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PRAYER—THE ROSARY.

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1. An interview with earth's dignitaries, such as Queen Victoria, the Sultan, etc., marks quite an epoch in the life of ordinary mortals. But the greatest among men are dimly and insignificantly compared to the Lord God Sabaoth. In prayer man confers with God. Ascending prerogative!

2. To pray without ceasing is certainly possible. When our hearts are temples of the Holy Ghost we walk with God, even as Enoch walked with him; not in silence, but communicatively; confer with him as friend with friend. Prayer is spiritual respiration. Without respiration life is extinct.

3. Many short prayers are too long; many long ones too short. Not infrequently hosannas languish on the tongue. Soulless prayer is a mockery. But when the heart is aglow with celestial fire, when the Abba Father emanates from fervent lips, it has already seemed to me that I saw heaven opened and the Son of Man at the right hand of God.

4. Growth in grace is not conceivable without private prayer. The business manager requires iterated private consultations with the proprietor; the general commanding an army in the field requires unbroken communication with his government. Often, when no one sees and hears but God, we shed our tears and unobscure ourselves of our sorrow. We ask, and not in vain, for light in our darkness; strength in our weakness; guidance in life's labyrinthine mazes.

5. How do you account for the woful lack of happiness in so many households—husbands and wives, parents and children estranged? Answer: Because a family altar had not been erected in their midst, or, if erected, it had collapsed. Family prayer prevents discord becoming chronic. It removes all "storm centers" beyond the confines of our homes; extinguishes the fires of hell; quiets antagonisms; quiets the mind's perturbations; allays passion's excesses; makes us meek, forgiving, kind, affectionate—converts a wilderness into an Eden.

6. Criticism of public prayer is very unwise. The fastidious and aesthetic would perhaps be pleased by listening to faultless compositions, faultless read as recited. Extemporaneous prayer is difficult. It must needs be in accordance with the relative literary culture of those who pray. What though grammar be maltreated? The party praying is not reciting to a school-master, but is praying to God. Do not reprimand, though public prayer abound in exhortations, iterations; though the tone of voice be too low or too high; though the language be coarse, diction faulty; 'tis none of our business. The party is conferring with God.

1. In the Papal church prayer has degenerated into a mechanical procedure. Regardless of faith and fervor, independent of the contents of the prayer, the character of the prayer is determined by adherence to prescribed forms and submitting to demanded repetitions.

2. A good Roman Catholic is not without a rosary. The standard rosary is a string of a hundred and sixty-five beads. Praying the rosary requires turning the beads from the right to the left of the string. The beads differ in size: each decade of small beads is succeeded by one somewhat larger, making in all 150 small ones and fifteen larger ones. At the removal of a small bead an *Ave Maria* is required to be said; after saying ten *Ave Marias*, at the removal of a larger bead, a *Pater Noster* is repeated. To pray the rosary is, therefore, tantamount to saying one hundred and fifty *Ave Marias* and fifteen *Pater Nosters*.

3. Whence this strange custom? It is of heathen origin. The Chinese, Siamese, Arabs, Mongolians, and, in fact, nearly all heathen nations, employ some species of rosary while going through the routine of prayer. Peter the Hermit introduced it into the churches after his return from the orient, where he had found it in use among heathen proselytes.

4. Among the Mohammedans a rosary called the *sabba* is used in prayer. It contains ninety-nine beads. The orthodox Turk is required at the successive removal of the beads to repeat in succession the ninety-nine attributes of God, as given in the Koran. The *sabba* and rosary are of the same origin.

5. It frequently happens, as I have been informed, that by way of penance the luckless sinner is sentenced at the confessional daily to pray ten or more rosaries. Lo! what monstrosity! Prayer as a punishment!

6. Mark you, that the standard rosary requires a hundred and fifty prayers addressed to the Virgin Mary to but fifteen addressed to God. Is not that mariastrity intensified? That the rosary is often considered a valuable talisman whose possession secures freedom from the influence of witches, the effects of poison and from many bodily ills, is well known. Rosaries, whose beads are said to be fabricated of the bones of martyrs, of the wood of the olive trees beneath which Christ knelt when agonizing in Gethsemane, etc., are supposed to be productive

of much good to the possessor. At any rate, they are sold at fabulous prices.

THE ENTERPRISES OF THE CHURCH NEED A DAILY PAPER.

REV. HORACE BISHOP.

How many Methodists know the number of church schools in the State? How many of those who know the number could give the names of all of them? I suppose Bro. Thrall and Bro. Briggs could probably give us number, name and location of the different Methodist schools. This state of affairs will exist as long as our only medium of intercommunication is a weekly paper. The space afforded by the *Advocate* to education has never been sufficient to give the bare facts from our University, colleges and high schools. If there is a grand hope given in the Ganderlewh, and Crystal Crystanzing tells Jeddediah Cleishbotham that his grandmother wasn't a gentleman, and Jeddediah reports, "you are an'other," everybody in the United States is informed of all the details of that important occurrence within twenty-four hours. But Granbury High School or Alexander Institute may advance to a higher grade class of twenty boys or girls, whose character is destined soon to impress itself on the country, and the papers never tell, and the people never know that there is such a school.

The works of the schools of this country are not found in the papers, for that is not news, not being sensational. Girls get into the papers by appearing at a ball room "decollette and sleeveless," with "diamond ornaments," but a girl whose modest apparel, good sense, and works of charity commend her to every honest person, is ignored altogether. Even so respectable periodicals as the *North American Review* has lately admitted into its columns "A Defense of Pugilism," and the attempt to defend it is made in cold earnest. If this thing continues it will not be long until every crime in the calendar will find a defender. Now why should not Methodism in Texas give our business men a newspaper that will tell the news of progress in school, in church; yes, in every school, sectarian and non-sectarian, and in every denomination? I know that if a man tells me that there is a paragraph in a daily paper concerning education, religion, morals, I buy that paper. And I believe that if we published such a paper as a daily *Advocate* should be, it will have a large patronage. Suppose there is a district conference in Abilene. That is an important matter. One of the chief factors in the moral and material development of our great west is in consultation concerning the affairs of the future in that vast region of country. Now what will the church ever know about that? A secretary will be instructed to publish in a weekly paper a condensed report of the proceedings. He takes his book home, sits down leisurely, collects his material, condenses as much as possible, and sends it to the weekly paper. The editor condenses again, and after all interest in the matter has died out, the report appears, and is read by some of the men who participated in the conference, and a few others.

Now suppose we had a daily. Let us look at the difference:

ABILENE, July 3.—The district conference met here to-day. Members present from twelve appointments, representing twenty-five counties in the great west. The presiding elder, Rev. John A. Wallace, opened with a ringing speech, calling attention to the magnitude of the work, the necessity of looking facts in the face and meeting issues in the fear of God. J. T. L. Annis was chosen secretary. The personell of the conference is commanding. These men mean business. They are not afraid to work, nor ashamed of their mission. To-day's session was given to the details of organization.

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ABILENE, July 4.—The chief item of business to-day was education, with special reference to Belle Plain College. Rev. Mr. Raymond, agent, reported grand success in adjusting the financial status of that institution. Rev. Mr. Annis made a speech that emphasized the importance of this institution to the western work. He compared Belle Plain to Constantinople. That college, in its present location, he said, was the key to the whole Staked Plains country. It was a field day for Belle Plain. This institution is destined to be the great school of the Northwest.

To-day was missionary day in the district conference. The people of this city never knew till now the character, qualifications, spirit and work of the itinerant preachers who have organized and are pressing the work of the church in this country.

And so on for all the other days. Who doubts but during the next three summer months a daily paper could put every department of our church work in such a light that universal interest would be awakened. Reports after the work is done read like history, and all depends on the qualifications of the historian. Daily reports show you the workers while they are making the history. They let you almost hear the speeches and discern the motives of the actors.

When I commenced this serial I was fondly hoping that our loved and gifted Bro. Briggs, the editor, would continue in that relation for many years. How sad I feel over his affliction! But the fact that he has retired does not in the least affect the necessity that is upon us. The Damascus blade that parried with such consummate skill every thrust of our foes, and that drove so unerringly through the joints of their harness at every effort, is in its scabbard for awhile. God grant that it may soon gleam again in spiritual light to be sheathed no more till after a long life of usefulness his Lord shall say, "This mortal must put on immortality."

Press of work prevents me from discussing the financial difficulties and advantages at present. As soon as possible after this interregnum passes by I will resume the subject from other points of view. Let us have the daily.

THE DAILY ADVOCATE.

I wish to indorse the letters of Rev. Horace Bishop advocating a daily paper. As a layman, I am not supposed to be capable of turning on any light, but feeling the importance of the move forward, I wish to say to Bro. Bishop: We are with you. For my part I wish to say we cannot intelligently do business without a daily paper. With that, we have no use for a weekly; so the weekly is not read. The weekly paper need not be stopped because a daily is begun. To the contrary, the weekly can be furnished at a reduced price.

Let your light shine, Bro. Bishop; the old-time methods are dying out; better, new ones, are being introduced. The Lord has appointed you to blaze out the road in this matter. You have begun well. Keep on until you get the *Advocate* out of the wilderness into the hands of the business men of Texas.

LEUNG, TEXAS.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.

Abilene Circuit.

F. J. PHIBBS: Our self-denial collection is \$14.

Oenaville.

MARION MILLS: Self-denial fund \$4.00. We hope to add to this.

Uvalde.

L. D. SHAW: I can report \$9.00 for self-denial already received.

Woodville.

W. G. DAVIS: Put Woodville Sunday-school down for \$7.50, result of week of prayer.

Sulphur Springs.

From a secular paper we learn that \$5 was contributed by the Sulphur Springs charge to the self-denial fund.

Italy.

W. W. HENDERSON: Second quarterly conference over. Had a good time. Result of week of prayer and self-denial \$11 cash.

Weatherford.

W. B. D. STOCKTON: Our contribution to relieve the Parent Board of Missions during the week of prayer and self-denial was \$2.75.

Abilene.

C. S. McCARVER: \$25.00 more has been paid on our self-denial fund, making Abilene Station, \$50, which I have just forwarded to the Treasurer.

Boonville.

J. R. HAWKINS: I have forwarded to Dr. Kelley, Treasurer, \$10.00 as the result of the week of self-denial and prayer on the Boonville circuit.

Rock Hill.

J. W. BLACKBURN: Our people observed the week of prayer and self-denial. The collection at this place was \$16.05. Three other points to hear from.

Dallas.

E. N. EVANS: Floyd Street observed the week of prayer and self-denial. Results: Church somewhat quickened, Sunday-school, \$15.00, church \$21.35; total \$36.35.

Goiland.

F. S. JACKSON: Goiland station raised for self-denial offering, \$39.15 and forwarded same to Rev. E. B. Chappell, Conference Treasurer of Board of Missions.

Burton.

J. P. CHILDERS: We send up twenty dollars to Dr. Kelley as a self-denial fund from Burton. Will hold a week of prayer at Giddings in May. That is as soon as we can get there.

Comanche.

A. P. SMITH: Week of prayer and self-denial just closed for Comanche and De Leon station. Collected \$37.75. Our church is in a very good condition. Expecting to have a glorious revival this spring.

Bonham.

J. A. STAFFORD: As a sequel to the week of prayer and self-denial, Bonham station today, (Sunday, April 8), paid \$87.50, the entire assessment for foreign missions. The day was cloudy and rainy, and not more than half of the membership was present.

Whitecourt.

E. C. DE JENNETT: Forty-one dollars and seventy cents was the contribution of Whitecourt circuit during week of prayer. Spiritually benefited those who attended the services. Let the church give us a week of prayer every year.

Pilot Point.

W. M. LEATHERWOOD: Our self-denial collection, April 1st and 8th, is \$34.00; hope for \$40.00. Last year \$25.00. Our congregations were small but earnest, and no doubt much good done for the cause of missions not represented by the \$40.00.

Wheatland.

C. G. SHUTT: We held a missionary concert at Wesley during the week of prayer and realized \$16.50. In all we have sent to the Missionary Treasurer \$50, collected during the week of prayer. We have another missionary concert to be held at Duncaneville on

Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April at 8 p. m. By the way, I like these missionary concerts. I think every pastor should send to Nashville and get the tablets, in which he will find the concert programs, and hold a concert at each appointment. It is a fine way to diffuse missionary information.

Abilene.

C. S. McCARVER: Abilene station has just closed the week of prayer and self-denial to-night, though we will continue the meeting. Considerable interest in the meetings and collections during the week amounted to \$25.30, the Sunday-school paying \$5.00.

Pattison.

W. W.: Our self-denial fund from Pattison church, Pattison circuit, amounts to \$35.00 which we have this day sent to Dr. Kelley. Other places on the circuit have not been heard from. Returns not all in, but believe, from the spirit manifested, that the debt is paid. Glory be to God.

Mayfield.

L. P. DAVIS: We observed the week of prayer in a protracted meeting, which closed last Sunday night. Received into the church twenty eight, and collected \$11.40 from the church. The Sunday-school gave a dollar, which makes \$12.40. We will send to our Treasurer in a few days. We expect to observe this week of prayer all around my work.

Columbia.

F. H. C. ELLIOT: The week of self-denial has passed and left its blessing on us all. Services were held here every night save one during this week, and were both interesting and profitable. We are under lasting obligations to Sister J. F. Taylor for the admirable ministrations which she rendered in this part of the program. Our services were varied, making it pleasant to all. Thursday night was devoted to a children's song service, and enjoyed by all. Offerings were made each night. Almost all gave their "mite," and a goodly portion was real self-denial. We are sorry our amount is not larger, but it is all a "free-will" offering. Amount raised, \$36.50.

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Southwestern University.

—J. H. McLean, April 14: The good work goes on about fifty conversions to date among the students. All departments reached, from the preparatory to the senior. The professors are in perfect harmony with work and rendering good service. Miss Harper, of the Annex, is uniting in effort and uniting in soul. Mrs. Jay's devotion to the work and rendering good service. Miss Asbury Davidson, is doing good service among the young ladies; but few unconverted ones left in this department. Quite a good work has also been accomplished among the young men. The helping hand is a household of faith, eminently blessed. The young preachers are alive to the work, and a trust will go out from us in the fulness of the gospel. The pastor is all-absorbed in the meeting, and with his faithful help, Bro. Steing, readers effort and prayer, are working in the altar. God is with us, rich in mercy and blessing.

Missionary Conference.

—J. B. Sears, April 11: It is in order to issue a second Bro. Chappell's motion for a "Missionary Conference in Texas." Certainly the cause is worthy of so important a step. Surely we will find many friends who will meet and we may excite our host of one hundred thousand Methodists to a noble response to the great charge Jesus ever gave: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Even if we look at our personal interest and present possession in the gospel truth and power, we are sure to follow the Christian (Christ-like) impulses to take it to those who have it not. The religion of Christ is a self-propagating force, and one feared danger is found in the fact that where we resist the genius of its propagand, we destroy its life in ourselves. Give us the "Missionary Conference" and the church will receive a benediction. In fact I would like second most all that Bro. Chappell wrote, but if we get the conference doubtless many other things will follow. We are ready for the question.

Home.

—S. M. Thompson, April 8: We are moving about first-rate on the Home circuit. Through the efficiency of the local brethren all the appointments within the bounds of the circuit are filled. All have the gospel preached upon them. The report in the printed minutes shows that there are nearly 600 members. But, of course, some—a great many—only subscribe one purpose—they count one. In fact, this peculiar characteristic is caused by the fact that many churches. We do not want members just simply to count, but we want them to work in the vineyard as well. If they are good workers they will surely be counted. Our second quarterly conference convened at Ryan's Chapel April 7, 1888. Rev. R. M. Sproull, presiding elder, presided. This was one of the best quarterly conferences I ever attended. If any other preacher has any better presiding elder than I have—well, I don't believe it. He has a wide knowledge of the condition of everything, learning, if possible, the cause of failures; and the cause being learned, he prescribes the remedy. We have a good board of stewards. I hope to report all the collections up by my next quarterly conference. The *Advocate* is being read by several of the churches. May the *Advocate* reach its greatly desired 50,000 subscribers!

Linden.

—R. A. Morris, April 9: The Jefferson district is on the advance in many respects. Our presiding elder, Rev. C. B. Fladger, is doing fine work and preaching with power. His influence for good is felt all over the district. He preached at this place on Saturday night, April 9, from the text: "Ye are the Salt of the Earth." After the sermon he took up a collection for foreign missions and raised \$175.00. Next morning Rev. W. M. Robbins, Bro. W. M. Good and myself, in company with our presiding elder, made our way to Linden. Linden is in rain and mud, to hold the second quarterly conference on the Linden circuit. We had a small attendance. The next day, received for the support of the mission \$119.00; paid presiding elder, \$18.50; preacher in charge, \$16.75. Had a nice congregation on Sunday and the afternoon of the 11th. The sermon and the sacrament took a collection on the assessments and received in cash and subscription \$54.50. After dinner we made our way back to Linden, and on Monday, presiding elder, very fine sermon at night on the subject of prayer, and then organized a women's prayer society with twenty members. We have a district association at Jefferson, and I think every mission circuit and station on the district has a parsonage. If the western circuit of the district they will be found behind in some respects.

A Visit to District Conference.

—Jane, San Marcos Circuit, April 5: I feel like I wanted to tell a whole lot of folks about my trip to district conference at Kyle, and so I write to you. The opportunity offered of going was unexpected and irresistible, though it was with many misgivings we went, fearing that the trip would be fruitless. As we neared the little town we were struck with the appearance of neatness and newness pervading the whole place—to old, dilapidated buildings, and we soon discovered the new church which notwithstanding the two years' drought and the pressure of hard times has been built within the last year, and which was dedicated on Sunday by Bishop Duncane, a model of architectural beauty. It is almost completed and nicely furnished. Their character deserves special mention, being the most beautiful I ever saw, and kept in perfect order. Bro. Joyce met us at the church and drove away all "doubts and fears" by assigning us to the best place in Kyle. Of course I did not go around to prove this, and Mr. Baker, of Seguin, said I was mistaken. That he had the best; and I expect every member and visitor to the conference felt the same way, because they were made welcome. I will tell the secretary tell you of the business of the conference. He is attending every meeting, and was delighted. We were made to sympathize with Bro. Allen on his mission, was amused at Bro. Cox assuming the dignity of "presiding elder" pro tem, and rejoiced with Bro. Gillett over the conversion of many souls at Lockhart. We so much appreciated the Bishop's sermon, in which he assured us the most humble and insignificant has a gospel work to do, even if it is found in knowledge how to fry chicken and make good coffee. But right here I want to slip in a word to our good preacher friends: The greater failure in the cooking of the good sisters, the more highly honored you ought to be, for don't you know when we do our best, we are almost sure to do our worst? And we enjoyed too, Bro. McLean's "Story of all-sorts," which he dispensed at the Baptist Church to the Sunday-school. I would love to tell you of that school, of the good singing, good lessons, and good system through out of the Sunday-school mass-meeting Sunday evening, of our trip home, and the home welcome, but already some of the good brothers are becoming impatient to see the conference, and I am obliged to say I will tell you the next time.

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Old and Young.

THE LITTLE SHOE.

I found it here—a worn out shoe,
All milled with time and wet with dew;
’Tis a little thing; ye would pass it by
With never a thought, or word, or sigh,
Yet it stirs in my heart a hidden well,
And in eloquent tones of the past doth tell.

It tells of hopes that with her had birth,
Deep buried now in the silent earth;
Of a heart that had met an answering tone
That again is left alone, alone;
Of days of watching and anxious prayer,
Of a night of sorrow and dark despair.

It tells of a form that is cold and still,
Of a little mound on yonder hill.
That is dearer far to mother’s heart
Than the classic statues of Grecian art.
Ah, strangers may pass with a careless air
Nor dream of the hopes that are buried there.

Ye cannot know what a little thing,
From men’s silent fount can bring
The face and form that were once so dear,
Yet there are hearts, were they only here,
That could feel with me, when, all wet with dew,
I found it this morning—the little shoe.

A TRUE STORY.

He is my neighbor, living on the opposite side of the street. He had been sober for more than a year. His house and front parlors had been repainted—his home nicely furnished. His wife was happy. I know it; for every evening her house was neat and clean, and supper ready, and she would be standing on her front gallery watching for his manly form and firm elastic step, as sun set, brought him home from business. She always met him at the gate and opened it for him, and they walked into the house together. She had to open the gate for him, for their three bright and beautiful children, the oldest six years of age, always ran up the sidewalk to meet him. Somehow or other he would manage to pick them all up, and as he carried them back to the house they would nervously throw their arms around his neck, and tell him by their kisses how much they loved him.

Last Saturday afternoon my wife called me. She was at the front gallery. When I reached her, she said in a low tone: “Do look across the street.” It made us both sick.

He was drunk again. Two strong negro men were supporting him. He was struggling to get away from them, but if they let him go he would fall into the gutter. His wife saw him from her usual place of watching. She darted into the house, prepared the bed, stepped back, opened the gate, and said, “bring him in.” He positively refused to go in the house. They tried to lift him up the door steps, but his struggles and his weight were too much for them. By this time a crowd of idlers was looking on. She said: “Let him sit on the step.” They put him down. She went into the house, but in a moment reappeared with a newspaper in her hand. She sat down beside him and pretended to be reading; but who believes that she saw a word on the page? She did not look up once at the staring crowd, but all turned and went away. His shame that she could not conceal, she would share as far as possible without guilt. Bye-and-bye she got him off to bed. We hoped he would not yield to the tempter again; but, alas! almost every evening since he has come home drunk. Last Saturday at three o’clock we saw him coming. His wife had gone to a neighbor’s house. But two of his children, the oldest two, saw him coming, and as usual, ran up the sidewalk to meet him. He staggered along until they caught hold of his hands, one on either side. He looked at them stupidly. They looked up for the kiss and embrace that he was too dull and drunk to give them. Holding his hands they seemed to be trying to help him walk steadily. He staggered along. The oldest one opened the gate. He stumbled into the house and on the bed, and snored.

The children looked at him a moment, then without saying a word went out to play. They did not know why their papa acted so strangely. Poor children! They will know all about it bye and-bye; for we have said that the saloon must not be prohibited in Texas.

HANDWRITING.

Napoleon wrote the worst hand on record—so bad that his letters to Josephine from Germany were sometimes taken for maps of the seat of war. Sidney Smith once wrote to Jeffrey that he had tried to read a letter of the great reviewer from left to right, and Mrs. Smith from right to left; but neither of them could decipher a single word. Of Sidney’s own hand it has been said that, with the exception of Jeffrey’s, it was the worst the printers had to puzzle out for the Edinburgh Review.

Dr. Chalmers’ handwriting was also perplexing, and often defied all attempts to read it. It is said that when his father received a weekly or fortnightly letter from his eminent son, he carefully locked it up. After a store had accumulated his son would pay him a visit, upon which he would break all the seals and ask the writer of the letters to read them.

The handwriting of Professor Huxley, whose style is the ideal of lucidity, is almost undecipherable; the pot-books of Darwin are so utterly without form and void that there was evidently no process of “natural selection” in their choice.

HOW THEY FOUND THE SAVIOR.

Herald and Presbyter.
“Girls, suppose we go to the revival to-night?” exclaimed Helen Wade, turning from the piano.
“The revival!” “Why, Helen Wade?”
“Of all things,” said a chorus of voices.
Helen laughed lightly, but said nothing. In a moment they began:
“You really do not mean it?” said one; and, “What is your idea in going?” said another.

“Why, Helen, have you forgotten that the Social Hour Club meets in your parlor to-night?” said voice number three.
Helen’s face grew suddenly grave.
“I cannot answer you all at once, so I will take you in turn.”
“Yes, Josie, I do mean every word of it; but Maude, I do not think I can tell you my idea, for I scarcely know myself.

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YOUNG MEN AND TOBACCO.

President John Bascom.
The use of tobacco puts a serious obstacle in the way of a young man. There is no employment to which it recommends him; there are many employments in connection with which it is a fatal difficulty. The use of tobacco is rarely a predisposing term in favor of a young man with anybody. In many cases, even with those who themselves use it, its use is a decisive objection. It lowers the sense of soundness and strength which they wish to connect with a young man whom they are to encounter constantly in important relations.
Rarely would any man, himself addicted to a temperate use of tobacco, recommend the habit as wise to a young man. How many fathers would give this counsel to their sons? How many, out of their own experience, would give with great urgency the opposite advice? A man of good intellect, having reached

should have the use of this room at all times. Payment of one dollar annually was exacted, to give them the feeling of independence.

They came eagerly, brought their lunches at noon, gathered in the evening to talk, read, sew, play draughts or chess, or to sing.

As the club grew, the interest in it increased. Saleswomen, seamstresses, artists, every class of homeless working-women, joined in. It now numbers over seven hundred members. They occupy a large house, which they have fitted up and decorated with their own hands. It is their “home,” in which each one feels herself a hostess.

They have a piano, an organ, sewing-machines, gymnasium, and bath-rooms. Night-classes have been formed in cookery, music, embroidery, drawing, French, literature, and history, for which the fees are but five or ten cents. The members form intimacies among themselves, and make for each other a society cheerful, active, and friendly.

During the last year they have been zealously combining in “circles” for different benevolent purposes, such as visiting the hospitals, or contriving Christmas surprises for poor children.

The humble beginning of the quiet friend has grown into a strong organization, in which these friendless, homeless girls are surrounded by the purest influences.

Youth’s Companion.
It is always gratifying to see a woman who has been reduced from wealth to poverty and thrown on her own resources, bravely taking up the battle of life for herself and those who may be dependent on her, instead of sitting tearfully down to bemoan the cruel fate that has made her poor.

A story is told of a sensible woman in a Western city. Her husband had been very wealthy, and she had lived in the midst of every luxury that money could buy, but on his death his estate was found to be insolvent.

The friend whose unpleasant duty it was to tell the widow the truth, did so as gently as he could, fearing, as he said, that “the shock would be too much for her.” To his surprise she received the news calmly. She was sorry and surprised, but expressed her willingness to give up her home and all that she had for the benefit of her husband’s creditors.

It was a surprise to many of her friends to know that some of the beautiful dresses she had worn when wealthy had been the work of her own hands, and that she had learned every detail of dressmaking under the instruction of the most skillful and fashionable modiste in the city.

“I have always thought,” she said, “that a woman, no matter how rich she might be, ought to have some source on which to rely in case the necessity of earning her own living should arise. I have always been fond of needle-work of all kinds; and often thought that if I had my own living to make I would do it as a dressmaker. I think I can.”

She rented neat rooms in the best part of the city, hired good help, and made a success of the business from the very beginning. She not only made a good living for herself, but kept her three children in school, and in time had a home of her own as the reward of her good sense and industry.

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Alpha A. Haughton

Correspondence.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

A joint session of the Executive and Advisory Committees of the North Texas Conference Brotherhood was held in Greenville, Texas, March 29, 1888.

The following by-laws were adopted and referred to the Brotherhood for ratification...

1. No member whose fees or dues are unpaid at the time of his superannuation or death...

2. Any member who shall fail to pay his assessment to the treasurer within thirty days after notice by the Secretary...

3. A fine of twenty-five cents shall be imposed for absence of a beneficiary member from the annual meeting...

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, 1st, That we, the Executive and Advisory Committees of the N. T. C. B. in joint session assembled...

2. The substitution of the words, "not over fifty years of age," in Art. I, so that the article would read, "Any clerical member of the North Texas Annual Conference, not over fifty years of age, may become a member, etc."

3. By the addition of the following to Art. II, viz.: Provided further, that when a beneficiary member of the Brotherhood be transferred to another annual conference he shall not therefore forfeit his membership; and

4. The addition of the following to Art. III: Provided, that when a member shall have received a superannuation benefit, the mortuary benefit for his heirs or assigns shall be two and one-half dollars, instead of five dollars.

He resolved 2d, That we do also recommend to the Brotherhood the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the North Texas Conference Brotherhood do hereby agree to create by election a Board of Trustees, three in number, who shall receive all property or funds of the Brotherhood received by collections, bequests or otherwise (excepting membership fees provided for in article two of the constitution), and hold the same inviolate until such property, with interest accruing, shall have amounted to ten thousand dollars, said Board having authority to invest or loan such funds, with security approved unanimously by the Executive Committee, for the interest on the endowment (after having amounted to above ten thousand dollars) to be devoted to such objects as the Brotherhood shall, by a majority vote, direct.

Delinquent members were granted an extension of thirty days after official notice of this action, in which time to pay up and preserve their membership.

Revs. J. W. Adkisson and J. M. Binkley were invited to deliver addresses at the annual meeting, to be held in Denison the evening before the opening of the next session of the North Texas Annual Conference.

SAM C. HIDDLE, Sec'y.

SUPERNUMERARIES, ETC.

Brother Price gives us an article in the ADVOCATE of March 29 on supernumeraries and church polity in stationing preachers. In the first he is doubtless right. There can be but two classes, the effective and the non-effective. If a pastor is unable to take charge of a circuit and discharge the functions of his office, he is to all intents and purposes superannuated for the time being. Of course his health may recuperate and he become effective, yet this does not prove while he is non-effective that he is not so much so many superannuated preachers. In fact many of them are more so. He is a wounded soldier for the time being, and may remain so throughout life. Every government on earth recognizes the just principle of righteousness in continu-

ing the pay of a soldier while wounded or otherwise disabled, and if this disability continues through life he receives a pension commensurate with his disabilities. Brother A declines in health, and it is patent to every one that he must have rest, and because there is a chance for him to recuperate and become effective he is entirely thrown on his own resources for support, and yet required to do whatever work his feeble strength may allow. This is sheer injustice and should not be continued beyond the sitting of the next General Conference.

Brother Price would remove the word supernumerary and place them all on the superannuated list. This would not meet the case according to the definition of the word, for it means "one disqualified by old age," which in many cases would not be true. Would it not be better to eliminate both words and substitute the phrase "non-effective list," allowing each brother his right in the conference claim. This certainly would give satisfaction and remove the grating of the word superannuated, for no preacher loves to hear it called. The phrase, non-effective list, is flexible enough to euphoniously cover every case.

Now, as to the stationing the preachers, the 1st brother says: "Many effective men are driven to the necessity of taking a supernumerary relation" because "there is a disposition to ignore the old preachers." The good brother certainly misapprehends the law, for no "effective man" can get a seat on this "shelf," unless he can palm off false testimony on the committee on conference relations, convincing them he is disabled when he is not. I believe such cases are few and far between. Most preachers have grace enough to locate when they find themselves to have been "incapacitated," rather than by questionable testimony seek a place in the supernumerary ranks, where there is work and no pay.

Again, "The best circuits and stations are given to young men." If the phrase, "to young men," apply to the mere novice in the gospel, the statement will not conform with the history of the church in general, although some instances can be adduced where a mere novice received a good station for his first appointment. But if the phrase apply to men in the prime of life it is true and will always remain so. The strongest works need the strongest men, and it is but right that they have them. The novice generally begins with the poorest of works, and if he lives to old age, ends where he began. This is the inevitable law of limitation. The bishops and their cabinets and "pulling of wires," to the contrary cannot set the law aside. A man's present adaptability for usefulness determines his place without reference to the "has been." God recognized this law of limitation in the service of the tabernacle. "This is it that belongeth unto the Levites from twenty and five years old, upwards they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more; but shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation." It would be no unwise law now to receive no man until he is twenty-five years old and superannuate him at fifty, requiring of him only to preach the gospel. This law recognized no supernumerary relationship of work without support. There is no class of men on earth who have a more tender regard for the faithful brethren who have borne the burden and heat of life and are now sitting in the evening's shades of their pilgrimage on earth, feeling themselves "ignored" than the bishops, but they are inevitably held to the law of adaptability of one thing to another. Every succeeding decade changes a man's adaptability, and he ought to pray God to give him grace to work unarmingly in that field which his adaptabilities insure the most good to the church of God. Those who have had the pleasure of ascending the ladder from the bottom rung to the top will have the satisfaction of coming down. But those who have had the misfortune of commencing at the top will keenly feel the "drop," and it will require much grace and patience to gracefully descend without becoming sour. When a good brother begins to "drop" the bishops have no power to save him. The inevitable law that works one back to childhood the second time is upon him, and to this he should gracefully bend. The brother who is affected with the "drop" "fear those who turn the wheels and pull the wires." Just who these parties are we are unable to prognosticate. We cannot entertain the declaration until the parties are named and the facts established by proof.

We believe the presiding elders, whoever they may be, to be conscientious men, aiding the Bishop in making the appointments in such a way that each pastor will receive the field of work most suitable to his present talents and gifts. Now and then a mistake occurs, but it is not very easy to tell which suffers the most, the church or the pastor. To charge the brethren (or young men) who are filling the best appointments as the "wheel" and "wire pullers" is preposterous. While sometimes some of us may think we should have received a stronger appointment financially, yet at the same time the people whom we serve may think that they ought to have received a better preacher.

We never knew personally but one "wire-puller," a young man of twenty-two years. He preached well enough for a novice, but his imagination had soared so lofty that his presiding elder was to his eye a pigmy. He had, as he thought, ingratiated himself into his presiding elder's affection very deeply. He was serving a small circuit and made his appointment to a little station which he told the presiding elder would cost him about \$800.00 and give him a chance to make something out of himself. He and myself went together at conference. He told me all the news and said his presiding elder had hinted to him that he was the "right man for the right place," but, poor fellow, he never dreamed of the latitude in the expression "the right man in the right place." He enjoyed the conference hugely. At last the fatal hour to try the certainty of his "wheel" or "wire" came. The reading proceeded, and in the first district, his rosy station was given to another. His "wheel" was now rolling and the "wire" loose at both ends, and just where the wire would be fastened was of the wildest conjecture. He sat just before me and shook as if he were about to fall. He knew the "young man" would go West, and when the bishop fastened both ends of his "wire" in the road he sent mission on the extreme frontier he broke into sobs and groans, and from that day until this he has strictly stayed out of the "wire-pulling" business. When a preacher joins the conference he takes the solemn "vow" to go where he is sent, "asking no questions for conscience sake," and when he can disannul this "vow" and impeach the stationing power of the church, he is back-sliding in heart; or, at least, is sliding at an awful rate. Brethren, we ought to "count it all joy" to take the hardest fields, where we may suffer and labor for Christ and convince the world that we do not serve for the "loaves and fishes." The greatest rewards are given the soldiers who

bear the most scars and whose shouts of victory have been oftenest heard on the ramparts of the enemy.

Just on the eve of the great battle of Pharsalia between Cesar and Pompey, when Cesar was going to put his troops in motion, he saw a trusty and experienced Centurion encouraging his men to distinguish themselves that day. Cesar called him by his name and said: "What cheer, Caius Crassinus? How think you do we stand?" "Cesar," said the veteran in a bold accent and stretching out his hand, "the victory is ours. It will be a glorious one; and this day I shall have your praise either alive or dead." So saying, he charged upon the enemy at the head of his company. It was a glorious victory for Cesar, and, while there were but thirty Centurians left, this brave captain was one of the slain upon the battle-field. If this hero of a hundred battle-fields had said: "Cesar, to-day we fight for our existence; give me an easy place," he would have rendered himself contemptible in the eyes of his commander. How contemptible must be those ministers in the eyes of Christ who would turn a "wheel" or pull a "wire" for a "fat place" as the war of truth is being waged for the final triumph. Let us say as this brave soldier, "The victory is ours, and that we will have the 'praise of Christ, either living or dead.'" N. A. KREN.

FRAGMENTARY.

Having read the controversy inaugurated by Bro. John Allen ancient conference claimants, collections and disbursements, I wish to state that while I do not endorse that brother's plan, on account of the complexity of the thing, yet I am fully aware of dissatisfaction prevailing in reference to that part of our ecclesiastical polity.

For instance: Some time ago I approached a good brother in the interests of that cause, when he flatly refused, on the ground of discrimination, urging that favoritism obtained on that Board. When pressed for an explanation, he cited a claimant that had not got anything, and another to whom had been paid \$300. I referred him to the minutes (which he had previously received, but had not perused) where the said party was shown to have received \$50. He, however, would not pay me a cent, but would give one of the claimants \$5, instead of sending it to conference.

Some one may think "Oh, he was one of those 'chronic grumblers' who unfortunately afflict the church." Not so; he was one of the best men on that work.

MINUTES.

By the way, where are the Texas Conference minutes?

CHURCH RECORDS.

Where, oh, where, has Bro. Buchanan been since he left Vanderbilt and came to Texas? Why, the book he suggests is already, and has been, in use to these many years, gotten up by our Publishing House. Yes, the very identical thing; no necessity for rewriting the roll until a new book is required.

As for the word "dropped" being "jargon," why it is a good old-fashioned English word, and means, in church vernacular, Methodistically out of, stricken off, etc., by order of the church conference.

Now the "drop" is an adjunct of the galloos tree, whereon the culprit is placed, then the "bolt" is drawn, and the man is "dropped" out of time into eternity. You could not say that he was "cut off" or "stricken off," for he was not decapitated. His neck was simply "stretched" by being "dropped." Now if that is "jargon," what word could be substituted to explain that method of execution?

Brother B. suggests that when a young lady member changes her name, that she be disposed of, (which she certainly is,) but he does not explain precisely how; for, if he carries her new name to the foot of the roll, as Bro. Bishop points out, chronological order is forfeited, and other difficulties occur, as, for instance: Miss A. marries Mr. B. You write opposite her name, in the proper column, "Evolved into Mrs. B." At the foot of the roll you enter Mrs. B. "How received?" "Evolved from Miss A." "Why whom received?" Now the preacher could not conscientiously write his own name; so, to state the truth, he would have to say, "By Mr. B."

How much easier is it to continue the present method of placing in brackets the lady's new name, opposite her maiden name, and thus save all rewriting. JOHN H. DENN LYONS, TEXAS.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

Sunday secular newspapers are being generally discussed, and the thoughts of Christian people directed to their suppression, by reason of the labor necessary for their publication and the worldliness of thought created upon a day that should otherwise be observed as a day of rest and worship. The newspapers are not the only offenders against Christian principles, but in the catalogue are to be enumerated the United States mail, railroads, steamboats, street cars and other modes of conveyances of travel. All of those require and utilize an army of laborers, who, being forced by these pursuits and the demands of the public, too many of whom are church members, to labor upon Sunday, are thus cut off from religious privileges and duties. Labor on the seventh day is increasing instead of decreasing. It is becoming so general that those who do feel their responsibilities to God as individuals, communities and a nation may well fear and tremble because of a coming disaster to us as a people. It is a matter to pray over and to investigate, and to ask ourselves as to how much the professed followers of Christ are sustaining and maintaining by their patronage and influence this growing desecration of the Christian Sabbath. Church members are largely to blame for the continuance of this evil. If not directly, they are indirectly. Many of them read secular papers on Sunday, and some even in the sanctuary. Many visit the post-office, read and answer their correspondence, travel on railroads, street cars and other public conveyances on that day, while many of the female membership perform more labor on that day in cooking, entertaining company and visiting socially than any other day in the week. Too many use this holy day as a day of pleasure to themselves, and thus forget the day to keep it sacred. Let the membership of our churches live close to Biblical rules for the observance of the Sabbath and they will bring such an influence to bear as will stop the receiving and delivering of mails, the running of railroad trains, street cars, etc., on Sunday, and turn many a hard-worked man and woman into the sanctuary of the Lord for true rest and worship.

A. M. D.

DANGEROUS DOCTRINES AND WRONG ASSUMPTIONS.

I recently heard a minister say at the close of an impressive sermon during a protracted meeting: "When God converts a soul that one is as sure of heaven as if he were already there." The question came spontaneously to my mind: Who said that? Did Jesus, in any of his discourses, say so? Did Paul in any of his fourteen epistles? Did Peter in his memorable delivery on the day of Pentecost? No. We search in vain through all of these discourses and epistles to find so broad a de-

claration. Again, we ask who said that a soul once converted is as sure of heaven as if he were there? Surely mortal, short-sighted man would not be so reckless as to venture such an assertion without the clearest warrant from God's Word. But where is the record of it? We cannot find it. It is not in either of the four Gospels; it is not in the Acts of the Apostles, nor in any of the Epistles of Paul, Peter, John, James, nor Jude, nor yet in the Revelation of St. John. And so far as my search has extended through the Old Testament Scriptures, nothing of the kind can be found there. I have only read thirty-nine of the canonical books of the Old Testament as yet, and it may be that the broad assertion of the minister referred to may find its justification in the next, or fourth, book of Old Testament Scripture. But, stop! There is not forty canonical books in the Old Testament. Well, then, God's Word gives no warrant for what the minister said on that subject, and it was a fearful responsibility to assume. "Let him that confidently standeth take heed lest he fall."

I heard another minister (?) recently urge that water baptism is a condition of pardon or remission of sins, because, as he said, it is one of God's commandments, and none can be pardoned without obedience to God. But he had the unhappy fortune to start from a false premise, and, of course, reached a false conclusion. Indeed, the whole thing was false—inside, outside, upside and downside. In the first place God never commanded the people—all of them nor any part of them—to be baptized. Let no Methodist be frightened at this statement, for it is made after very careful study of the subject. It is a gracious privilege, and therefore a sacred duty, for those who were deprived of the greater privilege of baptism in their infancy to receive that beautiful and impressive rite when they are brought to know God. The only command concerning baptism rests on the administrators: "Disciple all nations, baptizing them," etc. But more of this, if called out by questions or criticisms.

Some one is making a long time changing from tadpole to frog, so as to live out of the water.

EVALDE, TEXAS.

STEWARDS, PLEASE READ.

The steward forms an important factor in the Methodist Church. Without him we could scarcely get along. There is the Bishop, the presiding elder, and the preacher in charge, who stand first in office, but the steward, he is a minister or layman, is looked upon by all of these dignitaries as a *sine qua non* to success, and his office is considered by them as a very great one, and hard to fill.

In regard to the qualifications of a steward, the Discipline says: "Let the stewards be men of solid piety, who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and discipline, and of good natural and acquired abilities to transact the temporal business of the church." The office is deemed of such importance that it requires men of solid piety, as well as natural abilities, to fill this office. Would it not be well for all the stewards of the Methodist Churches to read the Discipline on this point?

The duties of the stewards are many, one of which is, "to make estimates of expenses and provision for the support of the Gospel." The church has gone forth "that the laborer is worthy of his hire," and that they "that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Accordingly, many have forsaken homes and property, and have gone forth to preach the gospel of the Son of God. The preacher looks to the church, through the steward, for a support. This is right and proper; for it would be degrading to the preacher to go from house to house asking for money, or take up a public collection for his own benefit. So the church has vested authority in the steward to stand as it were between the preacher and the church, thereby preserving the dignity of the ministry.

How few stewards realize their duty in regard to making provisions for the support of the ministry. I have seen stewards neglect this matter to a sinful extent. The Bishop appoints a preacher to a circuit; he goes immediately to his field of labor. The preacher calls the stewards together, and they assess his salary. The quarterly conference arrives, and the stewards have failed to make any effort to raise the much needed "quarterage." The poor preacher goes home to his family with a sad heart. He was sent to preach the gospel, depending on the stewards for a support; but how can he preach when he and his family are suffering for food and clothes? How can he be interested in the work when the stewards are regular "figure heads," knowing nothing and caring less of his wants? It is impossible.

Nine cases out of ten, if the stewards will do their duty, the preacher will do his. But if you want to see a failure, just put a preacher under a "come day, go day" sort of stewards, and you will be sure to see it. Let the stewards be live, wide-awake men, full of energy and get-up, and the preacher will keep pace.

If any steward reads this, please examine yourself, and see if you are doing all you can to support your pastor; if you are not, get to work, and do better all your life.

God pity the steward that will see his preacher in want, and make no effort to raise the quarterage. OBSERVER.

CONVENTIONS VS. PRAYER-MEETING.

Strange caption, you say. Yes, but one that is nevertheless suggestive. This is a year of conventions, nominations and elections; a year in which blood will grow warm, and in some instances boiling hot. Not a county but that will have convention after convention at their centres, and isolated indeed will be the schoolhouse that will not furnish a center for the enthusiastic neighborhood gathering. The old timer will be there to tell of the days of the fathers who fought and suffered for their country, while the young orator will thrill the youth of the land with enthusiasm for the cause he advocates. The faithfulness with which the old land-marker has stood by the ship in storm and calm, and the enthusiastic devotion of the young aspirant blend in beautiful harmony. In their hands are placed the pending issues that must eventuate in the salvation of the country.

No time to be lost, no lounging around, no expenses too great; all depends upon prompt, faithful, united effort. Behold the interest at stake! How can we as faithful guardians, the honored custodians of interest so sacred, sit silent and unmoved?

On the streets and highways, wherever neighbors chance to meet, the one absorbing question will be, the salvation of the country. The call of the chairman of these meetings is responded to with enthusiastic unanimity. Men, young and old, who have solemnly vowed in the presence of God and the whole congregation to attend upon the ordinances and support the institutions of the church, who have heard their pastor time and again announce and urge their attendance at the prayer-meeting; members who live in hearing of the church-bell, never fail in their appearance at the prayer-meeting, are found at the neighborhood schoolhouse, at a late hour, helping to devise ways and means to secure the full salvation of the country. Speak to them about the prayer-meeting, and they are so tired, nights so dark, roads so muddy, devil so dim, etc., O, the sharpness of the vision all along this line! Surely these are some of the traps set by Satan for the destruction of the unwary. Brother, for God's sake, and your soul's interest, don't speak untruthfully to your soul again. Just come out frankly, truly and honestly; tell your God, your pastor, the church, that you have more interest in earthly than in spiritual things. Let an honest confession confound Satan and deliver your soul, and finally, let the enthusiastic Methodist, who can remember the time and place of all these political conventions, and without a failure attend, but can never remember the time of the prayer-meeting, go to his room, and in the fear of God, read Malachi, III, and Matt. xxv:14-30, inclusive.

GEO. T. NICHOLS.

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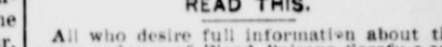
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THE ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

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The great body of Christians in general have for ages looked upon missions as a branch of Christian benevolence. In prosecuting this work they are getting nearer to each other, because this obedience to Christ brings them nearer to him, their common Lord.

SINS OF FASHIONABLE SOCIETY. Trinity Church, New York, is the wealthiest in the United States. Its rector, Dr. Morgan Dix, is one of the leaders of the Episcopal Church in America.

BOOK-KEEPING.

A correspondent recently suggested that the General Conference have a system of book-keeping prepared, and that the bishops put it in the course of study.

four years' course is in many instances the only curriculum ever studied by the preacher. Full of zeal, and with a consciousness of a commission to preach the gospel, he directs his attention to the weightier matters of the law, and the necessary mint and rue and anise and cummin are sometimes sadly neglected.

The following clipping from the Christian Advocate of March 31st illustrates the necessity for a system of book-keeping better even than the statement made above.

A number of the reports had no name of the charge nor of the pastor; several reported presiding elder assessed nothing, paid nothing; so with bishops' fund. Others reported money with no specified object.

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might almost be said, with the suggestiveness of a Zola. To keep to the straight and narrow path of settled principle, clean living and purity of heart says Dr. Dix, is much harder now for our young people than it was a quarter of a century ago.

"MANIFEST IN THE FLESH." Our Cumberland Presbyterian brethren are considerably agitated over a question that was in our papers two years ago.

What is there incompatible between what is sometimes called by way of a sneer, "The Mercantile Theory," the "Substitutional Theory," and the "Rectoral Theory," when properly stated? It is true that advocates of the different views contradict each other, but do the theories themselves do so?

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Church in 1844 was providential, and for the best interest of Methodism in particular, and Christianity in general, in both the Northern and Southern States? 2. The two churches, being now well organized, and prepared for evangelical work in their respective spheres, may it not still be best for each to maintain its distinct organization, and prosecute its own work at home and abroad, under its own direction?

We have in mind a Texas city in which an elegant church edifice of the Methodist Episcopal Church stands within a few blocks of a similar edifice of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Two things we should bear in mind in considering the subject of organic union of the two Methodisms: 1. There are real difficulties in the way which must not be overlooked.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES give, under date Chicago, April 3, a brief mention of a discussion of the Methodist preachers of that great city of the Northwest on this interesting subject.

The debate upon the organic union of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the meeting of Methodist ministers, called forth some extreme differences of opinion. A committee appointed at a former meeting reported a resolution declaring for organic union.

Rev. H. B. Ridaway, president of the Garrett Biblical Institute, favored union. Rev. W. R. Stowe related a number of incidents of the ill treatment experienced by himself and other Northern clergymen at the hands of Southern ministers.

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ing the 12th verse, we find these diverse washings called sprinklings: "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean sanctifyeth to the purifying of the flesh," etc.

Again, in Revelation xix: 13, we read: "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped (habuimention) in blood." The revised version very properly translates this "sprinkled with blood."

Early Representations of Baptism.—In the January number of the Century Magazine there is an article on the catacombs of Rome, written by Dr. Philip Schaff, the most distinguished living historian of the church, with fac simile representations of frescoes found in the catacombs.

One of these is a picture of John baptizing the Savior. John stands on the bank, dips his hand in water and sprinkles it upon the head of the Savior, while the dove is seen descending upon him. There is another baptismal picture—that of a boy. Here, too, the minister is standing on the bank of a stream, lifting up the liquid element in his hand and placing it on the boy's head, both in an erect posture.

No early painting ever discovered, or scriptural representation of baptism, indicates the immersion of the candidates. These illustrations of the meaning of the word, and of the manner in which the ordinance was administered, ought to settle this controversy.

EDITORIAL BRIEVITIES.

REPORTS of the week of prayer are coming in. THE ADVOCATE hopes that the debt is off the Board and a comfortable cash balance in the treasury.

DR. HAYGOOD preached in Waco last Sunday. His theme in the morning was, "A Knowledge of God in Nature and Providence and the Bible Essential to Appropriate and True Prayer."

KEEP UP WITH YOUR MISSION AND TRACTS, Bro. John, especially tracts full of facts and figures concerning the acts of the missionary apostles, with the fruits of their labors. Let the people have light.

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A TELEGRAM from Rev. J. T. H. Miller, referring to article of Rev. E. B. Chappell in ADVOCATE of 12th instant, says: "DENING, NEW MEXICO.—Outside road—100 miles away. Second Chappell's motion: Light on missions."

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will meet in Waco on the 17th of May. This church is thoroughly evangelized. All the Methodists in Texas will wish them a delightful session and great spiritual results.

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The above clipping strikes us as stranger than the meeting referred to. One who did not know better would suppose from the above that all conversions to the Campbellite faith were quite satisfactory. If they are, our brethren of that persuasion are easily satisfied. It is hardly possible that the Messenger will assert that even all who join his particular set are model Christians.

days there was an addition whenever there was a conversion, and every person converted was added." By what authority sayest thou these things, and who gave thee this authority? If they were added, it was certainly not to that sect raised up in the nineteenth century of the Christian era under the leadership of Alexander Campbell.

DEATH OF REV. R. H. BELVIN.

A dispatch from San Marcos, April 14, says: "Rev. R. H. Belvin, a superannuated minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his home here yesterday. He has been declining in health for some years and his death was not unexpected. He had been in the ministry for nearly forty years, the greater portion of the time in this State. He was known as a pastor in every hamlet and almost every family in Western Texas. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and here at home he was loved for his Christian character and genial nature."

SOUTHERN METHODIST ITEMS.

—The series of Catechisms, four in number, ordered by the last General Conference, are going through the hands of the Bishops for approval.

—The Methodists in Southern California are building churches and dedicating churches at a rate never known before in the history of this country.

—The Chinese Methodists of San Francisco want a chapel right down in the center of Chinatown, where they can do real hand-to-hand mission service.

—Cornelius Vanderbilt has just given Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn., an additional donation of \$20,000 to enlarge the school of engineering.

—The Rev. David Morton, D. D., gives in the Nashville a thrilling account of the presence of "Uncle Larry" at the Central Mexican Mission Conference in the City of Mexico.

—Rev. P. A. Johnston, presiding elder of the Brandon district, was appointed agent of the Centenary College by Bishop Keener. If a big, noble heart will command success, Centenary will receive an endowment.

—Dr. C. K. Marshall, of Vicksburg, who is one of Methodist's representative men, is still strong in body, mind, and heart. His preaching is attractive and popular as ever. The trustees of the Peabody Fund would honor their cause by giving him the general agency.

—Work will soon begin on Bishop Gallows' residence in Jackson. It will cost about \$5000 besides the lot. Mrs. Gallows is as universally popular as the eloquent Bishop. Major Misaps, Col. Nugent, and Hon. Peter James are interesting themselves in a substantial way in the erection of the Bishop's residence.

—The Virginia Bible Society held its seventy-fifth anniversary at Centenary Methodist church, on Thursday, March 29. Rev. C. H. Read, D. D., presided. Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., one of the Bishops of the Southern Methodist Church, made the address before the society. The audience was the choice Christian people of the city—devout, cultured and catholic.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

—The editor of the Los Angeles Advocate has started a subscription to raise \$500 for the missionary debt, and is making good progress with it.

—The heathen are dying at the rate of 100,000 a day, and Christians are giving to save them at the rate of one-tenth of a cent a day each.

—Rev. Young J. Allen was at Chattanooga, Tenn., last Sunday week, and is now in the West, where he will spend the time until the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in May.

—Dr. and Mrs. Nystrom and their niece, from Stockholm, left England on Jan. 10 to found a new Swedish mission in Algeria. They represent the Swedish Missionary Association.

—In the American Board Mission at Baidundo, West Central Africa, a church has been organized of fourteen members, all of whom are under twenty years of age. Several others are waiting for baptism. Convert, Raleigh Christian Advocate: The fact that more than 2000 of the students now in the colleges of the country, 500 of whom are women, have volunteered to go into the foreign missionary work, ought to fire the zeal and open the pocket-books of the Christian people of this country.

—Miss Leche Rankin answered the pressing call for a teacher in Kading, and leaving the comfortable surroundings of Pleasant College at Nantising, went bravely, all alone to dwell in that heathen city, that she might establish such a school as her sainted sister Dora had thought and tarred off before called for her reward in heaven.

—The Mohammedans are at work in Africa. If we delay, the present difficulties of evangelization will be at least doubled. For "Mohammedanism, so far from being a stepping-stone to Christianity, is one of the very strongest fortresses of unbelief. Converts from Mohammedanism are comparatively few."

—The Rev. H. Richards, of the American Baptist Mission of the Congo, writes from Bana Mankete that more converts have been baptized, making the number of baptized Christians about 28, who have also been enrolled as church members. Persecution is strong in some parts. Three people, for professing to be Christians, were killed by the heathen.

—The Michigan Advocate says: "Tieng-Hok, the Chinese lay delegate to the General Conference, is a merchant, is wealthy, and a man of large and generous heart. He has a native and an English residence, most elegantly furnished, in which he has entertained all the foresters, merchants and officials, in royal style. Before he united with the church he gave \$10,000 to our mission. He has since given \$100,000 to support the mission to Corea. As a heathen man he supported a founding asylum of 100 girls."

—In the United States there is one minister to 700 people; in China, one ordained missionary to 1,000,000. Of the 300,000,000 of Africa, 140,000,000 have not been touched by Christian teachers. The United States has 80,000 preachers, while India, with five times the population, has but 700 ordained missionaries. Do not fear that our country will be depleted; for only one and three-tenths per cent. of our population go to the foreign field, and of each 100,000 communicants in America only twenty-one go to the foreign field.

—The eighth annual meeting of the Rangoon Methodist Episcopal Church was held Dec. 5, 1887. The pastor, Rev. S. P. Long, reported ninety-two members and fifteen probationers. The Sabbath school has 250 names on the roll and has been under the superintendence of Rev. R. W. Munson. The congregations are large, and nearly every week during the year there were conversions. Last year a Methodist Episcopal Home for Orphan and Destitute Children was founded.

—There are two colleges in Canada—Knob and Queen's—each of which is about to send a man to China and to support him for life. The undergraduates of Princeton College, New Jersey, have subscribed \$1,500 for the support of a college missionary. The students of Princeton Theological Seminary have contributed \$700. Eighty-five people, each contributing twenty-five cents a week, will pay the salary of a missionary. Considering the number of persons employed, the achieved success is indeed marvelous.

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Christian Guardian gives the following statistics of much interest: In 1851 the Protestant missions in India and Burma had 232 stations...

As one of the Curators of the Southwestern University, W. P. Wilson should have been put down in the list of appointments as Junior preacher on Smithfield circuit...

Granbury District. Granbury district will embrace the first Sunday in July at Granbury. We will convene Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, June 27, 1888...

Revival at Sweetwater. -M. L. Moody, April 13: Our protracted meeting has closed with a place with gratifying results. We continued over two Sundays...

AN OUTRAGE. The following resolutions were passed by the citizens of Leakey and vicinity in mass meeting, March 28, 1888:

We, the citizens of Leakey and vicinity, assembled in mass meeting for the purpose of denouncing the treatment received by the Rev. J. P. Ferrin, the Methodist minister...

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD. The tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will convene on Thursday, May 3, 1888, in Nashville, Tenn.

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The opening exercises of the annual meeting will be held at McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn., at 8 p. m. Thursday, May 4...

A preliminary meeting of the officers and managers will be held Thursday at 10 o'clock, at the same place...

The response was prompt and decisive. Forty-one votes were received unanimously in favor of the change to Nashville; hence the change as announced above...

TEXAS CONFERENCE. The Minutes. Instead of announcing the names of delinquent charges, in the matter of paying for the minutes, it gives the names of those which have been paid in the order in which they were paid...

ERRATA NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE MINUTES. At my request the brethren have noticed one of some errors in the printed minutes of the North Texas Conference, hereby notice that R. M. Power's name should have appeared...

Woodland circuit was omitted from list of appointments with L. M. Woodard preacher in charge. S. L. Ball should appear preacher in charge of Rosalie circuit...

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Georgetown District. Brethren, you will please furnish me at once with names of your local preachers and delegates to district conference to convene at Liberty Hill, Tuesday morning, May 29, at 9 o'clock...

The Georgetown District Conference will convene at Liberty Hill, Tuesday, May 29, at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Wilson will be with us. Rev. D. H. Dickey will preach the opening sermon...

Corpus Christi District. Our district conference for Corpus Christi district will be held at Lagarto, beginning Thursday night, May 10, with preaching. The recording stewards are requested to be on hand with the quarterly conference records for examination...

Salpurg Springs District Conference. On account of a called meeting of the Board of Publication at Dallas, on the 25th of this month, I have postponed the district conference at Winsboro two days. It will convene on Saturday, the 25th, at 9 o'clock a. m. instead of Thursday, as formerly announced...

The Waco Advance. Prohibition is not "dead." Dr. Cranfill's Prohibition paper, The Waco Advance, is still published weekly, at \$1.50 a year; to ministers, \$1.00. Clubbed with the New York Voice, \$1.85. The Advance believes in Prohibition with a party back of the law to enforce it. Samples free. Address, J. B. Cranfill, Waco, Texas.

Yes, that is the number—just the number of interested, reading subscribers wanted for the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. And the number it ought to have. And why that number? Let us consider: We are in the Empire State of the Southwest. Look at its vast area—from the Gulf on the south to the Indian Territory on the north...

And now, from the most thickly populated, we are fast coming up into one of the great States in the Union, The Church, with her literature, must keep pace with this incoming tide of population. Our five organized annual conferences, with the German Mission and Mexican Border Mission Conferences, earnestly desire to occupy every inch of ground available for sowing the seeds of gospel truth and righteousness...

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Live Stock Markets.

Table listing live stock market prices for Texas, Kansas, and other areas.

Cotton Market.

Table listing cotton market prices for various grades and origins.

Dallas Local Markets.

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For Old and Young. This Liver Pills act kindly on the child, the delicate female or infirm old age, as upon the vigorous man.

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SANGER BROTHERS. EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTIONS FOR THIS WEEK. DRESS GOODS. Silks. Embroideries. Laces. Muslin Underwear.

SANGER BROTHERS. DRESS GOODS. In colored Dress Goods we announce bargains that no other house can offer. On last Monday morning we placed on sale 50 Pieces of Serges, 40 inches wide, at 35c a yard.

PARASOLS. We are now displaying all grades and styles in Parasols, including Ombre Striped Silk, Striped and Large Plaid Silk and Changeable Moire, with trimmings of Chantilly and other handsome Laces. We call especial attention to two lots: LOT No. 1 consists of Striped Satin and Silk Figured Parasols at \$1.00, which is cheap at \$1.50.

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Church Notices.

Month	Day	Event
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FORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

W. H. B. Church	Wed. 17th Sun in April
W. H. B. Church	4th Sun in April
W. H. B. Church	11th Sun in April
W. H. B. Church	18th Sun in April
W. H. B. Church	25th Sun in April
W. H. B. Church	2d Sun in May
W. H. B. Church	9th Sun in May
W. H. B. Church	16th Sun in May
W. H. B. Church	23rd Sun in May

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Lampson	Friday, 11 o'clock
Lampson	Apr 20
Lampson	Apr 27
Lampson	Apr 24
Lampson	Apr 21
Lampson	Apr 18
Lampson	Apr 15
Lampson	Apr 12
Lampson	Apr 9
Lampson	Apr 6

The Boy.

That boy in worldly greatness grows,
And even he receives his due.
Who when he says he knows—his knows,
Why do you know, Mr. Jones, I thought that
if anybody ever got there it would be you.

My beloved brethren,

on Sabbath morning a collection will be taken up for our Fiji mission. "Amen," said fervently. "And I would add, that amens make but little rattle in the contribution box. Let us unite in prayer."

Special Notices.

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SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Harford	4th Sun in April
Kerville	11th Sun in April
Kerville	18th Sun in April
Kerville	25th Sun in April
Kerville	2d Sun in May
Kerville	9th Sun in May
Kerville	16th Sun in May
Kerville	23rd Sun in May

Abilene District.

The Abilene District Conference will convene at Abilene, Thursday, June 14, at 9 o'clock a. m. It is probable Bishop Wilson will preside. The district conference sessions will be held at Abilene, Texas. The sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The sessions will be held at 9 o'clock a. m. The sessions will be held at 9 o'clock a. m. The sessions will be held at 9 o'clock a. m.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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District Conferences.

Corpus Christi District.
Our district conference for Corpus Christi District will be held at Laguna, beginning Thursday night, May 10, with preaching. The sessions will be held at Laguna, Texas. The sessions will be held at Laguna, Texas. The sessions will be held at Laguna, Texas.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Coleville	at Cox's H. 4th Sun in April
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PARIS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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Georgetown District.

The Georgetown District Conference will convene at Georgetown, Thursday, June 14, at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Wilson will be with us. The sessions will be held at Georgetown, Texas. The sessions will be held at Georgetown, Texas. The sessions will be held at Georgetown, Texas.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Belton	4th Sun in April
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VICTORIA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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GRANBURY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Stewart	4th Sun in April
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SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST—SECOND ROUND.

Riley Springs	4th Sun in April
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GATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Clifton	4th Sun in April
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SAN SABA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Madisonville	4th Sun in April
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Rising Star	4th Sun in April
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CALVERT DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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DALLAS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

McKinney	4th Sun in April
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TERRELL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Kaufman	4th Sun in April
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WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Waxahatche	4th Sun in April
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SHERMAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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PALESTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Maestri	4th Sun in April
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WENTWORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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—Old Lady (sharply) to boy in

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May the Lord find his "whole armor" on us, and help us to keep it bright by constant use.

Marriages.

ROBERTS—MRS. SARAH MOUNTCASTLE, April 1, 1888, by Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, Mr. T. C. Boone, of Collin county, to Miss Cora M. Boone, of Allen, Texas.

Obituaries.

REV. WILLIAM FLECHER JONES was born in South Carolina, Asheville district, April 8, 1810; was converted and joined the Methodist Church in his seventeenth year; moved to Georgia with his father in the year 1825; was licensed to preach in 1832, and was in the traveling connection for some years, then located; was married to Nancy Melan Gillis Feb. 12, 1837; was ordained deacon by Bishop Morris in the Holston Conference at La Fayette, Ga., in the year 1840; moved from Georgia to Alabama in the year 1847; moved from Alabama to North-west Texas, in the year 1852, where he lived until his death at Desdemona, Eastland county, Texas, Feb. 12, 1888.

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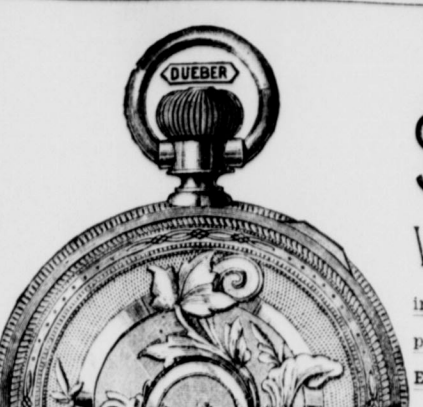
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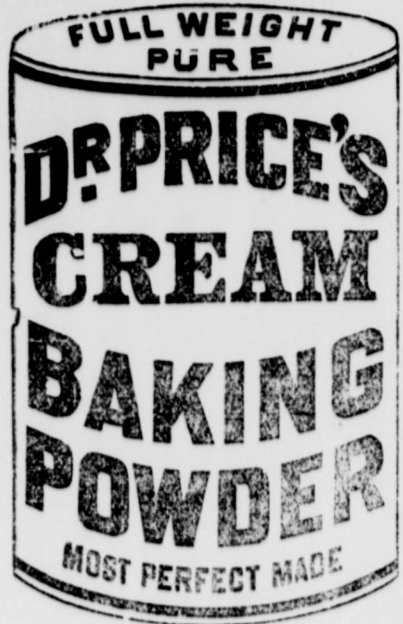
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Over the State.

Ed. Christian died at Austin, Mrs. S. M. Davis died at Willis, Mrs. Tyler C. Williams died at San Antonio.

Texas Fires. Corsicana Iron works destroyed; Jones \$2000. A fire at Atlanta destroyed twelve houses belonging to: Ed. Estelle, three; Jo Miller, one; P. E. Hogan, one; Geo. Spearman, one; J. Bloussard, one; D. M. O'Farrell, one; W. G. Henderson, one; S. L. Henderson, one; J. D. Johnson, one; and S. L. Baker, one.

Parker county has had a horror in the shape of a daughter murdered by her father. A Mexican boy was crushed between the cars at Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi has ordered bonds for \$50,000 waterworks. O'Connor bonds, of Victoria, have just sold 1000 four-year-old heaves.

Pittsburg and San Antonio Railroad, has filed an answer in the suit of the State, demurring to plaintiff's petition for insolvency and denying wrong, injuries and trespasses alleged.

W. C. Padgett, with his son Charlie, left last Monday morning for the City of Mexico. Tom Padgett of Waco, will join them at Fort Worth. They go on a prospecting and recreation trip.

The last Kansas brewery has been closed. The funny part is, Judge Brewer, of the United States Court, did it. Hon. Isaac C. Parsons, a soprano singer in the North Avenue Methodist Church, Pittsburg, Penn., has disappeared mysteriously.

The Interstate Commerce bill has been amended to apply to the transportation of oil by pipes. \$75,000 has been appropriated for Fort Worth's federal building.

Bismarck is reported as having abandoned his opposition to the marriage of Prince Alexander and Princess Victoria. Gen. Boulanger received 29,500 votes against M. Clerjonnie for a seat in the Chamber of Deputies.



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Business Failures. The American Exchange in Europe (limited) is reported to have failed for \$4,000,000. The concern has had no credit rating at Bradstreet's for a year past.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

April 10—Horace Bishop, sub. J. F. Sherwood, sub. John T. Graham, sub. W. K. Simpson, sub. J. W. Smith, has attention.

April 13—A. B. Ward, sub. H. H. Vaughan, sub. T. Holland, sub. F. J. Thompson, sub. John W. Murphy, sub. D. F. Fuller, sub. Henry T. Hill, sub. J. C. Calhoun, sub.

April 14—C. C. Smith, sub. L. C. Ellis, sub. one at half price, sub. M. White, sub. J. R. Henson, sub. M. D. Long, sub. E. W. Alderson, sub. O. T. Hotchkiss, sub. J. P. Finney, sub. R. L. Allen, sub. W. O. Shuman, sub. W. Woodrow, sub. J. W. Montgomery, sub. J. J. Davis, change made.

April 15—G. W. Swiford, sub. R. H. Simpson, sub. W. E. Rector, sub. J. T. Gillett, sub. A. J. Frick, sub. B. M. Stewart, sub. W. Sprague, sub. S. L. Ball, sub. R. H. Nelson, sub. J. B. Guber, sub. A. P. Smith, sub. W. L. Harry, sub. B. F. Badgett, sub. L. F. Smith, sub. S. H. Brown, change made.

April 17—Geo. A. LeClere, sub. J. P. Mussett, sub. 2 cards, sub. John S. Davis, sub. W. H. LeFevre, sub. Chas. A. Hooper, sub. G. H. Wainwright, sub. W. P. Pickett, sub. H. Oden, sub. W. Price, change made.

April 18—J. L. Woodson, sub. R. A. Hall, sub. T. O. Duncan, sub. Geo. C. Stovall, sub. A. G. Nolan, sub. J. P. Caldwell, sub. G. Powledge, sub. Geo. Hughes, sub. E. J. Matthews, sub. S. L. Ball, sub. R. H. Nelson, sub. J. B. Guber, sub. A. P. Smith, sub. W. L. Harry, sub. B. F. Badgett, sub. L. F. Smith, sub. S. H. Brown, change made.



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