

Texas Christian Advocate.

Old and Young.

ME AND BOB AND JIM. Ada Stewart Shelton, in the Churchman. Yes, sir, we're sailors' children. We live there by the sea. And father went off with the fleet. A month ago may be. And mother feels so badly. To have him gone away. If 'twasn't for us children here I think she'd cry all day. You see there's me and Bob, and then here's the little Jim. He always hangs back 'cause he's afraid. That folks will speak to him. He never knew his mother. She died so long ago. And then his father too was lost. In last year's awful blow. And father said as long as he'd a sailor's heart in him, there'd always sure be a place to shelter little Jim. He thinks he's ours for truly, and laughs and acts so glad when father comes, you ought to see him hug and call him "dad."

WORK AND WIN. Christian Observer. The sweetest cherries, mind you, lad, grow highest on the tree; and would you win the fairest fruit, one thing I'll say to thee: It falls not at the clinking gong of an idler's peff. You'll have to climb the rugged tree, and gather for yourself. 'Tis vain to wait the fruit to fall, or pelt the tree with stones— You'll have to struggle bravely up. And risk some broken bones; you only waste your time below, and get no different pay— If you would reach the ripest fruit, just throw your fears away. 'Tis so with ev'ry thing in life— That's worth the owning, lad— With learning, wealth, and character— The best, the good, and great have had; they come not at the nod orhest Of any idle hand— 'Tis only those who bravely toil May have them at command. If, then, you want the ripest fruit, just labor till you win, but mind thee, boy, while you climb Keep heart and hand from sin; The best and grandest garden, lad, if bought with wicked wage, No peace or comfort yields at last, But curses on your age.

LETTER TO THE CHILDREN. DEAR CHILDREN: I have received a letter signed "Grandma," which says: "I have fifteen grandchildren, all of whom I wish to be enrolled in the Church Builders' Society. Herewith I send the names, place of residence and money:" Willie T. Fox, Burnet, Burnet Co. \$15 Maggie T. Fox, " " " " 15 J. Jay Fox, " " " " 10 Alma Fox, " " " " 10 F. G. Cook, Jr., " " " " 15 Lora Cook, " " " " 15 Eva Cook, " " " " 10 Lola McSwain, " " " " 15 M. J. McSwain, " " " " 15 J. F. Cook, Jr., " " " " 15 Benne O. Cook, " " " " 15 Carrie L. Cook, " " " " 15 Willie O. Cook, " " " " 10 Fletcher H. Smith, San Diego, Texas, 15 Callie D. Smith, " " " " 10

Some have written to me asking how to send money, street and number, etc. A letter addressed to San Antonio will reach me, and a postal note, order, or even stamps will do. Each month, or more often, I will acknowledge the receipt of money. I hope the little ones in our state will try to do something for the Master's cause. I should be glad to receive letters from the children telling me what they think of our society.

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NO THIEVES IN THE TAR-BUCKET.

Illustrated Christian Weekly. "I would not have anything to do with it, John," said Mrs. Nye, a dainty, little, hazel-eyed woman in a plain, calico gown with white linen collar and apron, looking up at her husband, who had a staunch, manly air, as he stood by the center door of his little tenement at the railroad terminus, holding his lantern and tin-lunch pail. "Live at your best, John; that is the only way in which you can have an influence over the others. Set yourself like a rock against every thing like dishonesty." "I tell you I have always done so, Mary, but it looks now as if I had got to wink at this thing or lose my job. The new conductor suspects that I am true blue for the company, and he will have

me turned off before I know it. If I had only myself to care for, I would let the job go, but— "Let the job go as it is, if it comes to that," put in the wife quickly. "I didn't marry you for a thief, and robbing the company is no better than any other kind of robbery, however the men may excuse it on the ground of low wages and corporations having no souls. You have a soul, and you have a family. I would starve and allow the children do the same before I would put upon my table food purloined from the train, and if you allow your fellow workmen to do this without a protest from you the Lord will not hold you blameless. There is the whistle of No. 8; good bye," and with a kiss, the earnest-faced wife sent her husband out into the night with the parting injunction, "Remember there has never been any stealing of freight on the Kone-luck branch, and at this crisis you hold the honor of the road in your keeping." "A brakeman on a night freight with the honor of this wealthy road in my keeping," he said scornfully to himself, as by the light of his lantern he made his way across the labyrinth of switch tracks and swung himself up on the little, black, smoky caboose of No. 8, called by the boys the tar-bucket, it had been so long without painting. He disposed of his lunch-pail, mended the fire, and examined the lanterns to see if they were all right, although none of these details were in his line of duty. "If that red light should go out on our hands the honor of the road would go to smash by the time we met the local at White Feather bridge," he said to himself as he proceeded to adjust the wick, and added in an impatient tone to the tall, slim, young fellow who came slouching in at the door: "Pretty shiftless housekeeping, this, young man; I have trimmed your lanterns for you now right along ever since this accursed pig has been a brewing, and I tell you, Joe Griggs, my mind is made up—I am going to break up the scheme as far as this branch is concerned." "You can't do it," whined the young fellow; "it has gone too far. You've no idea what a lot of the boys have been coaxed into it, and made to believe it's no harm, or it's just for a frolic, or it serves the company right." "It all came through hiring that new conductor from off the Pan Handle," groaned John Nye. "He's good-looking, and carries brass enough in his face to make an alarm bell, and a tongue that would make a good clapper. Some of the boss think it is good enough for the company if they will keep up putting fellows from the outside over their old, faithful men instead of promoting some one. If we report him, he will swear out a case of persecution, and say it is all on account of jealousy. If worse comes to worse, I shall ask for a bill of my time. I will not say here and wink at the operations of a gang of thieves." "You are the first one to raise a kick," said Griggs. "I have wondered all the while why you did not. You are older than some of the rest of us, and have been on the road longer. You are a family man, you don't drink, and the boys look up to you. I don't like the look of the thing myself, but I am only a tail brakeman." "You are a man!" roared John Nye, with a strength that astonished himself, "and so are you, and you," as the two other brakemen entered the cosy little car. "Now, while I have the opportunity, I want to say, I shall have nothing to do with robbing that poultry car that is coming down to-night. If I can't have green goods without stealing it, I will eat good-fish. If we are only workmen on a night freight, we have a duty to ourselves and our families, and it is our privilege to make the best of ourselves." Involuntarily he went on repeating his wife's words, "There never has been any thieving on the branch, and while we are here we have the honor of the road in our keeping." "I'm glad to hear you come out so strong," said Jim Corning. "I have thought it strange your keeping so quiet, and I'm with you. I wouldn't like to have my good mother back East hear that her son had turned into a thief as soon as he got out of her reach." "I reckon we can none of us get out of the reach of our mothers' prayers," put in Bob Welch. "I have been thinking that ever since the new man came whispering and insinuating around, but I didn't like to be the first to come out against him, and I suppose a good many of the boys feel the same way. They sort of fell in with it, some of them, because they feel ugly toward the company, for setting up this new man." "Hist," said John Nye, "here he comes. Remember every man of you is to say to every other man he meets on the road to-night, 'No thieves in the tar-bucket.'" At the White Feather crossing they met the first through train, No. 15, and although they were all as busy and alert as their several duties compelled them to be, and no one but a railroad man could imagine how the employes on the two trains could have had an opportunity to exchange a word, the men on the engaging train said, one to another, "'No thieves on the tar-bucket; good! let's pass the news along, 'is just ahead.'" It only took one night's work to undo the plotting of weeks. The poultry cars went through safely, and in a few days the new conductor was missing, much to the surprise of the company. So much freight, however, was missing at the terminus of the great through line that an investigation was held, through

which the men on the Kone-luck Branch came out with flying colors. "Not so much as a kernel of corn has been missed on the branch," said the general superintendent to the conductor of No. 15, "but yet I hear there was at one time a thoroughly-arranged plan for robbing every produce train that passed over the road. Now, what broke it up?" "As far as I am concerned, it was a voice out of the darkness that hit me like hot shot, saying, 'no thieves in the tar-bucket!'" That was the substance of the information given by the men on the branch, and one night the tar-bucket was honored, and its inmates astonished, by a call from three of the head officials. "We have heard," began the president, "that the honor of the road is held in the tar-bucket, and— " "The honor of the road rests with my wife," interrupted John Nye, and he told the story, adding: "She said that after I left that night she just laid hold on the Lord, and would not let him go until she felt sure in her heart that there were no thieves in the tar-bucket. I felt the help, I did, sir; I am thankful to acknowledge it. It seemed to me some one else was talking, although the words came out of my mouth." "This has strengthened my faith," said the president, and the superintendent added: "We want some new conductors on the line; we shall take them from the branch. We want a general freight inspector—that falls to your share, John Nye. We would put your wife in assistant if it was not out of order." "We can't promote her," said John, earnestly. "Only the Lord can do that. She has always been at the front praying for you all, that you might do your duty in every way." "Praise the Lord!" said the gray-headed president, tearfully, and the others wiped their eyes in sympathy. A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS. Rev. Dr. Nevins. It has been beautifully said of a mother that "she is the morning and evening star of life. The light in her eye is always the first to rise and generally the last to set upon the checkered life of man." She yields a power far more decisive than syllogism in argument or courts of last appeal in authority. Next to omnipotence hers is the strongest moral influence known upon earth. She has been called "the Divinity of Infancy." She can show around her the most genial of all influences, and from the time when she first laps her little one in Elysium by clasping it to her bosom, "tis first paradise," to the moment when that child is independent of her aid, her smile, her word, her wish is an inspiring force. A sentence of encouragement or praise from her is a joy for a day. A mother's look, a mother's smile, or a mother's word may seem to be a small and insignificant thing. But more mature reflection will bring it to a very different conclusion. We might ask the one who might be tempted to attach but little importance to the influence of the mother, is it a little thing to fashion an immortal spirit after a heavenly model? Is it a little thing to develop infant powers and bring to light all that seems hidden in the soul—to train the ear by sweet sounds and the eye by lovely colors? Is it a little thing to teach the use of language and form what is emphatically called our mother tongue? Is it a little thing to notice the first articulate utterances, or rather create and call them forth? Is it a little thing to receive from God an immortal being in a state of nonage and helplessness, and stamp on its young spirit the love of the noble, the heavenly, the pure? All this power belongs to the mother, and all this influence the mother may wield, if recognizing her dependence on God, the fountain of all holy influences, she takes his will to guide her and leans upon his gracious power to strengthen and sustain her. It is the godly mother—the mother whose heart is illuminated with heavenly light and quickened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit—that can offer the simple, tender, touching prayer which the youngest can comprehend, and can seize upon the happy moment for implanting truth. She, and she only, can time all and rule all by that sceptre which is wreathed with silk, the sceptre of genuine, heartfelt love. A little boy when asked what made home pleasant and beautiful, and why one house was not as much a home as another, remarked, pointing to his mother, "Because she is here!" True, living, consistent piety is the mother's brightest ornament, her truest glory, her noblest support, and her richest treasure. Her life should be a calm, holy, beautiful walk from the hearthstone to the altar fire; from the bosom of her family to the throne of God. It has been the testimony of good men in all ages that they owe chiefly to their mothers the best inspiration of their lives. "I had rather possess my mother's picture," once wrote the poet Cowper, "than the richest jewel in the British crown." The venerable John Quincy Adams once said: "It is due to gratitude and nature that I should acknowledge and avow that, such as I have been, whatever it was, and such as I am, whatever it is, and such as I hope to be in all futurity, must be ascribed, under Providence, to the precepts and example of my mother." Sweetly and truly has the poet sung: "The sounds that fall on mortal ear, As dew-drops pure at even, That soothe the breast or start the tear, Are in mother, home, and heaven!"

STORM PROVERBS. Farmers, sailors, hunters and other people who spend much of the time out of doors believe in numerous weather signs, results in part, doubtless, of long observation, but largely of popular superstition. The Boston Journal has gathered the following storm proverbs, but has overlooked the universal seamen's proverb: A rainbow at night is the sailor's delight; but a bow in the morning, the sailors take warning. When oxen or sheep collect together as if they were seeking shelter a storm may be expected. Domestic animals stand with their heads from the coming storm. Foxes barking at night indicate storm. Peafowl utter loud cries before a storm and select a low perch. Wild geese flying over in great numbers indicate approaching storm. When a heavy cloud comes up in the southwest and seems to settle back again, look out for a storm. Red clouds at sunrise indicate a storm. A long strip of clouds called a Salmon or Noah's Ark, east and west, is a sign of stormy weather, but when it extends north and south it is a sign of dry weather. North and south the sign of drought. East and west the sign of heat. If the clouds be of different heights, the sky, being grayish or dirty blue, with hardly any wind stirring, the wind, however, changing from west to south, or sometimes to southeast, without perceptibly increasing in force, expect storm. The aurora, when very bright, indicates storm. Coals becoming alternately bright and dim indicate approaching storms. Fire always burns brighter and throws out more heat just before a storm, and is hotter during a storm. It is said that blacksmiths select a stormy day in which to perform work that requires extra heat. Soot burning on back of chimney indicates storm. Distant sounds heard with distinctness during the day indicate rain. Sound traveling far and wide. A stormy day will betide. The weather usually moderates before a storm. RADWAY'S READY RELIEF. CURES AND PREVENTS Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Influenza, Inflammations, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, Asthma, DIFFICULT BREATHING. CURES THE WORST PAINS in from one to twenty minutes. NOT ONE HOUR after reading this advertisement need any one SUFFER WITH PAIN. Radway's Ready Relief is a cure for Every Pain, Sprains, Bruises, Pains in the Back, Chest or Limbs. It was the First and is the Only PAIN REMEDY That instantly stops the excruciating pains, allays inflammation, and cures Congestions, whether of the Lungs, Stomach, Bowels, or other glands or organs, by one application. A half to a teaspoonful in half a tumbler of water will in a few minutes cure Cramps, Spasms, Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Sick Headache, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Colic, Flatulency, and all internal pains. MALARIA. FEVER and AGUE cured for 50 cents. There is not a remedial agent in the world that will cure Fever and Ague and all other Malarious, Bilious, and other fevers, aided by RADWAY'S PILLS, so quick as RADWAY'S READY RELIEF. Fifty cents per bottle. BLANCARD'S IODIDE OF IRON PILLS. APPROVED BY THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE of Paris, and especially recommended by the Medical Authorities of the World for Scrophulous, Anemic, and debilitated states, and for the cure of Consumption, Constitutional Weakness, Prolapse of Uterus, and for stimulating and regulating the periodic course. Some genuine imitations are sold in London, and in New York, Paris, and other cities. E. F. ROGERS & Co., N. Y. Agents for U. S. Sold by Druggists generally. The best and surest Remedy for Cure of all diseases caused by any derangement of the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach and Bowels. Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Constipation, Bilious Complaints and Malaria of all kinds yield readily to the beneficent influence of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. It is pleasant to the taste, tones up the system, restores and preserves health. It is purely Vegetable, and cannot fail to prove beneficial, both to old and young. As a Blood Purifier it is superior to all others. Sold every where at \$1.00 a bottle. FOR ALL DISORDERS OF THE Stomach, Liver and Bowels. TAKE PACIFIC LIVER PILLS. STRICTLY VEGETABLE. CURE CONSTIPATION, INDIGESTION, DYSPEPSIA, PILES, SICK HEADACHE, LIVER COMPLAINTS, LOSS OF APPETITE, BILIOUSNESS, NERVOUSNESS, LACRYMATION, ETC. PRICE, 25 CENTS. PACIFIC MANUFACTURING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

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FROM COLPORTEUR NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

For three years I have been impressed with the belief that the masses of the people were not reached through the regular ministry, and that it was my duty to carry the glad message of free salvation not only to the destitute, but to the degraded. This impression has been confirmed to me by the manner in which God has utilized my labors to the good of the poor, and the apparently abandoned of God and man.

At the last annual conference (held at Honey Grove) I asked the first ministerial favor of my life from my presiding elder, viz: To give me some nominal appointment that would permit me to still hold my official connection with the conference, and at the same time enable me to preach to that class of people that I believed especially needed, and would be benefited by my ministerial labor. In compliance with this request, the Bishop appointed me colporteur for our conference. I came home and ordered a good lot of books, mostly suitable to the young, but including many that will be beneficial both to the aged and the erudite. Prominent among my books are family Bibles, ranging in price from three to ten dollars.

I have ordered a commodious tabernacle in which to hold my meetings. I propose to work in harmony with the regular pastors of such works as desire to utilize my humble gifts and graces.

I shall be grateful if the ADVOCATE will publish this communication, so that my intentions and desires to receive letters from such preachers as think that I can do good on their circuits and sell books to their people may be made known. I have sold about one hundred dollars worth of books since conference.

F. M. SHERWOOD.

P. S.—I desire to say in addition to what I have written in my letter, that my plan for selling books is as follows, provided I can get the consent of the Conference Colporteur Board:

1. I shall sell, personally, all the books I can.

2. I will appoint one sub-agent in each presiding elder's district, making it obligatory on him to thoroughly canvass his territory, and allow him a certain per cent. on my part, which is forty per cent. on nearly all the books I handle. This is the only serious trouble I have encountered. I write the president of the Conference Colporteur Board in regard to the per cent. I was to allow my sub-agents, but as yet he has not answered me or taken any notice of my communication; but I do hope that he will write soon, and that all obstacles to my success and usefulness will be removed.

F. M. S.

"THE OLD DISCIPLE"

I want to thank you, Mr. Editor, for your leader, under the above heading, in a recent number of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. It must, evidently, have comforted and encouraged many "old disciples," but the thoughtful "young" disciple could not fail to receive similar benefits.

The young are growing old, the old are growing older, and yet we are not to be "always old." "When the eye shall grow so dim that visible things shall altogether fade, it shall look upon the jeweled city. When the ear shall become too dull to drink in the sweetest tones of earth, it shall suddenly catch the rapture of celestial music." Yes, these old disciples we have with us; they are not satisfied, for they are not yet in God's likeness. To them the burdens of life are heavy. Many of them are children for the second time with all the sensitiveness of childish nature. Do we deal with them tenderly and carefully? Possibly not, but in God's sight they are precious, and "like lambs, they shall still in his bosom be borne."

Two visits recently made, I desire to report. The first to an aged lady who is physically a great sufferer, but most of the time able to look after the domestic affairs. Life is a burden to her. She complains because suffering falls to her lot. She does not see how it could be God's will, and therefore murmurs. Is she a Christian? I answer, most of her time is spent in complaining.

The second visit was to a man far in the evening of life, the object of which was to give an expression of sympathy in words, and to ratify it by a deed. For a number of years troubles have multiplied. How can he bear it? men ask. Then comes another stroke, but nobody has heard him murmur. The rough man whose very eye indicates a firm trust in the Most High, said to me: "I never could have stood it but for religion. I'd been dead twenty years ago."

Now, the difference, what is it? One relies upon God, the other does not. One realizes the power of Christ to be the fruit of earthly trials, the other does not. Oh! aged disciple of Christ, "even down to old age" and further than that will God be with you. P. A. S. TOR.

LIBERTY AND THE BAPTIST CHURCH

"He said, that he said that he said, that Jefferson said," "we are the Lord's people exclusively."

Most people are aware that the Baptists lay high claim to "apostolic succession," and say that the "only church of Jesus Christ on earth" is theirs. This claim is high sounding, but has often been refuted. Still it is sounded through the country, and, strange to say, many people are shortsighted enough to believe it who ought to better informed. Flimsy as this claim

is, they do not stop here, but go still farther and lay claim to one thing more absurd and ridiculous, viz: "The founders of the American government got their idea of a free Democratic government from the Baptist." This is talked for preachers and people in some remote corners, and serves as "clap-trap" to catch the unsuspecting and uninformed. There is a reason for these unfounded claims by these people. Their leaders or demagogues make them, and they only echo the nonsense. Mr. D. B. Ray, in book on "Baptist Succession" (p. 229), says: "It is an interesting fact that the true idea of a free constitution for the American government was derived from the Baptists," and to support he says: "Rev. Dr. Fishback said that Rev. Andrew Tribble said that Mr. Jefferson said that he was pleased with their government, and that he considered it the only pure form of democracy which then existed in the world, and he had concluded that it would be the best plan of government for the American colonies." Elder J. R. Graves, the wheel-horse of the Baptist Church in the South, in a sickly little book called "Trilemma; or, Death by Three Horns," tells the same thing. In substance (I have not the book in hand to make the quotation verbatim), and says that Rev. Andrew Tribble was the pastor of a small Baptist Church which met near Mr. Jefferson's farm before the revolutionary war, and that Mr. Jefferson once invited Rev. Mr. Tribble to dine with him, and that the conversation quoted by Mr. Ray occurred while the preacher was at Mr. Jefferson's house. Remember it is claimed that this conversation occurred previous to the revolutionary war. In order to show the fallacy of this claim let us now turn to the history in the case. In the "Encyclopedia Americana" (Vol. VII., p. 181) we find this statement about Mr. Jefferson: "Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743 at Shadwell, Albemarle county, Virginia; entered the College of William and Mary; then studied law under George Wythe, by whom in 1767, in the twenty-fourth year of his age, he was introduced to its practice at the bar of the General Court of the colony, at which he continued until the revolutionary war. In 1769 he was elected a member of the Provincial Legislature from the county where he resided. In 1775 he took his seat for the first time in Congress. The next year the delegates from Virginia, in compliance with the instructions, moved that Congress should declare the united colonies free and independent states; and a committee was appointed to prepare a declaration of independence, consisting of John Adams, Dr. Franklin, Roger Sherman, R. B. Livingston and Mr. Jefferson." Here we are told that Mr. Jefferson's home, up to the time of the revolutionary war, was in Albemarle county, Virginia. So if this "small Baptist church" met near his home it was in said county. Now turn to the history of the Baptist Church in Virginia, and see whether there was a Baptist church in Albemarle county or not previous to 1775. On page 641, Mr. Benedict, the Baptist historian, says: "According to Morgan Edward's list for 1768, there were then but about ten Baptist Churches in Virginia. In 1714, Robert Norden, from England, gathered a church in Isle of Wight county. In 1729, a Rev. Paul Palmer named one as being in Surry county, which was never heard of before or since. In 1736, the church in the Isle of Wight county went down. From 1743 to 1756 three churches were gathered in the counties of Berkeley and Loudon; in 1762 commenced preaching in Fauquier county, and between 1770 and 1780, commenced preaching in the Northern Neck, and still later in Greenbrier and West of the Allegheny." Here we have the history of the Baptist Church in Virginia up to 1780, and from Baptist authority, too, and not a word about a "small" church near Mr. Jefferson's farm in Albemarle county. According to history there was no Baptist Church in Albemarle county before the Revolutionary war, but according to these learned (?) divines Mr. Jefferson got his idea of government from such a church, that met and worshipped near his farm. "Surely the legs of the lame are not equal." Mr. Ray says: "It is no idle dream that the Baptists gave to America her form of democratic government." No dream? Well what shall we call it? It would not look well in print to call it by its right name. Mr. Editor suppose you allow us to call it a concenrated case of misinformation. Baptists are constantly telling that Pado-Baptists get their "baby sprinkling" not from Scripture, but tradition. Yet you see this story, published to the world for true history, has no other foundation than this: Rev. Dr. Fishback said that Rev. A. Tribble said that Mr. Jefferson said! Surely these Baptist authors give great weight to tradition if it establishes their whims. D. C. STARK.

son helps to assist in its understanding. Of this grand aggregate, the Southern Methodist Church is an important part. We have nearly a million teachers and scholars, and from our own Publishing House comes periodically a perfect flood of the very best literature, and so cheap that a pauper can afford to buy it.

A further exhibition of the interest our church is taking in the children is found in the fact that our last General Conference ordered that the third Sunday in May be observed annually throughout our connection as Children's Day, and that collections be taken on that day for the purpose of establishing schools where the community is neglected or unable to help themselves.

When we think of this vast host of Sunday-school workers, and the immense amount of literature and money expended in the cause, a very natural and pertinent inquiry is: What is the object of all this? And very much depends upon the answer which every Sunday-school worker gives to this question.

There is a possibility that from a false understanding of their obligations, these opportunities may be so entirely neglected, or so inadequately utilized, that we suffer a serious waste which can never be retrieved.

Think of the nearly one million children in our Sunday-schools. What infinite possibilities are here in embryo! What latent forces for good or evil are here to be developed! If directed by Christian skill and idelly they will be enlisted on the side of truth and right, and there will result individual salvation, the elevation of the community and the stability of church and state. But if misdirected or neglected, who can estimate the harm that will result?

Nowhere is the sentiment truer: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and miseries."

Such a tide comes in every child's life during the period spent in the Sunday-school. Here the whole after life gets its bent. In this period are sown the seeds, from which is to be reaped the harvest of life—a harvest of golden sheaves, or of barren regrets. Here are set in motion, for good or evil, waves of influence which will widen and deepen till they cross the ocean of time and even ripple on the sands of eternity's shore.

So, I repeat, that a correct understanding of the object of Sunday-school work is of paramount importance.

unity the teachers must confine themselves to the simple facts of the Bible, with no reference to its theology, and thus get the letter without the spirit. And St. Paul said: "The letter killeth." Such teachings, compared to the true, is of the same relative worth as the husks to the corn. It will result in a broad latitudinarianism, which will leave the child's mind, like a ship in mid-ocean, with plenty of room and almost infinite directions it may take, but without chart or compass or guiding star, it will be the merest chance if such a ship ever gets to shore. So of the child—drifting, carried about with every wind of doctrine, it has nothing settled on which to build, and never would have if such teaching were its only dependence.

Aside from this general objection to union schools there are some specific reasons why we as Methodists should insist on having our own schools. We, as Methodists, believe that the doctrines as they are set forth in our Articles of Faith are the doctrines of the gospel as it is in Jesus. Believing this, we all insist that our preachers shall believe and teach only such doctrines. Why wouldn't it be just as well to have a kind of mongrel preacher—part Baptist, part Methodist, part Presbyterian, etc., to preach to our people? This would come very near being one of the professor's humbugs; and yet such a man could just as well take the place of a Methodist preacher in any community in the land as a union Sunday-school could take the place of a Methodist Sunday-school. All the social and moral and denominational reasons that call for a Methodist preacher in any community call for a Methodist Sunday-school. Our church can just as well afford to go without the one as the other.

The Sunday-school is our educative agency. It is necessary for the perpetuity and stability of our church. Our platform, as a church is so broad that the whole world may stand on it, and yet so well defined that the line is plainly drawn at all heresy and error. Our policy of government is the most systematic, and judged by its success, the best adapted for aggression and education of any in the world. Our history is as grand, heroic and inspiring as any made since the beginning. Then if our children are expected to come after us and maintain our doctrines and discipline unswayed, and perpetuate our history, is it not important that they be taught while they are young both to know and love them? Let them be taught our Methodist catechism on Bible doctrine, Bible history and church government. One thing for which I have always admired the O. S. Presbyterian church is their fidelity to their standard catechisms. They are found in every Presbyterian home and the children grow upon it. Let us, in this at least, imitate them. Then our church would be surely perpetuated with that broad catholicity of faith and love which would all mankind embrace, and at the same time preserve that fiery enthusiasm which would merit the description given of us by Mr. Chalmers in earlier years, when he said: "Methodism is Christianity in earnest." A few weeks ago I sold a little boy in my charge one of "McTear's Catechisms on Church Government," and insisted that he should learn it. "Why so," said he. Said I, "In order that you may learn how to make a good steward," and his face lighted up with a new inspiration, and with this purpose in view he began the work. This illustrates the idea. The Discipline requires that our stewards be of solid piety, who both know and love the Methodist doctrines and discipline. How are they to love them without knowing them? How are they to know them without being taught them? When is as good time to teach them as when they are children? and what more efficient agent than the Sunday-school, outside of a religious home? "But," says one, "our community is so divided in religious sentiment that we can't have a Methodist Sunday-school. It wouldn't do. The others wouldn't like it." I have heard men talk that way in a community where there were fifty Methodists. This same argument is just as good concerning Methodist preaching. The religious sentiment is divided, so let us have a kind of mongrel preacher! How will that do? No, this want of Methodist backbone, this lack of grit and enterprise from which such a sentiment springs is sapping the very foundation of our individuality and manhood as a church in many communities. It does more; it keeps many communities from having any school at all. There the children are suffered to grow up like the stock, to work all the week and be turned out on Sunday to roam the woods and fields. Such a neglect of opportunities is not only a bar to our progress but is a sin against God and the rising generation.

Another excuse presented by some is, "Our meeting-house is a school house and belongs to everybody, and so, if we have any Sunday-school, it must belong to everybody." But not so. If you as Methodists form any respectable part in the community, you have a right, both in law and equity, to your proportionate part of the Sabbath day. Then take that hour, whether it be morning or evening, and have your Sunday-school. And if you do it in a Methodist spirit, you will soon have not only the good will, but the support and co-operation of the whole community. Above all, you will have your conscience approving that you have done your duty and contributed your might towards the education and

salvation of the young. You need not thrust your theological views on other people or their children, but you must teach them to your own. There is a kind of church pride that ought to be fostered. Why do we have our own publishing house, our own Advocates, our own churches, our own preachers? Is it not that we may spread the gospel as expounded by Methodism? It is because we believe, not only that our system is as good as any, but that it is the best of any. While we love other denominations, and honor and respect them for their work's sake, and co-operate with them in every laudable way, yet we say concerning Methodism, in the language of the hymn:

"Beyond my highest joys
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise."
Then let us teach the same sentiment to the children. Teach them to be Methodists and that will insure their salvation in heaven and the highest degree of usefulness in this life. So, from these considerations and many others I might name, I repeat: All the social and moral and denominational reasons that call for a Methodist preacher in any community call for a Methodist Sunday-school. We can fully as well afford to do without the one as the other. Another excuse often presented is: There are not enough of us. In some communities this may be so. But did you ever think how many it was necessary to have before the discipline required us as preachers and laymen to organize a school? The language is this: Let Sunday-schools be formed in all our communities where ten persons can be collected for that purpose. At this point, allow me to say, that many of us, both preachers and laymen, need to heed the scriptural injunction, not to despise the day of small things. Many of us sit down with such open doors all round us and such opportunities to do a little, but waiting for some greater work to do. I hold that any community that has in it one good Methodist family may have a Methodist Sunday-school. And if they don't have it either the preacher is to blame for not organizing it or else the Methodist brother shirks a duty and responsibility.

What grand results may come out of very small beginnings! Take Mrs. Susannah Wesley as an illustration. While her husband's duties to his parish took her away from home on Sunday she started a Sunday-school in her own home for the benefit of her own children. She invited others who felt disposed to join with her. At first she had only her own family, but in a few months the whole yard was filled with anxious inquirers after her godly instructions.

Many of us, if we want to do some big thing, may die and go to our graves without doing anything. Suppose you who read this and have been saying, "I can't do anything, just say, 'I can't do much; but by God's grace I'll do what I can.'" Start you a Sunday-school. Though small and feeble may be its beginning, while you live it will go on widening in its influence, and after you are gone to heaven

"It will spread and grow
E'er slightly to prevail;
So's strength it will overflow,
And shake the trembling gates of hell."
But I forbear. My subject grows upon me, but I must not weary you. In conclusion suffer a word of exhortation: Let us all bear afresh the command of the Chief Shepherd: "Feed my Lambs!" Let us take care of the children of the present and they will take care of the church of the future.
JOHN M. BAILEY.
ALVARADO, TEXAS.

CHEERY WORDS.
For the Citizens of Tyler and Smith County as Uttered by John M. Adams, of the Firm of McKay & Adams, Druggists.
I have been a practical druggist in Tyler for a number of years, and in that time have had occasion to examine, try, and notice the effect of nearly all the highly recommended preparations for sale in the medicine stores, and as a result of my suffering untold misery myself, the past number of years, from a severe form of inflammatory rheumatism, and could do nothing to relieve me. I had almost drawn a conclusion that all patent medicines were more or less humbugs, and that a good deal of money was made up by a friend now living in Tyler by the preparation known as B. H. or Botanic Blood Balm, and after a long persuasion on his part I bought a bottle of his preparation on my part. I made up my mind to make one more effort to rid myself of the terrible affliction, and I now attribute to the great preserver of my life, to state to the citizens of South County that I am entirely cured, with no traces of the disease left, and all effected by the more healing properties of B. H. B., which I consider the grandest, purest and most powerful blood purifier known to man. I have been subject to inflammatory rheumatism since ten years of age, and up to the present time have had long, the last attack came on me in November, 1876, over a year ago, at which time I was confined to my bed for eight weeks, passing the nights in misery, and could not sleep except when produced by narcotics and various opiates. The week previous to using B. H. B. up to that time I had eaten extra good meals, and could scarcely sit up without support, but after using three bottles I was able to reach my meals and to walk up town, and after six bottles had been used, thank heaven, I was entirely cured, and not the slightest pain felt since that time. When I returned to business in February, my weight was 145 pounds, but gradually increased until my regular weight was again attained, 210 pounds. The most remarkable fact in all that I have so cheerfully stated is, that this unparalleled and remarkable recovery, B. H. B. cured me in no other way, as I am a confirmed sufferer, and misery were the greatest I take it on myself as a practical druggist to testify, not only to myself, but to the firm of McKay & Adams, who handle it, will cheerfully endorse its superior merits. JOHN M. ADAMS,
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WEEK OF PRAYER.

It is to be hoped that every preacher in Texas will observe the Week of Prayer, from April first to eighth.

WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS AND PLEASURES.

In his letter to the Galatians St. Paul gives a catalogue of the works of the flesh. It includes envious, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like.

When Moses came to years of discretion he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. The treasures in Egypt were less desirable than the recompense of the reward connected with the reproach of Christ.

The transforming power of love takes hold and the invisible God is manifested in our mortal bodies, and God, even our God, is known among men.

Another mystery is, that while most of the States carry on free schools from six to ten months in the year, Texas in the counties hadly has an average of five months free tuition.

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Self-denial is the first condition of discipleship in the school of Christianity, and that that Christ's have crucified the flesh with the afflictions and lusts. All true Christians abstain from fleshly lusts, confessing that they are strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

FAITHLESS AND BELIEVING. Be not faithless, but believing, said the Son of Man, and in this short command drew the line of demarcation between the death of sin and the life of holiness.

In Bexar county a teacher's institute was recently organized, presided over by the county superintendent, Richard Stanfield, an alumnus of our South Western University; a resolution was introduced the purport of which was a condemnation of "the Blair Bill."

It is a move all along the line. The regret to see in some of our religious contemporaries, of the ADVOCATE family, very decided opinions on this subject. Hands off, brethren.

EDITORIAL BRIEVITIES. The editor will be at his post next week. The receipt of subscribers at the ADVOCATE office the past week is encouraging.

STATE EDUCATION. This ADVOCATE favors popular education, but believes that all schools of every grade should be conducted on Christian principles, and that attempts to inhibit a short introductory service of song and a reading of brief portions of our holy Scriptures by such as desire such an exercise should be stoutly resisted.

LET THE IDEAS OF APRIL see the last of the missionary debt, and hear the shouts of victory for the Son of Man that shall go ringing through the remaining twelve years of the nineteenth century.

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THE HOME CONFERENCES. Personal. A note from Rev. B. F. Gassaway states that he has been confined to his room for two weeks with rheumatism.

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never get to Italy. Two days wading and trudging through water and mud brought us to Brother Morton's, only thirteen miles from starting point, where we unloaded and had over till Monday. I took my family to Bro. Douglass' Sunday morning, and I went on to my appointment. Had good service morning and night. Returning Monday and Tuesday a couple of wagons, went and brought our effects on to Italy. Reached the parsonage late that evening, muddy, sore, tired and hungry. We were kindly met and welcomed by our people, some getting wood, some corn, some arranging of furniture, etc. In the morning, Mrs. Douglass brought baskets of food ready prepared for our hunger. We are well pleased and greatly encouraged, and have strong faith in a glorious year's work for Italy.

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Devotional.

TO-DAY. Lord, for to-morrow and its needs I do not pray; Keep me, my God, from stain of sin Just for to-day.

HOW TO DRIVE OUT SIN. Communion with the Sinless One is the only sure method of excommunicating sin. Gazing into the face of Christ, and beholding the light of the knowledge of the glory of God which shines there, will surely disenchant our hearts from worldly objects.

COMPLETE SUBMISSION. Religion cannot yield us the fullness of its blessing till it brings the heart under the completeness of its gentle captivity to Christ. Submission first; then peace, and joy, and love.

A BELIEF IN GOD. I will frankly tell you that my experience in prolonged investigations convince me that a belief in God—a God who is behind and within the chaos of vanishing points of human knowledge—adds a wonderfulness to the man who attempts to penetrate into the regions of the unknown.

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY. "The ample mind keeps the several objects all within sight and present to the soul."—Dr. L. Walle.

It is just as wrong to think evil as to do evil. The same man may not occur to the one toward whom the malice and wrath is directed, but the harm and baleful effects leave an impress, a blot on the 'scutcheon of the one who harbors hatefulness. A venomous thought or intent grows with fostering. Resentment today may be a mere shadow, an undefined feeling of dissatisfaction.

demonstrations until it grows so strong of evil intent that it clamors for action. Loses all slight of amelioration and strikes blows that the recording angel can never pass by. Dr. Talmage says Mrs. Shylock is more merciful than Mr. Shylock. Women, I fear, will never get righteous wages through woman's vote, and as to unfortunate womanhood, women are far more cruel and unforgiving than men are.

Marriages. MESPADEN-TAYLOR.—At the residence of Mr. Garrett, near Clinton, Bosque Co., Texas, March 11, 1888, by Rev. Mm. Price, Mr. J. A. Mespadden and Miss Minnie Taylor.

Obituaries. The space allotted obituaries, tends to brevity. The deceased of our country are numerous. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full or in part, should remit money to cover excess of space, to wit: at the rate of 60¢ PER CENT per line. Money sent accompanying all notices.

Obituaries. GROWER—Willie Howard Cromer, infant son of H. B. and S. S. Cromer, was born at Fort Worth, Texas, December 1, 1887, and died January 24, 1888. While in his mother's arms he had been afflicted with a disease which had been named by the physician as 'infantile paralysis.'

Obituaries. WALKER—Ella Ione, daughter of W. B. and Mollie Walker, was born at Fort Worth, Texas, and died Jan. 13, 1888. She was a precious blossom sent to bloom for a while on earth to gladden her parents hearts, and then transplanted into the kingdom and glory of God.

Obituaries. MORRISON—Mrs. Lula Morrison (nee Matthews) was born in Alabama, Sept. 7, 1864, and departed this life Feb. 24, 1888. She was married to N. M. Morrison in 1884. Her death was sudden, and she was in the prime of life.

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Obituaries. HENDRICK—Sister Hendrick, daughter of J. C. and Sarah Cobley, was born Aug. 18, 1860, in Flemington, Va. She was married to W. P. Hendrick, Oct. 21, 1883, and was converted to the Christian faith in 1887. She died Feb. 18, 1888. Sister Hendrick lived a consistent life, and died the death of the righteous.

Obituaries. GORE.—Miss Louisa A. Gore was born in Mississippi, Nov. 20, 1811; was the daughter of John and Mary Craig; moved to Texas when a child; was married to J. H. Gore, Nov. 20, 1830, and died at her residence in Dallas, Texas, Oct. 7, 1887. She was converted when twelve years of age and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a consistent life.

Obituaries. OSBORN.—Another pioneer of Texas Methodism, and one of our best preachers, Rev. John L. Osborn died Feb. 15, 1888, aged eighty-one years one month and twelve days. He was born Jan. 15, 1807, in New York, and came to Texas in 1832; settled in Matamoros, Texas, in 1835, and was called to the church under the pastorate of Rev. Jesse Ford. This was among the first Protestant churches in Matamoros.

Obituaries. HILL.—William Adolphus Hill was born in Granger county, Tennessee, June 12, 1837, and died in Moody, Texas, Jan. 5, 1888. Born of a poor but pious family, he was converted at seven years of age, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Hill's Chapel, Coffey county, Tenn., May 17, 1857. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Hill, of Franklin county, Tenn., with four sweet little children, survives him. This Hill family was not a wealthy one, and his inheritance in Texas for their father's services in the cause of Christ.

Obituaries. ETHRIDGE.—Sister Adeline E. Ethridge was born in Rice county, Texas, Sept. 16, 1844, and died at her home near Brennon, Texas, Feb. 10, 1888. She was converted to the Christian faith in her early years, and was a devoted member of the M. E. Church, South, in Falls county, Texas, near which she resided for many years. She was a faithful and consistent member of the same, and was a devoted mother and wife.

Obituaries. SCOTT.—Charles Taylor Scott was born in Coryell county, Texas, Sept. 14, 1863, and died in Waco, Texas, Jan. 6, 1888. He was brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and was converted to the Christian faith in his early years. He was a faithful and consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, and was a devoted member of the same.

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Obituaries. LOUGHEIMER.—Mortality is the harvest field of the death angel; and at all seasons he is busily employed in reaping the harvest of the living. While before his keen edge, with scarcely a vibration, the tender plant of the life, and in the death chamber softly it is withered—our dear one is gone. On Feb. 4, 1888, Brother J. W. and Sister Permelia Lougheimer were called to their heavenly home. They were married in 1852, and had four children. Their youngest son, Thomas Frederic Lougheimer, was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, March 7, 1863, and removed with his parents, in 1879, to Sherman, Grayson Co., Texas, near where they resided for a year, removing thence to Preston Bend on the Red River in 1880, where they resided for the remainder of his earthly life.

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Over the State.

Texas Incidents. The Hamilton county farmers are reported as happy as they can venture to be over weather. Their oats are models of perfection in that line, and the frosts have just thinned the wheat enough to grow. * * * Mrs. J. C. Tasse and C. A. Andrews, of the Sherman Oil and Cotton Company, are moving to put up a large gin to roll out 100 bales of cotton a day.

General News. Business Failures. Business failures for the past week were 24 against 23 same week for last year, for both United States and Canada. The Southern Cotton Goods Industry. Some new figures in regard to the cotton mill industry of the South have just been given by the Baltimore Record, which makes the following comparison between the mills in 1880 and on Jan. 1, 1888:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1880, 1888. Rows include Number mills, Number spindles, Number looms.

Texas, March 5. * * Florian Hanks, a well-to-do German, was drowned in Colorado river, near Batavia, March 4. * * Mr. Bud Head, tax assessor of Johnson county, a one-legged man, who a short time since fell from his horse and broke his right arm, met with a similar accident last week, this time breaking his left arm. * * The Mexican soldiers who crossed the Rio Grande under permission from Texas authorities, and afterward attempted to arrest a man on American soil, have been arrested and placed in jail by the Mexican authorities, who disclaim the act.

Foreign. All the courts of Europe, even to France and Russia, will go into mourning for the Emperor William. Emperor Frederick succeeds, and his accession gives strong hopes of peace. The monster earthquake (Dec. 15) in the province of Yunna, China, has been heard from at last. More than 25,000 people perished.

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Miscellaneous. The Burlington strike continues. The end is not visible. * * Miss Emma Abbott's exercises at Harrisburg, Pa., March 8, were distributed "a la Nashville method" by a Boston drummer appointing behind the scenes and claiming acquaintance and at length kissing her arm. * * Senator Crockett, like President Cleveland, has gone fishing—only Cameron is trying Florida perch instead of Adirondack trout. * * Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, has been black-balled by the Loyal Legion of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, is to receive the finest floral tribute that Washington City can afford. It is thought that it will retire Sena-

for Ingalls and the bloody shirt from public life. * * Senator Payson is preparing a bill compelling a disincorporation of all fraudulent grants of public lands to railroad corporations and opening the same to homesteaders. * * Mrs. Henrietta Snell, widow of Amos J. Snell, offers a reward, for sixty days, of \$10,000 for the arrest of Wm. B. Tascott, the supposed murderer of her husband. Address Geo. W. Hubbard, Superintendent Police, Chicago, Ill. * * It appears that Gov. Lowery, of Mississippi, is charged with misdemeanor in evading a statute which forbids any officer of the State from riding on railroad passes. His pass reads, "Pass the governor and his family during the year 1888, unless otherwise ordered." * * Ten Bald Knobbers have been sentenced to six months in the Missouri penitentiary, with costs. * * Kansas City engineers, March 11, are reported as standing by the Brotherhood in the strike against the Burlington, Chicago and Quincy road. * * The Interstate commission has issued an order to various railroads to cease certain alleged rebates to the Standard Oil Company. * * The Utah legislature adjourned March 11. All their polygamous bills heretofore passed and voted by Gov. Murray were again vetoed by Gov. West. * * Judge Lynch passed sentence and executed it upon Tom Hoff, colored, at Trenton, Ga., March 11, for attempting criminal assault upon a white lady. * * Speaker Carlisle thinks the new tariff bill will pass without much amendment.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

March 7.—T. R. Taylor, address received. D. C. Starr, sub. John S. Davis, sub. J. P. Mussett, sub. S. C. Riddle, sub. John R. Morris, sub. J. H. Stegall, sub. J. T. Graham, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. E. M. Sweet, sub. J. L. Walker, sub. A. K. Miller, sub. C. J. Sherwood, sub. J. E. Walker, sub. S. Nelson, sub. J. J. Davis, sub. J. Woodson, sub. M. L. Hayslock, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. G. Scruggs, sub. L. A. Burk, sub. C. F. Smith, sub. Geo. C. Stovall, sub. G. C. Hardy, sub. J. W. Johnson, sub. J. F. Stanley, sub. J. T. Smith, sub. L. F. Walker, sub. F. J. Browning, sub. F. H. C. Elliott, sub. F. J. Perrin, sub. J. P. Childers, sub. E. G. Heunt, sub. S. H. Moran, sub. Felix A. Knox, sub. I. N. Reeves, paper discontinued. J. S. Gillett, sub. Henry F. Hill, sub. D. F. Timmons, sub. W. H. Vaughan, sub. C. H. Brooks, sub. L. Gregory, sub. G. S. Sandel, sub. W. G. Griffin, sub.

March 8.—Jas. P. Rogers, sub. W. W. Horner, sub. J. M. Meeker, sub. Jas. M. Wesson, sub. L. Gregory, sub. S. M. Thompson, sub. J. M. Crutchenfield, sub. C. C. Williams, sub. J. H. Yelton, sub. A. K. Miller, sub. J. A. Stafford, sub. F. Graves, sub. Chas. A. Hooper, sub. C. S. McCarver, sub. Albert Little, sub. B. J. Guess, sub. E. B. Thompson, sub. G. S. Sandel, sub. J. S. Gillett, sub. J. D. Burke, sub. J. W. Kelley, sub.

March 9.—J. H. Wiseman, change made in address of W. R. Davis. J. J. Milan, sub. O. P. Hotelless, sub. J. H. Barton, sub. J. F. Denton, sub. attention. J. W. Thibault, sub. Sam J. Franks, sub. H. S. Anglin, sub. Andrew Davis, sub. Eugene T. Bates, sub. W. W. Hooper, sub. L. F. Palmer, sub. we don't have anything else but rain. C. H. Smith, sub. E. G. Roberts, sub. J. B. Hawkins, sub. A. P. Payne, sub. A. B. Roberts, sub. W. A. Peatrice, sub. J. B. Gobert, sub. W. E. Hecker, sub. J. W. Dickinson, sub. C. E. Statham, sub. J. L. Lemons, sub. Geo. Hinson, sub. D. F. Timmons, sub.

March 10.—T. H. Fehelicks, sub. T. A. C. Durr, sub. J. M. Crutchenfield, sub. L. Gregory, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. W. V. Jones, sub. R. M. Stewart, sub. John S. Mathis, sub. Leon Southfield, sub. D. Long, sub. J. A. Stafford, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. A. P. Payne, sub. has attention. E. Hightower, sub. Chas. Erwin, sub. name for perpetual list has attention. C. H. Pahn, sub. F. C. DeFew, sub. C. M. Keith, sub. G. S. Brown, sub. John S. Gillett, sub. E. M. Sweet, sub. Robt. C. Allen, sub. J. P. Gassaway, sub. Geo. R. Hughes, sub. P. R. Eschberger, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. W. V. Graham, sub.

March 12.—Jas. A. King, change made. P. N. Addison, sub. D. C. Strang, sub. W. H. Phillips, sub. C. H. Maloy, sub. Jas. W. Hill, sub. J. F. Sherwood, sub. W. H. Ardis, sub. D. S. Towns, sub. F. S. Jackson, has attention. C. R. Shupard, sub. W. H. LeFevre, sub. Geo. Ward, sub. W. M. Robbins, sub. L. P. Davis, sub. E. Giles J. Leath, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. F. C. Smith, sub.

March 13.—W. R. D. Armstrong, sub. R. Holland, sub. R. C. Armstrong, sub. B. A. Thomason, sub. correction made. James A. Smith, sub. A. P. Taylor, sub. T. J. Lasseter, sub.

Pointed Magistrate.—"If I discharge you this time, Uncle Bastard, what will you do?" "Uncle Bastard"—"Aie, sah! Why, sah, I spects if you does, I will jess go off."

COMPARATIVE WORTH OF BAKING POWDERS.

Table comparing various baking powders: ROYAL (Absolutely Pure), GRANT'S (Alum Powder), BUNFORD'S, HANFORD'S, REDHEAD'S, CHARM (Alum Powder), AMAZON (Alum Powder), CLEVELAND'S, PIONEER (San Francisco), CZAR, DR. PRICES, SNOW FLAKE (Graft), LEWIS, PEARL (Andrews & Co.), HECKEE'S, GILLET'S, ANDREWS & CO. (Regal), BULK (Powder acid loose), BUNFORD'S (when not fresh).

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