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"Artists' Sketches in Holland," by GEORGE H. BOUGHTON and E. A. ABBEY, are nearly ready for publication. Other important enterprises have been undertaken by writers and artists; among these are "Vistas in Spain"—four or five papers by GEORGE PARSONS LATHROP, illustrated by REINHART; three illustrated papers on Mexico, by WILLIAM H. BISHOP; "The Wild Welsh Coast," by WIRT SIKES, illustrated by FENN; "Yarmouth and its Fisheries," by W. H. RIDDING, illustrated by FENN; beautifully illustrated papers by WILLIAM HAMILTON GIBSON; "Humors of the Blue Grass Region," by the Hon. HENRY WATTERSON, illustrated; "The German Diet," with portraits, by Prof. HERBERT TUTTLE; "French Political Leaders," by ANNA BOWMAN BLAKE, illustrated by ABBEY. Sketches of the most eminent members of the British Parliament, by HENRY W. LUCY, with portraits; two papers giving a history of the Romanof Dynasty, by H. SUTHERLAND EDWARDS, with portraits; "Sketches of the Thames," by JOSEPH HATTON, illustrated by ABBEY; "Biarritz," by MRS. JOHN LILLIE, illustrated by ABBEY; "King Coal's Highway"—describing the coal-barge transportation from Pittsburgh to New Orleans—by G. F. MUTLER, illustrated by J. W. ALEXANDER; "Salt Lake City," by ERNEST INGERSOLL, illustrated, will soon appear; and other interesting papers will be hereafter announced.

The forthcoming volumes will be especially remarkable for valuable historical articles. In the December Number will be begun a series of papers, by Professor JOHN FISKE, on Early American History; and an important historical work of larger dimentions, by a popular author, is in preparation. Arrangements have also been made for a series of very interesting illustrated biographical sketches, and for valuable contributions respecting recent archæological research and discovery.

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Luling sta, at Prairie Lee, 3d Sabbath in Dec
Kyle ct, at Kyle, 1st Sabbath in Jan'y, 1882
Gonzales ct, at Canoe Creek, 2d Sabbath in Jan
Walnut Springs ct, at Walnut Springs, 3d Sabbath in Jan
San Marcos sta, 4th Sabbath in Jan
Harwood ct, at Soda Springs, 1st Sabbath in Feb
San Marcos ct, at Long Branch, 2d Sabbath in Feb
Lockhart, at Lockhart, 3d Sabbath in Feb.

W. J. JOYCE, P. E.

TEXANA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Concretect, at Terryville, 1st Sunday in Jan, 1882
Cuero and Victoria, at Cuero, 2d Sunday in Jan
Clinton, at Colecto, 3d Sunday in Jan
Sandies, at Mount Vernon, 4th Sunday in Jan
Leesville, at Leesville, 5th Sunday in Jan
Hallettsville, at Shiloh, 1st Sunday in Feb
Boxville, Mossy Grove, 2d Sunday in Feb
Lavaca mis, Morales, 3d Sunday in Feb
Texana, Texana, 4th Sunday in Feb

District Stewards will meet me at Cuero, on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in January, 1882. Brethren will please be prompt in attendance, as this will be an important meeting.

J. H. TUCKER, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—FIRST RO

Helena ct, 4th Sunday in Dec
Beeville ct, at Beeville 1st Sunday in Jan
Lagarto ct, at Lagarto, 2d Sunday in Jan
Laredo mis, 3d Sunday in Jan
Corpus Christi sta, 4th Sunday in Jan
Rockport ct, at Rockport, 5th Sunday in Jan
Refugio mis, at Pleasant Grove, 1st Sun in Feb
Goliad sta, 2d Sunday in Feb

W. MONK, P. E.

MASON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Boerne Mission, Dec 17 18
Mountain Mission, Dec 24, 25
Center Point, Dec 31, Jan 1
Kerrville ct, Jan 7, 8
Blanco ct, Jan 14, 15
Round Mountain, Jan 21, 22
Junction City mis, Jan 28, 29
Concho mis, Feb 4, 5
Manard mis, Feb 11, 12
Mason mis, Feb 18, 19

District stewards will please meet me at Center Point Dec. 31, 1881.

A. J. POTTER, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DIST.—FIRST ROUND.

Lancaster and Prairie Valley, 3 Sunday in Dec
Reagor ct, 4th Sunday in Dec
Sims and Glenwood, 1st Sunday in Jan
Waxahachie ct, 2d Sunday in Jan
Ennis ct, 3d Sunday in Jan
Oakland cir, 4th Sunday in Jan
Wesley and Jimtown sta, 5th Sunday in Jan
Irene ct 1st Sunday in Feb
Ferris ct, 2d Sunday in Feb

The district stewards will meet at the Methodist church in Waxahachie on Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m., the 15th day of December, it being Thursday before the third Sunday.

CHAS. E. BROWN, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Corn Hill, at Corn Hill, 3d Sunday in Dec
Georgetown station, 4th Sunday in Dec
Liberty Hill, at Liberty Hill, 1st Sunday in Jan
Milano, at Liberty, 2d Sunday in Jan
Belton station, 3d Sunday in Jan
Rockdale and Cameron station, at Cameron, 4th Sunday in Jan
(Cameron ct in conjunction with above)
San Gabriel ct, at Conolys 5th Sunday in Jan
Davilla ct, at Davilla, 1st Sunday in Feb
Belton ct, at Rock Church, 2d Sunday in Feb
Blackland, at Camp Creek, 3d Sunday in Feb

District Stewards will please meet at Georgetown at 7 o'clock p. m. Friday, 23d Dec

Names—T S Snyder, A Clark, J M Laughlin, Thos King, V H Anderson, A M Hanna, Jos Cato, I S Gwyn, J L Rucker, W A Averetts, S H Brewer, J A Pickens, Dr. R. H. Fontaine.

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Frio cir, at Black Creek, 1st Sunday in Jan
Pearsall mis, 2d Sunday in Jan
Uvalde mis, at Uvalde, 4th Sunday in Jan
Camp Wood mis, 5th Sunday in Jan
Carrizo Springs, 1st Sunday in Feb
Sabinal ct, at Waresville, 2d Sunday in Feb
Cibolo ct, at Sandy Elm, 4th Sunday in Feb
Floresville ct, at Stockdale, 1st Sunday in March
Medina ct, at Pleasant Hill, 2d Sunday in March

The district stewards will meet at Soledad Street church in San Antonio, December 17, 1881, at two o'clock p. m.

O. A. FISHER, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Marlin ct, 3d Sunday in Dec
Calvert and Hearne sta, 1st Sunday in Jan
Wheelock ct, 2d Sunday in Jan
Bosqueville ct, 3d Sunday in Jan
Waco ct, 4th Sunday in Jan
West Falls cir, 5th Sunday in Jan
Hendsville ct, 1st Sunday in Feb
Mt Vernon ct, 2d Sunday in Feb
Bremond ct, 3d Sunday in Feb
East Waco ct, 4th Sunday in Feb
Big Creek cir, 1st Sunday in March
Kosse ct, 2d Sunday in March

THOS. STANFORD, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Grandview ct, at Grandview, Dec 17, 18
Fort Worth sta, at Fort Worth, Dec 24, 25
Marystown t, at Prairie Springs, Dec 31, Jan 1
Arlington ct, at Arlington, Jan 7, 8
Alvarado ct, at Alvarado, Jan 14, 15
Whitney ct, at Whitney, Jan 21, 22
Pasco ct, at Union Valley, Jan 28, 29
Cleburne sta, at Cleburne, Feb 4, 5
Hillsboro ct, at Elm Springs, Feb 11, 12
Vallage Creek, at Missionary Ridge, Feb 18, 19

District stewards, please meet at M. E. Church at Cleburne, Friday, Dec. 2, at 11 a. m.

HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

EASTLAND DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Ranger ct, Jan 7, 8
Eastland ct, Jan 14, 15
Breckenridge ct, Jan 21, 22
Palo Pinto ct, Jan 28, 29
Lipan ct, Feb 4, 5
Peluxy ct, Feb 11, 12
Glenrose ct, Feb 18, 19
Granbury sta, Feb 25, 26
Caddo mis, Mar 4, 5
Graham ct, Mar 11, 12
Seymour mis, Mar 18, 19

The District Stewards will please meet me at Ranger, Saturday Dec. 10, 1881.

J. K. LANE, P. E.

CORSICANA, Nov. 28.—The district stewards' meeting for Corsicana District will be on the seventeenth of December, 1881, at Mexia, at two o'clock p. m. A full attendance is desired.

JIM MACKEY, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Bibb, at Round Mountain, 4th Sunday in Dec
Comanche, at Comanche, 1st Sunday in Jan
Brownwood, at Gimnedd, 2d Sunday in Jan
Blanket, at Step's Creek, 3d Sunday in Jan
Williams' Ranch, at Bee Branch, 4th Sunday in Jan
Center City, at Bethel, 5th Sunday in Jan
Hamilton, at Hamilton, 1st Sunday in Feb
Pecan, at Mount Zion, 2d Sunday in Feb
Coleman, at Coleman City, 3d Sunday in Feb
Runnells, at Childers' church, 4th Sunday in Feb
Fort Chadburn, at Snyder's Ranch, 1st Sunday in March

The district stewards will please meet me in Brownwood, at Dr. Johnson's drug-store, on Thursday before the 2d Sunday in January, at 2 o'clock p. m., to assess the claim of presiding elder and apportion it and the collections ordered by the Annual Conference to the several charges.

W. R. D. STOCKTON, P. E.

LAMPASAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

San saba sta., Dec 10, 11
Plum Creek ct, at New Prospect, Dec 17, 18
Lampasas and Burnet, at Lampasas, Dec 24, 25
Senterfitt mis, at Russel Gap, Dec 31, Jan 1
Lampasas ct, at Biltmore, Jan 7, 8
South Gabriel, at South Gabriel, Jan 14, 15
Rockvale ct, at Rockvale, Jan 21, 22
Burnet mis, at Pleasant Valley, Jan 28, 29
Henson Creek, at Macedonia, Feb 4, 5
Sugar Loaf, Feb 11, 12
San Saba ct, at Wallace, Feb 18, 19
San Saba mis, at Hall's school-house, Feb 25, 26
Llano mis, at Owens chapel, March 4, 5

District steward's meeting at Lampasas Dec 24.

C. H. ELLIS, P. E.

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TAKE NOTICE.

I will leave Hearne on December 28 for Millersburg Female College by the way of Palestine, Texarkana, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. Let the young ladies who wish to accompany me meet me at the time and place, or at convenient places on the I. & G. N., the T. & P. and the Iron Mountain. Let them notify me at Calvert, Texas, care Dr. J. M. Willis, of that place, to look for them. Let them be certain to buy their tickets for Lexington, Ky., and see that they read via I. & G. N. T. & P., I. M. & Gt. S., Vandalia and Kentucky Central.

GEO. T. GOULD.

November 30

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message sent into Congress by the president yesterday afternoon is a most complete and exhaustive document, and contains some very important suggestions which Congress at its present session will act upon. The President states that $102,000,000 standard silver dollars have been coined, while only $34,000,000 are in circulation, and he concurs with the secretary's recommenation that the provision for coinage of a fixed amount for each month be repealed. He also approves the suggestion of the secretary that the issue of gold certificates should not, for the present, be resumed, and suggests that the national banks should be forbidden by law to retire their currency except upon reasonable notice of their intention to do so. Referring to the secretary's report the President says the three and one-half per centum bonds, being payable at the pleasure of the government, are available for the investment of surplus revenues, and he agrees with the secretary of the treasury that no legislation respecting them is desirable. One of the most important recommendations contained in the message is in reference to the reduction of the revenue tax. The country has been so prosperous during the past year as to yield a large surplus of income to the government and if the revenue law remains unchanged this surplus must increase year by year as the public debt and annual interest is reduced and the population increased. It is estimated that even if the annual receipts and expenditures should continue as at present, the entire debt could be paid in ten years. But there is no occasion for hurrying up the payment of the public debt at such a rate as to bear oneronsly on the people, and it is therefore recommended that the internal revenue tax, except on tobacco and spirits be abolished. This would be a great relief to the people, and it is to be hoped that Congress will act promptly on the recommendation. The suggestion of a commission, such as was lately approved by the Senate and recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, for a careful revision of the tariff laws, meets the approval of the president, and it is to be hoped it will engage the attention of Congress. Polygamy in the territories is referred to in the most denunciatory terms, and the present law against it is practically a dead letter. Prominent among the obstacles to enforcing the law against polygamy is the difficulty in procuring legal evidence sufficient to warrant a conviction, and the propriety is suggested of modifying the law of evidence, which now makes a wife incompetent to testify against her husband. It is well known that Mormon marriages are secretly performed and no record of them is obtainable for the prosecution of persons alleged to be living in polygamy. The President proposes to obviate this difficulty in obtaining proofs of marriage by the enactment of a statute providing that in the territories of the United States the fact that a woman has been married to a person charged with bigamy shall not disqualify her as a witness on his trial for that offence; and further, that any person solemnizing a marriage in any of the territories shall be required to file a certificate of such marriage in the Supreme Court of the territory. The President fully appreciates the necessity of public education, and although our system of government does not contemplate that the nation should provide or support a system of education of our people, he thinks all that can be done by local legislation and private generosity should be supplemented by such aid as can be constitutionally afforded by the national government. He also suggests that if any fund be dedicated to this purpose it shall be distributed in the different States according to the ratio of illiteracy. In reference to the arrears of pensions, it is stated that the amount of claims which were before July 1, 1880, and are now pending foot up $250,000,000, but this sum will be reduced from ten to fifteen millions where the claimant dying no person would succeed to the pension. In addition to this amount there are 38,580 claims filed since June 30 now pending, but these do not involve any arrears. It is estimated that with the present force of the pension bureau, 675 clerks, it will take six years to dispose of the claims now pending. In view of the fact that the average sum obtained upon each application is $1300, the President suggests the propriety of making some special appropriation for the prevention of fraud. Considerable space is given to the civil service, and the system adopted by Great Britain is referred to as affording some suggestions in the matter of reforming the service. The President reiterates the language used in his letter of acceptance of the nomination for Vice-President, that "no man should be the incumbent of an office the duties of which he is for any cause unfit to perform, who is lacking in the ability, fidelity or integrity which a proper administration of such office demands." He expresses the opinion that the "rules which should be applied to the management of the public service may properly conform in the main to such as regulate the conduct of successful private business. Original appointments should be based on ascertained fitness. The term of office should, as far as practicable, be filled by the promotion of worthy and efficient officers. The investigation of all complaints and punishment of all official misconduct should be prompt and thorough." The views thus expressed, the President says, will govern his administration. The continuing decline of the merchant marine is greatly deplored, and the question is commended to the wisdom of Congress with the suggestion that no question of greater magnitude or further reaching importance can engage their attention. The immediate necessity for constituting such a form of government for Alaska as will promote the education of the people and secure the administration of justice is recommended. The importance of timely legislation with respect to the ascertainment and declaration of the vote for presidential electors and the question of presidential inability are briefly treated. Altogether the message is a very able paper, the various questions being discussed with directness and in most cases with elaborateness.

OBITUARIES.

ATKINS—On November 15, 1881, Arthur Owen Atkins, infant son of J. B. and S. C. Atkins, aged three months and eleven days. Weep not, fond parents; this tender bud is not dead, but has been by our Heavenly Father transplanted to the paradise of God, there to bloom forever and ever.—T. R. ATKINS.

HALL—William D., son of G. W. T. and Angeline Hall, died at his father's, near Ferris, November 1, 1881, aged fifteen years and eight months. His severe sufferings lasted eight days, which he bore with resignation. Thus another Sabbath-school scholar is gone, but God took him. May God comfort the bereaved family.—E. E. SMITH.

PRICE.—Died, in Stephensville, November 9, little Ambrose, infant son of Brother Watson and Sister Mattie Price. Little Ambrose was a sweet child, the pride of his fond parents; but they bow in submission to the will of God, for they know he now rests in heaven. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.—H. S. P. ASHBY.

HODGES.—Sister Mary L. Hodges, daughter of Brother and Sister Harrison, of Houston county, died November 16, 1881, aged about twenty-two years. She united with the M. E. Church, South about three years ago, and remained a consistent member till she received the summons to come up higher when she departed to be forever with her Lord. She leaves a husband, babe, mother, brothers and sisters to mourn her departure.—THOMAS WATSON.

ROOTS—Little Mary Ella, daughter of Bro. G. T. and Sister M. A. Roots, was born August 31, 1880, and died November 1, 1880; aged one year and two months. Little Ella was the light and life of the household; but she has gone—yes, gone to live with him who said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Weep not then, loving parents, brother and sister, relatives and friends, another link is added to the golden chain that binds you to God and heaven. Let the language of your life and heart be: "The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.—J. R. D. TAYLOR.

HARTGRAVES—Asa E. Hartgraves was born January 9, 1879; died of croup January 13, 1881. Holland H. Hartgraves was born January 15, 1880; died of flux September 3, 1881. These two little boys were the sons of J. D. and M. O. Hartgraves. Thus in a few months' time we committed their bodies to the dust to await the resurrection morn. They are missed at home by father, mother, brothers and sisters, and by all. But Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Our loved ones are taken; we see them no more, nor hear their sweet voices here, but in heaven. List', father, mother, list' to them—a harp is given; although it makes the softest note, it is heard all over heaven.—BEN. D. BROWN.

BROWN.—Bennie S. Brown was born February 10, 1876; died October 29, 1880. Joel C. Brown was born April 21, 1879; died November 5, 1881. Thus little children die. Some in the sweet bud, others in fuller blossom, but never too early to make heaven fairer and sweeter with their immortal bloom. Oh, how hard it is to give them up; but we shall see them again on the other shore. I see the goodness of God, more clearly than ever before, in this dispensation, as pointing us toward heaven and immortality. I feel in this bereavement there is cause for rejoicing; for sure it is that we, Bennie and Joe, shall meet again never to be separated.—BEN D. BROWN.

HART.—MRS. Martha Hart was born in Murray county, Tennessee, near Mount Pleasant, August 28, 1819. Her maiden name was Martha Akins; she was married to W. R. Hart in 1837; professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist church in 1833; died in Houston county, Texas, October 21, 1881. Sister Hart was a consistent Christian. She had been a member of the church since she was fifteen years old, and those who knew her best can attest her consistency as a church member, and her faithful and earnest bearing as a true Christian. Her life was in strict accordance with her profession. She often said during her sickness that she was ready and willing to go to join those on the other shore in singing the song of redemption and be with Jesus. To her sorrowing husband and bereaved children we extend our sincere sympathy and warmest condolence.—BEN. D. BROWN.

OSBURN.—Mrs. Nannie Lee Osburn, daughter of W. A. and Martha Thompson, was born in Walker county, Texas, June 6, 1864, professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, July, 1880, was married to Mr. James Osborn February 24, 1881, and died at her father's residence October 27, 1881. Nannie Lee possessed a sweet, quiet disposition. In her character were blended all the graces and virtues that constitute a true Christian women. Though so young, she was faithful in all the relations of life. She was an affectionate, dutiful daughter, a kind, sympathizing sister and a devoted wife. Her mother died three years ago and she, being the oldest, had the charge of her younger sisters and she was so faithful, so tender and kind to them that she won the love of all who knew her. I have never witnessed a more general feeling than was manifested by the large audience at her burial. Being questioned, she said: "I am dying and going to heaven." And she thus passed away in full view of the better land, and no doubt she is now at rest with her sainted mother, three little sisters and two brothers. She leaves a husband, father, two little sisters and many relatives and friends.—J. G. JOHNSON.

SMITH.—MRS. Nancy Ann, nee Williams, was born in Tuscaloosa county, Alabama, May 22, 1827; was married to Dr. L. W. Smith November 13, 1845; moved to Texas in 1855; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1856, and died in great peace, at the family residence in Smith county, November 14, 1881. It was the good pleasure of the writer to have known Sister Smith well for a number of years. He has lived in the same family with her. He was one year her pastor. She was an everyday Christian. She recognized the fact that a candle is not lighted to be put under a bushel, but on a candlestick; hence she let her light shine. Her religion adorned, beautified and sweetened her life and made that life a benediction to others. She was a cheerful and happy Christian always. The power of her example could not be ignored—all felt and owned it. She was faithful and true in every relation of life. She died in triumph, after a painful and lingering illness, but there was never a murmur. She lived well; she suffered patiently; she died grandly, and is glorified with Christ. The deceased was the mother of the Rev. Thos. P. Smith, of the East Texas Conference. She leaves other children and a multitude of friends to mourn their loss, but amid the gloom of parting and tears of sorrow there comes the blessed hope of reunion in the better land. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.—S. W. TURNER.

The Grave of Dr. Ruter.

In an article on the above subject, published in the ADVOCATE of November 19, 1881, I am made to say, "Dr. Ruter died in Washington, May 18, 1838, and was interred in the public cemetery at Washington, on the 9th of April, 1853." Now if the above was true as it appears in print, it was worse than the wagon myth or brush fiction, for that would keep the Dr. *submerged* for about fifteen years.

I wrote: "Dr. Ruter died in Washington, May 16, 1838, and was buried in the public cemetery at Washington, on the 9th of April, 1853. His remains were taken up and reinterred on the church lot in Washington." This is intelligible.

Again, I am made to say in said article, that "ox-wagons" had run over the grave. The word "ox-wagon" cannot be found in my manu

Texas Christian Advocate.

Prussia's Strength.

The overshadowing size and strength of Prussia as compared with the other states that compose the confederacy of the German Empire, are shown by the recent budgets submitted the federal council in relation to the imperial army. The total standing force is 427,274 soldiers and non-commissioned officers, and 18,134 commissioned officers. Of these the several states have as follows: Soldiers and non-commissioned officers, Prussia, 308,629; Bavaria, 50,244; Wurtemberg, 18,815; and Saxony, 27,803; commissioned officers, Prussia, 14,008; Bavaria, 2,216; Saxony, 1,137; Wurtemberg, 775.

A KIND WORD OF ADVICE.

If you feel yourself growing weak, your strength failing, the natural functions of the body becoming impaired, take warning in time; your system needs Iron, which, when combined with proper vegetable extracts, produces a tonic of rare medicinal effect. Such a remedy is Brown's Iron Bitters. Buy it of your druggists and do not be persuaded to take a substitute, for this is the only remedy which gives permanent strength. It contains no alcohol, nor does it blacken the teeth. It receives the universal endorsement of clergymen, physicians, druggists, and all who have used it.

Caught on a Cowcatcher.

A train on the New Jersey Central road flew through Paterson at the rate of forty miles an hour. After running thirty miles the engineer discovered the body of a woman—alive, but unconscious—on the wooden platform above the cowcatcher. When rescued she could only remember being struck by the locomotive. She was not seriously injured.

Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan County News.

We never saw any one joyous when suffering from pain—neuralgia, for instance. In relation to this malady Mr. George Guyett, proprietor Guyett House, thus informed our representative: I have used St. Jacobs Oil for neuralgia, and can confidently recommend it to any one similarly affected.

Cotton Mills in the South.

The New York Times thinks that cotton mills in the South afford a most inviting field for investment, and that there need be no jealousy on the part of the New England factories. Lowell, Providence and Fall River have already given up the coarser grades of cotton fabrics and are devoting themselves almost exclusively to prints and the fine and costly stuffs. The demand for coarse goods, however, is increasing, and the South has the business all to itself.

Kindergartens.

There is an urgent need of kindergartens in Milwaukee, and a thorough organization of a system of such schools is proposed. A lady is to be engaged to supervise these schools, train the teachers, and lecture on kindergarten work. It is thought that a number of the primary teachers might be trained immediately to take charge of the kindergartens, each teacher to have two assistants, who as normal pupils would receive no salary until their training should be completed.

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The Scattered Hebrews.

The chosen race seems to be well scattered over the face of the globe. Prof. Brunialti, of the statistical archives of Rome, estimate that there are altogether in the world 6,568,000 Hebrews, of which number 5,500,000 are Europe, 200,000 in Asia, 500,000 in Africa, in 308,000 in America, and 20,000 in Australia. Taking the European countries, by far the greatest number of Hebrews in proportion to the population are in Roumania, where the average is 7.44 per 100 inhabitants; Russia comes next with 3.57 per 100 inhabitants; while Germany has 1.22, Great Britain, 0.20, and Portugal only 0.04.

"DO LIKEWISE."

Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.:—"Five years ago I was a dreadful sufferer from uterine troubles. Having exhausted the skill of three physicians, I was completely discouraged, and so weak I could with difficulty cross the room alone. I began taking your 'Favorite Prescription,' and using the local treatment recommended in your 'Common Sense Medical Adviser.' In three months I was *perfectly cured*. I wrote a letter to my family paper, briefly mentioning how my health had been restored, and offering to send the full particulars to any one writing me for them, *and inclosing a stamped envelop for reply*. I have received over four hundred letters. In reply, I have described my case and the treatment used, and earnestly advised them to 'do likewise.' From a great many I have received second letters of thanks, stating that they had commenced the treatment and were much better already." By druggists.

Cursed with Absenteeism.

Newfoundland, as well as Ireland, is cursed with absentee landlordism. The Cape Breton Herald states that nearly two-thirds of St. Johns, the capital, is owned by non-residents, who, having made themselves rich out of the seal and other fisheries, have gone back to Bonnie Scotland to take their ease and clip their coupons. Relay after relay of these canny Scotchmen have come out to Newfoundland, and gradually have acquired great possessions. After the great fire of 1846 these non-resident landlords refused to make sales, but granted leases to run forty years. These leases will expire within a few years, when the landlords will come into possession of landed properties which have been greatly improved by the lessees. It is thought that possibly legislative action will be taken which will compel the landlords to make sales at fair valuations. The people look forward to the expiration of these leases with interest and anxiety. An agitation will surely arise, and perhaps relief will come.

Pension Arrearages.

The character of the raid made on the United States Treasury when the pension-arrearages bill was passed has hardly yet been fully understood. The present commissioner of pensions, Mr. Dudley, says that the total amount of money which will hereafter be required to satisfy these pension arrearages will be $235,000,000, and the commissioner will ask of congress an appropriation of $100,000,000 for the current year. He proposes, as he says, to bring congress face to face with the question of going on with this expenditure.

"Here's Your Evening Journal."

Yesterday evening the Galveston EVENING JOURNAL was sold on the streets of Houston by newsboys for the first time. This is a new departure for the JOURNAL, and it speaks well for the enterprise and "go-aheadativeness" of the proprietors. "Here's your EVENING JOURNAL!" will soon be a popular cry from the boys.—Houston Post.

ODD ACCIDENTS.

How Certain Unlucky Persons have been Killed or Injured.

A man was made in an instant baldheaded forever, in Mobile, by the explosion of a fire-cracker in his hat. It was the work of his playful son.

At Dovecourt, England, a boy named Boast swallowed the sting of a wasp while eating some preserves, and died while running to the doctor.

At Canton, O., James Little drank some cold beer, which paralyzed his stomach, and, forming carbonate acid gas, which penetrated his whole system, caused nearly instantaneous death.

At Neodesha, Minn., Albert Grant was playing with a Newfoundland dog and dragging it by the tail, when it jumped into the pond, pulling him in, and he was drowned.

In Adair county, Mo., two young men agreed to be photographed with pistols drawn on each other. The artist, while arranging their position, discharged one of the pistols, shooting the opposite sitter through the lungs.

It would seem that a man subject to fits ought to be the last in the world to climb telegraph poles; yet Austin McLane, of New Haven, took the risk. He was at length stricken while at the top of a pole, and fell over backward; but the accident amounted only to a warning, for one foot caught in a hook, and he hung head downward until until rescued.

At West Point, Lieutenant Archibald Gibson could not, while on parade, lift his hand to remove a spider from his ear for a whole hour. When parade was dismissed his ear was full of blood. The insect was only taken out two days later, and Lieutenant Gibson ultimately died of inflammation of the brain.

A little girl died at Barrytown, Dutchess county, a few days ago, from blood poisoning caused by wearing a pair of red stockings. The shoe on the right foot had rubbed off the skin, and through the abrasion thus caused the poison from the stocking found its way into the system. After death discolorations were apparent on her lower limbs and the lower part of her body.

While Mr. Gault, agent for a dynamite company, and having a lot of dynamite with him, was breakfasting at a hotel in Australia, a terrible explosion occurred. On the smoke and dust clearing away, and when the confusion had subsided, it was found that almost the whole building had been demolished. The landlady and her family escaped unhurt, but were blackened from head to foot. A search was made for the unfortunate gentleman, when one leg with a portion of the body attached was found hanging to the rafters, the trunk and a portion of the head being discovered on the roof of the kitchen, thirty yards away.

Some Men Left.

The Cyprian, Captain J. A. Strachan, foundered on the Welsh coast last month. Among those on board was a young Liverpool stowaway. As Captain Strachan was about to don the only remaining life belt and plunge after his crew into the boiling sea, his eye caught that of the trembling stowaway. "I can swim," said the gallant seaman, as he fastened the life belt round the boy, who then leapt into the water and reached shore in safety, while his preserver was drowned. Only eight out of twenty-eight were saved. This incident and that recently related of the surgeon who performed an operation while dying, show that there are some Englishmen of a different sort from those who sat and looked at the little girl drowning in two feet of water.

RESCUED FROM DEATH.

The following statement of Wm. J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., is so remarkable that we beg to ask for it the attention of our readers. He says. "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with a VIOLENT BLEEDING OF THE LUNGS, followed by a severe cough. I soon began to lose my appetite and flesh. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer of 1877 I was admitted to the City Hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar. I expended over a hundred dollars in doctors and medicines. I was so far gone at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I laughed at my friends, thinking that my case was incurable, but I got a bottle to satisfy them, when, to my surprise and gratification, I commenced to feel better. My hope, once dead, began to revive, and to-day I feel in better spirits than I have the past three years.

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Another Outrage.

For an alleged informality in her manifest on a previous voyage, the American schooner May Eveline was seized at Utilla by a party of Honduran soldiers, and Captain Hanson was placed in jail. A new master and crew, not citizens of the United States, were put on board and took the vessel to Ruatan.

Non-Enforcement of the Sunday Law.

Galveston News.

If half the effort that is made to enforce the law taxing the occupations of business men was given to the enforcement of the Sunday law the spectacle of an open and generally tolerated defiance of its requirements would not be so frequent. The law ought to be enforced or it ought to be repealed or modified. It is calculated, as it now appears, to only educate public sentiment to a contempt for law in general. If it is not enforced, nor likely to be enforced, the chief executive, who has been constituted the advisor of the state legislature, ought to call attention to that fact in his proclamation calling an extra session next spring. He has deemed it proper to offer rewards for the conviction of drummers who are dodging the license tax, and possibly might be induced by the numerous convocations and conferences of the different churches being held in Texas to offer rewards for conviction of violators of the Sunday law. Probably it might be shown to him that there is quite as much turpitude in selling whisky on Sunday contrary to law as in selling whisky on Monday contrary to law. At any rate, it is neither seemly nor just to enlist the entire machinery of government to procure the conviction of a reputable trader, a citizen of another state, for pursuing his calling within the state contrary to law, while thousands of citizens of this state are permitted to violate the Sunday law without fear of punishment.

Don't Swear.

Galveston Journal.

Young man, don't swear. If you feel an ungovernable and unrestrainable impulse to swear, seek a secluded spot in some dark corner or back alley, and there, in the solitude of your unattended presence, give vent to your feelings. When you have indulged your propensity for vulgar profanity to your heart's content, when you have profaned everything that is beautiful and sacred, then come out from your retreat and look upon the serenely beautiful and smiling face of nature and feel ashamed of yourself. Feel as though you were besmeared with filth and a hundred miles from water. But don't swear when you come into this office. You can not impress us any more strongly with the force of your observations by interpolating italic oaths. It's a waste of time. With the oaths left out you could probably get through what you have to say in about one-half the time. Then, again, the profanity in which you indulge is in no wise an embellishment of your language. Rhetoric, to be choice and elegant, should not be offensive to any ears. You don't gain anything there. In fact, after looking the matter over and thinking of it in every possible aspect, we don't see wherein the most accomplished swearers have anything to boast of. We do not see that a man could not get along just as well without any profanity. Still, if you must swear, as we said before, don't do it when you come around the JOURNAL office. There are persons connected with the establishment who do not like profanity, and we have sufficient respect for their feelings not to encourage it.

Writing in Merchandise Packages.

Many complaints have been made by merchants as to restrictions on the writing or printing which may be put upon samples of merchandise, such as cloth, going through the mails, as they have desired to append to each sample a description covering width, price, quality, etc. The following is the ruling of the department on the subject:

The postmaster-general has advised that the ancient rule of the department that matter of a lower grade may be enclosed in that of a higher, authorizes printed matter to be inclosed with merchandise, and that to make a distinction between printed matter inclosed with merchandise, and printing upon a tag attached to a sample itself, where the latter consists of paper, is not within the reasonable intendment of law. It is decided, therefore, that upon all papers sent as merchandise there may be printed any matter not having the character of an actual or prepared correspondence, and that in such merchandise, and merchandise of other material, there may be inclosed such printed matter, or the same may be attached to such matter.

In a letter commenting on this ruling, the first assistant postmaster says:

It is intended that the matter printed shall be treated as third-class matter, and, being inclosed with merchandise, subject to the higher rate, and that the merchant may also write upon the 'package" "his own name and address, preceded by the word 'from,' and there may also be written or printed the number and name of the articles inclosed; and the sender thereof may write or print upon or attach to such articles, by tag or label, a mark, number, name, or letter, for purpose of identification." You will observe that what may be written upon the tag is simply "a mark, number, name, or letter," not to tell the width or price, but to identify the article. If the full liberty to inclose printed matter with sample will not enable merchants to avail themselves of the mails when they can thus identify the articles described in print by a mark, number, etc., the department can only regret that further aid can not be afforded under the law as it now stands.

A Sensible Cotton Planter.

One of the most instructive things about cotton culture in the Atlanta Exposition is the evidence of Major Jones, of Troup county, Ga., in regard to his success as a one-horse farmer. He had formerly planted on a large scale, and got into debt. He reduced his force to himself and three boys, oldest sixteen, with only two horses. He makes some thirty bales of cotton besides wheat, corn, oats, rye, potatoes and so on, and, keeping a careful account, allowing wages for the boys, finds that his cotton costs him three cents a pound. The curse of the cotton planter is debt. He buys all his supplies on credit, and gets all his money for the year at one time. He is obliged to pay at least 50 per cent. more for supplies on credit than they would cost him if he had the cash in hand to pay. The more he expands his business in that way the more he is fleeced. He is in the hands of his factor, who requires of him that he shall plant his full acreage of cotton. This prevents him from raising his own corn, and obliges him to buy at enormously advanced prices on credit. This disadvantage is so great that the average cotton planter's crop costs him nearly twice as much as it should.

The trade of this country with Mexico, it is estimated, will amount to $6,000,000 for the current year. It ought to be ten times as much. We do more business with far-off Australia, that has less than half the population of our neighboring republic.

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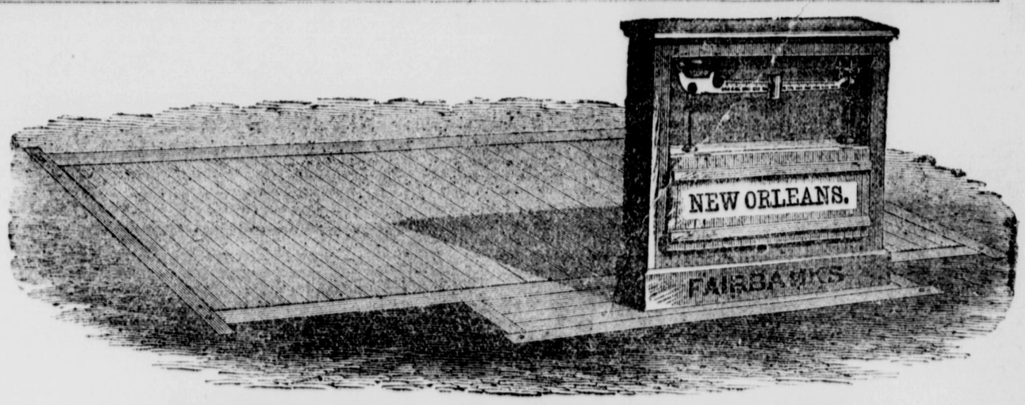

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An Indecent Exhibition.

Chicago Times.

In the name of law and decency, in the name of common sense and common humanity, what need was there of the prosecution in the murder trial at Washington producing a section of the backbone of the murdered president? The evidence was complete without this ghastly relic, for the production of which there was no more need than the exhibition of the corpse of Garfield. If the object was the causing of a sensation, it was accomplished in part. The voluntary attendants upon the trial were as easily moved by this uncanny exhibit to a shudder as they had been provoked to laughter by the slightest jest. But there was an involuntarily attendant, the prisoner at the bar, who was not betrayed into an exhibition of concern at the sight of this suggestive evidence of murder and mortality. He eyed it with careless indifference. It might have been a bone from the back of an extinct race of apes for aught he cared. To those who were close in Garfield's friendship, and to whom his memory is dear, this idle, careless glance of the assassin at a relic of the man he murdered must have seemed a profanation. If they were moved by those ideas of association which are common enough, their blood would have boiled in witnessing this incident; but they had little more reason to be provoked at Guiteau in this one matter than at the prosecution which needlessly introduced this relic to the common gaze. Its removal from the body of Garfield was unjustifiable. It was taken out, it would seem, merely for the purpose of bolstering Bliss, and if the doctor's interest and egotism have been fully served, it had better be deposited in the grave were Garfield lies.

A White Sparrow.

Philadelphia boasts of a remarkable feathered curiosity, in the shape of a white sparrow, which has appeared in a colony of English birds of that species, and a marvelous story is told of its doings. Before the advent of the white-winged bird the sparrows in the neighborhood of Twenty-second street and Columbia avenue were divided into two hostile factions, which battled unmercifully upon any feathered intruder in their respective domains, and the two flocks were frequently in combat. The white sparrow seems to have changed all this. The rival flocks have united, and fighting among them is of rare occurrence. The white sparrow is, apparently, chief of the whole flock, and moves at its head.

Disapproves It.

The Prussian National Gazette states that a few days ago Prince Bismarck received a Jewish gentleman, owner of a large manufacturing establishment, as a guest at his country seat. In reply to an inquiry whether he approved of the anti-Jewish agitation the prince readily answered: "Certainly not; nothing can be more unjust. I am most decidedly opposed to this agitation against the Jews, whether from the point of view of religion or race. With equal right they could one day fall upon Germans or Polish or French extraction and say they were no Germans. That the Jews show a predilection for trade is a matter of taste; their previous exclusion from all other professions may, perhaps, well justify it. But it is certainly not warrantable to talk about their superior wealth in that inflammatory way, which I find wholly contemptible, as being calculated to excite the envy and hatred of the multitude. I will never agree to the constitutional rights of the Jews being restricted in any way. The intellectual organization of the Jews in general inclines them to criticism, and the greater number of them, therefore, are on the side of the opposition; but I make no distinction between Christian and Jewish opponents of my economic policy, which I conscientiously hold to be profitable for the nation."

Reckless Extravagance.

A correspondent writing from Washington under date of November 19th, says: "The reckless extravagance of congress in voting appropriations for printing would amaze the honest, plain people of the country if they could see the sight I witnessed to-day. Indeed, for some days past I had noticed, in passing, some laborers engaged in packing up public documents in bags, in one of the dark rooms under the house of representatives. To-day I had the curiosity to inquire of a laborer what it meant, and I learned from him that the documents were being thus packed to be sent to a man who had purchased them for waste paper. Some wagon loads were already packed in bags and piled in the hall under the house, and the work seemed to be only a little more than half done. The room had been packed from floor to ceiling and from the door to the further end. I examined some of the books as they protruded from the ends of the bags, and found them to be handsomely printed public documents of various kinds, and mostly illustrated with maps, charts, pictures and diagrams. I inquired of the laborer what was the number or quantity of the books thus to be disposed of, to which he replied that they were supposed to weigh about 20,000 pounds, or ten tons. They are sold at two and a half cents per pound. At this rate they will bring back about $500 of the many thousands that they cost the people.

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Texas Christian Advocate.

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Jay Gould, in 1878, held 220,000 shares of Union Pacific. A combination was formed between Keene, Morgan and Scott to squeeze Gould, and according to a New York Times informant, they succeeded to the extent of obtaining from him a promise to drop out of Wall street and leave New York, if they pressed him no further. Before banking hours the next day Gould had borrowed $2,000,000 from Russell Sage. This tided him over the crisis, and he made many thousands by the combination. Sage and Gould have ever since been fast friends.

New York Union.
DID HIM GOOD.

Mr. Charles H. Bauer, editor of the above paper and notary public, in a late issue mentions the following: Patrick Kenny, Esq., some time ago suffered much from rheumatism, and tried almost every means to rid himself of this painful evil, but in vain. He was advised to use St. Jacobs Oil, which he did so successfully that all pain has left him, and he is as healthy and strong as ever before. Mr. Kenny is an enthusiastic advocate of St. Jacobs Oil, and it has done him good.

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The receipts of the Suez canal company from shipping in October amounted to 4,870,000 francs, against 3,148,543 francs in the same month of 1880, and 2,199,597 francs in 1879. In the first ten months of each year the earnings were 41,704,548 francs in 1881, 36,176,848 francs in 1880, and 24,325,297 francs in 1879.

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There is no change in the slightest particular in the appearance of any article thus preserved, and no trace of any foreign or unnatural odor or taste.

The process is so simple that a child can operate it as well and as successfully as a man. There is no expensive apparatus or machinery required.

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In fact, there is nothing that Ozone will not preserve. Think of everything you can that is liable to sour, decay, or spoil, and then remember that we guarantee that Ozone will preserve it in exactly the condition you want it for any length of time. If you will remember this, it will save asking questions as to whether Ozone will preserve this or that article—**it will preserve anything and everything you can think of.**

There is not a township in the United States in which a live man can not make any amount of money, from $500 to $10,000 a year, that he pleases. We desire to deal with a live man interested in each county in the United States, who shall be our agent, to introduce the Preservative, and through him secure the business which every county nightly produces.

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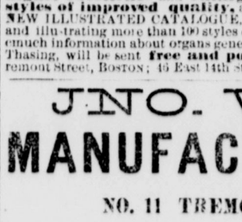

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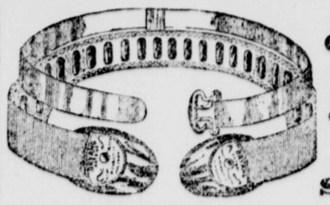

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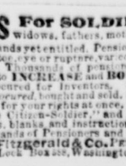

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THE Northwestern, of Chicago, says: "While we characterize, as it deserves, the recent murderous conduct of colored men at Marion, Mississippi, we should remember that they have been instructed bad." This is the truth, though not so aimed. The instructors of these negroes were Northern carpet-baggers or Southern demagogues.

THE clergy of San Francisco have reorganized what they call a Sabbath Association. Its object is to secure a better observance of the Sabbath, and the enforcement of the Sunday law. This is a move in the right direction. Texas should follow the example on an enlarged scale. There should be a State organization to secure the enforcement of all existing reform laws, and to secure other needed enactments. Reform laws will remain inoperative as long as moral and religious people continue to take only passive interest in their enforcement. Aggressive action is needed in this matter.

A NOTE from Hon. M. H. Bonner, Tyler, states that his father, Rev. Wm. N. Bonner, has been for some weeks confined to his bed from sickness, brought on by protracted ministerial labor during the summer. Being past seventy years of age, the result is feared. The prayers of the church will go up that this faithful servant of the Master may be spared yet many years to the service of Zion.

REV. GEO. W. GRAVES strikes a keynote in his suggestion to the pastors and stewards on the Georgetown District to begin collections as early as practicable. The collections the past year in all the conferences compare favorably with preceding years; but this is not enough. They should be far better. Let the preachers and stewards begin the work promptly and vigorously, and the results at the next sessions of the conferences will show a material advance in this direction.

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AN ITEM OF INTEREST.

In the statistical report of the late Texas Conference we notice a fact to us of special interest. The collection for superannuated and worn-out preachers and for the widows and orphans of preachers was in excess of the assessment some $7 50. Our heart always grows warm toward that charge which remembers in its offerings those men of God who have worn themselves out in the service of the church, and which aids in providing for the widows and children of men who have fallen in the line of battle. Blessed be the church at LaGrange. Another fact in connection with this excess of $7 50 invested it with still greater interest. It was raised by the Sunday-school children. They must be wise instructors of the children of the church who thus train them in the grace of giving. Our people need education at this point more than any other. God is opening to his people every year a broader field of usefulness, and as the field enlarges the demand on the liberality of the church must increase. The five or ten dollars which satisfy the consciences of many Christians to-day will not meet the demand the increasing work of the church will make on the liberality of their children in another generation. We must train them for their work. We must teach them while children the claims Christ and a world lying in darkness has upon them, and when they hear the call in after life they will not find giving for Christ's sake so painful a duty as it now proves to be to their parents. The LaGrange Sunday-school is moving along the right line. Will not all the other Sunday-schools follow the same path. Tell them the story of the worn-out preacher and see how gladly they will give. Teach them to give in childhood and they will be princely givers in their coming manhood and womanhood.

Errata.

In the statistical table of West Texas Conference which appeared last week, San Antonio Station is credited with collecting for domestic missions $6.50, when it should read $65.00.

In the eighteenth line of the report on books and periodicals, read "has been paid," for "has been made."

FACTS ABOUT FAITH.

It is a fact both that faith is the very central idea of Christianity, viewed from a manward point of view, and that it has been the hotly-contested battlefield of many a theological warfare. Men have dissented alike as to its nature, its efficacy and its relative position in Christian experience. With reference to efficacy, one has affirmed: "Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort." Another, with equal zeal, if not with equal knowledge, concludes that faith and works combine to do the deed. One makes it antedate repentance, another makes repentance its forerunner and essential; whilst as to its nature words without wisdom have been multiplied to confusion, and counsel has been darkened without knowledge. Such want of harmony upon so vital a point is as amazing as it is unfortunate.

Faith is one of the most usual, and most important of our ordinary mental activities, and confusion as to its nature can arise only from a mistaken effort to make its exercise in religion to be something different from its exercise in daily affairs. It is true that the character of faith may differ, depending upon whether the object calling it into exercise is a fact or a person; and the causes of faith may vary, either as the fact does or does not involve to the believer matters of personal concern. Yet in its constitution, in the essentials of its nature, faith at all times, under all circumstances, and in all persons, is one and invariably the same.

Worcester nor Webster can improve on Paul's definition: "Now, faith is the confidence of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. xi:1.) The received version has "substance of things hoped for," but this is confusing and misleading. The present meanings of this word are illustrated by the following examples: Gold is a *substance*, a reality in which phenomena inhere; the prodigal spent his *substance* in riotous living, his estate or property; the *substance* of this paper is cotton, the material of which it is composed: the witness did not give his exact language, but only the *substance* of what he said, the essential part. Substitute any of these meanings in the definition of faith, and we have nonsence. The word in the Greek, *hupostasis*, occurs but five times—all of them in Paul's writings. Three times it is translated *confidence*, and in the fourth instance, where translated substance, confidence is given as the marginal reading. Substituting this marginal and usual translation, we get an easily understood and unimpeachable definition: "Now faith is the confidence of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Things dreaded may be the objects of faith as much as things hoped for. Hence, the devils believe and tremble. Of all such matters, as well as of those indifferent to us, faith is simply the evidence, is that which leads us to accept their verity. Thus, by way of illustration, I am certain there is such a place as Paris, Texas; because I have seen it. My sight is to me the evidence or proof of things seen. I am just as certain there is such a place as Paris, France, though I have never seen it. My faith in the testimony of others is to me the evidence or proof of things not seen. "If," says John, "we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater." Now, upon this testimony, just as upon the testimony of men to any earthly fact, I accept the reality of heaven, hell, immortality, the resurrection, the trinity—any and all the great truths of revelation. My faith is the evidence of things not seen. Since the Christian is commanded to "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen," it is well said that he "walks by faith, and not by sight."

A large part of the dominion of faith concerns things hoped for, as well as things which are invisible. Of all such, whether material or spiritual, whether temporal or eternal, faith is the confidence, the assurance, the firm persuasion. A fine illustration of faith may be taken from the life of Martin Luther. Miconius, Luther's friend and co-laborer, was sick, apparently unto death, with a swelling in his throat, given over by the physicians and pronounced upon the very borders of the grave. Luther prayed for him. "Lord, Miconius is necessary to thy church. Thy cause can not go on without him. O, Lord, spare the life of Miconius!" Now, as he prayed, this passage of scripture came into his mind: "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." It is not meant that Luther made a right interpretation of this text, nor is it intended to commend his example to others. The fact alone is desired. The passage of scripture came into his mind, and the more he thought about it, and the more he prayed, the more his faith grew, till suddenly rising from his knees, he joyfully affirmed: "Miconius shall not die, but live!" His faith was "the confidence of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." When Miconius heard of Luther's confidence, says the writer, he was so affected that the swelling burst and he recovered.

The only son of his mother, and she a widow, lay upon a bed of death, to which he had been brought by a long course of intemperance. The attending physician, who was brother-in-law to the young man, drew the mother aside to impart the sad intelligence. O, no, doctor," said she; "Richard is not dying!" "Yes, madam; he can not live one hour." "O doctor," repeated the mother, "Richard can not be dying! Too often have I prayed for that boy, when the darkness of the night was about me; and no eye rested upon me but the eye of God, for him to die in his sins and be lost. Doctor, he can't die till he is converted." Strange to tell, for this is fact and not fancy, he lived two weeks—lived to be soundly converted, and died happily, trusting in redeeming love. Her faith was the confidence of the thing she hoped for—the evidence of it, though she saw it not. Such is faith, and such only, always and everywhere. Take, for example, any of the worthies mentioned by Paul in the Hebrews, xi.: Noah engaged 120 years in building the ark; Abraham leaving his country and kindred, to wander forth, he knew not where, at the command of God; Joseph dying in Egypt, but commanding his children to carry his bones with them when they went to the promised land; Rahab receiving the spies and letting them down from the wall—each and all of the list, of whom time would fail to tell, had but one and the same faith as to its nature, and were fitly introduced by the apostle to enforce his exhortation: "Cast not away, therefore your *confidence*, which hath great recompense of reward." Or, take an example from a most familiar business transaction. You meet a man who owes you and you ask him for the money. He promises that in the course of half an hour he will leave it for you at the bank. Presently you meet a man to whom you are indebted, and at once you draw for him a check upon the bank. You have not been there to see if your debtor has kept his word. You have not even so much as sent to inquire of the cashier. Your "faith is the confidence of the thing hoped for, the evidence of the thing not seen;" and you are as well assured that your check will be met as though you had stood by the teller's table and had witnessed the entire transaction. So, too, your creditor, actuated by the self-same faith, receives your check as though it were the ready money, and gives your receipt in full for all indebtedness. Thus it is in every department. Acting upon such faith the merchant sells his goods on credit and trusts his customers; the preacher relies upon the promise of his official board and makes no arrangement to supply his family with bread; the schoolmaster opens his doors for instruction and his teachers discharge their appointed tasks; the speculator makes long and expensive trips to meet business engagements, and all the affairs of earthly life revolve in appointed and harmonious orbits. This, then, is faith—the confidence of hoped for things, the evidence of unseen things. Nor is there anything more, whether the faith vibrate toward God or toward man.

TROUBLES OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

For several months Dr. Bacon and others have been giving to the secular press charges of corruption against the American Bible Society. Charges now come from another source, and it would be wrong for this ADVOCATE not to give the public the information. The statement, as we get it from a leading religious paper, is as follows:

The Connecticut Bible Society some time since appointed a committee to investigate the financial condition and management of the American Society, to which it is tributary. The special committee presented their report last March, but out of respect to the parent society it was not given to the public at that time, in the hope that its forthcoming annual report would clear away the apparently well-grounded suspicions and explain the apparent contradictions in its financial exhibits. This hope has not been realized, and the report of the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Society has now been given to the public. Its charges against the parent society are of the gravest character. We quote:

The committee, while treated with a show of courtesy, was subjected to the annoyance of delayed replies, evasive letters, and a refusal of a statement of assets beforehand, thus being compelled to go to the proposed interview at a great disadvantage, if at all; and, moreover, was forbidden to bring away a memorandum of such facts as under great difficulties it had acquired.

The annual report of the American Bible Society was published in due time; but when examined was not found to contain the frank and full and clear exhibit of the financial condition of the society which its officers had promised, but, on the contrary, inaccuracies and discrepancies calculated to awaken suspicion of an attempt to mislead the public; in consequence of which the confidence of the public in the American Bible Society has become more seriously impaired than ever before.

The committee go on to specify such grave errors as the omission of known properties from the list of assets, to the amount of nearly or quite half a million of dollars, an overstatement of expenditures, a failure to acknowledge large sums ascertained by the committee to have been given to the society, and duplicate charges for the same expenditures.

The same paper says pointedly: "In the presence of these charges the Bible Society owes it to itself and to the public to invite at once a thorough investigation of its affairs by a committee of experts selected by, or at least satisfactory to, its principal auxiliary societies, for it is from auxiliaries that its funds largely come. No self-appointed committee can now give satisfaction to the public. Meanwhile the paper named recommends to its readers to refuse to give any further funds to the Bible Society till the charges are cleared up; to all pastors of churches to postpone the Bible Society collections; and to all auxiliaries to hold their funds in their own treasury till the condition of the treasury of the American Bible Society has been thoroughly investigated. Every man is to be presumed innocent till he has been proved guilty; but no man in charge of trust funds should be left in charge of them if, under serious charges, he opposes, declines, evades, or even discourages a full, free and thorough investigation of his accounts."

Dr. Rankin, superintendent of the American Bible Society in Texas, will doubtless be heard from on the subject in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

A NUMBER of papers have been misled by rumors adroitly circulated to the effect that the late convention of the Woman's National Temperance Union demanded, under leadership of Miss Susan B. Anthony, the ballot for women. The Secretary makes the following statement: "Miss Susan B. Anthony was introduced the first morning, and that is the sum total of her connection with the convention. A resolution was adopted by a large majority, leaving each State to take independent action in relation to the woman's ballot. No bolt whatever occurred, and the convention adjourned in the most quiet and dignified manner, as became a body of intellectual Christian women. All the officers of the States and the State delegations are loyal to the Woman's National Christian Temperance Union."

THE Pacific Methodist hopes Dr. McFerrin is misquoted as to his Ecumenical "hit" at amateur journalists. We hope and believe the good doctor is not misquoted. The utterances were worthy his common sense. Of all misguided men, the premium goes to him who imagines journalism is not a profession to be studied for years. No man can be a journalist without years of study and experience. There are many, however, whom fifty years of study and experience would not ripen into journalists. Many may spend a life-time in the newspaper business and die ignorant of the first principles of journalism.

THE ADVOCATE circulates largely among farmers. We wish farmers, farmers' wives and farmers' daughters would write more touching the interests of the farm, dairy, orchard, garden, etc. The miscellaneous items to be found in exchanges are seldom applicable to Texas.

The ADVOCATE prints this week the proceedings of the Northwest Texas Conference in full, with the exception of one or two reports of committees, which have not yet come to hand.

THE address of Rev. J. W. DeVilbiss has been changed from San Antonio to Manning, Bexar county, Texas.

JAPAN.

L. N. Wheeler furnishes the Northwestern Christian Advocate a very entertaining article touching the political and religious interests of Japan. We make some extracts:

The political problem and the progress of evangelism are matters of peculiar interest to every thoughtful observer. Public discussion of all questions in politics is forbidden by the supreme authority. It was found that free speech and license of the press were perilous to the State, the people being ill prepared ta consider theories of law and government. Fanatical and reuolutionary ideas were constantly exploded in the face of the public, to the alarm of both priest and magistrate. In the attempt to destroy what was effete and vicious in the old civilization, the newly awakened enthusiasm was equally expended in a blind and desperate zeal to demolish the very pillars of state and the entire secial fabric. Threatened with the dire consequences of nihilism, the government felt compelled in sheer self-defense to adopt repressive measures. Another proof of the fact that liberty becomes license where intelligence and the enlightened religious sentiment have not been made prominent factors in political reform.

There is one feature of missionary work in Japan worthy of note. A large majority of converts are from the middle educated classes, neither the upper nor lower strata of society being influenced beyond a mere impulse of curiosity. The higher classes have indeed come to regard their own religion as bankrupt, and a vague impression prevails among them that Christianity is probably the most advanced form of religious faith, but there is seemingly no conception of its life-giving power. The Sabbath has a legal existence, but it is a mere imitation of the French holiday. The Japanese mind is on the qui vive for the latest and most plausible phase of thought, and modern rationalism is likely to receive wide acceptance.

The lack of sympathy between the general foreign community and the missionaries is perceptible here as in China. The pursuits of the two classes are widely different, and censure and reproach are mutually given, although not equally deserved. The traders depreciate the work of missionaries, and make erroneous impressions in their letters and reports home, and on the minds of new-comers, although they commonly take no pains to be informed as to the methods or successes of the men they denounce. The missionaries, on the other hand, are at times compelled to make sorrowful recognitions of the fact that the influence of foreign merchants and traders as a class is anti-Christian. This state of things presents a delicate and difficult problem to the evangelizing churches of Europe and America—one that should receive more attention than has hitherto been given to it. Is it not possible to place in the great centers of foreign influence, in all this Oriental country, able representatives of the English-speaking pulpit? Will not our missionary efforts fail of the largest possible success until this is done? The foreign press of Yokohama have studiously avoided friendly allusion to missionary work in the empire. The recent visit of the king of the Sandwich Islands, however, was made the point of a new departure, at least for the time being. His majesty visited the first Protestant church ever built in Japan, toward the erection of which the Christians of the Hawaiian kingdom had contributed $1000. The opportunity of greeting the king was made the occasion also of returning public thanks through him to his people for their generous gift. In noticing the occurrence, the press were virtually compelled to print somewhat at length an account of the Christian enterprise which had given significance to this event.

Amid the rush and conflict of ideas, the enterprise of commerce, the advancement of secular education, the revival of certain forms of paganism, and the efforts of the spiritual delegates of Rome to regain their lost power, it is gratifying to observe the well directed and successful work of Protestant missions. Telegraph wires, railways, a system of godless public schools, and modern gunboats, can not alone give to Japan the civilization she needs—a fact now being demonstrated and which will soon appear to the whole civilized world. But missionaries are perhaps in danger of gathering the unripe harvest and much of tares with the wheat. It could not be otherwise in the prevailing state of unrest and eager search after novelties in religion. The work of excision will doubtless have to be done.

POSTALS.

OLD ROUND ROCK, Williamson county.—I have a small farm for sale, recently advertised in the ADVOCATE, situated five miles from Georgetown, on the public road, south, a good orchard and good permanent, well water on the premises; will sell low for cash.—WM. M. RILEY.

NOVEMBER 25.—Though not given to writing postals for the ADVOCATE, a thing so extraordinary has occurred you must permit me to tell it. I have been to conference. That is nothing unusual—had been to conference many a time before. Had an excellent home at conference. That is nothing uncommon—all the preachers had good homes. But my host paid my traveling expenses to and from conference—that, with this preacher, was extraordinary. Let Cleburne take notice.—E. R. BARCUS.

TYLER, Smith county.—Please make inquiry through your paper for Mrs. Manda Grant. She moved from Arkansas several years ago. When last heard from was in Comanche county, Texas. Any information will be gladly received.—J. M. NEILL.

DE BERRY, Nov. 29.—Our beloved pastor, W. H. Andis, has been dangerously ill for several days, but he is better to-day. I fear he will not be able to attend conference, as the time is near at hand. He has what the doctor calls creeping pneumonia and tonsilitus. Times hard, but the general health of the county is good.—B. D. HOLLAND.

GRANDVIEW, Nov. 29.—In my postal of the 14th inst., you make me say "presiding elder," when it should be preacher in charge."—J. J. DAVIS.

GOLINDA, Falls county, Nov. 28.—We have had no Sunday-school here since July last, and suppose we will have none until the winter months have passed. The Golinda Grange store is among the things of the past. Last week the entire stock was bought by Mr. H. W. Flowers, the only merchant now at this place. Not much sickness now in this region. Most of the farmers are busy picking cotton. Some of them have already planted small grain, which is doing well. We now have preaching only twice per month. First Sunday, Baptist; third Sunday, Methodist.—ED. H. A.

GRANBURY, Nov. 26.—Rev. James Younge, the lecturer, delivered two interesting lectures in our town this week on temperance and prohibition. He organized a council with 102 members, Professor S. Switzer, W. P. The public sentiment is in favor of prohibition, and we expect to try our strength in that line ere long. We think local option will carry by a large majority.—W. J. MOORE.

HELENA, Karnes county, Nov. 25.—Tremendous frost last night. Roads muddy. Weather chilly and cold, but clear. Preachers have passed for home and new fields of labor; some in good spirits; some otherwise. Am anxious to get moved; sorry to leave my friends here, but best of friends must part. "Farewell, my friends; farewell, my foes. My peace with these; my love with those." Pray for me and mine. May God bless you. Amen.—R. M. LEATON.

THOMASTON, Nov. 28.—I am happy to be able to state that I am clothed and in my right mind. My kind friends in the neighborhood of Thomaston and Burns Station have just presented me with a nice clergyman's suit of clothes, and I take this method of thanking them for their kindness to me. I received a suit on the Sandies circuit last year.—E. G. DUVAL.

WAXAHACHIE, Nov. 28.—I am on my old field of labor, with a new year's work before me. Met my people at two of my appointments—yesterday and the traveling prayer-meeting at night—where the Lord blessed many of our souls. After many prayers and songs Bro. Thomas Curry and wife brought their little Willie forward to give him to the Lord, after the apostolic mode. This being done, we had a good shaking of hands, and all parted under the vow to live better lives than ever before, having declared their determination to strive during the year for Christian perfection after the old Methodist order. We are expecting a pleasant year with our people.—S. B. ELLIS.

WAXAHACHIE, Nov. 28.—After a few weeks' enjoyment with friends and relatives, I shall start to-morrow for Comanche. Conference is over, and the preachers are making arrangements to go to their new fields of labor, most of them being well pleased with their future work. We return our sincere thanks to the good people of Ellis county for our pleasure and enjoyment while in their midst.—W. R. CROCKETT.

MOFFAT, Bell county, Dec. 1.—With the closing of the conference year closes the labors with us of our beloved and highly-esteemed pastor, Rev. N. F. Law, who has served us most faithfully and acceptably for the last three years. Petitions having gone up from several points for his return for the next conference year, why he was not sent back to us God and the powers that be only know. With a very few exceptions, Bro. Law leaves us with many painful regrets by this people. But we must bow with humble submission, believing that our loss is somebody's good gain. To the people of his new work we take pleasure in commending Bro. Law as a warm, earnest and faithful minister of Jesus Christ, whose social qualities are unsurpassed, and a Christian gentleman of the highest type. Trusting that his new charge will receive him as he justly deserves, we shall ever pray for his abundant success. — JAMES HALEY.

MINERAL WELLS, Parker county, Nov. 28.—For the information of my brethren and friends, and for the benefit of the afflicted of our land, I give notice that myself and wife are at this noted spot, now exciting so much concern in this section of our State, for the purpose of testing the virtues there may be in these waters, and will report, from time to time, facts which may come under my own observation. Marvelous cures are reported, and some of the cases are here present, ready to testity to the relief they have obtained. Dyspeptics, rheumatics and female weaknesses are certainly benefited in a very short time—if there be any reliance to be placed in human testimony. Several cancerous sores are reported as being cured; none have gone away without benefit that I can hear of. I know of but one real case of cancer here now. I shall watch the results in that case. I am afflicted, as many know, with epithelioma, and will give the water a fair trial. Board and lodging at the best hotels is ten dollars per week. Parties coming would do well to provide for themselves if possible. It is a good place for camping, except there is no grass.—W. R. D. STOCKTON.

SUGAR LOAF CT.—In my published notice of my work you make me say that Pleasant Hill, assessed $85, only paid $53. Pleasant Hill paid $93.90; $8.90 above the assessment. This was noble. Pleasant Hill is in the habit of paying. I don't know of its going above before.—J. S. CLOWER.

LEONARD, Fannin county, Nov. 29.—A pastor's farewell. Thanks for a nice buggy ride with Bro. Thos. Bell; also to also Bro. Graves for favors. This forthcoming railroad city is beautiful for situation.—J. A. ALLISON.

THOMASTON, De Witt county, Nov. 30.—I wish to say for the encouragement of the brethren now entering upon their new fields of labor for the ensuing conference year, that I preached my first sermon for this year last Sunday at Burns' Station. It was one of the most precious hours of my life. "Jesus appeared the fairest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely." Oh, brethren, let us expect a revival now. We ought to live in the revival spirit all the time. Lord increase our faith.—E. G. DUVAL.

To the Pastors of Georgetown District.

Dear Brethren—Let me suggest the importance of beginning your collections as early as practicable. Of course we must be prudent in these things; but let us not make too much of what may seem to be adverse circumstances. In nearly every instance the preacher who begins early succeeds; while *vice versa* is likewise true. Do not wait for an assessment. Do not wait till the stewards of your circuit get all the money in their hands. Watch the stewards, brethren!—GEO. W. GRAVES.

GEORGETOWN, Texas, Nov. 29.

To the Stewards of Georgetown District.

Dear Brethren:—As the captain of this little band of the Master's army, please remember that the preachers' bread and meat comes through your hands. Brethren, do not wait till an assessment is made—don't *wait for anything!* Let the motto be: Our preachers shall have a comfortable living, and here we go to give it to them.

Stewards, watch the preachers, or they will have all the money before you know it in the missionary box! Many of these men are sadly pressed, to my knowledge. Start *your preachers* off for the new year with a happy heart, and it will pay all round. May Heaven bless the stewards in their work. Amen. Faithfully yours,

GEO. W. GRAVES.

GEORGETOWN, Texas, November 29.

Another Painful Accident.

On the 26th of November, 1881, Bro. John Kirker, the same party who had his right hand torn off in a cotton gin on September 10, met with another serious accident. Raising the breast of the gin, and holding it with the stump of his right hand, he inserted his left to remove some lodged cotton seed, when the saws caught the sleeve of his shirt and drew in his hand, which was badly lacerated. His arm and breast also received severe cuts. Had not the belt fallen off it would have killed him in a very few seconds. But the days of miracles have not passed. God, in His providence, saw fit to spare him that he might be with his dear wife and seven little children. Dr. Crow, after dressing his wounds, thinks his hand can be saved. He is at this time dependent upon others for every morsel he eats to be put in his mouth. He has many friends, who will do all in their power to comfort him and relieve his suffering, and are offering up many prayers for his recovery.—J. I. MAYES.

DUBLIN, Erath county, Texas, November 29.
Nashville Christian Advocate please copy.

Preachers' Wives.

I have noticed at the sessions of our annual conferences in Texas for many years but few preachers' wives attend, even when they are assured that provision will be made and a cordial welcome given them. There are many of the wives of our ministers who have never seen one of our bishops, nor attended an annual conference. In the large majority of cases their domestic relations preclude the possibility of their attendance. If they are not cut off from the privilege by a modest hint in a published notice, the probabilities are no place would be burdened with them, which, in justice to all concerned, ought to ask for the privilege of entertaining an annual conference.

It is frequently the case that the claims of a certain town or city are zealously urged, and the members of the conference assured that the friends and brethren living at the place nominated not only ask for it and earnestly desire it, but that ample provision will be made for visitors taking an interest in the prosperity of our church, and especially the preachers' wives.

In a late number of the New Orleans Christian Advocate I read with interest a few brief notes from the North Mississippi Conference. Among other good things, the writer said: "The attendance of both clerical and lay members is very full. Grenada's invitation to the conference included the wives and daughters of the ministers, and being heartily extended, it was heartily accepted. May God bless the generous families at Grenada who have by this act cast many rays of sunshine upon the lonely life of our self-sacrificing companions in the ministry." This, Mr. Editor, to me, has the right ring; its tones invite the "better half" of the conference.

Query: Should the friends and relatives of the citizens where an annual conference is to be held bespeak for rooms and accommodations long before the session convenes, so as to necessitate sending many of the members from one to three miles in the country and debar the few preachers' wives who would be pleased to attend and profited as well?

A bright era has dawned upon the churches. Our blessed women have done, are now doing, and are laying plans for future operations which will hasten the time "when the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

Let those most nearly allied to the glorious work have their souls inspired and their faith increased.—ITINERANT.

Ups and Downs in the Itinerancy.

Rev. T. W. Stanley in Western Christian Advocate.

How to come down gracefully is a problem few can solve except for others. To take a lower seat without becoming sour is an evidence of great grace and unusually good sense. Few of us who are now effective will cheerfully superannuate. We will be far more apt to trust our own judgment as to our effectiveness than that of our best friends. An old man, when his boys volunteered as soldiers, colored his hair, straightened up, and walked briskly by their side. He was ordered home, but would not go. He was relieved from sentinel duty, but would take his turn with the rest. They lifted him into the ambulance wagon when on the march, but he sprang out and carried his musket as others. But the hands trembled too much for the duty of a soldier, and had not a bullet discharged him early in the war, the grand old man would have been a hindrance instead of a help to the forward march. One of the saddest things is to hear a preacher speak of the want of appreciation of himself. Here and there one may never rise to the position he deserves, but as a general rule we may trace our want of success to ourselves. Social habits, carelessness of dress, neglect of system, lack of energy, home life of wife and children, mismanagement of private affairs, some of these things may keep him down. He may be a student, and that only. He may know things, and tell them in a dry, dull way. It may be our misfortune, it probably is our fault, that we are no better preachers, pastors, and managers than we are.

But there is another view of this subject. The highest position for any preacher is his true position, and that is the occupancy of such work as he is adapted to and fitted for at the time. If a man who is not qualified for the duties of the office is elected one of the bishops of our church, he is certainly a failure. He had better travel a circuit or fill a professor's chair than be bishop. Few of us are many-sided enough to fit in all sorts of places.

The highest peak of ministerial life is usefulness. The useless man is down; the useful man is up. The tread-mill preacher, grinding out dry, old sermons, and the wind-mill preacher, making a desperate noise over a very few kernels of wheat, are useless men. The man who is really up is awakening sinners, leading the penitent to Christ, developing his church in all directions and striking heavy blows against sin. I care not how large the salary, how great the reputation, how crowded the houses, how exalted the apparent position, the preacher who is not greatly useful is down. He has prostituted his call to personal considerations. He is down in his Master's esteem. He has his reward here, the whole of it. The man of uselessness is down, no matter where he goes. He is down in the cabinet, but he must go somewhere; the people and the conference must carry him. He is down in the hearts of the people. The useless man is none the less so when he tickles the people till they become pleased with him, but he leaves nothing but the tickle when he is gone.

Let us not forget the ups and downs of preaching ability or power. There are men who used to stir the people with their sermons, but they are now shorn Samsons. They go forth as before, but the slain of the Lord are not in their pathway. Wherefore? Some of our formerly brilliant men have lost sight of the conditions of success. Then they were abreast of the thinking of the day. Now they are abreast of the thought of twenty years ago. The stream flows on, but instead of sweeping along with steady oar in hand, they are tied to the bank miles up the river; or they have lost their spirituality; or they have made few new sermons; or they have lost sight of the greatness of their ministry. Or the sound of things celestial has dulled on their ears; or they have become self-conceited, and the sweetness of their former humility can no longer impart its charm, or some reverses have not been borne with patience.

What shall we do that we may continually ascend as pulpit men? The elasticity and effervescence of ministerial childhood are soon gone. Age will enfeeble us unless we get on its sunny side, where we shall ripen into sweetness and mellowness of spirit. We must, every day, tone up in heart and mind. We must keep in close company with the Master. We must read the freshest books, prepare new sermons frequently, and rethink the old ones. We must take up fresh topics, and become fully men of to-day. We must determine never to be buried till we are dead.

But after all, at last, we will some day walk out of the conference room, nobody's preacher. If we go thence to poverty, obscurity, neglect and feebleness, the Master will go with us there. Then we shall take life's quiet evening walk after our public day is over. May God grant that it be the road to Emmaus, with the heart aglow and with the company of the risen Christ.

Preachers and Whisky.

Brother Preachers.—You know full well the enormous monstrosities connected with the liquor traffic, and you know equally well the obligation of every Christian man to work and pray without ceasing for its abolition. The preachers of Waxahachie, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution requesting the preachers of Texas to meet at some point or points, to be hereafter selected, to consult together in regard to how to secure the abolition of the traffic, and to give an increased impetus to the work, and the undersigned was appointed to present the matter to the preachers for their consideration. Brethren, it is a mighty work—it is a work for humanity; a work of love, a work for Jesus. It requires the utmost exertion of every friend of the cause. Will you help? If so, drop a postal to my address saying so. Your brother in Christ.—C. MCPHERSON, Waxahachie, Texas.

Papers friendly to Prohibition please copy.

THERE will be a determined fight against Mormonism made before the present congress, and this stain upon American civilization will probably be wiped out effectually.

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YOUTH'S COMPANION

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SPECIAL OFFER.—To any one who subscribes now, and sends us $1.75, we will send the Companion free to January 1st, 1882, and a full year's subscription from that date.

Reducing the Revenue.

It has been ascertained that President Arthur will recommend a reduction of taxation which will necessarily reduce the revenues by $15,000,000 per annum. In accordance with the suggestion of Commissioner Raum, the capital and deposits of banks are to be exempted from present exactions, leaving liquors and tobacco to bear the brunt of the burden.

A Queer Old Baron.

Baron Arpad Lopresti, who died a short time ago at his castle of Sosdia, near Temesvar, in Hungary, must have been one of the most remarkable noblemen of his time. He persisted for many years previous to his demise, in not paying taxes to the government. He kept a pack of huge hounds for the purpose of dealing with tax gatherers whenever they should present themselves at his castle gate. One of these fiscal agents succeeded some years ago in obtaining ingress to Sosdia, disguised as a peasant, with a view to levying execution upon the baron's goods for arrears of taxes. He was shown into Lopresti's study, and had just commenced to take an inventory of its contents when the door opened to admit a savage wolf, which made for him without a second's hesitation. The unfortunate officer got severely bitten, and only saved his life by clambering to the top of a monumental heating stove, inaccessible to his four-footed assailant. Since that epoch the tax collectors of that district have exhibited a steadfast reluctance to do their office within the limits of Baron Lopresti's estate. The authorities at Temesvar contemplated invoking the aid of the military to bring the baron to reason. He forthwith caused a declaration to be made public to the effect that he had undermined Sosdia with dynamite, and would blow it up, himself and any force attempting to take possession of it, sky-high whenever the Temesvar officials should try to carry out their threats. Thenceforth the authorities sedulously let him alone to the day of his death. That his was no idle menace has been conclusively demonstrated by the discovery of three dynamite cartridges, weighing nine pounds each, concealed in the cellarage of the castle.

Another Centennial.

The republic is not yet through with centennial celebrations, though it was mildly hoped that Yorktown was to be the last of these affairs. The trustees of the Washington headquarters at Newburgh, New York, propose to celebrate at that city the disbandment of the colonial army, which occurred at Washington's headquarters. Congress and the State legislatures are to be memorialized for their aid, and the Society of the Cincinnati, it is said, will erect a monument to commemorate Washington's refusal to permit the army to march on congress and obtain its demands at the point of the bayonet, and to give him the kingly office.

A Swift Steamer.

The Cunard steel steamship Servia went out upon her trials early on November 19, and underwent crucial tests both in regard to speed and seagoing qualities. The vessel was repeatedly run at the measured mile, and ultimately taken out into the Channel and run back between the Cumbrae and Clock lighthouses, a distance of fifteen and three-quarter statute miles, the result of the day being that she attained the remarkable speed of twenty and one-half statute miles per hour, having on board 2500 tons of dead weight.

What a Grave Gave Forth.

The robbery of a grave at Buffalo led to the discovery that the body obtained met death from strychnine. Further investigation showed that there was a large insurance policy on the deceased, and it is now believed that the plot comprised murder and fraud.

Financial Notes.

We are still building more miles of railroad every week than was built either in 1872 or 1873. Up to date 6,649 miles have been built this year, against 3,350 in '73 and 6,311 in '72.

A pro forma decree of foreclosure against the Vermont Central Railroad company first and second mortgage bondholders, and the Vermont and Canada Railroad company, in favor of the trust bondholders has been entered by the chancellor. The case will be taken directly to the January term of the supreme court for final decision.

The stockholders of the Indianapolis, Decatur and Springfield have authorized the issue of $4,850,000 of first mortgage six per cent bonds to take up the bonds outstanding, also the issue of $1,000,000 five per cent bonds to redeem the bonds outstanding on the second mortgage, also preferred stock to the amount of $2,850,000, to redeem the second mortgage bonds.

"The greatest inconvenience from which the Boston banks now suffer in their clearing-house dealings," says the Transcript, "is the necessity of a frequent transfer of great quantities of gold in bulk. Clearing-house balances must be paid in legal tender, *i. e.*, gold, greenbacks, gold and silver certificates, etc. Bank notes can not be used. When it is stated that the Boston banks to-day hold only about $1,000,000 in legal tender, besides gold, the difficulties of the situation become manifest. A single bank, one day last week, was obliged to send more than a ton of gold to the clearing-house to settle its balance. The clerks are kept hard at work, with coats off, receiving and delivering the twenty-two-pound bags from ten o'clock until one."

It is given out from Montreal that an early meeting of Canadian and American railway officials is to be held in New York, at which the Canadian Pacific, Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa, New York Central, Utica and Black River, the Lake Shore, and Canada Southern railways will be represented, for the purpose of forwarding combination for a new through route from Quebec and Montreal to Chicago. The proposed new line will be from Quebec to Ottawa, thence to Brockville via the eastern division of the Canada Pacific, thence to Morristown via the Utica and Black River, thence to Buffalo by the New York Central, and thence to Chicago by the Lake Shore. The object is understood to be the organization of a competing line to the Grand Trunk.

The New York Indicator states that the possibility that the enormous demands upon the treasury to satisfy the requirements of the arrears of pension bill may interfere with the anticipated bond purchases has been used by the bears for a day or two, although without any marked effect. Already $100,000,000 have been paid on this account, and the commissioner of pensions estimates that the vast sum of $235,000,000 more will be required for the same purpose. There are at the present time nearly 320,000 unadjusted pension claims on file, besides those on behalf of the soldiers of the war of 1812, and Commissioner Bentley estimates that the passage of the arrears act will result in a cost to the country of fully $900,000,000.

Tunnels.

This is the age of tunnels. It is, therefore, not strange that the double piercing of the Alps has directed attention to the Pyrenees. The natural barrier between France and Spain is no less imposing than that between France or Switzerland and Italy. It is also equally in the way of traffic. The Spanish government seeks now the cooperation of France in the construction of a passage between the Canfranc pass. This is one of the depressions near the center of the chain, and is principally traversed by smugglers and travelers bound for Navarre and Aragon. On the Spanish side a railroad extends from Saragossa to Huesca, and needs to be prolonged only a few miles to reach the foot of the pass. No surveys have been made, but the length of the proposed tunnel must equal that of Mount St. Gothard. On the Spanish side the Pyrennes are remarkably precipitous, but the passage is favored by the existence of sharp transverse clefts. The French frontier presents a parallel ridge, and one through which it is easier to make way. The tunnel would shorten the railroad journey between Paris and Madrid by sixty miles, and would bring before the tourist a range of mountain scenery till now practically unexplored, but equal to almost the best afforded by the Alps.

Silver Certificates.

The large issues of silver certificates appear to be giving considerable trouble in certain ways. These certificates are even now making it difficult to measure the flow of currency to and from the banks. Gold and legal tenders are of course counted in the reserve, while silver certificates can not be. When the latter was taken out of the treasury in lieu of gold, says the Financial Chronicle, the coin drain from the banks could not be traced in our weekly reports; but their return now is a different problem. For certificates may come back from some interior points in excess of the amount sent away the same week, and yet as they are kept as a special fund, the net influx may not appear. So, too, the receipts and disbursements of the subtreasury cover certificates as well as the other descriptions of currency, and thus these serve also as a further cause of irregularity. Now they are needed for the South, as they were a short time since for the West. When these calls are satisfied, the presumption would seem to be that they would, in the main, stay where they are, except as wanted for customs or taxes. They can be turned into the treasury only for those purposes, and after those wants are met, it sent here, they must be held as a special deposit. In the meantime, however, they make it difficult, as we have said, to trace the currency movements of the banks and also increase the uncertainty with regard to our banks accumulating reserve.

Having a Good Effect.

The voluntary and substantial reduction of rents made by English landlords is doing much to soothe the ruffled tempers of the farmers and to quell agitation. Earl Fitzwilliam has just remitted a half year's rent to all tenants on his English estates, and has made substantial abatements to his Irish tenants. The Duke of Newcastle has given an abatement of twenty per cent. on all rents due to him, and the Duke of Bedfo having an independent valuation made of his property, with a view of allowing those who hold from him permanent reductions. This liberality, which though material to the farmers, is but a trifling matter to men of boundless wealth, is much resented by small proprietors, heavily encumbered and with but a small margin to live upon, and consequently unable to make abatements.

Matrimonial.

The ADVOCATE usually records weekly a good list of marriages. The past week we have received only a few, which are given below. As the holidays approach matters will, perhaps, look up in this direction.

PUCKETT—HENDERSON—At the residence of C. C. Henderson, in Arkadelphia, Clark county, Ark., November 29, 1881, Mr. J. J. Puckett and Miss Susie Henderson, of Arkadelphia.

BLAKELY—FIPPS—At the residence of the bride, in Richmond, November 28, 1881, by Rev. G. V. Riley, Mrs. J. W. Blakely and Mrs. L. E. Fipps.

ROGERS—DAVIS—At the residence of the bride, November 29, 1881, by the Rev. L. M. Fowler, Rev. E. P. Rogers, of the East Texas Conference and Mrs. M. F. Davis. Both of Cherokee county, Texas.

CAIN—WALKER—At the Methodist church, in Waco, November 24, by the Rev. U. B. Philips, of Tyler, Mr. B. B. Cain, of Tyler, and Miss Ellen Walker, of Waco.

Those Big Trees.

The famous big trees of California, from 350 to 400 feet high and proportionately thick, are on public land, subject to entry at $1 25 an acre, and may be bought up and destroyed by whoever wishes to make such use of them. The bark has already been peeled from the butt of one for a showman, who sets it up at fairs as an exhibition, and another has been cut down in order to make a dancing platform of the stump.

COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Stock market opened irregular, changes in prices having been merely fractional, except in cases of Memphis and Charleston and Richmond and Danville, which were one per cent. higher. Speculation in early dealings was heavy as a rule, and quotations fell off ⅛@⅜ per cent., but declined, but subsequently became firmer, and an improvement of ⅛@⅜ per cent. was recorded, in which the entire list participated.

ADVOCATE OFFICE, December 7.

The Liverpool spot cotton market ruled during the day with a downward tendency, and at the close prices were scaled 1-16d. on all grades. The day's sales aggregated but 8000 bales, of which 6500 were American, and 1000 for account of exporters and speculators. The imports amounted to 23,000 bales, including 21,000 from America. Futures opened firmer, ruled steady, and closed with the tendency of the market in the favor of sellers.

In the St. Louis produce and provision market wheat is higher, corn lower, oats slightly dearer, flour lower and dry salt meats firm.

The New York spot market opened weak, declined 1-16c. and closed heavy, with the following sales: Exporters, 2076 bales; spinners, 516; speculators, 401. Total, 2993 bales.

New York futures opened easy, ruled steady and closed steady at a decline, with sales of 143,000 bales; delivered on contract, 900 bales.

New Orleans futures opened steadier and ruled steady but lower. Sales up to 12:15 p. m., 8,900 bales.

This market closed weak and lower to sell. Sales 14[illegible] bales.

Cotton.

GALVESTON COTTON STATEMENT.	This week.	This season.	Last season.
Net receipts	15,881	243,790	29,944
From other ports	1,019	5,623	3,126
Gross	16,852	249,922	298,470
Exports to Great Britain	....	53,012	77,292
Exports to France	.....	4,941	13,915
Exports to Continent	1,292	26,521	33,462
Exports to Channel ports	.....	.....	880
Total foreign	1,292	84,541	125,429
New York	....	52,621	44,100
Morgan City	559	14,222	34,033
Other domestic ports	1,800	7,356	3,530
North by rail	813	5,869	512
Total coastwise	3,241	80,068	81,172
Total exports	4,533	168,842	206,601

STOCK STATEMENT.	This day.	This day last year.
On shipboard—For Gt. Brit.	17,349	31,099
For France	2,812	3,097
For other foreign ports	3,793	12,410
For coastwise ports	9,045	2,125
In compresses	71,878	52,174
Total stock	104,798	101,745

COTTON.	This Day.	Yesterday.
Low Ordinary	8½	8⅝
Ordinary	9⅛	9⅜
Good Ordinary	10½	10¾
Low Middling	11	11
Middling	11⅝	11⅞
Good Middling	11⅞	11⅞
Middling Fair	11⅞	11⅞

NEW YORK SPOT MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Market heavy. Ordinary, 9⅜c; good ordinary, 11c; low middling, 11⅞c; middling, 12 5-16c; good middling, 12 11-16c; middling fair, 13 7-16c; fair, 14 3-16c.

NEW YORK FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Closed steady. December 11.85, January 12.07, February 12.27, March 12.46, April 12.61 May 12.73, June 12.83, July 12.93, August 13.03, September 12.37.

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—12:15 P. M.—December, 11.45; January, 11.63; February, 11.96; March, 12.10; April 12.28; May, 12.38; June, 12.49; July, 12.58; August 12.62.

NEW ORLEANS SPOT MARKET

NEW ORLEANS, December 7.—Low ordinary, 8¼; ordinary, 9⅛; good ordinary, 10⅝; low middling, 11⅛; middling, 11½; good middling, 11¾; middling fair, 12⅛; fair, 13½.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE SUBTREASURY COVER CERTIFICATES AS WELL AS THE OTHER DESCRIPTIONS OF CURRENCY, AND THUS THESE SERVE ALSO AS A FURTHER CAUSE OF IRREGULARITY. NOW THEY ARE NEEDED FOR THE SOUTH, AS THEY WERE A SHORT TIME SINCE FOR THE WEST. WHEN THESE CALLS ARE SATISFIED, THE PRESUMPTION WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT THEY WOULD, IN THE MAIN, STAY WHERE THEY ARE, EXCEPT AS WANTED FOR CUSTOMS OR TAXES. THEY CAN BE TURNED INTO THE TREASURY ONLY FOR THOSE PURPOSES, AND AFTER THOSE WANTS ARE MET, IT SENT HERE, THEY MUST BE HELD AS A SPECIAL DEPOSIT. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, THEY MAKE IT DIFFICULT, AS WE HAVE SAID, TO TRACE THE CURRENCY MOVEMENTS OF THE BANKS AND ALSO INCREASE THE UNCERTAINTY WITH REGARD TO OUR BANKS ACCUMULATING RESERVE.

LIVERPOOL SPOT MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7.—Cotton dull and lower; ordinary, 5¾d; good ordinary 6 5-16d; low middling, 6 7-16d; middling uplands, 6 9-16d; middling Orleans, 6 11-16d.

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7. — Deliveries steady; December, 6 9-16d; December-January, 6 9-16d; January-February, 6 18-32d; February-March, 6d⅝; March-April, 6 11-16d; April-May, 6 23-32d; May-June, 6 25-32; June-July, 6 13-16d; July-August, ——d; August-September, 6⅞d.

ST. LOUIS PRODUCE MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Wheat, No. 2, $1.36. Corn, No. 2, 63½c. Oats, No. 2, 47c. Flour—XXX, $5.75; family, $6.20; choice, $6.60; fancy, $6.80. Cornmeal, $3.30. Lard 11.10c. Mess pork $17.25. Dry salt meats—shoulders 6.30c.; clear ribs, 8 20c.; clear, 9.20c. Bacon—shoulders, 8.10c.; clear ribs, 10.10c.; clear, 10½c.

EXCHANGE AT GALVESTON.

Commercial sterling, 475; bank, 480; New York sight, ⅛c. discount; bank par. New Orleans sight, ¼c. discount; bank, ⅛c. premium. American silver, par; Mexican silver, 85c.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

All quotations represent wholesale prices. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $6 50. Shot, drop, per sack, $2 10; buck, $2 35.

APPLES — $5 00 per barrel for good; $5 50 for choice. Dried are in fair demand and firm at 8¾@9c. for quarters, 9@9½c for sliced, 15@15½c for evaporated, 16c for fancy.

BACON—Quotations for round lots on track. Shoulders, 9½c; long clear, 10⅝c; short clear 11c¼; breakfast bacon from store, 12½c for sugar cured canvassed. Wholesale grocers fill orders at ¼@½c advance.

BAGGING AND TIES—Standard 2¼ lb, 12¼@12½c; 2lb, none in market; 1¾ lb, 10¼@10½c. Iron ties, $1 45@1 50. Bailing twine, 15c per lb.

BONES AND HORNS—Horns, clean dry, $14 00 per ton, delivered on track. Horns, fresh and clean, ox 8c each; steers, 4c; cows, 1½c each.

BRAN—In good demand and firm at $1 20 for round lots, and $1 25 for small lots from mill; from wharf or track, at $1 20.

BUTTER—New Kansas, 20@27c; Western, firkins, 22@24c; choice Northern in fair supply at 25@26c; good Goshen, 34@36c; Texas, 20@22c, according to package and quality; oleomargerine and butterine, 22@24c.

CANDLES—Sixteen ounce, full weight, 15c cash for car lots; from store 15¾@16¼.

CHEESE—Western, 14@14½c; cream, 15½@16½c; Limburger, 18c; Swiss 22@23c.

CANNED GOODS—Two pound standard goods, ⅌ dozen: Strawberries, $1 80@1 60; pineapples, standard, 2 40; seconds, 1 90@2 00; pears, unpeeled, 1 25; peaches, standard, 2 lb, 2 15@2 25; seconds, 2 lb, 1 90@2 00; 3 lb standard, 3 15@3 25; 3 lb seconds, 2 75@2 85; blackberries, 1 55; red cherries, 1 75; gooseberries 1 40; peases, marrowfat, 2 00; Lima beans, 1 35; string beans, 1 35; corn ranges from 1 25@2 00; tomatoes, 2 lb, 1 20@1 35; do., 3 lb, 1 65@1 70; oysters, 1 lb, l. w. 75@80c ⅌ dozen; 2 lb, l. w., 1 25@1 35 ⅌ dozen; ½ lb, f. w., 1 20@1 25; 2 lb, f. w., 2 15@2 25; salmon, 1 75@1 85.

CORNMEAL—Western kiln-dried $4 00; city, 4 50. Pearl meal, 5 75 per bbl. Grits, 5 75 ⅌ bbl.

CORN—97½@98c from store for white, and 93@94c; mixed, in round lots, from track, or store, 93@94c.

COFFEE—Quotations: Ordinary, 10@10¾c; fair 11½@12c; good, 12¼@12½c; prime, 13@13½c; choice 14@14½c; pea berry, 15@16c. Cordova, 13½@14c; Java, 22@25c; old Government Java, 22@26c, according to grade.

EGGS—By express and from near by railroad, points, 30c in cases; bay, 35c; island 40c ⅌ dozen.

FLOUR—Quotations for round lots: Triple extra, $7 ⅌ bbl; choice family, $ 10; fancy, $ 35; patent, 10 00; sacked flour is 25c less ⅌ bbl.

FRUIT—Pears, California quoted at $5 50@6 00 per box. Cranberries, $10 00@..... per barrel. Malaga grapes, 9 00 per barrel; Cocoanuts, 7 00@8 00 per 100. Bananas are quoted at 2 00@2 50 per bunch. California grapes, 25c per pound in good order; 10c per pound in bad order.

HAMS—Western sugar-cured canvassed selling to the trade from track in large lots at 12c from store 12½c.

HARDWARE—Nails $3 75 per keg, basis 10d. Axes, per dozen 10 50@12 00. Castings, per pound 5c, car in, 4c per pound; sad irons 5c; barbed wire 10¼@11½c per pound.

HAY—Is in fair demand; choice Western timothy from store at $35 50 from track, $32; Colorado bottom hay 17 00@18 per ton; Texas prairie hay dull at 8@10, good grass color 10 00.

HIDES—Dry flint, as they run, 12½@14c; dry salted 11½@12c; wet salted nominal.

LARD—Refined, in tierces 12½c, cans, in cases, 12½@14½c. Grocers fill orders at ¼@½c advance.

LEMONS—Supply ample; Messina, wharf $5 75@6 25; repacked from store, in small lots, 6@6 50. Malaga lemons 4 50@5 00 per box.

MOLASSES—Louisana fair to prime 50@55; strictly prime to choice 57½@60c. Good grades scarce and stiff.

OATS—State from store 66c; Western from store 63@66c.

OILS—Linseed, raw, 71c; boiled, 74c; castor, $1 40. West Virginia lubricating, 25c; golden machinery, 50c; lard oil, ext a, $1 00; No. 1, 80c; neats-foot, 75c; train oil, 60c.

ORANGES—Steady; Louisana, $11 00@12 00 per barrel.

ONIONS—$4 25@4 50 per barrel.

PECANS—7½@10c according to size.

POULTRY—Chickens $2 75@3 00 per dozen as they run; ducks, $ 50 per dozen; turkeys dull at 9 00@10 00 per dozen for full grown; young 4 00@6 00; geese neglected and nominal at 5 00@6 00.

PETROLEUM—17c per gallon in barrels; 20c in cases for five gallon cans, and 30c in cases for one-gallon cans; 150 test 20c in cases and 27c in barrels. These are jobbers prices; a small advance from wholesalers is charged.

POTATOES—New Western quoted at $4 00 per barrel; Northern, 4 25@4 50.

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TROTTIE.—Died, in Jasper, Jasper county, Texas, on the seventeenth instant, James L. Trottie, aged fifty-one years. He died in the faith.—R. M. S.

MARTIN.—Died, in Seguin, November 25, 1881, of typhoid malarial fever, Allen, aged fourteen months, son of James and Annie Martin, and grandchild of Rev. B. Harris. May the grief-stricken parents meet their babe in heaven.—H. G. H.

CANAFAX.—Died, in Kosse, Limestone county, Texas, November 28, 1881, Margerie Canafax, infant daughter of Rev. J. J. and Fannie P. Canafax, of Hamilton county, Texas. These fond parents came here to visit their relatives and friends and enjoy themselves. But alas! "We should suspect some danger right where we possess delight." A great deal of their precious time was passed watching by the bedside of their darling "Margie" just budding into life, only seven months and eight days old. But after all was done that affection and medical skill could do, the monster, death, did his work; and the Savior said let her come to me. "I take these little lambs," said He, "and lay them on my breast," etc. Thank God for the Christian hope. The funeral services were held by the writer in the Methodist church, after which her remains were borne to the city cemetery, where they will remain under the watchful care of the Good Shepherd until the resurrection morning.—SAM'L MORRIS.

FRENCH.—David Harris French, son of Mr. and Mrs. John French, was born in Jefferson county, Texas, Aug. 18, 1860, and departed this life November 5, 1881, aged twenty-one years, two months. He was spoken of by all who knew him as a most exemplary young man. But yet, he felt himself to be a sinner. It was on a bed of sickness, which proved to be a bed of death, on November 3, 1881, that he was enabled to realize that Christ had come to save sinnere. Straightway his fears and dark forebodings were banished, and joy and peace and assurance filled his soul. His indeed was a death bed conversion, but it was the conversion of one who had long been seeking Jesus. May his parents and brothers and sisters follow his example in believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and finally meet him in that better world.—W. H. COTTON.
Orange, November 30, 1881.

ELKINS—Died, in Erath county, Texas, September 2, 1881, little Sallie Salena, youngest child of C. G. and M. J. Elkins, aged three years seven months and twenty-three days. Little Sallie was a very bright child, had a sweet disposition, was kind and affectionate—tried to make all happy around her with little winning ways and soft, tender expressions. Although of such tender years she appeared to be religiously inclined, would talk about God, and say that she was going to be one of his children; would often sing her favorite piece, "We are Gathering Home." Yes, dearest loved one, the blessed Savior has taken you home to be one of his children, where all is happiness. Father, mother, brother, and sisters, your hearts have been made sad, but if faithful to God you will soon meet dear Sallie where parting will be no more.—GRANDMA.

Obituary.

It has fallen to my lot to record the demise of not a few of the friends of my early life—veteran Texans and fellow-laborers in the gospel ministry—but never have I felt more sad and solemn than now, when sitting down to write the obituary of my dear, dear friend and brother, Kerr.

Alfred Benjamin Fontaine Kerr was born in Giles county, Tennessee, January 1, 1823, and died in San Marcos, Texas, November 21, 1881. The Kerr family landed at Harrisburg, Texas, April 2, 1831, and settled near the present town of Burton, Washington county. They had been members of the Methodist Church in Tennessee, and before any missionaries reached the province, prayer meetings were held in their house, conducted by Mrs. Kerr's brother, Alexander Thompson, Esq. Young Alfred, with his elder brothers, participated in the early struggles for Texan independence, and was a member of the Texas Veteran Association. At a camp-meeting on New Year's Creek, in October, 1839, he was happily converted, and almost immediately commenced taking part in religious meetings. He was licensed to preach in 1846, and during a part of the year he traveled with Rev. D. N. V. Sullivan, presiding elder on the Washington District. In March, 1847, was received on trial at the conference held at Chappell Hill, and was appointed junior preacher on the Brazoria circuit, James M. Wesson being preacher in charge. Soon after entering upon his work, he was placed in charge of the Richmond circuit, and I. G. John took his place on the Brazoria circuit.

In 1848 and 1849 he traveled the Seguin Circuit, which then included San Marcos and a large scope of country adjacent. In 1850 he was agent of Ruterville College; 1851 on Anderson circuit, with G. W. Rabb as junior preacher. Brother Rabb died during the year. In 1852 Brother Kerr was on the Matagorda work, and in 1853 at Victoria. The next year he was at Goliad, and during the year he married Miss Sue Steele, who, now in widowhood, mourns his loss. In 1855 his charge was Washington and Rock Island, and he was agent of Ruter church. In this he was so successful that a brick church was erected, and the remains of Dr. Ruter transferred to the site. The church, alas, crumbled down, and the remains of the venerated doctor were again left unprotected, though by the thoughtful care of loving friends they are again paled in. In 1856 he was appointed to Ruterville circuit, and was successfully prosecuting his work when, in April, he suffered a severe hemorrhage from the lungs, which disabled him for the next ten years. In 1866 his health had so much improved that he hoped again to enter the field of active ministerial labor, and he assisted Rev. T. W. Hines in a number of protracted meetings. Brother Hines preceded him a few weeks to the spirit land. The next year he was left effective and appointed to Ruterville circuit. He was prosecuting his work with great success when another hemorrhage entirely disabled him, and this time for life, as he scarcely ever attempted to preach after this.

In December, 1876, he left his home in Fayetteville and removed to San Marcos, and the evening of his days was spent among many friends of the earlier years of his ministry.

In representing Bro. Kerr in the Annual Conference once, Rev. R. Alexander, his presiding elder, remarked that Bro. Kerr did not astonish people by his greatness, but won upon them by his goodness, and succeeded by fidelity to every ministerial duty. This witness is true. I think he was one of the purest and best men with whom it was ever my lot to be associated. I knew him well and intimately, and had abundant opportunities to know him, as my first wife was his sister. We loved like brothers, and in his death I feel that I have lost one of the best friends I ever had. Although unable to preach, he labored hard to support his growing family, and was measurably successful. Two years ago the severe affliction of one of his sons occupied his entire time, and his mercantile business suffered for want of attention; and while waiting around the bedside of the afflicted one during an exceedingly cold spell of weather he contracted a severe cold, which finally settled upon his lungs and resulted in his death. In his protracted illness his business had to be given up with loss, and he leaves little to his family but the precious legacy of an untarnished reputation. He has had ten children, seven of whom survive him. His afflicted widow and children are commended to the prayers and sympathies of the church.—H. S. T.

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A tract of land in Oregon, between the waters of the Santiam and Clackamas, about twenty by ten miles in dimensions, is covered by a dense forest of larches. The trees grow from 250 to 300 feet in height, many of them rising 150 feet without a limb.

Mr. Martin A. Connolly, a merchant in Oil City, Pa., writes: "I inherited ill-health from my parents, who were both short-lived. My wife is a sickly little woman, and has suffered considerably. We have had five children, three of whom died in infancy; the other two, a boy four years of age and a girl of seven years, have always been quite puny, weak, and sickly. Some time ago I read a medical work that spoke of iron as being essential to life, that a want of iron in the blood was the principal cause of ill-health. Shortly afterward I saw an advertisement of Brown's Iron Bitters. I determined to try it for myself and family. The result has far exceeded my greatest anticipation. Myself, wife and children have all grown healthy and strong. Sores, aches and pains, headaches, indigestion and sleeplessness, formerly so common in my family, trouble us no more. Every bottle is worth its weight in gold.

President Arthur has accepted the report of the government commissioners appointed to examine a recently completed section of 100 miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad, beginning in Dakota and ending in Montana, and upon this acceptance the interior department will issue patents to the company for 2,560,000 acres of public land, to which it is entitled under its land grant of 25,000 acres per mile. The approval carries with it the acceptance of the preceding section of fifty miles, which was examined during President Hayes' administration, but not then formally accepted.

RESCUED FROM DEATH.

William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., says: In the fall of 1876 I was taken with BLEEDING OF THE LUNGS, followed by a severe cough. I lost my appetite and flesh, and was confined to my bed. In 1877 I was admitted to the Hospital. The doctors said I had a hole in my lung as big as a half-dollar. At one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I got a bottle, when, to my surprise, I commenced to feel better, and to-day I feel better than for three years past.

I write this hoping every one afflicted with diseased lungs will take DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM, and be convinced that CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED. I can positively say it has done more good than all the other medicines I have taken since my sickness.

Interest in the Georgia gold mines is being revived. Up to the time of the discovery of gold in California, the Georgia mines were quite celebrated. There was a government mint in the State, which alone coined $23,000,000 from the local mines. But the gold dust which was washed down the hills by the streams and floods having been exhausted, the mines were practically abandoned till after the war, but are now being worked to a considerable extent.

Bensman's Peptonized Beef Tonic, the only preparation of beef containing its *entire nutritious properties.* It is not a mere stimulant like the extract of beef, but contains blood making, force-generating, and life-sustaining properties, invaluable for **Indigestion, Dyspepsia,** nervous prostration, and all forms of general debility; also, in all enfeebled conditions, whether the result of exhaustion, nervous prostration, over work, or acute disease; particularly if resulting from pulmonary complaints. CASWELL, HAZARD & CO., Proprietors, New York. Sold by druggists.

The Tides.

These phenomena have, in all ages, excited curiosity, and in many instances they have produced wonder at their extraordinary height and fury. It is related of the soldiers of Alexander the Great, who were natives of the Mediterranean shores, that when they reached the confines of the Indian Ocean, and saw its waters roll ing up to a great height, and then flowing back, twice every day, they became alarmed, and attributed the phenomena to a special interposition of the deities of the countries which they had invaded. Various remarkable theories have been advanced regarding the tides. Many of these are truly so absurd that it is hardly worth while to refer to them. Persons find it difficult to understand why the tides are higher at one time than another, and why they rise to the height of sixty feet in the Bay of Fundy, forty feet in the ports of Bristol, England, and St. Malo, France, and only rise to a few feet in height at New York and other places, while they are scarcely perceptible in the Baltic and other seas. Descartes was the first philosopher who advanced the theory that the tides were due to the influence of the moon; but Newton was the first who worked out the problem and discovered the true cause. Descartes believed that the moon acted on the waters by pressure; Newton demonstrated that it acted on the ocean by attraction; that instead of pressing the waters it rolled them up directly under it, and also as its antipodes at the same time, thus producing two tides every day. The tides are attractions of both sun and moon. If the earth had no moon the attraction of the sun would produce two tides every day, but their ebb and flow would take place at the same hours, not varying as they do. These tides would also be much smaller than those of the moon. Although the mass of the sun is far greater than that of the moon, and though attraction is in proportion to the mass, yet it is also inversely as the square of the distance. As the sun, therefore, is four hundred times more distant than the moon, the attraction of the waters of the sea toward the sun is found to be about three times less than those of the moon. There are really two ocean tides, the lunar and solar, but the latter is absorbed by the former, which is wholly observable in respect to the time, the solar only as it influences the height of the tidal wave. That caused by the moon is three times greater than that of the sun, and it follows the moon's motion around the earth, rising and falling twelve hours, and each succeeding tide later by three-quarters of an hour than the preceding one, exactly in accordance with the positions of the moon, or, as it is commonly called, its rising and setting.

The Forests of the United States.

United States Economist.

Among our greatest needs, timber is doubtless the most necessary to our citizens. It forms a part of every house in city or country. It is directly or indirectly a part of almost every manufacture, and the cost of the house of every citizen depends upon its price. Lumber is unlike any other article. Unlike the crops of the farmer, which may be produced year after year; a second crop of timber is never expected from the same land. Our iron ore being inexhaustible, the production of that metal may be stimulated to any extent. The more there is made of it the more can be made. The same is true of manufactures of wool and cotton, or of those articles themselves. Lowns, sheep and cotton plantations can be almost indefinitely multiplied. But not so with our forest and pine-timbered districts. Timber is absolutely essential to the construction of ships—an important branch of national industry and an element of greatness, compelled to face the eager competition of the whole world—yet the supply of timber suitable for ship-building has been so much reduced in the United States that congress should prohibit its exportation. The now well-known fact is that we are rapidly exhausting, largely by reckless and improvident waste, our supplies of timber in the Northern States. The demand for it increases at the rate of thirty per cent. a year, and even those who are interested in high prices and immediate sales of what is left of it, admit that in twenty years, or sooner, building timber will be extremely scarce, and that in many parts of the country, yet supplied in part from their own soil, it will have entirely disappeared. It is stated on good authority that more than 65,000 establishments, employing 400,000 persons, and using material to the value of over $350,000,000 a year, are engaged in manufacturing articles entirely from wood, in addition to more than 8,000,000 persons partly employed on wood or using that material yearly to the value of $6,000,000. No country can be, or ever has been, despoiled of her timber and flourished.

Hiding in a Closet.

Miss Lida German, the little daughter of Mr. Louis German, residing on Walnut street, near Fifteenth, yesterday afternoon met with a peculiar mishap while engaged in the innocent amusement of hide-and-seek. She, with a little party composed of Misses Lola Alexander, Lida Mullin and Sallie Wintersmith, went to spend the afternoon with a little friend, Miss Mamie Parsons, at the residence of Mrs. Rousseau, on Walnut street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth; and, after other games had been tried and given up, there was a call for hide-and-seek. The little girls amused themselves for sometime at this, until at length one of the party, Lida German, could not be found. This caused the interest to drop out of the sport, and all the little girls then joined in looking for their missing companion. They looked high and low for her, but failed to discover her hiding place. After a considerable time had been spent in the fruitless search, Mrs. Rousseau heard of the circumstance of the child's disappearance, and she attempted to find her. Failing in this, some alarm was occasioned, and messengers were started out to look for the child in the neighborhood. It appears that during the play a small closet had been visited by some of the girls with a view to hiding there, and a peep in this was taken, but it failed to discover the missing child. During the time the messengers were out, a servant, having occasion to go to the closet mentioned, lifted some clothing and uncovered to view the missing child. She was in a fainting condition, and swooned several times after being taken out of her close quarters. From the time she was first missed until she was discovered was about one hour. She had gone in and covered herself with the clothing, and the door being closed, she was overcome before she became aware of her situation. She soon recovered, and was able to return to her home.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why Men Sit at the End of a Pew.

It is curious to look down the aisles of a full church and see at the end of every pew a man. Very seldom, indeed, does a woman sit at the door of a pew. Why? There is a reason for that as for every other phenomenon. Is it, as our cynical estimate of human nature might suggest, because men would naturally select the most comfortable seat? We must assign a more creditable reason, and see in it the remains of an old custom which originated in the unsettled times when every colonist in American towns took his gun with him to a place of public worship as a defense in case of Indian attack, then unfortunately but too common. The men in those days seated themselves near the door of the pews so that, upon the first alarm of danger, they might be ready to rush out of the building.

The Presbyterian churches in Philadelphia added to their communion-roll last year 1,212 members on confession and 1143 on certificate.

Doctors live by pillage.

Skin Diseases.

"Swayne's Ointment" Cures the most inveterate cases of skin disease, such as tetter, salt-rheum, scald head, barber's itch, sores, all crusty, scaly, itching, skin eruptions, and that distressing complaint itching piles, the only effectual cure, no matter how obstinate or long standing.

Ask for it and take no other. It CURES where all else fails. Sold by all Druggists. Thompson, George & Co., Galveston, wholesale agents.

Mrs. Serena Smith, of Hakinsville, Ga., commencing in 1876 with one horse, has steadily increased her farm till now she runs a six-horse farm, having purchased and paid for six hundred acres of land.

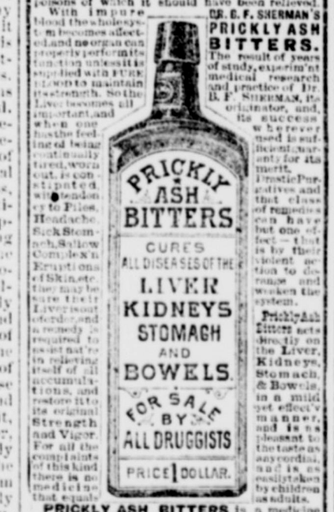
For dizziness, headache, pain in the back, biliousness, and fever and ague, use only "Sellers' Liver Pills."

The wheat vessels in port at San Francisco November 17 had a carrying capacity of 3,500,000 centals, or nearly 6,000,000 bushels. New York is a prominent shipping port, but one of the San Francisco papers would like to know when New York had enough tonnage listments in port to take 6,000,000 bushels of wheat.

THE LIVER AND ITS FUNCTIONS.

IT has become a well established fact that the larger portion of diseases to which the human family is subject arise in the first place from some derangement of the Liver. This organ is not only the largest, but at the same time one of the most important. The venous blood, on its return to the heart, passes through this organ, and in its passage the impurities, as also the secretions which are necessary for digestion as well as for a cathartic to assist in the renewal of waste material &c. are eliminated. From this it is easily seen that the Liver is liable to get out of order to a greater or less extent, and when this occurs it is impossible for it to properly fulfill its office of removing all objectionable matter from the blood, but allows it to pass through, carrying with it the poisons of which it should have been relieved. With impure blood the whole system becomes affected, and no organ can properly perform its function unless it is supplied with PURE BLOOD to maintain its strength. So the Liver becomes all important, and when one has the feeling of being continually tired, worn out, languid, depressed, with tendency to Piles, Headache, Sick Stomach, Sallow Complexion, Eruptions of Skin, etc., they may be sure their Liver need attention, and a remedy is required to assist nature in relieving itself of all accumulations, and restore it to its original Strength and Vigor. For all the complaints of this kind there is no medicine like that equals

DR. E. F. SHERMAN'S PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. The result of years of study, experiment, medical research and practice of Dr. E. F. SHERMAN, originator, and, the success wherever used is sufficient guarantee of its merit. Drastic Purgatives and that class of remedies can have but one effect—that is by their violent action to reduce tone and weaken the system. Prickly Ash Bitters acts directly on the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, & Bowels, in a mild yet effective manner, and is as pleasant to the taste as sarsaparilla, and is as easily taken by children as adults.



PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a medicine of rare merit, and not an intoxicating beverage, being purely vegetable in its composition and used at all times with beneficial results. It is not claimed as a cure-all, but for derangements of the organs mentioned, it is a specific and as a BLOOD PURIFIER ranks above all other preparations. Ask your druggist for it, and give it a fair trial. If he has none on hand, ask that it be ordered for you.

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SOLE PROPRIETORS,
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The Positive Cure

for all those Painful Complaints and Weaknesses so common to our best female population.

It will cure entirely the worst form of Female Complaints, all ovarian troubles, Inflammation and Ulceration, Falling and Displacements, and the consequent Spinal Weakness, and is particularly adapted to the Change of Life.

It will dissolve and expel tumors from the uterus in an early stage of development. The tendency to cancerous humors there is checked very speedily by its use.

It removes faintness, flatulency, destroys all craving for stimulants, and relieves weakness of the stomach. It cures Bloating, Headaches, Nervous Prostration, General Debility, Sleeplessness, Depression and Indigestion.

That feeling of bearing down, causing pain, weight and backache, is always permanently cured by its use.

It will at all times and under all circumstances act in harmony with the laws that govern the female system.

For the cure of Kidney Complaints of either sex this Compound is unsurpassed.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND is prepared at 233 and 235 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass. Price $1. Six bottles for $5. Sent by mail in the form of pills, also in the form of lozenges, on receipt of price, $1 per box for either. Mrs. Pinkham freely answers all letters of inquiry. Send for pamphlet. Address as above. *Mention this Paper.*

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and have their origin in a disordered Liver, which, if not regulated in time, great suffering, wretchedness and death will ensue.

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If taken occasionally by persons exposed to Malaria

It will expel the Poison and protect them from Attack!

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Soluble Tribasic Phosphate of Lime

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Analeptic and Tonic Wine

WITH

Soluble Tribasic Phosphate of Lime,

Are the best preparations known to prevent and cure

Scrofula, Rachitism, Nervous Debility, Pulmonary Affections,

And all diseases producing any kind of weakness of the system. Very beneficial in those cases where delicate women need to nourish their offspring during nine consecutive months, and where a lack of phosphates is necessarily wanting to accomplish this most important part of nature's work. They are also very needful in those cases where a woman has given birth to a child leaving in her organism a terrible ravage and weakness of the natural forces.

N. B.—It is an incontestable fact that the Phosphate of Lime, when not in a perfectly soluble form, will not be absorbed and consequently of no benefit to an exhaustive organism.

Our preparations are highly recommended by the best physicians, and sold by all druggists in Texas. For wholesale at

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See that all Iron Bitters are made by Brown Chemical Co., and have cross red lines and trade mark on wrapper.

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WITH QUINQUINA AND ALL THE NUTRITIVE PRINCIPLES OF MEAT.

Regenerator of the Blood.

This preparation will be found especially beneficial to persons suffering with CHLOROSIS,

THE CLOSING SCENE.

BY T. BUCHANAN READ.

[The following is pronounced by the Westminster Review to be unquestionably the finest American poem ever written.]

Within the sober realms of the leafless trees,
The russet year inhaled the dreamy air;
Like some tanned reaper in his hour of ease,
When all the fields are lying brown and bare.

The gray barns looking from their hazy hills,
O'er the dun waters widening in the vales,
Sent down the air a greeting to the mills,
On the dull thunder of alternate flails.

All sights were mellowed, and all sounds subdued.
The hills seemed farther and the streams sang low,
As in a dream the distant woodman hewed
His winter log with many a muffled blow.

The embattled forests erewhile armed with gold,
Their banners bright with every martial hue,
Now stood like some sad, beaten host of old,
Withdrawn afar in Time's remotest blue.

On sombre wings the vulture tried his flight;
The dove scarce heard his sighing mate's complaint;
And like a star slow drowning in the light,
The village church vane seemed to pale and faint.

The sentinel cock upon the hillside crew—
Crew thrice—and all was stiller than before;
Silent, till some replying warder blew
His alien horn, and then was heard no more.

Where erst the jay within the elm's tall crest,
Made garrulous trouble round her unfledged young;
And where the oriole hung her swaying nest
By every light wind like a censer swung;

Where sang the noisy martins of the eaves,
The busy swallows circling ever near,
Foreboding, as the rustic mind believes,
An early harvest and a plenteous year;

Where every bird that walked the vernal feast
Shook the sweet slumber from its wings at morn;
To warn the reaper of the rosy east;
All now was sunless, empty and forlorn.

Alone, from out the stubble, piped the quail;
And croaked the crow through all the dreary gloom;
Alone, the pheasant drumming in the vale,
Made echo in the distant cottage loom.

There was no bud, no bloom upon the bowers;
The spiders wove their thin shrouds night by night,
The thistle-down, the only ghost of flowers,
Sailed slowly by—passed noiselessly out of sight.

Amid all this—in this most dreary air,
And where the woodbine shed upon the porch
Its crimson leaves, as if the year stood there
Firing the floor with its inverted torch;

Amid all this—the center of the scene,
The white-haired matron, with monotonous tread,
Plied the swift wheel, and with her joyless mein,
Sat like a fate and watched the flying thread.

She had known sorrow—he had walked with her,
Oft supped and broke with her the ashen crust,
And in the dead leaves still she heard the stir
Of his thick mantle trailing in the dust.

While yet her cheek was bright with summer bloom,
Her country summoned, and she gave her all,
And twice war bowed to her his sable plume—
Re-gave the sword to rust upon the wall.

Re-gave the sword, but not the hand that drew
And struck for liberty the dying blow;
Nor him who, to his wife and country true,
Fell mid the ranks of the invading foe.

Long, but not loud, the dropping wheel went on,
Like the low murmur of a hive at noon;
Long, but not loud, the memory of the gone,
Breathed through her lips a sad and tremulous tune.

At last the thread was snapped—her head was bowed,
Life dropped the distaff through her hands serene,
And loving neighbors smoothed her careful shroud,
While death and winter closed the autumn scene.

SEA DREAMINGS.

BY REV. FATHER RYAN.

To-day, a bird, on wings as white as foam
That crests the blue-gray wave,
With the vesper light upon its breast, flew home
Seaward. The God who gave
To the birds the virgin wings of snow
Somehow telleth them the way they go.

Into the Evening went the white-winged bird—
Gray clouds hung round the west—
And far away the tempest's tramp was heard.
The bird flew for a rest
Away from the grove, out to the sea—
Left only a bird's mystery!

Nay! nay! lone bird! I watched thy wings of white
That cleft thy waveward way—
Past the Evening and swift into the Night,
Out of the calm, bright Day—
And thou did'st teach me, bird of the sea,
More than one human heart's history.

Only men's hearts—tho' God shows each its way
That leadeth home—
Unlike the wild sea birds, somehow go astray
Seeking in the far foam
Of this strange world's tempest trampled main
A resting place—but they seek in vain.

Only the bird can rest upon the deep
And sleep upon the wave,
And dream its peaceful dreams where wild winds sweep,
And sweet the God who gave
The bird a rest place on the restless sea—
But this, my heart, is not his way with thee.

Over the world, ah! passion's tempests roll—
And every fleck of foam
Whitens the place where sank some sin-wrecked soul
That never shall reach home.
Ah! the tranquil shore of God's sweet, calm grace
My heart! is thy only safe resting place.

—Mobile Register.

Northwest Texas Conference.

MINUTES.

The sixteenth annual session of the Northwest Texas Conference convened at the Methodist church, Waxahachie, Texas, November 16, 1881, Bishop Kavanaugh presiding. The secretary of the former session called the roll. F. P. Ray was elected secretary, G. W. Swofford, H. B. Henry and W. L. Nelms, assistants. The disciplinary questions were taken up and answered as follows:

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer. Jere. Reese, W. J. Lemmons, Seth Ward, James T. Simpson, W. A. Wood, James B. Wood, Andrew Anderson, Wm. Walker, James H. Wiseman, R. W. Wellborne, John A. Gardner, Robert F. Dunn, Abram Long, Asbury P. Hightower, John B. Hawkins, Jas. M. Baker, B. F. Badgett.—17.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Ans. James M. Lewis, Wm. A. Gilleland, R. M. Morris, W. F. Packard, James M. Montgomery, David C. Strange, G. S. Wyatt, B. J. H. Thomas, J. D. Scoggins, Jacob M. Shuford, Rush McDonald, John W. Dickenson, John F. Swofford, J. A. Wallace, W. J. Bludworth, John T. Bludworth, W. R. Bona and G. H. Day, not having appeared before the committee, were continued on the first year—18.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Ans. Stephen J. Vaughan, at his own request; Joel S. Graves.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. W. C. Brodie, M. E. Little, C. J. Shutt, T. J. Hosmer, C. W. Daniel, W. H. Lefevre, D. C. Starke, John H. Trimble, S. B. Ellis, R. C. Trammel, T. J. Blackburn, J. A. Wallace.

Ques. 5. Who are re-admitted?

Ans. Willis T. Gravis, W. E. Woodard, E. T. Bates.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences?

Ans. R. M. Baker, from the East Texas Conference; J. R. Dunn, from the Texas Conference; R. McDonald, from the North Texas Conference; T. J. Bludworth, from the North Texas Conference; W. J. Bludworth, from the North Texas Conference; G. H. Day, from the North Mississippi Conference; E. C. Finley from the Texas Conference.

Ques. 7. Who are deacons of one year?

Ans. J. W. Carson, G. W. Owens, James T. Tunnell, E. Albin Smith, L. H. Trimble, G. W. Riley, J. B. Womack, J. W. Kizziar, J. C. S. Baird.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Ans. W. C. Brodie, C. W. Daniel, W. H. Lefevre, D. C. Starke, J. A. Wallace, J. H. Trimble, S. B. Ellis, C. Rowland, C. G. Shutt, and E. C. Finley.

M. K. Little, J. T. Hosmer, H. C. Trammel, and T. J. Black were admitted into full connection, being already deacons.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Ans. C. G. Shutt, C. W. Daniel, W. H. Lafevre, Dennis C. Starke, Cornelius Rowland, J. A. Wallace, J. H. Trimble, S. B. Ellis, E. C. Finley, W. C. Brodie.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Ans. Henry T. Hart, Peter W. Tipp, M. L. Hallenbeck, J. H. Maxon, G. W. McDuffey, Daniel P. Newsome, Leander Painter, William Blackburn, Alfred B. Roberts, R. W. Wellborne, R. T. Short, John A. Eddleman, John B. Hawkins.

Ques. 11. What local deacons are ordained deacons?

Ans. Henry T. Hart, Peter W. Tipps, M. L. Hallenbeck, J. H. Maxon, Geo. W. McDuffey, Leander Painter, William Blackburn, Alfred B. Roberts, Richard W. Wellborne, Robert Short, John A. Eddleman, John B. Hawkins.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Ans. J. G. Putman, J. T. L. Annis, W. L. Nelms, J. H. Collard, Jr., J. J. Canafax, L. S. Chamberlain.

F. C. Stephenson having passed an approved examination, his character passed, he being already an ordained elder.

J. W. Kizziar, J. B. Womack and J. C. S. Baird, not having been before the committee, were continued in the class of the fourth year.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Ans. Josiah G. Putman, Jerome T. L. Annis, Willie L. Nelms, Josephus J. Canafax, Louis S. Chamberlain.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Ans. John M. Porter, Farwell B. Badgett, William M. Taylor.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Ans. T. B. Badgett.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Ans. W. J. McAnally.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Ans. F. P. Ray, John Powell, M. L. Martin, J. J. Shirley, Jas. Hiner, S. S. Yarbrough.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Ans. J. W. B. Allen, R. Crawford, H. W. South, J. W. Walkup, John Carpenter, Jas. Peeler, M. Yell, J. M. Johnson, J. P. Stanfield.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the year?

Ans. J. R. White, T. W. Hines, C. N. McGuire, J. T. Perry, J. P. Sneed.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans. Their names were called one by one and their characters examined and passed, except E. T. Kann, who was dropped from the roll.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference?

Ans. See statistical appendix.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1498. (See appendix.)

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1713. (See appendix.)

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

Ans. 228.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

Ans. 1494.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

Ans. 11,526.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated teachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Ans. $2250.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Ans. $2,057.44, and applied to claimant. (See appendix.)

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Ans. Foreign missions, $3,050; domestic missions, $2,294. Total, $8,334.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next conference be held?

Ans. Cleburne, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

(See appointments in ADVOCATE of December 3d.)

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

J. T. L. Annis, W. W. Treadwell, R. C. Armstrong, John R. Henry, F. C. Stephenson, A. M. Borders, W. V. Jones, J. T. Yeargin, M. H. Wells, Dabney Sims, B. F. Gassaway, D. R. Gurley, W. C. Brodie, W. C. Switzer, J. T. Graham, J. A. Ramsdell, G. W. Riley, B. L. Bellamy, J. B. Allison, W. W. Davis, E. A. Bailey, T. S. Snyder.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Southwestern University—J. B. Allison, E. R. Barcus, W. H. Vaughan.

Waco Female College—Sam'l Morris, C. E. Brown, John A. Murphy.

Marvin College—M. H. Wells, R. H. H. Burnett, W. L. Nelms.

Stephensville High School—O. M. Addison, F. C. Stephenson.

Jonesboro High School—S. S. Scott, J. H. Trimble.

Granbury High School—W. V. Jones, W. M. Goode.

Centerville High School—W. L. Andrews, J. W. Dickinson.

Fairfield High School—R. C. Armstrong, H. M. Glass.

Belle Plains High School—G. W. Riley, H. C. McQuown.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Clerical—J. D. Shaw, Wm. Price, Horace Bishop, C. E. Brown, A. Davis. *Reserves*—G. W. Graves, W. R. D. Stockton. *Lay*—B. A. Philpott, J. R. Henry, W. W. Treadwell, D. H. Snyder, J. T. Yeargin. *Reserves*—W. D. Jackson, T. W. Hollingsworth, J. A. Graves.

REPORTS.

On the State of the Church.

DEAR BRETHREN—Twelve months ago you stood in the house of God in Waco with anxious hearts to have your fields of labor assigned you for the year now closing.

Your interest was increased by the preciousness of the message you were honored to bear to dying men.

With hearts enriched by the wealth of your Savior's promise, "Lo I am with you alway," you went forth weeping, bearing precious seeds of eternal life; in some instances to sow in sterile and stony places; you have come rejoicing, bringing the sheaves you have gathered for your Lord.

Your committee rejoice to learn that our beloved Methodism has lost none of its characteristic features of aggressiveness to supply sparse settlements with the ministry of Christ and carrying the gospel into the regions beyond.

Thank God you have not labored in vain. Thousands of precious souls have found peace with God in believing in Jesus, and in your pastoral charges and districts thousands of happy converts have united with the church.

We rejoice at the increase of our numerical strength, and the great number of church and parsonage buildings. But we the more greatly rejoice at the evidences of increased vitality and spirituality manifested,—

1. By an increased attendance upon prayer and class-meetings and love feasts—and especially is this true in our larger towns and cities.

2. A larger attendance upon public worship, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and infant baptism.

3. A growing desire upon the part of our people to search God's Holy Word and to attain a more intimate communion with God and deeper devotion to his cause in their own experience.

4. It is a source of gratitude to the Great Head of the church that many of our business men find time every day to point sinners to Christ and faithfully labor, by precept and example, with their pastors to extend the kingdom of their Redeemer.

5. Family altars have been newly erected in houses unaccustomed to prayer, and in homes where family prayer had long been neglected the fires of home piety have been rekindled.

While we rejoice at what has been done, in surveying the great expanse of country before us and the mighty tread of immigration finding a resting place in our midst, we see more to be done in our Master's cause than has been accomplished. The fields now ready for your sowing, and ripe for your reaping, let us enter, brethren, and occupy them with a more steadfast zeal and greater devotion to the Master's cause.

Resolved 1st. That we renew our covenant vows with God to greater fidelity in the discharge of ministerial and pastoral duties.

Resolved 2d. That we will more diligently inquire concerning family prayer, and earnestly and lovingly insist and urge the performance of this duty by our people.

H. M. GLASS, Chairman.
E. W. SIMMONS, Sec'y.

On Temperance.

WHEREAS, The cause of temperance is equal, if not paramount, to any other interest of the Methodist Church in Texas, because of the influx of a foreign beer-brewing, liquor-vending and God-defying population, and inasmuch as the time has come when Christian people, and especially the Christian ministry, should commit themselves on this all-absorbing question; therefore, be it

Resolved 1st, That we recognize in the Rev. Dr. I. G. John an able champion of the temperance cause, and in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE an able exponent of the views of this conference on this subject.

2d. That we rejoice to learn that our preachers and our periodicals are generally exerting a living and growing influence on the masses that shall doubtless tell in society, in the churches, the extent of which shall find its expression when we are drinking the wine anew with Christ in his kingdom.

3d. That we recognize in the laity of our church, with a few exceptions, no small factor in the spiritual force which has partially redeemed our State from a traffic which is in opposition to the best interests of the church, to the future development of the moral and intellectual faculties of the present generation and generations to come; to the maintenance of the civil and religious liberties bequeathed us by our fathers, and can but pray to Him who taught temperance in all things, and that "no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God," to unify, harmonize and develop by a gracious providence all the elements existing in the church of God in Texas, for the glory of God and the salvation of fellow-men.

4th. That we deplore the disposition of some of the people, and a few of the ministers of the gospel of this great country, to cower before and concede to these enemies of God and society a part of the empire by unpardonable silence on this subject. That recognizing a sufficient provision in our law for the defense of the church in this regard, we modestly remind our brethren of the necessity of strict discipline, to rid the church of this incubus. Praying God to guide us in all things, and save us as a state and church from this pernicious influence, we remain, respectfully, your committee.

A. D. GASKILL,
P. H. FISHBURNE,
W. L. ANDREWS,
J. A. CLARK,
O. F. DAVENPORT.

On Books and Periodicals.

REPORT NUMBER ONE.

To the Bishop and Members of Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the book agent, beg leave to report as follows:

We have had so much of that report as refers to the statement of the business manager, L. D. Palmer, under careful consideration. We rejoice to learn from this source the flourishing business at present conducted by our Publishing House, and the large patronage it is receiving from our people. The statement shows that the house cleared at least $41,000 during the last year above all expenses and interest on debt, as $31,175 was paid on debts, and $10,000 applied to the purchase of new property. This should allay all apprehension of the failure of the present plan for the salvation of the house.

We are sorry that Mr. Palmer did not see fit to itemize the expenses of the house, as our conference suggested last fall. All misunderstandings of the status of the house in the past have arisen from the fact that the expenses were not given to the church in an itemized form. The danger of such misconceptions should be avoided in future.

We recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we rejoice in common with our whole church in the large and profitable business now being conducted by our Publishing House at Nashville.

Resolved, That we will labor not simply to continue, but to largely increase its patronage, which is still far below what a church of 900,000 members should give to their own and only Publishing House.

Resolved, That we request the business manager, in the future, to give the church an itemized account of both the receipts and expenditures of the house.

REPORT NUMBER TWO.

To the Bishop and Members of Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—Your Committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows:

We have had that part of our agent's report which refers to funding the debt of our Publishing House under consideration. We are rejoiced to learn from it of the success of this scheme. It was wisely devised and has been well executed.

At the same time we are humiliated by the fact that so large a per cent. of our ministers and members failed to meet a financial obligation, created by themselves by their voluntary agreement, to take the bonds.

We suggest the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we congratulate the Book Agent, the Board of Publication and the church at large upon the salvation of our house and the preservation of the church's honor and credit; that we realize the obligation of the church to Dr. McFerrin and the Book Committee for this great boon; and that we return thanks to Almighty God for his kind providence in this regard.

Resolved That we hope the members of our conference who subscribe will yet be able to take their bonds.

REPORT NUMBER THREE.

To the Bishop and Members of Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—Your Committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report as follows:

We have nothing especial before us from the Nashville Advocate, but it is familiar to the committee and the conference. We learn with joy of its increasing circulation and growing popularity. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That we recognize in the Advocate an able evangelical paper, worthy of the church it represents, and in Dr. Fitzgerald an editor competent to conduct it, and that our preachers should labor to advance its patronage.

JOHN R. ALLEN, Chairman.

REPORT NUMBER FOUR.

To the Bishop and Members of Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—We, your Committee on Books and Periodicals, beg leave to report as follows:

We have had the report of the publishers of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE before us, and Dr. I. G. John has represented the editorial department fully and explicitly to us. We are sorry to learn that the ADVOCATE has not increased in circulation. Your committee believe that the paper has been more ably edited this year than during any period of its history; nor do we believe that it has lost any hold upon the affections of our people. From the light before us, we believe that this condition is the result of the withdrawal of personal and selfish stimulus to activity in obtaining subscriptions by the agents. This is a sad commentary upon our love for Christ and his cause. Do we love self more than our Lord? A thousand subscribers less means as many families without a Methodist paper; it means three or four thousand people less than formerly who are left in ignorance of the revivals that the Holy Spirit sends to Texas Methodism; of the prayers, of missions, and of all the vital interests of our church. Such ignorance is the mother of indifference. A thousand less subscribers means a thousand torches of religious light extinguished; a thousand homes without a weekly preacher; a thousand mothers without a paper replete with God's Word to read to their little ones on the Holy Sabbath. Who can estimate the extent of such a calamity to our Zion? Eternity alone can reveal it. It is not the publishers who are suffering; it is the Church of Christ. In the fear of God we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we will endeavor during this year to send the ADVOCATE 1000 more subscribers from our own conference bounds.

2d. That we endorse and commend work of our editor, Dr. John, and of the associate editor of our conference, Rev. J. D. Shaw.

3d. That we believe the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE fully meets the wants of our church for a Methodist paper in this State, and leaves no unoccupied field for another paper of similar character.

JOHN R. ALLEN, Chairman.

On Sunday Schools.

To the President and Brethren of Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Your committee desires to submit the following report on Sabbath-schools, collected from the exhibit made by the pastors of the several charges within the limits of the Northwest Texas Conference. We discover from the various reports made, there are 168 schools; officers and teachers, 1171; scholars, 8715; magazines, 557; lesson papers, 3690; Little People, 724; quarterlies, 213; Sunday School Visitors taken, 1392; volumes in library, 4790. Also the following financial exhibit: Money collected and expended, $2,494.67, for Sunday-school purposes.

The figures above make the impression that our people are being aroused to see the importance of Sunday-school work. Your committee, having no reliable data before us of last year's work, can not contrast the above figures to show the net increase in the field of labor on this interesting part of the pastoral work.

The field in our Texas work is larger and is increasing daily by immigration from older states in the union. Your committee is conscious of many difficulties attending the success of our devoted ministry on this profoundly interesting subject.

One of the causes for apparent inactivity of our membership on said subject is that we have union houses scattered throughout our bounds. Your committee would urge each pastor to strive by persuasion and laudable, timely effort, to build houses of worship called by the Methodist name, so we may feel free to introduce our church literature for the benefit of our children. They must be educated. The Methodist people must see to the education of their own children in the doctrines of our church.

While the ministry is striving daily for this glorious end, every man and woman of the church must come to our aid in this work of the Lord. The word of the Lord places a great estimate on the children: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye cannot enter the kingdom." The word of the Lord has gone forth: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We must teach our children by example and precept. We know of no better plan to train, in addition to strict family government, than to lead them to the house of God and place in their hands the Bible and Hymn Book, coupled with the strong doctrinal literature of our church, as set forth in our well arranged and carefully compiled Sabbath-school series, which has been made so attractive by our devoted Sunday-school editor, Dr. W. J. L. Cunnyngham.

Your committee would commend our ministers for what they have already accomplished in the above work, and encourage increased circulation of all works published at Nashville for Sunday-school workers, such as the magazines, quarterlies, the intermediate quarterlies, lesson papers and Little People for the children.

Now, dear brethren, be diligent to educate the lambs of the flock, because the Savior has made an exhibit of His love for them, saying: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," thereby enforcing upon his ministers this thought: We, imitating Christ, as Christians, must train our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend the Sunday-school literature of our church published at Nashville. No Methodist school can afford to do without it. It will teach uniformity of doctrine, and impress the children that the grand center of all Sabbath-school work is their salvation.

Brethren, as the Sabbath-school interest finds a lodgment in our hearts, as this is intimately connected with the solid prosperity of the church,

Resolved, That we, as pastors, push on, with redoubled zeal, the work already commenced, and with continued effort preach to the children on said subject—Sabbath-schools.

Respectfully submitted by the committee. W. T. MELUGIN, Chairman.

On Memorials.

NUMBER ONE.

Your Committee on Memorials beg leave to acknowledge the reference to them of a memorial from Fort Worth District, duly signed, praying for action upon the subject of a Church Extension Society in two separate petitions, to-wit:

1. "That the Northwest Texas Conference organize a similar society, to which the Fort Worth District Society shall be subordinate."

Your committee respectfully recommend that this prayer be not granted.

2. "That the Northwest Texas Conference memorialize the General Conference to organize a Church Extension Society, co-extensive in its operation with the jurisdiction of our church."

Your committee further recommend that this petition be granted, and that the conference, in their wisdom, take such action as may be proper to best formulate and convey said memorial to the General Conference.

J. A. MURPHY, Chairman.

NUMBER TWO.

Your committee respectfully report that they have duly considered the resolution passed by the fourth Quarterly Conference of Whitney Circuit, Fort Worth District, to-wit:

Resolved, That we request the ensuing annual conference, which is to meet at Waxahachie the present month, to memorialize the General Conference, which is to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, in May next, to so change the law of our church as to transfer the license of preachers from the Quarterly to District Conference.

Your committee recommend that the petition be not granted.

J. A. MURPHY, Chairman.

NUMBER THREE.

The preamble and resolutions in relation to the Episcopal Work in Texas, signed by O. M. Addison and H. Bishop, have been before the committee, and after due and respectful consideration of the same, this paper entire is reported back to the conference as a part of this report, and its adoption respectfully recommended.

J. A. MURPHY, Chairman.

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, to convene in Nashville, Tennessee, May, 1882:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—We, the members of Northwest Texas Conference, in conference assembled, in the town of Waxahachie, Texas, would respectfully submit to your reverend body this our memorial and prayer:

The Northwest Texas Conference occupies a territory extending over an area of about 100,000 square miles. This territory is rich in both mineral and vegetable productions. The greater part of the soil is of extraordinary fertility. No part of the country has been settled for a great length of time. It is all comparatively new. Near one-half of it is still unsettled. Traversing our territory are six great trunk lines of railway, with their branches. Many new lines are projected, and a number of them will be built. Along these routes of travel settlers are flowing in from every state in the Union and from Europe. The great task imposed by Divine Providence upon this conference is the reception and harmonious organization and Christian culture of these huge masses—men and women—who daily, almost hourly, arrive among us. The difficulties in the way of the work will be well understood by your reverend body on reflecting that these people all have their state prejudices and peculiarities, their class prejudices, supported by a spirit of adventure or aggressiveness that has induced them to dare the difficulties and dangers of a life of privation and suffering. We are willing to meet the responsibilities resting upon us to the best of the ability that God gives us. We are of one purpose, one heart and soul in this great work. But we need very much the constant presence and superintendence of some one great in mind and heart and position to plan and direct our movements. Methodism, more than any other church, carries out the army figure in its form of government. To marshal her lines and lead her hosts to battle and to victory, we need the constant presence of our general—the Bishop.

In view of the fact that the last General Conference failed to elect any new bishops, and that through age, affliction and death, the strength and efficiency of our Episcopal college has been deplorably weakened. We have been silent for four years on this subject. Seeing Bishops Marvin and Doggett fall in the midst of their career of usefulness, and feeling that perhaps overwork was the cause; seeing Bishop Wightman physically broken down, perhaps from the same cause; seeing Bishop Pierce pushing the work of the church forward through much suffering in the flesh, and Bishop Kavanaugh, by reason of strength, defying the assaults of four score years, determined to serve the church; while Bishops Keener and McTyeire constantly overtax their wonderful strength and energy, and even our venerable senior Bishop, Paine, claiming physical immortality, till his work is done, still helps by counsel and direction—our hearts have simply said, God bless them; we can ask no more work at their hands. But now the time has come when, in the interest of religion in this country, we must speak. Your petitioners do, therefore, most earnestly urge upon your body the necessity for personal Episcopal oversight of the work in our bounds, and would respectfully request that the number of the Episcopal college be so increased that the district in which this conference may fall, may expect each bishop appointed to the district to remain within its bounds during the year in which he is our presiding officer. And in order that the question of support of bishops be no hindrance to such action, we would also request that each bishop be supported by the church in the bounds of the district that he serves, and as a conference we pledge ourselves that our part of the estimate for his salary and traveling expenses shall be paid promptly and in full.

Report Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of Northwest Texas Annual Conference:

The tabulated statistics for the conference year just closing show that there has been collected the following and paid into our hands:

For Bishops' fund	$464 75
For orphans, widows and superannuated preachers	2,057 44
For delegates to Ecumenical conference	25 95
For curators	6 50
Total	$2,554 64

The Bishops' fund has been paid over to Bishop Kavanaugh and receipt taken.

The conference fund has been distributed as follows:

Sister McWilliams, paid to J. W. Kizziar	146 96
Sister Aiken, paid to J. G. Putman	146 70
Sister McGuire, paid to S. A. Bailey	73 48
Sister Lamdin, paid to W. T. Melugin	73 48
Sister Mullins, paid to E. R. Barcus	146 96
Sister Womack, paid to S. C. Vaughn	73 48
Sister Crabb, paid to H. M. Glass	36 74
Sister Compton, paid to Wm. Vaughn	293 92
Sister White, paid to S. Morris	73 48
Sister Boyd, paid to G. S. Wyatt	220 44
Sister Hines, paid to herself	220 44
Sister Flournoy, paid to W. T. Melugin	73 48
Bro. Yell, paid to H. M. Glass	146 96
Bro. J. W. Johnson, paid to himself	146 96
Bro. Walkup, paid to L. M. Lewis	73 48
Bro. South, paid to himself	73 48
Total	$2,057 44

The amount collected, $25.95, for the Ecumenical delegates has been delivered to Bro. George W. Graves; that for the curators, $6.50, also to Bro. Graves.

Our apportionments for the ensuing year are as follows:

For Bishops' fund	$50 00
For conference fund	2,500 00
For delegates to General Conference	1,200 00
For curators	50 00
Total	$4,100 00

We congratulate our people and preachers because of the full collections for the year just closing, and hope they may be equally faithful and successful the coming year.

We would especially call your attention to the fact that many of our pastors fail to comply with the requirements of the Discipline, in that they do not inquire into the condition of our claimants and report the same in writing. J. S. LANE, Chairman.

J. T. L. ANNIS, Secretary.

On Education.

To the President and Members of the Northwest Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—Your Committee on Education have gathered and examined all the information within their reach on the subject submitted to them, and present the following as the result of their labors:

PART FIRST.

1. The Southwestern University, the property of the five annual conferences of Texas, and located in the bounds of this conference, has passed another year of prosperity. The opening this year shows an increase of patronage, and inspires strong confidence in a growing and continued success. 2d. The patronage of this institution has grown from the beginning, evincing a stronger hold upon public confidence as to its claims and merits. There has been, also, a corresponding financial prosperity. 3d. It is conducted by a fully competent faculty, both as to qualifications and numbers. 4th. The discipline of the institution is conformed as nearly as possible to that of our church, than which, we think, there is none better. 5th. The instruction is thorough, and the culture demanded for graduation is of high grade. 6th. The instruction and discipline of the university have for their aim not only the highest culture of the intellect, but the uplifting of the moral nature and character to that high standard of God-likeness presented in the Holy Scriptures. 7th. The religious status of the institution is good. The faculty are men and women of solid and practical piety, and among the students there is a Young Men's Christian Association and a weekly class-meeting in operation. During the year about fifty students were converted. 8th. The building has been recently improved by the addition of a third story and mansard roof, which adds much to its capacity, convenience, and appearance. Valuable acquisitions have been made also to the apparatus and library. 9th. We call the attention of the conference to the fact that, according to the rule adopted by the conferences regulating membership in the board of curators, there is a vacancy in the board to be filled by a member from this conference. 10th. In view of the above facts:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that the preachers and laity should give their most hearty support and co-operation to the Southwestern University in the work of the grand mission to which the providence of God has assigned it.

Resolved, That we will cordially receive and co-operate with the financial agent, or agents, who may be appointed in behalf of the University from time to time.

PART SECOND.

1st. Fairfield College, your Annual Conference school, under the presidency of Major Henry Bishop, is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and deserves the patronage and attention it is receiving.

2d. The Waco Female College, under the presidency of S. P. Wright, has met with marked success, and continues to widen in influence and popularity. Those who wish to give their daughters a first-class Christian education would do well to consider the claims of this institution before looking abroad from this state.

3d. We have received reports and information from the following district high schools: Corsicana District high school, Stephenville District high school, Bell Plains District high school, Granbury high school and Jonesboro high school, all of which are reported in prosperous condition and worthy of the attention of our people. There is also an effort being made to erect a building at Lampasas to be used by the Lampasas district for high school purposes. For this enterprise five thousand dollars have been subscribed, twenty-five hundred of which is already collected.

4. The trustees of the Jonesboro high school ask the conference to recommend the reappointment of F. C. Stephenson to the principalship, and R. V. Galloway to the financial agency of that institution.

5. From the information received, we believe that there is a growing interest upon the part of our people in the church-work of education, and we hope the interest will continue to grow until a good, healthy and Christian education is put within the reach of the poorest classes.

Resolved, That we recommend the continuance of S. P. Wright to the presidency of Waco Female College.

Submitted by the committee.

JAS. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

On the Bible Cause.

Your committee, to whom this subject was referred, beg leave to make the following report upon that most important and fundamental work:

During the past year five colporteurs have labored within the bounds of the conference. Nearly 9000 families have been visited, 1540 destitute families supplied, and 890 destitute individuals supplied with the Holy Scriptures. About 8000 volumes were put into circulation; 1840 volumes (valued at $542 30) have been consigned to eleven pastors for sale and gratuitous distribution within the bounds of their respective charges. Number of churches reporting collections, twelve, amounting to $52 85—which, divided among 27,234 Methodists, makes not quite one-fifth of a cent per member collected for the Bible cause within our conference—two and a half cents per capita, however, for those who did contribute. In view of this fact we ask the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will continue to cooperate with the American Bible Society, and hope that we will be able to approximate to our Bible collections for the present year, and that we will attempt to raise as much as five cents per capita during the next conference year.

E. A. BAILEY,
O. M. ADDISON,
L. M. LEWIS,
THOS. G. GILMORE,
R. H. ADAIR.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we present the cause of the Southwestern University to each of our congregations during the month of January or February and solicit voluntary contributions.

R. C. ARMSTRONG,
J. D. SHAW,
JAS. MACKEY.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to correspond with other Christian bodies in our state on the subject of ruling out the Bible from the public schools and asking an interchange of sentiment, with a view to securing a repeal of the obnoxious law.

Resolved, That L. M. Lewis, J. D. Shaw, M. H. Wells, B. A. Philpott, J. R. Henry, S. R. Switzer and J. T. Yeager be appointed such committee.

Resolved, That the Northwest Texas Conference fully endorse the course of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in its advocacy of our rights as citizens of this great state on the subject of the school law.

G. W. GRAVES,
A. DAVIS.

Resolved, That the sympathies of this conference are deeply felt and hereby cordially extended to our beloved brethren, J. D. Shaw, J. F. Hines and H. W. South, in their grief and bereavement in the loss of their estimable wives, and also our beloved Bro. J. C. S. Baird in the death of his sainted mother; and that we devoutly pray our Heavenly Father's infinite mercies upon them and their children.

Resolved, That we hear with deep grief the tidings of the dying condition of our venerable father in the ministry and Texas Methodism, Dr. R. Alexander. Rejoicing with him in his triumphant Christian experience, we tender to him and his family our sympathies and prayers.

WHEREAS, A resolution of our conference of some years' standing requires each preacher to prepare a brief autobiography of himself for the use of the Committee on Memoirs; and,

WHEREAS, The neglect of this requirement has in many cases left the conference without the needful information in relation to the deceased brethren; therefore,

Resolved, That O. M. Addison be appointed a committee to procure a book in which he shall record the account each preacher may furnish of the date, place of his birth, conversion, etc.

Resolved, That each preacher furnish this committee, at his earliest convenience, either by mail, or in person at the next session of this conference, with the items required.

O. M. ADDISON,
THOS. G. GILMORE.

Resolved, That Rev. E. A. Bailey be requested to preach the next conference sermon. W. L. NELMS,
W. R. D. STOCKTON,
G. W. GRAVES.

Resolved, That this conference now solemnly declare that no moral or religious citizen can be indifferent to the infidel legislation and interpretation of Texas free school law without forfeiting his integrity to the good of society.

JAMES PEELER,
L. M. LEWIS.

Resolved, That Rev. W. L. Nelms be elected editor of the conference minutes.

Resolved, That Rev. Horace Bishop be elected publisher of the conference minutes.

RESOLVED, That we do most heartily tender our thanks to the citizens of Waxahachie for their kind hospitality in entertaining the members and visitors of the conference.

RESOLVED, That we will cherish the memory of the people and the association that we have had during the present session of the conference, and pray God's benediction upon the people of Waxahachie.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to the Presbyterian, Baptist, Cumberland Presbyterian and the Christian African Methodist Churches for the use of their houses of worship.

RESOLVED, That we tender thanks to the various lines of railroads for reduced rates to the members of the conference. JAS. CAMPBELL,
J. D. SHAW.

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STATISTICAL TABLE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

APPOINTMENTS.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Additions. Ritual.	Additions. Letter.	Removals. Death.	Removals. Letter.	Removals. Withdrawal.	Removals. Expulsion.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Sunday Schools. Numbers.	Sunday Schools. Officers.	Sunday Schools. Pupils.	Sunday Schools. Quarterlies.	Sunday Schools. Visitors.	Sunday Schools. Magazines.	Sunday Schools. Less. Papers.	Sunday Schools. Money Expended.	Church Property. Number.	Church Property. Value.	Church Property. Parsonages.	Church Property. Value.	Church Property. Value of other church property.	Church Property. Money expended building and repairing.	Foreign Missions. Amount Assessed.	Foreign Missions. Amount Collected.	Domestic Missions. Amount Assessed.	Domestic Missions. Amount Collected.	Bishops' Fund. Amount Assessed.	Bishops' Fund. Amount Collected.	Conference Collection. Amount Assessed.	Conference Collection. Amount Collected.	Miscellaneous. Poor.	Miscellaneous. Other Objects.	Presiding Elders. Amount Assessed.	Presiding Elders. Amount Collected.	Preachers' Salaries. Amount Assessed.	Preachers' Salaries. Amount Collected.	Books and Periodicals. Books Sold.	Books and Periodicals. Advocates Taken.	Books and Periodicals. Other Periodicals.
Waco District																																										
Waco Station	5	371	14	29	5	26			9	4	1	15	124		125	20	50	$31 50	1	$25,000	1	$2 500	$20,000 00	$559 76	$103 55	$106 55	$67 45	$72 45	$13 30	$14 10	$66 50	$82 50	$110 60	$251 40	$300 00	$300 00	$1500 00	$1500 00	$12 00	12	
Waco Circuit	1	366	4	13	4	31	5		4	5	1	6	50		15	20	22	25 00	2	700			500 00		59 95	85 25	35 00	38 25	7 00	9 20	35 00	35 40		19 30	100 00	89 95	525 00	462 00		20	5
West Waco Circuit	5	245	12	26	5	2			9	8	3	10	70					32 00	1	400	1	400	200 00		32 70	32 70	21 30	21 30	4 20	4 20	21 00	21 00		146 00	50 00	27 00	500 00	462 00		14	4
Marlin Circuit	2	129	2	14	1	14	2		6		1	10	85		25	5	40		1	3,000	1	600		174 85	43 60	47 85	28 40	32 65	5 60	5 60	28 00	30 00			100 00	80 00	550 00	440 00	26 45	15	5
Kosse Circuit	5	295	23	14	2	4			14	10								3 00	1½	1,750				93 00	49 15	22 00	31 95	15 05	6 30	6 00	31 95	10 00		49 00	50 00	36 35	550 00	379 65			
Mt. Vernon Circuit	1	252	39	4	2	1	2		11	4	2	6	50		12	12		20 50	3	1 300					38 15	8 25	24 50	9 30	4 90	4 90	24 50	8 10		270 00	50 00	17 75	375 00	192 00		6	4
Bremond Circuit	4	256	3	4	6	19	15	1		3	1	10	71		50	6	75	78 95	2	2,000	1	1,000		63 50	32 70	15 25	21 30	12 00	4 20	3 00	21 00	21 00		4 00	50 00	8 00	665 00	281 00		1	2
Calvert and Hearne Circuit	1	120	1	10	2	26	2		5	2	1	8	100		30	1	40	14 25	1	1,800	1	600	200 00	88 65	38 15	35 50	24 85	20 00	4 90	4 90	24 50	18 25		3 70	75 00	25 00	800 00	761 45	11 60	7	2
Bosqueville Circuit	7	418	18	19	9	37	3	11	8	9	3	16	120			9	12	6 00	3	2,400			475 00	39 00	54 50	35 00	35 50	30 50	7 00	7 00	35 00	30 00			100 00	26 07	600 00	450 85		9	8
Wheelock Circuit	1	166	3	11		28			5	1	1							8 50	1	400					20 00		32 50	18 00	4 50	4 00	21 30	18 50		4 85	50 00	30 50	400 00	135 00		3	2
West Falls Circuit	3	318	15	9	4	25	4	1	10	4	3	17	60						2	800	1	225		258 00	38 15	21 00	24 85	14 50	4 90	4 90	24 50	20 00			65 00	31 80	700 00	321 80	27 00	12	5
Big Creek Circuit	1	53		8		1	2		1									6 00	1	200															25 00	17 50	75 00	18 50		2	
Headville Circuit	1	150	17	42	4	4			5	17	1	12	55						1	450					10 00	4 00	7 00	5 00	2 10	2 10	10 50	8 90			46 00	5 65	350 00	120 00			
Totals	37	3139	151	200	44	218	35	13	77	67	18	110	783		257	73	297	294 70	20½	40,200	6	5,375	21,525 00	1,267 16	510 50	493 95	355 45	289 00	68 90	69 90	323 95	303 65	110 60	749 10	1061 00	745 57	7725 00	5545 00	77 15	101	37
Georgetown District																																										
Georgetown Station	3	185	29	44	3	45	2		2	11	1	20	250		20	12	155	48 00			1	1,520	500 00	412 50	54 50	105 60	35 50	35 50	7 00	7 50	30 00	43 65	125 00	292 00	100 00	100 15	600 00	600 15	10 00	26	7
Round Rock Circuit	2	236	27	8	1	14			6	5	1	9	164		30	24	15	38 00	1	1 500			175 00	12 00					4 20	4 20	18 00	18 00		13 00	60 00	35 75	700 00	278 25	14 00	6	4
San Gabriel Circuit	3	262	35	15	4	5	14	2	17	14	3	21	135		21	5	87	20 00	3	2,600	1	500		1150 00	32 70	37 20	21 31	26 50	4 20	5 20	18 00	32 85		60 50	60 00	61 00	600 00	500 00	29 91	21	4
Rockdale Circuit	1	228	66	13	4	16			30	10	2	20	140				120	50 00	1	1,600	1	500		660 00	40 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	5 25	3 00	22 00	10 00		3 35	75 00	42 00	700 00	500 00		10	
Cameron Circuit	6	616	82	19					22	50	2	19	85					41 55	2	4,800	1	500		1490 60	40 90	29 80	26 65	14 00	5 25	4 50	22 50	13 50		161 00	75 00	43 70	800 00	441 00		30	36
Sugar Loaf Circuit	6	303	25						3	18	1	4	15		1		10	5 30	1	3 000				75 00	27 25	15 00	17 75	9 00	3 50	3 50	15 00	7 50			50 00	26 00	350 00	195 85			
Pavilla Circuit	4	262	26	15	4	11			16	13	2	17	85			7	36	100 00	1	2,500	1	550		211 00	38 15	40 00	24 65	26 00	4 90	5 00	21 00	21 50		4 00	70 00	47 50	700 00	475 12		19	4
Salado Circuit	2	245	26	20	2	5		33	2	7	1	7	55					11 00	1	500						18 75		11 65		3 00		16 45			70 00	70 00	600 05	410 00			
Blackland Circuit	5	295	24	11	3	17	5		14	13	2	9	32	51			38	10 58	2	600				185 50	30 00	30 85	19 55	20 45	3 85	4 00	16 50	17 25		4 00	55 00	57 12	375 00	328 00	8 75	33	7
Belton Circuit	1	256	26	12	2	11	2	14	6	8	5	15	120			12	48	21 00	3	4 000	1	1 000		500 00	51 80	25 00	33 75	20 00	7 00	4 00	25 50	21 00		2 60	100 00	69 75	400 00	337 00		6	7
Belton Station	3	247	27	5	1	12			4	12	1	15	120			10		30 00	3	3,500	1	800	50 00	250 00	64 00	60 00	44 00	44 00	8 25	8 75	35 00	35 00	100 00	3 60	100 00	100 00	800 00	800 00	46 00	11	8
Liberty Hill Circuit	5	327	50	9	1	2	1		9	22	4	50	244		162		140	150 00	2½	5,500	1	300	100 00	200 00	49 00	64 00	26 65	26 65	5 25	5 25	22 50	22 50		2 80	75 00	75 00	500 00	500 00	5 25	100	5
Milano Circuit	3	214	41	5	2	24	5	1	11	17	1	6	40				80	10 50	1	100	1	300		110 00	27 25	40 00	17 00	16 00	2 50	3 50	15 00	8 00			50 00	25 00	450 00	225 00		6	6
Corn Hill Circuit	3	340	50	5	2	20	3		8	32	5	27	165			3	40	42 00	2	500					21 80	24 00	14 20	14 20	2 80	2 80	12 00	12 00		500 00	40 00	26 56	570 00	545 78	3 00	12	
Totals	47	4138	534	176	33	186	32	50	186	238	31	205	1650	51	244	63	859	627 90	21¼	25 700	9	5,950	825 00	5194 60	466 35	471 30	301 00	308 00	65 45	64 20	273 00	279 00	225 00	1032 00	980 00	779 00	8095 00	5937 00	116 91	340	62
Corsicana District																																										
Corsicana Station		251	13	18	2	4	2		6		1	21	99		50	12	60	75 00	1	8,000	1	2,000		20 00	45 00	45 00	40 00	46 00	12 00	12 00	30 00	30 00	182 80		200 00	200 00	800 00	800 00			
Corsicana Circuit	1	286	24	19	5	14	2	2	8	14	3	20	180		50	12	80	30 00	3	2,400	1	400	25 00	14 00	35 00	35 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	15 00	20 00	10 00	60 00	63 00	375 00	400 00	18 00	18	30
Corsicana Mission	3	60	25	16	1			7		8	1	5	25										170 00	130 00				4 50												10	2
Wortham Circuit		135	20	15	1	2			12	6									1	100			320 00	260 00	25 00	5 00	20 00	21 50	5 00	2 50	15 00			6 00	60 00	36 60	265 00	181 85	52 00	12	3
Dresden Circuit	1	286	10	9	7	27		5	15	3	3	18	150			10	51	14 00	3	2 300	1	450		60 00	30 00	30 00	21 50	28 00	8 00	8 00	25 00	25 00	10 00		125 00	120 00	600 00	576 00	16 00	14	20
Spring Hill Circuit	4	405	25	26	6	12	2		14	16	2	20	90			3		15 00	1	700	1	300			20 00	20 00	28 00		8 00	8 00	30 00	30 00			125 00	120 55	450 00	398 10	17 00	33	25
Groesbeck and Thornton Circuit																												1 00														
Bethel Circuit	1	168	26	7	1	3			5	9	2	8	150		30	8	26	13 00	1	400			250 00	20 00		1 50		15 00		2 00		5 00		2 60	40 00	19 40	225 00	114 40	2 00	10	
Jewett Circuit	4	154	24	20	3	2			3	7	2	12	100					15 00	2	1,800				65 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	21 65	5 00	5 00	20 00	20 00		3 10	75 00	56 95	350 00	309 40	65 00	12	2
Centerville Circuit	2	269	35	9	3	7			15	9	4	22	148			1	90	21 50	4	5,750	1	400			25 00	26 35	20 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	20 00	27 30	15 70	5 00	125 00	125 00	400 00	400 00	7 00	19	
Buffalo and Oakwood	2	200	58	4	4	2			20	58	1	6	40		20			16 00	2	1,000					20 00		15 00	16 70	4 00	3 00	15 00	8 00			45 00	60 00	300 00	250 00		13	
Fairfield Circuit	4	222	18	3	3	4	5		9	12	5	20	170		14		30	30 20	5	4,500			190 00	50 00	21 80	25 00		8 00	4 75	35 00	14 00		1 50	75 00	39 90	600 00	318 80	10 00	25	2
Mexia Circuit	5	354	74	26	4	31	1		20	37	3½	33			20		80	56 60	2½	6,000	1	600			40 00		25 00		10 00	10 00	28 00	50 80		26 00	200 00	200 00	700 00	700 00	20 15	17	6
Pleasant Grove Circuit		73																																								
Totals	27	2923	412	210	40	111	12	14	129	179	27½	206	1326		130	100	420	279 30	24½	32,850	7	4,300	725 00	639 00	290 00	293 00	229 50	183 75	71 00	66 25	223 00	225 00	226 00	56 20	1125 00	1061 00	5065 00	4423 60	267 15	183	75
Waxahachie District																																										
Waxahachie Station		217	7	38	1	3	1	1	6	5	1	21	180			80	80	41 55	1	3,000	1	1,500	100 00	800 00	35 00	26 00	40 00	26 00	8 00	7 00	40 00	26 00		114 00	100 00	100 00	700 00	710 15			
Waxahachie Circuit	2	325	16	25	3	29	17		5	4	2	13	175			75	100	40 00	2½	2,300			250 00		65 00	68 00	45 00	47 50	10 00	10 60	50 00	52 00		4 00	115 00	94 15	650 00	514 14	16 00		9
Lancaster and Prairie Valley		200	13	2	2	15	5	8	15	10	1	10	125		50	6	40	25 00	1	3,500	1	800			40 00	20 00	30 00	30 00	5 00	5 00	35 00	23 00		3 00	100 00	62 40	600 00	436 80		10	
Wesley Chapel	1	277	24	6		5	1		10	12	2	10	80		30	20		15 00	1	1,300			200 00	800 00	40 00	19 35	30 00	20 00	7 00	7 00	30 00	22 00	40 00		80 00	51 25	500 00	276 75		26	2
Ferris Circuit	2	350	45	22	2	20			25	30	3	15	130		3	15	100	50 00	1	1,500			150 00	150 00	55 00	65 00	45 00	55 00	7 00	10 00	30 00	65 00		3 00	100 00	105 00	700 00	720 00	10 00	34	10
Ennis Station	3	245	35	13	3	20		2	6	8	1	25	100		40	15	60	75 00	1	3,000				800 00	50 00	50 00	30 00	30 00	7 00	7 00	30 00	30 00		16 00	100 00	100 00	650 00	650 00	35 00	20	6
Ennis Circuit	4	340	60	24	2	18	17	4	11	9	2	12	80			1	50	20 00	2	1,500				970 00	35 00	30 00	30 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	25 00	15 00	2 00	80 00	50 00	500 00	305 00	25 00	12	5
Reagor Circuit	2	370	37	99	6	11	1		19	17	2	12	140		20	3	45		2	4,000	1	500	100 00	2345 00	50 00	50 25	35 00	36 00	6 00	6 25	30 00	30 50			80 00	81 55	630 00	569 00	10 00	30	12
Sims Station	1	156	7	6	1	6			2	4									1	1,200	1	750	100 00	55 00	45 00	34 00	30 00	24 25	6 00	4 00	25 00	26 50			100 00	100 00	350 00	260 00		11	
Rice and Chatfield	4	360	62	15	3	8	4		23	16	3	18	108			15	75	35 00	2	1,000	1	800	100 00	25 00	35 00	15 00	25 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	25 00	12 00			100 00	60 00	700 00	450 00	24 00		20
Trene Circuit	5	340	66	31	7	22	2	1	23	40	3	10	150		30	10	400	30 00	3	1,200					40 00	40 00	35 00	38 00	5 00	5 00	35 00	35 00			85 00	75 00	530 00	459 00		20	36
Oak Branch Circuit	3	193	47	25	5	12	1		21	25	2	12	100		12		25	7 50	1	700			900 00	432 00	20 00	15 80	15 80	13 40	2 00	2 00	20 00	15 80			40 00	31 00	297 50	156 00	30 00	5	4
Totals	27	3735	384	306	32	190	49	16	166	206	22	139	1369		185	240	815	329 00	18½	24,400	5	4,350	1900 00	6357 00	530 00	452 80	890 80	360 15	75 00	75 85	355 00	362 00	55 00	142 00	1060 00	875 25	6747 50	5497 00	142 55	168	81
Fort Worth District																																										
Fort Worth Station	1	240	7	40	10	27	4		5	4	1	20	174	176			175	61 00	1	3,500	1	1,500		233 50	52 00	52 00	34 00	34 00	5 00	5 00	29 00	29 00	23 65	114 15	125 00	111 80	800 00	715 00	10 75	15	7
Fort Worth Circuit	1	246			2				42	29																27 00		14 00	2 00	2 00	12 00	12 00		28 00	50 00	53 00	100 00	205 00	14 00	60	3
Arlington Circuit	4	269							3	19	5	25	250			6	60	40 00	3	1,800	1	300	100 00	800 00		32 00		20 00	3 00	3 00	12 00	7 25		2 25	75 00	60 00	450 00	360 00	10 00	17	
Village Creek Circuit	4	140	42	27	3	6		4	11	29	1	4	50		11			12 40					60 00		21 00	23 15	14 00	14 50	2 00	2 00	12 00	12 00			50 00	34 15	150 00	102 60	16 07	10	2
Marystown Circuit	3	320	47	24	2	20			27	24	2	15	140		19	6	100	25 65	1	400				25 00	42 00	60 00	27 00	40 00	4 00	4 65	23 00	26 65	2 85	3 05	100 00	89 00	400 00	356 50	21 40	70	19
Alvarado Circuit	5	479	29	19	4	30		6	26	8	2	15	195						1	1,500			20 00	500 00	52 00	52 00	34 00	34 00	5 00	5 00	29 00	29 00			125 00	125 00	400 00	400 00		35	
Grand View Circuit	4	445	67	52	3	44	4	2	12	38	3	26	150		30	8	60	105 00	2	1,110	1	650		310 00	52 00	52 00	34 00	34 00	5 00	5 00	29 00	29 00	12 50	4 00	100 00	100 00	550 00	550 00	24 00	34	24
Cleburne Station	3	187	18	30	5	34	1	1			1	15	100		60	20	60	30 00	1	3,000				465 00	41 50	42 00	26 65	27 00	3 65	4 00	22 75	23 00	100 00	3 50	100 00	100 00	500 00	500 00	56 00	15	8
George's Creek Circuit	5	216	56	20	4	9	3		5	24									1	500					21 00	21 00	16 00	11 00	2 00	2 00	12 00	12 00			50 00	20 50	400 00	295 40		11	
Peoria Circuit	1	450	72	30	2	30	5		24	11	1	6	40				60	10 00	2	1,200			400 00	12 00	42 00	42 00	27 00	17 00	4 00	2 00	25 00	5 00		18 85	100 00	80 50	400 00	211 75	250 00	50	55
Hillsboro Circuit	6	599	33						33	20	7	49	350		10	1	175	75 00	5	3,300	1	1,000	1600 00	1277 00	52 00	62 88	81 00	38 00	5 00	6 15	29 00	40 35		59 50	125 00	125 00	650 00	650 00	29 40	42	15
Whitney Circuit	7	245							9	12	3	20	130		36	12		29 16	3	1,650	1	500		1052 80		17 30		20 00		3 00		17 00			75 00	42 13	425 00	238 17	29 40	12	7
Totals	44	3802	371	264	33	190	17	13	190	208	27	205	1529	176	160	53	740	363 21	19	18,000	5	2950	2180 00	4673 00	375 00	483 00	244 00	306 00	40 65	43 20	232 00	242 00	421 00	213 30	1075 00	970 00	5225 00	4225 00	276 53	331	118
Weatherford District																																										
Weatherford Station		188	16	18		10	4		12	4	2	15	130			13	180	46 90	1	6,000	1	1000		124 25	67 50	59 50	45 00	45 00	8 75	8 75	41 00	41 00	36 70	14 25	200 00	160 10	1000 00	963 75	13 75	15	3
Weatherford Circuit	3	180	8	16		10	4		3	1	1	6	60						2				150 00	87 00	10 00	5 50	12 00	7 25	2 50	2 50	8 00	6 00			50 00	12 90	200 00	56 16			
Acton Circuit	2	250	42	24	2	21	3		20	19	2	12	150		50	8	60	30 00	2	1,300	1	50	400 00	650 00	27 00	15 00	18 00	10 00	2 50	3 50	17 50	10 00	25 00	379 00	80 00	40 00	480 00	250 00		16	5
Springtown Circuit	3	475	7	29	7	27	1	11	25	14	4	29	280		10	3	89	26 25	2	2,000	1	200	250 00	250 00	27 00	20 00	18 00	15 00	3 50	3 50	17 50	5 85			80 00	54 35	535 00	326 00		30	50
Edorado Circuit	3	240	25	20	4	10	1	15	15	12	3	12	125			2	25	12 00	3	2,800	1	200	40 00	1000 00	18 75	8 00	12 50	8 00	2 50	2 50	12 00	8 00		2 10	55 00	29 00	300 00	208 00		15	2
Cartersville Circuit	3	216	37	18	4	17	1		18	14	2	12	115					10 00	1	1,000	1	200	10 00	25 00	27 00	12 70	18 00	12 00	3 50	3 50	17 50	6 00			80 00	19 43	400 00	150 45		9	1
Jacksboro Circuit	3	238	36	4	2	60	16	4	6	7	1	7	40		10	1	500	20 00			1	100	60 00		20 20	12 85	13 25	10 15	2 75	2 75	13 00	13 00		1 75	60 00	40 81	300 00	154 28		10	15
West Fork Circuit		112	34	55	5				8	11	2	4	50				115								6 75	3 50	4 50	8 75	1 00	1 00	4 00	1 00			20 00	1 00	200 00	22 85	2 00	5	
Graham Station	4	135	30	22	1	16	4		6	17	1	12	115			8		34 40	1	1,000			1200 00		20 00	20 00	13 50	15 00	2 75	2 75	13 50	14 00		37 20	60 00	60 00	480 00	498 65		6	6
Salt Hill Circuit	2	190	16	8					13	17	2	6	50					15 00							13 50	11 60	9 00	9 00	1 75	1 75					40 00	18 75	300 00	128 00	17 00	5	2
Whitt Circuit	4	321	42	26	1	4	35		35	17	2	10	80					10 00	1	500	1	200		4 00	25 50	17 45	17 00	17 00	3 50	3 50	16 00	16 00			75 00	75 00	400 00	128 00		16	
Totals	31	2672	272	230	27	184	109	30	138	173	22	125	1270		70	35	564	214 55	13	14,600	7	2,050	2110 00	2140 00	263 00	188 00	180 00	144 00	35 50	35 70	158 00	136 40	61 70	456 80	800 00	497 00	4675 00	3030 00	32 75	121	84
Stephensville District																																										
Stephensville and Corinth	3	140	1	12	5	8				1	1	14	130		100	12	100	50 00	1	1,200	1	500	5000 00	35 50	15 00	13 00		12 00		3 50		13 00			100 00	41 15	600 00	475 00		12	50
Stephensville Circuit	12	300	22	19	1	12	