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NOTES ALONG THE WAY.

On the 16th of March, at early morn, the writer and family boarded the train in Galveston, Texas, for Helena, Montana, the place appointed as his field of labor. By way of San Francisco, on the Southern Pacific, was the route selected, in view of the advantage of cheap rates. We made three changes to San Francisco, to-wit: at Rosenberg, San Antonio and Deming. A few items of what was seen and heard along the way may be of interest to the readers of the ADVOCATE.

About night-fall on the first day we moved into San Antonio, being a little too late to get a view of the city. As the morning began to dawn on the 17th, we discovered that we were winding among the hills and under the rocky cliffs of the Rio Grande. The scenery is quite attractive to the unaccustomed eye. Owing to the rocky barrenness of the soil, the country is of little practical benefit to either man or beast, as far as the writer could see. Owing to a want of the proper amount of rainfall, there is little range for stock. We found pretty much the same state of things all along until we arrived within seventy-five miles of Los Angeles, in Southern California, where vegetation began to put on its coat of beautiful green, indicating moisture. In a very large portion of the great West rain seems to be a rare occurrence. From the sterile aspect of the country, the writer was a little curious to know where the water for drinking and other purposes was procured, and upon inquiry was told that it was shipped from distant points by rail. We were told that there was an occasional shower once in five or six months.

On the great plains we found great beds of sand substituted for rock, and at frequent intervals, as the result of strong winds, we encountered great clouds of sand and dust. The all-wise no doubt sees good in this vast unoccupied territory where there are "mountains upon mountains hurled," and where vast desert plains stretch out hundreds of miles toward the broad Pacific. In Southern California there grows wild the cactus, which is such a favorite plant in the flower gardens of Texas.

The most lovely section of country it has ever been my privilege at any time to look upon is Los Angeles, California. There we found vegetation out in all its luxuriant glory—lovely flower-gardens and variegated flowers, orange groves laden with the golden fruit, and beautiful shrubbery surrounding palatial and cottage residences. Surely this place is like unto "the land of the cypress and the vine, where the flowers ever bloom, and the beams ever shine."

We stopped one day in Los Angeles. While there, I called on Bro. Stradley, pastor of our church. He reports his church as enjoying a good degree of spirituality and in a flourishing state. He publishes a paper—the Los Angeles Advocate—I think chiefly in the interest of his church, yet it has a pretty good circulation. He is very popular with his people, and I doubt not is doing a fine work there. Bro. Curtis, presiding elder, also lives there, but owing to his absence at a quarterly meeting, I did not see him.

I suppose Los Angeles has about the same population as Galveston.

Much of the land along the route to San Francisco is very dry, and being without irrigation, almost entirely valueless for production, and yet I was told that hardly any could be had anywhere for less than fifty dollars per acre. The time has been when he could do well, but owing to the great reduction in wages, according to my judgment, the time has now come when California is not the country for a poor man. Taking the advantage of the great reduction in railroad fare of late, there has been a great rush to California, which was already over-populated.

On March 21, we arrived in the city of San Francisco, where we remained to "see the sights" until the 24th. Viewing the city from an eminence, it does not seem to cover as much ground as one finds when he undertakes to travel over it. A great part of the city is built upon hills, some of which are very steep, but cable street cars, which are now running in nearly every direction through the city, afford quick passage to all points of interest. In San Francisco there is certainly much to be seen that is both interesting and instructive. The Palace Hotel, Cliff House, Golden Gate Park, Sutro's Garden, and the panoramascene of the battle of Waterloo are all objects of interest. The Palace Hotel takes rank, I believe, among the finest in the world. The panorama of the battle of Waterloo is the work of French artists. It is in a circular building of very considerable proportions. Visitors enter and ascend the building by a flight of circular steps, when suddenly there breaks in upon the vision one of the grandest scenes imaginable. The visitor sees the battle raging in all its fury for miles in every direction; looks upon horsemen and infantry running hither and thither in the wildest state of excitement; the curling smoke from both musketry and cannon darkening the air; men and horses struggling in the agonies of death, and buildings enveloped in flames. In fact, everything character-

istic of a battle-field is there presented to the eye. The day on which the battle was fought is said to have been dark, cloudy and threatening, with continual flashes of lightning playing around. Even this particular feature of the occasion was most magnificently displayed in the panorama.

From the Cliff house is presented a fine view of the broad Pacific. Only a short distance from the rocky cliff on which we stood, outlying rocks were covered with seals, the first this writer had ever seen, whose interest and curiosity was much excited by peculiar sounds which they make, much after the manner of the barking of a dog.

On March 21, at 3 p. m., we took our departure for Helena. Our train crossed the Sierra Nevada range during the night, hence we did not get to witness the grand display of scenery which is said to be of such great interest to travelers, as well as on the Southern Pacific, we saw the red men of the forest. They seem to understand pretty well the art of begging. While some were respectfully dressed, others were clad in habiliments suggestive of Indian life in former days. As I looked upon these people, the thought frequently occurred to me that if only a small part of the money appropriated for the extermination of the Indian by powder and ball were appropriated in way of giving him the gospel of Christ, which enlightens, refines, elevates and saves, it would certainly be the wiser policy. Our experience as a church, in the line of missionary effort among the Indians, has clearly proven that they are capable of a high degree of civilized and Christian life. I have yet to be convinced that when once they are made acquainted with the truths of the gospel they will not embrace it as readily as any other class of people.

The run from San Francisco to Ogden is made in about forty-three hours. While at Ogden, a visit to Salt Lake City would have been quite interesting, had not the circumstances been unfavorable for making such a trip. Upon the arrival at Ogden, our train on the Utah and Northern road was waiting for us. I could see nothing prepossessing in the country about Ogden. It is situated at the base of the mountains. On the one side lies the Rocky Mountains and on the other side the marshes of the great Salt Lake. The continual melting of snow from the mountains on the one side and the dampness from the marshes on the other must render it rather a disagreeable place to live.

The trip from Ogden to Garrison, on the Northern Pacific, is about seventeen and a half hours run. When out an hour or so from Ogden we met a snow-storm, and with that article—snow—we were plentifully supplied until we reached Helena. As far as my observation extends, I can say to the credit of these northern roads, that passengers are made comfortable. From the stove in one corner, steam pipes extend the full length of each coach, on both sides and near the floor, and the heated air arising therefrom is distributed equally in every part. It appears to me that railroad companies can well afford to make passengers comfortable when the rate of travel imposed is eight cents per mile.

We arrived in Helena March 28, at 8 a. m., and pretty soon found comfortable quarters. Helena we find to be quite a growing little city of ten or twelve thousand inhabitants. Nearly all denominations I believe are represented here, and nearly or quite all have their own houses of worship. As far as I can learn there is certainly much hard work to be done here, for there is much indifference with respect to the religion of Christ. We ask the prayers of all the readers of the ADVOCATE that the Lord may bless our labors in this distant field, and that we may be instrumental in bringing many souls to Christ.

R. F. BEASLEY.
HELENA, MONTANA.

NORTH ALABAMA NOTES.

Mr. Editor, long years of toil and hope, joy and anticipation, with a slight mingling of sorrow now and then, have passed since we were permitted to speak to each other face to face, but the hope is fondly cherished that we will not much longer be denied so great a privilege; for already many are making preparation for the march "on to Richmond."

Our purpose at present is not to give vent to personal feelings, but to give your many readers a few items of news from this part of Alabama, especially your readers who once lived in this country and will be interested in what is going on in this part of the Lord's vineyard. We have just had a glorious revival of religion in the town of Gadsden. Have never seen such manifestations of God's presence and power anywhere. Would that I could give your readers a graphic description of this great revival, but I can't begin to describe it. It has been termed by the secular press a religious cyclone, and this I am sure is not putting it too strong. For three weeks it was the one absorbing question, the topic of conversation in the counting-room, the lawyer's office, the work-shop, and was seriously considered by many in dens of wickedness—enough so to cause many steeped in iniquity to give up their

unrighteous business and wicked habits and turn their feet unto the testimony of the Lord. One man who had rented a house for a saloon was converted, cancelled the contract, and converted the house into a temporary chapel for public worship until a better house can be erected; and already we have a good Sunday-school in that house which will no doubt grow into a good church in North Gadsden in the near future. We have had at least three hundred conversions in and out of the church. Many of the converts were members of the church. The change is certainly marvelous. One noted feature is the large number of family altars erected. Two saloon keepers, converted, joined the church and erected family altars. Our church has been greatly strengthened numerically, financially, and what is better, religiously.

Bro. Thompson is now happy in that he is the pastor of a large membership, consecrated to God, who are ready to respond cheerfully to his demands upon them for work. As their leader he is loved and respected by all. As the first fruits in the way of good organizations we now have a young men's prayer-meeting, well attended, and the Y. M. C. A. with over one hundred members. Bro. McCoy did some excellent preaching for us at the beginning; but Dr. W. M. Leftwich, of Nashville, was the preacher of the occasion. He captured Gadsden as completely as ever Sam Jones captured a place. A grand man he is, a fine preacher and a great general in a revival. He preached thirty-three sermons in about twelve days.

Rev. Z. A. Parker, of our conference, has been appointed superintendent of the American Bible Society for Alabama and Florida, in place of Rev. R. S. Holcombe, who has been transferred by the society to the Louisiana division; and Rev. W. E. Mabry appointed to Talladega station to fill the vacancy occasioned by Bro. Parker's appointment.

Rev. M. J. Law, of our conference, has accepted the pastorate of an independent church in Baltimore, and Rev. Thos. Armstrong appointed to Decatur station, and Dr. Jas. A. Heard to Tusculum station.

The growth of the North Alabama Conference for the past few years is marvelous. The rapid development has caused the formation of two new presiding elder's districts within the last two years, and still some of our ten districts are too large. We now have a membership of 44,184. A great many churches and parsonages have been built in the last few years, and some of them at considerable cost. New towns have been built and others now going up, and where a few years ago we had only a small or no membership we now have some of our best churches, and even some of our strongest stations. The mineral interest of North Alabama, which is inexhaustible, is being rapidly developed. And now that men are needed competent for the work in hand, we all rejoice in that our own Southern University is doing a noble work in furnishing us with educated and consecrated men; men true and brave, who come with gospel swords unsheathed ready, at command, to charge the battlements of sin, and demolish Satan and his kingdom. But this scroll is already longer than I intended and so I make a period for fear I am refused the privilege of speaking again through your most excellent paper.

S. M. HOSMER,
GADSDEN, ALA.

TWO EVANGELISTS OF GEORGIA.

REV. W. A. CAMBER.
Georgia has been the headquarters of two of the most notable evangelists the world ever saw. One she imported; the other she produced. One was George Whitefield and the other is Sam Jones. Both did what in modern times is called evangelistic work in connection with work for orphan asylums. Whitefield established an orphanage at Savannah, then the capital of the colony; Jones resuscitated a languishing orphanage near Atlanta, the present capital of the State.

The personal appearance of the two presents a sharp contrast. Jones is taller than was Whitefield. Whitefield was of fair complexion, with regular features, eyes of dark blue, graceful bearing and altogether a handsome person. Jones is of very dark complexion, with angular features, restless, black eyes; a man of careless bearing, and he was never accused of being handsome. Whitefield had a voice that excelled in melody and compass, and was finely modulated. Jones has a voice of no very noticeable qualities, either good or bad. Whitefield was passionate in his delivery, though finished in style, and could be heard sometimes at a distance of two miles. Jones is calm and colloquial in manner, taking ample time to preserve a good style, but never taking the pains to do so. He can be heard by his audience, and to hear him one must come much closer than two miles. Whitefield preached to greater audiences than were addressed by any other speaker of his times; no man on our planet speaks to audiences as large as those which Jones addresses to-day.

Jones has some advantages over Whitefield. He is not submitted to the persecutions which Whitefield suffered. Other

than an explosion of dynamite under his stable, Jones has not been exposed to much personal peril. Dangers beset Whitefield often. Jones has the advantage of preaching last. If Whitefield and the influences he set in motion in the eighteenth century had never been, Jones would have fared worse in the nineteenth century. The sermons of both abound in abuse of their audiences, and both are loved by the people whom they abuse. Dr. Franklin said of Whitefield: "It was a matter of speculation with me to observe the influence of his oratory on his hearers, and how much they admired and respected him notwithstanding his common abuse of them, by assuring them that they were naturally half beasts and half devils." Jones calls his hearers dogs, pigs and the like, and tells some of them he would not wipe his feet on them, and yet they stand by him.

They both preach long sermons and make no apologies for it. Whitefield would preach for an hour and a half. Jones does likewise, and informs his hearers "if any of you get your little tin cups full before I am done you can rack out." The period of long sermons in the history of the church is the period of revival power. A preacher whose sermon is only bearable by being short, delivers a sermon which might almost as well have been left unsaid.

Both are severely dogmatic and severely orthodox. All the great revivalists were and are—Luther, Knox, Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, Finney, Moody, all. Plain people are beginning to understand, or rather always did understand, that God meant the Bible for popular use, and therefore it is easily understood in all essential teaching. They have performed always believed the consensus of church dogma, set forth its meaning, and that modern times are not the days for dogmatic discoveries. The great revivals have proceeded from doctrinal renovations, and not from doctrinal innovations.

The sermons of both denounce with warmth all forms of worldliness, especially worldly amusements. They discovered that nothing is more harmful to the children of light than to go to play with the children of this world. When Whitefield preached in Philadelphia, in 1739, he broke up the dancing schools and closed the ball and concert rooms. Jones would terribly these evils where he goes. So have all the great evangelists. If these things are so harmless, as some claim, it is singular that they should be so unanimously condemned by the churches and by the holiest men of all ages. Liberalism in these things, as in matters doctrinal, does not vindicate its excellency by revival fruits.

Jones and Whitefield were led into evangelistic work. They did not sit down to it with forethought. He who says to himself, "Come, now, I will turn evangelist," will find it may not be so done.

The descendants of the men who persecuted George Whitefield now garnish his tomb and sing his praises. The children of the men who abuse Sam Jones will build his monument. So it is written, "Woe unto you, for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets and your fathers killed them." It is the property of unbelief to hush its conscience for the persecution of living prophets by praising dead ones.

It is the destiny of the prophet of truth to be slain to-day and canonized to-morrow. It belongs to false prophets to dwell in kings' houses and wear soft raiment. They are but reeds waving in the wind, and are saved the pain of breaking by facility in bending.

AGUSTA, GA.

TYPE-WRITER TICKINGS.

COOPERATION IN MISSION WORK.
The third article of the constitution of our Missionary Society provides that our Mission Board may "co-operate with other Methodist bodies in the establishment and support of training schools wherever it may be practicable in foreign fields." I had hoped that in Mexico an attempt would be made to inaugurate this joint work. But at the late conference held there by Bishop Keener Dr. Patterson was appointed superintendent of such a school; and the Methodist Episcopal Church has a similar institution. In Mexico and in our border work we need a newspaper, translator, Sunday-school literature, hymn books, and a few treatises on systematic theology, church government, etc. The Methodist Episcopal Church needs precisely the same. Is it wise for the two Methodist bodies to attempt to establish two publishing houses, newspapers, training schools, colleges, etc., in that country?

It ought to be understood when men are appointed to foreign mission fields that they are sent out to preach! and that preaching is to be their life-work. There is no little complaint now from China, that so many of those on the payroll are withdrawn from the active work of evangelizing the heathen. Dr. Kelley shows that the number on that roll has been rapidly increasing. Has there been a corresponding increase in the work of the pulpit?

METHODIST MISSIONS IN CHINA.
I have before me various periodicals

from which I learn the following facts in reference to Methodist missions in China. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has five districts; 12 male and 19 female missionaries in the field, with 17 native helpers, and numbers 163 members.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has five districts; 23 male and 32 female missionaries, with 236 native helpers, and 2388 members.

Different English Methodist societies have 27 male and 27 female missionaries, and 100 native helpers, and 1782 members.

Total Methodist missionaries there, 92 male and 78 female, and 333 native helpers, with 4333 church members. I notice that the name of presiding elder does not appear in the appointments; but the first name on the list is called "missionary in charge." In a late Missionary Advocate Dr. Young informs us that there will be "no more superintendents, *co nomine*," appointed. Perhaps those missionaries in charge are *de facto* both presiding elders and superintendents. At the session of our last General Conference—May 22, 1882—the Committee on Missions, Dr. D. C. Kelley, chairman, reported that they had considered certain papers "having reference to incorporation into the Discipline, in the chapter on missions, of a section clearly defining the relations of the superintendents of our foreign mission stations. We are of opinion that such legislation is not practicable at the present."

In view of the unfortunate state of affairs, as disclosed by Dr. Garland's letter, it would probably have been better if some rules had been prescribed for the guidance of our mission superintendents.

The publication of that celebrated letter has developed a wide difference of opinion on the oversight of our foreign missions. While a few favor missionary bishops, and the prospective organization of independent churches in foreign fields, the drift of opinion is against such a measure.

It is hardly to be expected that within any reasonable period all these Methodist organizations in China will, in accordance with Bro. Horace Bishop's suggestions, unite and form "an Oriental Methodist Episcopal Church." It is nearly half a century since the first Methodist missionaries were sent to China. If I thought that a half century hence those missions would be still under the oversight of a bishop living in the heart of the American continent, or a mission bureau in New York or Nashville, my vision of Methodist progress in China would undergo a sad eclipse.

It is now more than forty years since our first missionaries were sent to China. In view of this long period of labor the above summary of results is not very assuring. Perhaps too many of our men have been employed in supervising, in teaching, in translating and publishing. At any rate, it would be well in sending out reinforcements to have a special eye to preaching and pastoral work.

OUR HYMN-BOOK.

At the General Conference of 1840 Drs. Summers, Wightman, W. Smith, Jeff Hamilton and A. B. Longstreet were appointed a committee to prepare a new hymn-book. The work was done mostly by Dr. Summers, and, as might have been expected, it was English, Wesleyan, staid and stately, free from bombast and doggerel. Complaint having been made that this book was too large, containing many hymns never used, the General Conference of 1878 authorized the Book Editor, publisher, etc., to bring out an abridged edition. This was done under the supervision of Dr. Summers, but was hastily executed, and never gave entire satisfaction to the church. Now there is a general demand for a new book, sufficiently copious for general use, and of a size sufficiently cheap to find general circulation, and so convenient that it can be carried in the pocket. Our General Conference will be asked to provide such a book, and it is probable that a committee will be appointed to prepare it. Then, if it is judiciously compiled, it will prove a success, and drive from our churches the almost innumerable little volumes with which they are now supplied. The jingling ting-a-ling music of many of these hymns are wholly unsuitable for solemn worship. Again, the evangelists, who, by their superior vocal powers, make these songs tolerable, never administer baptism or the Lord's Supper, never receive persons into the church, or hold church-conferences, and, in reality, there are very few hymns suitable for general worship.

EVANGELISTS.

From Virginia will come up a proposition to the General Conference for the employment of Methodist evangelists. We doubt the propriety or expediency of creating such an officer, or employe of an annual conference. At the present time our people are called upon to contribute to the support of bishops, presiding elders, pastors, both foreign and domestic missions, superannuates, education, and occasionally an extra collection for new churches, or to relieve churches from debt. These are certainly enough regular and irregular collections.

Again, evangelists are an erratic species of ecclesiastical comets. Better let them revolve in their own eccentric or-

bits. If we attempt to regulate them by law, we endanger their very existence, much more their success. If the great Head of the church calls chosen instruments to this field of labor, and gives them marked success, let them go where the Spirit leads the way, and preach as they have opportunity and depend for a support upon those who hear them.

WHAT OF THE GERMAN WORK?

REV. J. B. A. ABBENS, D. D.
Not a sufficient number of agents are employed, and those engaged are not always wisely employed in winning the Germans for our church. We have organized German churches and necessarily perpetuated the use of the German language, without the faintest hope of ever reaching the many Teutons dwelling in the Southern States.

What can be done? Cut loose from the practice of a sister church of organizing any more distinctively German societies. Let every annual conference of our connection employ one or more German missionaries, not to organize German churches, but to work among the Germans, preach to them in our American churches, prevailing upon them to join and stay there. One of these German missionaries might assist during one year more than fifty American pastors of the annual conference.

This plan does not design to do away with our German Conference now existing. Let that continue and in its limited way do what it can; but if that is all which our church will do for the Germans in the Southern States, we will not have done our duty. In Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia there are thousands of Germans who should be won for Methodism, but who are accessible only to the German missionary.

Dilemmas in the way? Yes. Often our American brethren have been deceived by designing German ecclesiastical tramps. Receive none except recommended by a superintendent who might be appointed for that very work. Another difficulty would be as to what quarterly conference the German missionary should report to. This would be solved by fixing the office of evangelists in addition to that of pastors.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

"I HAVE DONE QUIT."—Sam Jones

REV. SAM'L P. WRIGHT.

Bro. Jones, if he has not made classic the words above, has placed them forever among our extra forceful American-English phrases. The announcement, which appears in a report from one of his Chicago services, that Bro. Jones "has quit" tobacco, will be hailed with ten thousand, yea, a hundred thousand, "amens" all over our Zion. Many of us have thought that Sam Jones was a man who could not afford to use tobacco. He is standing upon too high an eminence, and hence is seen and observed too widely; his denunciations of sin, in whatever guise, are too clear and unmeasured for him to indulge in any habit which is in the least degree questionable. We rejoice that his renunciation of what is surely—if no more—a "needless self-indulgence," places the great evangelist above the shafts of criticism of any who would use his habit to bludge the edge of his keen blade of truth. This writer, after using tobacco from boyhood, quit eight years ago with the impression that "a preacher ought not to use it." It was a great struggle, and required a greater outlay of sheer will-force than was ever called for before or since—but he quit. He must admit that the fragrance of a good cigar is just as delightful as ever, and he expects it to be until he passes over the river and begins to stroll among the flowers that bloom upon the banks of the river of life. He would enjoy a cigar now just as much as ever in life, but, mind you, he does not think a preacher ought to smoke, and he would not smoke for the world. He is not "fanatical" on the subject, if high authority does rejoice that "a good cigar is an antidote for fanaticism."

By the way, what does that quotation mean? That it is well to cultivate a questionable habit in order that our religious life may be sure not to degenerate into fanaticism? As proof that the writer is not fanatical upon the subject of tobacco, what preacher among his many associates has ever been told by him that he ought to quit? He has refrained from speaking when he knew that a reputation for a high order of purity was being sacrificed by his brethren, in his own house, because his wife and children think as he does—that "a preacher ought not to smoke." Perhaps a distinction should be drawn, and it should be said "traveling preacher." If a man perfumes with his cigar or pipe only his own house and carpets and curtains and bed, the privilege might be allowed him; but the endurance of social life must be very elastic if he does not surrender this right whenever he crosses his threshold going out. Even then his smoking cap and robe had best be left behind.

Brethren of the ministry, suffer a word of exhortation on this subject—and it shall be a last one, for fanaticism nor anything else shall bring this pen into print again soon upon this subject. Quit! You can. There is a satisfaction, if a grim one, in refusing to gratify a desire of the flesh, because it exhibits weakness to yield; but when the higher motive of devotion to duty and love to Christ is added, the joy is exquisite and pure. If there is such a thing as the taste for tobacco being removed by divine power (and I doubt it not), I have not such an experience and do not think it necessary to enable a servant of God to do what he thinks is right.

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OUR MISSIONARY WORK.

REV. T. W. RODGERS, D. D.

We have read with both pleasure and profit the interesting writings of the brethren at home and abroad, on the subject and demands of our missionary work; and especially the foreign arm of that work. And we feel fully in accord with them, that the time has come for us to set about this great labor with renewed zeal and increased efforts. We cannot afford to look upon the vast field now provisionally opened before us, and remain indifferent to its demands. It is evident that the time has come for energetic action, or we are liable to lose our hold upon a large portion of our ground. This unwelcome fact was felt and recognized by our Missionary Board, and they sought to meet the emergency as far as was within their power but failed, at least so far as the financial feature is concerned. But we may hope that the failure in that direction has had the happy effect to turn the eyes of the church fully upon this great interest, and it will issue in the early solution of the financial feature of the problem. But it seems the financial difficulty is not all, at least in the minds of some of our most able and pious thinkers. The question of adjusting ourselves to the work seems to have a strong hold upon these brethren. It is hinted that there are serious deficiencies in our present organic system, which in a large measure hinder, not to say cripple, our efforts. If this view of the case be true, then there is cause for serious thought in this direction. I suppose it will not be claimed by any, that our system of organization is infallible or even without possible defects. But our past history as a representative of evangelical Christianity is too full of facts and figures to be lightly set aside. And while we may with propriety investigate, modify and correct any possible defects which may be found to exist, we cannot afford hastily to lay our hands upon the ark. I do not think, however, that the fact that it is objected to any particular suggestion, that it is a departure from the old order or the established usage of the church is a sufficient reason why action by the proper authority should not be taken, provided a wider range of usefulness may be secured in our relation to the work of the Master, whether at home or abroad. It is a fact which I suppose will not be denied, that while we have reason to rejoice for that wherein we have attained our resources at this time are suggestive of vastly greater capacities, as well as proportionally increased responsibilities. And so it would seem pertinent, after all, for the inquiry to be made, whether in adjusting ourselves to the work, the time and demand is upon us when we are called upon to meet the manifest tide of changing circumstances with whatever additional armament which is found necessary? If in our present system there are disadvantages, which to say the least, limit our resources in respect to their successful application to the wide open field of the world, it becomes necessary in view of the spirit of our calling as a great and powerful agent, acting for the honor and interest of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus, deliberately and wisely to take such action, if need be, to make such reform and enlargement, yea, improvement if possible in our present organized system as prudence, piety and fidelity of God demand. While it is important that we preserve our God-honored organic system so far as it reaches out toward the blessed objects of the enlighten and salvation of the world, if experience proves, our arms are too short or too weak, then let us supplement them in whatever way, acting under God with our matured wisdom and piety, which will accomplish our great mission in the world the more surely and speedily. As touching the subject which has been suggested of electing a bishop or bishops or equivalent foreign fields, it is difficult to see any serious result, at least necessarily, to our system of itinerant superintendency. It is understood by all that such action would be in response to a demand which otherwise could not be met, and such special provision, if special at all, for foreign work would contemplate nothing short of itinerant superintendency in another hemisphere. So that it is not altogether clear that the election of a bishop to itinerate and superintend our work in China or Brazil or elsewhere, if the necessity should arise, is out of harmony with either the spirit or intention of our economy. One thing, however, is clear, and that is, there is a felt need of such oversight as our chief pastors alone are best qualified to bestow upon our rapidly augmenting work abroad. But with the vast weight upon them at home I. is difficult for them to undertake to meet the demand, and supply in any competent measure the need. Besides, there are other difficulties that are not of trivial import: The long and perilous journey by sea and absence from home, have the additional evil of climatic influences to render the remote fields practically inaccessible, at least so difficult, as to circumscribe the usefulness and effectiveness of our home bishops. But waiving these objections, by no means inconsiderable, however, the question of the best thing which can be done is one which forces itself upon us. We repeat we find difficulty in seeing any sufficient objection to setting apart a godly man as superintendent of our work in this remote part of the globe. And if it be conceded that there is real want for one chief superintendency in China or in any other foreign field, then the best thing to do is to meet that want and supply it promptly. The mere question of president in the matter is not of sufficient gravity to allow it to become a fatal barrier. The theory that such action is a violation of the original intention of our form of Episcopacy, and would be a step in the direction of a diocesan form, it is believed is irrelevant to the case, from the fact that the election of such bishop would contemplate nothing short of itinerant superintendency under the same laws and liabilities as govern it here—though its exercise be on the other side of the world. We have in these fields already men ordered and sent out invested with all the functions of the ministry, as also superintendents with limited powers, which, it seems, fall short of the growing needs of the work. Then why limit, but rather why not qualify suitable men to meet and discharge all the duties of our chief pastors. Granting, that it is out of the regular order, that it would be without the provision of existing law, it is too much to create a law to meet the newly existing

demand? As said before, if the arms of our system of work are too short to reach these remote fields and handle them successfully, why not in the fear of God and with an eye single to his glory apply them, even though the spire be a brand new thing and unheard of before? BASTROP, TEXAS.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

REV. W. H. D. STOCKTON.

A brief review of our national history, and a circumspect view of the present state of affairs, including churchly, social and civil aspects, has awakened inquiry as to the dominant causes of our present confused and unsettled state, as indicated in the political strife, social inequalities and terrible contests between capital and labor. Without the tedious process of specifying a course of reasoning, I announce the result of my inquiries as affording the best solution my judgment can reach. Our national polity, founded on the word of inspiration, and professedly Christian, is dependent for success upon our fidelity to the principles embodied in the constitution, of which the Holy Bible is the basis of authority and the standard of right; hence infidelity to these fundamental laws is a departure from the rock of our strength, and a forfeiture of our claim to divine assistance. "If the foundations be removed what can the people do?" However humiliating, it must be confessed that the Bible is well nigh ignored as a book of reference, or even standard of appeal in the higher councils of State and of the Senate, as well as in her judicial management and her public schools. The heinousness of crime-producing causes and the acceptance of bribes by high officials allowed to go unpunished are among the indisputable evidences that mammon is enthroned in the places where God should sit as the Arbitrator of human rights? At her shrine our people are taught to bow, not always of choice, but for the sake of holding our own or from a plea of necessity. With the root of all evil—the love of money—extending itself through every department of society, as well as of traffic, how could it do otherwise than sap the very foundations of our social compact? I see but one way of escape from impending ruin. Let all the people return unto the Lord, and then he will return unto us. The way for all the people to return is for each individual to return, and for himself, whether others will or not. When this is the case these so turning will unite to exert their influence upon others to turn, and it will not be long until the landfall of what will be as the spreading harvest. And the challenge should be made at once: "If the Lord be God, serve him; if Baal, then serve him." If our God be for us, it is better than if all others were against us. And "if the Lord be for us who can be against us?" These times are for the best, if they drive us to our needed reformation; if not, swift destruction cometh upon us, and who shall abide the day of his wrath? COLUMBUS, TEXAS.

LETTER FROM THE POST OAKS.

Living "way down in Ilesome cove," among these stony tenants of the wild wood, it is a rare treat to look out into the busy world, through the medium of written language, and get into the schemes and plans of the vast work abroad. "Truly the light it is a pleasant thing," and the ADVOCATE'S columns sparkle and glow upon our quiet homes. But nothing comes from our part of the world, or rather from any world like ours, for is not every home-circle a world in itself? Commonplace things are not always uninteresting and unimportant. Doubtless many of us have enjoyed that familiar "Post Oak Circuit" of early Methodist times, which might have been called "Annals of a quiet neighborhood." So it is with us, like that old man of Verona, of whom it was said:

"His great event was when the barn took fire; His world the county, and his king the cure." While from a quiet home in a secluded spot we can bring little strange or startling news, yet even here the voice of God's wisdom and unchanging love is never still, and loving, grateful hearts will listen eagerly to its teachings. There is no inspiration like that of nature. See the beauty and symmetry and grandeur and firmness of Christian character as shown by the Psalmist: "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water;" note the eloquence of Isaiah as he sings at one time of the darkness covering "the earth, and gross darkness the people," and then declares that "the Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising;" and hear our Lord: "I am the vine; ye are the branches." How startlingly grand and beautiful are the works of nature! Even now, amid a scene of wintry desolation, the very air is full of truth and love and wisdom.

Yes, my old post oaks are bleak and barren, stretching empty arms around as if in vain pleading for lost verdure and beauty. Is it thus with a human life when its promises and hopes and opportunities are gone? Indeed do we not all sometimes, on a wintry day, find ourselves thus seemingly barren and exposed to the united elements of the world, with nothing to show for our effort but a mass of dead leaves at our feet? And even these brown and rustling leaves hint of lessons beautiful and divine. I have watched them as they fell and floated down the air, seeming to play with the sunshine and tempests which were bringing them low, and they told in silent language of how we may even thus play with the serious things of life—"daily with fate"—and that as it were easily, lightly downward. And now as they lie awaiting the forces which will cause them to enrich the soil and purify the air, disappearing in the process, they teach us something of the art and design of resurrection, murmuring: "They also serve who only stand and wait."

"Waiting is the golden harvest; Waiting is the golden grain." Ah, friends, everything in Post Oak Glen seems solemn and gray this evening. I could not have chosen a darker day for writing a letter, but is not the way of all life through death? These cold and still and sombre things—are they not suggestive of mortality and vast possibilities in the law, call the names of those branches which the applicant is to be examined on, and then we will all know and agree about just what is and what is not intended by our church law. Let us have the change, and oblige. Please take notice, delegates. R. M. LEATON.

REMINISCENCES OF A TEXAS TEINERANT—NO. 12.

REV. J. W. FIELDS.

My pastorate in the Marshall station was easy compared with the horseback travel of a large district. After moving my family to a comfortable boarding-house, I had comparatively nothing to do. To read my books and papers, visit my members, prepare my sermons for Sabbath, hold general class-meeting and prayer-meeting once a week, was barely enough to keep soul and body healthy. Matters moved on smoothly until mid-summer, when a theater, which had been started out on the waters of Red River for want of patronage, came wandering out on dry land and stopped at Marshall. True the town then made some pretensions, but many of the citizens had never visited a theater. The managers advertised largely; promised much in the way of entertainment. How much it paid, this deponent saith not, as he never witnessed any of the performances. But the trouble was that the patronage from the church or churches mainly supported it. The majority of the most intelligent and refined portion of the community were church members. And a large majority contended that there was nothing immoral in attending the theater. For weeks they continued, night after night, to go; even on Saturday night would remain till midnight, and, of course, were too sleepy and dull to attend church on Sabbath.

All this I bore for weeks, till at last forbearance ceased to be a virtue. So, one Sabbath, I let loose with my rifle and poured hot shot and shell into their camp. To this they replied with some sibilant. Some of my members complained, and said I was too severe; that there was no express language in our Discipline forbidding attendance on theaters. At last I called a meeting of the official members and told them that they must sustain me in the administration of discipline or I would resign the pastorate. When they saw the predicament they reluctantly consented that I might proceed, giving me to understand that if I proceeded rigidly to enforce discipline, that it would necessarily cut off a large part of my support. To this I replied, that if they thought I would compromise the Discipline of the church for dollars and cents, they had simply struck the wrong man; that I would work on their streets for a dime a day before I would compromise the Discipline of the Methodist Church. I proceeded with the act of that excellent patriot, Thos. Starnford, (a superintendent of the Louisiana Conference). Some confessed they were wrong and promised to quit—those we forgave; others contended it was no wrong, and stubbornly refused to make any acknowledgments—those were cited to trial and expelled. Out of a membership of about one hundred some fifteen to eighteen were expelled. The other pastors took no action. This left me to endure the rage of persecution. Many ceased to attend church; some went to other churches where they could enjoy more liberty.

On this account, taken in connection with a protracted spell of sickness of my wife, who came near dying, the conference year, which began so promising and pleasant, closed gloomily. But I went to conference with a creditable report. I proposed again to resign the matter. Indeed, I was not sufficiently enlightened then to tolerate the institution in the church, and an still in doubt, as to the propriety; was, as now and expect ever to be in favor of enforcing discipline in all such cases. FOREST, TEXAS.

ANSWER TO "LIGHT WANTED."

Bro. J. M. Parks asks three questions, upon which he wants light: 1. "Is the infant, before actual transgression, a fit subject for heaven?" The clause "before actual transgression," does not belong to the question. Infants cannot transgress. In Romans vi:8 we have this: "By the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." The logic of this scripture is, that if the sentence of condemnation passes upon infants through the offense of Adam; it follows that "justification of life" passed upon them through the death of Christ.

2. "Is the justified believer prepared for heaven?" Examine Luke xxiii:43, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Christ said, "To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." If this justified believer was not prepared for heaven, the Lord took a sinner into paradise.

3. "What is the difference between the moral state of condition of the two?" The difference is this, so long as infants remain so, they cannot forfeit their inheritance; while the justified believer may do so by transgression.

Now the question is, what are the ordinary branches of an English education? Brethren differ about what they are, and consequently about what branches the candidate for the ministry is to be examined on. I respectfully suggest that our next General Conference specify, and in the law, call the names of those branches which the applicant is to be examined on, and then we will all know and agree about just what is and what is not intended by our church law. Let us have the change, and oblige. Please take notice, delegates. R. M. LEATON.

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To the Officers and Members of the Local Women's Christian Temperance Unions in Texas: Our annual State convention will be held, God willing, in Austin, on May 7, 8, 9. Our coming together will be in vain, except the Lord go up with us.

Jesus said (John xvi:24): "Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

In obedience to this command, we do therefore request, that you do each set apart Friday, April 30, as a day of prayer for God's blessing upon our gathering, and upon the city which will entertain our delegates; We also request that each local union shall spend two hours or more on that day in united prayer at your usual place of meeting. Do not fail to strengthen your faith by the reading of Scripture promises.

Please read at your next meeting Article III of our State Constitution (page 35 of State minutes) and elect your voting delegates in accordance with our law. No members are counted for whom the State Treasurer has received no dues. This officer will be a member of the Committee on Credentials. It is very important that, in addition to the voting delegates, each society shall send a goodly number of visiting delegates. Let us unite and forward at once to the State Corresponding Secretary, Miss Anna Horner, of Denton, a full report of its work, especially including the amount of money expended for local and State work.

Suggestions for revision of constitutions and by-laws should be sent to Mrs. Mary Clardy. Local superintendents should at once report to their superintendents in order that the latter may complete their statements before the annual convention. God is awakening our youth to a deeper interest in the spiritual welfare of their own households and neighborhoods. We are beginning to put on the character of Christ, and thus we shall win victories in his name.

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WHAT OUR YOUNG MEN NEED.

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The names of some who called for the publication of Rev. E. S. Smith's sermon on the Pulpit and the Pew have been mislaid. Will all who wrote to us at that time please send their names to this office.

In a letter from Brazil to the Southern Advocate, Rev. J. W. Tarbox says of Koger: "Before his death he had gained a strong place in the confidence and affections of the people of Piracicaba, a laboring man from the country stopped a member of the church, and asked if the report were true, and then said, as if by way of explanation: 'I knew him. He met me on the road one day, as he was leaving the city, and talked to me about the gospel. He was a good man. We feel his loss very much.'"

CHAPLAIN MILBURN, of the Lower House of Congress, astonished the members recently by the following prayer: "We beseech thee, Almighty God, help the people of this country to learn that money gained otherwise than as thou commandest, by the sweat of the face, as the fair and honest wages of honorable, manly work of brain or hand, is gained by theft, no matter how we name the stealing; that money is never converted into wealth unless it ceases to be the pander of our lusts and lifts us above the level of the animal—lifting us to the grades of life; elevating our hearts to many aspirations; making us kindly toward our kind, patient to God's laws and reverent to ourselves."

will; but do you trust God—there is nothing else in earth or heaven that you can trust.

THE CASE OF D. M. BENNETT.

Some months ago, in a discussion of Sunday observance and the labor problem, we had occasion to refer to S. P. Putnam, who circulated in New York City the petition requesting the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History to open these institutions on Sunday free of charge to the public.

The facts in the case of D. M. Bennett, editor of the Truth Seeker, are as follows: Mr. Bennett was induced to sign, by the United States mails a copy of a pamphlet called "Capital's Yokes," by means of a decoy letter sent under an assumed name by Anthony Constock, the agent of the Society for the Prevention of Vice.

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ROLLER SKATING-RINKS.

The following, from a recent issue of the New York Christian Advocate, will be a sufficient answer to the inquiries received from different parts of Texas concerning a circular or advertisement representing Bishop McTyeire as commending roller skating-rinks:

Many of our readers, doubtless, have seen a circular or advertisement representing Bishop McTyeire as commending the Christian Advocate the skating-rink, and hoping that there might be one in every village.

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SOUTHERN METHODIST OPINION.

Rev. S. M. Steel, D. D., Memphis, Tenn.: Who would limit Moody or Jones to a single pastoral charge? Let the office be recognized.—Richmond Advocate.

Rev. W. M. Lettwich, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.: Authorize the bishops to appoint evangelists. Whether we want them or not, they have come to stay.—Southern Advocate.

Rev. B. M. Messick, D. D., Louisville, Ky.: If baptism, per se, be nothing, what shall we say of the mode of baptism? Less than nothing and vanity. Baptism itself a shadow; its mode the shadow of a shadow!—Southwestern Advocate.

Rev. T. C. Wier, Sardis, Miss.: We need to strengthen the episcopacy in numerical force—say one hundred per cent. * * * A college of ten active, vigorous bishops would barely meet the demands of our Methodism, numbering a million of members and spread out over so wide a sweep of territory.—New Orleans Advocate.

Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., Ashland, Va.: We do not reach the great masses of the people as Methodism once did, and which was its chief glory. Millions have been invested in marble, iron and brick edifices in our great cities into which the poor, who should have the gospel preached to them, never come.

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recently purchased is represented, divided into 7000 blocks, corresponding to the cost of the property, \$7000. Of these 4103 have been crossed off because paid for.

The Methodist Church of Canada has recently established a mission among the Chinese at Victoria, British Columbia, where there are about 4000 Chinese, and eleven have already professed conversion.

Bishop Paret has given his opinion officially, and it is based upon an opinion given by Bishop Whittingham, that it is proper and desirable that persons coming to the Episcopal Church from the Roman communion should be confirmed.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Bishop celebrated, at their residence, in Waco, Tuesday, April 13, the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage—a crystal wedding.

Rev. John Helpenstat and family, of Shelbyville, in due time shared the fate that has been the lot of so many lately, and were most generously pounded by the kind people of that charge.

Arkansas Methodist: "Rev. M. H. Neely writes that his delegation expect to join us on our excursion to Richmond, Va., via Nashville. We will be delighted to go with the jolly Texan. We hope a host will come."

Rev. E. S. Smith, of St. John's Church, is delivering a series of doctrinal sermons. The discourse last Sunday night was a new and forcible discussion of the mode of baptism. The subject will be concluded next Sunday night by a presentation of the New Testament cases of baptism.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong has recently, with great credit for his ability, crossed swords with Judge Ferris, of Waxahachie, on the temperance question. The discussion was had in the columns of the Waxahachie Mirror. We shall shortly print two articles from his pen on a similar subject.

Rev. J. T. Simpson and family, of Millican, Brazos county, were most kindly received by the people of that charge. Furthermore, the receptions and poundings chronicled in the pages of the ADVOCATE have been distanced—so the grateful recipient thinks—by an overwhelming visitation recently received.

Rev. M. H. Neely sends from Terrell, April 10, the following sad intelligence: "Sister Powers, wife of Rev. R. M. Powers, of North Texas Conference, and daughter of the late Dr. A. C. Allen, and sister of Rev. J. R. Allen, of the same conference, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, and was buried to-day beside her sainted father. A more extended notice of this good woman will follow later. Let the brethren pray for our dear brother, that God's grace may support and comfort him in his sore bereavement."

"It is due Rev. R. M. Powers," writes Bro. Neely, "to say to the preachers and official members of his district that his failure to attend some of his quarterly meetings is due to great personal and family affliction. In the early part of the year he was quite sick himself, and then his brother met with a painful accident that eventually necessitated the amputation of his leg. Following this came the sickness and death of his wife. He has gone to meet his appointments when he would have been justified in remaining at home. I know that he cannot be charged with neglect, and that all may understand, this explanation is given."

A GROWING EVIL.

And such is the tendency of all evil, had men were worse and worse. Sin is aggressive. Evil grows. A bad habit becomes daily more tenacious and exacting. With these "few brief remarks" as a preface I come to mention the present tendency of the church to secularity. This is seen and cited in its methods of raising money for this and that object and of amusing the young people.

Mention has been heretofore made of certain reported questionable performances. The times and places were given. We mourn to add two more. At Sunset a dramatic club gave an entertainment in the Methodist Church, and the reporter says, "Some of the plays were unique and each performer carried out his role most admirably." And this is said to be the first of a series of performances to be given by said club. It would seem they have gone into the business "for the season," and are given over to hardness of heart. Who compose that club is not stated, but its character is given. It is dramatic and they render plays.

In the same paper giving the above information and in the very next "special" from another point is this: "Our dramatic company, composed of strong local talent, are assiduously preparing the noted play, 'Through Snow and Sunshine,' and will shortly put it before the public. The object of the play is to raise funds to buy a bell for the new Baptist Church. The cause is laudable and we will meet with success." Every word quoted that no unfairness of criticism may be charged. That "special" was dated McGregor. Ought not such things to alarm somebody? Of course I expect every one except those chargeable with being participes criminis to do me the fairness to think these are only recited in proof of my position and not to hold up particular communities or individuals to censure. One brother wants me to give "more law and testimony and less entertainment." The law against such things may be found in the Bible and our book of Discipline and will be construed and applied by the judge and jury—the Christian public. I have charged that there is a tendency in the church to secularity and that some of these modern expedients resorted to in order to raise money for church purposes are subversive of all right notions of paying money to the cause of God. The testimony—proof—is being recited as fast as it comes to hand.

Now I hope to be indulged in some quotations and observations. Frequent of late has the Nashville Christian Advocate made allusions to this matter. All of which was read and may be pondered. Our own ADVOCATE spoke out in commenting on the affair at Sewanee. It will be very difficult to bring up children for serious and useful Christianizing where the church has fan drills, broom drills, chocolateeire drills, etc. And so think many others. In the next paragraph he gives advice to such as may be seeking a new home. Here is his idea of a good place to settle in: "Where secular entertainments are not held in the body of the church; where the current expenses are raised without resort to shows, gluttonous suppers or amateur theatricals."

A noted writer recently said if his children must attend places of amusement he would send them to a first-class opera rather than an amateur church theatrical as the less dangerous to their morals. These things may seem funny and look harmless; but when resorted to raise money to carry on the work of the church, they indicate a radical deflection from the simplicity that is in Christ. Our religion is a sham and impertinence when it fails to be self-supporting. A resort to such methods is a confession of impotency at the core. The Rev. J. Cynndylan Jones well and truly says: "To the devotion of the Spirit we must add the gifts of the hand." The gospel opens the heart; but, believe me, whenever the gospel opens the heart, the hands open the coffers." Further he states it is a mistake to suppose the gospel has opened a man's heart when his hands refuse to open his treasures. The wise men from the East, when they found the Babe, "opened their treasures and presented him gold, frankincense and myrrh." So will every man do who finds Him "of whom Moses in 'The law and the prophets did write.'" With truly saved men no crow-bar will be needed to prize open their pocket-books and the church of God is self-perpetuating and self-sustaining. The ability to do all things needed is in easy reach by the use of right methods. A stingy religion is a counterfeit. I lament the weakness and failure confessed by a resort to such questionable methods to raise money. The tendency is bad and grows. Presently a hop or wine supply may be suggested. Already we hear of charity balls, doing evil that good may come of it. The Rev. R. S. Rowe, of Baltimore, said of these that "they are godless hopes given in the name of sweet charity." Somebody will be thanked for a word descriptive of these dramatic performances.

I know a saloon-keeper in Dallas whose aged mother has been a life-long member of the Methodist Church, whom he reveres and honors more than he does his Divine Master, and yet his whisky will poison a Methodist who drinks it just as badly and as quickly as if his mother were a member of no church. The application is easy.

WEATHER REPORT, TEXAS. "HUGHES AND PEARSON." Bro. Mitchell, in the ADVOCATE of April 1, 1886, "regrets exceedingly the occasion which impels him to notice" my criticism of Mr. Pearson's unkind and unjustifiable speech at a union meeting in Dallas, Texas, which caricatures the administration of discipline in a Methodist quarterly conference in a light which makes it as corrupt as the paid-for indulgences of Rome; and yet, in despite of his "exceeding regrets," Bro. Mitchell does notice my article in a kind of apologetical way in the interest of Mr. Pearson. I admire the spirit of Bro. Mitchell, which would throw the mantle of charity over a brother's faults, but I do not approve of the ethics which would undertake to justify those faults. St. Paul, who wrote that "charity suffereth long and is kind," when "Peter was leading off one wing of the church by disseminating to the detriment of the other part of the body of Christ, did not, like Bro. Mitchell, stop to apologize for Peter's error by saying a case "hypothetical or real might have come up," etc., but he "withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed."

We thought at the time Bro. Pearson was to be blamed for such a statement and hence at the time we called for the name, and when he failed to give it we, like Paul, wrote it down that others might not be led away by his dissimulation. In less than two weeks after this speech of Mr. Pearson I was at Terrell, and was told by a gentleman of a conversation had in front of a saloon by some Jewed fellows of the baser sort, who were blaspheming and denying Bro. Pearson to prove that the church and especially the Methodist Church, did not care what a man did "if he was rich and paid his quartermen." Right in this connection let me endorse one sentence in his article: "When he did speak what he said was felt." Yes, it was most keenly felt and condemned by the hundreds of Methodists then and there present, and by every right-thinking man of every denomination—even by those of his own church. Dr. A. P. Smith, the worthy pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas, and who was the president of the meeting then assembled, said to me: "I regard the speech of Pearson as a gross insult to the Methodist Church and altogether out of place and time." Bro. Mitchell says: "Precisely such a case might have come up in a quarterly conference under the question, 'Are there any complaints?' I am sorry Bro. Mitchell wrote that sentence, for he doubtless knows that question refers to official action and not to moral character. But the case given by Mr. Pearson refers to moral character and not to official action, and Bro. Mitchell ought to know that the character of no unofficial member ever was before a quarterly meeting except by appeal, and hence "precisely such a case" could not come up. Now, Bro. Mitchell, read carefully what Mr. Pearson said, and then answer the question: Could "precisely such a case" come up? Here it is: A rich, immoral, drunken and dissolute man is pronounced all right by a quarterly conference just because "he pays his quartermen." Now, my dear brother, do you believe that a presiding elder can be found in our church so corrupt as to pronounce such a man all right for such a sordid reason, and that a quarterly conference composed of our best men would sit quietly and approve such a corrupt administration? No, my brother, precisely such a case could not occur outside the circles of indelicacy or only in the brain distorted by hatred for the Methodist Church.

Bro. Mitchell wants me to "take the stone away" which he says I "have placed in the path of this man of God." I most emphatically deny having placed a stone in his path. If there are stones there he put them there himself by a most wanton onslaught upon a sister denomination, and the only man on earth who can take them away is God. Bro. Pearson himself, by either denying the facts or proving the truth of what he said, or else, like a man, acknowledging he was wrong and apologize.

I have not said one word about Bro. Pearson in any relation of life, except as to his unjustifiable tirade on Methodism, at Dallas. I have not one word to say on his standing in the "Nashville Presbytery," or whether "thousands are converted to God under his ministry," or of "his aged mother, whom he reveres and honors only less than his Divine Master, is and has been through a long life a member of the Methodist Church." What all this has to do with Mr. Pearson's unkind caricature of Methodist discipline, I confess I cannot see. Does it soften the attack?

I know a saloon-keeper in Dallas whose aged mother has been a life-long member of the Methodist Church, whom he reveres and honors more than he does his Divine Master, and yet his whisky will poison a Methodist who drinks it just as badly and as quickly as if his mother were a member of no church. The application is easy.

W. H. HUGHES. DALLAS, TEXAS.

REVIVAL AT LORENA.

Bro. Pitman and I are here (Lorena) and have been for seventeen days in the midst of a gracious revival of God's work. About thirty have already been converted, and many are still pressing to the mourners' bench. Among the converts are men who have grown to middle age in sin. No abatement in the work as yet is observable. The house is packed three times a day, notwithstanding the season, the disagreeable weather and the fact that our congregations are gathered largely from the farmers' families. Twenty-three have joined our church and eleven the Baptist. We preach in the Baptist house here, but will build a Methodist Church as soon as "the strike" will suffer us to get lumber. The church members of all denominations, with only an exceptional case here and there, have stepped upon a very high plane of godly living. Many say to me: "I never knew what it was to have such a sweet, pure joy before." Others say: "I am, for the first time in life, willing to do God's whole will. I will hold a prayer-meeting, pray in public, in my family, or do anything that may be indicated as my duty." Their pastors, with hearts full of holy joy, hail these utterances as signs of a deep work of grace done in the hearts of God's people. One of the most blessed features of the meeting, and an effect (or, in some cases) of every genuine revival has been the almost, if not quite, complete healing of differences, misunderstandings and heart-burnings. The church members are very joyous and hope to see many more converted before this glorious meeting closes. Will send you another report of local results.

SAM L. P. WRIGHT.

LORENA, APRIL 7. The revival here is glorious! Thirty-seven conversions to date, and fifty-eight penitents last night. S. P. W.

TEXAS CORRESPONDENCE.

From Five Conferences.

—Rev. H. T. Hart, Durango, April 9: Our first quarterly meeting is over. The presiding elder was with us, preached two sermons which will not be forgotten soon. Our assessments for preacher and presiding elder very nearly up; good turnout of official members. The Lord is blessing us.

—Rev. A. F. Cox, Kingsbury, April 10: We are comfortably domiciled at this place; find the people clever and sociable. We have received many tokens of appreciation. Have started an interesting Sunday-school here and a weekly prayer-meeting, both of which are well attended. Prospects on the work encouraging.

—Rev. N. W. Keith, Helena, April 10: District court is in session here this week. Very little business on the docket, either civil or criminal. The county seems to be in very good condition. The good ladies of Helena gave a dinner on Tuesday for the benefit of the church, and took in the handsome sum of \$150. Helena is doing well.

—Rev. G. D. Wilson, Mt. Enterprise, Rock county, March 31: Our first quarterly meeting was held March 27 and 28. Our presiding elder present. Finances good; \$174 quarantine reported; assessed for presiding elder, \$130; for preacher in charge, \$50; highest, \$8; conference, \$45; foreign missions, \$35; domestic missions, \$50; church extension, \$35; education, \$7; for delegates to General Conference, \$7; outlook very encouraging.

—Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Orange, April 3: The first quarterly conference here for this year is over. Bro. Sproule, our new presiding elder, was with us, guarding and scanning all the interests of the church. His sermons were piercing, his ruling first-class and his stay pleasant. The official board nearly complete in attendance, but finances behind. We look ahead with confidence and joy. Outlook in many respects is encouraging. May the smiles of Providence be the lot of this people.

—Rev. P. E. Nicholson, Parisville, April 5: I have closed my protracted meeting at this place. Results up to date: Thirty-five added to the membership, twenty-one baptized, and the church greatly revived. Prayer-meeting and class-meeting well attended; young men's prayer-meeting increasing all the time; family altars have been erected for the first time; old hearts have been healed. The revival has cemented the people; harmony prevails and love abounds. I will commence at another point soon.

—Rev. W. W. Horner, Brookston, April 2: I have recently read that most interesting book from the facile pen of Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, "Dr. Summers a Life Study," and have been much profited thereby. It is marvelous to see how much literary work this wonderful man performed under so many disadvantageous circumstances. I heartily commend this book to all our young preachers. They will find it a means of grace to them, and perhaps it will stimulate them to use greater exertions in the prosecution of their work.

—Rev. A. J. Fricke, Ratchiff, March 30: Second quarterly conference over. Bro. Adams with us. He preached three instructive sermons. Also made special inquiry into the interests of the church. The people have been greatly edified by his preaching and lectures. We had a very interesting meeting. While the finances are somewhat in arrears, the spiritual condition of the work is promising. We have a revival at some of our regular appointments. What great blessings grow out of what we think are small things. We have organized a Bible-class of old and young over the circuit. All seem to be interested in the great work of converting sinners.

—Rev. J. W. Dean, Duffau, April 6: Dr. Ditzler, by invitation, paid us a visit at Hico; came March 9th, and preached nine nights and twice on Sunday to the great delight of the large audiences that attended. He left the last night with no claim unaverted to the churches. The object was to unify the denominations and give peace that we anticipated. It was indeed a grand revival. His last sermon on "Will the Future Punishment of the Wicked be Eternal?" was the grandest display of logic to which we have ever listened. He will visit us again.

—Rev. W. W. Graham, Chappell Hill, April 12: During the past month the ADVOCATE has received but one subscriber from this office. Being long to say by way of explanation, that I have been on detached service at the city of San Antonio, nursing a sick wife. What a great difference between a month spent at home when all are well and hard at work and the ordeal through which we are passing now. The days and nights spent in intense solitude seem so long

and time drags so slowly. It is certainly a benediction to belong to the Prayer League any time, but in times of affliction it is indispensable. Please pardon this personal allusion and continue to pray for us. Rev. E. B. Chappell is working like a beaver in the Alamo City, and is accomplishing great good for the Master. We were detained at Austin long enough to see and feel that the Lord is certainly doing a gracious work for that church and people. The church at Chappell Hill is doing well; the church schools, especially the Female College, are doing remarkably well.

—Rev. J. A. Duncanson, Columbus, April 6: Columbus moves off first as a self-supporting station. Our first quarterly conference was held on the third Sunday in March. Finances well up, nearly \$200 was reported for the support of the ministry—\$120 raised by the church. The remaining debt on the parsonage of \$131.80 paid off; \$29.25 collected for the poor, and \$41.60 contingent and G. C. delegates. Total, during the quarter \$349.95, and all this during the hardest times we have had for many years. We want and are praying for another revival this summer. Pray for us.

—Rev. J. J. Harris, Paltuxy circuit, March 29: The second quarterly conference for the Paltuxy circuit, Granbury district, Northwest Texas Conference, met at Bluefield, March 29-31, E. A. Bailey on hand; preached a very strong sermon on Sunday on "Christian Perfection." It was both scriptural and Wesleyan, and made a good impression. Finances tolerably well up; under the head of "other objects" fifty dollars were reported for improvements on parsonage and garden—no supper and no cake sold. The people just put their hands in their pockets, got out the money and paid it. I am glad Bro. Wells sounded the alarm in regard to this evil. Hit them again, brother.

—Rev. Thomas Duncanson, Dextum's Ranch, April 2: We had a splendid time at Estocado the third Sunday in March. It was the first time I ever preached to the Friends (Quakers). Found them to be a kind and appreciative people. They expressed themselves as being glad that I would preach to them every month. Estocado is a settlement of Friends principally, of about twenty-five families. It is on the plains. The land is productive and of a black, sandy soil. The colony is a prosperous, civil and religious people. Ladies and gentlemen both talk and pray in public, like old-fashioned Methodists. They are setting a good example before the Methodists, both temporally and spiritually.

—Rev. W. M. Ballard, Leesville, April 5: Our second quarterly conference convened at Union Hill, April 3; our presiding elder was with us; tolerably good attendance; finances behind, but we hope for better times; the people are willing, but the money is hard to find. We have six appointments on our work; three Sabbath-schools in good condition; three class-meetings, very interesting, and we mean to have yet more; we want a class-meeting at every appointment. We have three prayer-meetings, and we, as has always been the case, find the prayer-meetings of vital benefit to the church. And we mean through the instrumentality of the prayer and class-meetings and Sunday-schools to work up a glorious revival of religion among us.

—Rev. W. M. Bonner, Tyler, April 5: The young men's prayer-meeting in Tyler is growing in spiritual interest and numerically, for which we thank God and take thanks. We will be glad if there was a young men's prayer-meeting in every town and neighborhood in Texas. It would do good. Who will try it? I will give you their plan: They meet once a week. The one who conducts the service appoints his successor and selects the lesson to be read; so they have two leaders and a Scripture lesson the week beforehand, so that all may study the lesson. By this plan all are brought forward and become leaders, preachers as well as Bible students. They sing, pray, talk and read the Scriptures; so the meetings are not monotonous, but are interesting and inviting, and will prepare workers for the church of God.

—Rev. R. M. Leaton, Mason, March 25: Our second quarterly conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. Our presiding elder was not present on account of sickness. Let the church pray for his recovery. We had a moderately good meeting. Fourteen members had been received during the quarter, five of them by ritual. We have had some good prayer and class-meetings, and a few conversions. The work is good and much beloved brother will, from time to time, make the band of his presiding elder the receptacle for extra checks, and his family equally as kind to the presiding elder's wife and boy. We have some other also that have not forgotten the presiding elder and his family. While I do not believe in public demonstration, yet, at times, I think it is demanded, and well-pleasing in the sight of our Heavenly Father, and through this medium we desire to return our thanks to the kind people of the Palestine district for all past favors, praying God to bless every one of them. 'Tis not all of life to live nor all of death to die, and if we hold out faithful till He shall send to call us home, we shall inherit eternally the mansions not made with hands. O what a blessed hope is ours while here on earth we stay. M. B. ADAMS.

—Rev. H. B. Blue, Goliad, March 31: I was happy to make your acquaintance, dear ADVOCATE, among the first after entering my new field of labor. Though you come oftener than the angels to my friends, yet I have learned to look for and welcome you; and if it were possible would be glad to see you daily. How happy and full of comfort are the letters from our great Texas itinerant army. We rejoice to send you good tidings of great joy, for our little city has been graciously blessed and wonderfully revolutionized during the past few weeks. We have been favored with a visitation of Mr. M. L. Hanson, a lay evangelist, of our M. E. Circuit, Nashville, Tennessee. He is a man of strong convictions, deep piety and godly zeal. Our brethren could not secure a safer man to aid or conduct a series of meetings. The first element of successfulness in all of our meetings nowadays is to obtain a oneness of spirit among the brethren of all denominations. This was accomplished in our meeting, and the religious awakening was helpful in reviving all the churches. The object of this visit was to place say that they have never seen the like in Goliad. Many prayers of godly women and consecrated men were answered in the salvation of husbands, wives, sons, daughters, kindred and friends. There were about fifty conversions of sinners out of an unknown number in the church, for which we praise God, for he hath triumphed gloriously. Since our appointment to this charge we have gladly received thirty-seven members. Our Sunday and Sunday night congregations are good; class-meeting every Sabbath afternoon well attended. Had four young men to pray in the men's prayer-meeting last night for the first time. Truly God is with us, for which we are thankful. Family religion has obtained a hold among us, and men, thirty days ago hardened sinners, are now holding family prayers. Already over a dozen of "Palmer's Aid and Guide to Family Worship" have been circulated, and more orders on the preacher's memoranda. The presiding elder and other ministerial brethren were great auxiliaries to the meeting. The appreciation of Bro. Blanton's services is seen by the following resolutions adopted by our quarterly conference, written by Bro. M. N. Shiva: "Whereas our beloved brother, M. L. Blanton, a lay evangelist of Tennessee, has been laboring with and for us for the last two weeks; and whereas by God's blessing, and the remarkable influence of the Divine Spirit, large numbers have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, many backsliders reclaimed, and the church mightily revived; be it resolved, that we, in our quarterly conference assembled, extend to our beloved brother our sincere and heartfelt thanks for his earnest and incessant labor among us, and pray that God's richest blessing may rest and abide with him and his absent family, and that he may comfortably feast upon and be sustained by the blessed gospel he preaches to others. Secondly, That we do most devoutly commend to our beloved brother, M. L. Blanton, with full assurance that he will be a blessing to any pastoral charge who may secure his services. Thomas SIMONS, Sec. pro tem."

—Rev. J. E. Vinson, Pottsboro, April 8: Our second quarterly meeting just over; and, notwithstanding the cold weather, just a few minutes late, Bro. W. M. Shelton, our presiding elder, accompanied by Jude L. N. Oatis, President of the North Texas Female College, drove up to the church. Bro. Shelton's sermon was pointed as Nathan's reply to David. It was his sermon, and he made the conference give us good presiding elders. Bro. Shelton is Methodist; and when he smites, it is only with a loving hand. My people love him for the Master's sake. He always comes to us with a warm heart and a cheerful face, looking at the bright side of his work. His visits are benedictions to us. We are waiting for a fresh interest in our class and prayer-meetings, and in our Sunday-schools. And although money is scarce with us this year than usual, a larger per cent. of our people are taking our church papers than any previous year. The TEXAS ADVOCATE is growing in favor with our people, both the aged and the young. Before closing, let me say that Judge Oatis is a wide-awake, Christian gentleman and educator. Parents who have daughters to educate would do well to correspond with him. God bless every juvenile missionary society and crown all our efforts in this cause with abundant success for his own glory and the salvation of the heathen.

—Mrs. J. P. MUSETT, President of W. M. S. of N. W. TEX. CO., GATESVILLE, TEXAS, APRIL 8. EXPENSES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES. West Texas Conference. I have received the following sums from the parties interested in the expenses of delegates to the General Conference: J. W. Stovall, Victoria, \$2; Eli Y. Seal, Pleasanton, \$1.50; J. T. Perrin, Devine, \$2; W. G. Sizgart, Odessa, \$2; total, \$11.50. To go from San Antonio to Richmond and return the fare on the cars will be something over sixty cents. H. S. THURALL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

—Texas Conference. Up to date fifteen of the pastors of the Texas Conference have returned from the North-West Texas Conference, and their report for expenses of delegates to General Conference, making total \$502. Only one is in excess of the assessment. If any have failed to receive receipt, by mail please forward the amount. I. G. JOHN, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, Treas. of Delegation.

—WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Victoria District. The Victoria district conference will convene at Cuero, Thursday, June 24, at 9 o'clock a. m. Public services will begin on Wednesday night. Delegates coming by private conveyance will report at the Methodist Church, and those coming by rail will meet at the depot. J. T. GILBERT, P. E.

—The Woman's Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference will convene at Gonzales, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in May. All the several auxiliaries meet at this place and select a delegate to the meeting. We want as large a representation as possible. Mrs. A. C. MOSELEY, Sec. W. M. S.

—NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Sulphur Springs district conference will meet at Black Jack Grove, July 1, 1886, at 5 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. W. Hill will preach the opening sermon. W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

—Notice. To the official members of the M. E. Church, South of Brookston Circuit: By consent of the presiding elder, the time for holding the second quarterly conference of this circuit has been changed to the third Sunday in May to the fourth Sunday in April, and meets at Atlas Church. Let us have a full attendance, as there will be important business before us. W. W. HOISLER, P. C. BROOKSTON, TEXAS.

—DEBATE. There will be a debate, to commence July 6, at Hico, Texas, between Rev. Jacob Ditzler, D. D. of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. Sulmeyer, of the Christian Church. Propositions: 1. The teachings and practice of the Campbellites are Scriptural. 2. The teachings and practice of the Disciples are Scriptural. Ditzler affirms; Sulmeyer denies. J. W. HEARN.

—Captain Mitchell, of the bark Antioine Sala, New York and Havana trade, came home in May, entirely helpless with rheumatism. He was in constant pain, and unable to get up, at his wife's request began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. He immediately began to improve; in two months his rheumatism was all gone, and he sailed in command of a well equipped vessel. Hood's Sarsaparilla will help you. Sold by all druggists.

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In another column of this issue will be found an entirely new and novel specimen of attractive advertising. It is one of the latest and best printed in our paper and we think our readers will be well repaid for examining the specimen display letters in the advertisement of Prickly Ash Bitters.

A new novel is called "A Bachelor's Paradise." A bachelor's paradise? Well, that must be a place where nothing grows on shirts.

Mr. Victor N. Lobre, of Louisville, is engaged as purchasing agent. (See his advertisement in this paper.) All he asks is reasonable prices for which he will give full value and satisfaction in return, and will make a saving of from 25 to 35 per cent. He refers to Southern Wholesale Bank and Iron & Glass, Louisville, Ky.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. "The Pulpit Treasury" for April is promptly to hand. With this number closes the third year of this valuable magazine. Yearly \$2.50, Single Copies, 25 cents. Sent by mail to E. B. Treat, Publisher, 271 Broadway, New York.

"The Pansy" is an illustrated monthly containing from thirty-five to forty pages of reading matter prepared especially for the boys and girls. Each month they will be introduced to some wonderful man or celebrated woman. Each number is in the hands of Fayette Livingston. Rev. C. M. Livingston will give each month a story of some of the discoveries, inventions, or experiences which have taken place in our country. The Pansy is a monthly magazine for itself, answering innumerable questions from the great army of Blossoms who already wear the badge of the society. This is the best of the contents of the magazine. The editor of "Pansy" aims to make it as useful in its influence as the blossom whose name it bears.

"Broadstreet's" the weekly financial and commercial newspaper, published by The Broadstreet Mercantile Agency, is now in its thirtieth volume, and stands at the head of the financial and commercial press of this country, and is surpassed by none in Europe. In the twelve volumes already issued can be found more original and carefully revised market-facts and figures relating to business topics than can be found in any other periodical the same period.

"The Humble Review" for April scores a grand triumph. Published by Frank & Sons, 15 and 17 1/2 DeWitt Street, New York. \$2.00 per year, 75 cents per single number.

"Christian Thought" for March-April, edited by Rev. Charles E. Deems, D. D., of our noble country. This bi-monthly magazine contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers in America and the ablest productions of thinkers abroad. The present number contains a timely and one that has no uncertain sound, on "The Relation of Art and Morality," by Washington Gladden, D. D.; also original paper by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Rogers, on "The Reason why some Honest and Thoughtful Men Reject Christianity." Dr. Thomas A. Hoop's able lecture on "The Future of Time" will command attention, and will be the article entitled "The Bible for Mohammedans" by Rev. James F. Risley. The sterling worth of this magazine is steadily increasing its popularity. The price is \$2.00 a year; Single copy, 50 cents. Wm. B. Eerdmans, Publisher, 11 Bible House, New York.

"Harper's Magazine" for April has Pilgrimage, Part I. Charles Dudley Warner, going down to the Sea in Ships, Phil Robinson, Little Bell's Supper, A Story, Helen Hunt Jackson, The Lone Actor, Part II, E. F. Ross, St. Louis to Conquer, Part I, Oliver Goldsmith, Springhaven, A Novel, Part I, R. D. Wood, King Arthur, No. 1, A Love Story, Part I. By the author of "John Hall's Quest," "Nephtalim Sketches," Mary E. Vandyne, "Piscinian and Aristocratic Pigeons," E. S. Rogers, and others. There are also many other good things. New York: Harper & Brothers, Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co.

"The Atlantic Monthly" for April contains: Government Morris, Henry Cabot Lodge, Hester Dyer, A. M. Lidley, Refutation of the Claims of D. O. Keely, The Dulham Ladies, Sarah Orne Jewett, Shylock vs. Antonio; A Faithful Pattern on Appeal, Charles H. Johnson, Pleas, Problems of the Scarlet Letter, Julian Hawthorne, The Princess Casamassima, Book Third, N. V. XXVIII, Henry James, The Resolute in Winter, Arthur H. Hedbrook, Children, Past and Present, Agnes Repplier, In the Clouds, VIII N. Charles E. Carroll, Revivalism, John Greenleaf Walker, Inevitable Government of the Constitution, Woodrow Wilson, Historical Methods, Madame Roland's Salon, Some French Illustrations, The Contributors' Club, Boston of the Month, Bradford, Sullivan & Co., Boston.

"The Quiver" for April opens with an illustrated poem, "The Front Waves Stayed" by Gene of Utah. The usual amount of papers of a religious tone go to make up the number, and these are alternated with stories both long and short. Cassell & Company, Limited, London.

"The Magazine of Art, Cassell & Co., Limited, New York, Price, 25 cents. This number has Sixty, Surrey, A Chapter on Fire-places, The Romance of Art, etc. is a beautiful and rich number.

—The "Loving Poem" for the great hope of East that day will follow night. The verse is flowing and unselfish and the thought, though it expresses nothing but the words of the poet, is good and appropriate to the subject. John Ireland, 137 Broadway, New York City.

"The Electric Theory of Astronomy," by R. F. Keganahan, M. D., D. D., author of "Notes on the Revolution of Sixty Years ago in the Science of the West," etc., with an introduction by Rev. R. H. Rivers, A. M., D. D. Cincinnati: Printed for the author by Cronson & Snow, Price, \$1.25. The author is a veteran Methodist preacher, who long ago turned his attention, in the midst of his ministerial labors, to scientific pursuits. His studies led him into the consideration of Newton's theory of gravitation, and finding in it certain difficulties, he adopted that of electricity as the attractive and repulsive power of the universe. His arguments are ingenious; and granting his premises, his conclusions follow.

"The April 'Wide Awake' opens seasonably with an lovely Easter picture, 'On Easter Day' a very lovely drawing by W. L. Taylor; this is followed by a charming spring-time poem, 'Willy's Garden,' by Kate R. May, based. There are some excellent illustrated stories: 'Taz & Taz,' by F. L. Stanley, 'The Button Boy,' by A. M. G. Frisby, 'The Boy Soldiers of Cherry Valley,' by Caro Lloyd, and 'Deacon, the Foot-boy' by E. S. Brooks, besides 'Polly Panama' and 'What a Frog Lived Through.' There are also three fine serial stories in progress. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston.

"The Steward of the Member," by Rev. Rufus E. Travis, member of the Tennessee Conference, M. E. Church, South. The author and I are in our third year, and we have some through it. "The Steward of the Member."

We are glad "our particular good friend" Travis writes this book. He has certainly had "an opening" for much experience and intelligent observation. He knows the preachers, the congregations, the stewards and their various habits. He also has the habit of writing and knows how to sharpen a sentence so as to make it stick. There is scarcely a page in the book that does not contain at least one memorable sentence. A preacher will do a

good thing when he puts this book into the hands of a steward or member. It is elegantly done up and costs but a trifle. We pray that it may be scattered all through our church. Rev. A. Young, D. D., Missionary Secretary. Bound in muslin, 166 pp., price 50 cents. Sent orders to Southern Methodist Publishing House or the author, Nashville, Tenn. Usual discount to preachers and the trade.

We have received the following valuable numbers of Cassell's National Library, edited by Prof. Henry Morley: "The Kings and Queens of England," by Isaac Watts; "Sermons on the Gospels," by Hugh Latimer; Cassell & Co., Limited, 759, 741, Broadway, N. Y.; Victor Phillips, Galveston, Tex. Missionary Programmes; for the use of missionary societies, adult and juvenile, arranged by Mary Heim, Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

—Attention and Law, by John M. Armour, H. L. Gaither, D. D., Missionary Secretary, C. 30 Arch St., Philadelphia.

A Mother's Influence, or the Beauty of Religion, A story for the young, by Mattie H. Howard, Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

—Attention and Law, by John M. Armour, H. L. Gaither, D. D., Missionary Secretary, C. 30 Arch St., Philadelphia.

Much attention is attracted by the series of fine historical drawings by Howard Pyle which are appearing in this year's "Wide Awake" in company with E. S. Brooks' historical stories. Studies so conscientious of time, costliness and portraiture enable the illustrator's calling.

A noteworthy sonnet by Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton appears as an original contribution to the March volume of "Through the Year with the Poets" which D. Lothrop & Co., have just issued.

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Venezuela Honors Capt. Eads.
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—Times-Democrat.

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Prophylactic in Sickness.
The Typhoid Fever has broken out here again, but wherever Darby's Prophylactic Fluid has been freely used there has been no return. Dr. R. L. Lancaster, P. M., Central Alabama.

The Englishman who addressed a letter to "The Pleasure," New Orleans, was one so far out of the way. There are in this country a good many pleasure aspirants.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6, 1886.
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Ray's Kentucky Kure or Liniment has been in use in Kentucky since 1840, and in Texas since 1854. When you need a liniment, try it.
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CHURCH NOTICES.
The delegates to the General Conference to meet in Richmond, May, 1886, will please send their name and postoffice to Rev. J. J. Lafferty, box 252, Richmond, Va.

WACO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Rosen v. Hill, at Harris' creek, April 17, 18
Crosby v. Hill, at Harris' creek, April 17, 18
H. Hill v. M. Hill, at Harris' creek, April 17, 18
Crosby v. Hill, at Pleasant Grove, May 8, 9
Axtell v. Hill, at Pleasant Grove, May 8, 9
Dyson v. Hill, at Pleasant Grove, May 22, 23
East Waco, at Bell Springs, May 29, 30
All official members requested to be present. Will the stewards strive to bring up a good report? Delegates will be elected on this round to the district conference to be held at Hubbard city, July 8, 9. H. W. FULTON, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Dexter v. Hill, at Harris' creek, April 17, 18
Marty v. Hill, at Harris' creek, April 17, 18
Dexter v. Hill, at Harris' creek, April 17, 18
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Dexter v. Hill, at Pleasant Grove, May 22, 23
Mountain Springs v. Hill, at Pleasant Grove, May 29, 30
M. C. BLACKBURN, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
San Antonio, at Salado Church, April 17, 18
Kettville, at Kettville, April 17, 18
Boone, at Boone, May 8, 9
Boone, at Palander Springs, May 15, 16
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Navasota and Anderson, at Anderson, April 17, 18
Prairie Plains v. Hill, at oakland, April 17, 18
Huntsville, at oakland, April 24, 25
Huntsville and Montgomery, at Montgomery, May 1, 2
Pleasant Grove, at Pleasant Grove, May 8, 9
Huntsville, at Pleasant Grove, May 15, 16
Cold Springs, at Cold Springs, May 15, 16
Huntsville, at Pleasant Grove, May 22, 23
Zion, at Lake Grove, June 5, 6
M. Hill and Welborn, at Milliken, June 10, 11
Huntsville, at Pleasant Grove, June 15, 16
Bryan, at Prospect, June 19, 20
Spring Creek, at Pleasant Grove, June 22, 23
Lodge, at Pleasant Grove, June 29, 30
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