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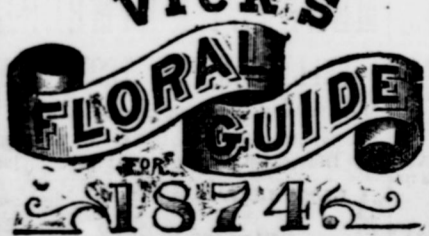
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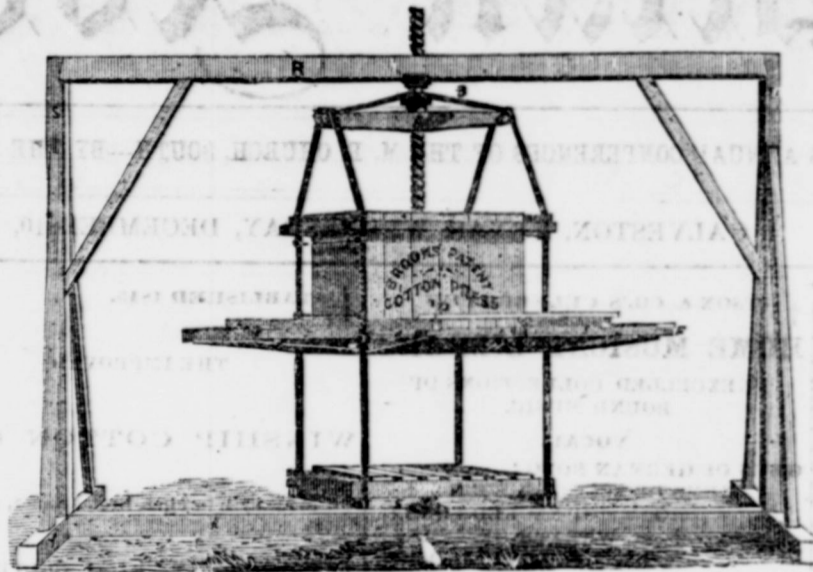
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MY LAMBS.

While I at my open window sit,
The room by silver star-rays lit,
My thoughts are often drawn to the spot
Where I can see a tiny cot.

Two little heads, crowned with sunny hair,
Press, side by side, the pillow there;
Four sweet brown eyes, now hidden from
sight,
Softly curtained by fringed lids white.

For wee hands on the coverlid lay,
So weary with mischief and play;
Four tired feet, that since early dawn,
Have twinkled o'er garden and lawn.

The sleep of childhood, how sweet the rest,
By angel visions often blessed,
Wearily they close their eyes at night,
Joyfully greet returning light.

Dear Father, borne on the evening air,
Rises to thee a mother's prayer;
O, shield from Satan's poisonous darts
Those little, tender, loving hearts.

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There are two grades of land—the black, stiff and sandy lands. Although we do not have quite as much rain here as in some other parts, with energy and industry, the farmer can always be amply remunerated. A little experience has proven that the different varieties of produce can be raised here as well as in any part of the State.

As to health and beautiful scenery, it is unsurpassed by any county in the State. On the river in the upper part of the county, there is a heavy growth of elm, and other varieties of timber, which makes very good lumber for fencing, barns, stables, and other out-houses. A good saw-mill would pay here. Some one with a small capital would do well to invest in that business.

GALVESTON, HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO RAILWAY.—We copied a telegraphic notice a few days since from the Houston Mercury, which, our readers will recollect, gave the information that fifty-eight miles of iron were en route for the progress of this road. We have now private advices that confirm the above statement. The distance from Columbus to San Antonio by the route located for this railroad is one hundred and twenty-five miles; the sixty miles of iron which is now either on hand or en route will bring the road to within sixty-five miles of San Antonio, and its terminus fifteen miles nearer than Austin, which would diminish to that extent the distance required to be traveled by stage. The bridge across the East Navidad is completed, and those to be erected over the middle and western branches of the same river are on the spot. We are further told that Mr. Pierce is expected in Houston some time during this month, so that in a few days we may look for definite action in relation to our railroad matters.—*Ex.*

The market this morning was excellent. The fattest beef, pork and mutton we have ever yet seen, sausage of various kinds, hogshead cheese, etc., graced the different stalls, and Mr. John Camp, in addition to the above, had nice, fat, cleaned turkeys and chickens, which he sells at the same figures as they can be bought in their natural state. He asks nothing for cleaning them, but being determined to have a good assortment, he keeps this great addition to his assortment. *Aust'n Statesman.*

Southern Fruits.

The capacity of the South for the development of wealth and trade is almost without limit. Even the natural products peculiar to its soil, which are in continual demand everywhere, are just beginning to be appreciated, and when they shall have received due attention, they will form an item of surprising magnitude in the local thrift of the South, and the general trade and revenue of the country. Florida, once considered a barren region of swamps and sand fields, is becoming a great garden of tropical fruits, the sale of which is very profitable. A single crop of bread-fruit in Southern Florida has been known to pay \$3000 an acre. This, of course, was an extraordinary return, but one-tenth or one-thirteenth of that sum would be considered a fine compensation by farmers in a colder climate. An Augusta company purchased a section of land and have planted it with banana, plantain, coconut, orange, lime, lemon, bread-fruit, date, guava, mango, and other tropical growths. The Palatka (Florida) Herald thinks there will be a full half million productive orange trees in the St. John's river grounds; these will yield an average of two thousand fruit each, which, at the low price of fifty cents a hundred, will bring an income of \$5,000,000. What is true of Florida is true in a great degree of Louisiana. Both these States have a soil and climate remarkably well suited to the production of crops which grow nowhere else in the country, and are in large demand throughout the whole country. They are the great tropical gardens of the United States, and the yield of their peculiar crops will expand to an annual value of many millions.—*Courier Journal.*

FINE STOCK.—A car load of short-horned Durham cattle arrived in this city during the past week. They were brought from Illinois—from the stock farm of J. H. Miller, of Freeport, in that State. The stock is mixed—cows, heifers, bulls and yearlings—and are going off like hot cakes at prices remunerative to the importers, one stock firm in this county taking five bulls at \$100 each. We noticed another sale of three springers and two yearling heifers at \$100 each. This is pretty good for the Corsicana stock market, and which we hope is but the beginning of a large trade. They will have another car load in a short time. If this trade is encouraged as it should be, our county will in a few years rival some of the older States. *Corsicana Observer.*

TEXAS AS A WHEAT-GROWING STATE.—There has been a great deal more wheat raised this year in the State than for several years past, and we believe our farmers generally have found it remunerative. We have seen as fine wheat grown in Texas as we have seen anywhere. True, Texas flour has not been up to the standard, but we believe this is due more to the mills than to the soil or climate. We find in Texas the very essentials for profitable wheat growing, viz.: a good market, a good climate, and, if we are any judge, the best of soil. In the greatest wheat-growing countries in the world we find a similarity to much of our Texas soil—that is, a deep, black loam, founded on lime-rock.—*Ex.*

THE PIERCE RAILROAD.—From a private letter dated Houston, Nov. 14, we learn that Mr. Converse, Chief Engineer of the Galveston, Houston and San Antonio Railroad, has been quite sick with congestive fever, but that he expects to be able to start West again in a week or two. The plans for the masonry of the bridges over the San Marcos, Guadalupe, etc., will be sent on to San Antonio as soon as Mr. Converse receives them in Houston, from the place where they had been left on the line of the railroad, where he was taken sick, which will be in a few days.—*Exchange.*

The people of Denison are down on the Central road for alleged discriminating charges. It is alleged that a short time ago that road charged one dollar more on the freight of a bale of cotton from Sherman to Galveston than from Denison; and now this road charges \$3.50 from Sherman to Galveston and \$4.50 from Denison. The Denison Journal says:

The object they profess to have is to drive the cotton from Denison to Sherman. The result is to drive the cotton from Galveston to St. Louis. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad have it in their power to profit by this little game of bluff, and to direct all the cotton of Texas to St. Louis, and we hope they will take advantage of it. *Gal. News.*

The production of butter in Ohio during the last year was reported at 45,413,066 pounds; of cheese, 34,403,899 pounds. Three counties reported more than a million pounds of butter each. Every State but Texas appears to increase the supply of butter. Here, however, with more cattle than any other State in the Union, we import nearly all the butter consumed, and pay more for it than the people of any other State. Texas cows are not very well adapted to the dairy. Our best domestic butters come from the goat family. We believe, however, that by proper care and feeding our cows could be greatly improved, not only in the quantity, but in the quality of the milk.

Several new houses are going up in the eastern portion of our city, besides one or two north of the capitol. Our population is increasing daily, and the city improving rapidly in buildings. Lots for building purposes are scarce, and, as a general thing, very high. In our running around in the suburbs we notice several families who are camped, awaiting an opportunity to get houses at lower rates, or purchase when they can find prices reasonable. Holders of property should give such persons encouragement.—*Statesman.*

SLAUGHTERING OF THE INNOCENTS. If you don't believe it, visit the slaughter-house of the Texas and Atlantic Refrigerator Car Company, and see how they slay them. They kill the animal, dress, and have it ready for shipment in the twinkling of an eye. There were at least a thousand persons present on Tuesday, when the first slaughtering was done, and a large crowd every day since.

The first shipment was made to-day, and all the indications tend to confirm our ideas of the success of this great enterprise.—*Denison News.*

Our Outlook.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

—We extract the following conference matter from the Nashville *Advocate*:

—ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.—The Arkansas Conference held its session at Dardanelle, Nov. 5—10. Bishop Pierce presided; I. L. Burrows, secretary. We are obliged to the bishop for a copy of the minutes. Eight were admitted on trial; three remain on trial; four were admitted into full connection; N. E. Fair was readmitted; five were received by transfer; four traveling and eleven local preachers were elected and ordained deacons; two traveling preachers were elected and ordained elders; two local preachers elected elders; G. H. Warren, H. M. Youngblood, Van Buren Tate, T. Wainwright, F. A. Taff, J. C. Daily, W. E. Whittenberg, F. M. Moore, T. J. Reynolds, located. J. M. Bewley, superannuated. S. P. Farish, died (no memoir). J. T. Rice, expelled. White members, 11,119—last year, 10,795; colored, 22—last year, 22; local preachers, 150—last year, 131. Infants baptized, 315—last year, 410; adults, 706—last year, 884. Sunday-schools, 90—last year, 108; teachers, 501—last year, 568; scholars, 3586—last year, 4451. Why this decrease? Necessary for claimants, \$650—last year, \$500; collected, \$220—last year, \$362 35. For missions, \$504—last year, \$498 60. The next session is to be at Fort Smith.

—WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.—The White River Conference held its session at Forest City, Ark., November 12—16. Bishop Pierce presided; John H. Dye was secretary. We are obliged to him for the minutes. Eight were admitted on trial, three into full connection, two discontinued. Thos. J. Brickell was received from the Congregational Methodist Church. J. J. Alexander was elected and ordained deacon. E. A. Garrison and R. W. Massey were elected and ordained elders. Eight local preachers were elected and ordained deacons, and two elders. J. Rhyne was superannuated. Baptized: infants, 341—last year, 281; adults, 744—last year, 801. Sunday-schools, 79—last year, 100; teachers, 392; scholars, 2858—last year, 4623. Necessary for claimants, \$800; collected, \$750 50—last year, \$723 35. For missions, \$1332—last year, \$769 20. The next session is at Searcy, Ark. White members, 10,294—last year, 9413; colored, 7—last year, 13; local preachers, 95—last year, 107. Number of churches, 108; sittings, 26,494; value, \$76,440. Parsonages, 4; value, \$1600; other property, \$3025.

—At the Holston Conference, Bishop Haven presiding, a committee was appointed to organize a Conference Camp-meeting Association. It was decided that the district conference is the proper place to renew the license of local preachers. The statistics show an increase of 806 members, and an increase of probationers. Missionary collections increased 100 per cent. over last year, and a committee appointed to organize a Conference Anti-Tobacco Society.

—The superintendent of our Mexican mission, Rev. Joel T. Daves, reached New Orleans with his family on Monday, the 24th ult. Brother Daves expected to leave that city for Mexico on the 6th inst.

NORTHERN METHODISM.

—The one hundred and seventh anniversary of the Old John Street church, says the *Methodist*, was celebrated last Sunday (October 26). Drs. Chapman and Haven preached morning and evening. Rev. Mr. J. B. Merwin, Dr. L. S. Weed and others took part in the services. The con-

gregations were large; the spirit of the meetings excellent; preaching powerful; collections liberal.

—Rev. J. H. Wilson, missionary to the Yokima Indians, Oregon, stated at the late session of the Oregon Conference: "There are about 400 converted Indians under my care. I have watched them closely from day to day. In every case when an Indian is converted he abandons at once the use of tobacco. He does it voluntarily, without admonition from anyone."

—Rev. Thomas Carter, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, writes from Mexico under date of September 19: "We are all in good health, and keeping at our work. We had an excellent meeting last night. One of our native brethren, exhorter, returned yesterday, after two weeks' absence to different appointments, giving us a good report of his services. This week I have been sending a young man out with Bibles and tracts in the vicinity of the city."

—The new Methodist Episcopal church, Atchison, Kansas, erected at a cost of \$20,000, was dedicated Sabbath, October 26, Bishop Bowman preaching in the morning and Rev. A. H. Leonard in the evening. The pastor is Rev. T. J. Leak.

EPISCOPAL.

—BISHOP CUMMINS.—The *Southern Churchman* speaks as follows of the withdrawal: "His reasons for taking this step appear to us not wise. He knew when he accepted the office of Bishop in the Diocese of Kentucky, that some of its congregations taught doctrines he considered subversive of the truth. If this is a valid reason for resigning his office after accepting it, it ought to have been an all-powerful one for not accepting it at first. His second reason for resigning is, he has lost all hope that error in the Church will be eradicated by its authorities. Then, when he accepted the office he had hope. Now, if anything has happened at all, everything, both in our own Church and that of England, points to a most marked determination to put an end to these evils. It was only last week we printed extracts from letters of many of the English bishops, showing they had reached positive determination on this point. His third reason, we fear, gives really the ground of his resignation. Bullied and badgered by the press for taking part in the Communion Service at Dr. Hall's church, he has become provoked; and in the soreness of his spirit has done that which, we feel confident, he will regret all the days of his life. As it appears to us, this is the real reason that has caused Bishop Cummins to take this step, before his acceptance is received by the Church authorities, he ought to be allowed time to reflect about it; and if it should then seem good to him, to withdraw it altogether."

—CHRIST CHURCH, CHICAGO.—Rev. C. E. Cheney, the rector, on the Sabbath after the publication of the withdrawal of Bishop Cummins, said that he had no doubt that if this congregation were to extend him an invitation to do so, Bishop Cummins would come here and administer the sacrament of confirmation. Of course, he had no authority for this statement, but he believed it would be justified.

—Rev. R. H. Jones, of North Carolina, has taken charge of Bath Parish, in Dinwiddie county, Va.

—The Bishop of the Diocese of Florida announces the removal of his residence, and of the diocesan school likewise, from Fernandina to Jacksonville.

—The Episcopalians of northwestern Ohio, at their recent convention, passed resolutions condemning the slightest deviation from the prayer-book, and saying that "the interpola-

tion in the services of the church of any other prayers than those found in the prayer-book, or the inviting or permitting of persons who have not received episcopal ordination, to officiate as ministers in any office, in any of our churches or accustomed places of worship, must not be countenanced or tolerated."

—CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Certain prelates of the English Church can scarcely be said to be exempted from the terrors of the poor-house. For instance, the Archbishop of Canterbury, though entitled to a life occupancy of the archiepiscopal palace as a residence, is stinted for the personal expenses of himself, Mrs. Canterbury and family, to the paltry sum of \$75,000 per annum. The Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London are entitled to still greater sympathy, each being obliged to put up with a paltry \$50,000, while the poor Bishop of Durham gets only \$40,000, and the Bishop of Winchester has, in the most shameless manner, been compelled to rough it on a miserable \$35,000 a year.

PRESBYTERIAN.

—The Presbyterian Synod met in Houston, Texas. Rev. Dr. Bunting, of Galveston, the Moderator of the last Synod, should have preached the opening sermon according to custom, but he invited Rev. Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, to take his place. Dr. Palmer preached on the scheme for founding a great Presbyterian Central University, for which the church proposes to secure subscriptions to the amount of \$500,000.

The following members of the Synod were present at the opening: Brazos Presbytery—Rev. J. W. Miller, D.D., Rev. R. F. Bunting, D.D., Rev. John J. Read; Rev. James Wilson, Rev. H. Byers, D.D., J. R. Hutchison, D.D., S. M. Luckett, J. M. Cochran. Ruling Elders—Galveston, James Sorley; Houston, D. McGregor; Wheelock, W. C. Dodson; Chappell Hill, W. L. Simpson; Huntsville, Gen. J. S. Besser; Galveston, T. G. Hensley. East Texas Presbytery—Rev. W. K. Marshall, D.D., C. S. Shepperson, A. P. Silliman, S. F. Tenney, J. S. Moore, R. E. Sherrill, H. McDonald, A. P. Smith, D.D. Ruling Elder—Jefferson, John M. Lewis.

Presbytery of Western Texas—Rev. J. D. Porter, Rev. W. E. Caldwell.

Central Texas—Rev. A. J. Loughridge, Rev. H. Mosely, Rev. S. A. King, Rev. J. A. Smylie, Rev. L. Tenny, Rev. N. McDonald, Rev. M. C. Conoley. Ruling Elder—Hugh Wilson Church, Rev. R. H. Flanagan. Rev. W. E. Caldwell, of Corpus Christi, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. L. Tenny, Temporary Clerk; Rev. Dr. Bunting, Stated Clerk.—*News.*

—Rev. Dr. B. O. Lacy, of the Synod of Missouri, retires from the work he has so long and so ably prosecuted as evangelist of the synod. There was no failure to raise the salary which was guaranteed to him for six months. Dr. Lacy felt constrained to accept a unanimous call from the churches in Mexico and Montgomery, Mo.

—Rev. J. W. Allen, the synodical evangelist of the Northern Synod, says the *Interior*, "is trying to devise and carry into effect a plan by which the two synods may occupy the State understandingly, to economize men and money and promote Presbyterianism, and yet, without chafing or collision, working together wherein they agree, and wherein they differ, exercising forbearance in love."

—The United Presbyterian Church of Scotland numbers only 183,000 members. Last year they raised \$1,250,000, besides \$350,000 for missionary and benevolent purposes. They are supporting sixty-three missionaries and teachers in the foreign field, and have just raised nearly \$50,000 for a mission in Japan.

—The Presbyterian Church at Jefferson City, Mo., has called Rev. W. G. Keedy, of Illinois.

—Out of the one hundred and fourteen counties in Missouri, sixty-nine only are occupied by the synods of the Presbyterian Churches, and forty-five have no church buildings. In the sixty-nine counties there are two hundred churches, with a membership of 8621.

—Rev. A. B. Simpson, of Hamilton, Ontario, has been called to the pastorate of the Chestnut-street church, Louisville, Ky. Salary, \$5000.

—The loftiest kind of Presbyterian church and Sunday-school is located 2500 miles away, in the thriving town of Fairplay, Colorado. It is the only church and school of the denomination in a region three times the extent of New Jersey, and it is situated some 9700 feet above the level of that State. If there is anything in the church or Sunday-school line higher than this, we should like to know it.—*Presbyterian at Work.*

—Rev. Dr. Macdonald has celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his settlement in Princeton, N. J., and Rev. Dr. Boardman his fortieth anniversary in Philadelphia.

—Rev. George O. Little, late of Connersville, Ind., was installed pastor of the Assembly church, Washington, D. C., on Sunday evening, the 9th instant.

—Rev. R. H. Leonard was installed pastor of the First church, at Ludlow, Ky., October 12th. The church has lately purchased a hot-air furnace for their church building.

—Dr. Talmage's Tabernacle, Brooklyn, it is thought, will be finished by Christmas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Northwest Texas Conference held its session this year at Waco, beginning November 26, and closing December 2, Bishop Kavanaugh presiding.

This conference is fortunate in commanding the efficient services of Revs. John S. McCarver and F. P. Ray as secretaries.

We were unable to reach Waco before Thursday night, and on Friday morning found the conference assembled in the spacious and well-appointed audience-room of the Waco Female College.

The Northwest Texas Conference, in point of numerical strength, is the chief among its sister conferences in our State, and in point of efficiency, practical ability, and energy, will compare well with the very foremost in our connection. The field it occupies covers a large portion of the most fertile and prosperous section of our State, and the cheerful, hopeful spirit of the preachers, their reports and their enlarged plans of future usefulness, give the church assurance that this part of our Zion will not be neglected. The material resources of this field, like those of the Trinity Conference, will attract to its midst a vast population, and open for the preachers who are called to labor in this inviting region a field that is full of promise. We can not better exhibit the present condition and prospects of our church in the Northwest Texas Conference than by presenting the following statistics, which were kindly furnished us by the Secretary: Preachers, 210—increase the past year, 9; members, 14,041—increase, 1716; adult baptisms, 1103—being less than the num-

ber reported last year by 187; infant baptisms, 663—showing a decrease of 3; Sunday-schools, 87—an increase of 9; officers and teachers, 618—being less by 72 than was reported last year. It is to be hoped that this report will be amended next year. Scholars, 4394—an increase of 895. This is encouraging. We trust the two agents appointed, viz.: Rev. R. Crawford and Rev. F. Olin Dannelly, will stir up preachers and people in this good work. Volumes in libraries, 8197—an increase of 931. The value of these books is \$2407.80. Sunday-school periodicals taken, 1543—a decrease of 352. The salary of preachers aggregated \$36,174.50—being an increase over the assessment of the preceding year of \$10,618.50. This is decidedly encouraging, as it shows a growing appreciation of the value of the ministry by the church and a corresponding disposition to sustain it. The receipts of the preachers, as reported, amounted to \$23,061.75. This shows a deficit of \$13,112.75, but is at the same time an increase of \$7280.85 over the receipts of last year. A people who devise liberal things will be apt to put their good purposes into execution. We are looking forward to the day when a deficit in the preachers' claim will be the exception and not the rule, and then an untrammelled ministry can devote its entire time to the work of saving souls. This is of vital importance, and the church can not be reminded too frequently of its obligations.

The bishops' fund was reported at \$571.45, being a decrease of \$25.30. If we mistake not, the full claim was met, with a margin over. The missionary collection amounted to \$1545.80, which was an increase of \$433.15 over the report from circuits and stations last year. To this we may add the Anniversary collection (the precise figure we did not obtain), amounting to nearly \$900. A large portion of this conference is missionary ground, and both preachers and people estimate aright its importance. The conference collection amounted to \$1042.25. This is an increase of \$337.71 over the amount reported last year. A church honors itself when it remembers its surviving veterans and cherishes the memory of those who have passed from labor to reward. The Northwest Texas Conference is still young, but the number of those who hold claims upon it is already large and will steadily increase. Nearly every year will add new names to the list. No one can tell how soon his own wife and children must lean on the brethren for support, and that thought added to their obligations to others should secure promptness in taking up this collection. The amount reported as raised for the Bible cause was \$1260.15.

The church-buildings reported were seventy-seven, valued at \$133,840. Six parsonages were reported, two of which were provided the past year.

The conference requires each preacher, annually, to report the number of *ADVOCATES* taken. The number given this year was 1127, being an increase of 364. We expect that this number will be doubled the coming year.

We condense from the minutes the

following items, which may be useful to the members of the conference:

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

Samuel C. Vaughn, Levi F. Collins, J. Willis Kelly, Sam'l J. Franks, Hugh Griffin, R. C. Hendrick, James Campbell, James Truit, Robert K. Thomas, W. F. Law, and John T. Graham.

Ques. 2.—Who remain on trial?

W. G. Davenport, John R. Borden, Thomas Reec, W. D. Robinson, Joseph J. Shirley, Wiley V. Jones.

Ques. 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

T. G. A. Tharp, R. H. H. Burnett, N. A. Duckett, Willis J. King, Osgood A. Shook, F. O. Dannelly, A. D. Gaskill, Wm. E. Weaver, James J. Davis, Wm. T. Johnson, and Jackson H. Perry.

Ques. 5.—Who are readmitted?

Jno. R. White, Sam P. Wright, Henry J. McQuary.

Ques. 6.—Who are received by transfer?

H. C. McQuown, W. A. Sampey, Jno. R. Randall, W. C. Young, W. C. Collins, W. P. Wilson, J. W. B. Allen, J. W. Walkup, W. K. Turner, George R. Bryce, J. K. Street, and H. S. B. Ashby.

Ques. 7.—Who are the deacons of one year?

E. A. Bailey, and James Hines.

Ques. 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Joseph J. Shirley, T. G. A. Tharp, R. H. H. Burnett, and Osgood A. Shook.

Ques. 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

T. G. A. Tharp, R. H. H. Burnett, Osgood A. Shook, J. J. Davis, W. T. Johnson, and Joseph J. Shirley.

Ques. 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons?

B. H. Baird, John A. B. Whittenberg, Wm. R. Robinson, Geo. W. Featherstone, John E. Surratt, Wm. B. Gage, James Truit, R. H. Simpson, George Ruddell, M. D. Johnson, and J. H. Steagall.

Ques. 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons?

B. H. Baird, J. A. B. Whittenberg, G. W. Featherstone, T. M. Price, Jas. Truit, R. H. Simpson, J. H. Steagall.

Ques. 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders?

John P. Mussett and Jas D. Shaw.

Ques. 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

John P. Mussett, Jas D. Shaw.

Ques. 14.—What local preachers are elected elders?

John N. Bowman, James A. King.

Ques. 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders?

John N. Bowman, James A. King.

Ques. 16.—Who are located this year?

Jackson H. Perry.

One of the laborers in this field fell at his post but a short time before conference assembled. Early in his ministerial career and in the midst of his usefulness, T. J. Hutson has passed away. An appropriate memoir was prepared by the committee, which we hope will be furnished for our columns. If the death of a good man is precious in the sight of the Lord, his memory should be precious to the church.

WACO FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution does credit to the church and citizens of Waco, and the Northwest Texas Conference honors itself while it promotes the weal of church and state in fostering so noble an enterprise. At the close of the war there was an indebtedness amounting to \$11,500. By the sale of other property this debt has been liquidated,

and during the past year \$12,500 has been raised and expended upon the building and grounds. Of this amount only about \$500 was contributed out of the corporation limits.

The main building is of brick, two stories high, and sixty-two feet square. The audience-room is on the second floor, approached by broad stairs on the outside of the building, is sixty feet square, with a large platform and comfortable seats, and is at present used for preaching and by the Sunday-school. The first floor is divided into four recitation-rooms, though the space will admit of the addition of two more. The rooms are divided by a broad hall, large enough to make an excellent room, if needed, for a study hall. The boarding-house is 170 feet long and 26 feet wide, two-stories high, and containing twenty-two rooms. The rooms are large and well ventilated, presenting an air of comfort and convenience which must be peculiarly satisfying to parents and guardians who send their daughters to this point for instruction. The boarding-house is separated from the college building by a hall which communicates directly with the dining-room and other portions of the building, enabling the young ladies to pass directly from their apartments to the study-hall and recitation-rooms. The grounds embrace one block, inclosed by a good fence. The soil is sandy, with good drainage, and has been bedded out with Bermuda-grass and set out with trees, and will afford a pleasant place for out-door exercise for students. The musical department is provided with five pianos of the best style and finish, and in this department, with first-class teachers, they can furnish the students with superior advantages.

Dr. Conner, the President of this institution, has been so long and favorably known as a competent and thorough educator, that he needs no commendation from us. He has gathered around him an able faculty, and we doubt not will secure for the college under his charge the liberal patronage its merits so justly demand.

MARVIN COLLEGE.

This institution, also under the patronage of the Northwest Texas Conference, is located at Waxahachie, one of the most beautiful and healthy sections of our State. The friends of the institution have supplied us with the following items respecting its condition and prospects: The buildings are of brick, 50x70 feet in size, two stories high, with a projection in front of thirteen feet, terminating in a tower. The lower story is divided into six recitation rooms, including a study-hall for the Preparatory Department, forty feet square. The second floor is occupied by a large chapel, the full size of the building, with the necessary appointments for exhibitions. The liabilities of this school are about \$10,000; but we are assured that the creditors will not press immediate payment, if satisfactory provision will be made to meet this indebtedness. The conference rallied cordially to the call for aid, and we are confident that the vigorous measures which are being taken will relieve the institution of this burden, and enable it, without

impediment, to perform its important mission in this growing land.

Rev. J. M. Pugh, aided by a competent corps of teachers, has placed this school in the front rank among the educational enterprises of our State. One hundred and twenty-seven have matriculated during the present session. The health of the school is reported as excellent. The location is fifteen miles from Ennis, on the Central road, and may be reached by daily line of hacks, which insures easy communication, while its security from epidemics will be a recommendation to many. The institution can accommodate 300 students, for whom good boarding and reasonable terms can be secured.

OWENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

The conference recognized the claims of this institution, and has taken it under its patronage. It is located in Robinson county, at a convenient distance from the Central road at Calvert, and from the report of its friends, will perform an important part in the cause of education in our State. The principal, Rev. H. M. Glass, has won for himself a good report among the teachers who have charge of our leading institutions, and with the facilities afforded by the liberal and intelligent community in the midst of which the school is located, it will be sustained by a large share of public patronage. The school has been suspended during some weeks past by the yellow fever excitement, but Brother Glass expects to open the first of January, under auspices of the most favorable character.

We had the pleasure of meeting among the lay delegates Major J. H. Bishop, Principal of the Central Military Institute, located near Mexia in Limestone county. This school is not under the patronage of the Church, but the moral and religious influences which surround its students, the well-established reputation of the principal and his assistants, and the beauty and healthfulness of the location justify its favorable mention in this connection.

The missionary appropriations of the conference were as follows:

BELTON DISTRICT—Burnet Mission, \$100; Lampasas Mission, \$50.

WACO DISTRICT—Jonesboro Mission, \$100.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT—Navasota Mission, \$50.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—Blooming Grove and Chambers Creek Mission, \$50.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—Springtown Mission, \$100.

STEPHENSVILLE DISTRICT—Presiding Elder, \$200; Hamilton Mission, \$100; North Bosque Mission, \$80; Stephenville Mission, \$50; Fort Griffin Mission, \$50; Eastland Mission, \$50; Camp Colorado Mission, \$50.

Total—\$1030.

On Wednesday afternoon the session closed with the usual services, and the appointments were announced. The session was harmonious, a deep, religious feeling attended the public worship of God, and a number of precious souls were added to the Church. The next session will be held at Weatherford. Many changes will transpire ere they meet again. More than one may answer the final call. When it comes, may each one be ready.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN TEXAS!

I. G. JOHN,.....Editor.

ADVOCATE STOCK.

Each of the conferences which have been held in Texas thus far, have recognized the liberal spirit displayed by the Advocate Publishing Company, in meeting the responsibilities necessary to place it upon its present basis, and have promised to raise a fair proportion of the stock needed to complete the amount which was decided upon at the organization of the company as essential to the success of the enterprise. At the Trinity Conference, circumstances beyond our control prevented an appeal to the preachers and audience to make up at that time their proportion. Several of the preachers and members of the church in that conference are already members of the company, and we were assured by a number of brethren personally, that they would respond by taking one or more shares, and also use their best endeavors to induce others to unite in the effort to place our Church organ on a permanent basis.

At the East Texas Conference we secured the following names, who took one share each:

REV. DANIEL MORSE.

REV. JOHN ADAMS.

MRS. M. J. LEAVERTON.

We hope to hear further from East Texas. If our brethren are active, we will have on our books at least twenty names from that section.

The Northwest Texas responded nobly. On the conference floor, after we had presented the facts connected with organization and present movement of the company, we enrolled the following stockholders, who took one share each:

REV. W. R. D. STOCKTON.

REV. W. G. CONNOR, D. D.

REV. H. M. GLASS.

COL. W. A. FORT.

REV. W. C. COLLINS.

REV. THOMAS G. GILMORE.

REV. T. G. A. THARP.

REV. J. M. ADDISON.

REV. J. FRED. COX.

REV. R. J. PERRY.

REV. WM. A. SAMLEY.

MRS. KATE SHIRLY.

REV. J. P. SNEED.

REV. JOHN CARPENTER.

REV. T. S. SNYDER.

MAJOR J. H. BISHOP.

JOHN LAFFERTY.

WILLIAM PRICE.

MRS. MARY H. COX.

We are in receipt of a choice collection of hymns and tunes for family and public worship, properly called "Devotional Chimes." The selections are fine and reflect credit upon the compiler, Asa Hull, Esq., as does the neat appearance of the book to the publishers, O. Ditson & Co., Boston, Mass. Price 75 cents.

WHEN parties request a change of postoffice, they will confer a favor by giving name of former address.

PASSIVITY.

A great many men can *act* well, but few *suffer* well. They are great when great actions are to be performed, but little when suffering must be endured. When God gives us stalwart frames and requires increasing labor and enterprise and activity, we generally measure the full stature of men in Christ Jesus. But when we are to sit passively and behold judgments, like whirlwinds, desolate our path, and endure the scorching fever as it flames along our trembling nerves and boils in our veins, or submit without a groan to the cold, iron grasp of poverty, that same power that was great in activity becomes almost powerless in passivity. It requires both to constitute true greatness, though there is more grandeur in suffering than in acting. True this is not the common idea of greatness. We generally consider him great who braves the cannon's mouth, like the soldier with a steady nerve, or by patient thought digs up some great, undiscovered truth, like the philosopher, but that delicate female, who lives in a miserable hovel and contends daily with poverty, and sickness, and gloom, and yet, morning and night, syllables in Heaven's ear: "Father, thy will be done," has a greatness superior to the soldier or philosopher. Bonaparte was great on the field and in the cabinet, but when greatness consisted in suffering exile, he became peevish, irritable and fretted out his life prematurely. Let greatness lie in active power, and he could shake an empire beneath his tread, but let it lie in a passive endurance, and he was less than woman. On the other hand, Socrates stands alone in profane history as an example of passive greatness. The power that could drain the "cup of hemlock" without a quiver in the nerve, was greater than that which shook the continent of Europe. There is more sublimity in the language of the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," than in the language of Creation: "Let there be light, and there was light."

"Twas great to SPEAK a word from thought,
Twas greater to REDEEM."

It is these passive virtues, especially, that God would develop in us. Hence we see written all along the journey heavenward: "We must, through much tribulation, enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." The tendency and philosophy of all suffering is to make us morally great. But suffering does not make every one great. It hardens and contracts a great many, because of their own stubbornness and rebellion. Suffering is like heat, it softens iron, but it hardens steel. Its effects depend entirely upon the material upon which it acts. God requires us to endure affliction in the same spirit that we perform active duty. The one develops our passive virtues, and the other our active capacities. God is an artist, and our lives are but so many pictures upon the canvas. Active and passive virtues are the lights and shadows. Both are essential to the beauty and perfection of the picture. The breaking of a heart string, or the severing of the tie of love, is at times but a relief thrown upon the

canvas, that it may add greater loveliness to the whole picture. Very frequently our vision can not pierce through the screen behind which God is working. We can not see the necessity of this or that shadow thrown upon the canvas. But if we wait patiently and in faith until we reach the sunlit plains of Heaven, where we shall know even as we are known; then all will be clear as the noon-day sun, and our praises will be to God, no less for suffering than action. "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous. Nevertheless"—ah! that word *nevertheless* is like a golden door thrown open to a man who stood in a dark, dreary passage, and opened to his eyes a gorgeous parlor full of infinite beauty and loveliness. "Nevertheless, afterward, it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

WILLIAM M. TWEED.

The trial, conviction and sentence of this man is one of the greatest events of this swiftly passing year. He was the most stupendous, and for a time the most successful of the many public plunderers, by whom the revenues of the land have been feloniously appropriated. When charged with his crimes, he insolently said: "Well, what are you going to do about it?" He boasted no New York jury would convict him. We extract the substance from the New York *Evangelist*:

Judge Davis began by saying that as to the number of offenses of which the prisoner had been found guilty, he did not agree with the prosecution in dividing each set of four counts into two offenses. He thought that all the counts relating to one act should be considered as designating but one offense, and as there were 51 separate acts of fraud on which he had been convicted, there were—not 102, but only one-half that number—namely, 51 offenses. Now, were all these to be regarded as only one general breach of trust? If so, then, however great his moral guilt, he could only be punished by imprisonment, (and that not in the State's prison, but in the county jail,) for one year, and a fine of \$250; but if there were 51 different crimes, he might be sentenced for each one, making 51 years of imprisonment, and a fine of \$12,750. On this point, Judge Davis frankly declared that he had changed his opinion. On the former trial he thought all the frauds must be regarded as involved in one general charge of malfeasance in office, but he had lately made a special study of the subject, going into all the authorities, and his opinion now was equally clear and decided the other way.

Having thus laid down the principles to govern his decision, he turned to the clerk of the court, and said: "Arraign the prisoner." The burly figure of Mr. Tweed stood up. "William M. Tweed," said the clerk, "what have you to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?" He whispered faintly, "Nothing." Mr. Graham said, "He has spoken by his counsel." The Judge proceeded to address the prisoner. In simple, but forcible language, he set before him the enormity of his crimes: he had been placed in a position of high responsibility, and he had betrayed his trust; he was appointed to watch the public treasury, and he had plundered those whom he was set to guard. Referring to the evidence, especially that of Mr. Tilden (who had spent a month in examining

the bank accounts of the Ring, and who had found that every time a sum was paid out of the city treasury on certain fraudulent contracts, 24 per cent. of the money was immediately paid over to Mr. Tweed), he declared that it furnished "a mathematical demonstration of his guilt." It was evidence which no honest mind could resist. For such offences there should be exemplary punishment. But he did not desire to be vindictive, but to temper judgment with mercy. He therefore proceeded to sentence the prisoner—not for fifty years of imprisonment, but to *twelve*, and to a fine of over twelve thousand dollars.

The reading of this sentence occupied a good deal of time, as it specified the particular counts on which he was sentenced to imprisonment, and those on which he was subjected only to a fine, during all which time the prisoner stood as if stunned by some unexpected and tremendous blow.

During the day he had seemed to feel his position very keenly. All his audacity was gone. Sometimes he bowed his head on the desk before him, as if to hide his face from observation, and when he rose up he looked the image of despair. We sat right in front of him, and watched every motion of his features. He bore up as bravely as possible, but it was impossible to conceal the traces of mental suffering; and when the Judge's sentence was ended, and he sank back into his seat, it seemed as if he would have rejoiced if the pit which swallowed up Korah, Dathan and Abiram, could have opened under his feet, and he could have disappeared forever from the gaze and the scorn of men.

In a few moments he was removed by the officers, and after waiting in the Sheriff's room a few hours till the order of commitment could be made out by the clerk, about midnight he was driven to the Tombs, and locked in a convict's cell. In a day or two he will be removed to Blackwell's Island, there in the penitentiary to serve out the term of his imprisonment.

Thus this great criminal, after his long course of apparent success, at last meets the just reward of his crimes. From beginning a conspicuous figure in public affairs, he sinks into a silence like that of the tomb. The prison doors have shut behind him like the gates of the grave. The career of Wm. M. Tweed is ended as much as that of James Fisk. He is indeed alive, but it is a living death. Twelve long years in the life of a man who has lived very fast, and is already beginning to look old, will probably end his days. But should he live out his full term, and come forth again, he would be broken by age, and grief, and shame, and would shrink away from the notice of men, till he should hide his head in a dishonored grave.

Such is the end of this once powerful man. It is a solemn and an awful lesson. The spectacle of Saturday was one of the most painful that we ever witnessed. We can never look upon the sufferings of a human being, however much deserved, without pain. Especially do we feel this in the case of one who has occupied a position of trust and power. We see him as it were exalted to heaven only to be thrust down to hell. It is indeed a sad and mournful lesson. God grant that all who are exposed to temptation, and need the warning, may learn it well!

—English Methodism has lost one of its oldest and staunchest supporters in the person of William Suttcliffe, Esq., who died October 4, at the age of seventy-six. He had been circuit steward of the Bacup circuit for more than forty years, and had attended every quarterly meeting in that period except the two which occurred during his last illness. His life was in all respects that of a thorough, earnest Christian.

BELTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

We owe an apology to the members of the Belton District Conference. The report of the proceedings reached us as we were on the eve of leaving for the tour of conferences, and it was overlooked in the absence of the editor. Such omissions are unavoidable under such circumstances, as among the many items demanding attention, it is impossible for one not familiar with all the workings of an office to avoid omissions. We assure our brethren the oversight was not intentional. We are anxious to obtain church news and do not designedly neglect it.

It is possible that oversights have occurred. If so, our brethren will please inform us, and the matter will be adjusted promptly.

REV. T. H. B. ANDERSON.—We had the pleasure of meeting, at Waco, Brother Anderson, of the Pacific Conference, who is visiting our State in search of health. We are glad to learn that he is deriving benefit from rest and our genial clime, and trust that his sojourn among us may result in his permanent restoration. We can appreciate the reluctance with which his old associates would part with one endowed with rare social powers and pulpit ability; but if our climate should restore his health, we are not sure that Texas will not have a claim upon his services. The apostles admonished us to covet the best gifts, and we therefore think it no sin to welcome in our midst good preachers.

MAILS.—One of our chief difficulties in East Texas arises from the wretched condition of the mails. We learn from Rev. F. M. Stovall, and others in that section, that the *Advocate*, due in Jasper and other offices in that region, is often weeks behind. Weeks pass and no papers are received, and then there comes in one sack the mail which has been due for weeks. The difficulty is not with the offices where the paper is received, but at the intermediate offices. We invoke our friends in that region to aid us in ascertaining where the fault lies. It is discouraging to subscribers to pay for a paper and not receive it, while it is a very serious damage to the paper.

REV. J. B. McFERRIN, D.D.—Dr. McFerrin left the Northwest Texas Conference on Tuesday morning for Nashville. He bears with him the affection, not only of many of his old friends from Tennessee who he found in our State, but of multitudes of the new friends he made during his recent visit to our State. His counsels in the conference-room, and his labors in the pulpit and altar, will long be borne in grateful recollection by his Texas brethren. While ever on the alert where the interests of the missionary cause were involved, yet he was also abundant in labor, and under God led many souls to the Cross during the revivals which attended the three conferences he visited. He was quite unwell during his visit to Waco, yet he responded cheerfully to the numerous calls on his services. He will always find a warm welcome from his brethren in this State.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

We were glad to observe at each of the Texas Conferences we have attended, that when the appeal of the book agent was made, in view of the present financial panic and the consequent pressure thrown on our Publishing House at Nashville, to each preacher to purchase \$100 of our publications and pay for them by the first of April, that so many of the preachers responded. The Publishing House is the property of the whole Church. It is doing a work of vast importance in sending out a solid and wholesome religious literature, and the preachers who respond will not only aid the house in an hour of need, but will do a good work in supplying our people with religious books.

The pressure felt at Nashville also affects our home enterprise. It is impossible to negotiate for funds at the present time. Every branch of business, and especially every church enterprise, is thrown on its own resources. We were glad to note the fact that the action of the conferences pledging increased activity in sending subscribers to the *TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* was so cordial and emphatic. The expressions of sympathy and support, both in the conference-room and from brethren in person, have cheered us greatly. We hope our brethren will not only bear these pledges in mind, but will act upon them without delay. Each preacher can send in a large list before the first or middle of January. We expect to double the subscription this year, and we wish to have the names on our books as early as possible. Those who receive subscriptions at an early day, and forward funds promptly, will render us an important service.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The *Evangelist* makes the following well-timed remarks. We think the whole system of semi-bribery, like the gift and dollar stores, cultivates a wrong tendency, and is demoralizing. Let people pay a fair price for what they get, and let the matter end there:

The *New York Observer*, in publishing its prospectus for another year, notifies all whom it may concern that it will not give chromos or premiums, but endeavor to furnish the best paper, etc. That is good common-sense and fair dealing. We have often been invited to go into the chromo business. They have been offered to us by the cart-load for a few cents apiece. But we have refused all such offers. If anybody wants to buy a cheap, tawdy picture, let him buy it; but if he wants a sterling religious newspaper, let him buy that, but let him not mix the two things together. We prefer to spend all our money and labor on the paper itself, so that every man who takes it and reads it all the year round, will feel that it is richly worth all that it costs. The cheapest thing that one can buy is a good newspaper. There is no possible way in which so little money will bring so much fresh, good reading, so much knowledge of what is going on in the world, so much to give animation and cheerfulness to the family circle.

—It has often been remarked that missionary effort is most successful among small and oppressed peoples. The Armenians and Nestorians of Persia, among whom the American Board has maintained missionaries with such blessed results, are instances in point. It is said that about 25,000 of either race are now nominally Christians.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BELTON DISTRICT.

W. R. D. Stockton, P. E.
Belton station—John F. Neal. Post-office, Belton.
Port Sullivan and Cameron—J. W. Walker, Salado.
San Gabriel circuit—Wm. C. Collins, (from Centre to Cameron.)
Salado and Davilla circuit—Oscar M. Addison.
Georgetown circuit—James S. Lane.
Liberty Hill circuit—J. W. B. Allen, Florence.
Burnet mission—N. A. Duckett, Strickland.
Lampasas mission—T. G. A. Tharp, Lampasas.
Sugar Loaf circuit—To be supplied by D. H. Baird.
Gatesville station—R. J. Perry, Gatesville.
Gatesville circuit—John Carpenter, Belton.
Leon circuit—Willis J. King.
Agent for Sunday-schools in the Waco and Springfield districts—Robt. Crawford.
Agent for Sunday-schools in the Belton, Waxahachie, Weatherford and Stephenville districts—F. Olin Dannelly.

WACO DISTRICT.

W. G. Veal, P. E.—P. O., Waco.
Waco station—Thomas. Stanford, Waco.
Marlin station—Wm. L. Kidd.
Bremond circuit—Wm. T. Mulugin, Bremond.
Groesbeeck circuit—J. Fred Cox, Groesbeeck; M. Yell, supernumerary.
Owensville circuit—Wm. K. Turner.
Wheelock circuit—S. C. Vaughan, Englewood.
Calvert and Hearne circuits—Chas. E. Brown, Calvert.
Deer Creek circuit—J. R. White.
Cedar Bridge circuit—Jas. Peeler.
Bosqueville circuit—Wm. L. Kistler; J. W. F. Toland, supernumerary.
Jonesboro mission—W. G. Davenport.
Waco Female College—W. G. Connor, President; Sam P. Wright, Agent, Waco.
Owensville High School—Hiram M. Glass, Principal.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

G. W. Graves, P. E.—P. O., Mexia.
Springfield circuit—James D. Shaw, Mexia.
Fairfield circuit—W. W. Jared, Fairfield.
Butler circuit—Geo. R. Bryce, Butler.
Centreville circuit—W. F. Compton, Centreville.
Red Land circuit—J. J. Davis, Centreville.
Navasota mission—S. J. Franks.
Mount Calm circuit—O. A. Shook.
Dresden circuit—R. C. Hendricks, Dresden.
Corsicana station—Horace Bishop; W. C. Young, supernumerary.
Corsicana circuit—To be supplied.
Agent of American Bible Society—John S. McCarver.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

Andrew Davis, P. E.
Waxahachie station—M. B. Fly, Waxahachie; Joe. F. Hines, supernumerary.
Waxahachie circuit—Wm. Price, Waxahachie; F. P. Ray, supernumerary.
Lancaster circuit—J. S. Davis and J. Willis Kelley, Lancaster.
Grove creek and Ennis—A. D. Gaskill.
Chatfield circuit—Wm. Vaughan.
Millford circuit—Wm. B. Robinson.
Hillsboro circuit—H. C. McQuown.
Peoria circuit—Thos. G. Gilmore, Peoria.

Ft. Graham circuit.—R. K. Thomas. Chambers and Blooming Grove mission—S. S. Yarborough.
Marvin College—J. M. Pugh, President.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

T. W. Hines, P. E.—P. O., Waxahachie.
Weatherford station—W. A. Sampney, Weatherford.
Weatherford circuit—James Hiner.
Granbury circuit—Jas. R. Randle, Granbury.
Acton circuit—J. J. Shirley, Acton.
Cleburne and Marysville station—R. B. Womack, Cleburne.
Cleburne circuit—J. P. Mussett—Cleburne.
Alvarado circuit—E. A. Bailey, Alvarado; John Powell, supernumerary.
Mansfield circuit—James Campbell, Mansfield.
Johnson station—Wm. F. Johnson, Johnson station.
Fort Worth station—R. H. H. Burnett, Fort Worth.
Springtown mission—H. S. B. Ashby, Springtown.
Cartersville circuit—J. M. Jones and J. M. Truit, Weatherford.
Jacksboro station—P. W. Gravis. Principal of Weatherford District High School—W. P. Wilson.

STEPHENSVILLE DISTRICT.

W. M. Monk, P. E.—P. O., Liberty Hill.
Stephensville mission—N. F. Laws, Stephensville.
North Bosque mission—Wiley V. Jones, Iradell.
Paloxey circuit—S. D. Akin.
Palo Pinto and Graham City—J. T. Graham, Palo Pinto.
Comanche station—A. A. Cornett.
Comanche circuit—H. J. McQuary, Comanche.
Eastland mission—Levi H. Collin, Stephensville.
Camp Colorado mission—Hugh Griffen.
San Saba circuit—To be supplied by James A. King, San Saba.
Rockvale and Fort Mason circuit—James D. Whitehead and J. R. Barden, Shovel Mountain.
Hamilton mission—Wm. E. Weaver.
Fort Griffin—Hilliard B. Smith.

SUPERANNUATED.

Thos. K. Leonard, transferred to the South Georgia Conference.

SUPERANNUATED.

Joseph P. Sneed, C. N. McGuire, Drury Womack, W. W. Thomas, J. M. Johnson, Benj. A. Kemp.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Texas University.—Oscar M. Addison, Sam. P. Wright, John R. Henry.
Waco Female College.—J. M. Pugh, Thos. Stanford, Wm. G. Veal.
Owensville High School.—J. D. Shaw, Chas. E. Brown, J. H. Bishop.
Marvin College.—Wm. G. Connor, Wm. L. Kidd, Hon. Judge Thomason.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The clerical members for 1872-3 were re-appointed on the Joint Board of Finance.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Clerical.—Thomas Stanford, Wm. G. Veal, Wm. Price, W. G. Connor.
Reserves.—J. S. McCarver, A. Davis.
Lay.—Col. W. A. Fort, Rev. E. A. Martin, B. A. Philpott, J. H. Bishop.
Reserves.—D. S. Anglin, Rev. H. L. Taylor.

THE West Texas Conference meets at Lockhart on December 18, 1873. Members of the conference, on their arrival, will report at the Methodist church.

The Sunday-School.

Sabbath-School Elasticity.

The Sabbath-school should be made for the child, not the child for the Sabbath-school. That is, the school should not be wrought out on a theory and equipped according to a notion, and then an attempt made to cram the children into its size and shape. There can not be a uniform, model Sabbath-school. The whole plan and paraphernalia, the order of exercises, and the kernel of a lesson must vary with elastic circumstances. Each school must seize the conditions and peculiarities of its location, and take its form from the status of the scholar. This obvious analogy in all education suggests the importance of an increase of Sabbath-school appliances in order that each school may select its cards, or papers, or magazines, or blackboards, or maps, or exhibitions of any sort, according to its requirements.

Years ago, in Virginia, in the strange old days of human chattelage, I collected, each Sabbath morning, around the porch of a cottage, the negro slaves of the neighborhood. It was a Sabbath-school. There was no reader in the large group. Reclining on the ground, part under the shade, and part glistening in the severe sun, they demanded a very peculiar teaching. The parables *always* took hold. How those black field laborers fed on the "Parable of the Sower!" Jesus seems to reveal the foundations of his kingdom to the weakest in these natural stories. "The Mustard Seed" was a favorite. We returned to it several times for review; and many of the boys wore sprigs of mustard in their old hats, and would often waive them at me as we met—a kind of free masonry that they had the least seed of a hope in the ever-growing kingdom. "The Good Samaritan" never failed to elicit laughter and tears. "The Lost Sheep" and "The Prodigal Son" never wearied them. In "The Rich Man and Lazarus" there seemed to be a vivid picture, singularly appealing to their rudeness, and unlocking to them the depths of the Divine impartiality and affection.

That was, in its way, a most profitable Sabbath-school. The library consisted of a few picture books I happened to have. Some of those men learned to pray and mimic my presentation of truth. How permanent was the benefit God only knows.

I wish it to be illustrated that the Sabbath-school is no fixed, rigid institution *in se* or *in posse*. It is not susceptible of a development to a perfection. The imperfection and looseness of one method will be the very perfection of another. Yet there are inevitable uniformities. The truth is not double or doubtful. The Bible is the same—the essentials of faith—Jesus' character—and God's holy plan of translating a soul through penitence and faith into his kingdom. This unity may be best preserved in a uniform lesson; which is hardly more than saying, in a uniform Bible. The Uniform National Lesson has this very manifest superiority—that it forms a nucleus for the religious study of the nation. Let every Sabbath-school in the United States study the same Scripture on the same day, and it will be found that the pulpits will preach near it, the religious articles in our periodicals will be suggested by it and work for its elucidation. Our professors will start out with some choice discovery concerning it, and really we shall focalize the religious thought of the day, and all will be taught.

I suggest this to show what a variety of adaptation is possible under it. Each school is obligated to get a fair and proportioned interpretation of its lesson. By no means is each school compelled to make the same truth the most prominent. There may be valid

reasons why the *obscure* thought should be illuminated—the *shade* of the leading idea made the most important. The photographer may focus his instrument on your eye, or nose, or hand, for a purpose, did some anatomist wish such a magnified feature for scientific purposes. So each Sabbath-school can make prominent in any lesson the part it most needs. Thus out of a uniform lesson book, there may be the greatest variety of adaptation, stretching to the necessities of all the shades of sin and ignorance, and delivering the word, full of its own inspiration.—*Nat. S. S. Teacher.*

"How Long Will it Do to Wait?"

Dr. Nettleton had come, from the evening service in some country town, to his home, for the night. The good lady of the house, rather an elderly person, after bustling about to provide her guest with refreshment, said, directly before her daughter, who was in the room:

"Dr. Nettleton, I do wish you would talk to Caroline; she don't care nothing about going to meeting, nor about the salvation of her soul. I've talked and talked, and gone to our minister to talk, but it don't seem to do good. I wish you would talk to her, Dr. Nettleton."

Saying which, she soon went out of the room.

Dr. Nettleton continued quietly taking his repast, when he turned round to the young girl, and said:

"Now just tell me, Miss Caroline, don't they bother you amazingly about this thing?"

She, taken by surprise at an address so unexpected, answered at once:

"Yes, sir, they do; they keep talking to me all the time, till I'm sick of it."

"So I thought," said Dr. N. "Let's see; how old are you?"

"Eighteen, sir."

"Good health?"

"Yes, sir."

"The fact is," said Dr. N., "religion is a good thing in itself; but the idea of all time troubling a young creature like you with it! and you're in good health, you say. Religion is a good thing. It will hardly do to die without it. I wonder how long it would do for you to wait?"

"That's just what I been thinking myself," said Caroline.

"Well," said Dr. N., "suppose you say till you are fifty? No, that won't do; I attended the funeral of a lady fifteen years younger than that. Thirty? How would that do?"

"I'm not sure it would do to wait quite so long," said Caroline.

"No, I don't think so either; something might happen. Say, now, twenty-five? or even twenty, if we could be sure that you would live so long. A year from now; how would that do?"

"I don't know, sir."

"Neither do I. The fact is, my dear young lady, the more I think of it, and of how many young people as well, apparently, as you are, do die suddenly, I am afraid to have you put it off a moment longer. Besides, the Bible says, *now* is the accepted time. We must take the time. What shall we do? Had we not better kneel down here, and ask God for mercy, through his son, Jesus Christ?"

The young lady, perfectly overcome by her feelings, kneeled on the spot. In a day or two, she, by grace, came out rejoicing in hope, finding she had far from lost all enjoyment in this life. *Christian at Work.*

WE MUST PRAY.—A successful teacher in a prominent German Sabbath-school directs our attention to the value of prayer, and suggests that teachers' meetings "afford opportunity for united prayer, which, alas! is too much neglected. Too little prayer is offered in behalf of the class and the school. It is not enough that we study the lesson, that we are able to

explain it to the scholars, that we confer as to the best means and method of conducting the school—we *must* pray. We teachers are dependent upon God. We may, it is true, plant and water, but the blessing must come from above—from God. And the promise given to them: 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven,' applies to Sabbath-school teachers and Sabbath-school meetings when they pray in concert for the class and the school, and the results cannot be otherwise than blessed to the whole school and the individual scholar. Awakenings and conversions will take place."

The Natural Dignity of Children.

There is a vast amount of tyranny in the world of child-life, among the rulers of child-soul, that needs to be, in the first place, uncovered, and then removed. Under whatever semblance of things to be revered and maintained it be disguised, off with the mask, and away with it. Poor little children! How often are they "snubbed," treated with the grossest carelessness, impoliteness, and absolute rudeness, just because they are "children!" And that, oftentimes, by those who tenderly love them, who would not willingly "offend one such little one," but who simply have never thought that a child has social rights that grown people are bound to respect!

Of course we recognize the line between the treatment which we owe to adults, and that which is due to children. But it is not so broad a line as many make it. We would have it drawn closer. Within the limits that good sense and good morals prescribe, parents, teachers, employers, elders generally, must learn to be habitually polite to children also. Children, too, are to be deferred to. Children, too, are to be respected. Regard is to be had to the embryo manhood and womanhood of them, which craves due reverence. "Render, therefore, to all their dues—fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor." The inspired maxim is one of those rules that work both ways. The exchange of "honor" must flow downward as well as upward, child-ward as well as man-ward. On the grounds of natural justice this must be claimed for the child.

As a matter of policy, every educator of children must yield this. A teacher who would succeed with young people must undoubtedly have their respect. Indeed this is the main thing. But that respect will not be yielded to those who do not habitually feel and render a like homage, in the degree which is due, to the children. No doubt the views of youth are somewhat fantastic and exaggerated as to the exact amount of regard which should be had to their dignity. This is particularly true of those who have reached their transition period—most trying to the judgment and exacting upon the nerves of parents and teachers—that lies between the ages of thirteen and sixteen. But, in the main, the little folk may be trusted to make an accurate estimate of the feelings of their superiors toward them. There are a multitude of little words, and deeds, and looks, and methods which they are wont to note and ponder, and so conclude as to whether or no those who are in authority over them have a genuine regard for them and their rights. And the man or woman who shall, in their judgment, be convicted of holding them in contempt, of "snubbing" them, or imposing upon them, or even of regarding them with indifference, and so bestowing a negative sort of indignity—that person may as well and at once yield the hope of being honored and happy and useful among children. Parents, and to some extent secular teachers, may hold

the position and compel obedience, at least, and the outward expressions of respect. But Sabbath-school teachers, in such case, have only the alternative of an immediate and thorough abandonment of their policy or of their field. The cases are innumerable—there are few of us who have had much to do with the work of education who cannot recall some very unhappy ones, in which teachers have completely destroyed all opportunities and possibilities of helpfulness by cruelly or carelessly offending the natural and proper dignity of their pupils. *Nat. S. S. Teacher.*

SHE TRUSTED ME.—Sir William Napier was one day taking a long country walk when he met a little girl, about five years old, sobbing over a broken bowl. She had dropped and broken it in bringing it back from the field to which she had taken her father's dinner, and she said she would be beaten on her return home for having broken it. As she said this a sudden gleam of hope seemed to cheer her. She innocently looked up into Sir William's face and said: "But you can mend it, can't you?" He explained that he could not mend the bowl, but the trouble he could overcome by the gift of a sixpence to buy another. However, on opening his purse, it was empty of silver, and he promised to meet his little friend on the same spot at the same hour next day, and to bring sixpence with him; bidding her, meanwhile, to tell her mother she had seen a gentleman who would bring her the money for a bowl next day. The child, entirely trusting him, went on her way comforted. On his return home he found an invitation awaiting him to dine in Bath the following evening, to meet some one whom he especially wished to see. He hesitated for some little time, trying to calculate the possibility of giving the meeting to his little friend of the broken bowl, and still being in time for the dinner party in Bath; but, finding this could not be, he wrote to decline accepting the invitation, on the plea of a previous engagement, saying: "I cannot disappoint her; she trusted me."

A LOST LIFE.—A young man was converted during an illness which proved fatal, though this was not apprehended when he gave his heart to Christ. When his physician announced an unfavorable change in his condition, he expressed entire resignation, and requested his friends to sing a hymn expressive of that feeling. An hour or two after, in the silence of the room, he was heard to say: "Lost, lost, lost!" This surprised his mother and caused the inquiry: "My son, are your hopes feeble?" "No, mother; but oh! my lost lifetime! I'm twenty-four; and, until a few weeks since, nothing has been done for Christ, and everything for myself and my pleasures. My companions will think I've made a profession in view of death. Oh! that I could live to meet this remark, and do something to show my sincerity and to redeem my lost, lost, lost life!"

How many at twice twenty-four have done nothing for Christ! They have done everything for themselves and for their pleasures, but nothing for Christ!

"IS GOD DEAD?"—In Mariposa, California, there lived a large-eyed beautiful little prattler—Mary Cannon. One evening, when all was quiet, she looked up anxiously into the face of her backslidden father—who had ceased to pray in his family—and said: "Pa, is God dead?"

"No, my child. Why do you ask me such a question as that?"

"Why, pa, you never talk to him as you used to do."

These words haunted him till he was reclaimed. He related the incident to me while I was traveling that circuit.

Boys and Girls.

A Bird's Funeral.

The whole morning there had been silence at the homestead. The merry voices of the children were hushed by grief, and they went softly to and fro, their little faces blurred with fresh tear-stains. Even Rob, for once, omitted his customary leap over the banister, and walked up the stairs as proper a man as his grandpa.

There had come a great sorrow to the children. A few days previous Bird Beepo, the golden-haired pet of our nursery, had suddenly sickened; and, though the army of assistants had made every possible effort to restore him, that morning, early, Beepo had died.

He had been a wonderful bird, with a look quite human in his bright black eyes, and a voice unrivaled in bird-world for its exquisite trills and sweet melodious notes, and his death-scene was truly affecting. Four little sad-eyed urchins grouped closely round his woolly bed—for at the first symptoms of disease Beepo had been taken from his cage and tenderly placed in a soft-lined box—and these breathlessly watching the gasping, fluttering body of our once brisk little Beepo.

Thus I found them at daybreak, poor, innocent hearts. A bird was nothing to me; but oh! so much to that hopeful band.

Lulie stood, with spoon in hand, persistently pouring saffron-water down her little pet's throat. I saw at a glance that Beepo's end was near, and motioned to her to take it away. Five minutes after the bill parted for the last time, the fluttering wing drooped, and poor Beepo lay stiff and silent before us.

I must confess to a half dozen of tears over birdie's outstretched body; but how shall I describe the wail that burst from those rosy lips when it was evident Beepo was dead? To comfort was useless. The tender little hearts were well nigh broken and the choking sobs could not be checked.

Only Lulie stood with silent tears softly stroking the golden hair. She was the first to speak.

"Oh! Nantie," she said, brokenly, "I never loved Beepo enough."

"I never gived 'im egg enough," broke in Hazy, with a great sob.

"He liked lettuce, too, and I forgot it two times," faltered Rob, trying hard to be gruff and not cry.

"Oh! oh! oh!" sobbed Baby Gracie, "I with Beepo wathn't dead."

But the first burst of grief was over, and the sobs settled into a quiet sadness. The whole morning there was silence at the homestead. The merry voices of the children were hushed, and they went softly to and fro, their little faces blurred with fresh tear-stains.

Toward noonday I sat in my room, dreary from the hushed music of bird and child, and wondering reverently at these young emotions, so pure, so lightly awakened, when quietly the door opened, and Lulie, with gentle steps, approached me.

"Nantie," said she, in a half-whisper, "it's all ready. Won't you please come to Beepo's funeral?"

I followed her down the stairs, and out on to the sunny lawn, where under the waving willows my eyes beheld a most astonishing spectacle. Three rows of chairs on the one side, all save one occupied by sober-faced little folk, and opposite my best arm-chair, tenanted by no less a person than vixenish Uncle Hal. Close to the willow's base a little grave had been dug; and beside it, resting on two low, gnarled branches, was Lulie's glove-box, with Beepo's golden remains stretched peacefully amid its satin linings.

It was a pretty sight, the gold and blue of bird and shroud; the graceful willow waving over the sober little folk,

so innocent and earnest; and I sat down amid the group, with no answer for the ill-restrained mirth I read in Uncle Hal's face.

After a moment, in which I knew he was striving desperately for control, Uncle Hal arose and thus addressed his listeners: "Friends, relatives, and neighbors, we are called together by most distressing circumstances. A great bird is dead. A bird whose name was Beepo. If I were a poet, I should say:

I see by every childish face
No other bird can take his place.

There was not a shade of the vixenish in Uncle Hal's countenance as he spoke these words. All was perfect gravity, and down the little faces gleamed appreciative tear-drops. A rustle in the boughs above me, and I looked up, to see an uninvited guest from bird-world, gazing soberly down on the scene.

"Who," continued Uncle Hal, in the same grave tone—"who of us but knew the great departed? You have all seen him. You have all heard him. Some of you have fed him; and those, I think, will miss him most. For it must be confessed that the great Beepo, of all birds, was a marvelous and complete gormandizer. But I wish not to recall painful recollections. Let us lower Bird Beepo to his last resting-place, satisfied that no bird ever had a grander funeral."

It was through my earnest signs that Uncle Hal brought his address to this abrupt close; for I noted the light spreading all over his mischievous face, and I would not for the world that these tender emotions should receive any rude shock.

One by one the little folk passed over to Beepo's bier, and fluttered the golden hairs with their sweet kisses. Then Rob and Hazy closed the box-lid and placed Beepo in his little grave. Just at this moment we were startled by a burst of melody from the bough above, and, looking up, beheld the delegate from bird-world chanting heartily his approval of the honors accorded to Bird Beepo.

I started forward involuntarily as the damp earth fell on Lulie's satin-lined glove-box, and met the anxious, pleading face lifted up to mine. There was no word spoken; but this hour out under the waving willow Bird Beepo lies undisturbed in his dainty burial-box.

Such was Bird Beepo's funeral. A simple story, but so fraught to me with sweet emotions that it will dwell in my memory forever.

The Bible contains 3,586,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 2,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word "and" occurs 46,277 times. The word "Lord" occurs 1,855 times. The word "Reverend" occurs but once, which is in the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118 Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters in the alphabet except the letter J. The finest chapter to read is the 26th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The 19th chapter of II. Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John. The 8th, 15th, 21st and 31st verses of the 107th Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136th Psalm end alike. There are no words or names of more than six syllables.

"James Jenkins," said a school-master to his pupil, "what is an average?" "A thing, sir," answered the scholar, promptly, "that hens lay eggs on." "Why do you say that, you silly boy?" replied the pedagogue. "Because, sir," said the youth, "I heard a gentleman say the otherday as a hen would lay, on an average, a hundred and twenty eggs a year."

Thomas Palmer.

When Thomas was quite a little boy, his father's family were taken captive by one of the Northwestern tribes of Indians. He had been taught many savage customs, but no one had ever told him of Jesus.

When about sixteen years of age, he was traveling in the northern part of Texas, where he fell in company with another boy about his own age. This boy asked Thomas if he were going to the camp-meeting. To which Thomas replied:

"A camp-meeting! What do you mean by a camp-meeting?"

The boy explained as well as he could what was meant. Then told him the camp-ground was in a short distance before them, in the direction in which they were traveling.

They very soon came in hearing of the speaker's voice. The sound from the place of preaching seemed to Thomas solemn and unearthly. As he advanced, he heard the minister direct the attention of the congregation to Jesus, their Savior, who, he informed them, had died for them. This arrested his attention about the time he seated himself near the pulpit. As he listened further to the "story of Jesus," he was convicted of his sins, and felt his need of such a Savior. When they gave an invitation to "penitents" to approach the "altar," he presented himself.

He was there taught a more perfect knowledge of Christ, which led him to seek and find an interest in that Savior, of whose name he had been ignorant a few hours before. He knew no prayers, no hymns, had no language by which to approach his Father in heaven. But as he was directed, he repeated after his instructors, prayers, which at first brought a dawn of light and peace to his mind, but resulted in an entire and lasting conversion; so that when he was old, he still loved that name, and loved to talk about that, his first sermon.

A YEAR'S TROUBLE.—Sometimes I compare the troubles we have to undergo in the course of a year to a great bundle of fagots, far too large for us to lift. But God does not require us to carry the whole at once. He mercifully unties the bundles, and gives us first one stick, which we are able to carry to-day, and then another which we are able to carry to-morrow, and so on. This we might easily manage, if we would only take the burden appointed for us each day; but we choose to increase our trouble by carrying yesterday's stick over again to-day, and adding to-morrow's burden to our load before we are required to bear it.—Newton.

The Litchfield Sentinel says:

The vane of the Congregational steeple is gone, and nobody knows when it is going to rain, or where the wind is. And this brings to mind a little colloquy between Parson Elliot and Lawyer Andrews some time ago. They were talking about which way the wind was. Andrews said, "We go by the courthouse vane." "And we," replied the parson, "go by the church vane." "Well," said the lawyer, "in the matter of wind that is the best authority;" and each went his way.

MEDITATION.—It is not the bee's touching on the flowers that gathers honey, but her abiding for a time upon them; and drawing out the sweet. It is not he that reads most, but he that meditates most on Divine truth, that will prove the choicest, wisest, strongest Christian.—Bishop Hall.

Two little girls were comparing progress in catechism study. "I've got to original sin," said one. "How far have you got?" "Me? Oh! I'm away beyond redemption," said the other.

"Almost Up."

"Almost up—almost up!" was the cry of the wounded sergeant, as they laid him down on the battlefield, and watched tenderly his dying struggles.

"Where did they hit you, sergeant?"

"Almost up."

"No, sergeant, but where did the ball strike you?"

"Almost up," was the reply.

"But, sergeant, you do not understand—where are you wounded?"

Turning back the cloak which had been thrown over the wound, he showed the upper arm and shoulder, mashed and mangled with a shell. Looking at his wound, he said: "That is what did it. I was hugging the standard to my blouse, and making for the top. I was almost up, when that ugly shell knocked me over. If they had let me alone a little longer, two minutes longer, I should have planted the colors on the top. Almost up, almost up!"

The fight and the flag held all his thoughts. And while his ear was growing heavy in death, with a flushed face and look of ineffable regret, he was repeating: "Almost up, almost up!"

"Almost up." Christian, what is your ambition? Does the battle and the flag fill all your thoughts? Oh! when Jesus leads his army forward, and his promises are yours, and victory is sure, are you, can you be forgetful of the conflict, and too much occupied in making money and enjoying the pleasures of the world, to take up your cross and follow Jesus in saving souls and redeeming a lost world?

"Almost up!" Let this be your cry in life and your joyful shout in death; and then from the battlements of heaven you shall watch the battle, and swell the anthem of victory as the last stronghold of Satan is captured, and earth echoes back the angels' song: "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will to man."

A STORY FOR CHILDREN.—"Papa, will you tell me a story before I go to bed?" asked little four-year-old Willie, climbing up into my lap and nestling close to me in his childlike way.

"Yes," I said, smoothing his golden curls and looking into his blue eyes; "but it must be very short, for it is past your bedtime."

In a far-off beautiful country, there lives a great king. His city is paved with gold, and his gates are of lovely pearls. The king is good as he is great; so that his people call him father, and he calls them his children. Many of his children live in a country far away from him, and never see him. But though he is separated from them, he never forgets them, and is always thinking of them with love.

These children would never know anything about their tender, loving father, if he did not often send messengers with words of affection and gifts to make their hearts happy.

Besides all this, the good king has promised that if his children are kind and gentle, doing to others as they would have others do to them, they shall come to live with him in that lovely land, and be always happy.

"I know," said little Willie, opening wide his blue eyes, "who that good King is; he is God; and that lovely land is heaven; and I shall go there if I love the Savior, and I mean to; so good night, dear papa."

The great ocean is in a constant state of evaporation. It gives back what it receives, and sends up its waters in mists to gather into clouds; and so there is rain on the fields, and storm on the mountains, and greenness and beauty everywhere. But there are many men who do not believe in evaporation. They get all they can, and keep all they get, and so are not fertilizers, but only stagnant, miasmatic pools.—Becher.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

ELECTION RETURNS.

We extract the following table from the Galveston News, compiled from reports of counties as far as heard from. The reports thus far indicate a large Democratic majority for the State ticket, and, with a few exceptions, the county tickets are elected. For quietness and harmony, the election is unprecedented:

| COKE'S MAJORITIES. | |
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| Anderson | 250 |
| Austin | 8 |
| Bezar | 649 |
| Brazos | 300 |
| Caldwell | 200 |
| Cameron | 200 |
| Cass | 469 |
| Chambers | 35 |
| Cherokee | 110 |
| Collin | 1,500 |
| Comal | 50 |
| Dallas | 1,500 |
| De Witt | 40 |
| Ellis | 1,575 |
| Freestone | 700 |
| Falls | 100 |
| Fannin | 1,000 |
| Grayson | 1,000 |
| Gregg | 150 |
| Galveston | 1,476 |
| Goliad | 88 |
| Gonzales | 800 |
| Guadalupe | 100 |
| Hays | 400 |
| Hopkins | 1,076 |
| Jefferson | 75 |
| Kerr | 67 |
| Leon | 800 |
| Limestone | 800 |
| Live Oak | 128 |
| Mason | 69 |
| McLennan | 1,800 |
| Navarro | 750 |
| Orange | 85 |
| Parker | 795 |
| Rusk | 600 |
| Refugio | 130 |
| Smith | 283 |
| Travis | 109 |
| Trinity | 415 |
| Upshur | 600 |
| Wilson | 302 |
| Wood | 500 |
| Majorities for Coke | 22,574 |
| Majorities for Davis | 3,463 |

Coke's majority.....19,111

| DAVIS' MAJORITIES. | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Bastrop | 75 |
| Brazoria | 412 |
| Calhoun | 70 |
| Colorado | 335 |
| Fayette | 56 |
| Fort Bend | 900 |
| Harrison | 200 |
| Hidalgo | 9 |
| Marion | 200 |
| Montgomery | 92 |
| Victoria | 67 |
| Walker | 163 |
| Washington | 500 |
| Wharton | 384 |
| Total | 3,463 |

GENERAL DOMESTIC NEWS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—A dispatch from Vice-President Edgar announces the completion to-day of the extension of the Mississippi Central Railroad to Cairo. This important connection with the East and West has been quickly and persistently carried forward, notwithstanding the panic, and is regarded as a great triumph for Col. H. S. McComb, who is a man of great energy and administrative resources. Sleeping coaches will run through from New Orleans to St. Louis, Chicago and the East.

The debt statement shows an increase of \$9,000,000. Coin in the Treasury, \$84,000,000; currency, \$1,250,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A report to the Mayor's office says Wm. M. Tweed is in the hospital at Blackwell's Island, with inflammation of the brain, and is not expected to live.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The rumor that Tweed died suddenly is untrue. He has been appointed one of the hospital orderlies, and resumes duty to-day.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—The Supreme Court of the State decides that the municipal regulations in regard to the social evil are unconstitutional.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—The custom-house officials seized 200,000 cigars to-day, reported to be smuggled from Havana.

Gen. W. L. McMillan is on his way to Washington to obtain, if possible, his seat as Senator from Louisiana.

MOBILE, Dec. 2.—In the municipal election, the Democratic ticket is supposed to be elected by two or three hundred. Last year the Republican

majority was 2000, out of a voting population of about 7000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—A special dispatch gives the following items of interest concerning the loss of the Ville du Havre: Most of the passengers are said to have tried to save themselves; many prayed, and many laid down calmly, and others in utter despair. Some of them, hearing water pouring into the ship, never even quitted their state-rooms. Whole families thus went down together. Four boats were lowered by the Loch Earn, and many of the passengers and crew of the ill-fated vessel were found floating about, holding on to planks, spars, and whatever could be seized upon as the wreck went down. Many had thus prepared themselves from the first. Many women were found in the water. The captain of the Ville du Havre is reported to have been quite exhausted by four days and nights of uninterrupted duty. The officer on duty when the collision took place was lost. Many persons were utterly insensible when found, and would have utterly perished in a few minutes more. The rescues were nearly all effected in a hap-hazard manner, as the great excitement permitted no regular organized effort or attempt at choice. The purser of the steamer says that in a few minutes after the ship began to sink, the scene was beyond description; disorder ran riot, and terror reigned supreme; some rent the air with frantic shrieks, and others, again, were dumb from fear; while a few, in that calmness which heroic courage alone fathers, were heard to say: "As we must die, let us die nobly!" "The water," says the purser, "rushed into the hold with incredible velocity. I undressed myself, and, with a companion, jumped overboard and swam toward the Loch Earn. When about a half-mile distant, I heard the vessel cracking, and, looking back, saw her go down with one plunge."

A letter from Mansello, Cuba, states that Cespedes has ceased to be President of the Cuban Republic, on account of bad health, and that his successor is Salvard Cesneros.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—It is announced that the resignation of President Cespedes, of Cuba, was caused by ill-health only.

A Key West dispatch says that the report from Havana last night says that the Captain-General had to leave. Senor Solor, disgusted with his mission, will go home.

The Casino Espanol defies America, acts independently of Spain, and will fight. A Havana dispatch, dated Monday, says threats were freely indulged in of burning the Virginus. At a meeting of volunteers, an insulting paper was prepared denouncing the United States, and pledging the signers never to allow a compliance with the demands. Subsequently a better feeling prevailed.

The estates of ten American citizens have been unconditionally released.

Passengers by the steamer Wilmington, from Havana, state that Americans in Havana are treated insultingly, and have no redress. They have great difficulty in getting copies of the Havana papers, for the reason that the authorities do not wish to divulge what is going on in Havana. The transmission of Havana papers by mail has been stopped.

The corvette Colorado, of forty-seven guns, went into commission. Her commander, Capt. Ransom, will go aboard to-day.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—The Times has the following: The officers of the steamer Yazoo, direct from Havana, report that two Americans were brutally murdered on Friday last, but the precise circumstances under which it was done are not stated. It was not considered safe for any American

citizen to appear in the streets, as the feeling on the part of Spaniards toward Americans is intensely bitter.

The captain of the Yazoo reports that the steamship Virginus has been armed and equipped as a war vessel, and sent out to cruise in search of the steamship Atlas, an alleged filibuster, which was supposed to be hovering around the island, seeking an opportunity to land.

TRENTON, Dec. 4.—The nine o'clock northern bound train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was delayed twelve hours last night by a freight train smash-up. Ten freight cars and \$50,000 worth of property were wrecked. Six through trains were delayed for ten hours.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Snow has fallen here for the first time since 1861, and is reported very general throughout the State.

A flood is apprehended.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 4.—The Indians and Mexicans attacked ranches within fifteen miles of San Diego. When the courier left seven had been killed and the fight was still progressing. People in the vicinity have no arms.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—Captain Barrett, of the Yazoo, telegraphing to his principals, contradicts the report attributed to him, of the alarm of the American citizens at Havana. Everything was quiet on the Cuban coast when the Yazoo left.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Reed says a private letter has been received in this city showing that the Cubans have partly avenged the murder of the patriots taken on board the Virginus. On learning of their execution, Maximo Gomez attacked and captured a number of fortified Spanish camps in the vicinity of Santiago. He made over two hundred prisoners, and marching them close up to Santiago, shot them in full view of the Spanish fortifications.

Admiral Scott is informed from Santiago that the commandant of the volunteers has promised to use no further violence toward Cuban prisoners without informing Commander Braine, of the Juniata.

A dispatch from Key West says that sixty-two men have been received on the Pawnee from New Orleans.

GREECE CITY, PA., Dec. 4.—Thirty buildings, including three hotels, burned. Loss, \$90,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Associated Press reports that Captain-General Jauvelar has resigned. In explanation, he says that the delivery of the Virginus to the United States would cause frightful commotion and catastrophe throughout the island.

Complete order prevails. In the meantime the volunteers, with private means, are buying war vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The delay in delivering the Virginus occasioned much disappointment, but it is not believed to be the fault of the Madrid Government. The embarrassments surrounding the matter are appreciated, and therefore, without further prolongation of time, the administration will wait until the delivery can be effected in a way that will give the least offense to Spanish pride. It is believed, from what has been probably said in official quarters, that it was not agreed between Secretary Fish and Admiral Polo that the Virginus should be surrendered at the port of Havana, but that she should be taken from the harbor and conveyed beyond its jurisdiction, and then delivered to such United States vessels as might be sent to receive her.

Preparations are being made to give timely notice of the transfer. It is considered that this course would give less occasion for offense than if one or more of our ships should go directly to Havana for that purpose. Our government leaves to Spain the fulfillment

of its obligations; but if this should prove impracticable, the facts will be reported to Congress for its action.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—The gale last night caused considerable damage in Detroit. One hundred feet of the brick wall of the new Michigan Central Car Works were prostrated, and the whole roof blown off; the iron roof of the Central Freight Depot was blown into the river; the steamer Burnside was blown against the steamer Mackinaw, damaging the latter to the extent of \$4000; the steamer Keeneenawa was blown up the river a mile and a half and beached; two tugs were lost and their whereabouts is unknown; the propellers Caldwell and Montgomery, besides many other crafts, were blown across the river, sustaining more or less damage.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—The naval preparations are being rapidly pushed forward. The Brooklyn will be ready in twelve days.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 5.—Ohio and Indiana have been visited by severe storms. Trees were blown across the railroad tracks, which delayed trains.

BUFFALO, Dec. 5.—There is a heavy southwest gale blowing, which has caused the water to rise higher than it has been for twenty years. The lower part of the city is flooded.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 5.—A fire here caused three million postal cards to be damaged by water.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—It is reported that the schooner A. W. Smith, hence for Key West, really carries coal and arms for Cuba.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The sloop-of-war Macedonia is being fitted out at Norfolk for a store-ship.

The Brooklyn navy-yard officials report that the government purchased 7000 tons of coal. The schooner A. W. Smith took a portion.

A Key West special says that Secretary Fish has officially refused to comply with the request of the Spanish Cabinet that they may deliver the Virginus to a neutral power.

The work on the store-ship Supply is being pushed. Provisions are coming into the navy-yard.

It is hoped that the torpedo-boat Alarm will be ready in a month.

FOREIGN.

Miscellaneous.

LONDON, Dec. 1, 6 P. M.—The ship Loch Earne was so badly damaged by the collision with the steamer Ville du Havre, that the persons rescued by her from the wreck requested to be put on board of the Trimountain. All were immediately transferred, with the exception of three persons, who were so badly injured that they could not be removed. After the collision, the Loch Earne put about for Queens-town. She was due about the 29th ult. Notwithstanding her disabled condition, nothing has been heard of her.

The following additional particulars of the loss of the Ville du Havre, have been gathered from her officers and passengers at Cardiff. The Ville du Havre experienced a thick fog on the 20th. At the time of the collision the weather was clear, little wind was blowing, but a very heavy sea. The captain had just retired, and the second officer was in charge to see that the lights on the steamer were all right. The collision was wholly unexpected. The Loch Earne struck the steamer amidships, and made a chasm twelve feet deep, and from twenty-five to thirty feet wide. The exact position of the Ville du Havre at the time was lat. 47 deg. 21 min., long. 36 deg. 31 min.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The newspaper Hour claims reliable information that Cardinal Pecci, Archbishop of Perugia, is the favorite as the next Pope. Marquis DeNouilles, now Minister

at Washington, is to be transferred to Rome.

BAYONNE, Dec. 3.—Don Carlos has taken up his winter quarters at Durango, a town in the Province of Biscay, thirteen miles southeast of Bilbao.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A Berlin dispatch states that the city of Posen will probably be declared in a state of siege in consequence of the Ultramontane agitation.

The London Times publishes an official list of the British subjects taken prisoners on the steamer Virginus and executed. That paper, commenting upon the affair, says that the British government, while demanding a surrender of the survivors, must carefully avoid committing itself to the proposition that the seizure of the Virginus was illegal.

A Spanish special pronounces the bombardment of Carthage a failure, and says that a regular siege is now intended.

—"The Church of God," so called, founded by John Winebrenner, is a denomination of Baptists, numbering about 30,000. They are evangelical in their doctrines, and open communions in practice, and they have adopted the system of itinerancy. The Baptist Union hopes that these and other liberal Baptists may be led to consolidate their forces. Surely there is room for all the sects within the church of God.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

From Nov. 22, to Dec. 6.

Rev John F Cook, Hackberry—Have entered the names. We appreciate the difficulties to which you refer, and will arrange the matter at conference.

Rev A F Cox, Gonzales—Notice of revival. Money order for \$4.20. The \$8.40 came duly to hand, and was passed to your credit.

Rev D M Proctor, Paris—Change in office made.

Rev J B Seay, Brownwood—Change in office made.

Rev W S Smith—1 Subscriber.

Rev F A Mood—Will attend to instructions.

Rev Sam Johnson, Blanco—Have changed the address as you request. James Walker, Bryan—2 subscribers. Thank you. If our lay brethren would all act as agents, we would soon double our subscription.

G W Mayo, Wadeville—1 subscriber. Name entered. Hope you will send others. Cannot say whether the other names have reached us, as the postoffice is not given.

D F Fuller, Winnsboro—Have entered name. Hope you will obtain a good list.

Rev A F Cox, Moulton—The absence of the editor explains silence. The names and money received, credit given, and names entered. The name that was overlooked has been entered, dating from this number, so that he will lose nothing by delay.

Rev J S Sathis—Report as Treasurer of the East Texas Conference.

Rev C L Farrington, Huntsville—2 subscribers; \$4.50 currency. Thanks.

Rev J F Sherwood, Lone Oak—Have placed your name at Lone Oak. Where was your former office? We need both when a change is made.

Rev S E Blankhead, Weatherford—Letter reached us at a late hour, but will endeavor to use it.

Rev J M Wesson—2 subscribers. Bascom—Thanks for item; hope it will do good.

Rev J W De Vilbiss—Marriage notice.

Rev S H Brown, Bellville—2 subscribers. Money is sent at risk of office. Editor will see you at conference.

F A Hutchinson & Co, New Orleans—Have complied with your request.

Rev A G Moore—Obituary; will be inserted.

E F Cox, Waco—You have cause for complaint. The paper has been sent to Waco, but to the Bosqueville box. We have allowed for loss of time, and entered name to Waco.

E S McCall, Alto—Obituaries.

Rev D J Martin—Marriage notice.

Rev T M Smith—1 subscriber. Thank you.

Rev J L Lemons, Caldwell—2 subscribers. Your account will be sent as you request.

Rev E G Duval, Ferryville—1 subscriber. The absence of the editor explains the matter to which you allude.

Rev J S Clower, Independence—The amount received and credited on your account was \$10.75 in currency.

Rev John H McLean, Dangerfield—1 subscriber. Obituary will be inserted.

Rev H B Phillips, Palestine—Editor will respond when he returns from conference.

Rev W V Jones, Iradell—The \$5 was duly received and passed to your credit.

Rev G W Graves, Waco—Appointments for first round.

Rev Jno C Huckabee—Obituary. Report of work.

W C Waldrop, Liberty Hill—Change in postoffice made.

Rev S D Sanders, Huntsville—Oversight corrected.

Rev H S Thrall—1 subscriber.

Rev R S Finley, Tyler—Tribute of respect.

Rev Jas M Bond, Woodville—1 subscriber. Is the address of W. J. Stewart Woodville? Change in office made.

R A Terrill—Change in office made.

J S Aken, Elmo Station—1 subscriber. Thanks.

W A Mulky—Obituary.

Thomas Whitworth—Obituary.

Mrs Ann L Hayslip, Circleville, Williamson county—Editor will give information on his return from conference.

Rev Hugh Griffin, Waco—Have sent you the paper. Will look for a long list.

Nettie Haggard, Clarksville—Obituary.

Mrs D H Williams—Obituary.

Rev T W Whitworth—Marriage notice.

B D Smith, Nockenut—\$2.36 in postage stamps.

Rev Sam'l Weaver—Have changed your office.

Rev S H Brown, Brenham—1 subscriber. Postoffice order, \$9.05. Editor will see you at conference.

Rev Thomas R Atkins, Beeville—1 subscriber.

Wm J Carlton, New York—The matter has received attention.

Edwin Aldin, Cincinnati—It was an oversight—will be made good.

Church Notices.

Palestine District.

FIRST ROUND.

Kickapoo cir., at Farr's chapel Dec. 27, 28. Larissa cir., at Larissa, Jan. 10, 11. Tyler station, Jan. 17, 18. Palestine station, Jan. 24, 25. Rusk and Hawk's, at Rusk, Feb. 7, 8. Tyler cir., at Pleasant Retreat, Feb. 14, 15. Rusk cir., at Shiloh, Feb. 21, 22. Athens cir., at Athens, March 7, 8.

The district stewards' meeting will be at Nechesville, December 20th. The district stewards are: B. A. Broyles, John Hawk, M. H. Addington, Bennett Posey, Dr. D. H. Connelly, G. R. Howard, and Rev. J. C. Walker. I would earnestly urge all these brethren to be present.

Assessments of conference and bishops' fund for 1874, \$350. Apportioned as follows:

Tyler station.....\$55 00 Palestine station.....50 00 Rusk and Hawk station.....35 00 Larissa circuit.....45 00 Athens circuit.....45 00 Tyler circuit.....49 00 Kickapoo circuit.....40 00

Total.....\$350 00

JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

Postoffice—Nechesville.

Springfield District.

FIRST ROUND.

Dresden cir., 3d Sunday in December, at Dresden. Corsicana cir., 4th Sunday in December, at Beaman's school-house. Corsicana sta., 1st Sunday in January. Springfield cir., 2d Sunday in January, at Springfield.

Mt. Calm cir., 3d Sunday in January, at Pin Oak. Fairfield cir., 4th Sunday in January, at Fairfield.

Navasota mis., 2d Sunday in February, at Doran's school-house. Centerville cir., 3d Sunday in February, at Centerville.

Redland cir., 4th Sunday in February, at Redland. Butler cir., 1st Sunday in March, at Butler.

The district stewards will please meet me at Springfield, at 2 o'clock P. M., January 10, embracing the time of the quarterly conference for that work. Names of the stewards: J. H. Durant, B. U. Jackson, Wm. Womack, Jao. Gill, J. J. Callison, J. S. Halbert, J. D. Clark, Jettison, and Hardy Jones. Dear brethren, please be prompt.

GEO. W. GRAVES, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District.

FIRST ROUND.

Kaufman, at Kaufman, 2d Sunday in December. Willis Point, at Cedar Grove, 3d Sunday in December.

Pleasant Grove, at Wiregrass, 4th Sunday in December. Canton cir., at Bethel, 1st Sunday in January. Garden Valley, at Sylvan, 2d Sunday in January.

Emory mis., at Dowells, 3d Sunday in January. Sulphur Springs sta., 4th Sunday in January. Sulphur Springs city mission, 4th Sunday in January.

M. H. NEELY, P. E.

Marshall District.

FIRST ROUND.

Knoxville cir., at Troupe station, 4th Sunday in December, 1873.

Marshall station, 1st Sunday in January, 1874. Scottsville and Jonesville, at Rock Spring, 2d Sunday in January.

Elysian Fields, at Mt. Zion, 3d Sunday in January. Starville circuit, at Chapel Hill, 4th Sunday in January.

Henderson and Bellview, at Hickory Grove 1st Sunday in February.

Harrison cir., at Wood Lawn, 2d Sunday in February.

The district stewards will please meet me on Thursday, February 1st, 1874, at Marshall, to assess the claim of the presiding elder and apportion the same among the respective charges on the district.

DANIEL MORSE, P. E.

Paris District.

FIRST ROUND.

Roxton cir., at Hopewell, 2d Sunday in December.

Paris sta., at Paris, 3d Sunday in December. Honey Grove cir., at Forest Hill, 4th Sunday in December.

Ladonia cir., at Mt. Carmel, 1st Sunday in January. Cooper mis., at Giles Academy, 2d Sunday in February.

Boston cir., at Boston, 3d Sunday in January. Clarksville cir., at Williams chapel, 4th Sunday in January.

Robinsville cir., at McKenzie chapel, 2d Sunday in February. Sylvan cir., at Sylvan, 3d Sunday in February.

The district stewards will meet me at Paris on Saturday before the third Sunday in December, at 2 P. M.

THOS. M. SMITH, P. E.

Dallas District.

FIRST ROUND.

Denton cir., at Denton, December 6, 7. Dallas station, December 13, 14.

Dallas city mission, December 20, 21. Dallas cir., at Thomas' chapel, Dec. 27, 28. Grapevine cir., at Birdville, Jan. 3, 4. McKinney cir., at Summerfield, Jan. 10, 11.

Seyene cir., January 17, 18. Rockwall cir., at Rockwall, January 24, 25. Greenville cir., at Greenville, Jan. 31, Feb. 1.

Bethel cir., at Bethel, February 7, 8.

The district stewards of all the charges in the district will please meet me in Dallas on the 13th of December.

J. W. CHALK, P. E.

Sherman District.

FIRST ROUND.

Whitesboro cir., at Whitesboro, 2d Sunday in December.

Pilot Point cir., at Pilot Point, 3d Sunday in December.

Decatur cir., at Decatur, 4th Sunday in December.

Sherman cir., 2d Sunday in January. Montague and Clay mis., at Montague, 3d Sunday in January.

Marysville cir., at Marysville, 4th Sunday in January. Gainesville cir., at Gainesville, 1st Sunday in February.

Denison mis., at White Rock, 2d Sunday in February. Pilot Grove cir., at Pilot Grove, 3d Sunday in February.

Savoy cir., at Canaan, 4th Sunday in February. Bonham cir., at Mt. Pleasant, 1st Sunday in March.

The district stewards will please meet at Whitesboro the Saturday before the 2d Sunday in December. My postoffice, until further notice is given, will be at Blossom Prairie, Lamar county, Texas.

L. B. ELLIS, P. E.

Jefferson District.

FIRST ROUND.

Kellyville and Dangerfield cir., at Kellyville, 2d Sunday in December.

Atlanta cir., at Center Hill, 3d Sunday in December.

Jefferson sta., 4th Sunday in December. Mount Pleasant cir., 1st Sunday in January. Linden cir., 2d Sunday in January.

Winnsboro, at Winnsboro, 3d Sunday in January. Pittsburg, at Leesburg, 4th Sunday in January. Gilmer, at Lagrone's chapel, 1st Sunday in February.

Coffeeville cir., at Murray Institute, 2d Sunday in February.

The district stewards will please meet at Kellyville the 2d Sabbath in December.

JOHN H. McLEAN, P. E.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Corrected Weekly.

Quotations in Currency, unless Gold is specified

BAGGING—per yard— Kentucky and St. Louis.....\$ none India, in bales..... nominal Borneo, in bales..... 15 @ 16 Domestic, in rolls..... 16 @ 17 Methuen in rolls..... 16 1/2 @ 17 1/2

BUILDING MATERIAL— Finishing Lime..... 3 00 @ 3 25 Rockland Lime..... 2 75 @ 3 00 Cement..... 3 50 @ 3 75 Laths..... 6 00 @ 6 50 Hair..... 10 @ 11

COFFEE—per lb, gold— Ordinary..... nominal Fair..... 22 1/2 @ 22 3/4 Prime..... 23 @ 24 1/2 Choice..... 24 1/2 @ 24 3/4 Havana..... none Java..... none

COTTON TIES—Arrow, gold..... 8 @ 8 FLOUR—per bbl—Fine..... 6 50 @ 6 75 Superfine..... 7 00 @ 7 25 Extra, Single..... 7 25 @ 7 50 do Double..... 8 25 @ 9 00 do Treble..... 10 00 @ 10 50 do Choice..... 11 00 @ 12 00 do Fancy..... 11 00 @ 12 00

GLASS—per box of 50 feet— French, 8x10..... 4 40 @ 4 50 do 10x12..... 4 50 @ 4 75 do 12x18..... 5 00 @ 5 25 GRAIN—per bushel—Oats..... 64 @ 72 Corn, Texas..... none do Western..... 90 @ 1 00

HARDWARE— Iron, per ton, pig..... gold none Country Bar, per lb..... 6 @ 6 1/2 English, per lb..... 6 @ 7 1/2 Slab Iron..... 8 @ 9 Sheet..... 8 1/2 @ 11 Boiler..... 8 @ 9 Galvanized..... 18 @ 20 Castings, American..... 6 1/2 @ 7 Iron Axes..... 9 @ 10 LEAD, per 100 lbs—Pig..... 8 00 @ 10 00 Bar, per lb..... 10 1/2 @ 11 Sheet..... 15 @ 16 Pipe..... 16 1/2 @ 17 1/2

NAILS, per lb—American— Four Penny..... 6 1/2 @ 7 Six Penny..... 6 @ 7 Eight Penny..... 5 1/2 @ 6 Ten to Sixty Penny..... 5 1/2 @ 6 Wrought, German..... 12 1/2 @ 15 do American..... 9 @ 10 Spikes, boat, per 100 lbs..... 10 00 @ 12 00 STEEL, per lb—German..... 18 @ 20 Cast..... 22 @ 28 Plough..... @ 12 1/2

HIDES—per lb— Green, City Slaughter..... 7 @ 9 Wet Salted..... 9 1/2 @ 10 1/2 Dry Salted..... 13 @ 15 Dry Filted, in lot..... 15 1/2 @ 15 3/4 Mexican, stretched..... none

HAY—per 100 lbs—Northern..... 2 00 @ 2 25 Western..... 2 1/2 @ 2 3/2

LUMBER—per M ft, from yard Yellow Pine, Calcasieu..... 22 00 @ 26 00 do do Pensacola..... 28 00 @ 35 00 do do do..... 40 00 @ 42 50 Flooring, do..... 35 00 @ 43 00 Ceiling, do..... 36 00 @ 40 00 Weatherboards, dressed..... 32 50 @ 35 00 Pensacola..... 35 00 @ 40 00 Cypress..... 40 00 @ 60 00 Shingles, Cypress..... 5 00 @ 5 50 do Juniper..... 50 @ 7 00

MOLASSES—per gallon— Texas, bbls..... 60 @ 65 do half bbls..... 62 1/2 @ 65 Louisiana, bbls..... 70 @ 75 do 1/2 & 3/4 bbls..... 75 @ 80 Cuba..... non Syrup..... 75 @ 80 do Golden, choice bbls..... 1 00 @ 1 25 1/2 bbls.....

OILS, per gallon— Coal, in bbls..... 32 @ 35 do cases..... 38 @ 40 Lard, in bbls..... 9 @ 10 Linseed, raw..... 1 14 @ 1 20 do boiled..... 1 20 @ 1 26 Neatsfoot..... 2 00 @ 2 10

PROVISIONS, per bbl— Breakfast Bacon, per lb..... 13 1/2 @ 14 1/2 Beef, Mess, bbls Western..... none do do Texas..... none do do 1/2 bbls do..... none

Pork, Mess, per bbl..... 18 50 @ 19 00 do Prime..... 18 50 @ 19 00 Rump..... nominal do Hams, canvassed..... 17 1/2 @ 18 Clear Sides..... 13 1/2 @ 13 3/4 Texas..... none Clear Ribbed Sides..... 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4 Clear Rib..... 11 1/2 @ 12 Shoulders..... 11 1/2 @ 11 3/4 Lard, prime, in tierces..... 10 @ 10 1/2 do in kegs..... 13 @ 13 1/2 Butter, Irkin, Northern..... 35 @ 37 do Western, new..... 20 @ 25 do do old..... 20 @ 25 do Texas..... 20 @ 25 Cheese, Western..... 16 @ 16 1/2 do Choice Northern..... nominal do English Dairy..... nominal

Potatoes, per bbl Western..... 5 00 @ 5 25 do Northern..... nominal Potatoes per bbl, Texas..... none Onions..... 7 50 @ 8 00 Sauerkraut, per bbl..... 10 00 @ 12 00 do 1/2 bbl..... 6 50 @ 7 00

SUGAR, per lb— Texas, Prime..... @ 10 do Ordinary to Fair..... @ 10 Havana, Yellow..... none Louisiana, Fair..... nominal do Prime..... nominal do Choice..... nominal do Yellow clarified..... nominal do White do..... 12 1/2 @ 13 B Coffee, white..... 13 @ 13 1/2 A Coffee, white..... 13 1/2 @ 13 3/4 Crushed..... 14 @ 14 1/2 Loaf..... none Pulverized..... 14 @ 14 1/2

SALT, per sack— Fine, in boxes, per dozen..... 1 50 @ 1 70 L'pool fine, 1st hands, gold..... none do from store..... 2 30 @ 2 75 L'pool coarse, 1st hands..... 1 50 @ 1 65 do from store..... 1 75 @ 1 85

TALLOW, per lb— City rendered..... 7 @ 8 County..... 8 @ 9 Steam..... none

WOOL, per lb— Coarse, free of burs..... 18 @ 20 Medium..... 22 @ 26 Fine..... nominal

Ministerial.

Usefulness of Abstract Preaching.

We may be permitted, then, to doubt whether the general and abstract method of spiritual instruction is that by which the clergy of England will practically benefit their parishioners. Our own experience, extending over a period of nearly ten years in a country parish, would lead us to conclude that preaching of this kind has absolutely no more effect upon the character or lives of the parishioners than the moaning of the wind has upon the bones that lie in the churchyard. During that period we have gradually become acquainted with the characteristic temptations, failings, tricks, vices, and crimes of the neighborhood. The chief social ill, of course, is that the men drink their wages, instead of taking them home to their wives. Market gardening is the prevailing occupation. The people are tempted to trickery in weighing their goods and in preparing them for market, and many tricks they practice. It is not safe to buy a sack of potatoes without weighing it, or a basket of apples without looking whether those on the top are not immensely better in quality than those below, or a truss of hay without ascertaining whether a brick has been inserted to increase the weight. The rule with the farmers, when any of their live stock is ailing and cannot be perfectly cured, is to "get rid of it" without mention of the ailment. There is constant temptation to overload horses, and to use them with cruel carelessness. We said that we have been nearly ten years in the parish. We have heard preaching in the parish church all the time; and we are prepared to state that, if a few allusions to drunkenness are allowed for, we have never known the preacher to lay a "fiery finger" upon, or so much as mention, any one of the peculiar vices and temptations of the place—systematic selfishness, utter and unabashed, is the practical moral code, and never have we known the clergyman come down from the clouds to the extent even of saying, "If you 'best' your neighbors, and watch day and night for the advantage in bargains, you are violating the law of Christ." The consequence in our case has been that we scorn and detest the hypocritical sham of mouthing moral platitudes which have no effect whatever. Our distinct impression is that it has never occurred to the great body of parishioners that the sermons preached in the parish church have, or are meant to have, any connection whatever with their daily life. And we are perfectly sure that no good will be done by inculcating, as the sum of morality, the imitation of Christ, until preachers also say how Christ would act if he had vegetables to sell or horses to drive.

Galaxy.

Professor Phelps, of Andover Seminary, in his recent excellent lecture to the students on the question whether the Biblical instruction of our churches requires and change in the present usages of the New England pulpit in conducting Sunday services, says in one part of it: "The people are sensible of monotony in the two sermons of the day, as they are not in attendance upon any other services of a crowded Sunday. By parting with expository preaching, the pulpit has parted with its most important aid and stimulus to variety. No other one thing gives to preaching so wide a range of religious thought as the exposition of the scriptures, when it come as the fruit of a rich, full mind; rich in scholarly resources, and full of intense practical aims. No straining to preach *ad captandum*, no affluence of genius in invention of illustrative pictures, and no industrious eccentricity in picking up sermons from the street, can approach, in point of power to

catch and to hold the popular ear, the force of downright good sense and hard work, in the accumulation and the use of Biblical knowledge. By turning over Biblical instruction to other agencies, the pulpit narrows itself inevitably and disastrously. It flings away its best help to versatility. This, in my view, explains why thinking and overtasked laymen are asking how the Lord's Day can be made less laborious. The two sermons, with their devotional accompaniments, are the only two things in the occupations of the day which are essentially alike. There is no evidence that the popular interest in preaching, as such, has declined. The largest regular audiences in the land are in churches. But other Sabbath engagements have multiplied, and other stimuli to religious thought have crowded within the popular reach. So that to sustain the preaching at its established height of interest, a new inspiration of variety is indispensable. Under the circumstances, it is the most natural thing that church-going people should seek relief from overtasking by proposing to drop one of the only two services which appear to them alike. We can not blame them for not being reverently fond of treadmills." The Professor himself favors the reconstruction of one of the services to the extent of giving the matter of Biblical instruction more prominence.

JUSTICE TO THE SUBJECT.—Not long ago I met a clergyman in whom I was interested, a worthy man, who somehow did not seem to "get on." Nobody had anything against him, but nobody wanted to hear him preach. He was sound, solid, pious, and all that, but— Venturing on the privilege which belongs to a friend, I said to him: "My dear brother, I hear only one fault found with you. People say that you preach very long—that you make nothing of preaching for an hour, or an hour and a quarter." He answered: "Well, when I take up a subject I like to discuss it fully. I like to do justice to a subject, even if I have to go rather beyond the ordinary limits." "Gracious, grandmother!" I exclaimed; justice to the subject! "And is no justice or no mercy to be shown to the audience? Is the sermon the means or the end? Did God Almighty send you into the world to discuss subjects or to convert souls? If you are to live for the subject, if the subject is to feed and clothe you, and support you and support your children, and if the subject is to recompense you at the day of judgment, why, I have nothing further to offer. But if it is souls that you are to live for, then look out for the souls, and let the subject take care of itself.—Dr. Johnson.

"That dreadful ministerial starch" attracts the attention of Spurgeon, who says to his brother clergymen: "If you have indulged in it I would earnestly advise you to 'go and wash in Jordan seven times,' and get it out of you, every particle of it. I am persuaded that one reason why our workmen so universally keep clear of ministers is because they abhor their artificial and unmanly ways. If they saw us, in the pulpit and out of it, acting like real men, and speaking naturally, like honest men, they would come around us. Baxter's remark still holds good: 'The want of a familiar tone and expression is a great fault in most of our deliveries, and that which we should be very careful to amend.' The vice of the ministry is that ministers will *personificate* the gospel. We must have humanity along with our divinity if we would win the masses. Everybody can see through affectations, and people are not likely to be taken in by them. Fling away your stilt, brethren, and walk on your feet; doff your ecclesiasticism and array yourself in truth."

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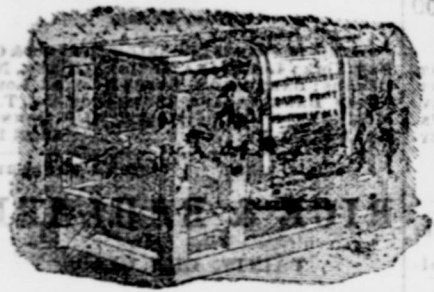
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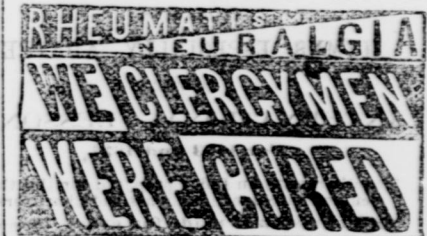
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