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### Will it Wash?

To the Advocate.

This question is often heard when ladies are out shopping. Many things are involved in the question and in the answer. Washing seems to be an associated necessity with ourselves and what we use for our comfort. The process of washing is in itself a test of the strength and durability of the fabric which undergoes the experience of the wash-tub or other cleansing arrangement. Reference is had also to the durability of the colors which have made the material attractive. The value of the article exposed for sale to be utilized especially by the fair sex in their personal adornment, is largely dependent upon an affirmative answer to our question "Will it wash?"

If the answer is a negative one, the idea of utility comes in to modify our preference and to call out our necessity of economy in our expenditures. If the article shrinks, loses its regularity, smoothness and color, it "will not wash," and is therefore condemned, however attractive it may seem at first glance.

Our question has a much larger range of topic than mere clothes, and soap, and hot water, and wringers, whether manual or mechanical. The idea of "fast colors" comes in when we select our friends and determine our friendships. If they "run" when tried by heat and moisture, they are not reliable; they are not worthy of the sacred investment which the heart makes of its affections. The choice of our principles of character and conduct is one of the highest moments—an actor's success or failure, in which all of life's future of happiness arising from duty done, sacrifices endured or lofty objects attained and secured. Each item of our convictions of truth and duty ought to be carefully examined before accepted as a basis of conduct. Each motive should be carefully and particularly examined from every point of view, and especially in the light of inspired truth before it is admitted a guide along life's path of conflict and trial.

Especially in choosing a business pursuit or occupation for life, our plain, homespun question ought to have a prominent place. It is not the appearance, but the reality, which should influence decision. The late dreams of selfish gratification, indulgence or profit should not be noticed, while the graver realities of life's responsibilities to ourselves and our kindred, society and our God, should command first attention and exercise a nobly commanding influence on the preferences of the heart and the decisions of the will. It is true that peculiar adaptation, early developed endowment and capacity, should have proper weight; but life's objects should not put on such appeals to selfish pride or ambition as to hush the holier voices of duty and of heaven.

There are large responsibilities about the employment of large natural gifts or large acquired mental culture or wealth or letters. If sanctified on the altars of virtue and right, of humanity and religion, the world is made better, and the lovely picture of a consecrated life adorns the galleries of true art. Mere self is a contracted circle in which the powers of immortal mind are required to move. The horizon is too narrow, the zenith is too near to earth. There is not enough of the glorious heavens above us.

Human action should resemble the human action of Jesus, the model man. Its ambition should fly up to seek the approbation of infinite truth, purity and love. Its noblest efforts should be self-sacrifice for others' good. Its sublimest heart-throbs should be the glory of God in human benefit. All its wealth should be a joy-offering on God's altar. Self should be absorbed in the higher, nobler devotion of life, and thought and influence, and property, to the divine honor, and the good of our brother men.

Durability, as well as product, is an item in our investments. Little as we think of it, we are to live on, long after our names and our bodies may have gone to dust. Influence is a mighty

stream that still flows on when perhaps the little spring-birth place on the mountain side is concealed or forgotten. Unseen, yet felt, our spirits walk the earth in the agencies we have started for human good or ill.

Instead of holding with a life grasp on our property until death pales our strength and we relax our hold, or with our dying breath we direct some monument of self to be erected by what we cannot carry with us into the realm of shadows, how much better, how much more Christ-like to distribute blessings along our pathway to the tomb, and thus leave dear memorials to heaven and to earth of our initiation of our dear Christ.

"Will it wash?" most forcibly applies to the fabric and structure of Christian character. The materials must be furnished by the truth of God and woven by the Holy Spirit. The dyes, more beautiful and lasting than the famous Tyrean purple, are furnished only by the blood of Jesus. Here are garments that "neither moth nor rust can corrupt." Here is fadeless beauty, more lasting and lovely than sunrise waking earth to life and beauty and song; or sunset glow, when, as from a magnificent mirror it flashes the reflected promise and blessing of God on earth as it is wrapped in the darkness and slumbers of night. The tests and severest trials will take place; and the verdict and results of the judgment hour associate with our simple question—"Will it wash?"

KENTUCKY.

### Did Christ Change Water Into Wine?

To the Advocate.

We answer, No. If it were right to drink wine at public feasts in those days, why should it be wrong now? If it were wrong, why would Jesus endorse the practice by furnishing such an amount for that occasion? We believe it is wrong, and undertake to prove that the idea that water was transmuted to wine at Cana, of Galilee, is an error. I am aware of the opposition this proposition will meet, for all the commentators have made the admission, seeming not to question its authority. Our temperance lecturers moralize and apologize and say that the wine was not intoxicating. If it had not in it the elements of intoxication, it was not wine. Had they undertaken to prove that wine was manufactured, hypothetical evidence is the only proof. I will undertake to prove by reason and revelation that water was used instead of wine.

Taking the statement of Dr. Clarke that this was the first Christian wedding, it is reasonable to infer that there was a departure from Pagan, or common Jewish customs—one of which was excessive wine drinking. Now the mother of Jesus was there and she said unto him: "They have no wine." A good argument to begin with. "Now there were sitting there six water pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews." "And they filled them to the brim with water." They held more than one hundred and thirty gallons. Now transmute that into wine and you would have enough to keep the crowd drunk for several days. But they were filled with water, water was drawn out, water was borne to the table and the feast was and tasted the water. But the Book says: "This, the beginning of miracles, did Jesus in Cana, of Galilee." Truly there was a miracle, and his disciples saw in it the manifestation of his glory and believed. But it is not reasonable to believe that the first manifestation of his glory was in the manufacture of more than one hundred and thirty gallons of intoxicating beverage, and thus giving an impulse to Satan's kingdom at the very beginning of his ministry. Bacchanalian revelry was then the custom of a large portion of mankind, and the very germ of public devotion in Pagan mythology. The mission of Jesus as a teacher was to teach mankind a better mode of life than debauchery and intemperance. Abstemiousness was one of the leading traits of his character. A short time before the marriage at Cana he was in the mount of temptation. Depleted in body and wearied in mind he met Satan, face to face, who challenged his mission at three of the most vulnerable points of human experience. First: Humanity hungers; exert your reactive power and feed your hungry body. Could there have been a stronger reason for a miracle? Second: Cast yourself down from the pinnacle of the temple. The angels will bear thee up, and the whole nation and the world will acknowledge your divinity, and their faith and obedience may be gained by one single act, and humanity may forestall the dark scenes of Gethsemane, and the more rugged experience of Calvary. The third proposition was more reasonable still; the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and proposed to sell out his entire interest in them: These are mine; you have come to assert your claim to them; now, for one moment's devotion, I will give them all up and leave you the dominion.

The above are overtures made by an usurper to one who had come to set up a legitimate claim; and all were alike rejected. The end of the miracle, at Cana, was the manifestation of His glory to His disciples. He had just been manifested to Israel through the agency of John the Baptist. John was born under the special injunction that he should drink neither wine nor strong drink. Jesus had passed through his temptations and John was laboring in the wilderness or languishing in prison for his works' sake when Jesus was at Cana with his disciples manufacturing marriage wine by the barrel. The thought is unreasonable. He would not create bread to appease his own hunger, at the end of a forty days' fast. He would not cast himself down from the pinnacle of the temple

to gain the confidence of mankind when he knew the angels would bear him up; he would not serve Satan for one moment, though Satan promised to surrender to him the world as a remuneration, and now, after rejecting these stupendous overtures, would he begin to pander to the whims of a wine party to convince them of his power, or manufacture intoxicating beverage to manifest his glory to his disciples, to gain their faith? Such a thought is absurd. Jesus did not make a drop of wine. He gave the people water to drink instead. The latter itself is scriptural. But the Book says: "The governor of the feast tasted the water that was made wine." Yes, "the governor tasted the water." If it ever became wine, it all depends upon the word "made."—W. D. ROBINSON.

A New Year and New Preacher.

To the Advocate.

According to Methodist economy, an itinerant preacher's appointment is only coexistent with a conference year, and as he closes his labors, preparatory to starting to conference, he can very truthfully say to his people, "My time is up—good bye!" for his obligation to that people ceases with the year. The annual conference is the itinerant Methodist preacher's home—his "Jerusalem"—to which he repairs once a year, to report to his discharging his obligation and to receive new orders for the new year. A new preacher, with new orders, to be executed in a new year, are three facts that demand the attention of every circuit and station immediately after each annual conference. Though the same preacher be sent back to the same work for four consecutive years, he is a "new preacher" every time, coming newly obligated by virtue of his reappointment, and the people newly obligated by virtue of his return and their church vows to support the institutions of the church. The preacher's duty is to look after the spirituality of the membership of the church and the conversion of sinners, by instructing them in the Lord's ways, and exhorting them to faith in Jesus Christ, who is "the way, the truth, and the life," and the "mystery and wisdom" of God. Their duty is to heed the words of their pastor and co-operate with him in all the work pertaining to the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom.

Thus far the work between preacher and people is strictly co-operative, and each one should be watchful unto the discharge of his duty, so that if the Master should call, he would be ready. There are other duties the performance of which devolve alone upon the membership, such as the support of the ministry, of home and foreign missions, of churches and of church and parsonage buildings. Each member is obligated by virtue of his membership, as well as by command of God, to contribute to each of these causes, as the Lord hath prospered his calling, to meet these obligations in any degree possible, proportionately, weakens the power of the pulpit by chilling the ministerial thought with considerations of his temporal wants, and thus brings upon him a quiet reproach, which is a volume of reproach, emanating from the cries of neglected superannuates, widows and orphans of deceased preachers, the poor of the church, and other church interests, that is fearful to contemplate. A quiet reproach would be the means of confronting the most of us with just such a picture. Let us, with memory's telescope, scan the past. Ah! but a glance, and the reflections of guilt darken the scene. What shall we do? Then, as we stand in this meditative retrospect, viewing our failure in duty on the one hand, and God's faithfulness and long suffering toward us as a church on the other, it seems the involuntary exclamation would be heard upon the tongue of every member of a church, which is infinite reason for rejoicing, and we should rejoice; but if we will listen, amid our joy, we shall hear a voice saying: "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you." These were God's words to church members who met together, doubtless, at their places of worship, periodically, and sang and prayed—who inquired of God: "Wherein shall we return?" God replied: "Will a man rob God? And they replied: "Wherein?" And God's answer was: "In tithes and offerings." Now in the beginning of this new year, this centennial year, this jubilee year, let each one, before God and the bar of his own conscience, make his confessions, and make haste to return to God by bringing all the Lord's tithes into his storehouse, that there may be meat in his house; and God says, this done, he will pour out a blessing that there shall not be room to contain it. Brethren, let us prove ourselves sons and daughters of God indeed. As your preacher enters on his work, begin to feed him; for in the ministry lies the instrumental strength of the church. The church that neglects her ministry may expect to be neglected in a measure by its God, as were the Jews of old, who were guilty of a like offense.

In this new year, just upon the threshold of the second century of our grand Methodism in America, let us all make a new departure from our former ways, and begin, with the beginning of each new year, to contribute to the support of our preacher; and

this will be the means of strengthening us in grace, and opening up an easy way for all other collections. The minister is the talent of the church; and Lord Bacon says knowledge is power; but we think knowledge, backed by money, is as much again power. All this, under divine approval, is absolute, infinite power. Brethren, be watchful to every duty.—C. M. KETHN.

REDFORD, Jan. 7.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

[As these notices appear in one, those interested will do well to preserve this paper for reference.]

I have sample copies of each of our Sunday-school periodicals, which I expect to carry to all my quarterly meetings, but if any brother in the district should want sample copies before the quarterly meetings, I will notify me, I will send them to him. They are the best for Methodist children published in the world.—L. Z. P. MORRIS.

BREHMAN, Jan. 10.

### Assessments for Chappell Hill District.

	Preaching	For. Miss.	Dom. Miss.
Chappell Hill sta.	\$12 00	\$10 00	\$3 00
Belleville cir.	20 00	31 00	15 00
Brenham sta.	12 00	12 00	10 00
Burton and Giddings	29 00	61 00	20 00
Hempstead	15 00	41 00	20 00
Chappell Hill mis.	49 00	9 00	10 00
Lexington cir.	39 00	21 00	12 00
Madison cir.	25 00	11 00	7 00
DeWitt cir.	45 00	31 00	15 00
Lawson cir.	53 00	76 00	30 00
Lewis cir.	22 00	10 00	10 00
Milam	63 00	41 00	25 00
Missouri	50 00	20 00	25 00
Mt. Pleasant	50 00	11 00	7 00
Rockdale	81 00	76 00	30 00

CALDWELL, Jan. 1.

### CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

R. M. KIRBY, Moscow, Dec. 25: I have performed one round. I have 92 members amate and 1000 contributions. I am going to fill the work and cultivate ten acres of land.

W. J. JACKSON, Montague, Jan. 7: The first quarterly conference for Dry Mountain mission, was held the 5th and 6th inst. It was very cold. Brother Blackburn was at the post of duty. The stewards provided liberal things and made glad the heart of their pastor. The outlook is hopeful, and we are expecting glorious results the present year.

J. B. HAWKINS, Center City, Jan. 8: The Rev. J. K. Lane, presiding elder, was with us at our first quarterly meeting, looking after all the interests of the church. We found on Center City mission a kind people, and plenty of work. We trust we will have a general revival during the year. Pray for us.

D. MORGAN, Rannels City, Dec. 25: My cord of the 24th should have read, "I arrived at Rannels City yesterday." I was immediately pressed into service. One joined by ritual. Since I wrote last four have joined by letter and four children have been baptized. The Advocate is very popular here. It is appreciated by all classes. I meet a kind, generous-hearted people.

JOHN O. ALLEN, Woodville, Jan. 8: I wish to correct some errors that appear in the minutes of the Texas Conference, in regard to the report of Newton circuit: The amount of money expended on churches, parsonage, etc., is \$125.40, in place of \$121.51; assessment for presiding elder was \$30, in place of \$2; amount collected for presiding elder was \$42.51, in place of \$2.51.

J. R. CARTER, El Paso, Jan. 7, 1884: A large and attentive congregation attended our morning service on the 6th. God was with us. Two joined the church by letter. We administered the sacrament and had a most blessed communion. The evening being cold, with high wind and dust, our attendance was small. Our Sabbath school showed a full attendance, and is growing every Sunday. The work all along the line is showing more life and zeal. God be praised.

J. W. HORN, Kelleyville, Marion Co., Jan. 8: I have been on my new circuit about a month; have made fifty-two pastoral visits and I had as pleasant a people as I ever served. I feel under many obligations to them for the warm reception that they have given me. Our first quarterly conference is over. The presiding elder, Bro. S. J. Hawkins, was at his post, earnestly looking after the work of the church, and manifesting great zeal for the Master's cause.

OSCAR M. ADDISON, Granbury, Jan. 7: I call attention to an error in the statistics of Waxshole circuit, in the published minutes. They give the membership as 104, when it should have been 410. Also in the report of the Board of Missions, 21 page, close of 4th paragraph, they omit "615." They should read, "the common salvation." In the next to the last line change "compiled" for "compiled."

B. F. GASSAWAY, West, Jan. 8: There is an error in the report of the treasurer of the conference Missionary Board, and in the statistical table, as published in the minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference, as to the amount paid by Bosqueville circuit for missions. The correct figures are as follows: Foreign missions, \$50; domestic missions, \$52. I send this by way of correction, in justice to myself and Bosqueville circuit.

E. S. SMITH, Bastrop, Jan. 8: Fire burning, table spread, pantry stored, friends to welcome; this is the way the good people of Bastrop received their preacher and his wife. God bless them and make our coming profitable to them. I want to express to the good people of Brenham my sincere thanks for the "Testimonial" with which they surprised me in last week's Advocate. Though on duty elsewhere, I will not forget to thank them and pray for them. Had the "appointing power" so determined, it would have been a pleasure to serve them longer. May my successor reap abundantly in that field.

J. F. HENDERSON, Woodville, Jan. 8: I have been out on my work, but had no congregation the first Sabbath, on account of the inclement weather. We expect a prosperous year on Spurger mission. I served the larger part of this work three years ago, and am well pleased to come back. I expect to try it on the temperance question this year. Whiskey is a terrible monster down this way. It has been the occasion of killing several men over this way in one month. Will not men of human kindness rise up and stop this bloodshed? I received the minutes of the East Texas Annual Conference all right in the mail, nicely gotten up and well printed.

N. F. LAW, Chappell Hill, Jan. 7: We arrived at Chappell Hill on Friday, the 4th inst., somewhat fatigued; having had to travel twelve miles by private conveyance with our little one, and that before it was light, in order to meet the train for this place. We were met at the depot by kind friends, by whom we were at once conducted to the parsonage. Well, to say the least, our reception was grand. A table groaning under the most tempting delicacies, prepared by the noble ladies of this charge, with many kind words of greeting, made us feel at once that we were at home and among friends. Part of our baggage was delayed from some cause; but the ladies came to the rescue, and brought us under obligations for supplying our wants, all lacking because of missing baggage. The parsonage has been new and neatly furnished, and we begin the year's work with glad and hearty hearts, looking for grand and glorious results through the grace of the blessed Lord. Pray for us, that our labor may not be in vain.

S. G. KILGORE, Fort Davis, Jan. 8: Last Sunday at 10 a. m. whisky caused a negro to crack the skull of another; at 11 a. m. a Mexican seriously stabbed another because he dined him for twenty-five cents; and at 3 p. m. a negro to shoot at another several times. Last Sunday at 10 a. m. the gospel caused quite a number of Americans and negroes to assemble and study the Word; at 11 a. m. to listen to the preached Word; at 3 p. m. several Mexicans to assemble and study the Word; at 4 p. m. to listen to the words of salvation; at 5 p. m. to listen to a Mexican to join himself to the Methodist branch of God's people, being baptized and received by ritual. Let every man who has the interests of family, country and God at stake, show his manhood by coming out and saying: "I will have no whisky, but the gospel of Christ, as for me and my family."

"What physician have you had?" said a pastor to one of his sick parishioners, who was not quite "abstract of the age" in the use of scientific terms. "Wa'al," he answered, "as my old doctor that I set so much by was n't at home, they telegraphed up to Dr. Smith-son to come."

"Your wife," says the Christian Union, "is entitled to her share of your income." O yes, we all know that, but after she takes out her share we have to walk home, unless we have credit with the street car driver.—Life.

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Sunday Travel.

To the Advocate. To the Preachers who Travel on the Cars on Sunday. Dear Brethren--You must excuse me if I am a little sharp, for I am addressing men who are supposed to have a sense keenly alive to every appearance of evil. If you, with the common herd of Sabbath-breakers, take your part, you break the force of your ministry by not being able to denounce a very shade of sin; for it will be fairly concluded that a preacher of loose Sabbath views will be correspondingly lax on other moral questions. You observe the Sabbath conditionally--that is, when such observance does not interfere with your convenience or pleasure, and will not be surprised if the people believe you, "Sabbath-conditionally."

But the chief object in this communication is to show you that the wrong does not stop with you and your congregations. No. There are thousands of men and women--I wish I knew how many, so that you could be appalled--who are forced by great money-loving corporations to work all day Sunday for your convenience. You have your part in taking the constant toll and moral degradation of those who have no capital but skill or muscle. These people have no time, no sacred time, to serve God. They are dismissed if they refuse to serve, and being without the light of God's promises, the good that the dollar brings is more apparent than that of religion, and so they hold to the dollar and lose the soul. You can count on your fingers the number of religious (?) men engaged in fundraising. They are recruiting more and more a separate class; more and more the servants of the religious public. They would not go to church if the trains were to stop. No, perhaps not; but, possibly they might. As it is, you lend your aid to make it impossible. They continue in sin, and instead of raising your liberating voice, you lend your aid to tighten the coils which bind them faster still. What ineffable contempt must fill the hearts of an intelligent but wicked tradesman when he sees a kid-gloved preacher, related to me this morning, step from a Sabbath train, to preach against the wickedness of great monopolies!

Traveling on Sunday Cars.

To the Advocate. Allow me to heartily endorse Bro. Joyce's article on the above subject; and if you will give me room in the ADVOCATE, I wish to add a word by way of exhortation. If it is right to patronize Sunday trains by traveling on them, it is right to run them; but if running Sunday trains is right, it is right to work on Sunday, for running trains is work. When we pay railroad fare we employ the roads and those who work on them as our servants, and God gives us plain directions on this subject. As we consider the Lord's word good authority, we will give it verbatim: "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy maid-servant." Ex. xx: 10. It is very evident that we should not run on Sunday without patronage; then those who furnish the patronage are accessories to the crime. Suppose a preacher or class-leader were, after riding on a Sunday car, to bring a member to trial for working as engineer, fireman, brakeman, or conductor, on a Sunday train? O consistency, thou art a jewel!

If we may employ railroads to serve us on the Sabbath, why not employ plowmen, clerks, mechanics, and ordinary day laborers? and if we may employ others to work for us, why not do the work ourselves? What of a preacher, or other member of the church, patronizing a saloon, or theater, a ball, or horse race, and then condemning the proprietor? It is evident that the running of trains on the holy Sabbath is very demoralizing, and it is painful to witness a group of Christians standing around the depot on Sunday waiting for the incoming train. To all such, Moses, fresh from Sinai, would read God's own handwriting: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Paul would say: "Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." May the good Lord save us from Sabbath desecration, and enable us to "abstain from all appearance of evil."--L. L. PICKETT.

Traveling on the Car on Sunday.

To the Advocate. There is a communication in a late number of the ADVOCATE from Rev. W. J. Joyce, on Sunday Travel on Railroads, which deserves a criticism. The article does not so fully express his views as a sermon he delivered at my late quarterly meeting; and we suppose he will advance the same opinions all round his district; in view of which fact we feel at liberty to notice them publicly. When a man makes his views, on any subject, public, through the mediums of the press and the pulpit, they then become public property, and a both to ventilate them. We give all due credit to Bro. Joyce for the unalloyed sincerity of his motives, but we seriously question the

propriety of his zeal and the correctness of his logic. If it be a sin to travel on the cars on the Sabbath day, under all circumstances, then Brother Joyce's extreme position is justified; but if there is a conservative line, his enthused zeal puts him on a bend toward the intolerant side thereof. This old man goes to two of his appointments on the train on Sunday, saying no horse, and has no means to purchase one, and neither grass nor corn to feed one, he having traveled in real mission fields a number of years without the benefit of mission funds. We do not approve of Sunday travel in any manner, as a custom; but surely there are occasions when Sunday transit is admissible on trains, on foot, on horse-back, on wheels or sail. Even the right Jewish Sabbath law allowed a Sabbath day's journey. Our Lord Jesus Christ said that the Sabbath was made for man, and his interpretation of the Sabbath law allowed all works of necessity, of mercy or charity, and all works of devotion; and truly it admits of all needed travel to perform said works.

Brother Joyce suppresses a case--Rev. M. J. J. was en route to his appointment on the car on Sunday, and the train was wrecked and Parson J. J. was killed. You would not like to have been Mr. J. J. on that train, would you? We also will indulge in hypothesis: St. Paul, the apostle of the gentiles, was at sea on a Sabbath and suffered a fearful shipwreck; no one would like to have been St. Paul; then, Rev. Bishop Coke was en route to India as a missionary, and being out on the Indian Ocean on the Sabbath day, the ship finally went down and he and his crew were all killed. You would not like to have been Rev. Bishop Coke, would you? And his horse took a fright and ran off, and his buggy being capsize, he was severely crippled; would you not like to have been Brother Joyce?--H. A. GRAYES.

No Compromise With Sin.

To the Advocate. A venerable minister of the gospel, of long and successful service in his Master's work, and whose store of reminiscences is rich and instructive, related to me this morning the following incident that has occurred during his ministry: Illustrating the mistaken theory, that it is best to make the rules governing the religious lives of professors of religion sufficiently elastic to enable them to participate in fashionable amusements to suit an attempt to enable them to gain influence that they otherwise could not secure, or the unconverted, and thus were readily won to Christ. A young lady of refinement and education, though not a professor of religion, was asked by her pastor how she had enjoyed the holiday festivities, then just over. Her reply was expressive of sadness and disappointment--strikingly illustrating the inconsistencies and mistakes in that direction of many members of our churches in Texas. "You remember perhaps," said the young lady, "the new public hall was opened and dedicated on Christmas night by a ball. Two dancing masters had succeeded in gathering a large party, and I must not say that I was not surprised. I saw among the throng several young ladies who are members of your church. In revival meetings not long previously I had seen these same young ladies kneeling at the altar, praying with, and encouraging seekers to religion, and being out quietly among the audience conversing with their friends, urging them to join the seekers at the altar and begin a religious life. At the ball they mingled freely with the gay throng, though they did not dance. Though I have not taken the vows of the church upon me, I was pained to see this inconsistency of my friends, and involuntarily the question arose in my mind: Is there any difference between the church and the world? Are the tears, and prayers, and Christian counsel, seen and heard at the revival meetings, synonymous with the trifling hilarity and abandon of the Godless, promiscuous company we mingle with in the ball room? Is there no line of demarcation between the one and the other? If so, what is it?"

The minister's heart was sad also at this recital, and let us hope he succeeded in showing these erring sisters their inconsistency in time to henceforth avoid its repetition. How many others were equally shocked by this scene, and perhaps fatally influenced in the wrong direction, eternity alone will reveal. Another case was a minister's effort to win young men from irreligion to the Christian life, by mingling with them in their pastimes and indulgences to such an extent as to disarm them of their objections to religion on account of its prohibition of worldly amusements and usages, and thus gradually, as he could learn their tastes and habits, sow the leaven of Gospel truth among them, and win them from the world to the church. His failure, however, was complete. The young men were not to be caught with such chaff. He allowed caris in the social circle, and participated in the game, taking the ground that it was an innocent recreation, and Christians might properly indulge in it--delivering a homily of course on the danger of excessive love for the game, and his indulgence was adopted with billiards. Moderate, genteel tipping even was not put in the list of contraband indulgences, and one day several of these young men decided to try the minister on this. They hailed him on the street, and politely invited him to partake with them at a saloon near by. True to his policy, he accepted the invitation, and went in. His conscience troubled him at the evident inconsistency, and he said to them: "Gentlemen, you know I am a preacher, and am not given to this practice, but I mingle with you in various ways as I do for your good, hoping ultimately the result will be your conversion, and adoption of the Christian life." A spokesman replied, "Parson, we don't know the future, but at present, instead of your getting us, we think we have you."

So it is everywhere, and always. The unconverted pay tribute to consistent Christian character, and are always rightly influenced by it; and also by clear-cut gospel teaching and practice, while the opposite course neutralizes all sacred professions and pretences,

thus leading souls astray. Christians should "have no fellowship with the unfruitful work of darkness, but rather reprove them." Avoid the least appearance of evil." Christians should often consider the question God put to Cain, as addressed to them, and though in every sense we are not our brother's keeper, yet we should, by a life consistent with the Christian profession, disarm the tongue of their power to say truthfully: "No use to join the church; we are as good as they."--J. C. GALVESTON, Jan. 8, 1884.

An Able Lecture. To the Advocate. Having heard much that was favorable of Col. Hickman, of Ky., the great temperance lecturer, I yielded my pulpit to him last Sunday night. I certainly committed no blunder in so doing. Entirely free from personalities and coarse anecdotes, the lecturer gave us a most powerful, eloquent and soundly scriptural temperance lecture. The densely crowded audience, under the influence of his eloquent appeals, began to cheer, but in an instant, and with the air of a true Christian, he called attention to the sanctity of the place, time and theme, and all was silent thereafter. I confess I did want to cheer, but contented myself with what was better--a hearty amen. The result of this visit is a lodge of Good Templars 117 strong, and an awakened public conscience, which I am sure will be of incalculable value to public morals. I am sorry the stay of Col. Hickman is so short in our State, but was glad to hear him intimate he might become one of our fellow-citizens in the future. We are trying to get him to accept a programme which will put him before our citizens at most of the prominent towns. If he accepts, those who fall of hearing him will regret it but only, and that ever afterwards.--D. F. FULLER.

CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Soul Rest. My soul is resting in God's peace, I do not care for fear. The trouble of my heart is gone, For Christ my Lord is here. The spirit's peace from on high A comforting tide; My soul is satisfied. He driveth curious doubts away, He giveth childlike faith; And so I take the joy of day, Just as my Savior saith. I have no other wish to be Than what my Lord ordains; So what he knoweth best for me, That be my richest gains. A spirit meek and quiet I bestow upon a crowd; How rich the blessing on a head That Jesus sendeth down. Here in his banquet house I bide, His banner o'er me, love, And wait the coming evening Of perfect peace above. Just as my Savior saith.

The Dearest Do Not Go. "Have you heard Booth?" said a bright young lady to a young college student in New York, connected with a wealthy religious family in the city, and bearing an honored name. "No," was the immediate answer. "I do not know of it," said the other. "Have you scraps of some of the officers of our church go?" "I know that," the young man answered; "but I know this also, that the members of the church who are most faithful to attend the social meetings and most active in giving their full strength to public prayers, and that those who are accustomed to visit it, are the least conspicuous in their attention upon religious duties. I have made up my mind to give up the theater and to hold on to the prayer-meeting."

Conscious Union. If no conscious union of the soul with God is to be experienced by the Christian, no successful separation of divine power to the soul, then our religion is but a beautiful system of morals, but having no merit or claim beyond its excellence in that regard. Even the excellence of Christianity as a system of morals fails to make it of any value to us unless we are assured that the doctrine of human depravity is false, and thus man without the aid of grace can stand perfect and upright before God. Pointless Preaching. Few things tend more surely to keep people from church than superficial, pointless preaching. Yet some preachers are superficial because they will not give their full strength to public prayers. They fancy that with a few disjointed ideas not half thought out, they can interest the people, provided only that in preaching they can contrive to work up a current of religious feeling. But when they get the emotion, perhaps not. But when they do, the stream is as shallow as the thought that gave it birth, and its effect perishes with the breath with which the preacher gives the benediction. Any man who is given to careless preparation for the pulpit may profit by carefully pondering this caution: "The sermon which has cost little is worth just what it cost."--Zion's Herald.

God's Plan. Let us be satisfied with God's plan for saving the world, and not try to help him by any false methods. There is a limit to our own responsibility. The burden of the world's evil does not all rest on our shoulders. Let us calmly wait on God, and check our foolish impatience. Then why be cast down in despair that truth does not conquer in a day? Why not look out upon life's drama with cheerful content, knowing that God rules, and that he will order all things well? Looking the darkest facts fairly in the face, our supreme question should be, "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" Faithfully doing this, the spirit may calmly rest, undisturbed by this world's confusion. Cheerfully accept all duties and difficulties, contented with life's privilege, with the Divine treatment of us here and the heavenly hope of the life to come, we shall climb the celestial summits with songs of joy.--R. R. Shippen.

requisite means and appliances. This is simply conceded to the Head of the Church the wisdom which is indispensable to the conduct of great undertakings in human or divine life. Any far-reaching movement projected by sagacious men presupposes foresight of the conditions needed for success and provision made for each stage in the progress of the enterprise. If the competency of the projectors and the sufficiency of their means be not in question, the agents employed by them have only to obey their instructions and carry forward their work. So, when the Spirit of God stirs the heart of the church and bids it go, it is sheer presumption to hesitate and question the wisdom of the movement or the sufficiency of the resources. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore," is the warrant for the undertaking and the pledge of the supply.

A Word of Cheer. Servant of Christ! Keep good heart! Listen to thy Master's feet behind thee, upholding and cheering thee on. He will soon come and pay thee thy full wages--will wipe the sweat of toil from thy brow, and wreath it with an amaranthine crown of glory, honor, and immortality. Then come to me, welcome and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." With such a service, and such a recompense, who, with but a glowing spark of the love of Christ in his heart, will not exclaim: "Here, Lord, and I, what wilt thou have me to do?" I have but one life--that thou hast bought with thy life-blood; be it thine, thine wholly, forever thine. "Christ, be up and doing--why stand I idle on the day of God, when in your 'Lord's' vineyard. With a significance more profound, and with an earnestness more than that with which the words were uttered by the Mohammedan chief, pointing his sword to earth and then up to heaven, we would say to you: "Here is the place of labor, there is the place of rest." Octavius Winslow, D. D.

The Witness. We are already to acknowledge that the influence of the Holy Spirit is essential for the awakening and conviction of sinners; but remember too little that the good works unto which we are created are impossible without the continual indwelling of that Holy Spirit. It is not enough to have once tasted of the good word of God and the power of the world to come; for without continued feeding on the bread which came down from heaven, which is ministered to the soul only by the Holy Spirit, even the child of God will cease to grow in grace and will inevitably turn more and more to the husks which the world offers. It is not enough that, yielding once to the workings of the Spirit, we let him open our eyes to see Christ as the only foundation and headstone in the great building--the glorious plan of redemption--we must continue to yield ever to the same Spirit, who makes all the building which must grow day by day--our temple of character--resplendent with gold, silver and precious stones, built upon the foundation and unto the headstone, every step night well resound with shoutings of "Grace, grace."--Central Protestant.

Family Worship. The practice of family worship is the castle of Protestantism. It is the grand defense against all attacks by a priestly caste, who set up their temples and tell us to pray by their mediation. Nay, but our houses are temples, and every man is a priest in his own house. This is a brazen wall of defense against superstition and priest craft. Family prayer is the nutriment of family piety, and we to those who allow it to cease. I remember the day of parents who said they could not have family prayer, and one asked this question: "If you knew that your children would be sick through the neglect of family prayer, would you not have it?" "I would rather have my children with fever each morning than you neglected prayer, how then?" "Oh, then they would have it." "And if there was a law that you should be fined five shillings if you did not meet for prayer, would you find time for it?" "Yes." "And if there were five pounds given to all who had family prayer, would you not by some means arrange to have it?" "Yes."

And so the inquirer went on with many questions, and wound up with this: "Then it is but an idle excuse when you, who profess to be servants of God, say that you have no time or opportunity for family prayer?" "Should I tell you, I respect the day of worship, and our families of blessing? Begin to pray in your families; and especially if things have gone wrong, get them right by drawing near to God more distinctly. Did I hear you say, 'We do not want to be formalists?' No, I am not afraid you would be. I am afraid of your neglecting anything that tends towards the good of your household and your own spiritual growth; and therefore, I pray you, labor at once to acquaint yourselves with God and be at peace. Draw near to the Lord again, more thoroughly than you have done before; for it is the only way by which the backslidings of persons and families are at all likely to be corrected."--Spurgeon.

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Texas Christian Advocate. Uncle Ike's Department.

Uncle Ike does his had room to print every word of the little people's letters this week. None of them go into the waste basket, for Uncle Ike reads them all, and gives the names of the children who answered correctly.

KNOTS UNTIED.

Hidden Vegetables. Potato, tomato, string beans, celery, carrot, cabbage. These answers were sent by B. H. Switzer, Ross A. Beard, Frank and Louise Angell.

Enigma in Jan. 5.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Answers sent by Willie D. Hendry, Ross A. Beard, and Frank and Louise Angell. Frank and Louise are right in saying two letters were left out in the enigma. Folks who put in enigmas or send questions must be wide awake, or our little people will catch them.

Questions in Jan. 5.

Ross A. Beard answers: Question 2—Jezabel, his wife; question 3—Gadaliah; question 4—Jacob. Mary Bell Fowler answers 2 and 4, like Ross, correctly. One answers question 3 by sending the name of Nehemiah and referring to Neh. vi. 14-18. Nehemiah was appointed governor, it is true, not by Nebuchadnezzar, but by Artaxerxes. Do not be discouraged by a mistake. We are all trying to learn.

To the question: "How many times did Moses fast forty days and nights?" we have three answers. Ross A. Beard answers: Moses fasted forty days and nights: 1. When he went up into the mountain to receive the tables of stone. 2. When he cast them off his hand. 3. When he told the people to go up and possess the land, and they believed him not. 4. When the two tables were restored.

H. W. Davis writes: Moses fasted three times, forty days and forty nights each time—twice on the mountain, and once when he was interceding with God for the sin of the people for making and worshipping the golden calf. See Ex. xxxiv:28; Deut. ix:18.

And Mary Bell Fowler writes: the 5th verse of the 9th chapter of Deut. declares that Moses fasted forty days and forty nights while in the mount, and the 15th verse, that he fasted the same length of time when he came down from the mount, and from the 25th verse we infer that he continued the fast as before to save the people from destruction. We know that he fasted twice forty days and forty nights, and suppose that he did so the third time.

Two say he fasted three times and the other says four times; so this knot is not yet untied. Now let every one read up the history of Moses, or have your ps or ms or older brothers and sisters or their preacher to help you, and find out the proper answer.

Questions.

Ross A. Beard asks: 1. Who succeeded Moses in the government of the Israelites? 2. What marks the place where the children of Israel crossed the river Jordan? 3. What became of the five kings who hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah? 4. What did the children of the tribe of Reuben and Gad call the altar they built by the river Jordan? Was Shem born before God commanded Noah to build the ark? If so, was Noah one hundred and twenty years in building the ark?

Lizzie Hawkins sends another subscriber to the Advocate. She is a little home missionary. Will not all our little people join in the effort to place the Advocate in the home of some children where it is not taken. She is anxious to secure a Testament, of large print, for a neighbor. The publishers will write her about it. Lizzie also wishes to send some money for the missionaries this year.

Uncle Ike was glad to receive that nice letter from Anna Lidenbrook, telling about her beautiful pet cat, and her kind teacher. Does Manie ever think how kind the good Lord has been to give her such kind parents and teachers to lead her to that better land? All the new names have been placed on our Bible class.

OUR LITTLE MISSIONARIES.

R. K. Switzer writes that in Comanche they have a missionary society without twenty-five members. There ought to be a children's missionary society in every Sunday-school.

Uncle Ike was glad to hear from Corra L. Gregory that she is still reading her Testament as she had promised. That Bible was a beautiful present from her uncle. Its words are of more value than silver or gold, and Uncle Ike hopes that the "First steps for little feet in gospel paths," which her papa has, will guide her to the good world. She also writes: "I gave forty cents missionary money to Bro. Sims—fifteen cents for myself and collected twenty-five cents. I earned nine picking cotton." So Corra is a little missionary.

Uncle Ike has a nice letter from Jasper, containing five dollars for a certain mission. It will be sent as directed. The money was given by the little folks of Jasper. Will the writer give Uncle Ike's love to the little people, and tell them he hopes they will always be willing to work for the Savior, and for the heathen children for whom Jesus died?

About a Ghost I saw.

We give the children a letter written to them from Kentucky. If any of them are afraid to go about in the dark, this story may show them how foolish are their fears.

Children who have the misfortune to be attended to by negro nurses, are exposed to the superstitious notions and the ghost stories peculiar to illiterate negroes, and especially to the negro race. Parents cannot be too careful in disabusing the minds of their children in regard to supposed or apparent spirits or ghosts. The fact is before us that dead bodies cannot rise without God's permission, and this he will

not grant, usually, until the general resurrection. Spirits are not visible. And even if they were, what harm could they do us? But to my story: When at my boyhood home in Richmond, Va., our residence was on Main street, in the second and third floors above; a store occupying the first story. In those days boys had neither fire nor light to undress by. Though a lad of eight summers, my chamber was in the third story, where I slept by myself. The report was current, among the colored servants, that an old Scotch gentleman had committed suicide by cutting his throat in the room that I slept in. Many were the tales told of the cut throat man about the premises at undue hours of the night. Of course the effect was more or less felt by all the juveniles of the household. It was summer time and waking from sleep, as the moonlight streamed through an open window, sure enough to my eyes, not yet quite awake, I saw distinctly the figure of the suicide, and the well marked gash in his throat. As I heard a quiet rattle of garments, I saw the image, dressed in white, waving his arms towards me, as if beckoning me to come to him. Thanks to a good mother's careful teaching, I had no faith in ghosts; still, my little heart thumped unpleasantly. At first I covered my head in terror and hid under the bed clothes. Then a moment after I thought, ghost or no ghost, I will try your reality. At this I quietly felt by the side of my bed for my shoes, and taking one, I hurried it with all my might at my supposed spirit visitor. The shoe struck something, then fell to the floor. The ghost was gone. In its place I saw that a sheet had been hung out to dry, and as the wind moved it, the moonlight falling on the moving sheet, by the aid of my excited fancy, formed the terrible image that I had seen. By this time I had enough courage to approach and handle my ghost visitor. I returned to my bed, went to sleep again, and have never had another sight of a real ghost.

Our excited imaginations are the ghost factories. Even in the dark we need fear no visitor from the graveyard. Dear children, there are no ghosts except in minds excited by foolish superstitions.—W. H. ANDERSON, CARLEISLE, KY.

A Little Rush-Light.

BY ERNEST GILMORE.

Nealie Wood, a little seven-year-old girl, had come from the country parsonage, where the whole of her short life had been spent, to visit her little city cousin, Mary Keller. She was having a "wonderful time" she said, and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Keller, seventeen-year-old Fannie and fifteen-year-old Harry all loved Nealie, and no wonder, for she was a bright, loving, wise child, as wise as an old man, and sunny as summer sunshine. She was a useful little body, too, and the said Nealie was glad to see her. Nealie's hair in a half-dozen cat-tails, so as to make it all crinkly on the morrow. When the work was all done, Mary proposed that she and Nealie should have a play reception—set the table and receive calls just as Fannie does. In a pretty little room between the dining-room and library the children arranged for the reception. The doors into both rooms were slightly ajar, and unknown to the children, the rooms were occupied, Fannie being in the library writing a letter, and Harry in the dining-room reading an interesting book. Both were so deeply engaged that they gave no thought to the children until they heard Nealie say joyously as she spread the banquet: "O Mary, Mary! we can be happier than queens, can't we? Isn't Fannie the dearest girl in the world to let us have all these things. Ham sandwiches and teeny pickles, and a dish of chicken-salad, and jellies and frosted cakes—O my!" "She ought to let us have 'em," said Mary in a matter-of-fact tone, "because she's got 'em." "I wish she'd let us have scalloped oysters and palmetto cake and wine. I wish she'd let us have a little wine to play with; but I don't know where she is, 'an so I can't ask her; 'n' 'twouldn't do no good if we did, 'cause I've tussled an' tussled her before an' she won't let me have any to play with."

The joy all died out of Nealie's voice as she asked soberly: "Does Fannie pass real wine to folks on New Year's day?" "Why, of course; it wouldn't be New Year's without wine."

Fannie, in the library, fairly winced at this remark of her little sisters; she was suddenly sobered into a thoughtful mood. Was it her fault that New Year and wine were bound together in her sister's mind? She felt that it was. "I'm so sorry that dear Fannie passes wine. Does she know it makes folks drunk?" Nealie said, with a quiver in her voice. "I don't know whether she does or not, but I do know that Harry likes wine."

"Aren't you sorry?" "No, I don't hurt Harry; he'll never be a drunkard, my handsome, darling Harry."

"He is handsome, and I think he is a darling, too," Nealie answered; "he's been so good to me, taking me all over and buying me this great, beautiful wax dollie. I love Cousin Harry, but I wish he didn't like wine."

"Some one in the dining room winced then. "What's the use of frettin' over a little wine? Harry likes it, and Fannie will pass it on New Year's day. You can't help it, and I can't, so let's play. Please pour out the coffee, Nealie. There comes Mr. Christopher Adkins; pass him the first cup, Nealie."

New Year came, a bright, glad day. Callers came and went all through the pleasant hours, but none were the worse for their reception at Fannie Keller's.

"Nothing stronger than coffee," she said, with a glad smile of greeting; "we've healed the breach in the wall before the enemy had time to take our country. Aren't you glad?"

Yes, they seemed to be glad, and they called Fannie a brave girl; but she would not accept any credit. Point-

ing to Nealie, who with Mary was playing in an adjoining room, she said: "It was my little country cousin who taught me not to tempt my friends. We were treading a dark pathway until our 'rush-light' came."

When the children went to their room that night Nealie entered first, and Mary, hurrying after, handed a package to her cousin. "From Harry," she said.

Nealie looked at the package, labeled "For the little rush-light which illumined our eyes."

"What does it mean, Mary? Who is a rush-light?" "Why, you, of course; hurry up, Nealie, and untie the package. You'll find the loveliest New Year's book you ever saw saw."—Youth's Temperance Banner.

Two Ways. Fred and Joe are boys of the same age. Both have their way to make in the world. This is the way Joe does: When work is before him he writes as long as he can—he hates to touch it. Then he does not half do it. He is almost sure to stop before it is done. He does not care if fault is found. He says, "I can't help it" or "I don't care."

Fred's way is not the same. He goes straight to his work, and does it as soon as he can and as well as he can. He never slights work for play, though he likes play as well as Joe does. If he does not know how to do a piece of work, he will ask some one who does know, and then he takes care to remember. He says, "I never want to be ashamed of my work."

Which boy do you think will make a man to be trusted?—E.

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CITATION. No. 11,112. The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Galveston County—Greeting: Each thereof having been made as required by law, you are hereby commanded that you cause publication of this writ in some newspaper published in Galveston County, Texas, to be made on three consecutive days before the return day of the writ, to be made and appear before the Honorable District Court of Galveston County, Texas, to be held on the fourth day of February, 1884, at the court house thereof, in the city of Galveston, Texas, to answer the petition of Felix H. Hart, Albert Weis and Robert Weis, filed in said court, and alleging in substance that said defendant, on the 15th day of Sept., 1881, executed and delivered to the plaintiffs a promissory note, in writing, by which he agreed to pay to the plaintiffs, at their office in the city and county of Galveston, on or before the 15th day of January, 1882, the sum of Three hundred and Twenty-eight and 25/100 cents (\$328.25); that said sum was due and payable on the 15th day of Sept., 1881, and that the defendant, though often requested to do so, has neglected and refused to pay the same, or any part thereof, wherefore the plaintiffs pray for judgment.

Herein full and true copy of the writ and thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: ALLEN EASTON, Clerk District Court, Galveston Co. By EDWIN BRUCE, Deputy. A true copy I certify. TIM FINN, Constable Galveston Co.

CITATION. No. 2332. The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Galveston County—Greeting: Each thereof having been made as required by law, you are hereby commanded that you cause publication of this writ in some newspaper published in said county once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day of the writ, to be made and appear before the Honorable District Court of Galveston County, Texas, to be held on the fourth day of February, 1884, at the court house thereof, in said county, to answer the petition of Felix H. Hart, Albert Weis and Robert Weis, filed in said court, and alleging in substance that said defendant, on the 15th day of Sept., 1881, executed and delivered to the plaintiffs a promissory note, in writing, by which he agreed to pay to the plaintiffs, at their office in the city and county of Galveston, on or before the 15th day of January, 1882, the sum of Three hundred and Twenty-eight and 25/100 cents (\$328.25); that said sum was due and payable on the 15th day of Sept., 1881, and that the defendant, though often requested to do so, has neglected and refused to pay the same, or any part thereof, wherefore the plaintiffs pray for judgment.

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Witness: P. S. WREN, Clerk of County Court, Galveston Co. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, this 20th day of Decem-ber, A. D. 1883. P. S. WREN, C. C. G. C. A true copy, I certify. TIM FINN, Constable, G. C.

CITATION. No. 2984. The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Galveston County—Greeting: Each thereof having been made as required by law, you are hereby commanded that you cause publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day of the writ, to be made and appear before the Honorable District Court of Galveston County, Texas, to be held on the fourth day of February, 1884, at the court house thereof, in the city of Galveston, Texas, to answer the petition of Felix H. Hart, Albert Weis and Robert Weis, filed in said court, and alleging in substance that said defendant, on the 15th day of Sept., 1881, executed and delivered to the plaintiffs a promissory note, in writing, by which he agreed to pay to the plaintiffs, at their office in the city and county of Galveston, on or before the 15th day of January, 1882, the sum of Three hundred and Twenty-eight and 25/100 cents (\$328.25); that said sum was due and payable on the 15th day of Sept., 1881, and that the defendant, though often requested to do so, has neglected and refused to pay the same, or any part thereof, wherefore the plaintiffs pray for judgment.

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Witness: W. E. DANIELL, Deputy. Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office this, the twenty-sixth day of December, 1883. W. E. DANIELL, Deputy. A true copy I certify. TIM FINN, Constable Galveston County.

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How many religion is one of the chief needs of the church. Every pastor feels its importance. The home circle is the chief field of a religious paper.

Several admirable Christmas and New Year articles reached us too late for insertion. Such papers should be sent prior to those anniversaries.

We invite the special attention of the correspondents of the ADVOCATE to the directions for mailing letters, in the first column of the first page.

"I am junior preacher under the ADVOCATE." So writes a presiding elder who carries up every corner of his work.

This week we laid aside several well written communications with regret, because the writer had failed to send his or her name with the manuscript.

It breathes in sending postals would separate the secular from the religious intelligence it would be a great relief to the editor.

The cost of the churches of New York city, estimated at \$3,600,000 per annum, while the income from the theaters is set down at \$7,600,000.

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Among the Christmas and New Year's gifts presented the boys and girls of Texas, how many were in the form of a good paper, magazine or book.

The letters from some of our brethren reporting the kind welcome they have received in their new pastoral charges make us think of what the Saviour said those should receive who left home and kindred for the sake of Christ and his kingdom.

Our experience of every successful revival preacher can furnish instances where special prayer for a child, a husband, or a friend has been answered.

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. ADVICE TEXAS JANUARY 11--Dr. Gaskell is dead. He fell by accident from a horse while on his way to church.

At times he exercised wonderful power over his congregations. He was seventy-nine years of age at the time of his death, and full of years and of labors he has closed his earthly mission.

There are said to be thirty different evangelical agencies at work in Italy.

A MAN who has a pocket full of ready money feels comfortable; but the man who has a check-book, and can draw to the full amount of his wants, is still better off.

No man can tell what he can do until he tries. If each preacher will put forth his full strength on all proper occasions, this centennial year, every pledge made to our educational movements, to the missionary work and our work-out preachers and their families, will be up in full.

During the month of November last the city of Paris had the French wines brought to that market tested, and it was ascertained that only 65 out of 1518 samples were free from injurious adulterations.

The Richmond Advocate, speaking of the work of the centennial year says: "The old Virginia Conference must not be behind in any one particular, either in thanksgivings or thank-offerings."

Since the beginning of last year the people in nearly two hundred communities in Germany have declared in favor of suspending work and closing the stores on Sunday.

The tide of immigration is pouring into Mexico. The railroads are opening that region, with its vast natural resources, to Anglo Saxon enterprise.

An acquaintance was complaining that the contribution-box was presented every time he went to church. We asked him if he was a dead-head at the opera-house.

The Alabama Advocate tells of a man who has been a "liberal giver and an abundant worker" in the Methodist Church for many years, who says he intends to "double himself in everything during this centennial year."

REV. A. D. GASKELL. We received from Revs. J. T. L. Annis and Wesley Smith news this week of the dangerous illness of Dr. Gaskell.

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"UNLEARNED AND IGNORANT MEN."

That was the judgment which Annas, the high priest, and Calaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, pronounced concerning Peter and John; and the same opinion has been freely, and perhaps not improperly, expressed about many of the Methodist preachers of the early years of this century.

In Bishop Capers' autobiography he gives this illustration of the scarcity of ministers, and the wonderful success of a very humble instrument: In Fayetteville, North Carolina, there was no church building, and but one congregation (Presbyterian) that worshiped in the old State-house.

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THE membership of the Disciples, or Campbellites, as shown by their recent convention, is 650,000. Their greatest strength is in Ohio, Indiana, and other Western States.

LEO XXII. is reported to have recently said to Bishop Keene, of Richmond, Va.: "There is no country in the world where I am so much Pope as in the United States."

THE largest amount any annual conference in the Northern branch of Methodism has raised, in one year, for missions is that of the late Philadelphia Conference. It was upwards of \$46,000.

THE papers report that we have 565 distilleries against 356 last year, yet the distillers ask Congress to give them aid and comfort by suspending the revenue law against 80,000,000 gallons of whisky now in bond.

It was rumored at Rome the 10th that the Pope is about to issue an encyclical letter regarding the Masons, in which a distinction is to be made between continental and English secret societies.

the ministry; and not a few institutions of learning for the general improvement of our people, especially our ministry, both traveling and local.

We are not authorized to speak for the Baptists; but we are satisfied they are not behind in the march of improvement. They have, in Texas, two universities; any number of institutions of a lower grade; newspapers; doctors of divinity by the dozen, and we know not how many learned professors of the various sciences.

PULPIT POWER.

"We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." Silence would have been treason to Christ and a terrible wrong to the world. Christ came to redeem, and hence the fear Peter felt for the "rulers of the people" was lost in the over-mastering impulse to tell the wonderful things Christ had revealed.

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The need for a faithful guide is ever present. As pilgrims and strangers here we never become so thoroughly acquainted with the country as to be our own infallible guides and counselors. The fogs are too dense to see many rods beyond the present.

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The annual report of Harvard college shows considerable decrease in students from New England and a large increase from the Middle States. The treasurer's report shows the general investments to be \$4,625,000, giving an annual increase of \$248,000, yet a call is made for an endowment for the law school of \$100,000.

The Pope has presented a life-like portrait of himself to Archbishop Gibbons for the Catholic council to be convened in Baltimore in November next on the occasion of the ninety-fifth anniversary of the Metropolitan See. The decisions made during the recent conference of American bishops will be printed for the use of the bishops who will attend the council in Baltimore.

SPIRIT OF THE SOUTHERN METHODIST PRESS.

Always With Us. (From the Richmond Advocate.) The poor are always with us. Blessed is he that considers them. He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

A Revival in Every Charge.

We say that the Centenary year should open with a revival in every pastoral charge. We shall not move into a genuine revival with a flourish of trumpets and a glorying in our past history and present greatness, but by recognizing, and deeply repenting of the sins of the past.

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1. Seek the conversion or reclamation of all that can be converted or reclaimed. Let this be a special feature of the gracious work of our Centenary year. Nothing is more urgently needed--nothing will be more pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Excise the incorrigible. The church cannot afford to enter upon its next century dead-weighted with worldliness and wickedness within its own pale. Church discipline can never be obsolete as long as there is a living Church of Christ on earth.

To the Local Preachers in Chappel Hill District.

To the Advocate. At the first of the year I wish to say a few things to you. There are in this district nearly forty local preachers. Without boasting, I believe that the talent among them will compare favorably with any other class of men.

There are many places where such work can be done better by a local preacher than by any other man. I ask you to look out these places and not only have an "appointment," but let the people know you cannot do business for the Lord on his people. Go to these places with a demand from the Lord for a house. You are business men and know how to do this sort of work.

There was in all the reports made by the local preachers on this district last year but one who reported anything of a *general* nature. Bro. J. H. Stone reported he had secured so many acres of land, had it deeded to our church, raised so much money and had a house that was on that land repaired, seated, and made comfortable for worship.

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SOUTHERN METHODISM.

The total contributions of the M. E. Church, South, in 1874 for foreign missions amounted to \$37,000. In 1882 they reached \$188,272.22. This year will mark a still more notable advance.

A revival is reported in Sedalia, Missouri, Rev. D. C. Brown, pastor. There have been 200 conversions and 115 accessions to the church. We trust such revivals will mark the history of every pastoral charge in our southern church this centennial year.

A recent meeting in the Miami charge, Southwest Missouri Conference, has resulted in 150 conversions. Rev. J. A. Greening, a transfer from the Illinois Conference, is in charge of this work.

A revival at Mount Olivet, Kentucky Conference, is reported by Rev. W. B. Godbey. There were 61 additions to the church, 97 professed conversion, and 47 sanctification.

The Mexican Messenger reports the proceedings of the Mexican District Conference, held recently in the City of Mexico. Pastors from eight charges and lay delegates from six were present.

The Christian Neighbor is confident the fifty thousand Methodists of South Carolina can raise the \$12,000 needed to endow Wofford College and pay the debt of Columbia Female College.

Dr. Hendrix says this in the St. Louis Advocate: "What we celebrate is not the increase in the number of Methodist preachers from 83 to 27,000, or the growth of her members to over 4,000,000 in one hundred years."

Dr. Young says, in the Nashville Advocate: "I venture to say that every presiding elder in Southern Methodism who falls at his next district conference, to report all assessments paid in full, will make a meager showing."

The centenary committee of the Shelbyville District, Kentucky, Conference have decided to publish, in pamphlet form, a list of the membership in the district, with the amount contributed by each to the centenary fund.

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Southern Methodist Personal.

Bishop Wilson made nearly ninety changes at the late session of the South Carolina Conference. In a letter to the Richmond Advocate of January 10th, Bishop Granberry says: "Three months ago I discovered that my sight was impaired."

Here at Del Rio, a town of perhaps 3000 souls, no church pews with its spire to the blue heavens above, as Sabbath after Sabbath passes, and no dejected bell peals its warning note to the careless and reckless to attend on the hour of devotion and prayer.

Dr. A. H. Redford, formerly Book Agent, is reported very ill at his home in Nashville, Tenn. Until further notice Bishop Hargrove's postoffice will be Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. R. N. Freeman and wife, and Rev. J. J. Ransom, one of our missionaries in Brazil, writes the Nashville Advocate that he expects to build the proposed college in Rio during the centenary year.

The New Orleans Advocate of Jan. 10th has this pleasant notice: "Miss Charlotte Halloran, our brave young missionary in the City of Mexico for several years past, was married in this city, on New Year's day, by Bishop Parker, to Prof. Samuel J. Jones, of the Southwestern University. They left the same day for Georgetown, Texas."

Bishop McTearle is said to be busy on his history of the centenary of American Methodism. The Nashville Advocate of the 5th says: "Dr. McTearle gave the Methodist preachers of Nashville a pleasant surprise at their regular meeting on Monday morning. He addressed the body briefly and touchingly, and all joined in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his mercy. He is steadily gaining strength, but yet shows the marks of his severe sickness."

The Nashville Advocate of the 12th has this interesting notice: "Miss Mary McTearle, a young lady from the Nashville, Tenn. Conference, who has been attending the Louisiana Conference, which began its session in New Orleans on Wednesday. He will then go to Florida and look after the wants of the southern portion of that State in the matter of church work. He is in the best of health, and reports favorably of the work of the Lord in his department."

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Rev. Jacob Freshman the Jewish missionary in New York city, expects to visit Baltimore on a mission to his Hebrew brethren in that city. A tribute to the memory of William Tinsley, who gave to the English speaking people the Bible in their own language, is to be raised in a monument on the Thames embankment in London.

Monsignore Savarese, one of the oldest domestic prelates in St. Paul's American church at Rome, was a member of the chosen ecclesiastics whom Pius IX appointed to prepare the celebrated Syllabus against what Rome calls modern errors. He has been recognized as one of the first theologians in the Roman Curia. He has lately renounced obedience to the Pope. This action reveals unrest in the heart of the papal church.

Lord Shaftesbury recently attended, at Oxford, a society of which he was an active member a half century ago, and seemed to have lost but little of his youthful energy and enthusiasm.

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News, Notes and Comments.

A treaty between Chili and Bolivia has been agreed on which does not interfere with the Peruvian question.

The Russian police have been able to find no clue to whereabouts of Joffe, the principal murderer of Col. Suklekin.

St. Petersburg police have seized documents showing that a revolutionary league exists among the students of Moscow.

Stephen Richard, who was hanged at Auburn, California, for murder, January 11, mounted the scaffold smoking a cigar.

B. Frank Moore was under arrest at Chicago, January 11, for using the mails in the interest of the Louisiana lottery. Of what use is law if it is not enforced?

The Russian senate has decided to endeavor to obtain the immediate abrogation of the anti-Jewish laws, which were passed in 1882.

Count Herbert von Bismarck, counselor of the German embassy at London, has been transferred to the German embassy at St. Petersburg.

A white man named Williams, in South Carolina, killed the dog of a colored man named Anderson. Then Anderson killed Williams, and January 11 the State had Anderson hung.

The rumor that the nihilists recently attempted to murder the chief of police of St. Petersburg, was the latest sensation of that sorry troubled city.

On the 15th the Ohio legislature elected Henry B. Payne United States Senator. He had no opposition, the Republicans in both houses voting blank.

It is rumored at London that owing to Fenian threats the garrison at Windsor Castle has been ordered to be in readiness to turn out at a moment's notice.

Alexandria, Egypt, is to be placed under sanitary reforms according to British ideas. Christian civilization carries with it cleanliness as well as morality.

On the 11th a tremendous ice gorge was forming in the Susquehanna river at Fort Deposit; the river was rising, and the people fleeing to the highlands. It was raining hard and the snow melting.

A man named Schenck, at Vienna, Austria, has confessed the murder and robbery of four girls whose confidence he gained under promise of marriage. There are reports of human depravity outside the lids of the Bible.

The storm on the Atlantic coast, the night of Jan. 8th, destroyed a portion of the pier at Long Branch. Several small vessels were driven ashore. At Coney Island the loss is estimated at \$500,000. Brighton beach hotel was wrecked.

The Comte de Paris has gone to Madrid on the invitation of King Alfonso. A crowd of royalists were at the depot at Paris, notwithstanding he desired his departure to be quiet, and handed him an address in the name of the Loyal League.

A meeting of pork-packers in St. Louis, Mo., passed resolutions requesting the Missouri delegation in congress to take measures to protect their pork interest from the injurious and unjust course of France and Germany in prohibiting the importation of hog products from America into those countries.

A fight between the Chippewa and Pottawatomie Indians, on their reservations in Wisconsin, was reported at Chicago on the 10th. Two ponies of the Chippewas strayed into the camp of the other Indians and were shot. A few days afterwards their head met, and there were five dead Indians as the result.

On the 9th the pilgrimage to the tomb of Victor Emmanuel, in Rome, was attended by 60,000 persons from all parts of Italy. The deputation in the procession bore banners and marched through the principal streets to the Pantheon, for two hours defiled before the monument of the late king. Four hundred wreaths and other testimonials were placed on the tomb, which, with the chapel, was grandly decorated. Thus Italy honors the man whose services to his country brought him under the ban of the Vatican.

A man named Jeffrey, at Riverhead, L. I., killed his step-child by holding its body between his knees and twisting its head one way and then the other, until he broke its neck. The mother looked on while the deed was done. The brute confessed the crime, and said he hated the child because he was not his father, and it interfered with his wife's earning money for him. The mother admitted she made no resistance to the deed, as she could have no comfort while it lived. It is not pleasant to reflect that human nature can be guilty of such an atrocious deed.

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Washington. On the 11th the Senate elected Senator Anthony its president pro tem. He declined on account of feeble health, and President Edmunds was declared president of the Senate pro tem., and was duly sworn in. It is said that Hon. John A. Johnson, of Kansas, has promised to support a deep water bill for Galveston. As he has voted against appropriations for rivers and harbors, this indicates the increasing favor the movement is meeting at Washington. The number of bills already presented indicates a protracted session.

Austin. The leading question before the legislature is the adjustment of the fence cutting trouble. A majority of the senate committee on a stock reported, the 11th, in favor of the Terrell bill, with amendments. This bill regulates the grazing of stock and provides for the enforcement of penalties for its violation. It is said a minority report will be introduced. The stockmen from the north-west, southwest and east are not agreed as to the nature of the legislation demanded. All demand protection from fence cutters, but in reaching this result, it is evident that compromises must be made. The governor declares that, under existing laws, the power of the executive is insufficient to meet the emergency. If so, the legislature must supply the needed strength, and place means and men at his command. He needs also the moral support of the people. He should have it, or the law will not be enforced.

Admitted Milk. A leading condensed milk establishment in the famous milk district in New York State was compelled to suspend business recently, owing to the fact that notwithstanding all precautions the milk was regularly returned by the dealers as worthless. In order to arrive at a solution of the difficulty the milk supplied by each farmer was placed in a separate can and given to a chemist for analysis. The latter has just concluded his investigation, and reports that the milk contained in several of the cans had been diluted with from five to six quarts of water, to which a mixture of borax and saltpetre had been added to conceal the adulteration. Nobody will drink adulterated milk if they know it, and yet so the amount of whisky drunk in each State every year would bear a comparison.

Is there no Judgment Day? The Times Democrat says: "The following horrible story was sent over the wires from Des Moines on Jan. 5th: 'A Bohemian living near Fort Adkins had treated his bright little wife brutally ever since their marriage. She finally left him, but returned on his urgent promises to reform. Two nights afterwards he began his brutality again by pulling half of the hair out of her head. He then bit her nose and upper lip through, and took a dull butter knife and sawed through the bone and the nose and upper lip entirely off and threw them into the floor. He then said he would hit her eyes out and then he satisfied. At this juncture something frightened him away, and the wife ran out across the fields, reaching a neighbor's at 1 o'clock at night, nearly dead. The husband was arrested and has just been arrested near Rockford, Ill.'"

Frightened by His Face. Early one morning, Bulwer, the novelist, returned to his bed, from a gambling house, where he had been passing the last hours of the night. For the first time in his life he had played high; and, with the insidious good fortune so frequently attendant on the first steps along that wretched path, he had won a large sum of money, and his gains were great. But the ignoble emotions of the night had left their lingering traces in his face; and as he caught sight of his own features still waking and gleaming with the fever of a gambler's excitement, he started and looked up at his wife, who, for the first time, despised himself. It was then formed a resolution that, be the circumstances of his future life what they might, no inducement, whether of need or greed, should again tempt him to become a gambler.

Unanswered Letter List. Jan. 11.--C. M. Keith, subs. J. C. Weaver, subs. Geo. W. Riley, subs. W. R. Manning, subs. J. H. Jubb, subs. J. M. Blodgett, subs. W. J. Montague, subs. T. T. Booth, subs. W. H. Biggs, subs. S. N. Barker, subs. M. B. Johnson, subs. D. P. Fuller, subs. A. P. Smith, subs. A. L. Taylor, subs. cards sent. J. D. Crockett, subs. W. J. Jackson, subs. M. E. Blocker, subs. J. F. Denton, subs; cards sent. W. J. Vaughan, subs. W. H. LeFevre, subs. O. A. Fisher, subs. A. L. Taylor, subs. E. F. B. sub. J. F. Sherwood, subs. R. J. Peets, subs. L. L. Pickett, subs. cards sent. W. H. Adams, subs. J. F. Follin, subs. B. B. Sullivan, subs. L. I. Pickett, subs. N. F. Law, subs. J. M. Bares, subs. J. C. Callahan, subs. C. H. Shutt, subs. J. B. Dibrell, subs. R. H. Barnett, subs; 2 cards. C. B. Chappell, subs. J. R. Dora, subs. C. G. Connor, subs. J. L. Lewis, subs. J. W. Horn, subs. W. H. Carr, subs. Jubilee Adv. subs. J. W. Vest, subs. B. H. Bonds, subs. F. C. Stephenson, subs. James Horn, subs. L. M. Fowler, subs. J. E. Walker, subs. B. B. Gillett, subs. Jubilee Adv. subs. C. H. Adams, subs. cards sent. Sath Ward, subs. J. F. Childers, subs. Jas Tafolla, subs. A. A. Allison, subs. Jas S Davis, subs. M. T. Rogers, subs; cards sent. Jas W Hill, subs. Mrs. Viola Hunt, subs; cards sent. J. A. Wallace, subs. J. S. Hosmer, subs. C. W. Adams, subs. W. R. Davis, subs. J. H. Waldron, subs. W. S. Campbell, subs.

Match Making. Jonkoping, Sweden, has excelled itself. On Nov. 27th the world-famed match factory in that town, owing to a new set of improved machinery, turned out 1,600,000 boxes of matches, the huge logs of wood going in at one end and coming out at the other in an endless row of well-packed boxes. On the succeeding days the out-turn averaged 951,000 boxes.

Recovered from the Sea. Holland, in the last three centuries, has recovered from the sea at least 99,000 acres. The Lake of Hattum, between the former frontiers of 1840 and 1852, and the Zuyder Zee is in process of transformation into 500,000 valuable acres. Holland has now 1,479,000 oxen and cows, and her present output of cheese is estimated to be worth \$3,000,000.

The Poor in Paris. The outcry over the houses of the poor has spread to Paris. Alarming statistics are published of the increase of overcrowding and the consequent spread of disease, and no less than 650 schemes of reform have been presented to the Municipal Council. The deaths between 1870 and 1883 have increased per 100,000 inhabitants from 18 to 36 in typhoid fever, from 53 to 101 in diphtheria, from 11 to 71 in small-pox, from 30 to 43 in measles, and from 7 to 18 in scarlet fever.

Pork Packing. The Cincinnati Price Current for Jan. 10th, shows that for all points to date from Nov. 15th, a total of 3,845,000 hogs, were packed against 4,025,000 a year ago, being a deficiency of 180,000 hogs to date. Estimates for the entire season foot up 6,085,000, against 6,132,000 last year. The editor, however, expresses the belief that there will more likely be an increase in the number for the entire season than a decrease. It is believed the average weight will be below that of last year.

The Congo. The river Congo in Africa, draining a watershed of 800,000 square miles, and emptying a highway for foreign trade into the whole of the equatorial region. The imports of English manufactures are said to amount to \$500,000 per annum. Two British steam companies call regularly at the mouth of the river, and the gross exports and imports are stated to amount to \$2,000,000 per annum. Mr. Stanley declared that whatever power could possess itself of the river would absorb to itself the trade of the whole of the enormous basin behind.

A Prosperous State. Gov. Cleveland's long message is significant of a very prosperous condition of affairs in New York. For education the State government received last year \$13,000,000 and spent nearly \$12,000,000. In the 115 active savings banks in the State 1,000,000 depositors have accounts, aggregating \$29,581,000. There is the sum of \$11,950,000 on deposit in the 81 state banks of discount. The increase during the year in the deposits in the 200 banks coming under the supervision of the State authorities has been more than \$50,000,000. Two hundred insurance companies, fire, marine, life and casualty, have assets amounting to \$74,000,000, of which \$124,000,000 belongs to the respective surplus accounts. In its National Guard the State has an efficient army of nearly 12,000 men.

Star Route Expenses. A Times-Democrat Washington special says: Senator Van Wyck has made a calculation, based upon the report sent to the Senate by the Secretary of the Treasury, giving the fees and accounts of special counsel and other expenses of public prosecutions by the Department of Justice since March 1, 1881. He deduces there from the conclusion that George Bliss, of New York, has, together with his fees and expenses, been getting \$170 a day. There are some very curious expenses noted in the itemized accounts furnished by Secretary Folger. For instance such entries as those on the accounts of detectives employed by the Department of Justice: "Forty-five cents for drinks, while listening to conversation between suspected people; thirty cents for drinks while in Driver's saloon in search of information; fifty cents for admission to the Theater Comique in search of information; one dollar for dinner while seated in Harvey's Restaurant listening to conversation of star route sympathizers," etc.

MARRIED. CAMPBELL--SMITHER--At the residence of the bride's grandmother, on the evening of the 5th of November, 1883, by the Rev. H. M. DuBoise, Mr. Ben Campbell and Miss Edna Smithier, all of Huntsville.

WATSON--HORN--At the residence of the bride's father, January 6, 1884, by the Rev. W. R. Manning, Mr. W. C. Watson and Miss Elizabeth Horn; all of Lamar county, Texas.

HOWE--MOORE--At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. James B. Gregory, on the 31 of January, 1884, Mr. J. C. Howe and Miss Naunie C. Moore; all of Milan county, Texas.

MORTON--PETERS--At the residence of Bro. McKeehan, Eastland City, January 6, 1884, by Rev. J. M. Lane, Mr. W. L. Morton, of Eastland, and Miss Ollie E. Peters, of Cleary; all of Eastland county, Texas.

YARBROUGH--BOWDON--On Jan. 8, 1884, by Rev. M. E. Blocker, Mr. B. F. Yarbrough and Mrs. M. A. Bowdon.

HICKSON--SHERMAN--On Jan. 11, 1884, Mr. L. J. Hickson to Mrs. Aten Sherman, by Rev. B. J. H. Thomas; all of Colorado City, Texas.

TOWNSEND--LESTER--On Dec. 26, 1883, Mr. Harry C. Townsend to Miss Lydia A. Lester, by Rev. B. J. H. Thomas; all of Colorado City, Texas.

RANNEY--NORTON--At the residence of the bride's father, in Cottonwood, on the evening of January 3, 1884, by the Rev. D. C. Stark, Mr. M. F. Ranney and Miss L. E. Norton; all of Cottonwood, Callahan county, Texas.

OLPHINT--MOCK--At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mock, Dec. 19, 1883, by the Rev. J. G. Johnson, Mr. Thomas C. Olphint and Miss Emma Mock; all of Walker county, Texas.

DUBLAN--SPEER--At the residence of the bride's father, in Blanco City, Texas, January 8, 1884, by Rev. W. J. Joyce, Mr. Thomas Dublan and Miss Mattie O. Speer.

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