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The East Texas Conference—Its Late Session.

This conference has a history which, if it should be written, will not be devoid of interest in Texas Methodism. When it was set off in 1860 as a separate conference it was demoralized by its own weakness. Poverty, resulting from the war, the few preachers, most of them old and worn, with no strong young men to man the hard and rugged places—many of these places were left for the time to the mercy of other agencies. Long and hard was the struggle, and many and formidable were the sources of discouragement which confronted the little weakling. At one time it yielded to the tide of discouragement and said: "We cannot sustain ourselves longer; we must have help from some source."

Let us memorialize our sister, the TEXAS CONFERENCE, to take us under her strong wing by lifting the ecclesiastical line and merging the two conferences into one; and a resolution to that effect passed the body without a dissenting voice. This resolution passed at the session held in Palestine nine years ago. Texas respectfully declined the offer, and the two bodies have since been on their feet, and have since been on their feet, and have since been on their feet.

By the action of the General Conference, in 1878, a small strip of territory has been added to the northern boundary of the conference, which will be of considerable advantage to it, without much loss to the North Texas Conference. This conference has received but few transfers. Her known weakness has been prejudicial to her in this respect. Most of her recruits have come up from her revivals—born Texans.

Having outlined a few of the disabilities under which this conference has struggled, it now affords us no little gratification to say that it now bids fair, at no distant day, to occupy a proud place in the galaxy of Texas conferences. There is this peculiarity observable in her history: In all the difficulties under which this conference has struggled, it now affords us no little gratification to say that it now bids fair, at no distant day, to occupy a proud place in the galaxy of Texas conferences.

The late session exhibited an advance along the line—in membership of more than one thousand—notwithstanding the continuous drain by removal west and northwest. In this respect the East is a feeder of these conferences. In all the collections for foreign missions there was an advance of more than \$900; also for domestic missions, conference collection, and, indeed, in all the finances. The preachers had been better paid, and the reports generally showed a most gratifying improvement on the part of the churches.

A glow of pleasure was seen on many faces when our esteemed publisher, Bro. Shaw, announced that the East Texas Conference was the banner conference, in proportion to numbers, in his passport to the Texas Christian Advocate. The business tact, courteous manners and marked liberality of the publisher to the preachers greatly endeared him to the conference, and did much for the Advocate.

Linus Parker, D. D., the new bishop, was all that could be desired in a bishop. In the chair and in the pulpit he is every inch a bishop. He presides and he preaches. Dr. McFerrin, book agent, came at an advanced period of the conference, but his visit was a benediction. We only regret that in all probability we should see his face no more. God bless the dear old man!

Henderson sustained the conference in a princely way, and in turn received its gratitude in the form of a resolution of thanks, most heartily given. This conference is now, and has been from the beginning, in profound harmony. Neither strife nor jealousy has at any time marred the brotherhood. It may be that the weakness of the body was promotive of its unity; and as there were no great men—apart from the episcopacy, or new methods of theology—in it, there has been no disturbing element to engender strife. A more heroic, laborious band of itinerant Methodist preachers I have never seen. And here is found the driving-wheel of the machinery; this solves the problem of the great success that has distinguished this growing conference.

The territory embraced by the conference is the timbered part of Texas, and is now being penetrated by numerous railroads. It is the farming, timbered part of the State, and will soon attract capital and population on an enlarged scale. In the name of God this conference has set up her banner, and asserted the claim of Christ to the country.

In Demarara the sugar yield is expected to amount to \$140,000 hogheads.

To the Texas Christian Advocate, ANNUARY POEM.

BY FANNIE FRENCH YOUNG.

The life, O Time! afflicts me sore, as fast
I feel my days and hours slipping away.
Oh, pause a while, and let me see the day
That but of years that smile, but will not stay—
Of years that smile, but in a whirly way
So fall of promise, but in answering wail.
"Och human life is some its low bringhlyng"
As bowed is all my soul, 'tis thus I cry.
Oh, tell me truly, for I would know, O God!
If I should meet thee, dost thou see me here?
Oh, tell me, Time, dost thou the some I see?
To some I fate a gift and time a toy?
While it is I must, to-day, and deemed I read
The answered "yea," with stricken, bowed
head.

I thus invoked: "Oh teach my heart, kind
Heaven,
To satisfy itself with naught, while given
To others round is wealth of goodly things."
But kind of day to give me such things.

But, Time, uncompromising that thy art,
Insult me, head, as I armed with deadly dart,
Astride thy iron wheel, with mighty span,
Be gone, my foe, for pain and crushing man,
We get bewail thee for men thy brow
Still gleams the bow of promise, beathing
prize,
That lends to strife its life, its guiding higher,
Till soul becomes fire, and tears and strikes its
eye.

We may know it free, O thou Time and fate
Wouldst stay, thumping up the white the
train
Of unrequited waits, a recompense
Beseeching thee, in love's deep tones intense.
In the early year we planned in goodly hope,
With purpose of heart and aim resolve to cope
With peril and power, but faded now is the
hand,
And weak before the grant life we stand,
Recounting o'er and o'er how vastly small,
As I unpromising is our human ail.

I raised my eyes and saw a sceptre high,
The wary, heavy one aluring high,
The heritage of Eden's God the brow
Beneath me bowed, for man and puny piec
Machinery smilled, benignly and fair,
And hill and vale the rose of wealth did wear.
And then I saw relief look forth in praise,
As Recompensing Hand unwound its wail,
And deep in difficulty's denseness dark,
Where ignorance hid hindrance did work.

Most tedious paths I saw in prospect's smile,
And mind into a stay did lesson beguile,
And I saw a heart deep woe for utterance plead;
The heart was bowed and broke, but could not
beed.
Encamped round with eyes that should not
wee,
The weary must an untried burden be,
At length, I saw the heart in every pore
Upon the willing canvas o'er and o'er,
And great struggles wend and speak in living tones,
Of art and work of wondrous power ones.

And then I looked and saw a human seal
In agony, but mute with proud conceal,
Each spark of life was being taunting death,
Each living hope was being spectre death,
The days were nights, the years were torrid
days,
And I became the soul's unburialing
ground,
The soul looked up, and answering came a fire
That glowed and burned, each thought to thrill
and inspire.

In point melody and cadence rare
Sung most we made some sweet to wear,
And grapes his hand modest kneeling with
With unadorned rainbow loof of peas's sheen,
In sad, but burning, living, lasting word,
Each wrong, each trust, each thrilling thing
that stirred
That soul, it begged embalmment there, that
heart
Night, judge with its own eyes that lenient
parts
A lone, bare life for justice pleading stands,
There, struggling up through sorrow's burning
sands.

And then I saw a hand upheld high,
And thrones and thrones filled there were cast and
died,
To crash or to rise, to weep or wound, as would,
But the ultimate for earth and man was good.
Omniscient eye! day! had we not meditations!
As thought with thought, and fact with fact
link
And then we grieve that their years are here and
short,
Yet still they long when sorrow's specter
start
Like angels all the days in laceless from:
The prayer, "Is not enough?" no wandering
dancer.

Art thou afraid to live? O barren life!
O empty future! O present dull and idle!
But hark! low, with shadow glowing,
Sings, seeing that good to make and best to more
Are meted out by Mercy's Master Hand,
If I must weep by fate trapped,
In herism mute, but Heaven given,
"Altho' He may me," cried, "yet will I love
him."

But thou art gone, O year! And now I mind
A young bride's words as I had been enraptured
They said in performance. They were:—"I
thought,
It long; three months from mother," quick
caught
This meaning, happiness complete makes time
Eternity, and shadows sunny time.
The heart that shadowed said: "Time can be full
When morning soul will wish for a broken
wheel."
But time and change still, still go on. And yet
The secret eye it seems that the place once set
With some, and form, and face, that made it
dear.
Must team with what like ghosts to th' heart
appear,
I cannot say which grief is worse, to pray
For things withheld, or get what pray we may—
I could not change my home—the home where
all.

My joys have been, but yet whose friendly
Will has shadowed me in agony's dark hour—
In the hour of the son's deep passion prayer,
whose power?
Has crushed and broken all my spirit, and now
I walk—simply walk—simply walk—
For—oh! I know not what—but fate—yes, fate.
To the Texas Christian Advocate.

German Conference—M. E. Church.
This conference convened in Seguin,
November 20, 1882, and adjourned Decem-
ber 4. Bishop Bowman, of St. Louis, presided.
Twenty-eight ministers were in attendance.
Thursday, at 11 o'clock (Thanksgiving day) the Bishop
and Rev. D. Mathall, of New Orleans,
delivered addresses. The preachers
appeared well dressed, vigorous in
mind and body, bringing up full and
large collections, and in the services
sang and preached with warmth and
power. Dr. Walker, Rev. J. Doolson,
Rev. Mr. Rankin, Rev. Mr. Schaper
and H. G. Horton were introduced
to the conference. The proceedings
were mostly in English. The Ger-

mann seemed fond of talking, and con- tended for points with zeal. The at- tendance of the German people from the surrounding country during the session was large, and a deeply relig- ious spirit pervaded all the meetings.

On Sunday morning German brethren
preached in English in the Presby-
terian, Baptist, and M. E. Church, South.
Rev. W. H. Fraeger, of New Orleans,
preached for us a warm, melting ser-
mon on "Godliness." Bishop Bowman
is small of stature, venerable in appear-
ance, with long, white hair, a gentle,
beaming eye, amiable in manners, and
presides with pleasing dignity. The
German greatly like him, and our
American people, men, women, and
especially the children, fell in love with
him. He spent a good deal of his leisure
time at our parsonage and among
the American Methodists. Not a word
fell from his lips offensive to even the
most radical Southern Methodist. He
is evidently a man of God, full of faith
and the Holy Ghost.

On Friday evening Dr. Fowler, of
New York, arrived, and preached at
night. His subject was, "Spiritual
Leadership." A sermon full of strong
points, apt illustrations, and delivered
with great warmth and eloquence. The
German do not seem to know how to
use their bodies in preaching, but Dr.
Fowler preaches with body and soul,
and powerfully sways mind and heart.
In rich spirituality his sermon Friday
night would have been difficult to surpass.
The doctor would have cut a figure on
the stage, but the Master has called him
to a grander work. On Sunday night hun-
dreds of people assembled in our large
church to hear the sermon of Dr. Fowler
and Dr. Fowler speak on missions.
The occasion will not soon be forgotten.
The Bishop spoke for three-quarters of
an hour in his peculiarly captivating
style, and his people showed their en-
joyment by tears and praise. Then Dr.
Fowler followed in the most beautiful
missionary address we have heard for
years. It is impossible in this letter to
give even an outline of his impressive
thought and overwhelming argument.
During the stay of these two brethren
in our midst they expressed themselves
as much pleased with Seguin and their
treatment by the people. With them
we rode over the country, inspected
the cotton fields and gins, and the doctor
pulled a large bunch of cotton from
the fields and gave it to Northern
men. Our mild climate struck them
old. Bishop, during the conference
days were taken looking to the pur-
chase of the old Rutgersville College for
a training school for candidates for
the ministry. This small German confer-
ence, of two hundred and thirty-one
members, reports the largest
amount per member for all the collec-
tions of any conference in the Metho-
dist connection, North or South. Local
preachers, 10; children baptized,
103; church members, 22; parsonage,
\$245.72; church extension, \$50; for
preachers, presiding elders, and Bish-
op's salary, \$13,251; conference claim-
ants, \$201.55. Appointments the present
year: Houston District—W. Phelan,
P. E.; Bretham; J. P. Rowland;
Brenham District—L. P. Rowland;
Giddings, F. Bohmolt; Galveston, H.
Rebel; Hochheim; A. Reuser;
Llano, H. Hamberg and L. Phemecke;
Medina, A. Ulrich; San Antonio, A.
Dashed; Seguin and Schumannville,
J. E. Urbinke; Schlenberg and La-
crosse, G. Koch and T. Barbach;
Waco and Klenke. The
German congregation here are much
pleased at the return of Bro. Urbinke
to them. He is doing a good work.

H. G. HORTON.

The Ravages of Consumption.

In spite of all that medical science
and professional skill has been able to
do in that most fatal of all diseases,
Consumption, it is strange, it is con-
founding, the number of deaths from
this cause, as shown by our
vital statistics, is simply appalling.
Not long since, in referring to
this fact, Harper's Bazar said:
"The ravages of consumption have been
gradually increasing in this country
during the past few years, especially
during the winter months, which are
particularly perilous to those who have
delicate lungs. The figures are start-
ling. According to the records of the
city of New York, in that city New
York, the number of deaths from
consumption during the five years ending
December 31, 1879, was 50,000. Pneu-
monia and bronchitis are also very fatal dis-
eases, the former causing more than
one-half of many deaths from consump-
tion, and the latter nearly one-fourth
of the number."

Taking the population of New York
city at one million, and the whole num-
ber of deaths from consumption, pneu-
monia and bronchitis at 25,750 in every
five years, this would be for the
United States a death-roll from these
three kindred diseases of 1,474,000; or
one-third of that number (2,948,000) in
every single year!

The Philadelphia Ledger, in alluding
to the fact that forty-nine deaths from
consumption had occurred in that city
in a single week, makes this comment:
"The havoc of lung disease goes on
with heavy count all the year round.
The statistics in their own way have
shown the extent of the plague, and only
a more extended research, while they
give us no end of brilliant light upon
sewerage and the deaths by bad drain-
age. It is a sad and terrible medical
fact that well-defined disease as American
lungs present, but not to a slight extent
should still be better."

Another paper, in speaking of the
subject, says:
"If any other disease prevailed to
such an extent, we should have imme-
diate and high investigation as to causes
thereof. But this is not the case
in regard to lung diseases as only be
attributed to the fact that most in-
stances appear to have exhausted their
life force."

And yet it seems marvellous that,
with all the new light which has been
thrown upon this subject within the
past half century, nothing that serves
to clearly point out either the direct
cause of the wide prevalence of a dis-
ease so almost universally fatal, or any
thing that can justly claim to be a
cure, has been discovered.

Here we have presented, in a form
which cannot fail to startle the con-
science, two most serious and alarming
facts connected with the ravages of
pulmonary diseases in this country.
1. That they have been steadily in-
creasing for years. 2. That with all
its advancement in skill, and in the
knowledge of curative forces, the medi-
cal profession does not know how to deal
successfully with Consumption, and can-
not cure it!

That Consumption of the Lungs can-
not be cured by any of the remedial
agents known to either of the great
schools of medicine, or by the eclectic
systems of both, is too well an estab-
lished fact known to the hundreds of thou-
sands of wasting and slowly-lying in-
valids, whose pale faces, sunken eyes
and feeble steps meet us in every city,
town and neighborhood. However
hopelessly these stricken ones may
cling to life, and deceive themselves as
to their real condition, their nearest
and dearest friends long but too well
that they are steadily falling and wast-
ing, and that premature death is as cer-
tain as if an arrow had been loosed in
some vital organ.

It is well understood, that the only
hope for those who are suffering from
pulmonary diseases lies in their attain-
ing, through some means, a higher de-
gree of vitality, and an increased power

of nutrition. The tendency to a too rapid waste of tissue must be met and overcome by a new and larger ability to take and utilize the substances out of which the tissues are composed, and the lungs organs kept in healthy equilib- rium.

To gain this, the intelligent
and conscientious physician, fully
aware that but little dependence can be
placed in medicine, advises and encour-
ages his patients to use every possible
hygienic expedient for keeping up the
vital forces—exercise in the open air,
nutritious food, carefulness in regard to
any diet that may tax or enfeeble the
digestive organs, avoidance of expos-
ure, crowded rooms, excitement, etc.
In a few instances, but rare and negli-
gent men are successful in holding in check
the enemy which has gained a lodg-
ing, but rarely in casting him out.
He has entrenched himself, and ever on
the alert and watchful, stands ready to
assault a weak, exposed or half-guarded
point; and sooner or later, almost
surely succeeds in his deadly work.

It is no fault of the profession that it
cannot cure this disease. Not because it
is incurable, but because in its Materia
Medica no substance is found in use of
which the diseased system can be fur-
nished with an antidote or an effective
resistant. But this is no proof that
such a substance does not exist, and
that Consumption must still go on de-
stroying its hundreds of thousands
every year. The search for an agent
that would give the vitality which
needed to arrest this disease and re-
store the patient to health, has been an
earnest pursuit with some of the ablest
physicians in the past and present cen-
tury, and some form of Oxygen-ad-
mixture has been used in a variety of
ways, but without success. It is now
regarded as the means by which the ar-
dently-desired end would be gained.
Experiments in this direction have
been made from time to time, but not
until within the past few years have
we been enabled to secure a permanent
cure. Satisfied that if a new combination
of Oxygen and Nitrogen could be made
in which the former substance would be
in excess of what is found in common
air, a physician who had been forced to
abandon his practice in consequence of
an attack of Pneumonia, was led to
make persistent experiments which
finally resulted in the discovery of a new
substance now known as Compound
Oxygen, and by the use of which he
was himself restored to permanent
health.

It is over twelve years since this
great result was reached—a result
which has inaugurated a new era in
the healing art. Consumption of the
Lungs stands no longer in the list of in-
curable diseases.

The Conference Fund.

I was glad to notice the liberal
provision made for our superannuated
and the widows and orphans of the
preachers by the Virginia Conference.
Surely the church has long enough neglected
to make suitable provision for this class
of the common household of Metho-
dism. Several years ago, the small pi-
tance allowed one of these claimants
in the Missouri Conference, was hand-
ed to me to be delivered over to him to
whom it belonged. When I handed
the sum to the owner, a gray-haired
gentleman whose sole reliance was on
me, he burst into tears of gratitude at the
liberality of his brethren, and said:
"This is the largest amount I ever re-
ceived." The sum was fifty dollars. I
felt ashamed, and said: "How can you
live on that small sum?" "I have
lived on much less," he replied. "I
have made a great advance all along
the line of our contributions, except at
this one point. Our missionary assess-
ments grow larger every year. Our
collections keep at about the same dis-
tance behind from year to year. This
shows a healthy growth of missionary
zeal. The number of our bishops grows
steadily, and we enlarge our contribu-
tions correspondingly."

We have added church extension to
our collections, and we intend to meet
this new demand. All this is well. But
while we are doing for those who have
labored through the heat of the day,
with only such support as was neces-
sary to meet current expenses? As the
American church is doing so well, so
does he count these aged ones to his
church. Our idleness is their hope.
Brethren of the ministry, let us not
forget that this fund is the prospective
support of all of us. Let improvement
begin at the right place. Let the as-
sessment upon the churches be dou-
bled at the next session, and let there
be a constant and rapid enlarge-
ment from year to year, until a decent
support is secured for every claimant.
Let the door to this relation be jealously
guarded. Let none but the worthy
and useful be admitted. Let the door
be open. See that the door to admis-
sion is more strictly guarded, by grad-
ually raising the standard higher. The
time has come when the church can
afford to allow the old man, the widow,
and the orphan a sufficiency to keep
away want, and secure peace to the
dwindling years of the weary and
the helpless.—J. S. SMITH.

Let us not too earnestly urge
the necessity of using this Vitalizing
Treatment in the early stages of
Consumption, and before the dis-
ease has made any serious inroads upon
the system, and reduced its power to
combat with so dangerous an enemy.
Too many of the cases which come to us
are of long standing, and the chances
of a radical and permanent cure are
just so far remote. That Compound
Oxygen benefits, or cures, so large a
proportion of these is often as much a
surprise to ourselves as our patients.
In the first well-defined symptoms
of this disease, a resort to Compound
Oxygen, before the disease has be-
come too deeply seated, is a sure
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In proof of this, we have already
laid before the public a very large
number of testimonials from consump-
tive patients who have come under our
treatment during the past twelve years,
and who have realized in their own
persons the value of Compound Oxygen
in arresting disease and giving
back to the enfeebled life-forces their
lost vitality.

As honest and conscientious physi-
cians we present this matter to the
public. Being in possession of the Only
Medicament yet known to exist on which
any sure reliance in Pulmonary dis-
eases can be placed, we use the press as
the best and most available means of
giving to the world the widest possi-
ble knowledge of the fact. To all
who desire to have more definite infor-
mation, and such evidence as cannot
fail to remove all doubt, we will send
proofs of results which are open to the
closest scrutiny and the simplest verifi-
cation.

To those who wish to inform them-
selves in regard to this new Treatment,
we will send, free of cost, our Treatise
on Compound Oxygen, and our pamphlet
containing over fifty "Clinical Testi-
monials," also "Breath and Life," our
Quarterly Record of Cases and Cures,
under the Compound Oxygen Treat-
ment, in which will be found, as re-
ported by patients themselves, and
proved by analysis, and reported in
this in a single journal of three months than
all the medical journals of the United States
can show in a year.

DRS. STARKEY & PALEN.
1109 and 1111 Girard St.,
Philadelphia.

Three ice bergs in the Allegheny
river between Pittsburgh and Parkers-
burg, Pa., broke to-day, and the immense
volume of water back of them caused a
flood which swept nearly 65,000 feet
of lumber away from its moorings in a
few miles above the city. The lumber
was the property of Joseph Couch, who
estimates the loss at \$16,000. No other
damage is reported.
Peace negotiations between Bolivia
and Chili are broken off.

Venezuela celebrates the centenary of Bolivar's birthday on July 24 next by unveiling a statue of Washington at Caracas and opening a railroad be- tween Laguayra and Caracas.

A bad man will be sure to find his
self sooner or later a quarry. He
resembles the fat man who went to the
stage coach office for two seats as one
was not enough, and who found to his
dismay that he was booked for two
seats indeed, but one was outside and
the other inside.

WHY RUN ANY RISK WITH YOUR
COUGH, COLD, HOARSENESS, or indeed
any Pulmonary or Bronchial Com-
plaint, when a remedy safe, thorough,
and so easily obtained as Dr. D. Jayne's
Expectorant can be had? If you have
contracted a severe Cold, save your
Lungs from the dangerous irritation
and inflammation, which frequently
results from Consumption, by promptly
resorting to the Expectorant; and if
troubled with any Affection of the
Throat, you will find this remedy
equally effectual in affording relief
from obstructing phlegm, and in heal-
ing the inflamed parts.

There are some folks in the world
who are in the habit of looking on
the dark side of life that, as Jerrold
says, they can't even see the bright
side of the moon.

Ladies wishing a perfume that com- bines novelty and refinement. Find Floreson Cologne entirely satisfactory.

Theoretical reformers begin their
great work with others, but the practical
reformer begins with himself.

A Lady's Wonder.
It seems to satisfy a family want, and
I wonder how we ever got along with-
out Parker's Ginger Tonic. It cured
me of nervous prostration, and I have
used it since for all sorts of complaints
in our family.—Mrs. Jines, Albany.

It is all very well to tell us that
"sweet are the uses of adversity," but
we would rather be spoiled the other
way.

An Unwritten Point of History.
Truth is indeed stranger than fiction.
It is interesting to note how some of
the most illustrious historical charac-
ters died. Richard Coeur de Lion like
the animal from which his name was
named fell by the arrow of an archer.
George IV passed away a victim of
gluttony and dissipation. Henry VIII
died of carbuncles and scurvy, because
in those days there was no Swayne's
Ointment for skin diseases to cure the
afflictions in the beginning.

Some people's religion resemble in a
very startling manner the Keely motor,
for it is something "which no man
can find out."

L. GRUNEWALD, the largest dealer
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To the Texas Christian Advocate: The Remains and Remnants of Romanism.

In these enlightened days of colleges, literary and theological progress, is it not high time that the rough jagged corners of Roman error were rounded off and smoothed up a little better on the borders and surface of our ecclesiastical system?

The reasons why this great work of reconstructing the church was not completed back yonder are not beyond the reach of a careful retrospection.

But what of us here in the closing decades of the nineteenth century? We may be answered that we hold the ground conquered; that the flag-staffs they planted are there still; that the advance line is maintained.

The reformation ought to be finished; and we are able. To this end we must first free our own teachings from the least and last remains and remnants of Roman superstition.

Popery has but one error that is fundamental, but that is a very broad one, and from it there is seen to branch off many scores of branches.

Popery is the new church theory. A new church, built on Peter, is the principle of Romanism. Take that away and the whole fabric tumbles to ruins.

The first Christian church founded by the apostles was that of Jerusalem, the model of all those which were afterwards erected during the first century.

The second one's clothing was too costly, and would not suit. The third one's preaching was too much after the style of John the Baptist, and might drive away some rich people.

The next was the Rev. Shallow Spurge, whose fame as one of the most eloquent preachers of the age had preceded him and drew a full house, and whose performance captivated the whole crowd.

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"Form" this new primitive church at Jerusalem? Mosheim says it was presbyterial or popular; the doctor contends that it was authoritatively ministerial, or episcopal.

To the Texas Christian Advocate: Suggestions to Parents and Children.

Children should be encouraged to write letters and compositions on such subjects as they comprehend, while they are young.

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Cannibalism in South America. A letter from Panama, Nov. 7th, to The New York Herald, says that Agnozzi, papal delegate to Colombia, addressed a circular to the archbishop and the bishop begging them to obtain all possible information respecting the number and condition of the savages in the interior.

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HOW OLD ART THOU?

Every time we stand upon the verge of an old and the threshold of a new year this question comes to us with peculiar force.

One thing remarkable about this question is the almost universal disposition to conceal our true age. A very young child delights to tell its age, and if a man or woman has lived beyond four score he or she is proud to announce the fact.

But there is another explanation of this strong desire to remain young: It is the pulsation of an endless life in the soul. God never implants a desire in the human constitution without furnishing an object for its gratification.

The notice of Bro. Gaskell stating that he has been assigned to the charge of Granberry station, informs us of the death of his pastor, Rev. J. S. Lane, of the Northwest Texas Conference.

The saloons of Galvestone closed on Christmas day, and received the cordial thanks of the newspapers. Do they receive like thanks for keeping open on the Sabbath?

The minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference will be ready for distribution next week.

The standing armies of Europe are now counted in each nation by hundreds of thousands of men. Each country may be well compared to an armed camp.

Thirty million dollars has already been expended on the Panama canal, though nothing has been actually accomplished toward cutting the ditch which is to link the waters of two oceans.

Will my correspondents please remember that San Antonio is a city, and has a free mail delivery; and will they address letters to me at No. 32 Belvidere street, San Antonio, and thereby much oblige.—H. S. THRALL.

The shores of life are shifting. Every year: And we are seaward drifting. Old places, changing feet us. The living more forget us. There are fewer to regret us.

But happy indeed is that old man who can also say: "But the true life draws nigher, And its morning star climbs higher, Earth's hold on me grows lighter, And the heavy burden lighter, And the dawn immortal brighter."

Watch-Night. Our old Methodist customs are impressed with peculiar beauty and fitness.

Among these old customs slowly retreating before modern modes, even of growth in piety, was that of the watch-night. A few hours before the old year was buried and the new year born the people of God met in their places of worship, to celebrate the great events by appropriate religious exercises.

What more appropriate act than to watch the last moments of the dying year in silent prayer and half the infant year with songs of praise to God? How impressive the thought, another year of life's history is about to be closed and its record sealed up to be read by the light of the judgment fires.

But listen to that old saint, with brow and hair ruddy with the hues of that heaven to whose earth-gate he has been waiting for many years. What a biography of grace is his Christian history. God has led him as many years, with as many glad demonstrations, as his boyhood.

There is no selfishness in those happy, hoping hearts. Though full of visions of their heaven, and feasting on fruit from the vineyards above, they do not forget the world below. There is some wanderer from the fold—he must be with "the ninety and nine."

But the pastor's watch says, "In five minutes the old year will have passed away. The congregation is invited to kneel in silent prayer to God, and wait at the mercy seat for the rich blessing of God, in penitence and faith and entire dedication. They kneel, and like silent mourners round the death couch, they wait the year's last pulse beat, and then rise for ever."

There are perhaps but few countries having the appearance of civilization where the masses of the adult population would not have been educated in their infancy and yet it would be difficult to find a people among whom there is so much enthusiasm for schools as recently shown itself among the Mexicans.

Dr. Howell, endorsed by Baptist writers in America generally, assures us that "repentance, faith and baptism are terms of communion," "so perfectly obvious in God's word as to be readily understood by every inquirer."

John's baptism, and that of the disciples, were administered within the period of the Christian dispensation, by the authority of Christ, in the name of Christ, in the same mode, and to the same subject, with that of Christ, and no person who received it, notwithstanding the imperative command to give Christian baptism to every believer, ever was, afterwards, re-baptized, either at Pentecost, or subsequently.—Robert Boyle C. Howell, D. D.

To the Texas Christian Advocate. Our Schools in Mexico.

In a recent letter I presented to the church at home the subject of our church-building in the Central Mexican Mission. No doubt Bro. Sutherland, in his work advancing from the north, has a long list of similar wants.

The necessity for a normal school has long been apparent, and we have longed to see under special training of our mission here a number of select native teachers, dedicated to the work of Christian education.

For two or three years past the purpose has been entertained of establishing a mechanical, or manual training department, in our system of education. This would be a class of young men and women—perhaps not all the richest and highest—but a class upon whom we must depend to advance the industrial interests of the country.

And our ministerial training school—what shall be said of that? What church has ever succeeded in a foreign field without such a school to prepare the natives for work among their countrymen?

The Southern Methodist Church has never had a stronger call to put her mind to work than at the present time. In her educational interests, at home and abroad, from China, Brazil and Mexico the urgent appeal comes as it has never before.

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in the primary and higher classes. Church music, morals and religion have a very prominent consideration. The Bible is read daily in every school, and regular recitations are required in the schools.

The noble life of the author, the interesting circumstances attending his career, and the great merits of his productions, appealed to kindred souls everywhere, and induced Col. James, himself a distinguished scholar and educator, a lover of the pure and beautiful in literature, to make an earnest effort to bring out his complete works in such form and fashion as to attract the attention of the patriotic of the South, as well as all who love American honor.

The first illustration is the portrait of Paul Hamilton Hayne. This is a name famous in South Carolina history—famous in its own right, and famous for deeds of heroism, for statesmanship, for patriotism—famous for social culture and lofty honor.

In early years, before the war, the author had a beautiful home in Charleston, which was destroyed during the bombardment; and the ruin of his home, and the loss of his property, the loss of his library, and the results of the war—drove him among strangers, and for more than fifteen years he has occupied a little cottage in the State of Georgia, compelled to get his pen to obtain a living.

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There is a way. Is it not equally true that the church-works at home? And why should we be compelled to suspend any of our work, or withdraw from any part of our field, while the work is prosperous, and the board says that "by its very success it commends itself to the increased support of the church?"

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Here is a tablet on which intelligent devotion may carve its name in hallowed consecration to God. An altar, just erected, awaits the tears of penitence akin to those of Mary's overflowing soul, and the perfume of the heart's best offering to God.

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A dog and his tail fell into a dispute as to which should wag the other. An itinerant was passing that way...

COMPOUND OXYGEN IN CATARRH

The following letter, which came unsolicited, shows how promptly Compound Oxygen acts in a very troublesome disease...

THE HERRY DAYS OF OLD

In reading of the middle ages one is struck by the accounts given of feats of strength, etc., of the life of those of those times...

THE LATEST BOARDING-HOUSE SPORT

Among the latest in the boarding-house sport is called "Hanging the clam." About five or six plates are placed on the table...

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Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth?

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Baby's Warning

When baby has pains of dentition, Mother in a fright, father in a plight, when worse do the baby's mother cry, if ever see in baby's eye, if remedy painless and certain, for mother's loss no cost, Castoria cures by night and day.

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Augustus was told of an extravagant

Roman knight who had wasted all his property. When his goods were sold at auction Augustus commissioned a person to bid for his pillow...

Habitual constipation is not only one

of the most unpleasant, but at the same time one of the most injurious conditions of the human system...

For fishing for crabs use your fingers

for bait; you can feel them when your feet bite. -Josh Billings.

A lady of our acquaintance has been

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RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That hereafter the first Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of our annual session be devoted, respectively to the interests of Sunday Schools, Education, Church Extension and Missions, under the direction of the several Boards superintending these interests.

Report from Board of Education--No. 1.

Your Board respectfully acknowledge the receipt of certain preamble and resolutions to which this Conference, and originating in the Marshall District Conference of the East Texas Annual Conference, said resolutions ask your body to concur in memorializing the Legislature of the State of Texas to take such action as shall be necessary in order to give every child in the State of Texas a just share of the public free school fund...

Report from Board of Education--No. 2.

The Board of Education, through their Special Committee, appointed to consider the reports from the Southwestern University, referred to them by the Conference, beg leave to acknowledge the same as having passed before them. The harmony of the reports--the one coming from the Carators, the other from the Trustees of the institution--bears testimony to its unprecedented prosperity. It is with great pleasure to ourselves, and profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we note this fact and dwell upon its promise. The phenomenal grandeur of modern civilization owes its achievements not to education alone, but to education guided by the genius of Christianity and baptized with its hallowed light.

Report from Board of Education--No. 3.

The communication from the Principal and Vice-Principal of Stephenville District High School has been taken into respectful consideration. We are gratified to learn that this school is doing a good part in the cause of Christian education. The healthfulness of the locality, the moral standing of the community, and other like advantages, make this school an inviting place to procure educational instruction.

Report from Board of Education--No. 4.

The report of the Trustees of the Grandbury High School related to the school affords evidence of the flourishing condition of this school. The last scholastic year brings the enterprise to a degree of prosperity which it has hitherto not attained. Equal claims with any other school of like grade can be made in behalf of this. We are pleased to recognize it in the line of our educational work, and bespeak for it a just share of the Church's patronage.

Report from Board of Education--No. 5.

This institution of learning, while it is not under the control or care of the Conference, is owned by our brethren, largely patronized by the Church, and is directing its energies in the cause of Christian Education. We have noted with much pleasure its growing popularity, and would respectfully recommend the appointment of L. M. Lewis, President, and J. Pres. Cox, Professor, and also a Visiting Committee.

STATISTICAL.

Table with 2 columns: Institution Name and Location. Includes entries for Southwestern University, Grandbury High School, Stephenville High School, and White High School.

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