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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY. GALVESTON, Dec. 3.

The Texas Conference met in its annual session at St. John's Church, Galveston, Dec. 3, 1884, Bishop McVeyre presiding. The Conference was opened by the Bishop and the Conference joined in singing the hymn: "And are we yet alive?"

That hymn called up many scenes and associations, some sad and some triumphant. Those words sung in the Texas Conference of 1847, in the old Cedar Creek neighborhood—now Chappell Hill, Washington county, Bishop Capers in the chair, Alexander, Whipple, Wesson, Johnson, Th. J. DeVilbiss, Fisher, and others, were then in their prime.

The secretary of the last conference called to roll. A large number, both of the pastors and laymen, responded to their names. Only one was reported as having been called from labor to reward, Rev. S. J. Graves.

Respected Brethren:—The Board of Trustees of the Southwestern University respectfully submit this, their Annual Report, to this venerable body. We congratulate the church upon the enlarged spirit of liberality which has characterized the past year.

Southwestern University. STATEMENT MADE OCTOBER 28, 1884. University Building and Campus value, \$35,000.00. Young Ladies College and Campus, value, 5,000.00. Apparatus, 1,000.00.

Rev. H. A. Bourland has secured Notes and cash donations as shown by Treasurer's books, \$41,889.34-1/2. Additional notes not yet turned over to Treas., 2,410.00.

THE GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

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Centennial Conference. The Executive Committee of the Centennial Conference has made arrangements for a centennial celebration of the Sunday-schools of the city of Baltimore, Sunday, December 14, 1884, at 3 p. m.

REVIVAL NEWS.

1. Accession. W. W. Dallas, Nov. 24: I have been appointed to Floyd Street Church, Dallas, preached yesterday, and to a very good congregation. The people received us kindly and the beginning was very satisfactory to the preacher.

2. Accessions. R. McDONALD, Uvalde, Nov. 20: Bro. Thrall was here and held our first quarterly meeting on the 15th and 16th. We had an interesting communion service on the Sabbath.

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VITAL QUESTIONS.

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Monday Letters, No. 6.

BY H. M. DUBOSE.

The Atonement—Literary Difficulties—Moral Theory—Evolution—Scientific—Recent Utterances—Professor Swinburn's Lecture, etc.

Moving amid the slowly unfolding mysteries of this lower world, with yearnings and strange longings, is the noblest of all mysteries—man. And man is unexplained without associating his hopes and beings with the mystery of the cross.

God's plan of saving the world made the literal death of Christ a necessity. It is safe to say there was no other plan known to omniscience or available in the hands of omnipotence.

Mr. Watson, our own great theological light, says that the forgiveness of sin in the true faith in Christ is an infinitely higher good to other intelligences than its unconditional doom under penalty of justice.

It was necessary for man's redemption that Christ should be the atoning sacrifice. In the councils of divine wisdom he was slain from the foundation of the world.

It is not important that we should know how the remission of sin is the result of the death of Christ. It is sufficient to know that through his death remission is bestowed.

The early teachers of religion had no theory of the Atonement. The language of the Pauline gospel came welling up with holy warmth from their souls.

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even by laymen and the unscientific. With reference to its greatest asserted fact, generation and development by "natural selection and the survival of the fittest," and hence the inferred origin of man in protoplasm and his descent from monkeys and what not, if it is indeed a fact, it is a fact encased in a tissue of absurdities.

Professor Swing, of Chicago, after traveling in wide circles about wholesome truth, came near the truth in the following extract from a recent lecture on the much discussed topic of evolution:

Toward a solution of the universe nothing has been accomplished. Nor can there be any hope that future ages will determine any of the above vexed questions.

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BY W. B. ANDERSON, D. D., To the Advocates.

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A MIGHTY FORCE.

Faith is a mighty force. It is the power that keeps the business of the world in motion. A leading paper in the North, which did not favor the election of Cleveland, mentions the fact "that idle furnaces were starting up" as soon as the result of the presidential canvass was announced.

Its influence upon the religious history of the Dark Continent will be immense. The extension of the empire of England in India has opened the way for the gospel among the crowded millions of Asia. Christianity will follow wherever the flag of civilized nations shall float.

The Brenham Banner intimates that there is a class of men who covet the office of deputy sheriff because it permits them to carry six-shooters without danger of arrest. The sheriff of Washington county, it says, has declined making several deputy-sheriffs of this character. We commend his action as worthy of universal official imitation.

Credit is but another name for faith. If it is so potential when it rests on human guarantees, what is its power when it lays hold on the promises of God. The apostle was speaking of the words of "truth and soberness" when he said that the heroes of faith, through its power, "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of aliens."

When man shields himself behind omnipotence he is secure against every foe. When his drafts of prayer are accepted before God's throne he has no more occasion to fear approaching want than had Elijah when he was fed in the desert, with food provided by angels' hands. Combinations may concentrate their skill and force to accomplish his overthrow, but one promise of God is a safeguard against every assault. By faith we overcome the world.

DANIEL had the cares of an empire on his mind, and yet he found time to retire three times a day, and with his windows open toward Jerusalem, to offer prayer to God. Religion was the business of his life. It was not merely an adjustable adjunct which could conform its duties and obligations to the supreme claims of business or official life; but the duties and interests of life were required to adjust themselves to claims of his religion. Affairs of state engaged his thoughts, but when the time for his morning or midday or evening intercourse with Jehovah had arrived he was found at the footstool of the throne of God. Questions of policy, the decree of the king, the plots of relentless foes made no difference in his devotions. It was more important that he should retain his place in the Court of Israel's God, than to be the prime minister of the King of Babylon. How many homes are there in Texas where the head of the family finds his life so crowded with business cares that he never prays with his family, nor calls on God in secret unless some great trouble crowds him to the mercy seat.

We knew a preacher who had been instrumental in winning thousands to the cross. Many are still living who were converted under his ministry, and are useful as members or as preachers. His voice in the day of his prime was a trumpet ever heard in the van of battle. He is an old man now, and is a superannuate. His last days are a prolonged struggle with poverty. The church owes that man a debt. It will wake up to the memory of his worth when at conferences his memorial services are observed.

THE CONGO CONFERENCE.

The conference, now in session in Berlin, to adjust the claims and relations of the leading powers of the civilized world, respecting the vast domain recently opened to the civilized world in Africa, is one of the most important movements of the present generation. The great powers of Europe are waking up to a realization of the far-seeing sagacity of English statesmanship which has caused her to plant colonies in distant lands, and to extend her empire over the different continents, until now the sun never sets on the British flag. Her dominion in India embraces a population of 240,000,000, and all the resources and commerce of that vast empire swell the wealth and power of Albion.

Germany feels the importance of extending her dominions. Every year the tide of emigration depletes her population, and she needs colonies where she can plant her people as she leaves her over-crowded shores, and this makes them a source of strength, while they will command the commerce of the lands where they may be established.

France is moving in the same line, but her aggressive movements in China and Madagascar are commanding but little sympathy from the Christian civilization of the age. The Congo Conference aims, in the interest of peace, to settle all conflicting claims, and to extend the boundaries of commerce and civilization by peaceful methods. This peaceful character is one of its leading characteristics. Each power presents its claim, and their interests are respected and their rights sustained. In that peaceable assembly we see one of the triumphs of Christianity.

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BISHOP WILEY.

Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, D.D., LL. D., of the M. E. Church, North, died in Fochow, China, Nov. 22. He was born in Lewistown, Penn., March 25, 1825; was converted in his tenth year and joined the church on probation, but was not admitted to full membership until his fourteenth year. He was licensed as an exhorter in his seventeenth year, and as a local preacher in his eighteenth year. His voice failing, from over-work in the pulpit and altar, he studied medicine. His voice returning, he was selected as medical missionary in Fochow. Here he was called to bury his wife, who had gladly shared with him the toil of missionary life. His health failing, he returned to America in 1854 and labored in the Newark Conference. In 1864 he was elected editor of the Ladies Repository, and in 1872 he was elected bishop. In 1877 he visited Japan and China, and organized the China Conference in the city where he had labored as a missionary in earlier years. Bishop Wiley was a man of superior administrative ability, and as a preacher was clear, forcible and instructive. Though frail in body and often a sufferer, he met all the demands of the office his church called him to fill. He was one of the first missionaries his church had sent to China, and it seemed a fitting close of a useful life for him to die in the mission field, and in the city where he had in his early ministry labored to plant the gospel of Christ.

WACO, TEXAS, Dec. 1, 1884. My horse, a large brown one, branded F with half circle over it, and shod all around, left me last night at Mooresville, Falls county. He is perhaps still in that section. Will any friend, hearing of such animal astray, write me a postal card?—SAM'L P. WRIGHT.

There were plenty of critics in the army of Israel when David went out to meet Goliath. Some may have admired his courage but they thought but little of his judgment. The idea of a stripling meeting a trained man of war in battle was to them folly in the extreme. Then his armor was not suited to the conflict. His enemy had a heavy spear, his sword was sharp, and his body was shielded by a coat of mail, while David had no weapons but a staff and a sling and few smooth stones from the brook. The critics could tell the result before the fight begun. Yet perhaps some in that army sent up a prayer to Israel's God to go with the brave shepherd boy who was going out to meet their terrible foe.

It is an easy matter to criticize the preacher. How often those who ought to hold up his hands are the prophet of inevitable failure. He can not meet the expectations of the people. None but a man of extraordinary pulpit ability can draw a congregation in that particular town or city. His style does not suit their taste. He has none of the modern armor on. He preaches the plain old fashioned doctrines as he finds them in the gospel. It is folly to expect the church to prosper with such a leader at the head of its hosts. They leave out of sight the God of Israel. They see the might of Goliath, but forget that the man whom God supports must win the battle.

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THANKSGIVING DAY RATIONALLY AND SCRIPTURALLY REGARDED.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 1st Chron. XXIX: 11-15.

The above scripture indicates the only rational ground of thanksgiving—the divine supremacy. It is in harmony with other passages. "High God," "Most High," "Most High God," are terms employed to show that he is, as styled in the text, "Head Above All."

Headship implies correlation; not isolation. "Both riches and honor come of thee," says David. His whole life illustrates this fact. When God chose him he was but a shepherd boy. This closes his record: "David, the son of Jesse, reigned over all Israel. And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor, and Solomon, his son, reigned in his stead." 1st Chron. xxix: 27, 28.

Solomon also illustrates the same fact: "Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David, his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him." "And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of King David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. And the Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king in Israel." 1st Chron xxix: 23-25.

The supremacy and beneficence of God are recognized in all public proclamations under which we convene; but from prudential considerations the divinity of Jesus Christ is not usually clearly recognized in thanksgiving proclamations. We as a Christian people tolerate Jewish and deistic worship, but we will not surrender faith in Jesus Christ, and his holy worship, out of mere complacency to Jews and deists. In the first chapter of Revelation, Jesus Christ is characterized as "The Prince of the Kings of the Earth," the "Alpha and Omega," the "Beginning and the Ending," "Him which is and which was and which is to come," "The Almighty."

Believing it to be the will of God "that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the father," we emphasize the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We call to remembrance that the aged Simeon took the infant Redeemer up in his arms and blessed God, and said: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." And also that the prophetess Anna, a widow of about four-score and four years, coming into the temple that instant, "gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Israel." Remembering these things, and all the history of his eventful life, his tragic death and his glorious resurrection, our hearts are filled with gratitude because "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," so that we involuntarily exclaim with St. Paul: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

When we call to mind the apostle's exhortation to the Colossians: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving," we perceive that it is the duty of all who have thus received the Savior to be thankful for the grace of God thus manifested in their own hearts. When we fancy that we hear St. Paul exclaim in broken penitential accents, not uninfluenced by gratitude also: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry who was before a blasphemer and injurious, but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief," we then realize that we, too, ought to love much because much has been forgiven us.

Reading St. Paul's declaration to the Thessalonians: "For this cause thank we God without ceasing because when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe," gives us so exalted a view of the experience of a believer as may justly serve to enable us to appreciate Luke's record of Christ's words when the seventy returned again with joy, saying: "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Rejoicing in spirit with the Master we may say, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes; even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight." The comparatively rapid progress of Christianity in recent times should inspire the spirit of praise and thanksgiving.

The first century of the Christian era numbered only a half million of Christians. The progress of the cause, according to the best statistical authority, may be stated as follows:

Table with columns for Century, Christians, and Authorities. Rows include First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth centuries.

The present century, and more especially the year 1830, marks the beginning of an era of greater progress.

The following figures are deemed reliable, being given by Dorchester, upon the authorities as herein quoted: Year, Christians, Authorities. 1800, 22,000,000, Malt. Brun. 1840, 300,000,000, Rev. Sharon Turner, D. D. 1850, 342,000,000, Rev. Robt. Baird, D. D. 1870, 584,000,000, Prof. Schum. J. L. D. 1880, 410,000,000, Prof. Schum. J. L. D.

Turning from the consideration of the spiritual reasons and occasions of thanksgiving, we invite attention to matters secular and political. A brief editorial in the in the (N. O.) Times-Democrat breathes this cheerful strain: "Let the fattest calf be brought forth; let the table be filled with all that goes to make a thanksgiving dinner, and let the churches resound with thanks in honor of the prosperity of the country and the promise of the future, in honor of good crops and the improved political and financial outlook."

In contrast with this we give the following quotation from an editorial in the Philadelphia (Rep.) Press: "We shall observe thanksgiving day as usual, but there won't be any turkey on the Republican table this year. A hunk of cold corned beef and a slab of frozen pie is good enough for us after all that has happened." The above quotations from representative papers of the respective sections of our common country, and its two great political parties, are each admirable in its own line. The one is excellent with political triumph, the other humorous under defeat. They are not mentioned for criticism. Christianity gives us a higher, that is, an unsectional and non-political stand-point from which we gain a broader comprehension of the field.

Humility characterizes King David's thanksgiving: "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee; for we are strangers before thee as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow and there is none abiding."

David, the king, and his people manifested their gratitude by an enlarged liberality. The King's special gift "over and above all that he had prepared for the holy house" "was even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses within. The chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, and gave for the service of the house of God, of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drachmas, and of silver, ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the Lord."

They had "joy and gladness, a feast, and a good day." They sacrificed sacrifices unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings unto the Lord on the morrow after that day, even a thousand buttocks, a thousand rams and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. "And did eat and drink before the Lord that day with great gladness."

There was manifested on this occasion no glorying "in honor of the prosperity of the country and the promise of the future, in honor of good crops and the improved financial and political outlook," nor any grief seeking to disguise itself in humorous allusions to "a hunk of cold corned beef and a slab of frozen pie;" but sincere and hearty worship and humble prayer for great David's youthful successor.

Thus the retiring monarch poured forth his heart in supplications: "O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and of Israel, our father's, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee; and give unto Solomon, my son a perfect heart to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace for the which I have made provision. Having offered this prayer David said to all the congregation: "Now bless the Lord your God." And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and worshiped the Lord and the king.

We may—nay, we must return thanks to Almighty God for temporal blessings. Let us in this copy the example of the Psalmist: "By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea;

which by his strength testest fast the mountains, being girded with power, which stilleth the noise of the seas, and the tumult of the people. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens, thou makest the out goings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou visitest the earth and wastest it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God which is full of water; thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. Thou wastrest the ridges thereof abundantly, thou settlest the furrows thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures also are covered over with corn; thy shout for joy, they also sing."

Whilst we thus rejoice in the multitude of divine mercies, saying with David: "Blessed be thou Lord God of Israel, our father forever and ever," we should also be singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord in anticipation of thrusting the sickle into fields white already unto the harvest. Our gratitude should express itself in gifts wisely bestowed, thus shall we be "laborers together with God" in building a spiritual house composed of lively stones of which Jesus Christ himself is the chief corner-stone.—II.

JOY IN SORROW.

We are in receipt of the following from Rev. L. L. Pickett, dated Sulphur Springs, North Texas Conference, Nov. 23. The household of our brother and sister is now represented in "Our Father's" house: "Yesterday we buried our darling little girl, Robin, aged two years and three months. Death makes his inroads, but in our sorrow we thank God for the resurrection. She is now in heaven with her Savior and the shining ones. God grant that we may meet her. Brethren, remember us at a throne of grace."

The net receipts of the recent singing match between Sullivan and Latin, in New York, amounted to \$5,320. Brutality commands a premium in this section.

Fire refines and so does earthly trial. The process is painful, but pure gold is the result. Those things which will yield the largest return in that purified character which will prepare us for the society of heaven will be the trials from which we recoiled while in this world.

The Catholic Union and Times says: "The Catholic Total Abstinence Union is the largest associated temperance body in the United States." Many of the leading dignitaries in that church have committed themselves fully to the movement.

A THOUSAND Chinese, provided with certificates which would enable them to return, recently sailed to China to celebrate their new year. It was a religious pilgrimage. How many Christian people would make a similar sacrifice in the line of religious duty?

No one can really offer the Lord's prayer in all of its comprehensiveness of meaning and desire who does not first offer from the depth of his heart the prayer of the disciples: "Lord, teach us to pray?" To say that prayer is one thing, to send it out from the heart to "our Father in heaven" is another.

OUT OF thirteen arrests for drunkenness, before a London magistrate recently, ten were women; and out of 17,000 arrests in Liverpool, in twelve months, for the same offence, 7,000 were women. The bitterness of poverty drives many women in that overcrowded land to the bottle. A more brutal sight than a female sot we have never seen in human life. All that is womanly seems blotted out.

The soul grows strong in the atmosphere of appreciation, but is chilled by indifference and neglect. When a congregation, by its earnest attention or its hearty responses, places itself in sympathy with the preacher, and endorses his message, a fresh inspiration is imparted to his sermons. Next to divine help are the "amens" of the congregation.

RECENTLY the mayor of Denver issued an order to the chief of police, directing that all the gambling-houses in that city should be closed. The newspapers of Denver have opened war on these dens of vice and the official authorities have responded, a press, faithful to its mission, is what every city in Texas needs. Were the Galveston News to open war on the gamblers the officers would enforce the law. The gambling hells flourish under the shadow of our daily press.

PAPAL ex-communications, which once made kings tremble beneath their crowns, have lost their power even in the city of Rome. Leo XIII recently fulminated a major ex-communication against the "Italian Catholic Church," and especially against the mission St. Paul, in Rome, which is in charge of Monsignor Saverese and the ex-Canon Count di Campella. They were once eminent officials in the Papal Church, but have abandoned their errors and commenced the establishment of a Reformed Catholic Church. The anathemas of the Vatican, so far from arresting their work, has occasioned a large increase in the attendance upon their religious services. This is the more marked as the Pope included in his anathema, all who attended "were from notions of curiosity." Italian papers gave the ex-communication wide circulation and their comments were generally favorable to the new movement. The time has passed when Rome can suppress free-thought.

Secular Department.

Johnny was told he might be the cupbearer. When his mother went to the cupboard she found he had taken all, and left none for his sister.

A STRONG TESTIMONIAL.

The following letter, from the wife of Attorney General Fair, of Tennessee, gives a clear and emphatic report of the great benefit received from the use of Compound Syrup.

Brownsville, Tenn., October 10th, 1882. "Dear Dr. Stankay & Allen:—For seventeen years I have been a sufferer from dyspepsia, having contracted the disease while living in the malarial districts of Texas.

A prisoner tried for larceny had admitted his guilt when apprehended, but at the trial was defended with great pertinacity by the able counsel, "Gentlemen," said the judge to the jury, "the prisoner says he is guilty. His counsel said he is not guilty, and the judge said he is not guilty."

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

Canada imported 324,000 barrels of flour from the United States last year, and 3,000,000 bushels of wheat. The tariff on flour is fifty cents per barrel, and on wheat fifteen cents per bushel.

Not as resulting from an infraction of international law requiring a High Court Commission to arrange preliminary matters, and Arbitrators to decide on the amount of injury sustained, but damages resulting from a breach of the laws, in which every person is his own Commissioner and Arbitrator, and has a word to say in his own case.

"Oh dear!" and "Oh dear me!" are the Anglicized renderings of the Celtic and Gaelic words for grief, and are used to express the most intense grief.

The United States has nearly half the swine of the civilized world, four times as many as Russia, six times as many as Germany, nearly eight times the number of France, and more than thirteen times as many as the United Kingdom.

Now, if you or any of your family are suffering with chills, remittent or intermittent fever, itching of the bones, fullness, irritability, nervousness, jaundice, biliousness, or any other symptom of malarial poison, we earnestly solicit you to try MORLEY'S T-X-S AGUE TONIC, for its use according to directions we know the result will be success.

Doctor: "Tell me exactly what your condition is. Do you have night sweats?" Patient: "Yes, almost every night." Doctor: "Dear sir, this begins to look serious. About how long do they last?" Patient: "About as long as I have to tote the baby up and down."

Many persons under the erroneous impression that liver complaint belongs to the category of the intractable diseases. If they could see the testimonials showing the benefits that have been effected by Mishler's Herb Bitters, their ideas on that point would change.

A Maryland road has recently been discovered in Lincolnshire under six feet of clay and a layer of peat, which is crossed by a Roman road.

The Mosses, Webster Brothers, 35 Lombard Street, London, E. C., England, the India, China and Colonial Shippers of gentlemen's hosiery and underwear, write: "We have found great benefit from the use of St. Jacobs Oil, more especially for the cure of rheumatism and sciatica, and we have much pleasure in adding our testimony in its favor."

"Maman" cried little Willie, "I want an errand. Oh, I must have an errand." "What child, what do you mean?" "Oh, Harry's mamma said he had come down town on an errand, and I want one to ride on too."

Eminent physicians attribute the great prevalence of paralysis to the adulteration of our daily food. The first conditions of healthfulness are secured when care is taken in selecting the articles which enter the food we eat.

The Mississippi and its tributaries represent about 16,500 miles of navigable waterway, capable of being permanently improved and retained for commerce.

LADIES, if you want a beautiful complexion, a bright eye, a good appetite, a vigorous liver, bowels regular as clockwork, and vigorous, healthy body, use MORLEY'S T-X-S TONIC COD-LIVER OIL, the Great System Remedy, which promptly remedies it never fails. Sold by all druggists.

Austere pedagogue to small boy: "Boy, you speak very indelicately. Don't you know I ever tell you so?" Small boy: "No, sir; they are not so rude."

Horsford's Acid Phosphate, Valuable Medicine. Dr. W. H. PARMELLE, Toledo, O., says: "I have prescribed the acid in a large variety of diseases, and have been amply satisfied that it is a valuable addition to our list of medicinal agents."

Because a woman "figures in society" it is no sign that she knows the multiplication table.

To Lock Time's Wheels. But Parker's Hair Balsam keeps the hair soft, dark, glossy and plentiful.

One doesn't notice that a car window is anything like an oyster until he tries to open it.

Lydell E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound attracts the stomach and kidneys and aids digestion. Is equally good for both sexes.

The Gordon relief expedition has already cost Great Britain about \$5,000,000.

Germ's Toothache Drops cure in one minute. Firm an Corn Remover. Kills Corns & Bunions.

"I tolled you so," said the sexton to the bell that cracked and refused to peal any more.

There are 3,550 Greek manuscripts in the Library of the Vatican. The other chief libraries of Europe and those of Oxford contain 1,000 each, while the British Museum has 716, and the Escorial 353. The Bibliotheca Vaticana in Paris contains the largest number of any of the libraries.

Caught by an Octopus. A diver who was trying to find pearls off the Alaska coast, found none, but found himself, all of a sudden, in the grasp of an ugly octopus with arms twenty-seven feet long. Such an experience is rare, but there are thousands of people who are caught by dyspepsia, which is quite as bad. An octopus hates to let go. So does dyspepsia. It will not let you go until you are quite as bad as the octopus. It will not let you go until you are quite as bad as the octopus. It will not let you go until you are quite as bad as the octopus.

Little Jack: "Pa, why is a receiver so called?" Pa: "What kind of a receiver do you mean?" Little Jack: "The kind that is appointed when a company gets in a tight place. What does a receiver receive?" Pa: "Pretty much all there is, my son."—Philadelphia Call.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all chronic complaints, after having tested wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-creatures. He has the honor to announce that he has discovered a simple and effective remedy for the cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all chronic complaints, after having tested wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-creatures.

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Ellis cir. at Hinds' chapel, Dec. 6, 7. Lancaster cir. at Lancaster, Dec. 13, 14. Wesley and Rich, at Wesley, Dec. 20, 21. Rice and Quail, at Prairie View, Dec. 27, 28. Red Oak cir. at Bell's chapel, Jan. 3, 4. Italy cir. at Chapman's school house, Jan. 10, 11. Waxahatche cir. at Waxahatche, Jan. 17, 18. Irene cir. at Salem, Jan. 24, 25. Sims and Glenwood cir. at Bethel, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Hester cir. at Hester chapel, Feb. 7, 8.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Higgins Gap cir. at Bullard Cove, Dec. 6, 7. Sims cir. at Brownwood, Dec. 13, 14. Hamilton cir. at Evergreen, Dec. 20, 21. Hibbs cir. at Salem, Dec. 27, 28. Center City cir. at Center City, Dec. 20, 21. Williams Ranch cir. at Williams' Ranch, Jan. 10, 11. Indian Creek cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 17, 18. Brownwood cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 24, 25. Rogers cir. at Rogers, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Coleman cir. at Coleman, Jan. 24, 25. Pecon cir. at Pecon, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. The district stewards will meet at Waxahatche, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Belton cir. at Rock church, Dec. 6, 7. Georgetown cir. at Georgetown, Dec. 13, 14. Burnett cir. at Burnett, Dec. 20, 21. Center City cir. at Center City, Dec. 27, 28. Williams Ranch cir. at Williams' Ranch, Jan. 3, 4. Indian Creek cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 10, 11. Brownwood cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 17, 18. Rogers cir. at Rogers, Jan. 24, 25. Coleman cir. at Coleman, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Pecon cir. at Pecon, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. The district stewards will meet at Georgetown, Friday, at 2 o'clock p. m., before the 1st Sunday of Dec., 1884.

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Thornton cir. at Bethel, Dec. 6, 7. Cedar Island cir. at Oak Hill, Dec. 13, 14. Greenbush cir. at Central Institute, Dec. 20, 21. Wortham cir. at Wortham, Dec. 27, 28. Mexia cir. at Mexia, Jan. 3, 4. St. John cir. at Hubbard City, Jan. 10, 11. Corsicana cir. at Grape Creek, Jan. 17, 18. Corsicana cir. at Fifth Street Church, Jan. 24, 25. Waco cir. at Spring Valley, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Roseville cir. at Evergreen, Feb. 7, 8. Axel cir. at Mesquite Falls, Feb. 14, 15. The district stewards will meet at Waco, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

SHELMAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Whitesboro cir. at Whitesboro, Dec. 6, 7. Denison cir. at Denison, Dec. 13, 14. Denison cir. at Denison, Dec. 20, 21. Bel and Saylor cir. at Saylor, Dec. 27, 28. Van Austine, at Van Austine, Jan. 3, 4. Waco cir. at Waco, Jan. 10, 11. Bel and Saylor cir. at Saylor, Jan. 17, 18. Potlatch cir. at Potlatch, Jan. 24, 25. Collinsville cir. at Collinsville, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. The district stewards will meet at Whitesboro, at 2 o'clock p. m., before the 1st Sunday of Dec., 1884.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Black Jack Grove cir. at New Hope, Dec. 6, 7. Sulphur Bluff cir. at Pleasant Hill, Dec. 13, 14. Sulphur Springs cir. at Pine Forest, Dec. 20, 21. Waco cir. at Waco, Dec. 27, 28. Campbell cir. at Campbell, Jan. 3, 4. Kingston cir. at Mt. Carmel, Jan. 10, 11. Greer cir. at Greer, Jan. 17, 18. Lone Oak cir. at Lone Oak, Jan. 24, 25. Fox cir. at Fox, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Waco cir. at Waco, Feb. 7, 8. 9th Cir. at Quilman, Feb. 14, 15. Hitting cir. at Hitting, Feb. 21, 22. The district stewards will meet at Sulphur Springs, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Toad cir. at Toad, Dec. 6, 7. Rancho cir. at Rancho, Dec. 13, 14. Tilden cir. at Tilden, Dec. 20, 21. Beville cir. at Beville, Jan. 3, 4. Corpus Christi cir. at Corpus Christi, Jan. 10, 11. Laredo and San Diego cir. at Laredo, Jan. 17, 18. The district stewards will meet at Corpus Christi, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Oak Lawn and City cir. at Dallas, Dec. 6, 7. Floya St. at 7 o'clock p. m., Dec. 13, 14. Pano, at Plano, Dec. 20, 21. Lamar Cir. at Lamar, Dec. 27, 28. McKinney cir. at McKinney, Dec. 27, 28. McKinney cir. at White's Grove, Dec. 27, 28. Honey Creek, at Weston, Dec. 27, 28. Bethel, at Recker's, Jan. 10, 11. Grapevine, at Grapevine, Jan. 17, 18. Trinity Park, at Grange Hall, Jan. 24, 25. The district stewards will meet at Dallas, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Mineral Wells, at Willow Pond, Dec. 6, 7. Weatherford cir. at Weatherford, Dec. 13, 14. Springtown, at Springtown, Dec. 20, 21. Jackson cir. at Carroll Creek at Jackson, Dec. 27, 28. Edorado cir. at Eastmond, Jan. 3, 4. Salt Hill, at Salt Hill, Jan. 10, 11. Weatherford cir. at Greenwood, Jan. 17, 18. Graham and City cir. at Fairview, Jan. 24, 25. Graham cir. at Graham, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Graham cir. at Hawkins' chapel, Feb. 7, 8. Seymour cir. at Seymour, Feb. 14, 15. Vernon cir. at Vernon, Feb. 21, 22. Mobeetie cir. at Mobeetie, Feb. 28, March 1. Cawville, at Godfrey's chapel, March 7, 8. The district stewards will meet at Weatherford, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Jefferson cir. at Jefferson, Dec. 13, 14. Kelseyville, at Avinger, Dec. 20, 21. St. Peter's church, at St. Peter's, Dec. 27, 28. Belton, at Belton, Jan. 3, 4. Loden, at Trinity, Jan. 10, 11. Dallas cir. at Dallas, Jan. 17, 18. Queen City, at Longlissville, Jan. 24, 25. Boston cir. at New Boston, Feb. 7, 8. Texarkana cir. at Myrtle Springs, Feb. 14, 15. Gilmer, at Soule's chapel, Feb. 21, 22. Dingerfield, at Dingerfield, March 7, 8. The district stewards will meet at Jefferson, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

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SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Luling cir. at Luling, Dec. 6, 7. Harwood cir. at Thompsonville, Dec. 13, 14. Kyle cir. at Dupree, Dec. 20, 21. Lockhart, at Lockhart, Dec. 27, 28. Pleasant Ridge, at Pleasant Ridge, Jan. 3, 4. The district stewards will meet in the Methodist Church in Terrell, Saturday before the first Sunday in Dec., 1884, at 1 o'clock p. m.

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PORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Nolan River cir. at New Hope, Dec. 6, 7. Hillstoro cir. at Scott's chapel, Dec. 13, 14. Whitney cir. at Bethel, Dec. 20, 21. Village Creek cir. at Missionary Ridge, Dec. 27, 28. Arlington cir. at Wyatt's chapel, Dec. 27, 28. Jucosa cir. at Pleasant Hill, Dec. 27, 28. Cleburne cir. at Cleburne, Dec. 27, 28. Fort Worth sta. at Fort Worth, Dec. 27, 28. Fort Worth sta. at Fort Worth, Dec. 27, 28. Fort Worth cir. at Gold Springs, Dec. 27, 28. Grandview cir. at Grandview, Dec. 27, 28. The district stewards will meet at Port Worth, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Victoria, at Middletown, Dec. 6, 7. Middletown, at Middletown, Dec. 13, 14. Curo, at Curo, Dec. 20, 21. Moulton, at Moulton, Dec. 27, 28. Leesville, at Leesville, Dec. 27, 28. Moulton, at Moulton, Dec. 27, 28. Yorktown, at Yorktown, Dec. 27, 28. Halesville, at County Line, Dec. 27, 28. Yorktown, at Yorktown, Dec. 27, 28. Concrete, at Burns' Station, Dec. 27, 28. The district stewards will meet at Victoria, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Ellis cir. at Hinds' chapel, Dec. 6, 7. Lancaster cir. at Lancaster, Dec. 13, 14. Wesley and Rich, at Wesley, Dec. 20, 21. Rice and Quail, at Prairie View, Dec. 27, 28. Red Oak cir. at Bell's chapel, Jan. 3, 4. Italy cir. at Chapman's school house, Jan. 10, 11. Waxahatche cir. at Waxahatche, Jan. 17, 18. Irene cir. at Salem, Jan. 24, 25. Sims and Glenwood cir. at Bethel, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Hester cir. at Hester chapel, Feb. 7, 8. The district stewards will convene in Waxahatche, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Higgins Gap cir. at Bullard Cove, Dec. 6, 7. Sims cir. at Brownwood, Dec. 13, 14. Hamilton cir. at Evergreen, Dec. 20, 21. Hibbs cir. at Salem, Dec. 27, 28. Center City cir. at Center City, Dec. 20, 21. Williams Ranch cir. at Williams' Ranch, Jan. 10, 11. Indian Creek cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 17, 18. Brownwood cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 24, 25. Rogers cir. at Rogers, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Coleman cir. at Coleman, Jan. 24, 25. Pecon cir. at Pecon, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. The district stewards will meet at Brownwood, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 21st of the quarter, and will be secured by the expiration of the first of the quarter.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Belton cir. at Rock church, Dec. 6, 7. Georgetown cir. at Georgetown, Dec. 13, 14. Burnett cir. at Burnett, Dec. 20, 21. Center City cir. at Center City, Dec. 27, 28. Williams Ranch cir. at Williams' Ranch, Jan. 3, 4. Indian Creek cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 10, 11. Brownwood cir. at Brownwood, Jan. 17, 18. Rogers cir. at Rogers, Jan. 24, 25. Coleman cir. at Coleman, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. Pecon cir. at Pecon, Jan. 31, Feb. 7. The district stewards will meet at Georgetown, Friday, at 2 o'clock p. m., before the 1st Sunday of Dec., 1884.

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Thornton cir. at Bethel, Dec. 6, 7. Cedar Island cir

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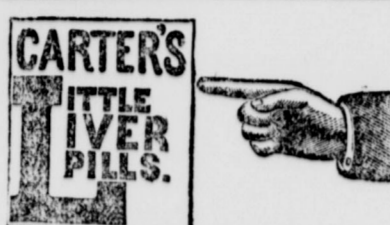
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December 29.--This morning I started for Egypt, a settlement at the head of Peach Creek. Between me and it is a vast flat, muddy prairie, in width full forty miles; but by a desperate effort I made the ride.

December 30.--I preached this morning to a good congregation, which came together at a short notice. "The word was with power." All seemed glad and quite happy.

January 1, 1885.--I started for Matagorda, pulling through black mud, a pouring down rain, and a howling north wind.

January 2.--I reached Matagorda, and entered the city at 3 o'clock p. m., a stranger to all. Having a letter of introduction from Rev. Fowler to Col. Horton I went to his residence.

January 3.--I employed in reading, writing, etc., and preparing for the work that lies before me.

January 4.--I attended the Episcopal service at 11 o'clock a. m. At 3 p. m. I preached. We had much interest; I also preached at 7 o'clock p. m.

January 5.--Today I had the exquisite pleasure of preaching to this people, so hungry for the gospel.

January 6.--I went to Brazoria. No opportunity was offered for preaching, but I left an appointment and proceeded to the Gulf Prairie Colony and put up with Mr. J. P. Howell, with whom I passed the night.

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