends here. It is pleasant to find a former pastor so beloved. May the blessing of God be upon him and dwell in those he leaves behind.

has been sick for six weeks with ty- selves to the new pastor and his family.

rents. I think that she can return Lord make us a blessing to the people this year. We have two Epworth WASHINGTON STREET, HOUSTON. Leagues, both doing fine work. I received by ritual and baptism last Sunday night Mrs. Nanie Revis, converted at Blythe Chapel.

S. C. Riddle, Dec. 22: Quarterly Conby letter. Rev. J. F. Archer, of North ference just held. Our people are well Texas Conference, preached for us first pleased with their new presiding elder, delighted with his sermon. Bro. Hotch- chair. He held four services besides mon at night and held the first Quarter- debts, amounting to \$118, and raised try. This preacher gratulates himself on finding a peculiar people-religious, liberal, cultured. Why, sir, we have no less than a dozen organists! were about eighteen voluntary prayers.

> Jno. E. Roach, Dec. 21: My work is the same as last year, with the excepthey manifest in every effort. I know

preacher is in order. So the preacher cause of my blessed Master all over the Barker and Miss Madena Prunty, Mrs. George Arrington (these latter two sigters not members of our Church) were the perpetrators of this pounding. A gentlemen and children gathered at the fine turkey, ham, sausage, butter, lard, coffee, soda, starch, etc. After preach- ing a little time in a kind of general ing last Sunday the preacher was nothe store at Anneville. We obeyed, which there were prayers, songs and and found the pounding not over. Others had taken it up in that community. Sisters Breedlove and Anthony were at the head. And now we are loaded down to the guards. Another turkey and other good things of same kind as mentioned above, with some silver coin in addition. So you see the friends of Methodist preachers, and especially and save these good people is the prayer of the preacher and his wife of

FARMERSVILLE.

J. F. Anderson, Dec. 14: We reach ed this place on Tuesday after conference; were kindly received. The good ladies had prepared a tempting supper. There were at the parsonage to receive us about a dozen of these ladies, who did much to make us feel at home, and they succeeded well. After their friendly greeting and words of kindly cheer they left us in full possession when the preacher, his good wife and hungry children did justice to the supper. This is a kind people, who have N. C. Little ,Dec. 17: My wife, who done much already to endear them-

quently reseived. The culminated year. We intend by divine help and guidance to do our pest work for this

ROSSTON.

J. C. Weaver, Dec. 9: We reached Rosston Wednesday, December 2. We found several of Rosston's good women, with a few of the brethren, at the parsonage. They had a good fire and a good dinner awaiting our arrival; so we were warmly and bountifully 1eceived on our new work. Tuesday, December 8. Rush Creek came in with many things we will not ask space to mention. The ladies took charge of the cooking and dining-room and, my, my! what a dinner we had. Then the same night came Rosston's crowd again, seemingly trying to excel Rush Creek. So this parsonage is simply loaded down with good things-substantial things. Many thanks to the donors. We are preparing for a good and profstable year. I find many here now I used to preach to years ago.

WHITESBORO.

W. H. Brown, Dec. 14: Some one said o me, "What makes you write to the Advocate so much?" My answer is simply this. I want my friends to know how good the Lord's people are to me and I want the Lord to have all the is just over. Bro. Mickle, our beloved is still in Grayson county with her pa- glory. Then there are so many good fourth of my time. It is a new charge things to write about-things too good to keep. Such things as happened to us on last Thurzday night are too good | ber 24; were met at the train by sev- people. The people attend the services to keep. The good people of Whites- eral brethren and conducted to the of all the denominations. We have a boro, led by that old mother in Israel, bandsome residence of Bro. White, new church building almost completed. Sister Newman, came rushing into our rented home and left so many good A hot supper awaited us and we show- We hope to have it ready for occupanthings for us that we could hardly find room for them all; then Bro. Riddle, the pastor in the station, and his good wife were in the crowd, and he made us such a good talk and prayed such an hauled our goods to the parsonage and ley has at last moved out on the main earnest prayer for our success that we feel assured we will not fail this year. We preached our first sermons at Southmayd and Kendall's Chapel yes-Sunday morning and our people were J. R. Wager, both in the pulpit and the terday to very attentive congregations, three poundings-one from Lancaster. has over forty members and is doing a and the Lord blessed us abundantly. one from Hutchins (both of which conkiss, our new "beloved," preached a the conference. On Sunday he took a Some cried and some shouted, and most excellent and heart-searching ser- | collection to liquidate several Church | many made vows to live better lives. All glory to God.

CUMBY CIRCUIT.

W. T. Morrow, Dec. 14: We were read out at conference to Cumby Circuit. We bade good-bye to kind friends at Como the 22d ult., and came to our new field of labor. We were met at the At a prayer-meeting recently there depot and conducted to the home of Bro. Bond, where we were entertained till Tuesday, when we moved into the parsonage. That night there was a congregation gathered at the church near by, and sent a committee after scribe tion of County Line, which was cut off and better half to conduct them over to Fairlie Circuit. Bro. Bludworth to receive a first-class pounding, conwill get to preach to good, loyal reli- sisting of many of the substantial tainly do open their hearts and homes preciation have been finding their way tion; the town is growing, and new life two of our congregations. At Mt. Zion,

LEWISVILLE.

J. A. Wyatt, Dec. 14: I have just completed the first round on my circuit and are well pleased with the prospects. sirce conference and have been very heartily and substantially welcomed counties, and are expecting great .. mes back for another year. The brethren at this year. W. S. May, Dec. 22: Pounding the each appointment on the work have recognized the fact that the preaches and have opened their purses liberally considering the money stringency. We have arranged to begin a meeting at Lewisville on the first Sunday in Febrevival. We had, so far as this pastor is concerned, a unique reception. Returning from conference on Wednesday, quite a large number of ladies and talks, the latter taking a wide range,

rilla, "Sales Talk," and show that this medithis one, are not all dead. God bless cine has enjoyed public confidence and patronage to a greater extent than accorded any other proprietary medicine. This is simply because it possesses greater merit and produces greater cures than any other. It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. All advertisements of Hood's Sarsaparilla, like Hood's Sarsaparilla itself, are honest. We have never deceived the public, and this with its superlative medicinal merit, is why the people have abiding confidence in it, and buy

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but a very spiritual turn, in which we have not lacked anything. Our many matters pertaining to the inter- wants have all been supplied. I am ests of the Church were discussed, we thankful I am permitted to follow a think, to considerable profit. By no man like my predecessor-Bro. Sims. means was the least profitable talk He leaves many friends, but they are ladies. We are starting well in our made by Rev. W. T. Harris, preacher in the first ones to welcome the new pascharge of Haskell Avenue, Dallas, who tor. May God help us, not only to win had stepped with us for the night on and retain their affection, but may we his way to his present charge. This be able to accomplish much good in beats a pounding a long ways, especial- their midst. I find in our presiding ly so when the pounding follows in the elder, A. C. Biggs, a friend and a good substantial form mentioned above. The preacher, May our association be pleas-Junior League of Lewisville has fur- ant and profitable together. We are nished matting for the family room of praying for and expecting a good year the parsonage, the Senior League of and to see many souls converted to Webb's Chapel has agreed to furnish God. material to canvas and paint the inside of the kitchen and other improvements have been made.. When all is G. M. Gardner: We are in a high, summed up it will amount to about \$20. healthy, prosperous part of the West

LANCASTER AND HUTCHINS. gets three-fourths and Mutchins oneas now arranged, and a pleasant one. We arrived her about 7 p. m., Novemwhere we received a hearty welcome. the ladies furnished a large new cook and give us a prosperous year.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE

TIMPSON.

T. J. Milam, Dec. 13: Timpson Station is ending the first year with great credit to her wide-awake people-a people who mean success in whatever they undertake. They have nobly supported the preacher and met all financial obligations. Then, to serve a broadgauged people is a pleasure to the pastor. To know that an assessment means a paid up assessment at end of year is people. A nice majority are members no small comfort to a preacher.

Full of knots; that's the way the muscle sel when you catch cold in them. Pond's Extract atic all such knots and relieve the unit

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELENA. comfortably housed in the parsonage at under the ministry of J. W. Gibbens Helena. Kind friends furnished the and the other since the writer has been parsonage and met us here on the in charge of the work. The first was welcome by severely pounding us. We our congregations got too large for it.

J. J. Franks, Dec. 11: I am on work for the second year. I can not say that the house is crowded at each servhave two days at Sherwood and one each at Knickerbocker and Christoval. We serve a good people and are glad to This firm be with them again. They do not shout parsonage at 7 p. m., and after spend- preached to, but they can come up or still work. They do not rush in and social way, the meeting was turned into pound the preacher and his family so tified to appear the next morning at a kind of Church Conference service, in herd that they cannot get their breath, but they do see that he does not stay WANTED-For a be hungry if he hollows in time. They do not all get into the house on prayermeeting nights, but this is not for lack of room. We are not dead, but feel somewhat ailing, as a sister said of her rheumatic limb. We are expecting a revival soon and one to stay, as we are

B. F. McManama, Dec. 9: I came to this conference a stranger, but they took me in and made me feel at home. I was appointed to the Hallettsville charge. I came on to the work, and I received a warm reception-my family ing in Western Kansas at the time. giving dinner! We have been around the best people I ever met, and I can truly say with the Psalmist: "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places." Our first Quarterly Conference is past Almost to the exclusion of all others. Try it, and the Stewards have provided very Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. | well for us. We have not suffered as has been sick for six weeks with typhoid fever, is slowly recovering. Many

Tokens of good-will have been fre
Hood's Pills are the only pills to take severe a pounding yet as some of the have been writing about, but

STERLING CITY CIRCUIT.

Texas Conference, Sterling City i gradually growing and improving. Our P. A. Edwards, Dec. 17: Lancaster Church membership is about one hunshe has an hospitable. Church-going ed appreciation. We spent the hour ey in January. Rev. J. A. Baker, prepleasantly-several brethren and sis- siding elder, was with us last Saturday ters calling on us, giving us a warm and Sunday and we had some profitareception. Next day some brethren ble and enjoyable services. Water Valline for Methodism. Our membership stove, new bedstead, springs and three has gone from two to twenty-five in mattresses-the other necessary fur- twelve months. Our Epworth League, niture being already in. We have had with Prof. W. J. Wilcox as President, fine work. Two weeks ago I called the tained necessaries, delicacies, and lux- people of Water Valley together and uries in no small degree) and the third organized a Methodist Sunday-school, one, from the country members, has with full classes and good, efficient offibeen going on at intervals ever since cers and teachers. Our people are talkwe came. God bless these good people ing of building a church here. Other appointments on the circuit have not made much change.

NOTES FROM ALICE.

M. A. Turner, Dec. 14: This town is situated on the Texas Mexican Narrow-gauge, forty-three miles west of Corpus Christi, and is also the terminus of the Alice branch of the S. A. & A. P. We have in all about six hundred inhabitants, a small majority of whom are Mexicans of the middle class. Most of our American citizens are a law-abiding, moral and enterprising of some Protestant Church. Ours, the M E. Church, South, is in the lead, but closely followed by the Episcopalians. who have made a fine start under the leadership of Rev. W. G. W. Smith, who, at present, is taking a rest on account of ill-health. We have had a Church here since the town began to build-some nine years since. Two evening of our arrival and made us a neat and comfortable little house, but have made one round on our circuit, so we had to build a larger and more commodious one, which we did, and re-We have a large work, lying in three cently the last dollar of indebtedness on it was paid by two generous and consecrated laymen. The W. P. and H. M.



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than I can say; While like as not, with rain and storm. lose both corn and wheat She looked up with her pleasant face, and an-

swered low and sweet There is a heart, there is a hand, we feel but

We've always been provided for, and we shall

He turned around with sudden gloom; she said. Love, be at rest:

You cut the grass, worked did your very best. That was your work: you've naught at all to do

And do not doubt but you will reap rich fields of golden grain For there's a heart, and there's a hand, we f

with wind or rain.

We've always been provided for and we sha!

That's like a woman's reasoning-we must be She softly said: "I reason not. I only work and

The harvest may redeem the day-keep heart whate'er betide When one door shuts I've seen another ope

can not see We've always been provided for, and we shall

He kissed the calm and trustful face.

She heard him with a cheerful step go whistling down the lane: And went about her household tasks full of

Singing to time her busy hands as to and There is a heart, there is a hand, we feel by

We've always been provided for, and we shall

Days come and go-'twas Christmas tide, and the great fire burned clear. The farmer said: "Dear wife, it's been a good and happy year:

The fruit was gain, the surplus corn has bough the hay, you know.

We've always been provided for, and we sha Baltimore Methodist.

A resolution to adopt the King's Mescue work, both by the North and Northwest Texas Conferences, P. and H. M. Societies, was unanimously carried at the last session of these conferences; also that each auxiliary should appoint an agent for this special work. Our Homes and the Messenger club for 80 cents; Texas Christian Advocate add- and Home Mission Society in the obed, all three papers for \$2.60. What a trifle! Send your name without fail .-

King's Messenger.

Resolutions of respect were recently passed by the auxiliary W. F. M. Society of Jasper. Texas, to the memory of Mrs. W. H. Kyle, who was the oldest member of that auxiliary. In the words of the committee, "Her very name on our roll was an encouragement to the younger members. We shall be inspired to stronger efforts in the future for having once had her with us."

MRS. AURIE CURTIS. MRS. HATTIE STONE.

In Memory of Nellie, Who Died in the

The following extract is from the King's Messenger, published in Dallas, by Mrs. W. H. Johnson, in the interests of the Rescue Home of the city. It is a tribute to the memory of "Nellie," one of the inmates of the Rescue Home, who recently died there, written by "Mary." another inmate of the Home: Our Nellie departed this life Novem-

her the 17th, and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, in the King's Daughter's grounds. Rev. C. L. Seasholes (pastor of our dear President) conducted the services. Sweet and touching were the words he said. His text was, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Yes. Nellie died in the Lord; blessed thought! We sang:

"Nearer, my God, to Thee, E'en though it be a cross that raiseth

I thought a cross brings many of us poor wanderers to the Lord. Ten of the ladies and five of the girls were present at the funeral. The ladies went in their own buggies. Mr. Ed Smith kindly sent a carriage for us girls. The services were concluded by singing: "Safe in the arms of Jesus." She longel to be with Him. In a letter to the matron shortly before her death she It would be well for every member of wrote, she longed to go to her heavenly home. We all loved Nellie.

"A dear one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still: A place is vacant in our home, That no one else can fill."

Nellie leaves a baby two months old. We pray the dear Lord to lay it upon the heart of one of His children to take little Charlie and raise him for God's scivice. Two days before she died, Nellie said to Mother Everenden: "I shall not worry any more about my baby; I trust him to Jesus, who says, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the ure of missions, when they started with

done it unto me.' " Nellie, like a great many of us, had they have in their power almost all the nc mother. She was only 18 years of resources of the world." It is obliquity age, and as far as we know was friend- of vision that sees failure in missions; less, except for the dear Home friends. just as Wurmser saw the defeat of Na-A letter was found in her trunk, written to the ladies before she was taken sick. It was a beautiful testimony to sick. It was a beautiful testimony to sick. the goodness of God in saving her. people who see the failure of missions costs nothing if not satisfied.

Forewell, dear sister, all your sorrows are over. May we meet on the other shore. MARY.

(Yes, dear Mary, when this dark night of sin is past, may we all, redeemed by the blood of Christ, meet on a happier shore .- Ed. King's Messenger.)

Week of Prayer.

The members will take notice that he annual week of prayer for the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Socity extends this year from February 1 to 7, inclusive.

The exigencies growing out of the rapid extension of our work and the appeals for aid, call for earnest prayer and supplication to God for his guidance and help. Let us recognize the doors open to us by his providence, and ask that our hearts may be opened to supply the means his cause demands. The contributions of that week in this decennial year must be general and liberal, if we would respond adequately to the providential duty laid upon us.

MRS. R. K. HARGROVE. General Secretary.

Subjects for the Week of Prayer for the W. P. and H. Society.

In the programme for the week of prayer certain subjects relative to the work of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society are called for. Information on these subjects may be found in iliary especially, because she was with Our Homes, the organ of the society. and remained in the chair faithfully In the February number will be found also readings that may be used for the week of prayer.

To any auxiliary where Our Homes is not taken, or to any place or society prayers would be with us. wishing to join us in observing this try, I will gladly send free one copy of she has left, to carry on the good work However, as the number of each issue glory and the upbuilding of his kinged, those places wishing to make sure of getting these papers, had best send of getting those papers, had best send at least one subscription to the paper at the earliest date possible, that the senger as the official organ of our Res- number of copies printed may be commensurate with the demand.

> Our week of prayer is held the first week in February, because in that week the Wesleys first came to America seel:ing to evangelize this country. It seems to us but fitting that all Southern Methodism should unite with the Parsonage servance of this week of prayer, and in holding up before the throne of grace our own country for the salvation of which we should plead. Does it not need our united prayers? Has not Gcd promised much to united prayer? Will you not join us, and hope that the spe-

> c.al mercies of Gcd may come upon us? Programmes for the week of prayer may be secured from the Conference Secretaries of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society, or from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, West Nashville, Tenn.

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Nashville, Tenn.

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

The members of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society are vocate, is that it saves me having to called upon to observe Friday, Jan- answer each individually. uary 29, 1897, as a day of fasting and that the receipts of the society are not have encouraged us. sufficient to meet the demands of the work. It behooves each member to humble herself before God and beseech him to move us; and all who love our cause, if we would even maintain the work already undertaken.

The special decennial offering of \$20. 000 called for, is indispensable to the proper development of our work and should be raised during the coming Week of Prayer. Let us in deep humil- the stomach and gives strength and vigor. Die ity and unwavering faith observe this day. Let not one fail at this crucia! time, lest her lack of earnestness and fidelity result in damage to the cause.

MRS. R. K. HARGROVE, Gen. Sec.

The Nashville Christian Advocate. the General Organ of our Church, of the third or fourth week of January, 1897, will contain four pages devoted to the interests of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. the society to secure and preserve this copy. Its contributions will furnish material for the regular monthly meetings, and for meetings during the approaching Week of Prayer. Each auxiliary should be collecting a home mission library, and in it preserve these yearly editions of the Advocate. The

two issues already gotten out, were March 14, '95, and April 2, '96, and contained superior articles on our work.

MRS. R. K. HARGROVE, Gen. Sec.

Dean Farrar, of Canterbury, thinks it perfectly erroneous to talk of the failleast of these my little ones, ye have | 120 despised Galileans, and when now there are 120,000,000 Protestants, and

are the opponents, not the friends, of missions. But the missionary Bible in hand, is yet destined to win the world

The United States and Great Britain are the two great foreign missionary cuntries of the world. Of the 1,157,668 ommunicants in foreign mission Churches, Great Britain has 312,297 and the United States 312,252.

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Mesquite Auxiliary W. F. M. Society. North Texas Conference.

So long our society has been jus alive, holding meetings with three and four members present, but we are glad to say that we have been greatly re vived since our new pastor came. He ret with us last Sunday at 3 p. m., and gave us a splendid talk, joined our society and promised to work with us He said he expected to see every woman in the Methodist Church here and ge them to join our society or give their reasons why. Bro. Marvin Nichols believes in everybody working, women and children, as well as the men of our Church. We thank God for such preach

On account of ill-health, our beloved President, Mrs. A. L. Frost, thought best to move away. We feel deep regret over her departure, realizing that we have lost our best worker, one who loved the missionary work in all its branches, because she loved the Lord and all his work. She loved this auxthe January and February numbers of it when organized, was made President, performing every duty as long as she remained with us, and when she left, it was her earnest prayer that we keep up the work, promising us that her

We desire to make a more earnest efweek of prayer-held for our own coun- fort than ever before in the little band each of these numbers of the paper. one began, with an eye single to God's dom. MRS. DORA A. SHAWVER.

President. MRS. M. A. GRACE, MRS. VIRGIE HOOD, Committee.

Mesquite, Texas.

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District Stewards will please meet at Mar-
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Rosebud, at RosebudJan 2.
Durango, at DurangoJan
Chilton and Lott, at Chilton Jan 9.
MarlinJan 10.
Hearne Jan 16.
CalvertJan 17.
Bremond and Reagan. at Reagan. Jan 23, Buffalo and Oakwoods, at Oakwoods. Jan 30,
Fairfield, at Sunshine Feb 6.
Personville
Jewett, at Jewett Feb 20.
Centerville, at Red Land Feb 27.
Roger's Prairie, at Oxford Mar 6,
Mt. Vernon, at Owensville Mar 13,
FranklinMar 14,
Petteway, at Roans Prairie Mar 20.
J. B. Cochran, P. E.

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Austin District-First Round.
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Winchester cir. at West Point Feb 20. LaGrange sta Feb 27. Columbus sta Mar 6. Eagle Laice Mar 13. Weimar and Osage, at Weimar Mar 20. Flatonia sta H. M. Sears, P. E. H. M. Sears, P. E.

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Prairie Plains, at Mary Chapel Feb 6, 7
Willis sta Feb 12, 14
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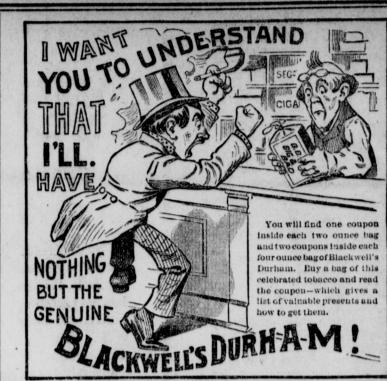
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go on our assessment for the support of the Epworth League missionaries. Our W. P. and H. M. Society is young and not very well established, but is doing good work now, and, as some of the members seem determined, I feel sure that by the help of God it is going to succeed. An outpouring of God's spirit on every member's heart is what this Church needs now. Lord send it.

LOCKHART CIRCUIT.

Nath Thompson: Lockhart Circuit is neither dead nor dying, but alive and living. I have conducted eight different services in that many different places since last Tuesday night. Preached at three of my Churches yesterday; got on foot the building of a new church house and received into the fold twenty-seven members. Any new convert will pray in public. We mould them that way when the iron is hot. Those dozen house-to-house prayer-meetings are still swifter running every week and genuine conversions are being had. Several new preachers are starting out: The District Stewards raised most of our conference collections. That's all right, and we are going to raise them, too. Most of my folks are getting a thoroughbred case of religion. The Lord deliver us from scrubby Meth-

MILBURN.

J. R. Smelser, Dec. 14: We are here on our work in the parsonage, and while we have not been pounded after the manner of some, yet we have been received kindly. Indeed, we serve a noble people, who are ever willing to share with the preacher and family whatever they have. May the Lord bless them and give us grace to serve them in such a way as will repay them for every kindness. We are praying for and expecting one hundred conversions this year. God bless the dear Advocate. We are going to do as much for it as we can.

MASON.

Jno. M. Linn, Dec. 19: The conference certainly honored me, this being my first work, by putting me very high up; for I started from San Antonio and seemed to be continually climbing for the greater part of three days, and at last found myself on one of the highlands, in what is said to be as healthful a place as there is in the State. The people have received me cordially all over the work, and I hope to do them good. Would they all were as good to themselves as they have been to me. There are some truly spiritual people on my work, who know the joys of a daily religious life. May their num-

UTOPIA CIRCUIT.

Frank B. Buchanan, Dec. 14: We came 170 miles by buggy after conference to our new work over rough roads. Utopia is well named. We are situated in a beautiful valley; mountains on every side as far as the eye can reach, the Sabinal river flowing between. The poet and painter would Rev. John M. Linn officiating. find almost unlimited inspiration here. As we came down the last mountain d and entered the valley we felt glad that, in the Providence of God, we Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating. were to spend the next year in this dies had unpacked our goods and fixed ting. everything for our comfort before we arrived. We have had a protracted pounding-venison, beef, pork, turkey. and much in the grocery line. We have been greeted by large congregations, and saint and sinner have done all they could to make us feel at home. We have enough work to do to keep us busy every day in the year, and have started out to make this year the best in the history of the circuit. We have efficient help-good local preachers, conscientious, hard-working Sundayschool Superintendents and a first-class Board of Stewards. Our prayer is that we may be able to measure up to our responsibilities

OUR ENEM STOLE

house one day last wee tter at the time, for the enemy was rent of air. But now you are begin-ning to learn what mischief the little intruder did, for yourback isstiff and painful. Your nead aches, and at times

has happened? has settled on your kidneys.
They are over-charged with blood and inflamed. In-stead of passing the stead of passing the waste matter out of the body they are damming it up in the blood. Every minute, yes, every heart beat adds to the poison in you. the poison in you.
Normal action
of the kidneys
will purify the
blood. Nothing
else will.



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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Colfer-Gardner.-In the Methodis Church, Waxahachie, Texas, on the evening of December 9, 1896, by Bishop Joseph S. Key, assisted by Rev. B. R. Bolton, Mr. H. Frank Colfer and Miss Jennie Gardner.

Brandingburg - Hopkins--Near West Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, No-vember 22, 1896, Mr. Charles Bran-dingburg and Miss Lillie Hopkins; all of Dallas County; Rev. J. B. Bennett officiating.

Care — Moss. — Near Duncanville, Dallas County, Texas, November 11, 1896, Mr. G. W. Care and Miss Flor-ence Moss; all of Duncanville; Rev. J. B. Bennett officiating.

Cole—Love.—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Dobins, in West Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, December 8, 1896, Mr. D. E. Cole and Miss Nannie Love; all of Mesquite, Dallas County; Rev. J. B. Bennett officiation.

McPherson — McFarland. — On December 8, 1896, Mr. W. T. McPherson and Miss Myrtle McFarland; all of Smith County, Texas; Rev. W. C. Stallings officiating.

Potts-Scott.-At the home of the bride's parents, Caldwell, Texas, Rev. E. A. Potts, pastor in charge at Deanville, and Miss Bertie Scott, October 6, 1896, Rev. T. S. Williford

Olds—Bracken.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Dime Box, Texas, December 9, 1896, Mr. John H. Olds and Miss Sallie E. Bracken, Rev. E. A. Potts officiating.

Beavers—Munn.—At the residence of the bride's father, Major Munn, Mr. M. M. Beavers and Miss Alma Munn; both of Eastland County, Texas; Rev. J. M. Lane officiating. Cisco, Texas, Dec 12, 1896.

Ballard-Berry-At the home of the writer, near Martin's Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas, December 17, 1896, at 3 o'clock p. m., Mr. H. B. Ballard and Miss Ella Berry, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Kellam-Steal.-At the gate of the writer, near Martin's Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas, December 17, 1896, at 4:15 p. m., Mr. R. J. Kellam and Miss Idel Steal, Rev. Frank Everitt officia-

Thilman—Adrian.—At the home of the bride, near Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt County, Texas, December 17. 1896, at 6:30 p. m., Mr. J. B. Thilam and Miss Romilda Adrian, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Laseter-Hazel.-At the home of the County, Texas, December 16, 1896, Mr. J. G. Laseter and Miss Effic Hazel, Rev. W. F. Mayne officiating.

Poteet—Oyle —At the parsonage in Cooper, Texas, Texas, December 20, 1896, Mr. M. C. Poteet and Miss Bertie Oyler, Rev. John E. Roach officiating. Richardson-Brooks. - At the residence of the bride's parents, Wortham, Texas, December 15, 1896, by Rev. B. A. Snoddy, Mr. E. L. Richardson and Miss Mary A. Brooks.

Jones Kunze. —In South Side Methodist Church, Temple, Texas, at 8:30 p. m., Pecember 16, 1896, Mr. Ernest P. Jones and Miss Beatrice Kunze, Rev. J. M. Armstrong officia-Core-Bowman. - At the residence of

the bride's parents, Wells, Texas, De-cember 10, 18%, by Rev. W. D. Lewis, Mr. W. C. Core and Miss Eliza Bowman; all of Cherokee County, Texas.

Campbell — Dofflemyre. — In the Methodist Church at San Saba, Texas, December 16, 18%, at 8 p. m., by Rev. M. S. Gardner, Mr. James C. Camp-bell and Miss Mamie Dofflemyre. Bellows-Leslie. -At the home of the

bride's parents, near Mason, Texas, on December 16, 1896, at 7 p. m., Mr. R. K. Bellows and Miss M. E. Leslie,

place, and the feeling of gladness was increased when we met the people. We have had a cordial reception. Kind labare had a cordial reception.

Miller-Hobbs. -At the residence of Mr. James Pull, December 16, 1896, at old Port Sullivan, Mr. E L. Miller and Miss Alice Hobb; all of Milam

County, Texas, Rev. J. L. Russell officiating. Hudnal—Harvey.—At the home of J. M. Harvey, (uncle of the bride) De-cember 10, 18%, Mr. J. W. Hudnal and Miss Ida Harvey, Rev. W. H.

Stephenson officiating. Manus—Bishop.—At Caruth Church, November 30, 1896, Mr. S. R. Manus and Mrs. M. N. Bishop, Rev. W. H.

Stephenson officiating. Leavans-Brooks.-At the Methodist Church at Cedar Bayou, Texas, De-cember 2, 1896, Mr. Geo. Leavans and Miss Annie Brooks, Rev. J. R. Murray

officiating. Brown - Read. - At the Methodist Church, in Deport, Texas, December 2, 1896, Mr. Romie Brown, of Arkan-sas, and Miss Bettie Read, of Red River County, Texas, Rev. R. N.

Brown officiating. Ward-Bratton, -At the residence of the bride's brother, near Leesville, Gonzales County, Texas, December 6, 1896, Mrs. James W. Ward and Miss Minnie Bratton, Rev. J. T. Graham officiating.

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REV. WM. P. READ

Was born March 3, 1815, in Hardin County, Ky., and was converted in 1835, and joined the M. E. Church. qualities of body and mind passing Bro. Read was married to Miss Mary Ann Netherland, August 23, existed to a remarkable degree in 1844, and to them were born nine the subject of this sketch. children, two of whom preceded His extraordinary physical vigor,

him to the spirit land, and his faithful wife also. Seven children still live to mourn their loss, all of whom are members of the M. E. Church, South, and their only son, James Read, is a local preacher, living

near Savoy, Texas. Bro. Read was baptized in infancy. He was licensed to preach by the Greensburg Quarterly Confer-ence of the Kentucky Conference, and was ordained deacon by Bishop Henry W. Warren, in 1841, at Lexington, Ky.; was ordained elder by Bishop Edmund S. James, in 1844, at Bowling Green, Ky.

Bro. Read was licensed to exhort at the first Quarterly Conference, and filled out the last quarter for his pastor, and was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference at the fourth Quarterly Conference, and was received on trial September 15, 1839, Bishop Thomas A. Morris presiding. He was transfered by Bishop James O. Andrew in 1852, from the Kentucky Conference to the Texas Conference, and transferred from Texas to East Texas Conference and transferred from East Texas to the Trinity (now North Texas) Conference in its organiza-tion. Bro. Read says: "I spent twelve years in the Kentucky Conference. Through all of these years the Lord has favored me with his

In 1857 Bro. Read commenced a protracted meeting under an arbor near Elm Grove School-house, on Mill Creek, in Guadalupe County, which resulted in the conversion of Henry McCulloch and wife and only son, Ben E. McCulloch, now of Austin. This revival resulted in the conversion of many others, and set in motion a flame of revival fire which swept over several counties, the like of which Bro. McCulloch informs me had never been known before nor equaled since. Many of them lived and died in the faith and were ready, no doubt, to welcome him on his arrival at the beautiful gate and escort him into the glory

While others are following the foot-prints of their faithful but now sainted leader, Bro. Read planted the gospel in Delta County, being the first Southern Methodist preacher who preached in that county. His foot-prints have been made in many parts of the State as a pioneer preacher. I have enjoyed hearing him tell of his adventures a half century ago and later. He was a man of great faith and consequently of spiritual power. Sinners trembled under his ministry. No one ever speaks ill of him, and even the skeptical say he was a good man, and those who knew him all say he

was a man of God. It was my privilege to become in-timate with Bro. Read at conference at Wichita Falls, and on coming to this work twelve months ago. I found him ready with open arms to welcome me, and as long as he was able to attend church his seat was never vacant, and he would respond to the truths of the gospel with a hearty amen. He seemed to enjoy every service. The last service which he ever attended was at was able to attend church his seat White Rock, the first Sunday in May last. He took sick on his way home and from then until his death. he was confined to his bed and endured most intense suffering most of the time, but never a murmur

fell on sleep as quietly as a candle apparent even at the grave.

He was laid to rest in the Mount Carmel Cemetery (known as Hoghundred frends and relatives. I now himself—he recalls how his former little friend used to come of his sisters, who stated that he led her to Christ he led her to Christ.

May those who read these lines strive to live as he has lived, and may our last end on earth be as sweet, spirtually, as I am sure his S. W. MILLER.

CHARLIS POWERS FLADGER.

Son of Rev. C. B. and Alice Fladger, was born in Jefferson, Texas, August 20, 1888, and died after a lin- forth with the laborers to pluck India gering illness of many months in It is commonly regarded that came Charlie among us. If the childhood affords but meagre matter for the obituary notice. Should this paper prove an exception to the rule of brevity, the character of the spiration, it brought also increased brightness if Charlie came with it. The memoir of age is but a sealed us to know we shall not see his record of uncertain value: that of bright face again! childhood, as in this instance, is a beautiful though broken prophecy. the rare fruitage of whose fulfillment, worthy of the reflective mind, might have reached illimitable distances-moved unmeasured forces.

In the contemplation of death the sense of loss is never so painfully present as when there has been suddenly terminated the existence of qualities that gave promise of liberal capacity and abundant usefulness. The brief career so quicky closed, to whose memory a friendly hand would pay this humble common excellence. These qualities



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His powers of endurance, alac ity of movement, and inclination to constant and active out-door exerises, proclaimed the presence of a rare degree of physical energy.

His mind was not less vigorous Developing intelligence laid tribute upon language and found ready and easy expression far earlier than is wont among children. His quickness of comprehension, excelence of memory, and remarkably good judgment for a child, stamped him with the impress of intellectual superiority.

His moral nature was, if anything, more remarkable than either body or mind. Shielded from pois- to Texas. Like many of the boys tured, there developed no bias of all things he was marked by a serious demeanor and soberness of financial start in life. His industhought well befitting more mature try, spirit of perseverance and busithan a year of age he began trying to preach; as he grew older the he secured quite a fortune. He effort was more pronounced and became a habit. He loved to try to County, Texas, November 20, 1896 preach and wrought thus in all aged sixty-four years, seven sober, seriousness among his little months and five days. In early life R. K. Bellows and Miss M. E. Leslie, Rev. John M. Linn officiating.

Wilson—Langston.—December 17, 1894, at the residence of the bride's brother, in Cisco, Texas, Mr. W. L. Wilson and Miss Fay E. Langston, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.

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Miller—Hobbs.—At the residence of Mr. James Pull, December 16, 1896, at

A truer, better man, I have never

of the time, but never a murmur during his sickness. I baptized his favorite grandchild standing by his favorite g associates. To some it may have Bro. Mason was converted, and his A truer, better man. I have never met with in life. On the night of November 21, at 11 p. m., Bro. Read could carry in a vessel and was the Lord knoweth that which is carrying it to a sick neighbor. That best. Let his will, not ours, be with a smile on his face, which was apparent even at the grave.

grayheaded and worthy neighbor, done. May the Lord comfort and sustain Sister Mason in her days of followed his little friend to his last age and feebleness, is the prayer resting-place. Another good man's heart grows tender as-in affliction

ever beat in a childish bosom! Charlie was the child of the district. He knew the preachers and they knew him. He loved his father's work, and while his strength lasted nothing delighted him more Prof. J. A. LAWRENCE, 88 Warren St., N. Y than to visit the various charges in the district, enjoying the companionship of his father and the preachers. As the child of the harvester goes flowers and make the heart glad Terrell, Texas, November 20, 18%, with his sunshine and laughter, so the subject is its ample justification. And we shall miss him! It pains

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dark storm broken too soon!

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note! When the tidings of his death reached the parsonage here, and the family seated at the evening meal learned that he was gone, a hush of silent sadness fell on all.

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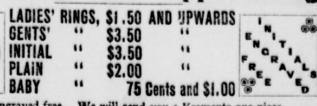
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that will render a woman temporarily To these causes may be traced the tongue-tied. It is only after again see- trouble of tired, nervous, irritable, worn ing the cherished smile of greeting. after again feeling that there is throbbing life beneath the dainty glove, and ly treat their women patients for bil-after again hearing her own name jousness, nervousness, dyspepsia, liver this strange sensation vanishes,

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seeks its victim, among her sex alone. From a living picture she became, in less than a year, a wreck of human thing is wrong there, it may result in fulness in Christ's service; for losing wretchedness. From despondency to all manner of ills all over the body. despair seemed but the remaining step, the last step.

HER LAST PAREWELL.

precedes a lingering death, she asked is sick in any way, the first thought to be removed to her old home in the should be given to the organs distinct-West, and spoke what to all seemed to by feminine. About 9 times in 10 the be her last farewell. In the very pa-cause of the trouble will be found per that chronicled her departure the there. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescripdoomed invalid found leiters written by Mrs. Belle Dement, of Iroquois, II'...

Mrs. Belle Dement, of Iroquois, II'...

Mrs. Minnie Smith, of Lowell, Oregon, and others. Some of these leiters are brinted below. They told how cures brinted below. They told how cures below found for cases like her own. had been found for cases like her own shattered health that had almost sapped life away. With no more hope than that which prompts the drowning man to catch at a straw—for she firmly believed herself incurable, just as ward weakness and nervousness; also Stundists, and all who are suffering for women of thousands of women believe for women expecting to become moththemselves incurable—she followed the ers. I was married fourteen years and advice contained in these letters. The had six still-born children; before it among the nations of the earth may themselves incurable—she followed the advice contained in these letters. The result is best told in the woman's own words. "In less than five months," she writes, "I returned to my friends in the East, as well and strong in body and mind and as happy and free from pain as any woman in the world. I had gained nearly thirty pounds in pounds in the world, and was so changed in face bad to be born—no help now. I cried the month before my seventh child was some to try to save the child for it tended the proclamation of the gospel world. had gained nearly thirty pounds in no use to try to save the child for it tended the proclamation of the gospel especially in Africa, China and South and form that when one of my dearest for I wanted a child so badly. I told

happiness to Doctor Pierce's Favorite and get it anyhow;' so he got it and Prescription, which cured me after doc- when I had taken four desea I was tors, travel, baths, massage, electricity, had failed to even benefit!"

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GRATEFUL LETTERS.

out women. Careless, easy-going doctors frequentooken in the ever familiar voice, that or kidney troubles, when the real sickness is in the organs distinctly feminine, and no help can come till they are made perfectly strong and healthy in both structure and function, which whose pictures are here given, shows is brought about in due time by the use

A WOMANLY WOMAN.

A woman cannot be entirely woman ery day points a moral that every ly—she cannot be a perfect woman—if woman in the land should take to she is not in perfect health. In just so heart. Here was a woman in the prime much as her sickness affects the organs have crowned the past year; for aprofile, pursued by that sentinel which that makes her a woman, in just so cial "times of refreshing;" and for the much she loses attractiveness. This is general prevalence of peace. Humilis-the vital part of her health. If any-Careless, or too busy, physicians frequently treat the symptoms of this kind of disorder as separate and distinct all-and life; for a more steadfast "looking ments. The symptoms are many and for the coming of the day of God," varied, so much so that when a woman Tuesday, January 5. The Church Overcome by the presentiment that varied, so much so that when a woman

"I have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. Belle De-ment, of Iroquois, Iroquois Co., Ills., "and can recommend it as the best

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the tenth of March."
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WEEK OF PRAYER TOPICS.

The following is the list of tenies suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for prayer during the week so univers ally set apart in January for supplica-

Sunday, January 3. Sermons, "The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lam. 3:25.

Monday, January 4. Thanksgiving and humiliation, praise and thanks-giving: For the countless mercies that opportunities for witnessing for him; for conformity to the world. Prayer

Prayer that the whole universal. Church of Christ may be more separate from the world; that there may be nore true oneness of heart among her members, and that this oneness may be manifest; that what is formal and segsuous in worship may be swept away and that there may be instead of it a

soul-thirst for God. Wednesday, January 6. Nations and their rulers. Prayer for sovereigns and rulers, and for all that are in authority; that cruelty and oppression "and can recommend it as the best may cease; that protection may be ex-medicine in the world for woman's in-

friends met me in broad daylight she my husband there was one thing I wanted to try and that was Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. He said he would number of faithful native laborers in number of faithful native laborers in various countries, and for the spirit of liberality existing among the native Christians generally. Prayer that the hearts of Mohammedans and heathen essy. I went to my time and the child may be opened to receive the gospel; is living and will be three years old that the Church of Christ may fully realize her responsibility with regard

to those who are still in darkness. Friday, January 8. Home missions and the Jews. Praise for increased activity amongst God's people, and for many tokens of the power of the Helv Spirit accompanying the means used. Prayer for the blessing of God to rest bundantly upon all evangelistic efforts; for work amongst soldiers and sailors; and for the better observance of the Sabbath. Praise for the wide circulation obtained for the Hebrew New Testament, and for the enc:urag

for the earnest work carried on by many students in our universities and from her bed strong and healthy. I honestly think the 'Favorite Prescription' is the very best medicine for women that was ever put on the market. She has just commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for Cod's kingdom.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHANAGE.

I was asked to write about Christ-I was asked to write about Christmas, but am obliged to write about the Orphanage. I will say this, however, that three Christmass ago we were just entering practically upon the work of earing for the children, and first in order to permanent work it was necessary for us to have a house. For th's we promised to pay \$15,000, with 8 per cent interest in four payments, the first \$2000, the other three \$4000 each. So \$2000, the other three \$4000 each. So the Home was opened and the children began to come in, and they have continued to come until now we have sixty-five children in our care-some from each of the patronizing conferencesvarying in age from a babe of two days to a girl of fourteen years. We have children. Eighteen of the larger ones have professed religion and joined the Church. All are well and happy to-day, Wife, assisted by Miss Georgia Warlich, of Paris, Texas, have charge of the internal affairs of the institution, and with a study of the facts stated above all will agree that they have succeeded finely.

The writer was to get money and pay the notes as they mature. The first, second and thrid notes were paid; this brings us to the last, which matures the first part of January, 1897. I have labored incessantly; have improved all occasions, in season and out of season; the people have been kind, have re-sponded nobly, and now I find myself within less than a month of final pay day-having collected and paid on the lest note up to date \$2200, leaving a balance of \$1800 to be secured in so short a time; but in this short time Christmas comes. The time that our Savior became a child, whose birth was attended by the song of the angels, and whose life has been a benediction to all -an example to youth, a strength to the matured man and woman, a comort to old age-and when He came to his arms, put his hands upon them and

clessed them.

This Orphanage is the child of our great Methodism in Texas. How shall we use the Christmas? Will we as we come to see our struggling child, as i makes a final grapple with this debt, the most fatal bane of any Church enterprise, pass its cry unheeded, or will we rather, like our Master, take it in our arms, put our hands (our money) upon it and bless it? I prophisy the latter. I beg of all a consideration of our need at this time. I pray God's blessing upon every home and every child during the Christmas week, and may the loving Christ turn all hearts toward the cry of want as it comes rom the helpless of our race.

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