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GALVESTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1886.

MISSISSIPPI LETTER.

Some kind friend-perhaps the editor

himself-has sent me two numbers of your bright, progressive paper. Among all the items of interest and news from the great Methodist brotherhood which attracted me, one little extract from a be to add some of our best modern hymns communication of my own, in the New to the standard collection. Orleans Advocate, made things look appreciative and home-like. It is pleasant to be noticed by the great editorial fraalong down the mighty current of newsthe good thoughts, editorial and contributed, in your paper, together with the us feel.

THE SENIOR BISHOP.

notes, are clear and sharp, but melodious of barrenness or cheered experiences of despondency by re-reading them. A and zest with which we sing our latest series of articles written by him when most popular "gospel song." editor of the Nashville, upon a call to the ministry, seemed almost like inspira- or abbreviate them. Call upon Prof. tirely fails for want of rain. tion to my mind, just then struggling to McIntosh and other philosophers of tune decide the momentous question-so ac- to fit popular and taking airs to hymns curately did they anticipate every difficulty; so effectually did they brush away inating from a source only a little less all doubts and so authoritatively did they than inspiration, and our people will they can, for land is worth from \$200 to corroborate the divine sanctions.

I once thought I could tell his writings no matter where I saw them, readily detecting his agency in a series of racy communications signed M. P., and published during the war in the old that change of the hymn book, if Bro. Southern Advocate, the only periodical Peterson introduces it) who sometimes of our church which survived the general wreck. How I enjoyed its weekly visits, telling that the church yet lived, and that as he proceeds the entire prayer-meeting it had at least one correspondent who was still irrepressible in spirit and attractive in style, as he told about raising his own tubers, about his conversations with those with whom his "eighties cor- nor to new songs. We are commanded nered," and about his preaching the gos-

Like Dr. Lafferty, I have sometimes thought it was a pity that that pen should have been turned into a gavel. But then, have been retained, even though they are since we have been held up to such har- old. monious deliberations and such successful results under the authoritative sway of that gavel, would we change it? You in my mind connected with the Texas Conmise for us by securing many such con- with honor and success, Wm. II. Seat, tributions as he has made to your paper of February 18.

DR. GARLAND'S REMEDY.

It seemed until recently that we would actually witness the approach of a General Conference without the usual discussion about changes, but the formidable deliverance from the venerable and wise head of the foreign missionary department has been like a bomb thrown into the camp Methodistic, causing many missionary economy. In one of your papers sent me there are articles on both sides of the question. I gather that the editor is disposed to "go slow" on the proposed changes, while the Vice-President of the Board of Missions, Dr. Haygood-very high authority-inclines pretty strongly to them. It may be that if we all understood Dr. Garland's meaning, we would all be agreed with him. I presume he never intended to teach that a resident bishop should be elected for each one of our foreign missionary fields. So wise a head and so loyal a Methodist certainly could not suggest a scheme seemingly so impracticable and so at variance with our economy. Very probably Dr. Garland simply meant that in the arrangement for episcopal oversight by the proper authorities, it should hereafter be provided that one of our general superintendents should remain in such foreign field a sufficient length of time to be thoroughly conversant with its peculiar de nands. To this plan certainly no one could have a reasonable objection, as the advantages of it are very apparent.

DR. PETERSON AND THE HYMN BOOK.

Bro. Peterson, of Virginia, is also projecting some work for the General Conference: He wants the Standard hymnbook changed; the long hymns to be shortened, the unfamiliar ones to be substituted, and those of impracticable meters to be expanged. Brother Peterson is admirable authority on hymnology. He not only has most exquisite taste for rhythm and melody, but also fine skill in rendering it. I well remember how, at Louisville, he thrilled the whole General I had read about them in books; I had here of almost every nationality—Chi- city masses who, as a rule, do not attend (borrowing from Sam Jones) he does not Conference by singing just while some pathetic proceedings were pending:

" Together let us sweetly live, Together let us die: And each a starry crown receive, And reign above the sky."

and a delicate task. Possibly there may before so much beauty, grandeur and ago; and though they still have a church proposition to create the office was returned before so much beauty, grandeur and dwarf our usefulness.

found to plead:

"Woodman, spare that [hymn], Touch not a single [verse]; In [sorrow] it [comforted] me, And I'll protect it now."

The only change I could consent to would

our hymns. Why, I have heard a whole conference sing themselves up to the of "Deliverance will come," repeating kisses at the clear blue sky above. paperdom. Under the pleasurable quick- the long enorus between each stanza. ening consequent upon contact with Now, there is enough of rhythm and enjoyment of all, is the apparent nearmelody and theology and inspiration in ness of everything. The atmosphere is fact of my being remembered and quoted as "Oh, glorious hope of perfect love," what is really forty or fifty miles away in the State of the Lone Star and many to make a volume like the other, though appears to be only four or five. In goconferences, I write to tell you how com- I have no objection to "Deliverance will ing to one of my appointments I travel placenta little attention sometimes makes | come," but do often sing it with comfort | all day long toward a snow-capped moun-I congratulate you that the Senior has lar meters in our hymn book. The idea off; but when night comes on, though I selected your organ as the medium for seems to prevail that when we select have traveled forty miles, the mountain his unique letters, which, like staccato from the hymn book it must be "short," and stimulating; they arouse, but enter- must be "Balerma." or "Uxbridge," or ly, but as through a spy-glass clearly, tain his readers. From the time he "Silver Street." When among the Eng- and drawn right up to you. launched the New Orleans Advocate on- lish Wesleyans in 1881, I did not hear a ward I have enjoyed his writings. Many common, long or short meter hymn sung of his pieces I had preserved in a scrap- once. The hymns sung in the congrega- tion almost everything under the sun book, and have often improved seasons tions were all of particular meter, and they were sung with the same freshness

> embalmed in sacred memories and origsing them and sing them with a relish that will often take six or eight verses, in vines and trees. I have been told questions are almost paralyzing when

(by the way, he will have a vote upon sings right straight through the twelve whole verses of "Wrestling Jacob," and with himself will be wrought up to an experience of religious triumph.

I am not absolutely opposed to change, nor to improvements upon old things, I see the many vineyards I am reminded to "sing unto the Lord a new song." pel and burying the dead, as aforetime. But I confess to a liking for the old hymns, not solely because they are old, but rather because they are so good as to burning them (which I see nearly every

SOME SACRED ASSOCIATIONS.

There are some hallowed associations who was pastor on my mother's circuit when I first gave my heart to God, and from whom I learned many pleasant and profitable spiritu I lessons; then, there is Bro. Morse, whose "Reminiscences" in the New Orleans Advocate often call up experiences and events, shadow and sunshine, of which with him I formed During the latter part of January, and a part; then, Bro. Jacob Matthewsrecently passed over the flood-who preached to me and gave me valuable pens to be wielded; some against, others | counsel in the year when I took the most in favor of the proposed changes in our important and the most glorious step of my life-that of laying aside all schemes of earthly ambition and entering the Methodist itinerancy. Thus it is that frequently the factors which shape our destiny are separated from us in far distant fields and in widely different spheres of action. How comforting the thought that, in that beautiful realm where we shall know even as we are known, each hallowed touch which aided in evolving and developing our destines will be rec. for man is very, very vile here. But lit- say, multiply the present means of grace ognized, and will be hailed as a holy the regard is paid to the Sabbath; and a hundred-fold if need be, and place the out these characteristics, but in an evanmemory and as a bond of sacred kinship.

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CALIFORNIA LETTER.

The West, the land of the setting sun, seems to have a charm for restless, roving man. "Westward the course of empire takes its way;" westward the stream of humanity seems to flow. Thousands are coming to this far, fair land; and other thousands, eager to come, are ever ready to read with absorbing interest and easy credulity whatever may be written back by those who have gone on before and spied out the land in "Southern Califor-

NATURAL FEATURES. As to the physical configuration, the country is composed almost entirely of very high, and the valleys are very level. There is no half-way-between in California; everything is at one extreme or the other. The tops of the mountains are other man's wife. covered with snow, which was to me, on first beholding them, a grand sight. I had heard of mountains with perpetual state that the religious condition of this this question. snow and cloud-capped domes and spires; seen pictures of them, but when I first nese, Indians, Mexicans, Spanish, French, church. Dr. Rosser thinks the ensuing shoot cannon balls at sparrows, but he saw with my own eyes these mighty works | Dutch, Swedes; and almost every "ism" | General Conference should create the of- will clothe you with every power that of God, my soul was transported with under the sun is to be found here-Con- fice of evangelist. The editor of the you can safely use if you will allow him.

reverential awe and delight. the valleys and a deep snow in the moun- Deism, Atheism. This valley was set- not think that the General Conference red-hot heart way of saying it, will draw our rule to the Procrustean model set But Bro. Peterson is essaying a difficult tains, and I have never seen anywhere tled by the Mormons about thirty years will reconsider the action by which a the crowds and save the people. Even up by intolerance, and the spirit of big-

whose retention some one would not be In the valley the earth is covered with greater number of them are Spiritualists used this language: "These evangelists we need many more of such, if we are clouds floating over and resting upon After all, however, there seems to be mous, are doing a work to which they grant. them. In the valley the orange, lemon not so much any opposition to Christian- seem to be specially called, and for which Great injustice will be done to the People object to the length of some of May day scenes of verdant beauty and Pray for us who are here, and pray that the judicious and damage Christianity. above. loveliness; in the mountains is frigid Win- the Lord of the harvest may send more This cannot be prevented; the remedy ter, not dreary, but smiling and peeping laborers into the field. ternity and to have one's effusions drifted shouting point over six double stanzas up through fleecy clouds and throwing

And then, what adds so much to the one such selection from our hymn book, almost perfectly transparent, so that to myself. The trouble with us is that tain, which, in the morning before I appears but little nearer. You behold "long" or "common," and that the tune things here, not as through a glass dark-

The soil in the falleys is very fertile, and where water can be had for irrigagrows in great abundance and to rare perfection. Where wa er has not yet been obtained the land is sown in wheat and barley, which sometimes yields an We do not need to expunge our hymns abundant harvest, and sometimes en-

This, however, is largely a gardening and fruit-growing country. Many men make a living on twenty, or ten, or even five acres of land; and it is well \$500 per acre, and much higher when set and then think the end comes too soon. that some orange orchards here will I know a pious and polished layman vield this year \$1000 per acre. Riverside, an orchard-town some three miles wide and ten miles long, is in this valley. It took the first premium in oranges at New Orleans last year. I passed through it a few days ago and was told that it would ship 200,000 boxes of oranges and raisins

I find in this country many illustrations of Bible scenes and customs. When of the words of the great Teacher, "I am the vine, ye are the branches;" and when I see the branches cut off and lying in dry heaps by the roadside, and men day) I remember, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are

There is never a day in the year but what some kind of flower is blooming, some kind of fruit ripening, some kind of vegetable may be gathered from the garden; and all the finest of their kind in the world. Then again, there is hardly a day in the year but what you may have spring, summer or winter-any one or all of them-within a day's journey. almost the whole of February, the thermometer indicates about 80 degrees in the shade at noon, and 100 to 116 in the sun, with an abundance of snow in plain view in the mountains, and seemingly so near that one could go out and get a handful before breakfast. This is truly a wonderful country.

"SOCIAL STATUS."

But when I compare the natural features and the social and moral status of the country. I am reminded of these lines, by Bishop Heber:

"Where every prospect pleases, And only man is vile"

superstitious.

mountains and valleys. The mountains are that it is quickly untied or easily broken. tributions, granting that Mr. Moody's described. leaves her, and takes another-it may be an unmarried woman, or it may be an-

RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

country is deplorable. There are people

flowers and grass and growing grain; in or Intidels. The Spiritualists have a (Moody, Aitken, Jones) and others of allowed to judge from the large number

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THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIST. REV. SAM'L P. WRIGHT.

Ruskin is responsible for having said: There never yet was a generation of men (savage or civilized) who, taken as a body, so woefully fulfilled the words 'haying no hope, and without God in the world,' as the present civilized European we do not set popular airs to the particu- start, appears only ten or fifteen miles race. A Red Indian or Otaheitan savage has more sense of a Divine Existence round, or government over him, than the plurality of refined Londoners and Parisians."

As severe as this language is, it would

not an immensity of truth in it when ap-

plied to cis-Atlantic cities. Let us ask

ourselves a question: How much "sense of a Divine Existence round or government over him" is had by a "plurality" of Bostonians, New Yorkers, Cincinnatians, or Galvestonians? The question is on "how much" and "plurality." Of Galveston's twenty-five or thirty thousand inhabitants do five thousand attend church? "How much" "sense of a Divine Existence round him, or government over him," is felt by a man who never does anything by which one can judge that he thinks of God ever? These the momentousness of salvation is brought into view. Jesus declared to the Jews. 'The truth shall make you free." That these non-church-going city people are in bondage-bondage to error, theenemy of truth, bondage to sin, bondage to self, no one but an infidel will deny. What shall make them free? "The truth," says Jesus. But how shall they know the truth? What signifies it that the truth is proclaimed constantly and in their reach? In that chapter, (10th of Romans) where St. Paul causes the all-inallness of Carist to appear in so clear a light, are these words, "Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they b lieve in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Dean Alford remarks on this passage: "The apostle is showing the necessity and dignity of the preachers of the word, which leads on to the universality (italies his) of their preaching, leaving all who disober it without excuse." Certainly they are without excuse, but does that render the contemplation of their damnation less errible? Let us borrow one of Mr. Ruskin's words and frame it into a plain Euglish sentence, to-wit: "The 'plurality' of the inhabitants of our so-called Christian cities are going straight to hell, with a blaze of gospel light all around John M. Mason was once asked what he them." That is a fact. It is a soul- thought to be the forte of the great Scotch odism, leaving the neophyte to his own sickening truth. If we recognize the divine, Dr. Thomas Chalmers. Reflecttruthfulness of this and leave any means | ing a moment, he answered: "His blooduntried by which the masses may be earnestness." What is wanted then, is reached and saved, then are we sinning against God and humanity. Some might | red-hot from the heart." there seems to be more desecration of the gospel in competition with every influgelist they are a sine qua non. holy day in the country than in the ence which is tending to draw men away towns-at any rate, I notice it more there. from God. But whence the money nec- them, and they are their stock in trade. Men sow, and plow, and haul wood on essary to so vast an equipment? Mr. Mr. Moody is intensely earnest, but his Sunday, and do almost all kinds of work. Moody, with a recognition of the very great forte is simplicity of exposition. On last Sunday I called on one of my truth which we are trying to bring out, and thorough knowledge of the Scriptparishioners (not a church member, how- recently asked a Chicago audience for ures-Old and New Testaments. Sam ever), and was met at the door by his two hundred and fifty thousand dollars - Jones has "blood-earnestness"-indeed bright little girl, who said her papa was out one hundred thousand to be expended in that word fits him exactly-and he has hauling wood, but would be back in time the erection of a hundred chapels in dif- "ideas"-witness how rapidly many of to go to preaching. I talked to one man ferent parts of the city, the remainder to his "sayings" are passing into proverbswhom I saw plowing on Sunday, and he become a productive fund for the perma- and the ideas "come red-hot from his seemed to be surprised, and asked me if nent support of a number of missionaries heart." But Jones has more—what, we I thought it an unlucky day! Possibly whose zeal should carry the truth to such will not venture to say, for we have he thought I was, in some things, too as refused to seek it. The success with critiques of the man from all sorts of pens, which his request was met is encouraging. and no two are alike. Doctors of divinity, There is much intemperance, much for a hundred and fifty thousand dollars reporters for the secular press and correstheater-going, much debauchery in this were subscribed upon the spot. But pondents for all sorts of papers, have country. The matrimonial knot is tied | Chicago is only one of a hundred Ameri- | assayed to characterize Sam Jones, but so loosely, or with such a slender band, can cities which need similar large con- all alike leave something about him un-A man lives with one wife for a while, plan is the best. We repeat our question: 'Whence the money ?" Some will want | ing of Jones, that God had fitted him in to know what is the use in erecting more a most wonderful way for a most wonhouses of worship, when those already derful work. Indeed, it is a part of our

fucianism, Catholicism, the various forms | Christian Advocate (Nashville) in men- | It is safe to say, in conclusion, that an not be a single hymn in the book for glory as now lies spread out before me. here, and keep up regular services, the jected in 1878. He (the editor) has just Jones, etc.,) be to the larger cities alone, DE LEON, TRYAS.

is to be found in the vigilance of the THE METHODIST RULE OF BAPTISM. faithful pastors of the church, and in the unerring instinct of the masses of the people that enables them to recognize the ring of true evangelical metal."

We think the "doings" of "self-called, shallow imitators" can be prevented, but the "remedy" comes after the disease has done its work, if either the "vigilance stincts of the masses" are left "to recog-

nize the ring of true evangelical metal." office of evangelist exists whether the and unalterable decision. General Conference "create" it or not? This admitted, (and such men as Moody, admission) the General Conference of lay its hand upon and control this wonderful soul-saving force. Proper legislaraids of "self-called, shallow imitators," evangelical metal."

evangelist; put those who profess to be ess-and send them forth to bless the

that we do not possess it.

A word more, and it shall be a brief guage seems to take for granted. one, upon the question: Will evangelism meet the want of the times in arousing knowledged here to be most needy.

four-fifths of his congregation.

applied both as to the drawing and the than to place himself in a false position, forth in God's name.

Richard Sheridan used to say: "I often | promote? go to hear Rowland Hill because his ideas come red-hot from his heart." Dr. "blood-earnestness" and "ideas coming

The stated pulpit may get along with-

Harrison and Aitken, we hear, possess

We have believed, from our first hearhad are not half filled from Sabbath to creed that God is ready to panoply any It is hardly necessary to for me to Sabbath? And there is some point to man who will let him for a God-chosen work. He may not need to knock you We must do something to reach the down in sight of Damascus, brother, for

the mountains are snow and ice and fleecy hall, and keep up regular services also. equal devotion, though not equally fa- of requests for service which they cannot

and lime trees are loaded with their gol- ity, but a callous indifference, a deadness they seem to be specially fitted. With spirit and intention of the writer of this den fruit; in the mountains tall pines are in sin. Oh for a baptism from on high, these, as might be expected, there are if any imagine that due regard to the bending and glittering beneath their load that we may speak with the power that others of a different type-self-called, function and office of the regular pastorof snow and icicles. In the valley are wakes the dead and make the people hear. shallow imitators, whose doings grieve ate is not had in all that has been written

REV. OSCAR M. ADDISON

I sincerely hope Bro. L. L. Pickett will present his appeal and allow the General Conference to decide two questions permanently:

1. Is the conscience of the enlightened preacher to bow before that of the uninformed neophyte?—Rev. Horace Bishop, in Advo-cate of March 4.

The above is the way Bro. Bishop states his objection to our plan of allowof faithful pastors" or "the unerring in- ing the candidate for baptism to elect the mode in which it shall be administered-a question he wishes relegated to Would we not as well admit that the the General Conference for their final

With the utmost courtesy, I frankly protest that, to my mind, his language does Aitken, Harrison and Jones force the not fairly present the question. It asconcern us somewhat less if there were the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that our manner of baptizing is yet unsumes what he will not surely affirm, as the law-making body of a million settled. If human legislation can settle Christians is left to address itself to such anything, then most certainly our methlegislation as will enable the church to od of baptizing has long since been "decided permanently." If a rule that has stood the test of legislation from 1784 to tion can protect the church from the 1882, not only unchallenged but endorsed by twenty-four consecutive General Conand let us hear only "the ring of true ferences, and observed throughout the entire period of the church's history with Create, or rather legalize, the office of unvarying uniformity, is not already "decided permanently," how can any possicalled thereto to the severest tests, in- ble action of a future General Conference cluding that highest one—the test of suc- confirm it? If, instead of confirming the old rule, a new one be demanded, the demand should rest on better grounds than No one need fear that the office will be those assumed in the question. The occrowded. The church will urge men casional agitation of the subject by disnto this work; few will call themselves. satisfied parties has by no means unset-There is a character of Pauline, all-for- tled our long-established rule, and no Christ consecration demanded here, that dictum of a coming General Conference, most of us will fail to show on the "ex- however emphatic, can repress future difamination of character," for the reason ferences and discussions. Yet, the very opposite of this is what Bro. Bishop's lan-

The unfairness of the question of which I complain is found in the asour great cities to thought upon religious sumption that, according to our present subjects? If not, then nothing will, rule, the desire of a neophyte for a cer-'though one rose from the dead." More tain form of baptism might, perchance, zeal upon the part of city pastors (and no so conflict with the preacher's conscience riticism of any individual is thought or as to make it a sacrifice of principle for hinted) might augment their efficiency. him to comply. A true man, with a con-But no amount of zeal, (or other develop- science as tender as is here represented, ments of fitness, for that matter,) will will never be found in such a position. enable the pastor to reach the class ac- | He cannot be. Such a man, when offering himself for the ministry, would not The telegrams say that fifty thousand promise to keep the rules of a church coule crowded to the door of Music Hall. that required him to baptize in a manner to Cincinnati, on the night of the 14th inst., afflict his own conscience. When seeking to attend Sam Jones' farewell service, induction to the ministry, and not when forty thousand of whom went away for confronted with an "uninformed neolack of room. A preacher's drawing phyte" wishing baptism, is the time power is immense when the largest hall when the demands of conscience should in such a city as Cincinnati turns away be regarded. If a preacher be not a true Methodist, how much better for him to We said above, put the test of success stop at the threshold of the ministry of upon the applicants for admission into a church whose rules require him to the evangelistic ranks. Let that test be "bow before an uninformed neophyte," saving. If the people come to hear him | which he can hold only by challenging and are saved by his preaching, send him | the rules and disturbing the peace of the church he has sacredly bound himself to

The gospel makes no demand for special mode in baptism, implying clearly enough the unimportance of form. Methchoice, guarantees thereby compliance with his wishes. The only thing for a preacher to do whose conscience will not allow him to baptize a neophyte as he may desire and the church directs, is quietly to get out of the way.

Bro. Bishop's question, if it means anyhing at all, assumes that liberty of conscience is to be adjudged only in proportion to comparative enlightenment; that the "neophyte." the less instructed, is necessarily to yield to the preacher, the better informed. On this plan all questions of conscience can readily be adjusted by simply determining the comparative intelligence of contending parties. Admitting this principle in regard to the manner of baptism, what would be the limitation of preacherly authority, touching other doctrines and duties? Starting from this point, how short the passage to where Rome herself would be emulated in arrogant, priestly assump-

Bro. Bishop's question implies that, in allowing the neophyte baptism in the way he wishes, the preacher virtually degrades himself-"bows before the conscience of the neophyte." This may be good rhetoric, but that is all. A preacher conforming to the rules he voluntarily promised to keep, does not in the act "bow before the uninformed neophyte." He simply yields to the demands of the law by which he has bound his conscience and his obligation to maintain it.

A hundred years' trial of our rule on baptism has but given evidence of its happy adaptation to that earnest form of Christianity represented by Methodism. Deprive us of this, and you take from We have lately had several days' rain in of Protestantism, Mormonism, Spiritism, tioning Dr. R. in this connection, does evangelist, with something to say, and a high-toned Christian liberality. Change us the chief excellency indicating our otry will dominate our ranks and forever

Texas Christian Advocate.

REV. J. W. TALLY.

Rev. J. W. Tally was born Dec. 6, 1800; was born of the Spirit June 20, 1820, and was admitted on trial in the served as junior preacher his first year another; another esteems one day above on Union circuit; from thence, in the mind. South Carolina Conference in 1828. He order of an itinerant preacher's life, he served acceptably every appointment assigned him for nearly a half century, till his increased years and feebleness placed him upon the honor roll (superannuated). yoke-fellows in the gospel, but by the whole church, which had shared the love of his consecrated heart, as well as the the meditation following: efficient labors of his long life. He cherished for the church a love which was ent, he called his beloved ones around his bed, spoke cheerfully to them with regard to the future and exhorted them to meet him in heaven. He sent messages of love to his He requested me to say to Bro. J. W. Burke, that he remembered with gratitude his many offices of kindness to him, and to Bishop McTyeire and Dr. McFerrin, that he had crossed over just ahead of them and would await their he received into the church, preached his funeral to a crowded house of sympathiz-37th Psalm: "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that And as the man of God unfolded the teachings of this strong

A faithful friend, a true brother, a kind father, an affectionate husband, a noble open court a single set of books (from Christian and a triumphant saint, had any time since the days of Adam) in gone up from our midst to be with God and await our coming. May his God look on us and help us and let us meet again where, to use his own language, We can form an unbroken cluster around God's page. Who accepts? Take time to medthrone in heaven.

W. H. VAUGHAN. CORSICANA.

REV. PETER AKERS, D. D.

I see a notice in the ADVOCATE of the 4th instant of the death of that noble saint and minister of our blessed Lord Jesus, the Rev. Dr. Peter Akers.

It was my good fortune to be acquainthe was stationed in Lexington, Ky., and I sat under his ministry during his stay there. A more wonderful man I never mony. knew. He had wonderful power with God and man. His sermon on "The Valley of Dry Bones," was one of, if not the most wonderful sermon I ever heard. It produced a most telling effect on his congregation; perhaps there was not congregation; perhaps the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the church organ with just enough the conscience of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the sender and to keep it from exploding to the powers that be, and can be sent to the congregation of the congregation o knew. He had wonderful power with most powerful divine influence; some screamed, some cried at the top of their voice for mercy, while others shouted the praise of God with all the power they had, and the congregation, and in fact the whole city felt the shock of Almighty power as never before. A wonderful work of grace followed and many souls were brought to Christ.

Ill.; I in 1828 and he in 1832, and there we were on the best terms of friendship until 1846, when I came to Texas. I often heard him, and he never preached except with the power of the Holy Ghost. He was one of the men who never made a failure. He lived much on his knees,

early part of his ministry. He preached it and testified to it all his life after he professed it, and was never ashamed of it, either in the pulpit, in the class-room

In 1871 I went to Jacksonville to see my aged mother, and hearing I was there he came to see me, and during the conversation I asked him his age, (for he was quite old then) his answer was: When God, for Christ's sake, converted my soul, I was thirty-three years old, nd the first prayer I uttered was, Lord, let me live thirty-three years to preach the gospel to success, and the Lord has answered that prayer, and added fifteen

I praise the Lord that I ever knew such a man of God, and that I enjoyed his respect and confidence. Oh! that like Elijah's, his mantle might fall on a thousand ministers, then the work of our God would move and override every barrier in the way of true holiness. JAS. A. GRAVES.

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A MEDITATION.

and willing to exhort us, the duty of prescribing the exact amount of theology necessary for a ten-pound sermon; or, the critical task of squaring the circle of a literary address at a college commencement; and, moreover, the still more delacted duty of posing in public prints

age. (stake out a bit of charges when age.)

proper specifications; I am ready to plead guilty.) There is a shame somewhere.

I propose, in plain words, (let a wiser icate duty of posing in public prints upon the modern Demosthenes, as he fusses and fans at the summer school of philosophy in his endeavors to teach the scientific idea how it should go, etcetera and so forth, if I am permitted to put in an occasional word about things ordinary and otherwise-collaterals, if you please. The scribes say read. I do so. Can't always do so according to "the latest and

then before the next one comes she reads it back to me again.

One of our bishops says young preachers should not read too many papers. (It would do a boy good to do that sum by mental calculus.) I suppose that does

Is and at the solution—the entire lique-faction and evaporation—of this foul stain upon our practical Christianity.

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not include me. I read several, church and otherwise—i. e., collaterals. The scribes say be loyal. I am so (after a fashion). But as several men have dif-ferent conceptions severally as to what constitutes loyalty, it is quite possible for our "meek submission to rightful authority" to lead us into places where the paths cross. One man has faith to eat all things; but he that is weak eats herbs. One man esteems one day above

And, moreover: The scribes sa meditate. I even venture upon this. It is Scriptural. All meditation doesn't come by inspiration, however; but many of the scribes meditate (about a great many things other than Scripture) day He lingered awhile in his beloved Georgia, and night. I do so (it is fair to acknowl-loved and appreciated by not only his edge the truth). It is common (to meditate—not to acknowledge the truth). I hope it is not unclean (to meditate, I mean). I do not profess an afflitus in

Many of the scribes receive gifts. All that read our church papers find it out. stronger than death - for he seemed to That is an item always written about, and stop dying long enough to pray for the it must not be withheld. The editor members of the South Georgia Conferdare not (I suppose). The Scriptures do ence and their work. He asked me to not say: Thou shalt not give a gift, but say to them that he had them and their do say: It is more blessed to give than work on his heart. Just a few hours be- to receive. If you take a gift to the altar, fore he fell asleep in Jesus, which oc- and there remember that you have curred the 27th day of February, 1886. aught against your brother, sacrifice it in Corsicana, Texas, at the residence of upon the altar of pride and self-laudacurred the 27th day of February, in Corsicana, Texas, at the residence of his daughter, Sister Morse, being presrily to comply with all your astute and Baconian whims. (That doesn't sound quite like the old preacher used to quote it, but these are days of reunion and higher criticism, and I venture to refer to sounds pretty well, and is submitted without amendment. And if it were passed as pure coin, I should never expect on that account to be taken up as a counterfeiter. Whatever else may be held against me that must pass. The coming on the other side. Dr. J. W. debt of love I freely grant, though I Heidt, of Southwestern University, whom may not pay it; any other I repudiate.

Owe no man anything. A preacher is a man (ought to be); therefore, etc. (but ing friends from the 37th verse of the I will not insult that bright school-boy's logic). He (the bright boy) knows that this is a meditation, and understands as well, if not better than many who assume more of the gravity of age without a modicum of his honesty, that the debt of language and applied it to our glorified modicum of his honesty, that the debt of Father we felt that it was true, and that love must never be balanced. Upon his the earth-life of the picture was complete. authority I defy any reasonable number of competent witnesses to produce in which is found a solitary entry wherein the debt of love has been honestly cast itate. (I have done so.) That is a debt we cannot pay, but we may give gifts. Now, the question is fairly stated. Please take time. (I have done so on this subject more or less for ten years.)

I was surprised not long ago by a ques tion from a most intelligent brother, who, by the framing of it, seemed to divine my meditations. And if this meditation brought forth proves to be as one born out of due time, I can in some measure ed with him for a number of years. Our acquaintance commenced in 1826, when to-wit: What is the disciplinary law concerning the taking of gifts? Get your discipline, my brother, and let us hear from you as to the "law and testi-

The unwritten law seems to be that congregation; perhaps there was not on the way and causing a bad odor among one soul in the house but was under a Uncle Sam's employes. And beit further understood by the sender of gifts (though further unpaid salary be chewed as so fore, well-cared for and happy) occupants of the parsonage.

pulpit its vital.) He says if you (the sheep of the flock) can't do any better send in a mess of turnips. And I sup-pose (not speaking by authority) that in pressing cases he would carry this truly benevolent work so far as to advocate the sending of the tops when the veritable ance of our Waco local Bishop on that rutabagas could not be spared. (I can subject. It is coming—it must come—we and his power was from God.

He professed the blessing of "perfect scarcely refrain from exhausting the scarcely refrain from exhausting the whole vocabulary of landatory exclamation." tions; but I know it would look inelegant in print.) And if your neighbors happen to have an abundance of "Gulliver's choice" you will have plenty of turnips or around the fireside in his pastoral and to spare (and likely not enough of honest 10 cent bacon to season a single dinner) I relish turnips (that I have is specially the child of God's provi-

Please do not ask the editor (I have not done so) to give a reason according to his mind and taste why so much space is called for to acknowledge gifts, return of memories; let the past bury the past; thanks, announce receptions, poundings and that class of matters (of gravest importance to the church and us modern Don Quixotes.) Do not refer the matter back to me. (But just the idea: Feasting on wind pudding and then entering into a solemn compact for the total and un-mittigated destruction of wind-mills! The thing is absurd, we must reform.)

A man's gifts are his most expensive luxuries as that P. C. just across the way can testify (and this one too, when the time comes.) I wonder if presiding elders do get gifts. If they do not how is the thing to be equalized? How is the P. C. to prorate his gifts (including turnips, etc.) with him, out or the blank end I am ready to leave to scribes, swift of a deficit in salary amounting, in many instances, to one-third of the whole assessment. Yet he must do so or bind his conscience when he discovers that these same things are counted as quarterage. (Make out a bill of charges with

man offer something better) that the mother of conferences in Texas pass a resolution (but not so far as to lose sight of it) that her membership has too high a sense of common honesty and too much self-respect to accept a gift from any person or persons upon whom rests an obligation to pay, until that obligation has been fully met. (Fie, that's too plain.) I voted for my presiding elder as delegate to the General Conference (God bless the always do so according to "the latest and most approved methods;" yet I do read. I take my church paper; I read that; so does Mrs. St. E. M. I read it to her and then before the next one comes she reads it back to me again.

To the General Conference (God bless the man). I see his name in the published list of delegates. I will venture to suggest, if he wants to immortalize himself as a legislator (I will not speak of the quality of immortality) let him try his hand at the solution—the entire liquefaction and evaporation—of this foul contents and we need no new machinery. Have we not been, and are we not to-day very greatly a church of evangelists from the Asburys and McKendrees down to the thousands of local and itinerant evangelists who have spread Scriptural holiness over these lands? If they come and we need them, let us receive them

our brother by paying our honest debts, ("but to love," etc. leave that unbalanced and uncontaminated) then come and offer our gifts, then, and only then, will it be more blessed to give than to receive. Then, and only then, will it come up before the Lord as a sweet smelling savor.

I repudiate gifts in which the drain on already depleted cupboard and scanty wardrobe is trebled, and sometimes from bribers of a popular preacher's good opinion and from givers who are too mean or too stingy or too ignorant to dis-charge an honest debt. I repudiate all gifts from all sources that come only by a double depletion of both the material and spiritual fountains of him upon whom they would empty their mildewed pretense of benefactions. And (if it doesn't) the Methodis' Church, root and branch, ought to do the same. Let us be honest before we feign to be generous.

I prefer to pay for my own grinding preacher's salary is honestly and conscientiously met, then if he cannot meet his obligations and pay a fair valuation like others for what he uses, like a Christian gentleman he ought to refuse to take work at the hands of the church. When this is done in my case, I take my mush with milk that either comes square out as quarterage or that my own cow furnishes, and walk with a cane if it suits me or let alone as I am able (so far I have

let it alone.) Let love of the brethren continue. Be ye free from the love of money, content with such things as ye have, for it is good son and family in Georgia, assuring them of preparation for the change and asking them to meet him in the heavenly fication), but to love one another. That communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Pray for us, for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honestly

in all things. Heb. 13 chap. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men. Let not then your good be evil spoken of, for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking but righteousness and peace and joy in the

Holy Ghost. Paul in Rom. ST. E. M.

WORK FOR THE GENERAL CONFER-

We all have enjoyed many things in our ADVOCATE for the past weeks, from the puncturing of those fibs at Sewanee and Cleburne to the discussion of the momentous questions shortly to come before our General Conference. Let it be understood that we have no Giraffes or Mount Blancs in Texas, but simply men who are capable of looking into and giving advice anent subjects of vast importance. Our Gulliver, on the question of a Texas Bishop, has the proper Methodist ring. We should have no Tennessee, Georgia or Texas in our connectional Methodism, and yet it is true that there are certain peculiarities about the work in Texas that necessarily demand men acquainted with it to preside over it, but we have at least two bishops who know it, and one especially, who is becoming intimately acquainted with the character and needs of the work. That hint of profiting from the Jesuits is valuable. A very intelligent German (who was reared anywhere. You must succeed." Bishop Purcell is reported as having said, a short time before his death: "We fear not by the receiver), that all claims for further unpaid salary be chewed as so States." "No, no; never let us localize." much dry paper, or, dryer promises, by the meek and uncomplaining (and, therement toward diocesan episcopacy. Even Rome, the result of fourteen centuries of human ingenuity, could not have held ork of grace followed and many souls ere brought to Christ.

We both emigrated to Jacksonville, copy and there copy and the preachers mention from the ladded from time to time appealing to

the credulity of human depravity. There seems to us to be but three foreign missions-and we like the utterscarcely refrain from exhausting the believe-to that. The question of the unification of Methodist missions should be planned by our General Conference. We know it is a grave question, but we do hope they will have the wisdom, foresight and nerve to take it up and formulate something, at least, for future action. Let us ever remember that Methodism dence-flexible in his hand, able to adapt herself to every condition of need or pro let the oneness of Rome be substituted by a unity of variety of operations in our common Methodism. The article from our young neighbor higher up the valley is pregnant with thought on the home mission question. This portion of our State is largely mission ground—perhaps more so than many of us have any conception of. Between us and LaGrange. thirty-five miles, in a thickly settled country, there is not a single Protestant service during the year; and from here to Wharton, a distance of sixty miles, I am told. with populous American settlements, the same conditions obtain. have frequently urgent calls to come and preach for them, but what can I do? My hands are full with home work. Large communities all around us are growing up without any knowledge of the gospel.

Verily, are we not overlooking the work lying at our own door?" The next question we deem urgent for General Conference consideration is the evangelists. What can we do with them in our economy? is the question. Bishop Granbury's recent utterance on this question is significant. The effect it would have upon our itinerancy, and then the reflex effect on our people, are considerations of deep importance. If, in the order of Providence—the order of Cod. God—evangelists have come, and come to stay, we certainly have a place for them. If they are called to a special work -that of convicting and converting sinners-why, we need no new machinery.

not say our imperative want of a hymnal. Our standard hymn books are banished from our churches. We have books enough, in all reason, but no two of them available: gospel hymns, 1, 2, 3 and 4, prayer and praise, abridged books, etc., in fragments, with this hymn in some and not in others. And unless the preacher is a man of affairs, as well as of books many, he will either get himself or the people in a tangle, and it seems to quadrupled by their acceptance. I repudiate all debts, except that of love, by honestly meeting them like a man and a Christian. I repudiate all gifts that come ology, life and salvation to millions on this continent, are slowly but surely dying. Our grand hymns express our doctrines and spirit, and our theology has been sung into the world's mind by them. Good. spirited, stirring singing is the soul of public worship in the congregation. Song is fully one-half the power of the modern evangelists. There is no grander spectacle on earth, or one more pleasing to heaven, than a vast congregation uniting heartily in songs of praise and adoration to the Most High. Let us come back to (there is a peculiar satisfaction in it) congregational singing. Let our General then I can take it at such times and in such quantities as suits best. When a ranged hymnal. "One book" for the entire church. J. A. DUNCAN. COLUMBUS.

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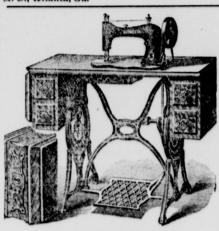
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From Hon. J. B. McFarland, Judge of the Thirty-second District: Messrs, J. J. & W. H. Tobin:

Gentlemen—I have used your Hepatozone for some time and find it one of the best medi-cines for Indigestion and Liver Complaint. J. B. McFarland. From the Rev. Dr. Poindexter:

AUSTIN, TEX., July 15, 1882. Messrs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin: I cheerfully bear testimony to the value of your Hepatozone. I have suffered for years with torpid liver and consequent biliousness, irregular appetite, etc., and have experienced more speedy and permanent relief from your medicines than all other remedies. The medi-cine is not distasteful, and 's unattended with

pain in its operations. J. W. Poindexter.

INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, AUSTIN, May 10, 1883. Dr. Tobin: Or. Tobin:

Your Hepatozone as a gentle purgative has no equal. It moves the bowels without making the patient feel sick, weak or languid. It is often the case that we feel a little bilious, have some headache perhaps, and are feeling unwell generally, and only need an easy purgative to relieve us; your Hepatozone is the medicine for that condition. I relieved a case of dysentery with it in a very short time. We use it largely in this institution.

FRANK RAINEY,
Supt Institution.

From the Rev. Dr. Shapard, Superintendent Deaf and Dumb Asylum: AUSTIN, TEX., March 26, 1884. I have been using Tobin's Hepatozone for about eighteen months, and have found it to be a valuable medicine, so much so that as soon as the last dose is out of one bottle, forthwith I procure another.

W. SHAPARD.

From our prominent bankers: AUSTIN, TEX., April, 9, 1883. Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:

Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:

I have thoroughly tested the merits of your Hepatozone as a remedy for any liver trouble, dyspepsia or constipation. It is indeed a wonderful medicine, and the best remedy for these troubles that ever has been given. I could not do without it. Respectfully.

FRANK HANILTON.

AUSTIN, TEX., March 25, 1883.

Gentlemen—Your Liver medicine has been thoroughly tried on myself and family during the last year, and it has proved itself to be all and even more than you claim for it. It is beyond a doubt the most valuable medicine now known for any liver trouble, dyspepsia or constipation of the bowels. We use nothing else. Respectfully,

JAS. R. JOHNSON.

Letter from Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate: SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Jan. 1, 1883. Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:

Ors. J. J. A. W. H. 100m:

Gentlemen—Your Hepatozone has been used in my family for over a year, and I unhesitatingly say it is the best remedy I have ever used for my liver trouble or constipation of the bowels. I would not be without it.

A. W. HOUSTON.

Col. Claiborne Tells What he Knows of the

Merits of Hepatozone.

BASTROP, March 26, 1884

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With much pleasure I add this statement to the many testimonials and published cards of many creditable persons coming under my observation in the public journals relative to the virtue and curative qualities of Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin's Hepstozone.

In December past, 1883, I was attacked with pneumonia and flux combined and was extremely sick. After very many days of lingering painful sickness (despairing of my recovery), I got a friend at dead of night to procure me a bottle of Hepstozone and commenced its administration at once, after midnight.

It acted on me like a charm, and after less than half a dozen doses (as per direction), I was relieved of all difficulty and bad symptoms and convalescent at once. I therefore cheerfully recommend said medicine for diseases of the stomach, liver and bowels. It may not cure everybody and all complaints, but it cured me. Respectfully.

HIL CLAIBORNE, Attorney at Law, Bastrop.

From Z. T. Fulmore, County Judge:

From Z. T. Fulmore, County Judge: AUSTIN, TEX., June 20, 1882. Dr. W. H. Tobin:

Dr. W. H. Tobin:

I have tried your Hepatozone as a sort of a last resort to prevent the frequently recurring headaches to which I have been subjected for eight or ten years, and unhesitatingly pronounce it more beneficial than any medicine I have ever tried. Its results upon my system are all and even more than is claimed for it. Yours, etc.,

Z. T. FULMORE.

DR. J. J. TOBIN.

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

OLD AND YOUNG.

LETTERS FROM CHINA. NUMBER FOUR.

THE TEA INTERESTS OF CHINA. Judging from the enormous exports of tea, and the commercial interests that center in and revolve about the culture of this fragran shrub, it is safe to say that the round world recognizes and adopts the Chinese national

Tea is cultivated on the hills, principally in the province of Tu Kien and about the Yang-tez-kiang. While passing through Japan I saw the farms, as tea is cultivated there. Viewing a tea-farm at a distance, it has the appearance of a shrubbery of evergreens, and when in bloom the white flowers on the deep green leaves present a picture to the eye long to be remembered. The shrub is a species of camellia, from which the various qualities of tea is obtained, and not from various kinds of tea-plant. Your black or red and green tea may grow on the same bush, but prepared by a different process for market. Likewise there are districts in which the soil and climate favor a finer grade, where perhaps greater care in the cultivation, gathering and

preparing obtains. The young plants produce a finer quality of tea than the older, and the tender leaves of the spring are more delicate in flavor than the older and coarser leaves of summer and autumn, consequently it is desirable to have large numbers of young plants each year. The plants of one year are transplanted from the nursery in rows of four feet by four, and several plants to the "hill." After three years' unmolested growth they are sufficiently robust to yield a crop of leaves, say a half pound of the dried tea annually to the plant.

rolling-table, and pressed, while moist and flaccid from the heat of roasting, into balls. The remaining moisture being thus removed, the next step is to take the twisted leaves to "roasting-pans," where an hour and a half of heating gets the tea ready for transport.

After being thus prepared, great care must be exercised in the transportation to the ports, in which the finest grades must on no account touch the soil during the entire

But in order to command a ready sale in the English and American markets, additional manipulation is necessary; and in securing a uniform bright green tea it is necessary to add prussiate of iron, mixed with gypsum. I have seen it stated that some of the cheaper colored green tea, such for instance as is taken from tea shops after being several times drawn, contain more than a half pound of poisonous coloring matter to the hundred pounds of leaves. It is not wonderful that tea-drinkers in America are sometimes injuriously affected.

CHINESE MODE OF MAKING TEA. They put a few leaves into a cup, and pour hot water over it as wanted. Thus prepared, they drink it hot, without sugar or milk. Passing by their tea-shops you will usually find them crowded with customers from morning early till late at night. For a little cash, say a cent to a cent and a half, a China man gets his cup with a few leaves of tea in it; so he takes a seat, has a coolie to wait on him in the supply of hot water, smokes and drinks and gossips, while the hours go by. The popular notion is, that before eating tea is a good stomachic, and a cup after meals promotes digestion. In addition to his tea he must smoke his pipe, in which the women likewise indulge. A proverb obtains to the

produce exhaustion and lassitude; country people before drinking it add ginger and salt the town. to counteract this cooling property." So much for tea.

RICE CULTURE. In closing this letter I might do well to describe the cultivation of rice.

The first stage is the seed-bed, which is largely composed of liquid manure, strong and clamorous of smell. Into these rich beds the seed is sown, and thus forced into a rapid growth, giving the young plants an astonishing start in life. When the shoots are five or six inches high, they are transplanted at regular distances apart, having several plants to the hole. Prior to this transplanting, the rice field has been flooded with water from the canal by means of a water-wheel of rude construction. Here again this additional labor of irrigation and planting out, is compensated by larger yields per acre than would otherwise be had. The growing rice is kept constantly wet until harvest, when the fields are drained and the crop gathered on dry ground. By dint of hard work and close economy China's millions are fed and taxes paid.

O. A. DUKES. SHANGHAL CHINA.

HOW DANIEL ABBOTT OUTWITTED THE INDIANS.

Wide Awake. During old colonial times in New England, when a new town was to be "planted" the ground was surveyed and laid out in plots; so many for the settlers, and one each "for the meeting-house, the parsonage, and the use of the school forever." Every family had to promise to pay so many pounds for the plot, so many shillings for admittance into the township "plantation" and a certain sum toward opening roads through the wilderness, beside an appointed share of the expense of erecting

a place of public worship.

In one of the settlements which had progressed from "plantation" to "town," Penacook, now Concord on the Merrimac, in New Hampshire, lived young Daniel Abbott, one of a large family of brothers; and it is his story, handed down by tradition, which I propose to relate.

In 1746, when Daniel was about eight years of age, sad days began to come to the little town of Penacook; the people had so far lived in comparative security, the neighboring Indians being friendly to the white men. Now, however, came strange Indians, mostly from Canada, and who were instigated by the French to commit depredations on the set-

The houses at Penacook had been built in groups to be easily defended in possible times of danger, now came the order to fortify them. Strong walls of hewn logs laid flat upon each other, carried up as high as the roofs of the calm. Pointing to the skates with great solmnitown so as to enclose each a group of houses. To every garrison was allotted a certain number of families; sometimes as many as a dozen or twenty families occupied the larger fortifi-

Thenceforth, for years, there was no peace carried guns to "meeting," stacking them in hood and youth shrewd and wise beyond their did his errand, and came back home safely

cations.

pulpit.

death a company of six men who were passing as he speaks. This event threw the whole community into a young braves, gathering around Pea-ha-la. state of terrible anxiety and alarm. Men, wept aloud at sight of them. The people of around the assembly with a look of command. Penacook, always an industrious community,

This feverish state of affairs continued, dared not cease watching.

It is lovely summer weather now in Pena- ious wings" to the lake. cook. A season of quiet longer than usual Bidding four of the young braves sit upon the cheerfulness.

all." Daniel doubts it, having dreamed the Shin-gas the Powerful! Away! Away!" night before that he was captured by the Indians.

The boys are to watch the cows all day; The sun-dried leaves are usually sold to the betake themselves to a fallen tree-trunk in the agents of the merchants. These leaves are edge of the woods whence they can keep their strength and speed, and crying "Away! Aafterwards "fired," and then placed upon the eyes upon the herd grazing contentedly. Time way! Follow! Follow!" he flies on like the grass at their feet; the air is soft and odorous, possible arrows. and the murmuring of the brook calls resistlessly to Daniel. "Come, Nat," he cries finally, "let us go down to the turn where the water's deep, and fish. Jock can do all the watching that is needed."

The boys intent on their lines forget there ever were Indians, ever was danger. The soft twitter of birds, the droning of the wild bees, and the drowsy flowing of the brook seem to be the only sounds in the great forest, till suddenly Jock's short, sharp barking rouses them. Startled, terrified, the boys peer through the trees. But they do not see the dusky forms concealed behind the great treetrunks, nor the evil glittering of many eyes watching them.

But Jock's barking has ceased. Reassured the boys turn back to their fishing.

The day deepens into twilight in Penacook. One by one the Abbott and Foster cows, all Abbott is reading his Bible before evening save two, come trailing slowly homeward prayers. Mother Abbott and boys are reverthrough the long grasses; but it is presently discovered that the boys are not with them. They are called on every hand. No answer.

"The Indians!-the Indians!" flies from lip to lip; strong men and strong women, standing in the doorways, blanch with terror. Instant preparation is made for search.

Too soon the dreadful suspense is ended. Not far from the edge of the wood the arrowpierced bodies of Spotted Moll and Brownie are found, and near them Deacon Kimball's young heifer. The men gaze at the poor smoke, is like a man who enters a house and an arrow through his body. Wild holloes fill laughs. leaves the door open. In a land like this, an the wood. But no answer. Now they go down In another moment fond arms are clasping open door means the loss of household goods. to the brookside. Here lies a dark heap. It the long-lost son, kisses are showered on the to the brookside. W. A. McMichael; my teacher's name is "Tea," says a Chinese authority, "is of a is young Nathan Foster, murdered, mangled. dear bronzed young face and the brothers cooling nature, and if drunk too freely will The body fairly bristles with Indians arrows, strive to see who will get nearest and stay In silence they lift him and carry him back to closest to the hero of the night. The neigh-

> search for Daniel; the hours go by, but not a merry evening is passed listening to the tale trace of the unfortunate lad can be discovered. of his capture, his life in the wigwam village: Night passes wofully enough in Penacook, his escape and journeying through the wilderfor all the little hamlet is in sympathy with ness. The skates—the Great Spirit's "mysthe two stricken houses, and none can tell terious wings"-are passed round from neighwhose grief is the greater-that of the mother bor to neighbor, and handled and admired clasping her dead son, or that of the mother with a species of awe. Then silence falls on who sits thinking of the tortures and cruelties the little kitchen as the good deacon solemnly

her boy may be enduring, if alive, on apace. Still no news has reached the little God for them!" town corcerning the lost boy. His young brothers have learned to speak of him only in whispers, for their mother is worn to a shadow with grieving, and their father has grown gray with his sorrow.

But Daniel is not dead. Far off in a wigwam village, on the borders of a great lake, the lad is living with his captors. Escape is his daily and nightly dream. He seems content, for he has learned cunning from the cunning savages around him. He fishes, hunts, plays games too, for Ca-hau-wuk, the old chief, has adopted him as his son. The squaws have plaited the wampum?

wigwam fire, Pea-ha-la-for Daniel has now auntie till at last little Tommie, who had been an Indian name-wakes one night and won- trying for some time to get his little speech in, ders at the dead silence about him. By the said: red firelight he finds himself alone. He listens. In the next wigwam the squaws are awake, talking. He learns that a dozen of the not since you was here before, I do b'leve." tribe have gone off on a journey of plunder.

Pea-ha-la would rise and run southward this moment, only that the Indians' dreadful wolfdogs would bark and betray him. So he lies down again breathing a prayer that God will sometime help him. The squaws chatter on together and hope the "Great Spirit" in the Southwest will make their "braves" successful. The chief's white son strives to keep our city now stands, and when there were but awake and listen to learn whatever may be of few houses, and they were scattered widely future use, but soon drowsiness creeps over apart, there lived in one of them a little boy, him and soothed by the warmth he drops asleep

At the new moon the band return, bringing with them scalps and much plunder. Pea-ha-la, at the feast of rejoicing, with a shiver, recognizes just such familiar articles as he has seen pair of candlesticks, a snuff box, shears, andoh, what are these things hanging to Shin-gas' belt? A string of skates!

Like lightning a thought flashes through the lad's brain-but he must be cool, and houses and provided with sentry-boxes at the ty, he exclaims, "Behold the gifts of the corners, were put up in different parts of the Great Spirit! What will Ca-hau-wuk, my Father and Shin-gas the Powerful, do with them? My young brothers must now serve had been taught obedience, so he said nothing the Great Spirit."

around Shin-gas and Ca-hau-wuk, shake their and when he had gotten behind it and out of heads and look troubled. Pea-ha-la is filled sight of the house, he took off his hat, kneeled of mind in Penacook; the farmers went armed with a sudden joy which he conceals; he to the fields; bounds were set to the children's knows now that the Indians are utterly igno- prayed this prayer: 'O Lord, if you'll go rambles; sentries were on the alert day and rant of the use of skates. With an assumption along with me this time and keep the bears night to fire signal guns at the first appearance of greater gravity-for the perilous life of the and wolves off, I'll never ask any think of you of foes; on Sunday, the congregation to a man New England settlers had made even child- again. Amen.' Then he went on his way,

the middle of the aisle, while the minister's years—he cries, "Ca-hau-wuk, my Father! without seeing even the shadow of a bear or rifle stood always ready beside him in the Shin-gas the Powerful! listen! I will tell you wolf." how, by these gifts, you may call upon the At last on one peaceful, sunny August day, Great Spirit who dwells in the Southwest." the Canadian Indians swept down and shot to He touches the skates with reverent gestures

from the town to a garrison two miles distant. "Let us listen to the 'pale face,'" ery the great that he felt like promising almost any "Speak, my son. How shall we call the those dreadful woods." women and children came to see the slain and Great Spirit?" answers Ca-hau-wuk, glancing

"Come then, Ca-hau-wuk, my Father, and now had their duties doubled, for they were Shin-gas the Powerful! come, my young constantly erecting or reparing defences, pre- brothers! let us go down to the great water. paring for or repelling assaults, guarding their There I will tell you how to use these myscrops, or going in companies to assist their terious wings in calling the Great Spirit," cries Pea-ha-la, rejoicing.

The Indians look at one another; doubt, though there would be long intervals when all anxiety, are struggling on their faces. But their troubles seemed over; yet even then they | Ca-hau-wuk gives the word of command and they follow Pea-ha-la bearing the "myster-

had passed. It has been months since there | ce, for the lake was well frozen, the pale face has been even a rumor of Indians; and though | binds the skates on their feet, reserving the the patrols, guns on shoulders, still pace about best and sharpest pair for his own use. Rising the town, there is a general feeling of rest and now, Pea-ha-la makes a series of wild and solemn gestures with his arms extended to-Whistling light-heartedly, Daniel Abbott ward the Southwest. Then he whirls around goes out, after the early family breakfast, in in a circle, bowing toward the old chief. company with his dog, to drive the cows to Then he skates rapidly around the young pasture; it is his turn to herd then to-day braves. The group on the shore are watching Nathan Foster, another Penacook lad, is on bravely and in silence these mysterious gyrahand with his cows to keep him company. tions. Wider and wider grow Pea-ha-la's cir-Both are sturdy young fellows. Both of them cles, till suddenly, flying swiftly toward them, carry their rifles. As they trudge along, they he shouts, "To your feet! to your feel! to your naturally drop into the favorite topic. Nathan | feet, young braves! the Great Spirit calls you! guesses "the red-skins are gone for good and Follow me! We go, my Father! We go,

In great confusion and swift alarm the young braves try to rise; they fall and stumble one against another in affright. The old chiefs and as the noon sun begins to beet down, they look on in amazement. In the midst of their cries and yells, Daniel puts forth his utmost slips on; everything looks bright, secure, full wind, making for a bend in the lake, a small Stephen was the first martyr and he died of peace; the quick-eyed Jock is asleep in the cape, behind which he will find shelter from

"Pea-ha-la-Pea-ha-la," shouts Shin-gas passionately.

"Pea-ha-la! Pea-ha-la!" cries Ca-hau-wuk nournfully.

"Pea-ha-la, ha-la-la," answers echo faintly. But Daniel heeds not! Still calling, "Away! Away! Follow! Follow!" every nerve is strained to reach the small cape: then away he speeds to the clear ice beyond.

The young braves on shore level their bows. arrows go flying, but it is too late. Pea-ha-la

amicably and intelligibly with the sentry. Before many minutes more glad news flies through the garrison.

Mother Abbott and the good deacon open their door to listen to the stir. Presently a take the ADVOCATE. This is my first beasts in silence, not knowing which way to figure clad in deerskin, with the Indian leggins proceed; but something further must be done and moccasins, rushes wildly toward them: quickly. They separate, taking different "It is I, mother, Pea-ha-la, who loves you! It paths through the woods. Suddenly Seth Kim- is I, father! fear not. Don't you know Peaeffect, that a man who eats and does not ball comes upon poor little faithful Jock with ha-la-no, Daniel?" And the young Indian

bors flock in to see Daniel, and to weep in joy very nice wife. Returning with torches, they make a long with his mother; then a long, half-sad, halfexclaims, "They were indeed the gift of the Summer fades into autumn. Winter comes Great Spirit, neighbors; let us give thinks to

JOHNNIE'S PRAYER-A TRUE STORY.

There was a sound of scampering feet, and a chorus of sweet child-voices, as the door of a lovely home in a picturesque city was thrown open, and four pairs of nimble feet ran swiftly down the walk, and voices rang joyfully out. "Aunt Louise is coming. O goody! goody! there's Aunt Louise!" And the pleasant-faced, Our preacher is A. W. Gibson, he is with the Indian lads, and is greatly honored graceful lady coming up the walk was almost smothered by the rapturous welcome of her wee relatives. Sooner than it can be written finest mats for his bed; they roast daily for she was seated in the most restful rocker, her him the choicest bits of game; and whose wraps laid carefully away by dimpled and leggins and moccasins are adorned like Pea- eager fingers, and four small chairs and their ha-la's? Who wears so rich a necklace of occupants drawn as closely round her as the But I am going to school in Leonard; I temperature would allow. Then how the lit-Wrapped in his furs, with his feet to the tle tongues ran! for there was so much to tell

"And, O auntie, we've not had a real, for sure, good story for the longest, longest, time; "Does that mean you would like to hear one just now?" asked Aunt Louise. And four

eager voices chorused the answer: "O yes, yes, auntie; a real one, please." "With woods and wolves and bears and

things in it," added impulsive Jimmie. "Well, then, a long time ago, when forest trees stood thick all over the ground where named Johnnie. One day his mother called him in from his play, and said: 'Johnnie, I will have to send you over to neighbor Bland's for something I must have right away; so get your hat, and take Rover, and go and come come just as quickly as you can.' Now this in the houses of Penacook; a "housewife," a nearest neighbor lived four miles from Johnnie's home, and the way led through dense woods,'

> "Was there bears in 'em?" interrupted wee Annie, whose blue eyes had never moved from

her auntie's tace since the story began. "Yes, there were bears and wolves, too, and Johnnie was very much frightened to think of going through them twice with only the big dog for company, but like the Rechabites, he to his mother about his fears, but called Rover The Indians look one at another; they crowd and started at once. His way led past the barn, down, and lifting his face toward God's sky,

"But, auntie, he did pray again, din't he!" asked sober-faced Charlie. "Yes, I am sure he asked God for many and

many things after this, but his fear was so thing to be kept safe while going through

"Did he live a long time?" inquired Tom-

"He lived long enough to see those woodsbears, wolves, and all-gone, and a large and fine city in their place." "Did we ever hear of him? do you know his

name, auntie?" asked Jimmie. "O you inquisitive little rogue!" laughed Aunt Louise; "yes, you have heard of him, I know his name-he was the father of the good bishop you all love so dearly."

"O auntie, auntie! can it be so? We are so glad, and we will tell bishop---about it the very first time we see him.'

"ALL RIGHT, JACK."

At Home and Abroad. Some years ago a ship was wrecked off one of the islands of Fiji. A boat's crew that had got ashore from the wreck were in the greatest possible terror lest they should be devoured by the Fijians. On reaching land they dispersed in different directions. Two of them found a hut and crept into it, and as they lay there wondering what would become of them. one suddenly called out to his companion, "All right, Jack; there is a Bible on this chair; no

LETTER BOX.

From Granger. I am just fourteen years old. Papa takes the ADVOCATE and I like to read it very much. Papa, mamma and myself are members of the church.

I will answer Robt. Baird's question : for preaching the gospel of Christ.

ALICE HOLSHOUSER.

From Waco Circuit. I am just eleven years old. I go to school and read in the fourth reader. Mamma and papa belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Bro. Sam P. Wright is our preacher. I will try and answer some questions Aunt Ruth asked: God appeared unto Moses in a bush that burned with fire and was not

arrows go flying, but it is too late. Pea-ha-la is gone. "The 'Great Spirit' has sent for him," say the old chiefs mournfully; and though the young braves doubt somewhat the integrity of Pea-ha-la, all return resignedly to the wigwam where the squaws set up a great lamentation, as for the dead.

Winter is nearly over. In his log house at Penacook one Sabbath evening Deacon Abbott is reading his Bible before evening prayers. Mother Abbott and boys are reverently listening, when suddenly there is a commotion in the garrison; dogs bark, children scream, lights are flying to and fro; the sentry has spied an Indians and given an alarm. The Indian approaches boldly and gives a peace signal. He says he brings news from Daniel Abbott. A moment later he is conversing an indian approaches boldly and gives a peace signal. He says he brings news from Daniel Abbott. A moment later he is conversing an indian approaches with that burned with fire and was not consumed. He was upon Mt. Horeb. I will close by asking a question: Who was the father of Zerubbabel? This is will close by asking a question: Who was the father of Zerubbabel? This is my first letter, and I hope to see it in print.

AMANDA E. GRIFFIS.

From Blanco.

I am ten years old. I go to the Blanco high school. My studies are English grammar, geography, spelling and arithmetic; and I also take music lessons, and can play right well. Prof W. H. Bruce is the principal, and the assistant teachers are Mr. Cooper, Miss Ada Bruce and Miss Mollie Carson. We have a good

Miss Mollie Carson. We have a good

W. I. TUCK FP.

Miss Mollie Carson. We have a good pastor, and we all love him very much. His name is Bro. Griffith. We have a nice Suuday-school every Sunday. We letter. Your little friend. EVA R. PARKS.

From Millican.

I am eleven years old. I go to Sundayschool every Sunday, and like to go very much; our superintendent's name is Mr. Mrs. McLeod. Our preacher's name is Bro. Simpson, we all like him, he has a

One of our little schoolmates died here last week and we were very much grieved. Her name was Lizzie Player. She was such a good girl.

We take your paper all like it. I read all of the little girls' and boys' letters and think them very nice.

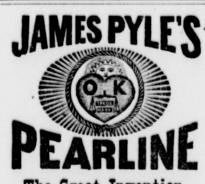
OLA HOWINGTON.

From Leonard.

I have not seen anything in the little people's department of our paper from Leonard. We have a great little town; made up of good people. We have one good school, under the management of Prof. Scudder, which is a great blessing to the community. We are temperance people here; have only one half of a saloon here and it will soon run dry. a bachelor, but not an old bachelor as Bro. Elliott said in his letter to you some time ago.

I live in the country about four miles, in as rich a country as there is in Texas. am boarding with Mr. Maxwell, where I enjoy myself very much. I am very desirous of an education, and I must study hard and improve my time.

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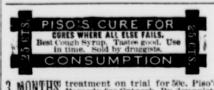
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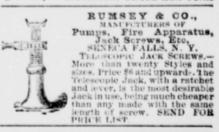
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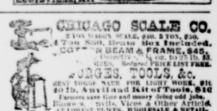












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tically remarks: "There seems to be wonder we do not heed it, for we grovel an error about the 'rare wines' at the in earthly things and have no eye nor ear wedding of the daughter of Bishop Quin- for the higher truths. The light may tard, of Tennessee. The prelate protests. rest upon the mountain tops, but he who The wine 'cost only a dollar a gallon.' delves in the earth will never see it. There must be a shabby set of Episco- Sweet music rings out upon the air; but palians in Tennessee, to look on with in- those two men do not hear it for they are difference while a 'Right Reverend' engaged in angry altercation! So with moistens his diaphragm with such a us: We live in a perpetual Babel; we common vintage. How the mighty have wrangle, we dig, and never see God's fallen! The common clergy cannot rise beacons and never hear his voice. Let above hard cider or persimmon beer."

REV. O. A. DUKES, in a note just at thought and spirit as to become in some hand from Shanghai, China, says: "I mysterious way the mouth-piece of God. should like to say with H. S. T. 'one And let us listen to them when they hundred and fifty missionaries for China. say to us: "You are pilgrims." Yes, and let one hundred and forty-five | And it is not a sad thought if we only of them be Chinese converts.' On the see it right. There is all the difference other hand, do not forget the five mis- in the world between a pilgrim and a sionaries. Send out men after the work- tramp. You have seen a tramp and you ing type of Rev. J. W. Lambuth, D. D., know what he is. Now, a tramp wanders, who feel called to preach, and preach to but has no destination; he is going, gothis heathen people the glorious gospel ing all the time but is never going anyof Christ. Then pray with us (at noon where. So he gets some bread to eat and each day) that the Lord raise up the one a roof to shelter him and some straw on hundred and forty-five native preachers." which he may sleep, that is the end of

New Orleans Advocate, by Rev. Beverly ing all the time, but there is an end to Carradine, there appears this striking his journey, and it makes his face shine passage: "I know a minister who, when and gives fleetness to his feet-he is going a certain memory arises, feels a great choking in his throat and a mighty regret deep down in his heart. He was passing his own house, or rather, parsonage, at sunset. He glanced in and saw his wife sitting patiently alone on the gallery with a piece of sewing in her hand. There was something in her attitude and the loneliness that seemed to surround her as an atmosphere, that went to his soul like an arrow, bringing a great pain.

And gives fleetness to his feet—he is going home. There have no home. There have no home. There is not a star in the sky under which they journey ing they do not understand. "No God," say they, "No heaven, no spiritual world; all is matter and matter is all." Yes, there are men like this—men who, with the lance of their logic destroy, as they think, the all-seeing eye of God, and are content to stand on the shelving brink of the grave from which their Church was successful. The people were sometiments and gives fleetness to his feet—he is going home. There have no home. There was regardent.

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Mr. Needham came, and He leaned against the gate and watched brother worms rise up to greet them and her, saying to himself: "Here am I look up, not into a Divine Father's face, actually spending more time with other but into "a blank, bottomless eye-sockmen's wives than my own; here am I et!" What are such men? They are making friends with other men's chil- tramps. They have no home. They are dren and my own neglected at home." going nowhere! They will eat and sleep, By and by he spoke: "Would you like sometimes in one place, sometimes in for me to come in and pay you a visit?" another; they will live in this city and Her answer was: "O you don't know then in that; but each day is like its felhow glad I would be." He went in, and low and there is nothing in prospect. for five minutes couldn't see clearly be- But Christians are not tramps; they are cause of a mist in his eyes, nor could he pilgrims—they are going somewhere. speak, because he found a lump in his Far in the distance gleam the spires of a throat that prohibited utterance. O you city that hath foundations whose maker lonely wives of preachers and pastors, and builder is God, and every day the may Christ be your companion on earth. lifted domes shine clearer and the pilgrim as he certainly will be in heaven."

MISSIONS IN CENTRAL MEXICO.

Mrs. Alma P. Norwood, wife of Rev. Joseph Norwood, our missionary in Toluca, Mexico, spent last Sunday in the home. What are the pains and toils of a city. On Monday she left for George- journey when home is at the end of it? town, where she will spend two months What are the ills and losses of this life with relatives and return to Mexico by if every one of them can be built up into way of El Paso.

from the Central Mexican Conference, sunshine the Christian pilgrim can say, which has just concluded a harmonious with a holy enthusiasm known only to and profitable session. Dr. Patterson the divine phylosophy of Christ: "We was elected delegate to the General Con- know that, if the earthly house of this ference, and A. F. Aquilar alternate. Six native Mexicans were ordained dea- building of God, a house not made with cons. The next conference will meet at Toluca.

By permission of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Norwood has authority to hope of heaven. We live by the future collect funds for the purpose of building always; for the future we toil and think the "Freeman Memorial Church" in To- and labor. But the little day of life is luca. A little more than eleven hundred dollars have already been sub- Eternal Future to toil for-a future bescribed. Of this amount the Central wond the gates of death. The most prac-Mexican Conference contributed one hundred and eight dollars as their first church extension work. To complete the church a deep faith in the hereafter, and a deaccording to the plan, five thousand dol- termination to be ready for it. It solves lars are needed. Mrs. Norwood will be life and makes the whole way easy. It glad to receive donations during the next changes it from a desert tramping to the two months. These can be sent to her sunny home-travel of a pilgrim.

address at Georgetown, Texas. We were glad to meet also Mrs. and Miss Blackmore, of the City of Mexico, meeting three summers ago, and a song who are on their way to visit friends in that he sung. At a certain stage of the the Eastern States. Mrs. Blackmore has service he would rise and walk out in lived in Mexico forty-five years and she and her two children are the chief work- and singing, and often shouting, and ers in the union Protestant Church which | begin his song. It was always that song. has been in existence twenty years, and His old withered face would light up; of which the lamented Freeman was pas- his bent shoulders would square themtor when he died. They are also endeav- selves and, clapping his hands, he would oring to build a church, have a little sing. money in bank, and are much encouraged by the interest which Dr. Deems, of New York, is manifesting in their A quaint song it was, but it lit his face

PILGRIMS AND TRAMPS.

When David speaks of "the house of description. He was a pilgrim; and so

This truth needs to be insisted upon. This world passes away. The sun is a pilgrim. The flowers of spring are pilgrims. The spring comes with opening buds, and by the time we have greeted it, is gone. The summer comes with larger gifts, but quickly gives place. Joint Board of Publication of the Five Texas Autumn comes with changing leaves. soft skies and sweet thoughts, and is but the usher of winter. And winter, with a hoary beauty of its own, totters by, and the unwearying round goes on. A part of this you are, and a pilgrim like it all. Yesterday you were a child, laughing into the open heavens and thinking this world a play-ground; to-day you are a burdened man, looking down and finding it a work-shop; to-morrow the death storm comes. Its white flakes will fall upon your brow and beard; its breath will wither the freshness from your face. Your feet will grow numb and heavy; every limb will be a burden, and you will totter to the grave. Fifty years ago people who are now in their graves filled the places you'now fill. Fifty years and the most of those who read these lines will be in eternity. One hundred years and not one will be left. We do not heed this truth; we do not act upon it. THE Richmond Advocate characteris- We build our homes as for eternity. No

his day. But a pilgrim is going some-In an article on pastoral visiting in the where; he is going home! He is tramp-

> cries: I am nearer my Father's house to-day

Than ever I was before, It makes all the difference in the world in our journeying when we are going the steps of a ladder that leads into the Mrs. Norwood brought cheering news heart of eternal life? Amid storm and tabernacle were dissolved, we have a hands eternal in the heavens."

As little as some men think of it, the highest educative force on earth is this over presently, and what we need is an tical thing that any man who reads this can do is to go forth, having in his heart

We shall never forget a dear, grayhaired old man we saw at a Texas campthe midst of the people who were praying

> " Religion is a fortune And heaven is my home."

my pilgrimage," he is indulging in exact sing that song and to feel it. Not pre-

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pas-

He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of he shadow of death; he shadow of a evil;
I will fear no evil;

Twill real no evil,

For thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

But that is what the old brother meant, and that is what every pilgrim means as he journeys to his Father's house. And that is what every one of us may say and feel if we will. Reader, what are you-a pilgrim or a tramp?

DR. PATTERSON'S OPEN LETTER.

Dr. Patterson, Superintendent of our Central Mexican Mission, recently published a half-open letter, in which he appeared to reflect on the work and conduct of the two young ladies who were sent by the Woman's Board of Missions to San Luis Potosi. One of these young ladies, Miss Blanche Gilbert, is from the Baltimore Conference. The last number of the Baltimore Methodist says:

Miss Blanche Gilbert is universally esteemed in our midst. Dr. Patterson has been com-pelled to retract all he said reflecting on these ladies, and his letter of retraction will appear in the next issue of the Woman's Missionary

The following letter shows how Miss Gilbert is appreciated in her new field at

LAREDO SEMINARY, Laredo, Mexico, Feb. 19, 1866,

MRS. JULIANA HAYES-My Dear Sister-I Sweet music rings out upon the air; but those two men do not hear it for they are engaged in angry altercation! So with us: We live in a perpetual Babel; we wrangle, we dig, and never see God's beacons and never hear his voice. Let us be thankful that there are men like this Psalmist who are so lifted up in thought and spirit as to become in some

Miss, JULIANA HAYES—My Dear Sister—I have never had the pleasure of writing to you. I feel now I must send you a word of thanks for giving us so great a pleasure, enjoyment and blessing as the presence and companionship of Miss Gilbert. She came to us just when we needed her the most. We find eiththe spirit of the Master. She often speaks of you with affection. Pray for the blessing of the Lord upon us and our work. Yours in the love of the Master,

MAMIE EMORY HOLDING.

A JUST CRITICISM.

When it was found that Mr. Moody could spend but three days in Galveston, it was suggested, in a meeting of the pastors and representative laymen of all the evangelical churches of the city, that it would be well to invite some suitable man to follow Mr. Moody and take up the work and continue it. Dr. A. T. Spalding, paster of the First Baptist Church, suggested the name of Rev. Geo. C. mously invited to visit the city and take oppose his missionary policy, on our conscience charge of the work at the conclusion of we write against it, and with all the teeling in

Church was successful. The people were deeply moved and many were awakened plesof the and converted. When the Evangelist left, the best wishes of all his hearers one foreign missionary for every ten native

been warmly commended with one exception. It has been thought a little unfortunate that the pastor of the First Baptist Church should have chosen "Baptism by Immersion" as his subject on that occasion. This, however, might have escaped criticism but for an unfortunate use which the speaker made or sought to make of Mr. Needham and his work. After inculcating this peculiar tenet of his church—

GALVESTON. March 15.

THE PRESS.

Among our Exchanges. We published two weeks ago a criticism from the Wesleyan Advocate on the following paragraph from the Advocate of Missions:

A quaint song it was, but it lit his face by a bishop to the call: memory does not up, and lit his heart up, and lit up a hun-

reply, from which we take the following:

The paragraph you quote from the Advocate of Missions in your issue of February 26th, 1886, was written by myself. The paragraph gave utterance to the convictions of three-fourths of the missionaries of all churches in all the mission fields of Protestant Christendom. I believed it to be the steadfast conviction of an overwhelming majority of all thoughtful men and ardent friends of missions in the M. E. Church, South. Whether I am correct in this estimate of the opinions of others or not, I believe it with all my heart. After years of study of missionary movements, from apostolic times to the present century, the conclusion reached is, that when a mission has once been planted by foreign Christians, the successful evangelization of a people must be carried forward in about the proportions mentioned. The paragraph was not penned until after months of waiting, thinking, consultation, (in every case of consultation the party approached me) and prayer. I could give reasons ample and full, but the paragraph gives the whole of what I desire to say. There is not one atom of prejudice, nor aught but personal love for every "saintly man and woman in the field," in the paragraph. The prayer was devout when offered, and is still lovingly and devoutly ascending to the Father of Lights. I love Dr. Potter for his zeal for missions. We differ in some points widely, very widely in judgment. I regret the angry and silly words he has penned. The paragraph is in line with the appeal to the church to raise \$500,000 next year for missions. Prudent and wise use of funds given will promote as nothing else will do, giving upon the part of thoughtful Christian men. We have made the plant in China; with the Rio school opened, we will be broadly based in Brazil, Mexico needs a training school for preachers, thoroughly enhusiastic, but thoughtful, prudent and farreaching in its plans.

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A little history: Since writing our editorial, two weeks ago, we have seen what we suppose was the origin of the report which Dr. Kelley used in his paragraph. A worthy correspondent, writing to the Texas Advocate, said that an hour sconversation with a bishop suggested several things, among which was something similar to that which Dr. Kelley quoted; but the correspondent distinctly said that the bishop was not responsible for any of the things written. That was all perfectly legitimate. The correspondent only wrote what occurred to his mind during the conversation. We might not agree with all his suggestions—possibly he might not himself after maturer reflection—but we certainly should not make any complaint of his writing them. But Dr. Kelley took the suggestion, wrought it up into the form of a prayer, headed it in such a way as to limit its reference to the author of the call for "a hundred and fifty missionaries for China," and added the emphatic and symbolic "Amen." Thus with archer's skill was feathered the arrow that went quivering from the twanging bow of the Advocate of Missions straight to the heart of Dr. Allen. In the above letter Dr. Kelley denies the "prejudgenent and deliberate argumentative purpose of it, which is only not quite so bad, but had enough. A few times we have heard good men introduce arguments for personal opinions on disputed points into their public prayers, but it has always shocked us greatly, and called example of it in the Advocate of Missions to the congragation. And we cannot allow this forth emphatic condemnation or ridicule from pass without once more uttering our protest. "We made no reply to anything persontest." We made no reply to anything persontest. Needham, the Irish evangelist, who had been laboring successfully in Virginia, North Carolina and other States. After some discussion Mr. Needham, on Dr. Spaiding's recommendation, was unanimously invited to visit the city and take left, the best wishes of all his hearers followed him—he had won all hearts.

It was now thought best by all concerned that the services should take another form, and so on last Sunday each pastor inaugurated a series of services to continue for a week or more in his respective church. The sermons of the various pastors on that occasion have been warmly commended with one exand his work. After inculcating this peculiar tent of his church, which he had an undisputed right to do—Dr. Spalding then proceeded to say that Mr. Needham, who had so endeared himself to them all, thoroughly agreed with the views just presented. He even went so far as to say, or so we are told, that Mr. Needham was "the only man since Jesus Christ who had walked sixty miles to be baptized by immersion." We are not surprised that Dr. Spalding's course has met with censure even at the hands of those less used to criticism than to the charity that sufferent long and is kind. The letter which we print below is from a brother who, if we may say it, belongs to the class just mentioned. He gave Mr. Needham and his work earnest and loving support, and on this question has a right to be heard: To the Editor of the Advocate:

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SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

Bishop Keener has returned from Mexico n good health. Bishop Wilson has lately suffered much with his eyes, being confined to bed at last ac-

Rev. R. S. Holcombe, of the Alabama Conference, has been transferred by the American Bible Society to Louisiana, where he will labor hereafter.

In remodeling the church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, two memorial windows will be added—one to Dr. Jefferson Hamilton and one to Rev. R. T. Nabors.

Rev. J. Stephan continues his meeting at Terre Bonne, Mo. He has received more than one hundred persons into the church since the meeting began.

Rev. J. B. Bobbett, D. D., recently transferred from North Carolina to the Baltimore Conference, has been compelled to return to Raleigh, on account of the health of his wife. Richmond Advocate: Bishop McTyeire preached at Court Street, Lynchburg, on the morning of last Sabbath, and at Memorial at night. The Bishop opened the Baltimore Conference on the 10th at Staunton.

New Orleans Advocate: Rev. Dr. Abbey, of the Mississippi Conference, has been in the city some days, and a welcome visitor to this office. He presided in the quarterly conference that granted this editor authority to preach, and has been a life-long friend. His busy pen is yet at work and will produce something original, in the near future, on a great question.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS.

One hundred and two ministers of the Pres-byterian Church died last year. The average salary paid Congregational ministers in this country, according to a recent report, is \$982.

Congregationalism is making rapid strides in Florida, and there are twenty-eight churches now in the State. Evangelization and temperance are the two

leading subjects in all the religious papers—a, sign of healthy activity in the churches. During a recent revival in the First Method-odist Church, Springfield, Ill., there are said to have been 1000 conversions.

A hundred years ago there were not more than 30,000 Christians in pagan countries. Now the number isclose on 2,000,000,

Messrs. Moody and Sankey are to be invited to visit the Australasian Colonies by the Queensland Young Men's Christian Associa-

Forty-eight thousand copper cents and twen-ty-eight thousand nickels were thrown into the baskets during the Sam Jones meetings in

In Ireland Presbyterianism embraces nearly one-half of the Protestant population. The orthodox Presbyterian Church has 563 con-gregations and 101,452 communicants.

The late Mr. Kaspar Auch, of New Orleans, has left over \$270,000 to the ten Presbyterian Churches of that city, "to the end that the poor of said respective churches may be cared for."

A memorial church in honor of the German lyrical poet, Heerman, is to be erected in his native place, Koben, with penny contributions, Thus far 402,000 "pfennig"—about 84,000— have been received. have been received.

The Methodist Episcopal Church will es-tablish another theological seminary on the Western coast. It is to be located at San Fernando, twenty miles north of Los Angeles, Cal., and is the gift of the Rev. Chas. Maclay.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

-The postoffice address of Rev. J. M. Jones s Graham, Young county, Texas,

- Rev. P. E. Nicholson, of Parrsville, spent a few days of this week in the city. The Advocate acknowledges several visits.

- Rev. A. G. Nolen, of West Texas, who has been suffering from sore eyes for some time, reports almost complete recovery.

- In another column Rev. B. W. Brown, of Longview, gives an account of the gracious revival among the students at Georgetown.

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-Rev. J. F. Follin, presiding elder of Galveston district, was in the city on Sunday and preached an able sermon at St. James Church. -Rev. J. C. Calhoun, of Orange, has been

—Rev. R. F. Beasley and family will leave Galveston this week for Helena, Montana, We commend them to our brethren in the West.

-Judge J. D. Thomas, of Bryan, spent a few days in the city recently in attendance on the Supreme Court. The ADVOCATE ac-knowledges a pleasant call.

-On the second page of this issue will be found a sketch of Rev. J. W. Talley, recently deceased. It will be read with great interest throughout Georgia and Texas, and many other parts of the connection.

—Rev. W. T. Thornbery writes from Murphyville, March 9: "This is the thirtieth day I have been in bed with pneumonia—first two weeks unconscious of pain. I can with help now get up and sit up tor a few minutes and am almost well: only weak."

-Rev. C. F. Moore, paster of St. James Church, Galveston, has been quite ill at the residence of Dr. C. W. Truchart, but is now up and looking well. The kindness of Dr. Truchart and family will be held in grateful remembrance by Bro. Moore and his friends,

Rev. E. S. Smith is conducting a very in-eresting needing in St. John's Church. The oulpit platform has been enlarged in order to make room for the organ and a choir of more han twenty voices. St. James Church olped in the movement, and great good will

-Dr. I. G. John is rejoicing his many friends in Galveston by spending a few days among them. The ADVOCATE acknowledges several pleasant calls. We are glad to see him look-org well and to hear good reports of his work. He has about the most pleasant station in Texas, and deserves it.

Rev. S. W. Miller sends from Pilot Grove, March 10, the following sad intelligence: "Sister Rogers, wife of Rev. Mart Rogers, of North Texas Conference, died in the triumphs of faith last Saturday night and was brought to this place and deposited in the cemetery at l'ilot Grove, Tuesday, March 9, leaving a husband and two little children. May the grace of God sustain the husband and relatives, and may his Fatherly care guard the little jewels." -Rev. W. S. Gaston writes from Marble alls: "I will deliver the ADVOCATE to the Falls: "I will deliver the ADVOCATE to the prisoners in the quarries each week. I now have twenty-live copies of Nashville Advocate for one year and one TEXAS ADVOCATE, and have received thirty-live second hand Advocates, ten Baptist Heralds, three Gospel Flames, three Presbyterian papers all told. No song books yet; one of our three converts died a few days ago—died happy and praising God."

REVIVAL AT THE SOUTHWESTERN

Southwestern University. The meeting aggregates to date about seventy-five conversions and reclamations, and sixty accessions to the church by letter and profession. We hope for good results this week. Let prayer still ascend in our behalf. Pray that the University may be an abiding good to church and State. Not a few parents will be rejoiced by this meeting, and, I trust, no small good will ultimately come to the country. Dr. Heidt is now with us, and enters warmly into the service. All the faculty are actively engaged in the good work. The whole school, I may say, has been blessed, and now the work is extending into the town. The local trustees have taken a lively interest. The University is for God, and he is owning it.

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I received a communication from my son at this place in reference to the revival and how the Lord had blessed him. I packed my valise and headed for the seeme of action. I made this point last night just as the meeting closed. This morning I rose with my heart full of the love of God, having spent some hours last night talking with a number of the students who had been converted and others who had been powerfully blessed. At 9:30 this morning we met at the church (when I say we I mean the house was crowded to its full capacity and the windows full) for the purpose of holding class-meeting. Bro. Heldt conducted the services. I tell you, my brother, I never have witnessed such a manifestation of the power of God. After prayers he called on those who had been converted to tell their experience. There was no hesitancy. Sometimes four or five would be on the floor at the same time, and he would have to tell them to come one at a time. One young man said: "If I had all the money that I have spent on theaters, how I would love to give it to the missionary cause. Oh, I cannot do enough to redeem my misspent time!" Others would say: "I am so happy." One young lady said: "I was converted last night. Before I was converted I would go to the altar one day and stay away the next, and then I would have to repent for that sin. So a few days ago I just determined to give all my time to the Lord, and oh, I am so happy this morning!"

Bro. Burkhead said he read a letter from the parents of one of the students who had written them that he had been converted: "Our dear boy, since the receiving of your precious letter we are alternating between laughing and crying." I suppose not less than one hundred them that he had been converted: "Our dear boy since the receival of your precious letter we are alternating between laughing and crying." I suppose not less than one hundred at paying faculty. To-day the door of the church was opened; fifty-three jo

GEORGETOWN, March 14.

WACO DISTRICT.

It may interest some of the many readers of the ADVOCATE to hear from this part of the Lord's heritage, and hence I write. Through cold and heat we have gone since Nov. 28, and our first round of quarterly meetings have all been held promptly, preaching and attending to the duties devolving upon us on every work. The indications are good and point to success on every line. The stewards have provided well for the pastors; assessments advanced on nearly every charge. Already considerably more than one-fourth of our foreign mission assessments has gone forward to Nashville, with more to follow. With good crops and full co-operation of the membership, it is proposed to bring up all the conference assessments. We need and must have a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a double portion of the Spirit upon the ministry. O that all may meet daily at the throne of grace for more power! This district is composed of fourteen pastoral charges. We have eleven parsonages and hope to build another before conference, one having been minished already since conference. We attempted nearly two years ago to begin a district parsonage, but to date we have only appointed committees, "whereased" and "resolved". We need the parsonage very much

triet parsonage, but to date we have only appointed committees, "whereased" and "resolved." We need the parsonage very much. The district is fully able to build it, and we hope those who have been appointed to look after its erection will proceed at once to business. Our district conference will be held at flubbard City, July 8-11. We expect the editor. It is the aim of the people at Hubbard City to have a large arbor or tabernacle and provide well for delegates and visitors. The assessments for the support of the pastors range all the way from \$550 to \$1500. I make this statement for the information of all who may need it—and especially for the stewards and members of the district—and would urge an earnest and vigorous effort to collect and pay over one-half of the assessments during. an earnest and vigorous effort to collect and pay over one-half of the assessments during the present round. I take this method to ask the pastors to collect the assessments made on their charges for expenses of delegates to the General Conference, and send the same to me at this place or to John R. Henry, Mexia, Fexas. I believe that all the pastors in the district are well suited, and both pas-fors and people are doing well, with steady

tors and people are doing well, with steady improvement. Let us work, pray and believe, and the "Great Head of the church" will abundantly reward us.

E. L. Armstrone. CORSICANA.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

The Weatherford district has no district parsonage. We hope to build this year; our people are waking up on the subject of homes for their preachers. I now write from the parsonage in Vernon—a neat, well-finished and weil-furnished house, made ready for the preacher since our last conference.

This is perhaps the livest and most aggressive portion of the frontier of Texas. The Fort Worth and Denver City railroad has opened up a tide of immigration which continues and constantly increases. The rich and extensive prairies on the Red River, Pease and the Wichitas are nearly all taken up and new improvements are opening up in every direction. Between Vernon and Wichita, distance of about fifty-five miles, you are greeted on every hand with new improvements, where only two years ago, there was ta, distance of about fifty-five miles, you are greeted on every hand with new improvements, where only two years ago, there was one great expanse of prairie. The character of population is good, but few foreigners. Our church is looked to by the people for the gospel more than any other. In Harold, a city of one thousand, our church alone is organized and no preaching except by Rev. J. T. Hosmer, pastor of our church. We ought to have at least four missionaries where our conference sent but one. There must be no mistake in the future. In addition to building a neat parsonage, and furnishing it, at Vernon, the outlook is good for a substantial brick church in the near future. Our Board of Church Extension has given us aid, and by means of this timely help our people will build this spring or summer.

Our church in Seymour is doing well. They will be thoroughly self-supporting by the close of this year. It has led the district, so far as I have learned, in her general collections—the amount in all being \$105—collected and piedged, \$215. The pastor, Rev. M. B. Ford, is comfortably provided for, and is rendering faithful service. Seymour has one of the best court houses in the State—being courplets in

India or Africa; none to Japan; for there is in all these places a missionary "plant," whatever that is. Nothing could be more extravagat and wasteful than to call for \$50,000 this year, if his policy is to prevail. Not more than one, half of that amount could be judiciously expended during the year. We have but touched this vast question, in order to show that the policy proposed has in it and evil seed, which will, as surely as it is adopted, bring on the church the paralysis of death. But the friends of missions need not be alarmed, but the friends of missions need not be alarmed, but the friends of missions need not be alarmed, but the friends of missions need not be alarmed, but the friends of missions need not be alarmed, but the friends of missions need not be alarmed, but the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the form of memoers on the part of the pastor. But the friends of missions need not be alarmed, but the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of missions need not be alarmed by the friends of memoers on the part of the pastor. The Southern Advocate discusses the merits and prospects of the Review as follows:

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we took them in and they are now on the Farmer mission, with Rev. J. M. Baker pastor, All the territory west of Archer City and Wiebita Falls is in the bounds of the North-west Texas Conference, which includes about one-half of these counties. Here is a vast tearity, now filling up, to be looked after by the church. It is about fitly miles due north from the head of the north fork of Trinty to the head of the north fork of the north fork

GAINESVILLE STATION.

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I spent last Sabbath, March 7, in Gainesville. It was more than a pleasant day to me. How cheering to meet old friends in God's house, and sit together in heavenly places.

The Gainesville station has made, since conference, a decided improvement upon the past. The preacher's salary has been increased one hundred and fifty dollars, and the collections to date exceed what they have been in the same length of time. The assessment for foreign missions has been paid in full. The Sunday-school has doubled in numbers. The pastor's three o'clock meeting with the children has grown in numbers from nine to sixty. Nearly a thousand dollars are in sight for a new parsonage, and the enterprising lacles are at work to furnish it when built. The congregations are large and attentive. The outlook is full of promise. May God bless the labors of the eaterprising and devoted pastor.

W. F. EASTERLING.

Four churches and school houses have been burned on the Dripping Springs mission during the past few years, two of them at Wimberly, where they are now taking steps to build a Methodist Church. Their plucky pas-

build a Methodist Church. Their plucky pastor sticks to them.

At Belmont, Kingsbury mission, a Baptist Church has just been erected, and a union church enterprise by Methodist and Presbyterians specially, is now on hand. The preacher, A. F. Cox, will reside in Kingsbury. Coi. T. W. Pierce before his death donated two lots in Kingsbury for the building of a Methodist Church and parsonage.

The brethren of San Marcos circuit are putting up additions to the parsonage, and they

among the Mexicans. A sharp contrast is drawn between this feature of work among the Mexicans and some of our American circuits; and, too, where there are live American members to one Mexican member.

Right here this scribe will remark, parenthetically, that it is amusing to read the serious efforts of circuit riders, stationed preachers and desk dignitaries in the remote east to solve the difficulties that the missionaries encounter in their fields of labor. If this matter of increase of episcopal labor in mission fields is referred to a committee at General Conference, I hope three-fourths of the committee will be missionaries. They best understand it. The parsonage debt at Luling has for three years rested heavily upon the church. It is greatly in the way of the preacher, though he has built up every interest of the work. This growing town affords one of the best fields of labor in the west, and it is to be regretted that the way is not clear for its erection into a station.

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—Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Orange, Feb. 22: The ADVOCATE grows in interest daily. We are -Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Orange, Feb. 22: The ADVOCATE grows in interest daily. We are encourazed. We have good Sunday-school, prayer-meeting and class-meeting, all working well. Have received two by certificate and three by ritual, and glad to say that the outlook is promising. May God bless this people and give us a prosperous year.

-Rev. Lacy Boone, Crockett, Houston county, March 8: The first quarterly conference for the Crockett circuit was held last Saturday; presiding elder on hand, and in the spirit. The pa-tor's salary was assessed at \$500, nearly one-fifth of it paid. The spiritual condition of the work low; but there are hopeful signs of improvement. To oring about the conditions desired will require a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether. We have strong pull and a pull altogether. We have

The brethren of San Marcos circuit are putting up additions to the parsonage, and they seem determined that next year the parsonage shall have a parson in it. Let's all pull together, and things will come out all right. Rely on it: back up your preacher and he will do you good work.

The members of our conference will hardly know our church in Seguin when they come here to attend conference next fall a year. It has now a tall spire pointing to heaven. The whole front of the large building has been changed and beautified. Sunday-school and congregation are excellent, and their energetic paster has thrown life into everything.

See report in last Advocant from Pafolla, presiding elder, Mexican Border Mission Conference, for a large number of Sunday-schools among the Mexicans. A sharp contrast is drawn between this feature of work among the Mexicans and some of our American members to one Mexican member.

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-Rev. R. R. Raymond, Fleming, Feb. 27: The first quarterly conference for Comanche circuit embraced the third Sunday in this circuit embraced the third Sunday in this month. Our presiding elder was absent on account of sickness in his family. We had the best attendance of officials 1 have ever seen at a quarterly meeting in winter. We reported \$400 raised for a parsonage, and the preacher living in it, and it well furnished; \$55 for preacher at first quarter; \$400 assessed, and we are on one of the poorest circuits in the conference, but we have many Methodists, and that means a good home and nienty.

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The Kyle and Lockhart circuits adjoin, and both touch the old Texas Conference, and yet both are spreading out into new fields of labor. The faithful pastoral oversight they are receiving will bear fruit in years to come.

Subscriptions are now being taken for creetion of a Methodist Church in Harwood, on the Sunset railroad, and the parsonage has been improved by a new cistern, stable and porch.

Geo. Hinson and Alanson Brown will tell you there is nothing to surpass ladies' aid societies in building and furnishing parsonages.

Rains have been heavyland universal; cornplanting the order of the day; everybody hopeful; squarterly meetings spiritual and largely attended.

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part of our Master's vineyard. That Brother Klyce is earnest in his religion no one can doubt, and both able and pleasing in his discourse. There was no service on Sunday afternoon, as there was a funeral of Bro, and Sister Neil's little daughter at that time. May the ADVOCATE continue to prosper in proportion as it has improved lately. Devotional and children's department good.

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—Rev. N. A. Keen, Irene, Feb. 23: Every thing moving on quietly. Bro. R. C. Armstrong on hand at his first quarterly meeting on this work, brimful of lightning and thunder, and the way it struck, we fell like the prohibition cause liveth. They allowed this preacher \$520 and paid in \$115. The congregation on Sunday gave us a subscription of \$120 for church claims. We have had no rain this winter, and these old black, waxy roads are as solid as turn-pikes. The ADVOCATE continues to grow in grace and knowledge and favor with those who read it in these parts; we don't mind to work up a reader for a paper when it has cohesive power enough about it to hold him. We have sent Bro. Kelley forward his missionary money and made him glad once more.

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—Rev. W. Vaughan, Dresden circuit, March 1: We are endeavoring to care for the churches, keeping up prayer-meetings at some points, using other means of grace where this is not practicable, praying for and using special effort to save the straying. We have seemed to hold our own well, both in piety and congregations for such inclement weather. Our Woman's Missionary Society has not died out, but meet and are making a missionary quilit. Our juveniles (Dresden Lilies) seem celighted with their meetings, always willing to do their part when put on duty. Wish all children were trained in missionary work; it would soon be the burden would not fall on a few. Should the Lord prosper us in our work and the good we desire be accomplished, you may hear from us again.

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Rev. N. F. Law, Rockdale, March 14: We have not been idle, if I have not written before. God has blessed our efforts, and we have at least material evidence of some progress. Since coming to Rockdale we have completed a parsonage, and a good one; one that will compare with any parsonage in the conference, and we are now happy and comfortable in our new home. This is not all; our ladies have been organized into an aid society, and through them a new organ has been bought and put in the church, and other necessary improvements are now in contemplation by them. What a great factor our ladies are; things will move when they put forth the helping hand. Some spiritual advancement; congregation increasing at every service; five regregation increasing at every service; five re-ceived into the church; much to inspire hope. Pray for us, as we contemplate beginning a revival meeting soon.

-Rev. J. J. Davis, Eastland circuit: Our first -- Rev. J. J. Davis, Eastland circuit: Our first quarterly conference for Eastland circuit was held at Ranger, February B, i4. The attendance of the officials was as good as we could reasonably expect. Our new presiding elder. Bro. Bailey, was on time and in the Spirit of the Master; and, notwithstanding he was suffering with a broken arm, he preached six sound gospel sermons which were well received, and we hope will result in much good. The assessment made for the preacher in The assessment made for the preacher in charge was liberal. The collection good. The interest manifested by the officers in every question that was called up was a good omen. question that was called up was a good omen.
The little school-house on College Hill was
too small for the occasion, so we went to the
Baptist Church; then a norther came up, and
the house being open and no stove, we were
forced back again. So our religious services
were not as profitable as they otherwise would
have been. Still we hope our efforts will not
be fruitless. We do need a church in Ranger
so bad. We can never do the work that God
has assigned us there till we get a house.

—Rev. J. E. Green. Cameron, March 10: You
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--Rev. J. E. Green. Cameron. March 19: You remember there were some doubts about the propriety of starting Cameron out alone, without the aid of her country sisters, but our feats were unnecessary. She has passed very successfully through the first quarter, gaining strength all the time. Several valuable accessions, and I believe she will soon stand foremost in Chappell Hill district. Since conference was have built a near vielent force.

cotton picker's picnic, and the school gets all the cotton money. How is that? But best of all, these children are learning to love the Savior and two were recently happily converted, baptized by Bro. Thrall at the quarterly meeting, and are now working in a young ladies' prayer-meeting. We have had no revival, but receive a member nearly every week from some source. Have received to date twelve by letter, four by ritual, and three candidates now waiting to be received.

—Rev. W. W. Horner, Brookston, March 3: We are moving along nicely on Brookston circuit. I have preached missionary sermons at every place on the work except one, and raised my collections. Instead of one-fourth of the assessment, I have collected \$60, for which I have receipts from Dr. Kelley; this is \$17 over my assessment. I also raised my collections for church extension with that for foreign missions, as both are needed now, and I have secured in cash and good subscriptions nearly the amount assessed on my charge. I find it easy to raise money for foreign missions when I preach on the subject, and lay the facts before the people, and then appeal to their hearts and consciences. One reason, I think, of our failures in the past, is that our preachers have waited till towards the close of the year to raise these collections, and then after preaching an ordinary sermon (sometimes very ordinary) attend to this duty in a dull, perfunctory manner, and the result is a failure. Brethren let us do better in the future, and let us wake up on this missionary question and send the blessed gospel to earth's remotest bounds so that its gladsome sound may salute the ears of all mankind and that they may be saved by its hallowing and sanctifying power.

—Rev. J. T. Smith, Rusk, March 3: We allowing and sanctifying power.

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—Rev. J. T. Smith, Rusk, March 3: We have made two full rounds on Rusk circuit. We are pleased, and are trying to please by doing our duty. We have visited up to date about fifty families; talked with a great many persons on the subject of religion, and with the acquaintance we have made, believe we have one of the very best circuits. Our people have been just as kind to us as possible. Our every want has been anticipated and met, and that, to a great extent, without expense to us. The ladies of Rusk are untring in their efforts to make us comfortable. Notwithstanding the parsonage was reasonably well furnished, yet they have added over itty dollars worth of needed furniture. Among other things, they have taken out the small cooking stove put in last year and replaced it with a large No. 8 Gharter Oak. Besides they have completely overhauled sides they have completely overhauled charch inside, spending about seventy-five lars. The fencing around the parsonage all undergone repair. Last Saturday was has all undergone repair. Last Saturday was our first quarterly meeting. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Adams, and family were with us (I mean the people—not the par-sonage folks). He preached just like himself. The stewards assessed for preacher in charge, \$800; paid \$206.75. Five persons have been received into the church; four by letter. All in all, the prospects are good.

Separate and applications of the separate states of the separate sta many of their followers. So, then, I would say to my brethren. "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in tool believe also in Me' (his Son), and rely upon the Hoty Spirit for help and the victory is ours.

-Rev. J. M. Wesson, Burton, March 10; Rev. J. M. Wesson, Burton, March 10:
Burton has for some years past been connected
with Gidelings: the two churches forming a
pastoral charge; each having one-half of the
pastor's time. At the last session of the
Texas Conference they were separated and
Burton made a station, except that there is
one country church (Maytield chapel), receiving one monthly appointment. The pastors
having resided at videlings no arrangement
for a pracher's home was found here. The therein. The ladies, taking the larder as their special care, had it well provided with necessaries and luturies; so when possesson was taken on a very wel, inclement day, the comfort within amply compensated for the discomfort without. The Sunday-school, which has been suspended for several months, is to be reorganized next Sunday. The ladies purpose forming an "aid society," to make necessimprovements upon the church building and secure the crection of a parsonage. The chilimprovements upon the church building and secure the erection of a parsonage. The children, too, are organizing; and, as "Busy Bees," "Little Gleaners," or some equally appropriate name, will emulate their elders in the endeavor to advance the interests of the former thurch. Prayer is daily going up before God for a revival of pure, spiritual religion in the community, and we hope ere long to witness gracious manifestations of God's saving power. "Brethren, pray for us."

—3ev. J. W. Elackburn, Bowie, Feb. 12:

cessions, and I believe she will soon stand foremost in Chappell Hill district. Since conference we have built a new picket fence around the church and parsonage at a cost of \$125; bought a handsome silver "communion service," and made some nice improvements inside the church. While we have had no great "poundings," they have come up well with hard cash. The pastor has received some too in the community, and we hope ere long to witness gracious manifestations of God's saving power. "Brettren, pray for us." "Lev. J. W. Blackburn, Bowie, Feb. 12: Up to date we have had twenty-six accessions—tour by ritual. Have secured quite a number of subscribers for the Texas Advocate. Our people are having their children baptized. They are Methodists, and look after the wants of their preacher, providing for him a home, amply furnished. Have succeeded in raising our missionary money, and the amount for deletates to General Conference will be collected in due time. How does it happen that Guiliver is just awaking from his Rip Van Wilke steep? In stating the policy of the appointing power, if we look at the class of reapers, and the wages set is likely to amount to much, would seem to work, and with the assistance of our many friends and brethren got our house up and moved into it the listh of January. While it is not completed, we have had one of the rooms cided, can sed and papered, with nice window shades to the same. We also bought a nice warming stove, and have good brick flues to each room. Our Presbyterian and Baptist brethren gave liberally, and many others helped us, who were not members of any of the cappointing power is to send plow-boys, just converted, to the fore-front of the carrier of the church ten policy of the cappointing power is to send plow-boys, just converted, to the fore-front of the patrick. dow-shades to the same. We also bought a nice warming stove, and have good brick flues to each room. Our Presbyterian and Baptist brethren gave liberally, and many others helped us who were not members of any church. While all could not give money, they would work or do something to help the preacher build his house. Our friends who live by shoving the plane gave generously and worked at low rates. We love our people, and have every reason to believe that we are loved by them. Our heart's desire and prayer to God is, that we may prove to be a blessing to them. God bless the ADVOCATE.

—Rev. F. J. Perrin, Devine, Medina county, Feb. 15: I never shout; but just now feel a little like it. We have, in addition to the old ones, four brand new Sunday-schools, with

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By taking Ayer's Cathartic Pills. This remedy is thorough in its action, imparts tone and strength to the Stomach, Liver, and Bowels, and enables them to perform all their functions properly. ** I have used Ayer's Pills, for a number of years, and have never found anything equal to them for stimulating the appetite, and imparting energy or strength to the system. I always keep them in the house.—R. D. Jackson, Wilmington, Del. ** For over two years I was afflicted with torpidity of the Liver. I had no appetite, suffered from Constipation, Indigestion, Headache, Pain in the Side and Back, and General Debility. Ayer's Pills were the first medicine to give me relief. I took three boxes of them, and was cured. This remedy never fails to

Stimulate the Liver

and quicken the appetite. Ayer's Pills promptly relieve Headache, and are the best cathartic I know of. — George O. Williams, West Meriden, Conn.

During the spring of 1877 a disagreeable taste in my mouth entirely destroyed my appetite. My tongue was thickly coated, and what little food I ate distressed me. Believing my trouble to originate in a disordered liver. I commenced taking Ayer's Cathartie Pills. I felt an improvement after the operation of the first dose. I continued their use in diminished quantities, for a short time, and am satisfied that these Pills have completely cured me.

— Sophie Harmon, Biddeford, Me.

AYER'S SUGAR-COATED PILLS,

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists.

subject. I propose to "keep our rules and not pastor, I have the pastoral oversight of two presiding elders and one preacher in charge—all living within the bounds of my circuit, I should care nothing for this extra work, only these preachers are so very popular. They totally eclipse this humble circuit rider. The verdict of the people is: Nobody can preach as they can preach. And I apprehend a monopoly of the marriage fees and funeral occasions. Brethren, be magnanimous enough to move in your proper orbits, and let this fesser light be seen. It may be "a trifle monotonous," but suffer me to say that we have been generously pounded, and all of our temporal wants have been promptly met. I think that it is very rare that "donations" offset anyone's quarterage, or that any preacher fails to get his "just dues" on that account, for "donations" usually come from those who are the most liberal to pay their preacher in actual dollars and cents. Let these little tokens of generous appreciation continue. They not only endear the preacher to the peeple, but often very much supplement his small salary, and enable him to enjoy some of the common huxuries of life.

—Rev, F, M, Sherwood, Rosston, Feb. 22: I was returned by Bishop Hargrove to the Rosston circuit to do my work over. The fifth Sunday in November being the first after conference, I preached on my circuit; I was there met by some of my stewards who paid me a few dollars to commence on. Have been cordially received on the circuit; have had twelve accessions and one conversion; collected for foreign missions SS, and sent to Dr. Kalley. Built one a methodomory and bare to Dr. Kalley. Built one anewheeness and bare. It to date he has received \$1.50.

twelve accessions and one conversion; collected for foreign missions \$35, and sent to Dr. Kelley. Built one smoke-house and have meat in it. You ought to have seen this boy, meat in it. You ought to have seen this boy, and another, cutting the logs and then taking up the corners. I have secured twenty-five subscribers to the Texas Advocate; will get more. Have held nine church conferences; have seven societies; they have adopted the self-assessment plan. As we call the roll, each one, great and small, old and young, rich and poor, assess themselves, and say when they will pay. We have five Sunday-schools; eight traver-meetings; laye class-meetings, eight. they will pay. We have five Sunday-schools; eight prayer-meetings; live class-meetings, thave visited one hundred families. Our first quarterly conference convened the third Sunday in December, 1885, Rev. M. C. Blackburn, P. E., was at his post; preached three excedent sermons. The stewards made a living assessment for preacher in charge. Money is scarce, but we have plenty to eat and that which is good. Sold about forty dollars worth of books; most of them on time, as money is scarce. We have had some little trouble at one appointment, caused by a theological tramp. His theology is church-destroying of no church, and no sap-

caused by a theological trump. His theology is church-destroying or no church, and no support to the minister, but he did not hesitate to receive all that he could get, money and clothes, which he stood in need of very much. He caused about twelve to withdraw from the church. The outlook is good for a revival all over the circuit. We are hoping and praying for a revival.

—Rev. J. F. Denton, Beeville, Jan. 17: The people of Beeville are in high spirits over the railroad prospect; and property is rapidly going up in consequence. Mr. Lott came down a day or two ago and selected the ground for a depot, and expects to be here with the cars some time in May, which will be soon enough for shipping stock, and will certainly be a great improvement on the old plan of enough for shipping stock, and will certainly be a great improvement on the old plan of driving nearly one hundred miles to San Antonio, and when the road is finished to Beeville I shall expect a visit from the edutor of the Anyocate. I think we have here the finest climate in Texas and one of the best counties in the State. Beeville is a beautiful place for a large town; and everything seems in indicate rapid involvement in the near the place for a large town; and everything seems to indicate rapid development in the near future. The pasture men are offering to on up their large tracts of land and sell in quantities to sait purchasers, and on easy terms. And then we have a couple of men here who say they are determined to start a county paper, which, if properly managed, will greatly promote the future prosperity of Beeville. The paper is to be out, and out prohibition, and that suits the penals of the county county. saper is to be out, and out prohibition, and that suits the people of fee county exactly; that is, a large majority of them. The bad weather of the last few weeks has hindered this scribbler somewhat in his work, causing him to miss several appointments. The first quarterly meeting is over some time ago; we had a good meeting, although our presiding elder failed to come on account of sickness. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the streader in charge and are they will The stewards made a liberal assessment for the preacher in charge, and say they will pay it. Be it understood that the people of this county do not want any dram-shops here, and if any volunteer their services and come anyhow, they will have a hard road to travel, as I be lieve every officer in the county is a therough prohibitionist in principle at least, if not in practice.

The stewards made a liberal assessment for the WONDEREUL EIGHT great demand for your great great demand for your great great demand for your great g -Rev. D. J. Martin, Farmersville, Marei

in practice.

—Rev. D. J. Martin. Farmersville, March 4: I have just laid down Pintarch's Lives, to write a few lines for the Apvocate. I read this interesting book of lives some years ago, and, like all valuable books, it will bear re-reading. An excellent presiding elder, who is now in the better world, said to me twelve or thirteen years ago that every young preacher ought to study thoroughly Pintarch's Lives. And so he ought. Seven weekly papers, one semi-monthly and one monthly come to this parsonage regularly, and they are read with relish—none more so than our own Texas Advocate. An old friend and brother in the ministry, in a letter to me a few days ago, said among other things: "The Texas Advocate. An old friend and brother in the ministry, in a letter to me a few days ago, said among other things: "The Texas Advocate is improving all the time." We look for its weekly visits with much interest, and are as anxious to look into its bright, cheerful face as we are that of an old familiar friend. The past week has been one of rain and mud. But these things must be. They are essential. The ground must have water enough to supply wells and produce crops, Vegetation needs this inst as it does light and heat. The world has its lights and shadows, and so has the church. Clear and lovely skies to-day; to-morrow dark and lowering clouds hide them from view. Such is life in this world. And yet life here is real, and there is much to enjoy. In this world life and death prey upon each other, and will to the end of time. But Christian life is triumphant here, and in the blaze of the open judgment day will stand crowned with laurels of immortal youth. Just at this time many suggestions are offered by the brethren for the consideration of the approaching General Conference. What that venerable body of ministers and laynen will do remains to be seen. As to the number that should be elected to fill the office of bishop, I have nothing to say. The General Conference can perhaps better determine that matter Rains have been learly glot the day; every familes of the day; every f

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In view of these facts, it is hoped that each preacher in charge will raise at toast the amount assessed.

Should the amount collected be in excess of the expenses it will be reported at the next conference to the Board of Finance.

By request, Rev. I. G. John will act as treasurer for the delegation. Preachers will please report their collections to him at Huntsville.

Up to date he has received \$1.50. E. S. SMITH, I. G. JOHN, G. W. BRIGGS,

Hood's Sarsaparilla, acting through the blood, reaches every part of the system, and in this way positively cures catarrh.

The Military Committee of the House has agreed to recommend the erection of a soldiers' home west of the Rocky Mountains, at a cost

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt reduced the hours of labor on one of the street railways under his control immediately upon entering upon his estate.

For neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, gout, swellings, burns, wounds, etc., the best reme-dy is Salvation Oil. Price 25 cents a bottle.

TO CURE Elliousness, Dyspepsia and Sick TO CURE Elliousness, Dyspepsia and Sick Headache, when these divorders are caused by impurity of the blood; to create an appetite and give tone to the digestive and assimilative organs; to eradicate all unhealthy humors from the blood, and for the lassitude and de-bitity peculiar to spring and summer, MOR-LEYS T-N-S TONIC CORDIAL, the Great System Represents is presented.

System Renovator, is unequaled. SHORTHAND WITHOUT A TEACHER. The Self-Instructor's Manual o' Shorthand, published by Bryant & Stratton, Business and Shorthand College, St. Louis, is the best book for self learners. A copy will be cent by mail, prepaid, for 60 cents.

The Mormon aposile, Cannon, was brought to Salt Lake City, and gave bond in 845,000 for trial on the charge of polygany.

IOLA, GRIMES Co., TEX., March 31, 1884. Messrs, Morley Bros., Austin, Texas:

DEAR SHES-Please send us four dozen bot-tles WONDEREUL EIGHT. We have a great demand for your WONDERFUL EIGHT, and it is giving satisfaction to all that use it. We sell more of it than all lini-ments together that we bandle. Yours, L. M. NEELY & Co.

I am for extending the circulation of the Ap-VOCATE. We as Texas Methodist cannot afford to do without it.

Rev. J. F. Arcter, Beaumont: I am talking for the ADVOCATE wherever I

go, and have good hopes of increasing the subscription here. I have no hesitency in recommending it as one of the best among the

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A Terrible Case of Scrofula Cured by

Hood's Sarsaparilla "In the winter of 1879 I was attacked with

Scrofula in one of the most aggravating forms.

At one time I had no less than thirteen large abscesses over and around my neck and throat, continually exuding an offensive mass of bloody matter disgusting to behold, and almost intolerable to endure. It is impossible to fully describe my sufferings, as the case was complicated with Chronic Catarrh. After three years of misery, having been treated by three physicians, I was worse than ever, Finally, on the recommendation of W. J. Huntley, druggist, of Lockport, I was induced to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. And now, after having taken twelve bottles, within the last twelve months, the scrofulous cruptions have entirely ceased, and the abscesses have all disappeared except the unsightly sears, which are daily becoming 'smaller by degrees, and beautifully less.' I do not know what it may have done for others, but I do know that in my case, Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved an effective specific indeed. As an evidence of my gratifude I send these facts unsolicited, and I am rendy to verify the authenticity of this cure, by personal correspondence with any one who doubts it." Charles A. Roberts, East Wilson, N. Y.

This statement is confirmed by W. J. Hunthaving taken twelve bottles, within the last

This statement is confirmed by W. J. Huntley, druggist, of Lockport, N. Y., who calls the re a great victory for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Send for book giving statements of many cures.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Made only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass. 100 Doses One Dollar,

Sleep For The Sleepless

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Sleeplessness is a growing evil. In our busy age, when so many men and women overtax both physical and mental strength through overwork or pleasure-taking, there are five times as many cases of "Insomnia" as there were a generation ago. What to do for these cases is one of the difficult problems with which the medical profession has to deal. Their chief dependence lies in the use of Chloral, Opium, Bromide, Chioroform, or some other narcotizing substance. These bring temporary but not refreshing sleep, and leave the nervous system, after their effects cease, in a more exhausted condition than before, and with a lessened ability to sleep. The case of every one who resorts to these drugs becomes, in consequence of the necessity for continually using them in gradually increasing quantities, simply hopeless.

But is there no safe way of quieting the excited nerves, and inducing a sleep that will be healthy, refreshing and permanent? Happily there is, under a treatment which does no vio-lence to the system and cures by restoring the vital forces and nerve power to their normal

tion to business a slow martiproom. For live or six years I was under the care of different physicians.

"After passing through a long variety of experiences as to physic and diet, I happened one day to pass the office of Drs. Starkey & Palen, and noticed the sign "Compcund Oxygen." As all other modes of treatment had tailed I thought I would try this, so I went in and began it at a venture. The Oxygen did not work an immediate miracle on me, but I soon felt that it was doing me good. Before long I began to know the pleasure of sleep. By degrees the dispepsia left me and the power to sleep returned. My recovery was slow, but it was real For several months I took the Compound Oxygen, carefully obeying instructions and constantly gaining strength, my system receiving the vitalizing which it so badly needed.

"This took place about two years ago and I have enjoyed a prime condition of health ever since. I have been able to attend with pleasure and satisfaction to my business. Leat and sleep as well as a man can desire to." If special information is desired in regard to the remarkable treatment from which such surprising relief was obtained it will be furnished by Drs. Starkey & Palen, 1528 Arch St., Philadelphia, who will mail free their treatise on Compound Oxygen to any one who will write to them for it.

"A coat of paint," cried Mr. Dauber, jocularly, speaking from the ladder, "is the only coat you can put on without buttons." "Ya-as," replied the householder, dubiously, as he examined the work on the side of the house, "but I reckon you'll have to put the buttons on this one if you want it to stay on after it dries."

tism and Neuralgia. My flesh shrank away, my

French visitor: "I call to see Monsieur Rollard." Maid: "You can't see him, sir; he's not up yet." French visitor: "Vat you tell? I com' yester, and you say can't see heem because he not down; now you say can't see heem because he not oop. Ven vill he be in ze middle, madamoiselle? I no comprihend."

Tonic, Alterative and Cathartic.

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Simmons Liver Regulator, pure vegetable, is not unpleasant to the taste. It is the medicine generally used in the South to arouse the torpid liver to healthy action. It cures malaria, biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation and piles. The action of the Regulator is free from nausea or griping. It is most effective in starting the secretions of the liver, causing the bile to act as a cathartic. When there is an excess of bile in the stomach, the Regulator is an active purge; after the removal of the bile, it will regulate the bowels and impart vigor and health to the whole system.

The following is printed by St. James's Gazette on Von Angeli's portrait of the Queen: ' 'Non Angli sed Angeli,'

When a man becomes a slave to opium he cannot give up the habit. It may have been acquired by giving him opiates when sick, and this is why Red Star Cough Cure commends itself for its purity, freedom from narcotics, and prompt efficacy. Only 25 cents.

CHURCH NOTICES.

The delegates to the General Conference to meet in Richmond, May, 1886, will please send their name and posteffice to Rev. J. H. Lafferty, box 252, Rich-

THE HOME SANATIVE CORDIAL does not propose to cure all the ills to which flesh is heir to, but rather to assist in building up weakened constitutions by restoring natural appetite and desires for their use.

Doting Mother—"Yes, I shall be happy to give you the wages you ask; but I shall expect you to love the children." Nurse—"I shall be very happy to do so, ma'am; but, of course, that would be an extra."

In ancient times the balm of Gilead was of great repute and eagerly sought for; in modern times that which pleasantly restores lost strength is found in HOME SANATIVE Linn Flat eir.

Music is the sound which one's children make as they romp through the house. Noise is the sound which other people's children make under the same circumstances.

Broken-down constitutions repared by taking Dr. Henley's Celery, Beef and Iron.

To enjoy life you must have good health— to keep good health drink Dr. Henley's Cele-ry, Beef and Iron.

Politeness could not be carried further than it is at a certain coal mine in Dudley, where a notice warns all and sundry in the following terms: "Please do not fall down the shaft." That "please" is excellent.

Have given Tongaline a trial in two cases of neuralgia—one a lady aged sixty; four doses gave permanent relief; the other a lady aged forty; neither have had any return.

J. D. Donnohue, M. D., Butler, Mo.

Government owes its birth to the necessity of preventing and repressing the injuries which the associated individuals had to fear from one another. It is the sentinel who watches, in order that the common laborer may not be disturbed.

Kay's Kentucky Kure or Liniment has been in use in Kentucky since 1840, and in Texas since 1874. When you need a liniment, try it.

First Scotch boatman: "Weel, Geordie, hoo got ye on the day?" Second ditto (drouthy—he had been out with a Free Kirk minister, a free abstainer): "Nae ava. The auld carle had nae whusky, sae I took him whaur there was nae fush."

Watch this Space

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6, 1885.

Messrs. Morley Bros., Austin, Texas: Messrs. Morley Bross, Austin, Texas:

GENTLEMEN—I have been suffering some time with a severe attack of Bronchitis with irritating cough, and can find nothing here that will cure me, but I know your TWO-BIT COUGH SYRUP will do so, for I have used it at my old home in Brownwood. Please send me as many bottles as you can for the enclosed \$1.50, by express. Don't delay, and oblige,

J. V. WIGGINS.

It is better in some respects to be admired by those with whom you live than to be loved by them. And this not on account of any gratification of vanity, but because admiration is so much more tolerant than love.

> Horsford's Acid Phosphate, Advantageous in Dyspepsia.

Dr. G. V. Dousey, Piqua Ohio, says: "I have used it in dyspepsia with very marked benefit. If there is deficiency of acid in the stomach, nothing affords more relief, while the action on the nervous system is decidedly beneficial."

God is within all things, but is shut up in nothing; outside all things, but excluded from nothing; beneath all things, but not depressed under anything; above all things, but not lifted up out of the reach of anything.

Messrs. Bass & Brother, Druggists, Terrell, Texas: The Chicken Cholera Cure that I bought from you cured my chickens. It is a success. If the owners of chickens will use it they need not lose any chickens with cholera. R. M. Powers.

That distinguished and excellent judge, Lord Mansfield, once observed: "True pop-ularity is not that popularity which is follow-ed after, but the popularity which follows after."

Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod-Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites,

Especially Desirable for Children.

A Lady physician at the Child's Hospital, at Albany, N. Y., says: "We have been using Scott's Emulsion with great success, nearly all of our patients are suffering from bone diseases and our physicians find it very beneficial."

The desire of fame betrays an ambitious man into indecencies that lessen his reputation; he is still afraid lest any of his actions

Have you heard of Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar Wine Lung Balm? It is really wonderful how rapidly it cures Coughing, Throat and Lung Troubles. Superiority exercised makes best of friends; but superiority asserted chills the friendly spirit and brings stagnation if not antag-

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SHE IS NOT DEAD.

It has been reported that I was dead—but I am not. For four years I have been afflicted with a severe case of Blood Poison, Rheumauth as the world has no title to demand the whole time of any particular person.

muscles seemed to dry up and form into little knots, joints were swollen and painful and all concluded I must die. I have used five bottles of B. B. B. and I have gained 60 pounds of flesh, and am now as sound as any woman.

Belle Dunnaway, Atlanta, Ga.

French visitor: "I call to see Monsieur Rollard." Maid: "You can't see him, sir:

Do not torture even reptiles. The Power that created the humming-bird in its beauty also formed the loathsome snake. Neither is responsible for its shape.

Pike s Toothache Drops cure in one minute. German Corn Remover kills Corns & Bunions

"Is there anything I can do for you?" in-quired a nurse of a little boy lying in a hos-pital bed. "Only smile upon me, please," was the touching reply.

A VIOLENT COUGH CONTINUED through the winter often brings Consumption in the spring. Soothe and tone the irritated and weakened lungs with Hale's Honey of Hore-hound and Tar, and the Cough yields and the danger disappears. 25c., 50c. and S1.

Glenn's Sulphur Soap heals and beautifies, 25c. GermanCornRemover killsCorns, Bunions, 25c Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye—Black & Brown, 50c. Pike's Toothache Brops cure in 1 Minute, 25a.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ence to meet in Richmond, May, 1886, to Rev. J. II. Lafferty, box 252, Rich-

DeBerry cir, at Walnut Grove April 10, 1
Centennial mis, at State Line April 17, 18
Haliville cir, at Winterfield April 24, 2
Henderson cir, at Walker's chapel May 1,
Troupe and Overton cir, at Canton May 8,
Kilgore cir. at Bellview May 15, 1
Kligore Cir. at Bellysew
Church Hill cir, at,
Henderson sta, at Henderson May 29, 3
Longview sta, at Longview June 5,
Marshall sta, at Marshall June 19, 2
R. W. THOMPSON, P. E.
SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND
Shelbyville, at Harmony April 3,
Center at Asbury chapeiApril 10, 1
Beckville, at Rehobeth April 17, 1
Melrose, at Shady Grove April 24, 2
Concord, at Tenn May 1,:
Carthage
Buena Vista at Mt. ZionMay 15, 1

Linn Flat cir. June 12, 1 Nacogdoches June 18, 2 Pine Hill cir. June 26, 2 District conference at Carthage, July 22, 1886 J. W. Johnson, P. E.
AUSTIN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
Austin mis, at Jollyville March 27, 2 Austin sta, at April 4, Austin city mis, at April 10, 1 Webberville cir, at Manor April 10, 1 Colorado mis, at Manor April 11, 1 Manchaca mis, at Eans' school-house April 17, 1 Elgin cir, at Pleasant Hill April 24, 2 Bastrop sta, at Hill's Prairie May 1
Cedar Creek cir, at Haynie Chappell May 8, Winchester cir, at ——
West Point cir, at ——
Weimer sta, at —

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C. H. BROOKS, P. E.
JEFFERSON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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Dalby Springs cir. at DeKalb April 24, 2
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ilmer cir, at June 26, 27 District Conference at Gilmer, July 1.
S. J. HAWKINS, P. E.
PARIS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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Delegates to the district conference will be

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Spring Creek mis. March 13, 14
Huntsville cir. March 20, 21
Madsonville cir. March 27, 28
Dodge mis. April 3, 4
I hope the brethren intrusted will announce the changes.

The pastors will please announce the place of holding quarterly meeting.

Let Friday before each quarterly meeting be observed by all as a day of fasting and prayer. A full attendance of all official members is greatly desired.

I. Z. T. MORRIS, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Copperas Cove cir. April 3, 4
Bee House cir. April 10, 11
Center City mis. April 17, 18
Hamilton cir. April 17, 18
Hamilton cir. April 17, 18
Hilliams' Ranch mis. May 1, 2
Indian Creek cir. May 8, 9
Pecan mis. May 8, 9
Coleman cir. May 15, 16
Brownwood and Comanche May 26
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Bibb mis. May 22, 30
Bibb mis. June 5, 6
District conference will convene at Comanche, July 8, at 9 a. m
Conference sermon by Rev. W. V. Jones,
J. K. Lane, P. E.

Sulphur Springs cir, at Carrolton March 27, 28
Sulphur Springs sta April 2, 25
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DALLAS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Reagor cir, at Ebenezer Meb 20, 21
Italy cir, at Midway Meb 27, 28
Red Oak cir, at Bell's ch April 3, 4
Lancaster cir, at Ferris April 10, 11
Waxahachie cir, at Mt. Peak April 17, 18
Rice & Chatfield cir, at Prairie Point, April 24, 25
Irene cir, at Cross Roads May 1, 2
Waxahachie mis, at Star Hill May 8, 9
Sims and Glenwood cir, at Bethel May 15, 16
Ennis cir, at Oak Grove May 22, 23
R. C. Armstrong, P. E. GRANBURY DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

TERRELL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. TERRELL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Forney cir Meh 20, 21
Farmersville Meh 27, 28
Aden cir April 3, 4
Rockwall cir April 1, 18
Kaufman cir April 1, 18
Mesquite cir April 24, 25
Able Springs cir April 24, 25
Able Springs cir May 1, 2
Roberts m 8. May 8, 9
Seagoville mis May 15, 16
Kemp mis May 22, 23
Foster cir May 23, 30
Foster cir May 29, 30
W. H. HUGHES, P. E.

R. M. SPROULE, P. E.

St. John's, Galveston March 21,
West End Mission, Gaiveston March 21,
Shearn Church, Houston March 21,
Shearn Church, Houston March 21,
PALESTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Palestine, at Corinth March 20,
JOHN ADANS, P. E.

STEPHENVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. "Non Anglised Angeli,"
As he passed the slave-boys by, Said the great Pope Gagory, Asked if she won't Milials try, Ouless, Holl, or Gregory, Says her Gracious Majesty, Non Anglised Angeli."

A boy was asked which was the greater evil, hurting another's feelings or his finger. "The feelings," he said. "Right, my dear evil, hurting another's feelings," and why is it worse to hurt the feelings." "Because you can't tie a rag around them," answered the child.

Make every child responsible master of the one instrument by which all human life one instrument by whic

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

WACO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. WACO DISTARCH WORK COMMENT OF THE WORK OF ... Meh 20, 21 Cedar Island cir. at Oak Hill, at 10 a. m. Meh 25
Groesbeck cir. at Eim Grove ... Meh 27, 28
Thoraton cir. at Thoraton, at 10 a. m. Meh 37
Waco sta, at Fifth Street Church ... April 3, 4
Waco cir. at Oak Grove ... April 10, 11
Bosqu-ville cir. at Harris Creek ... April 17, 18
Corsicana sta, at Church St. Church April 24, 2,
Mi Caim cir, at Mt Caim ... May 1, 2
Corsicana cir, at Pleasant Grove ... May 1, 2
Axtel cir ... May 15, 16
Dresden cir ... May 22, 25
East Waco, at Bell Springs ... May 22, 3
All official members requested to be present. All official members requested to be present.
Will the stewards strive to bring up a good report? De egates will be elected on this round
to the district conference to be held at Hub-

	bard City, July 8-11 E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.
	TYLER DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
	White House cir, at Spring HillMch 27, 28
	Lindale cir, at Garden Valley April 3, 4 Tyler cir, at Red Springs
	Larissa cir, at Pine Springs April 17, 18 Mineola cir, at Hawkins April 24, 25
	Edom cir. May 1, 2 Canton cir May 8, 9
	Athens cir. May 15, 16 Tyler sta. May 29, 30
ì	Malakoff cir. May 29, 30 The presiding elder will be absent at General
2	Conference during the month of May, and the
,	quarterly conferences of that month will be held by the preachers in charge.
9	The services of Rev. U. B. Philips is pledged for Malakoff, and that of Rev. S. W. Turner for
•	Edom circuit.
6	R. S. FINLEY, P. E.
3	SHERMAN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

Sherman sta.
Van Alstyne cir.
Pottsboro cir.
Bells and Savoy cir...
Whitewright cir. Bonham cir...... Bonham sta..... Fannin cir Gordonsville cir... Pilot Grove cir... May 9.
May 15.
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Devine. at Black Creek Mch 20, 21
Pearsail, Tuesday night. Mch 23, 25
Cotulla Mch 27, 28
Pleasanton, at Fairview April 3, 4
San Antonio, Travis Park April 10, 11
San Antonio mis, Salado Church April 17, 18
Kerrville, at Kerrville. May 1, 2
Boerne, at Boerue May 8, 9
Bandera, at Polander Springs May 15, 16
District conference will meet at Newton chapel, near Lytle, Thursday, July 15.
H. S. Thrall, P. E.

VICTORIA DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

Goliad sta Rancho cir | CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. | Bellville. | Meh 20, 21 | Chappell Hill | Meh 27, 28 | Brenham | Meh 31, April 1 | Independence mis | April 3, 4 | Helena mis | April 3, 4 | Helena mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May 1, 2 | Corpus Christ and Larado mis | May

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Thrifty mis, at _____ March 27, 28

J. K. LANE, P. E. AUSTIN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

STEPHENVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Nacogdoches sta, at Nacogdoches. March 20, 21 San Augustine sta, at San Augustine. Mar 27, 28 J. W. JOHNSON, P. E.

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The little ones are calling thee in vain;
We miss thee when we say our evening prayer,
And know we need not pray for thee again. May the good Lord sactify this affliction to the good of all that were related to the sainted one, who is now enjoying heaven with all that heaven means. We feel that we can truly say of her that God's children are gathering Massengale.—John C. Massengale was born in Coosa county, Ala., March 10, 1843; joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young, and was a member of the same when he died. He received his death-wound by the

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Briley.—Died, of diphtheria, at home in Fannin county, Texas, Jan. 24, 1886, Sister E. C. Briley, the daughter of David and Nancy Aydiott; born in Wayne county, Tenn., July 14, 1820; was converted in her eighteenth year; was married to Jesse Briley in 1837; was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South; was loved by all Christians who knew her. She was indeed a friend to the timerant preacher. The mother of ten children and forty grand children; has eight great-grand-children. Oh, may the Lord bless and save all of her loved ones. We have every reason to believe that she is gone to live with the angels.

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A few days before his death, he said to the writer that the future was bright, and he remained in that condition to the last moments.

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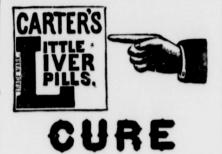
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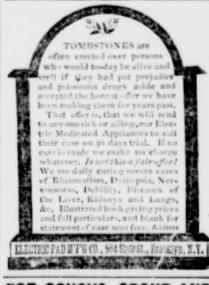


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CORRECTION.

In the Advocate you made me say the district conference would be held at Beaumont. It will be held at Orange. R. M. SPROULE. CLEBURNE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The district conference for Fort Worth district will meet at Cleburne, Texas, embracing the fourth Sunday in June.

W. R. D. STOCKTON.

CLEBURNE, TEXAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Sherman district conference will convene at Whitewright, on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 o'clock p. m. In connection therewith a Sunday-school conference will be held. A suitable program will be prepared.

W. M. Shelton. SHERMAN, TEXAS.

HELP WANTED.

There is a preacher in my district who needs There is a preacher in my district who needs a horse. His circuit cannot pay him enough to support his family and buy one. The circuit will do all they can to aid him in buying a horse. But if there is anybody who reads this call feels that they want to help a good man do a good work on his circuit this year, remit the amount to me at Chappell Hill, Texas. This call is made without the preacher's knowledge. I hope everybody who can will help some in this good cause.

1. Z. T. MORRIS.

NOTICE. There will be a camp-meeting one and a half miles northeast of Thornton, commencing July 30—self-supporting. Ministers invited, and will be provided for. We will have a missionary celebration of the little workers for Jesus at that camp-meeting. We would respectfully invite you to come and preach us a sermon on missions at that time. The children are all very much pleased with the Advocate. I think through them I will get many subscribers.

1. N. Reeves.

To the Pastors and Superintendents of the Sundy-schools in the Huntsville District:

It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to bring the subject of missions prominently before the quarterly conferences of each circuit and station, and to see to it that efficient and well defined modes and plans be adopted for raising missionary funds, both for the General Board and also for the conference mission board.—Discipline, page 187.

Let every Sunday-school, so far as practicable, be organized into a missionary society, auxiliary to the Board of Missions.—Discipline, page 136.

auxiliary to the Board of Missions.—Discipline, page 136.

I submit below a constitution for "every Sunday-school" in our district. I think if you have no better "efficient and well defined mode" of raising your missionary assessment, that if you will call the Sunday-school together some Sunday afternoon for this purpose and explain to the school your object, much good will come out of this. My object is: First to get the children of our church trained in this work. Second, to help the pastors to raise the assessments. If the children will work, they can get many persons out of the Sunday-school to become "honorary members." I insist on the children earning the amount of their dues by their own labor in some way.

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Of course, you may make any changes in the constitution your circumstances demand. It is only suggestive. There is no reason why every dollar of our assessments may not be raised in this way. Yes, it can be doubled. Now let presiding elder, pastors, local preachers, all official and private members, male and female, boys and girls, pray and work together for this cause, and great will be our reward, both in this life and in the life to come. I hope the secretaries of these societies will report to me at once the date of their organization and number of members. We have in our district 23 Sunday-schools, 100 officers and teachers, 1028 scholars, 2755 members. What a force for the Lord if we can get every one to do their duty in this cause! The following is the constitution:

Article I. Officers.—The officers of this society small be, superintendent, who shall be the pastor; president, secretary and treasurer, to be elected quarterly, except the superintendent.

Article III. Object.—The object of this societies and teachers.

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Article III. Object,—The object of this society shall be to give missionary intelligence to the children and church in this pastoral charge and to assist the pastor in raising the assessment made by the district stewards on this charge, if possible, to the amount of one dollar per member.

Article IV. Dues,—Each person joining this society shall be required to pay into the treasury of this society the amount of ten cents per month. All honorary members shall pay one dellar when their mames are enrolled by the secretary.

Article V. Meetings,—The society shall meet once a month. This shall be the order of business:

usiness: Singing, reading, scripture and prayer.

Reports from secretary and treasurer.

2. Reports from secretary and treasurer.
3. Application for membership.
4. Reading an essay by some one appointed by the superintendent at the last meeting.
5. A service of song.
6. Address by the superintendent.
7. Doxology and benediction.
Article VI. Duties of Officers.—The duties of the officers of this society shall be that of all similar societies. The superintendent shall recommend to the society the literature on the subject of missions and do all in his power to advance the interest of the society in the charge.

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Article VII. Anniversary.—The so lety shall hold an anniversary at the last meeting before each annual conference, at which the president shall call upon the audience for a free-will offering for missions.

VIII. The treasurer shall pay over to the superintendent quarterly all money in his hands, with instructions to the Board of Missions of the annual conference.

I. Z. T. MORRIS.

WANTED.

A suitable person to fill the position of Sunday-school superintendent in a good town in Texas. The following are the terms upon which the situation is offered: The house to occupied will be furnished free of charge, together with a full corps of teachers and officers; all necessary lit rature, equipage, fuel and sexton, and a salary at the rate of \$2.50 per day paid the superintendent. The applicant, however, must fill the following conditions: He must have religion, and be a member of the M. E. Church, South; must be on hand promptly every Sunday morning at 9:30, and open the school according to the form given, leading opening prayer himself. He must oversee every class, and see that all the departments of the school are working properly; also speak to every visitor, and provide at once for every new pupil. Apply soon. Address X. Y. Z., ADVOCATE office. Does any reader know the unfortunate Sunday-school offering the above?

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MISSIONS-PLEDGES REDEEMED.

We promised to send to conference papers lists of our receipts from pledges taken at the last sessions of the conferences. Below find lists for Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas, East Texas and West Texas Conterences. Would that our Missionaries could be rejoiced with a sight of many of these letters enclosing remittances, as numbers of preachers have advanced equal or nearly equal to their own receipts, out of most meager salaries. God bless them abundantly.

D. C. KELLEY, Treas.

	TEXAS CONFERENCE.	
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	27. Richmond sta., H. B. Scruggs	9
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an.	18. Rockwall et., W. S. May	82
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	28. Gober et., B. T. Hayes	17
	28. Boston et., S. L. Ball	8
	29. Dangerfield ct., J. W. Horn	
	29. L. L. Pickett	30
	30. McKinney sta., J. R. Allen	30
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	Mountcastle	70

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6. Paris sta., E. W. Alderson. 3500
6. Sherman sta., J. M. Binkley. 2750
8. Brookston ett., W. W. Horner 2000
8. Gainsville sta., A. J. Worley. 9375
8. Henrietta sta., L. P. Smith. 3250
11. Aurora mis., F. V. Evans. 750
12. Foster et., J. B. Minnis. 1000
12. Winnsboro et., J. W. Lively. 800
12. Roberts mis., T. C. Eason. 500
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12. Kaufman et., J. F. Alderson. 1600
12. Honey Grove et., J. L. Pierce 2000
13. C. C. Williams. 1300
15. Blossom Prairie et., C. L. Ballard. 1000
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19. Queen City et., W. Hillass. 22 50
19. Decatur sta., E. N. Evans. 20 40
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20. Fannin et., I. N. Crutchfield. 12 50
20. Grape Vine et., J. F. Sherwood. 13 00
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29. L. G. Watkins.

31. A Brown.

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2. Pforesville et., W. H. Killough.

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2. A. E. Rector.

2. F. S. Jackson.

7. S. G. Shaw.

8. N. W. Keith.

9. Boxville et., C. H. Maloy.

12. J. F. Perrin.

12. Edna et., Jno. T. Graham.

16. Goliad sta., H. B. Blue.

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Jim Holland. Jim Holland.

Holland, the Texan, who killed Davis, the sawdust swindler, in New York, was offered \$500 a night by the Broadway Museum. He declined, saying he did not come to make money by making a public exhibition of himself. Wherever he went in New York he was followed by crowds of people, the most of whom insisted on shaking hands with him.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Report of Treasurer of W. M. S.

MRS. R. T. DOROUGH. Treasurer, In Account with W. M. S., E. T. C. DR Jan. Sept. 1. Winterfield Camp

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George Bancroft.

self. Wherever he went in New York he was followed by crowds of people, the most of whom insisted on shaking hands with him.

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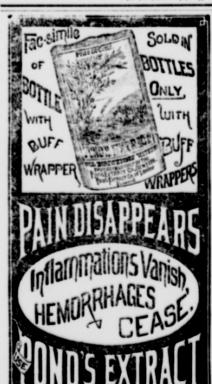
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March 10.—J Howard, Trimble, subs; that will do finely for one card. W. H. Crawford, sub. G. W. Langley, subs. Jno T. Grabam, subs. C. G. Shutt, subs. W. J. Lemons, sub. A. L. P. Green, subs; change made. E. M. Sweet, postal of 8th inst, with 2 subs. W. E. Rector, sub. E. H. Holbrook, subs. G. R. Bryce, subs. S. L. Ball, sub. C. L. Ballard, sub. Isaac. S. Ashburn, sub. A. F. Hendrix, subs. J. A. Duncan, sub. J. B. Sears, sub. G. C. R. Carter, sub; that is the way to get them: the other kind are not worth the "gathering." Sam? Weaver, subs. H. B. Blue, sub. L. P. Smith, subs. D. D. Warlick, subs. Horace Bishop, subs. J. D. Wesson, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. Tom. Lockhart, subs. J. G. Weaver, subs. J. G. Putman, subs. R. F. Dunn, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub per D. M. Deason. I. G. John, sub. J. C. Calhoun, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. Tom. Lockhart, subs. Sub. F. M. Winburn, subs. E. Y. Seale, sub. Sam? Morfes, will discontinue. Geo. S. Wyatt, subs; Mrs. T's paper is now going to Vaughan. M. S. Hotchkiss, sub. J. W. K. J. W. H. H. Haynie, sub. W. H. Klyce, sub. W. B. Ford, subs. E. A. Smith, subs. R. N. Brown, subs. W. W. Pinson, subs. W. H. Porter, sub. A. L. P. Green, sub. B. F. Badgett, subs. G. S. Sandel, sub. J. L. Lemons, subs. W. W. Thornberry, sub. March 12.—M. Donagan, subs. A. D. F. M. Sherwood, sub. T. J. Milann, sub. C. H. Malov, subs. W. H. H. Biggs, subs. G. S. Sandel, sub. S. R. Bolton, ok. C. H. Martin, change made. C. R. Shapard, subs. Y. J. Ramer, sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub. C. H. Malov, subs. W. H. H. Biggs, subs. G. S. Mathis, subs. A. B. Knight, subs. G. D. Wilson, subs. N. A. Keen, sub. W. H. H. Moss, sub. G. D. Wilson, subs. N. A. Keen, sub. W. H. H. Moss, subs. J. S. J. H. Shapin, subs. J. R. Bolton, ok. C. H. Martin, change made. C. R. Shapard, subs. F. A. Rosser, sub. W. M. Arch. S. J. H. H. H. Shaper, subs. G. C. H. Shin, subs. J. F. Stanley, sub. G. C. H. Shin, subs. J. J. Stanley, sub

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Jonesboro, at Weaver's chapel. 4th Sun in May
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Carlton, at — Friday, June 4
Dublin, at — 5t San in June
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