

Texas Christian Advocate Our Postal Cards.

CORN HILL, Williamson Co., Oct. 16.—Five converted last night, and altar full of penitents. Glory be to God! Several accessions to the church.—SANTÉ MORRIS.

SIDE SPRINGS, Comanche Co., Oct. 4.—Five Springs Council, No. 149, formed with thirty-seven members; M. W. Hall, W. P., and Ed. Deary, W. L. Let the good work go on.—YOUNG.

CHATFIELD, Navarro Co., Oct. 7.—Little Willie Keer came to me at the conclusion of service last Sunday and gave me a dollar. Willie is ten years old, and picked cotton at fifty cents per hundred to get the money to give his pastor. God bless little Willie Keer.—STUMP ASHBY.

EASTLAND, Eastland Co., Oct. 16.—Our fourth quarterly meeting was a success. Bro. Warren was abundant in labors. Seventeen persons joined the church. The conference was well attended. Eleven preachers commended at the Lord's table.—GEO. F. FAIR.

SAN MARCOS, Hays Co., Oct. 14, 79.—One hundred and sixty-one pupils in Coronado Institute second month of present scholastic year. Large music class. Fine class in art. Ladies have the new passage ready for our new preacher. We are sorry to see Bro. Gillett up, but according to law, he must go.—R. O. ROUSAVALL.

WALNUT BEND, Cook Co., Oct. 12.—Preaching above place last night. The writer made a speech on the Sunday law; the people declared, by a rising vote, almost unanimously in favor of Sunday law; none opposed to it. Bro. Kerr working actively for the Advocate. It has a general circulation here. Bro. I. G. John's course on Sunday law, and general immigration and crime fully endorsed here.—J. D. HOLMES & BAKE.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Hopkins Co., Oct. 16.—Our preacher has been holding his second protracted meeting at Pine Forest during this week. Good success. Health is very good at present, and religion gaining ground. Crops only tolerably good. We are very much in hopes that conference will send us Bro. Sherwood another year, as this is the man the people want and need.—J. N. JACKSON.

In the Ingram settlement, Navarro county, a man dug a well seventy-six feet deep, when he found a coffin, put together with copper screws, which contained a human skull, some bones, a tooth and a toe nail. What one could be buried so deep for, or how, we can't imagine. When the coffin was found it was soft, but when exposed to the air, it soon became hard and rock.—STUMP ASHBY.

ELGIN, Bastrop Co., Oct. 18th.—Since I sent my last card, I had the pleasure of hearing the editor preach well on his way to conference. There have been recently seven conversions and four have joined our church. Besides the other prayer-meetings in Elgin, "the ladies' prayer-meeting" there is doing as well, a great deal of good. The church is growing stronger spiritually, we think.—DANIEL MORAN.

ELDHORNO, Illinois.—Please excuse me for appearing again so very early. Since writing before, I have wondered whether some good stranger in Texas would send me a copy of the famous Sunday law, if I would only express my desire to see it. If any one who may read this card will send me a copy of the law in full, I will very gladly reciprocate the favor.—J. M. CLARY.

HONEY GROVE, Fannin Co., Oct. 14.—Brother McLean, presiding elder, just left from attending our fourth quarterly conference of Dodd City circuit and Honey Grove. Did some excellent preaching, and enjoyed some pleasant experiences on his last round for this district. Wish him a long and useful life; he is in fine health. Preachers look well generally in this part. School in healthy condition. Finances good.—J. A. ALLISON.

MILAM, Sabine Co., et. 9.—At my protracted meeting, at Hamilton's school-house, there were five additional and four or five conversions. Rev. Robert Wright, local elder, was present and preached with power and effect. The protracted meeting at Myrtle Springs continued five days and closed last night with these results: seven added to the church, five or six professed religion and church members greatly revived. Many promised to rear family altar.—G. B. WILSON.

OVERTON, Risk Co., Oct. 18.—Protracted meetings over on my little charge. Results: thirty conversions and about the same number of conversions. Crops near an average. Forty-nine-fiftieth of our people delighted with the Sabbath law and the Advocate. Health in these parts good. But little rain yet. Many well.—G. L. NELSON, of old Canton, is a good postal writer; but don't let the people think that all his preachers are mercenary, as some of his postals would seem to indicate.—F. M. STOVALL.

TYLER, Smith Co., Oct. 15.—We have held a series of meetings on the Athens circuit. The Lord has been gracious unto us. A revival of religion at every appointment except one, where we only continued two days. The church has been greatly revived; many backsliders reclaimed and 104 persons happily converted. Efficient services have been rendered by various ministerial brethren. May God reward them for their zeal to souls. Upon the whole, we thank God and take courage.—T. P. SMITH.

ELLASVILLE, Young Co., Oct. 1.—This is a new postoffice at Donnelly Mill, on the Clear Fork, on the line of Young and Stephens counties. It has two stores and a blacksmith shop, and dwellings going up. We have the grasshoppers here this fall, also hawks in large numbers along the Clear Fork where most of the grasshoppers are. Can't say what the connection is between the two; some think they eat the hoppers. We have had two camp-meetings on the mission with good results; about fifteen conversions and thirty accessions on the work this year.—H. C. TRAMMELL.

PINE HILL, Oct. 8.—We have had two protracted meetings at Carthage, resulting in three conversions and seven accessions (three on profession and four by letter) and the church considerably revived. Think we will be able to report all the claims met at conference. The crops of Panola are corn one-third, and cotton about two-thirds, as near as we can guess. Our people are in good health, and generally peaceable and striving to pay their debts. God bless them all.—J. C. A. BRIDGES.

CALLAHAN CITY, Callahan Co., Oct. 11.—Last night, at 9 o'clock, the largest planet in mid-heaven to the southward, faded away in the clear sky until it was entirely invisible, several times in quick succession, and as often returned again to its wonted brilliancy. While entirely eclipsed there shone a radiance of light in a circle around its place. Just before disappearing, it seemed to be much brighter and larger than common. Will some astronomer be so kind as to give us the cause of this strange phenomenon?—GEO. W. RILEY.

BASTROP, Bastrop Co., October 18, 79.—District court convened to day. The criminal docket very large. Four or five murder cases. The charge to the Grand Jury was very comprehensive and was well appreciated. A man by the name of Allsup, was brutally murdered last week, not far from McBride. No clue to the perpetrators. Christianity, intelligence, and morality, favor the Sunday law throughout this section.—POINT.

ELITE P. O., Burlington Co., October 13.—Commenced a meeting at High Prairie first Sunday and closed last night, with crowded house, deep interest, and ten or twelve altar calls. Four joined by ritual and one by letter. One of these is a bright little girl, who has a clear experience. Bro. Spence, of Travis circuit, was with us. He did the preaching, and did it well. What a power is an efficient local ministry! The local preachers of the circuit were on hand and encouraged us by their presence.—DAN M. YOUNG.

GREENWOOD, Hopkins Co., Oct. 11, 79.—God delights in joy, and His desire for His people is that they should be mindful and joyful, and this both for their own sakes and for His glory. God needs vigorous workers, and He can only have them by be-towing on them a joy adequate to the greatness of the work. In joy the apostles went forth to work for God, and they found that the joy of the Lord was their strength. It is joy, then, not sorrow, that is our strength, and they that have done most for God, have been those who have had most joy in God.—THOS. WILLIAMS.

COLUMBUS, Colorado Co., October 13, 79.—Bro. John arrived here on Saturday, the 11th inst. Last evening he delivered an able sermon upon the Sunday law and its bearings upon the public welfare, which was listened to with deep interest by good audience, although the weather here was unfavorable. From the manner in which this subject was handled, I am satisfied that the repetition of that sermon at the various places visited by the doctor would be productive of great good by enlightening and setting the public mind upon this very important question. Can he not be induced to do it?—F. A. McSHAN.

MARSHALL, Harrison Co., Oct. 11.—Our pastor has been in labors most abundant. Last Sunday was closed a meeting of three weeks' duration, and if any of the membership were not advanced in spirituality, it was for the failure upon their part to do duty. Sixteen joined the church as one of the results of the meeting. It was an unusual sight to see, as on Sunday, September 21, twelve persons apply for admission into the Marshall church at one time. To God be the praise, through the human instrumentality of our laborious pastor, the Marshall church is in good condition spiritually, and three hundred dollars in hand to repair its earthly temple.—JOHN R. HEARTSILL.

BELLE PLAIN, Callahan Co., Oct. 13.—This mission is still prospering some. I organized a church society in Belle Plain yesterday—the first of any denomination ever organized in the place. It is hoped and expected that the Missionary Baptists and Old School Presbyterians will organize here soon. I have organized six new societies this year and received eighty-seven members. Belle Plain is quite a flourishing town for its age: has two hotels, one grocery store, three stores of general merchandise, one boarding school, one drug store, one barber shop, one meat market and two saloons. The country has given us a lot in the place on which to build a church.—GEO. W. RILEY.

PENNINGTON CIRCUIT, East Texas Conference, October 16.—Pennington circuit lies on both sides of the Great Northern Railroad, embracing portions of Trinity and Houston counties; a fine farming country; also favored with an abundance of valuable timber. Corn crops rather short, though I think enough will be made to meet the demands of the country. Cotton crop moderately good. In this respect, we are very much blessed. We have been blessed with revivals at Weldon, Nevel's prairie, White Rock and Thornton's. About sixty have been added to the church. By Divine grace, I expect to continue my efforts to advance the good work till the close of the conference year. JOHN C. HARRIAGE.

MOSEBY, Polk Co., Oct. 13.—The following items were compiled by Bro. Kit Williams from our county records, and may be relied upon: Number of murder cases within 13 years, 31; of these, 17 originated in grog-shops. Number of cases of assault with intent to murder, 53; of these, 15 were not tried, and cause not ascertained. Of the 69 investigated, 41 come direct from "doggersy." Of the above 53 cases, 77 were docketed previous to local option, or within ten and a half years. Within the last two years and a half of prohibition there have been but six. Three of the murder cases all right out of the "doggersy" cost this county not less than \$6000—nearly double what was received as revenue from the sale of liquors in thirteen years. These are "facts;" comments are unnecessary.—E. P. ANSELL.

CENTREVILLE, Leon Co., Oct. 10.—I held a meeting at Pleasant Grove, embracing the fourth Sunday in September. Was assisted by Rev. G. S. Sandel. Result: twenty-one accessions. During the year we have had nearly a hundred and forty conversions, with a hundred and fifteen accessions to the church. The Centreville district school opened Monday morning, October 6, with Prof. B. D. Tachell, Jr., principal. We are confident that under his management the school will be a success, and we bespeak for the principal the encouragement and support of the people.—J. M. TRUITT.

BIBLE distribution in Texas by co-petitors of American Bible society in the month of September: Days of service, 313; miles traveled on official duty, 4817; families visited by them, 378; families found destitute of the Bible, 792; destitute families supplied, 629; destitute individuals supplied in addition, 178; number of books sold, 1838; value of books sold, \$626 30; number of books distributed gratuitously, 412; value of books distributed gratuitously, \$10 10; received from churches and individuals in aid of the Bible cause, \$75 80.

A ray of glory falls from heaven wherever God's benediction rests.

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein."—Rev. 1: 3.

BELLE, Cook Co., Oct. 13.—A good church about finished at this place. The good people here have met all the claims against them, besides building their church. The circuit revived—but few appointments have paid their assessment. Have been from home three days trying to raise claims. Have got about fifty dollars missionary money and about the same for the preacher. Will try again in a few days. Collected a few dollars for the Advocate. A man killed near Dexter a few nights back; he was knocked down and his throat cut from ear to ear. Two men arrested on suspicion.—J. H. MORELAND.

CEDAR MILLS, Grayson Co., Oct. 13.—Dr. Young has been with us; made a rousing temperance speech; organized a council of thirty-two members. Others have joined since. The grog-shop closed. No whisky sold now at Cedar Mills, and all good citizens would be glad if no more would ever be brought into the country. Health good. All favor the Sunday law, as far as we know: have not heard a dissenting voice here.

A large new house for worship almost finished. Sunday-school flourishing, and all getting along well generally. Baptized two young ladies in the water a few days ago. We have had a prosperous year spiritually. Many conversions on Dexter circuit.—J. H. MORELAND.

SULPHUR BLUFF, Hopkins Co., October 13.—Fourth quarterly meeting just closed at Pleasant Hill camp-ground. We had an old-fashioned camp-meeting; 65 conversions, and 39 joined the church—one 84 years old; several more will join. I have never witnessed such displays of God's spirit. The church generally revived. Twenty odd penitents left at the altar. Collections all full. C. A. Enmons and W. Hoiden rendered good service—much obliged was the Sulphur Spring preacher in charge for their presence. To God be all the glory. Amen.—S. H. RENFRO.

WILLA WALLA VALLEY, Montague Co., October 10.—Weather very dry. Grass-hoppers in abundance—have done little damage as yet. Cotton being rapidly picked out and sent to market. We all take the Advocate here. A Methodist that don't, has but little religion. Had not heard a single voice against the "Sunday law"—speaks volumes for the morality of our valley. Protracted meetings going on all over the county; everywhere successful. Truly the Lord is on the giving hand. The "Bell Punch" creating some excitement in St. Joe, Montague and Forestburg—our nearest towns. Anything to stop the whisky traffic, I say. Intemperance is ruining our country—a curse that sweeps over our fair land, leaving thousands of widows and orphans in its wake. More anon.—WM. ROBERTSON.

CORN HILL, Williamson Co., Oct. 15.—Glorious revivals within our bounds, and one of the most precious and powerful now in progress at this place I ever witnessed or knew; ten have been powerfully and clearly converted. No one had to ask them if they loved the Savior; they made it known themselves. I desire to mention an evidence of the power of faith: On Monday night Mr. J. W. Shaver, of this place, a man advanced in years, having almost raised a large family, now up in the congregation for the prayers of the church. Tuesday night he had fever; felt too unwell to be out, and Judge King proposed special prayer for the sick man. (Now this was, perhaps, 10 o'clock,) special prayer was made, and one brother declared to all that he felt Mr. S. was converted. So they all said, and agreed to send the next morning and see. Now, unbelievers said: "Why, Mr. Shaver is asleep!" But to the astonishment and satisfaction of the church, he testified that he was converted at the hour they suggested the night before. Last night Mr. S. was present and testified to the above; was shouting happy, and I had the pleasure of baptizing and receiving him into the church. This man is above fifty years of age, sound in mind and members. The meeting will (if the Lord will) continue over next Sabbath, conducted by local brethren, J. E. King and Cornelius Rawlins. This community has not witnessed such an outpouring of the Spirit for years. To God be all the glory.—SAMUEL MORRIS.

Mexican District Conference.

This conference, composed of Mexicans, with the exceptions of the presiding elder, Rev. A. H. Sutherland, and the writer, convened in Laredo, Texas, on the 25th ultimo. All the pastoral charges, except Reynosa and Hidalgo, Rev. Cruz Martines, presiding elder, were represented by the pastors and many of them by both pastor and delegates, all of whom were in the city by the night of the 24th, awaiting the time appointed for the work of the conference to begin. The simple fact of all the preachers (except one) being present one day before conference opened, is good evidence of the deep interest taken by them in the affairs of the church, and suffice it to say that this interest was fully as perceptible in all the exercises of the occasion. The business of the conference closed on Saturday, the 27th, at 6 P. M., but all parties remained over Sabbath with us. Three of the Mexican ministerial brethren arrived on the Saturday before the conference was to begin (on Thursday), and consequently the preacher in charge availed himself of the opportunity of having preaching by new preachers to congregation for ten days in succession, which resulted, by the blessing of God, in a great reviving of the membership and an awakening among the sinners; yea, in a powerful shaking of the dry bones. Ah! our heart was filled with a joy that was unexpressible and full of glory, day by day as we watched the proceedings of that conference, composed almost entirely of those who, only a few years, and some of them only a few months ago, were worshippers of images, of stocks, and of stones! To see the intelligent manner in which they performed all their duties, the order and system of their minds, and the Christian spirit with which every committee reported and every speech was pregated, we think would or should be sufficient to convince the most-skeptical mind that God is in our Mexican mission work. If the spirituality manifested in a district conference is to be taken as a criterion by which to judge of the spiritual condition of the church, we see clearly that the church is on the advance to greater holiness than it has ever before attained. One of the Mexican preachers, on being asked what kind of a time we had had at the conference, replied: "We have never had anything like it in the whole history of our mission district." Another, speaking of it, said: "The district conference held in San Antonio last year and the one held in Corpus Christi the year before were nothing to compare with this one in point of spirituality." We had many very fine sermons; and on Sunday morning, during the hour for Sabbath-school, two as fine speeches on Sunday-school

training and Christian education generally, as I ever heard from experienced and cultivated American ministers. The first was delivered by Rev. Alejandro de Leon, a probationer, whom the writer had the honor of baptizing and receiving into the church only about eighteen months before, and the second by Rev. Creencio A. Rodriguez, P. C. of our mission in San Antonio. Rarely has the writer witnessed such "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" as we had in our *love-feast* on Sunday evening. Truly it was a feast of love and spiritual food. Oh! such experience, such unmistakable evidence of regeneration, and of Divine power to protect, guide and bless the servants of the meek and loving Savior, as fell from the lips of those newly converted men of God! The statistical reports do not show as great an increase as in previous years, but we really believe that there has been more substantial work done during this year than ever before in the same length of time. The work is evidently taking deeper root than ever before. It is deepening and widening. It will very soon be necessary and proper to set our Mexican district off as a separate annual conference. The time is rapidly approaching when all who have aided in this great work of love, duty and mercy, either with their means or services, will rejoice that God ever put it into their hearts and that they yielded to the sense of duty in thus serving the Lord. The number of little schools that they have had during the year, and the deep interest which the conference took in our Mexican American High school is manifested by the resolutions, etc., passed by it. It will be remembered that this school, was established early in the year by appointment of the West Texas Conference. It is a district school belonging to the Mexican Border Mission district.—JOSEPH NORWOOD.

FOUL AIR IN WELLS.—A correspondent in the San Antonio Express gives the following as a test of the presence of foul gas in wells, and suggests a remedy therefor: "Before descending lower a light down the well, taking care that it is not extinguished in lowering. If there is a noxious gas present, (generally carbonate acid gas) it will at once, on being reached, extinguish the light. It is then dangerous to descend. Having ascertained the presence of the gas, the next thing is to get rid of it; and this is simply done by tying a bundle of hay, fodder, or any bulky substance, to a rope sufficiently long to reach the bottom, and then drawing it up and down rapidly in the well for a short time. This produces a draught that will carry off the noxious gas and substitute therefore pure air. Carbonic acid gas being heavier than the atmospheric air, forms a more or less thick strata in the bottom of the well, through which the air, being lighter, cannot penetrate, and as there is no draught there can be no commingling of the elements until a draught is established by artificial means."

Children's Department.

LIMESTONE Co.—Dear Uncle: I want you to enroll my name as one to read the New Testament through. My dear papa takes the Advocate. I am ten years old. I hope to live a Christian life.—HUGH DURST.

TEXANA, Jackson Co., Oct. 12.—Dear Uncle John: As I promised you, I have read through the Testament some time since, but I deferred writing until my brother Lucius finished his, which is now accomplished. We want that picture of yourself, and I promise it shall have a place in our album, where we can see it often and remember your kind words.—Tros. W. STANFORD.

LEXINGTON, Lee Co., October.—Dear Uncle John: What a long time has passed—much longer than I thought would pass—ere I would write you again. I have been with my mamma and little sisters to the country for several weeks. We had quite a pleasant trip. During my stay in the country I spent the most of my time reading my Testament. Uncle John, I am now to the last chapter of II Corinthians. When I've finished it I am going to begin the Bible. My mamma is going to present me with a nice Bible when I finish the Testament. I think it will be so nice to have such a valuable present; I will try to read it through. I wish I could do something for the Advocate. Next year I will try to get all of my little friends to send for your paper. You will find twenty-five cents enclosed in this. Uncle John, please send me the Advocate, and ever remember your little friend, HALLIE COFFMAN.

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

BY R. M. MOORE.

FOURTH QUARTER-FIFTH LESSON-NOV. 2, '79.

Peter II: 19-25; The Perfect Pattern; Time-Probably between A. D. 63-67; Place-likely at Babylon; Rulers-Nero, Emperor of Rome; Florus, Governor of Judea; and Agrippa, II, King of Galilee and Perea.

V. 23. "Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again: when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously..."

V. 24. "Who, his own self, bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness..."

V. 25. "For ye were as sheep going astray: but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls..."

19. While trials are not of God's sending necessarily, yet if we endure them patiently, they become our guides to virtue, our occasions of victory...

20. We should always be careful to note that in suffering the results of our own follies and sins, we can claim no merit whatever. It is undeserved suffering, and especially, for the sake of Christ...

21. He who travels in regions where roads are not well defined, knows what a relief it is to find and follow the tracks of another, whom he knows is bound for the same destination as himself...

22. In fidelity, for almost nineteen centuries, has hunted in vain for a deed inconsistent with His own pure code, or a word that was sullied with a shadow of deceit...

23. As Christ said to His disciples, "follow Me," He gave them a great lesson. The two words express all of Christian duty, and the whole plan of salvation...

24. Christ completed His mission of doing good on the cross; and when we suffer or endure for others with a pure purpose, we reach the sunny heights of well-doing, when we become dead to sin and alive to righteousness...

25. No more forcible figure of our erring nature could have been used than to compare us to "sheep going astray..."

none are so safe as those whom He shelters. Again and again He turns His wandering ones by His providences from the road leading to death to the road leading to life, and warns them of the danger, and urges them on toward the fold of eternal life.

From the North.

Perhaps you do not expect a card from this far-away State; but I find so many good things in the ADVOCATE that I can not suppress my desire to thank you for them, and to insist that we, in the North, are not all Bishop Havens, Chandlers, Conklings nor Blaines. We recognize much in the South to commend and admire, and much in the North to condemn and despise. I trust yourself and your many interesting correspondents will pardon this my first intrusion, and oblige a well-wisher in the North. By the kindness of some unknown friend the ADVOCATE has been coming for some time to my father's address at Eldorado, Ill. From him I get to read it. Though I do not know who is bestowing so unexpected and so welcome a favor upon us, yet I apprehend it comes from the very much appreciated kindness of D. C. Hendrix, a kinsman of mine at Haxtrup, Texas. Whether it is from him or some one else, I appreciate it all the same, and hope that unseen hands of "good will to men" may attend the donor in all the struggles and necessities of life. Should we never meet or know each other here, be assured you have an abiding place in a stranger's heart and sympathy. How delightful the feeling and how soulful the gratitude kindled at the reception of such a precious favor! Oh how like an angel's visit, or a sunbeam from heaven dispersing the selfish mists that so often clot our happiness! When reading of the many good camp-meetings in Texas, I heartily wish I could be at one of them. When I was but a little boy my parents used to camp often at camp-meetings; but such good meetings have been discontinued here for several years. Many of my earliest and fondest memories cling around the old familiar but now deserted camp-grounds of Illinois. I admire the attitude of the ADVOCATE as to the Sunday law. Texas has taken the lead of all the older States in the vindication of the Christian Sabbath. She is doing what the other States have not the moral courage and stamina to undertake. May the good people of Texas give unbending support to the Legislature that enacted so brave and good a law. If I am too presumptuous, my stranger friends, in offering this to your columns, my desire to make known my appreciation of the ADVOCATE and of the favor so generously bestowed upon me, is the excuse of my heart.

J. M. CLARY.

Eldorado, Illinois, Oct. 6, 1879.

Boston Circuit - Our Camp-Meeting.

I have just returned from our camp-meeting, twelve and a half miles from this place, which commenced on Friday night before the first Sunday in this month, and which is still in progress. God has graciously revived our people, and many shouted aloud His praises. There were about twelve or fifteen conversions and twenty accessions to the church. A few of those who joined were converted at a meeting held at another place in the neighborhood by the local preachers on my work. One of the most marked features of the meeting was the unity of feeling and harmony of action that existed between the members of different denominations. Another very marked feature was a greater "hungering and thirsting after righteousness" and a strong inclination to reach up and strive after higher attainments in the divine life, and to attain more holiness of heart and purity of life. The doctrine of "Christian perfection," or "sanctification," as taught by our fathers in Methodism, and as taught in the Bible, was constantly brought before the minds of the people during the meeting; and many of our church and a large number of others covenanted together to pray for and seek after more of that "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

In conclusion, allow me to express my thanks to the preachers who promised to assist me-for their promises. We had no ministerial assistance except Revs. H. M. Burrows, H. Dougherty and R. Hariston, local preachers on the work, who rendered valuable assistance, and in whose hands I left my heart-felt thanks. My thanks are also due to Bro. Thomas Linn, a most worthy young man, who is working in the Sunday school cause. He is a faithful worker in the altar, and rendered valuable assistance. May the Lord reward him for his labors. Boston Circuit is now locking up.

W. W. HORNER.

Boston, Bowdoin Co., Oct. 10, 1879.

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ON OUR CIRCUIT.

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The value of our published minutes in the business of the conference is becoming clearly apparent. The Bishop remarked: "We could not well get along without them." They are becoming one of our Texas Methodist institutions. We hope the support given them by the preachers will justify our publishers, Shaw & Baylock, in getting them out.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

As we entered the West Texas Conference room in Gonzales, on Thursday morning, we found Bishop McTyeire in the chair, Bros. Woolls and Joyce at the secretary's table, and Dr. Wilson making his introductory address to the conference.

Before taking up the regular work of the day, the Bishop called attention to some points in conference business which are worthy of preservation.

He insisted that the secretary's table should be held sacred against all interruptions. We have often thought a conference secretary should belong to the tribe of Job. The way brethren fumble over their papers and write resolutions on their minutes, and exasperate them generally, renders it specially important that secretaries be the most patient and pious of men.

Another point on which he placed marked emphasis was the importance of faithfulness in the examination of character. No class of men are called upon to submit their lives and official administration to such frequent and rigid examination as itinerant Methodist preachers. There is a propriety in this policy, growing out of the workings of our economy. Other churches require trial sermons and ample testimonials as to moral character and pastoral qualifications before the preacher is formally called. The church places the preacher under trial before it employs him.

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We are glad that our church is doing anything for the support of its worn-out preachers and their families. Yet the pittance paid them often causes us to blush for both preachers and people. When an ox is broken down he is turned out to grass; but a preacher who has served the church faithfully, deserves better treatment than an ox.

The reports of several preachers from the coast region indicated the fact that our membership in this section is diminishing. This found explanation in the fact that the large stock pastures are crowding out the farmers and small stock-raisers. Pastures enclosing from forty to seventy thousand acres are to be found in many counties.

The wealth of this region is increasing, but the population is being depleted. This change in location does not materially diminish the membership of the

conference, as the people seldom move beyond its bounds. The West Texas Conference has a grand domain. Its rich prairies and fertile canyons will, ere long, be settled by an enterprising population, and our preachers are fully awake to the responsibilities these coming thousands will impose.

The reports from the Mexican Border Mission District show no abatement in the remarkable prosperity which has marked this work from its commencement. It now numbers twelve itinerant native preachers, one local preacher, and 660 members. There have been 170 additions to the membership the past year.

Methodism has pioneered Christianity into these western lands; but it is not always an advantage to a church to be the first on the ground. The pioneer meets the wants of the people in his day. He preaches under the trees, in private houses, in school-houses, and after a while builds a church which answers the demands of that period of his work.

Dr. John Huss.

My last communication to the Advocate consisted of an epitomized exposition of the life and character of Jerome of Prague; a victim of pagan fanaticism and religious persecution. Standing upon the same shore of time, during that stormy period of sacred history, when religious zeal overlapped the boundaries of human reason, braving the same storm—buffeting the same wave, and heralding the same glad tidings to man, was John Huss; a name embodying the noble elements which conspire to constitute the grand aggregate of manhood.

Thus passed away John Huss—a landmark in the history of the race—who chose rather to suffer the agonies of death, than for a moment deny the Master. Like his illustrious prototype, Wickliffe, his ashes found a tomb on the rolling bosom of boundless waters; his name a place in the hearts of men, and his spirit a home in that beautiful land of rest, rich in celestial moon and star.

gun to penetrate the darkest arena of ignorance and superstitious bigotry. A straggling gleam had been reflected in Bohemia, and multitudes flocked hither, with a hope of catching its genial influence. In 1414 the Council of Constance was assembled in Germany, for the ostensible purpose of "determining a dispute then depending between three persons who contended for the papacy," but the real design of which was to smother the fires of reformation.

The reverential and spontaneous outburst of deference which Huss encountered on his journey to Constance, cannot be readily conceived by the imagination. The highways and streets were surging seas of humanity, who poured from the remote scenes of life, to catch a glance at the bold and intrepid Huss; and historians affirm that his passage through Germany was an ovation and a triumph, scarcely paralleled in mediæval history.

A feeling sprang up, and asserted its supremacy among the nobler caste of Poles and Bohemians, that John Huss should never be sacrificed unheard, even upon the altars of Christianity, which was tenaciously antagonized by the tribunal before whom he stood in glorious aspect. The allegations preferred against him consisted cardinally of about forty excerpted passages from the writings of himself. Huss stood like a pillar of Hercules, amid the rumblings of the storm, and only gathered about him his mantle of faith and hope, which was destined to fall upon Jerome, and the sparks of whose eloquence for the cause of a country's God was to kindle the vestal fires upon the altar of ages.

He was to seal his convictions in blood at the stake for "having taught many pernicious errors; of having despised the keys of the church and ecclesiastical censure; of having seduced and given scandal to the faithful by his obstinacy, and having rashly appealed to the tribunal of Christ." That fortitude and Christian intrepidity which had shone forth so finely in his countenance, now assumed sublime proportions in the man, when listening to the thunders of his condemnation. When on his way to the place of execution, Dr. Huss found consolation in the rich promises of G. d., and as the glaring flames, like fiery-tongued serpents, seemed to kiss the hovering clouds, they bore upon their wings, from the lips of the dying man, a song of redemption that echoed softly around the throne of God.

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Dr. Jas. Laf. Leslie, of VanAlstyne, who has the most extensive practice of any physician in North Texas, has found time to work for the Advocate, and has sent more than fifty new subscribers during the year—placing the cash in the hands of the editor and the paper in more than fifty families. Eternity alone will reveal the good that some of our faithful lay brethren are doing, and the reward that awaits them.

Unfair. It is not fair for the Nashville Christian Advocate to publish such accounts of "a centipede's deadly claw," in the issue of October 11, after Bro. Hendricks has called Texas the "land of centipedes," etc. Truly, Texas has a hard time of it. And when we consider that our friends and our enemies agree in hitting us hard knocks, while they disagree in about any other mentionable thing, we become to ourselves—that is to say, we the people, and the land we live in—we become a study to ourselves; that is, to us, the inhabitants. In some portions of Texas there are a good many centipedes; but in an acquaintance of the fourth of a century, in which I have traveled not a little and conversed with all sorts of people, I have found but one pretty well authenticated case of injury done by the centipede, and that was a severe scar on the arm of a little girl, caused—or supposed to have been caused—by a centipede crawling across the arm. A lady of my acquaintance (and well known in the Galveston church, as well as in many other communities in Texas) had a centipede to run up from the ground to her knee, stinging as it went. She brushed it off as soon as she could, applied spirits of ammonia, and received no injury beyond the present pain and a temporary soreness along the track of the reptile. Some old Texans told me that, out in camp, when they had finished their repast of stewed venison, or whatever they had in their mess-pot, on reaching the bottom they found the remains of a thoroughly cooked centipede, and no one of the company suffered from what he had eaten. The account in the Advocate states that a bullet shot through one of these reptiles "cut a small notch in the foreleg of a mule," and that next morning the mule was found dead, with "its leg so swollen that the skin burst in several places." Let us have peace.

WORTH OF IMITATION.—There is a young man living in this place, a member of our church, who keeps an accurate account of all he makes, one-tenth of which he gives unsolicited to the church. He has this year given to me as steward twenty-five dollars. He is the son of a Methodist preacher, and says: "If it had not been best to give the tenth to the Lord, Moses would never have so advised." There is also a young lady, Sunday-school scholar, belonging to the same family, that has read the Bible through one since the first Sabbath in April last, and has commenced it again, which proves that preachers' children, are not all on the "broad road." What this young brother makes, comes by manual labor. Who will imitate him.—B.

COMPLIMENTARY.—At the fourth quarterly conference for McKinney and Van Alstyne stations, North Texas Conference, held at Van Alstyne, Oct. 11, 1879, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Our pastor, Bro. W. D. Shea, contemplates transferring to his old home in the North Georgia Conference,

Resolved, That while we deeply regret to part with him and lose his services as pastor and preacher, we hereby commend him to the love and confidence of the church wherever his lot may fall, and will ever pray the blessings of the Great Head of the church upon him and his family.—W. H. HUGHES.

VERBIS HAVEN.—At Malborough, New York, the people of the M. E. Church need instructions from Bishop Haven—provided his ideas of church government are correct. The white members of that church insist that the colored members shall commune by themselves. The matter was submitted to general discussion and a vote of the membership; and as a consequence the color line is distinctly drawn, and there is a "war of words" between those who will and those who will not condescend to men of so low estate.

PHILLIPS BROOKS indicates a phase of the spirit of Jesus which all disciples can afford to ponder: "When He sat at rich men's tables, His proud hosts knew that it was not because they were rich, but because they were men, that He had come to them. When He entered poor men's huts, they knew that it was not their poverty but their manhood that He honored."

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Who Is Christ?

From a recent address by Keshub Chunder Sen, head of the Brahma Samaj in India.

Though we are Hindus, we can not help admiring the superior and exalted ethics which Christ brings to us. You can not deny it; you can not set it aside. It is from God. Your conscience attests it. Ancient philosophy bows before it. A greater than Socrates has taught us this lofty ethical code; and we are bound for truth's sake to accept this legacy from Christ. We are all agreed, irrespective of differences of creed and caste, as to the supremacy of the ethical law embodied in Christ's teachings and character. If you Indians hesitate or refuse to accept Christ, it is not because you dislike Christ's ethics. It is not Christ's humanity that is the stumbling block in your way; but his so-called divinity. His heavenly spirituality, not his human morality, stands in the way of your accepting him. It appears to me that Christ believed earnestly and consistently in what we should, in the absence of a better expression, call the doctrine of divine humanity. Christ not only believed this, but he carried it, theoretically and practically, to the uttermost logical sequence. But what was this doctrine? Christ struck the key-note of it when he announced his divinity before an astonished and amazed world in these words: "I and my Father are one." He lived, moved, and had his being in God. Not a breath he drew, but it was from the Lord. Not a drop of life-blood was there in him, but it came from the very fountain of life and vitality in heaven. He said, he heard, he touched, as we see, hear and touch. But he always felt that the root of his being was God himself—a fact of which we are not always conscious. He had his life rooted in divinity. He felt always that the Lord was underlying his whole existence. And, therefore, without equivocation, and with all the boldness and candor of conscious simplicity, he proclaimed unto the world that he was one with God. But he asserted the doctrine of spiritual oneness not only with reference to the Godhead, but also with regard to those around him. He was present not only in God, but also in the hearts of his disciples. What was his prayer to his Father regarding his people before he allowed himself to be crucified? Some time before that event occurred, Christ went to his Father and said, "As thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." Thus, in comprehensive unity, he sought to include God, himself, and all mankind.

For two thousand years men have been trying to find out the dead Christ under the stone. But the spirit of God has marvelously rolled away the stone, and Christ is not there. Even for three days Christ would not consent to live on earth as a dead Christ buried under the stone. So the Lord took his Christ unto himself, and has in all ages discomfited and disappointed those that have searched for a dead Christ on earth. Where, then, is Christ now? He is living in all Christian lives and in all Christian influences at work around us. Of the dead Christ I speak not. Of what use is a dead Christ to us or to our nation? Put the living spirit of Christ into your hearts and affections, your daily life and character. Do you not see Christ existing throughout Christendom, like an all-prevailing leaven, mysteriously and imperceptibly leavening the lives of millions of men and women? You can not resist his influence, you may deny his doctrine, you may even hate and repudiate his name, but he goes straight into your heart and leavens your lives. He does not care to inquire what doctrine you believe, or what dogma you accept, not even what sort of a life you lead. You may be the basest of sinners. You may be intellectually opposed to many of his doctrines. The truth that is in Christ will, perforce, overcome and penetrate your souls in spite of your perverseness, and secretly influence your character. In all Christian literature, laws and institutions we see Christ's living influence as a reality. The Christ that is advancing in all directions has touched India, and hence the question she asks, Who is Christ? The genius of the nation has asked this question, and you are bound to answer it. In the interests of truth, the question must be answered one way or another, now or hereafter. To India's solemn and thrilling cry you must some day return a response.

Meanwhile, I must beg your acceptance of the truly rational solution of the problem I have presented to you. You will find on reflection that the doctrine of divine humanity is essentially a Hindoo doctrine, and the picture

of Christ's life and character I have drawn is altogether a picture of ideal Hindoo life. Surely the idea of absorption and immersion in the Deity is one of those ideas of Vedantic Hinduism which prevail extensively in India. From the highest sage to the humblest peasant, millions of men in this land believe in the Pantheistic doctrine of man's identity with the Godhead. The most illiterate man is heard to say he and the Lord are one. The doctrine of absorption in the Deity is India's creed, and, through this idea, I believe, India will reach Christ. Will he not fulfill the Indian Scripture? I am reminded of the passage in the Gospel in which He says: "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." The Mosaic dispensation only? Perhaps the Hindoo dispensation also. In India he will fulfill the Hindoo dispensation.

To the Members and Friends of Anderson Circuit.

The conference year is rapidly drawing to a close. You have done nobly so far in contributing to the benevolent objects of the church, but there is still much to do. I hope you will endeavor to meet every demand upon your generosity, that I may be able to present a perfect report to conference. Let all the deficiencies, both in collections and salaries, be brought up. And to this end let all do something. Let all give "as God has prospered them." Let none think that because they can not do much it will not be appreciated. Christ placed the highest value on the widow's gift. The giving of property to God is everywhere made an indispensable ingredient of true religion. In the first account of religious worship by any of the human race, we read that the fruit of the ground and the firstlings and fat of the flocks were offered to God in acts of worship. And when, after the flood, the new head of the race came forth from the ark, he commenced just such worship in the use of property devoted to God. The first thing done by Abraham after he got to Canaan, and indeed by the other patriarchs whenever they moved and made a settlement in a new place, was to erect an altar and commence the worship of God by costly sacrifices. The tabernacle was built by the free-will offerings of the people, and its ritual made acts of devoting property to God a substantial part of religion. The revival which took place in the reign of David moved the whole nation to contribute the immense treasures needed to build the temple. With one heart and voice they uttered this sentiment, which is the true source of religious gifts: "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee."

In all Hebrew history we see that the offerings of property to God were full or stunted in proportion as religion prospered or decayed. The New Testament substitutes broader and more pressing occasions to draw out the generosity of Christians than the Old. Where the Old Testament required expense to foreshadow a coming Christ, the New requires a greater expense to proclaim His actual coming and redemption to all nations. Christ emphasized the duty of alms, and coupled it with prayer as an inseparable adjunct. His way of presenting his claims led directly into the money interests of the heart. It made Zacchaeus say: "The half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." A volume of pertinent meaning is expressed in this: "Sell that ye have and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." That is, be careful about the use of your treasure, for where it goes it carries the heart with it, whether to earth or heaven. The truth that religion and beneficence are one and inseparable was powerfully set forth in the Pentecost scene. Willing to test the generosity of the new converts, God had gathered thousands of strangers into Jerusalem, and detained them perhaps for months without their own means of support. For the feeding of this multitude, large draughts were made on those who had property in Jerusalem. These freely let Christ into their estates, so far as he had need. And without renouncing the right of property, or commencing any community system, each one, for that time and occasion, "possessed as though he possessed not." Among no class of men has systematic giving had such exemplifications as among the first Christians. And without hesitation they said of those in whose religion it had no part, "How dwellth the love of God in him?" So full is the evidence, that they commit a great and fatal mistake who expect to be Christians without

habits of liberality. Acts of beneficence are required for our spiritual good—for the exercise of our hearts to benevolence and our growth in grace. We are required to give because "it is more blessed to give than to receive. The redemption of man involves his recovery from selfishness, the essence of sin, by training him to benevolent action. Another principle inculcated by the scripture is this; the gifts shall be spontaneous. Christ says, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Paul would have the gift made "as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness." Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give. For God loveth a cheerful giver.—P. P. REESE.

McKINNEY AND VAN ALSTYNE, N. T. CONFERENCE.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Van Alstyne, October 11th and 12, and was signalized by the presence and power of God from the beginning to the close. Our presiding elder, Bro. W. H. Hughes, who has not missed a single quarterly conference in the district during the year, was present, looking after all the interests of the church. He has but one failing as a presiding elder, and that is that he "allows" his preachers to work him beyond his bodily strength. The quarterly meeting reminded us somewhat of the "olden times," when every body looked, prayed, and realized the special blessing of the Great Head of the church. The Sunday school was set aside to give place to the church love-feast. This was as it ought always to be, for no quarterly meeting is complete or Methodist without the love-feast. Our interest in behalf of the Sunday-school has, unfortunately, betrayed us into the folly of sacrificing the greater for the less. Let us, therefore, return to the "old paths," and let every presiding elder hold his love-feast as a part of his "official work," and what we may seem to lose in Sunday-school work, will be gained in spiritual growth in the church, and the renewal of a time-honored usage in our economy.

The closing conference year has been one of prosperity. Seventy-six additions were reported during the past quarter, and the state of the church "good"—harmony, good will, liberality, and development, constituting the foundation or status of the work. The borders have been enlarged, and some changes in the arrangement of the work become a necessity. Van Alstyne, with an active, efficient membership of over one hundred and fifty, has reached out her arms and established an appointment at Wilson's school-house, where we have about thirty members—the result of a meeting held by Bro. Lane, a faithful, working local preacher. So that Van Alstyne must become a station, or at least the centre of an important new circuit, with the preacher's home in Van Alstyne. We have had a gracious revival at Allen, eight miles south of McKinney, conducted mainly by Bro. Kendall, of the Mississippi Conference, whose labors have been greatly blessed while visiting friends in our conference. We now have at Allen a good and faithful working membership of over forty, and the day is not far distant when they will have—like Van Alstyne, Plano and other towns—a neat Methodist church, and Allen will become the center of a new circuit. The spirit of the church is to reach out and occupy every field, and bring forth fruit to the glory of God, until all the neglected and waste places are converted and brought to Christ. McKinney has had a long and a hard struggle; but "the day-spring from on high" has dawned. We have a neat, and I may say elegant, church, entirely free of debt; a monument to the piety and liberality of the faithful few, and especially to Brothers F. H. Welch, L. M. White, and our worth brother, J. Nobles, who worked and prayed, suffering no discouragements to change their plans or purposes until their noble object was accomplished. We have had no sweeping revival, yet we have not had to hang our harps upon the willows; for the tendency has been upward and onward, and every material and important interest of the church has grown, and any member of the conference may feel honored to be assigned to this work. We have had some dark clouds; yet God has sent the sun-light down and made it one of the happiest years of our life. To Him be all the glory. Our path will lead to a distant field of labor in the conference where we spent the early boyhood of our ministry, but the evening of life will be brightened and gladdened by the memory of four years of faithful labor and hundreds of loved ones in the North Texas Conference. W. D. SHEA.

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Calendar—October, 1879.
FOUR SUNDAYS—21 DAYS.

Day of Month.	Day of Week.	Sun Rise.	Sun Sets.	Moon Sets.
1 Wednesday	H. M.	6:15	6:15	6:15
2 Thursday	H. M.	6:16	6:15	6:15
3 Friday	H. M.	6:17	6:14	6:14
4 Saturday	H. M.	6:18	6:13	6:13
5 Sunday	MORN.	6:19	6:12	6:12
6 Monday	H. M.	6:20	6:11	6:11
7 Tuesday	H. M.	6:21	6:10	6:10
8 Wednesday	H. M.	6:22	6:09	6:09
9 Thursday	H. M.	6:23	6:08	6:08
10 Friday	H. M.	6:24	6:07	6:07
11 Saturday	H. M.	6:25	6:06	6:06
12 Sunday	MORN.	6:26	6:05	6:05
13 Monday	H. M.	6:27	6:04	6:04
14 Tuesday	H. M.	6:28	6:03	6:03
15 Wednesday	H. M.	6:29	6:02	6:02
16 Thursday	H. M.	6:30	6:01	6:01
17 Friday	H. M.	6:31	6:00	6:00
18 Saturday	H. M.	6:32	5:59	5:59
19 Sunday	MORN.	6:33	5:58	5:58
20 Monday	H. M.	6:34	5:57	5:57
21 Tuesday	H. M.	6:35	5:56	5:56
22 Wednesday	H. M.	6:36	5:55	5:55
23 Thursday	H. M.	6:37	5:54	5:54
24 Friday	H. M.	6:38	5:53	5:53
25 Saturday	H. M.	6:39	5:52	5:52
26 Sunday	MORN.	6:40	5:51	5:51
27 Monday	H. M.	6:41	5:50	5:50
28 Tuesday	H. M.	6:42	5:49	5:49
29 Wednesday	H. M.	6:43	5:48	5:48
30 Thursday	H. M.	6:44	5:47	5:47
31 Friday	H. M.	6:45	5:46	5:46

MOON'S PHASES.

	D.	H.	Min.
Last quarter	8	7	43 a. m.
New moon	15	9	9 a. m.
First quarter	22	9	19 a. m.
Full moon	29	9	9 p. m.

HISTORICAL EVENTS—SEPTIEMBRE.
October 2, 1855—Mrs. Wentworth died in China.
4, 1782—Boardman died.
3, 1898—Coke addressed McKendree.
19, 1794—Hester Ann Rogers died.
14, 1792—Catherine Garrettson born.
17, 1722—Hernuth church built.
14, 1619—Arminius died.
22, 1793—Rev. Thos. Nixon born.
27, 1771—Ashbury in Philadelphia.
28, 1832—Richard Watson's last sermon.
31, 1792—First General Conference, Baltimore.

Life Preserved by Death.

A Mr. C. L. Smith, of Carthage, (N. Y.) went to a remote part of China in 1870, in the employ of a New York fur company. Correspondence with his wife, whom he left an invalid in America, showed that he and his companions were not only making money for their employers, but enriching themselves. But, suddenly, all correspondence ceased, letters to the New York firm from the wife and friends of Smith, either remained unanswered, or received unsatisfactory replies. At last they were informed that Smith and his companions had been lost at sea. Since the death of his wife, however, the true story of his fate has been given the public. The party, when ready to come home, chartered a Chinese junk. When out at sea, the crew mutinied, and put them ashore on a barren island. There they remained until nearly dead with starvation; and it became evident that some one must be killed as food for the rest. They cast lots, and it fell to Smith to die. He was eaten—and shortly after the survivors were rescued. A Chinaman in New York is pointed out who was of the party. Smith was a captain in the federal army during the war; was a good business man and popular with his neighbors.

The Baby's "Death Bell."

SCENE—On Side-walk in Front of a Saloon.
Little Sam.—Papa, are we going in there? Isn't there a baby dead in that house?
Father.—No, my son. Why?
L. S.—What is that? Don't you hear it? Isn't that a little death-bell tolling in there?
F.—No, my son. Yes. No that is a "bell-punch."
L. S.—Papa, does it hurt somebody when it punches?
F.—No. Yes. No. Yes, it does, my son, hurt somebody every time it punches. Come along, let us hurry home. Mamma is waiting for us.
L. S.—Papa, when we get home, we will tell mamma we heard the little Baby's Death Bell punches in that pretty room, and all the man's faces was swelled up, and their eyes so red; looked like they was all sorry and had been crying. Won't we, papa?
F.—Yes, my darling boy.
The father, walking slowly homeward, wiped away a trickling tear as he thought of Baby's Death Bell in that saloon, where he had so often gone. Now, by the warning prattle of his little son, he was returning home without his usual drink, and he silently resolved in his heart, as he wiped away another tear, that he would never cause the Baby's Death Bell in any saloon to sound another funeral note.—M. D. REX.

Prince Bismarck's house at Varzin, though it cannot be called handsome, is spacious, and there is room enough in it for thirty guests. In the course of time Prince Bismarck will probably rebuild the house and make it a kind of castle. In the park of Varzin there is a large herony. The herons are the first birds to come with the spring and the last to leave with the autumn. The males fly twice every day to the shore in search of food. The prince pets them.

An Indian known as "Paving Tom" had a hand-to-hand encounter with a lot of bears one day last week, on the mountain above Buck's ranch, which must have been a terrible battle. He was hunting in the locality spoken of and found a "bear wallow" in a little valley, and suddenly came upon five bears. He says he shot one, killing it, when another attacked him. His only dependence was in his butcher knife, and with this he managed to kill the second one. About this time another one attacked him, and the conflict must have been fearful. Part of the Indian's scalp was torn from his head, his face badly lacerated, and his arm, side and one thigh, fairly "eaten up." No bones were broken, however, and he managed to stagger and crawl to the road, where he was found and taken to Buck's ranch. Mr. Wagner dressed his wounds, and at last accounts he was improving and in a fair way to recover. He says he would have been killed, but that he kept his face down most of the time and let the bears bite at his back. A party went out to the scene of the fight and found the three bears dead, and the Indian's knife sticking in one of them. He must have been "game to the backbone," and deserves a title of the "boss bear-hunter."

The Austin Weekly Statesman

of Oct. 16 contains the following: (While some Mexicans were in camp near Austin, Texas, and lying about the fire, one of them, Telesforo Cruza, saw a large centipede fully nine inches long, traveling slowly over his leg. Knowing that the least motion would make it sink its deadly claws into his skin, without moving his leg he got out his revolver and waited until the insect had almost reached his knee, when, slowly putting the mouth of the pistol to its head, he pulled the trigger and the centipede was gone. But a centipede's claws are quicker than gunpowder, and Cruza began to cramp in a few minutes, the track of the insect along his leg turned a brownish yellow and the place where it was killed swelled up frightfully. Cruza rapidly grew worse and in a little over four hours afterward he died in great agony. But the most singular part of the story is that the bullet from Cruza's pistol cut a small nick in the fore leg of a mule that was staked near by, and at daylight next morning, the mule was also dead, with the leg so swollen that the skin had burst in several places.

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Obituaries.

BAKER—Died Joseph Terrell Baker, son of Rev. R. M. and N. C. Baker, Rev. Master, of the S. W. Mo. Conference. Baptized May 14, 1876, by the Rev. C. F. Dryden, of the S. W. Mo. Conference. Died suddenly at Walnutville, Oct. 10, 79, aged four years, two months and four days.

BARKLEY—Sister Sarah Ann Barkley, daughter of J. S. and Matilda Swindford, and wife of Rev. W. A. Barkley, was born in Ballard county, Kentucky, Sept. 29, 1853, she was converted during a camp-meeting held at Hickory Flat, Panola Co., Miss., Oct. 1876; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1885, and lived a consistent and faithful member of the same until her death, which occurred eight miles north of Gatesville, Coryell county, Texas, September 29, 1879. She has left a devoted husband and three affectionate children, with other relatives and friends, to mourn their loss; but, as she lived the "life of the righteous," and her "last days were" like His, "their loss is her gain," for she is in heaven.—F. C. STEPHENSON.

PERRY—Brother James F. Perry was born in Talladega county, Alabama, September 20, 1859; was born from above at seventeen years of age, and joined the Missionary Baptist Church; moved to Smith county, Texas, in 1874, and in 1876 he joined M. E. Church, South, at Taylor. He joined the Panola county, Texas, in 1865; thence to Coryell county, Texas, in 1878, where he died of consumption, August 5, 1879. Brother Perry received a severe wound at the battle of Burleigh, which hurried him to a premature grave. During the late war, he was faithful to the cause of his choice; and far better than every other consideration, he was faithful to the church of his choice, and to the God of his salvation. He left a wife and children. May God bless them and supply all their wants.—F. C. STEPHENSON.

BOATNER—Geraldine Boatner, daughter of Dr. J. W. and Deanie M. Boatner, was born near Grapefield, Houston county, Texas, May 20, 1877, died at Smithfield, Tarrant county, Texas, Aug. 13, 1879. During the brief stay of little Geraldine among us she attracted the attention and admiration of all who met her. She loved to attend Sabbath-school, and often during her sickness she would ask her ma to sing: "Is it far to the land of Rest, And as the tear would steal down her mother's cheek, she would say, tenderly: "Mamma, don't cry; and gently close her little eyes and say: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I may see Lord in my soul to keep." After much suffering, sweet little Geraldine realized the answer to her little prayer. She fell

asleep in the arms of Him that said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, for such is the kingdom of heaven." Like the soft breath of summer dying along the ocean shore, she closed her little eyes on sleeping parents and friends to wake amid the songs of the redeemed in heaven. Too pure for earth, too holy for any but the company of angels, the good shepherd took her from this land of storms to dwell evermore in that land of rest, where she now waits to welcome papa, mamma and friends to that peaceful shore, that sun-bright clime.—D. W. SMITH.

Brown—Perla May Brown, was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, April 9, 1871, died of brain fever at the home of her parents, near Zion, August 24, 1879, aged eight years, four months and fifteen days. The idol of the family and friends, and the pet of all, little Perla was a shining mark, and her parents were sure, and this blossom of immortality, just at the opening, fell from the stem; but, thanks be to God, it is blowing through the gates of glory, and the five where the blossoms never fade. Obedient and happy, she expressed a desire to go and meet little Geraldine, underneath the cloudless skies of that far off land of Rest.—D. W. SMITH.

Dear mother, do the shadows flitting in the room Denote the earlier coming of the dawn? This light that flashes in the gathering gloom, Is it the herald of an opening morn? If so, day's bending arches overshadow me now, My happy face softly glides between, To greet with rapturous kisses on her angel brow, In yonder heaven sweet-voiced Geraldine.

Up to the very throne I wing my joyous flight, To ask of God, in all that glorious clime That stretches far a wasteless zone of light, Without leaving the beauty of my native time, How I shall find again, with gentle eye and golden wing, Mid-birds or laid by arch or flower or stream, Where on the winds the murmuring waters fling The music of her name—our angel Geraldine.

And when I've found her I shall fold Tenderly her little hands in mine, And press my face down to her curls of gold, Gently, dear mother, as have done with time, And whisper, Perla—name your little darling bore

While waiting by time's distant stream— The snowy sail from off the golden shore, That bore me back to heaven and to Geraldine.

GERALDINE. All hail sweet sister of the snowy robe, The golden sandal and the feeblest crown, Too frail for the storm that were smiting the earth, Welcome home, to this pure land of painless rest.

And the plying eye that looked over the cloud, And saw 'mid its surges the sparrow in flight, With its glances of glory shall forever enshroud, With the sunlight of heaven your lot pitiless night.

Where, mid anguish and tears, we parted with time, Ere the days of our babyhood swiftly had sped, And the crumpling years of that death-sundered clime, Behind us lie wasted, and ruined, and dead.

First by appointment at the feet of His love, Little ones we have come to His sheltering breast, To the white doves that open to the fugitive dove, To the great rock whose shadow gives misery rest.

Then come, twin of my soul, by the travail of death, Let us sit up our pinions of light to the sun, And, training our songs to an immortal nook, Sing of death overthrown and victory won.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation, 1879

FOURTH DISTRICT—BISHOP N'YEBERG.
W. Texas Conf., Oct. 15—Gonzales.
German Miss'n Conf., Oct. 22—Houston.
N. W. Texas Conf., Oct. 29—Fort Worth.
North Texas Conf., N. Y. 3—Scherman.
East Texas Conf., Dec. 5—Palestine.
Texas Conf., Dec. 19—Austin.
T. W. ROGERS, P. E.

Church Notices.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Bryan cir, at Alexander chapel, Nov 1, 2
Bryan sta, Nov 8, 9
Weldum cir, at Welporn, Nov 10, 16
Hempstead cir, at Hempstead, Nov 15, 16
Caldwell cir, at Caldwell, Nov 22, 23
Ellis cir, at Christian chapel, Nov 23, 24
Cedar Creek cir, Dec 1
Giddings cir, at Lexington, Nov 22, 23
See 6, 7

The brethren will see that some of the meetings will be in the business days of the week. This cannot be avoided, as there are not enough Sundays in the conference year to give the thirteen charges each four Sundays.

W. A. SAMPNEY, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Shelby, at Shelbyville, Nov 1, 2
Caldwell cir, at New York, Nov 8, 9
Live Oak cir, at Pleasant Hill, Dec 4
Austin station, Nov 22, 23

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Palestine cir, at Hughes, Nov 1, 2
Acheson cir, at New York, Nov 8, 9
Trinity cir, at Mitchell's chapel, Nov 12, 13
Larissa cir, at Union school-house, Nov 15, 16
Tyon station, Nov 22, 23
Palestine station, Nov 22, 23
J. S. ADAMS, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Weimar circuit, at Weimar, Nov 1, 2
Flintona circuit, at Flintona, Nov 8, 9
Columbus mission, Nov 15, 16
Rastrop station, Nov 22, 23
Austin circuit, at Austin, Nov 22, 23
Swede circuit, at Austin, Nov 22, 23
Live Oak mission, at Pleasant Hill, Dec 4
Austin station, Dec 6, 7

TERRELL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Wills Point 1st Sunday in Nov
R. M. POWERS, P. E.

BEACON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Beaumont and Orange, at Orange 1st Sunday in November
Liberty cir, at China Grove, 2d Sunday in Nov
Moscow cir, at Livingston, 3d Sunday in Nov
Homer circuit, 4th Sunday in Nov
There will be a camp-meeting at Fair's camp-ground, commencing Thursday night the 11th of Sunday in October. Ministerial help is earnestly solicited.
D. MOUSE, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Spring Creek, at Meeks' Prairie, 1st Sunday in Nov
Navasota and Milhon, at Navasota, 2d Sunday in Nov
Prairie Plains, at Martha chapel, 3d Sunday in Nov
Zion cir, at Zion, 4th Sunday in Nov
S. C. LITTLEPAGE, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Starville, Nov 1, 2
Longview, Nov 8, 9
Elysian Fields, Nov 15, 16
Harris, Nov 22, 23
Marshall, Nov 22, 23
Hallville, Nov 29, 30
Local preachers will make written reports of their labors the past year. Boards of Trustees will also make reports in writing of all church property held by them. Let the pastors be ready to make the full reports of the statistics to be reported at the Annual Conference.
R. W. THOMPSON, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Sherman, at 1st Sunday in November
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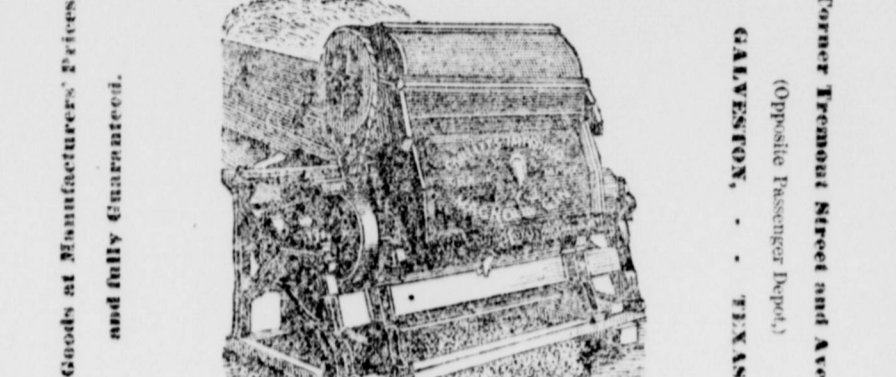
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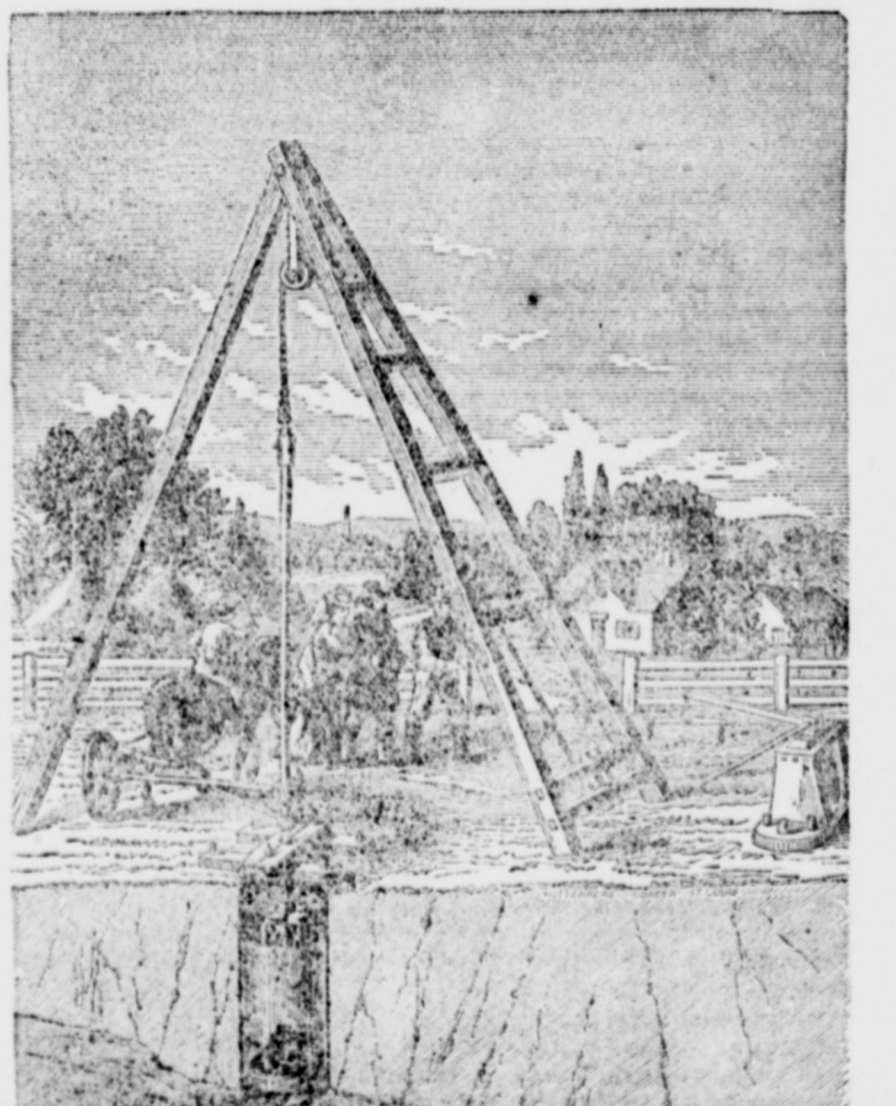
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London Letter. (From Our Regular Correspondence.) LONDON, OCT. 1, 1879.

The Royal and Central Bucks Agricultural Association had a unique gala-day last Thursday. In the dull, leaden atmosphere, which had lain like a blight upon the harvest fields for a week past, the whole farmer population of the rich Vale of Aylesbury crowded to their central town to do honor to the Premier of England, and forgot in feasting and revel, the doubts and difficulties of the agricultural crisis.

Recovering Too Fast - The Business "Boom" - Drummers called Home-Cooler Weather. (From our Regular Correspondent.) ST. LOUIS, October 13, 1879. RECOVERING TOO FAST. Some of the ablest papers of the east and west are now arguing that the revival in trade, the business "boom," is altogether too sudden, too much of a good thing, and they are cautioning the country against a possible reaction.

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sellors without purchasers, and if the rush of sellers points to the exhaustion of the west, the influx of buyers points to precisely the converse. The one side of the case counterbalances the other, and the original assertion is what Scotch lawyers call "not proven." There is another fallacy in the Aylesbury speech, which, in fact, is full of fallacies. Lord Beaconsfield illustrates the superiority of English over French agriculture by the fact that the French soil yields only fourteen bushels to the acre, whereas the English yields twenty-eight bushels; and that although the climatic and other conditions of France are far more favorable than in England.

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Pacific, which now seems very probable, will certainly be a great help to Texas and will add life to business. The slow rate of speed made by trains running between this city and Texas towns, and the high freight and express rates have been a serious detriment to business. Merchants here say they can not send packages of goods to Texas by express, as they can to other States, because of the high charges.

THE STEAMER JEANETTE has been heard from in Behring's Strait, where she parted on the twenty-seventh of August with her supply schooner and steamed away from the Arctic Sea. At that date the weather was still warm and pleasant, no ice obstructed the passage, and the prospects for an open winter in the polar regions were exceedingly favorable.

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he had no appearance of being so. Taking off his coat and standing before the jurors, the governor asked them if they could see any signs of arms about him. The unanimous answer being in the negative, the lawyer drew a pistol from under each arm, one from each boot-leg, and a long knife from the back of his neck. Then the jurors were not quite so unanimous.—Chicago Times.

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