

Texas Christian Advocate.

Old and Young.

GRAMMAR IN POETRY.

Teis is, without doubt, the briefest grammar of the English language in existence, and every one should commit the lines to memory:

- I. Three little words you often see, Are articles—a, an and the.
- II. A noun's the name of anything, As school or garden, hoop or swing.
- III. Adjectives, the kind of noun, As great, small, pretty, white or brown.
- IV. Instead of nouns the pronouns stand— Her head, his face, your arm, my hand.
- V. Verbs tell something to be done— To read, count, laugh, sing, jump or run.
- VI. How things are done the adverbs tell, As slowly, quickly, ill or well.
- VII. Conjunctions join the words together, As men and women, wind or weather.
- VIII. The preposition stands before A noun, as in or through the door.
- IX. The interjection shows surprise, As Oh! how pretty; Ah! how wise!

The whole are called nine parts of speech, Which reading, writing, speaking teach.

THE LITTLE NEWS-MAN.

It was no wonder that the men stopped their work and stared; it was so wonder that one or two of them laughed for a moment. It looked so strange and somehow out of place. None of us had ever seen or heard anything like it before.

It was in the yard of the largest marble works in the city of Chicago. Ever so many fine monuments, delicately carved and finished, stood there complete to show how well work could be done; and then there was work in all stages of finish, some pieces of marble just begun to be chiseled; little and great, simple and elegant. Then there were broken pieces of marble lying there apparently useless, and some other, but broken in process of chiseling.

Not one of all these escaped the quick eye of the little street vagrant (as any of us would have called him) who had entered the yard a few moments before with such a business air, and walked from one to the other and scanned them closely.

We had paid little attention to him, for we thought that for want of something worse to do, probably, he had just wandered in. It was his first question that startled us. The smiles died away from the faces of all as we listened to him and watched him. He stepped nearer the one that he took to be boss among us, and said:

"I say, mister, how much does this cost?" He pointed to a plain marble slab that looked simple enough in the midst of so many finer ones. I can't tell you how this question sounded, for you can't hear his voice. It had in it something which brought tears instead of smiles.

The boss named the price, a disappointed look crept over the face of the ragged little newsboy, and with a forced smile that was sadder than tears, he looked up, with:

"Why, that's more than I thought; I ain't able to pay that."

He went on through the smaller ones, inquiring the price of each, and each time looking his disappointment that all were too costly for his small means. Finally he stopped in front of a broken shaft of marble, (one of the remains of an accident the day before.) He took off his ragged hat, and gazing at the broken stone for a few moments, he stammered out through tears:

"I say, mister, that looks like her, somehow. How much may I have it for?"

He was asked if he would want it lettered, and when it was explained to him what that meant, and that it would cost something to have it done, he said:

"No; I can't afford that; but p'raps I can manage that myself," and again that sad, forced smile.

"Ye see," he went on, "mother and I were all there were left of us, leastways as far as we knew, for we haven't heard from father for ever so long. We kept house together. I earned what I could, and mother she worked as long as she was able. She wasn't very old, but she was always crying, only when she cheered up to make her little son happy—that's what she called me; but she couldn't cheer up for long. She grew sicker and sicker, and—well—I did all I could for her, but—she died last week."

The little fellow was sobbing now as he leaned on the broken shaft that reminded him of his mother.

His tears were not the only ones, I can tell you. We nodded to the boss, and he named a price so small that the manly little fellow looked up with amazement that at last he had found something within his means. He quickly closed the bargain and counted out the nickels and pennies for his prize. He walked about for a few moments among the stones spelling out, as best he could, the inscriptions, asked several questions about how it was done, and how long it took; then hastily went out like a man of business, saying:

"I'll be after it to-morrow."

He came toward the middle of the day, when the morning papers were all sold. He had a little four-wheeled cart on which he asked us to load the stone; and never a purchaser had left that yard with a sweeter, sadder satisfaction than our lit-

tle hero. He took the streets toward the cemetery—we knew for we watched him—and a more curious and interested set of men you never saw than were our workmen, to know what had become of our little newsman, as we grew to calling him, for he didn't seem like a boy to us.

We half expected he would turn up some day to learn more about the lettering or something, but he never came, and our curiosity, we thought, was likely never to be gratified.

One Monday morning as we gathered at our work, one of the men who, we had noticed, seemed particularly sober, startled us with:

"I say, boys, wouldn't you like to know what became of our little newsman?"

"Yes, yes; what do you know of him?" came from several at once, and work was forgotten for a time as we listened to the story of our little hero to the end.

"Well," said the workman, "I will own I have thought of the little fellow every day since he was here; and somehow couldn't get rid of the thought that I should like to know what became of him. How to find out I couldn't tell, for not one of us had asked where he lived, or his name, or knew any one who could tell us. Yesterday I thought of a plan, and so in the afternoon I started for the cemetery I thought it likely he had carried his stone to. I was lucky, for at almost my first question the man in charge seemed to know whom I meant, and asked if I would know the stone if I saw it. I told him I would, and he started with me toward a corner of the cemetery that I was afraid was the Potter's Field. I asked him if he was taking me to the paupers' burying-ground, for I could not somehow bear to think that our little newsman's mother had had no better place to be laid away in. He answered:

"No; but if it had not been for one of your good churches down there in the city, she would have fared no better than all other paupers. You know the big mission church down there on the avenue? Well, they couldn't think of burying their Sunday-school scholars in the Potter's Field, if they were 'only paupers,' many of them, and so several years ago they bought a big lot up here just for them, and there's where I'm taking you. Here it is," he said, as we stopped in front of a big lot, nicely fixed up—and sure enough there was our monument, at the head of one of the larger graves; I knew it at once, just as it was when it left our yard, I was going to say, until I got a little nearer to it, and saw what the little chap had done. Oh, boys, I can't describe to you the lettering on that stone. I confess that something blurred my eyes so I couldn't read it at first. The little man had tried to keep the lines straight, and evidently thought that capitals would make it look better and bigger, for nearly every letter was a capital. I copied it, and here it is, but you want to see it on the stone to appreciate it:

MY MOTHER
SHEE DIDE LAST WEAK
SHEE WAS ALL I HAD. SHEE
SED SHEAD Dee WAITIN Fur—
And here, boys, the lettering stopped. After a while I went back to the man in charge, and asked him what further he knew of the little fellow who brought the stone.

"Not much," he said, "not much. Didn't you notice a fresh little grave near the one with the stone? Well, he lies there. He had been coming here every afternoon for some time, working away at that stone, and one day I missed him, and then for several days. Then the man came out from that church that had buried the mother, and ordered the grave dug by her side. I asked if it was for the little chap. He said it was. He had sold his papers all out one day, and was hurrying along the street out this way. He didn't notice the runaway team just above the crossing, and—well—he was run over and didn't live but a day or two. He had in his hand when he was picked up an old file, sharpened down to a point, that he did all the lettering on that stone with. They said he seemed to be thinking only of that till he died, for he kept saying: 'I didn't get it done, but she'll know I meant to finish it, won't she? I'll tell her so, for she'll be waiting for me,' and, boys, he died with those words on his lips."

We were still for awhile; none of us wanted to say anything.

"And now, boys, what shall we do?" said the man who had told us this story.

"Do; why here is what I want to do," said one of the youngest men, who had only himself to look after: "Get the best stone in the yard, and here's a V to begin it."

We all threw in, and if we didn't get him the best stone, we got him a good one. Under his name—we got it from the superintendent of the school, and put it on because of the father, who might some day come back—we put: "He loved his mother;" and I'll warrant you will find no better lettering in that cemetery than you will find on that stone.

The superintendent of the Sunday-school wanted us to let him know when we put up the stone, and we did, and a regular delegation of them went out with us, he and some of the teachers, all of the little newsman's class, and a good many of the other scholars, and the good man who built the church got into the city the night before and came out with them. He had heard something of the story from the teacher, but you ought to have seen him when he looked at those stones; the tears ran down his cheeks, and he didn't try to stop them either.

He made a little speech, after we

had set the stone, and told the scholars how the little fellow had loved and worked for his mother, and how he had denied himself to put up this little stone to her memory. He told them that the little fellow loved the Savior, too, and tried to live to please him.

"Children," he said, "I would rather be that brave, loving, Christian newsboy, and lie there with that on my tombstone, than the king of the world, and not love and respect my mother."

And all I have to say is, I believe many a great, rich one dies without leaving half as much to the world as the little newsman did.

HELEN KELLER.

The Advance.
Nearly eight years ago, June 27, 1880, a little baby girl was born in Tuscomb, Ala. She was a bright, active child, and when she was nineteen months old she could walk, and was fast learning to talk. Then she had a severe illness, and for several days it was thought she could not live. She did, however, but when she was quite well otherwise it was found that she could neither hear nor see. Of course, not hearing anybody else talk, she soon forgot how herself, and before she was two years old she was deaf, dumb and blind.

But she had a busy little brain. She followed her mother around everywhere, and felt of everything, and learned its use.

Her parents took her to a great many physicians, but none could help her. So they finally employed Miss Sullivan, a graduate of the Perkins Institution for the blind, who came in March, 1887, to be her teacher. Miss Sullivan says:

"I found her a bright, active, well-grown girl, with a clear and healthful complexion, and pretty brown hair. She was quick and graceful in her movements. She has a merry laugh, and is fond of romping with other children. Her disposition is sweet and gentle, and she is remarkably affectionate and demonstrative.

Her fondness for dress and finery is as noticeable as that of any seeing girl. She is happiest when she has on her best dresses, and she spends much time over her toilet."

Miss Sullivan took Helen's doll for her first lesson. After she had felt it until her curiosity was satisfied, her teacher took her hand and passed it over the doll, then she made the letters D-O-L-L slowly with the finger alphabet, Helen holding her hand and feeling the motions of her fingers. After the second time she dropped the doll, followed the motions of her teacher's fingers with one hand, and made the letters herself with the other hand, and in a very short time she had learned it. This process was repeated with other words, and in a little while she had learned six words—doll, hat, mug, cup, pin, and ball—and when one of these things was given her, would spell its name with her fingers. She was greatly pleased with every new object whose name she thus learned, and it was strange that she found no greater trouble in learning long, hard names, than in easy ones. Her teacher says:

"Never did a child apply herself more joyfully to any task than did Helen to the acquisition of new words. In a few days she had mastered the manual alphabet, and learned upward of one hundred names. At the end of August she knew 625 words."

Next she was taught the verbs, beginning with sit, stand, shut, open. Then prepositions followed, and she learned the meaning of on and in, etc. All this was done with the finger alphabet alone.

Soon Miss Sullivan began to teach her to read printed words in raised letters, making the letter with her fingers, and passing Helen's hand over the same letter printed. In one day she had learned all the printed letters, both capital and small; and then she began to spell out such words as she was familiar with.

Soon after Miss Sullivan began to teach her to write. She was greatly delighted when she found she could express herself in this way; and when she had written her first sentence, "Cat does drink milk," and carried it to her mother, who spelled each word to her on her fingers, she was so overjoyed she could scarcely restrain herself.

In a little over a month from her first lesson in writing, and only four months from her beginning to study, this little deaf, dumb, and blind girl, not yet eight years old, wrote a letter, a fac simile of which is given in Lend a Hand, which not many little girls of that age, who have all their senses, would be able to write.

Since then her progress has been wonderful. She reads and writes with no difficulty, and is so happy to think she has a way of communicating with other people. She seems to grasp ideas intuitively.

We will all remember little Helen Keller and make note of her progress from year to year, but some of us will have to see to it that with all our eyes and ears, she does not get ahead of us.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

Youth's Companion.
There is material for half a dozen good sermons in the following anecdote. No one will question who was the true gentleman: On a Fort Wayne train approaching Chicago there was a short statured, straight-haired, copper-colored Indian going back to the reservation after a trip to the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa. He wore a nice suit of clothes, which fitted him badly, and a paper collar, without any necktie. He attended strictly to his own busi-

ness, and was unmolested until a young fellow came into the smoking-car from the sleeper.

"An Indian, I guess," said the young man, as he lighted his cigarette. And then approaching the son of the plains, he attracted general attention by shouting, with strange gestures—

"Ugh, heap big Injun! Omaha! Sloux! Pawnee? See Great Father? Have drink of fire-water? Warm Injun's blood!"

The copper-colored savage gazed at the young man a moment with an ill-concealed expression of disgust on his face, and then he said, with good pronunciation:

"You must have been reading dime novels, sir. I am going back to my people in Montana, after spending three years in the East at school. I advise you to do the same thing. No; I don't drink whisky. Where I live gentlemen do not carry whisky flasks in their pockets."

The cigarette was not smoked out, and amid a general laugh a much crest-fallen young man retired to the sleeping-coach.

POOR HANDWRITING.

There is a foolish notion that it is a sign of genius to have a poor handwriting, simply because a few eminent people have written illegibly. Three famous Americans—Horace Greeley, Rufus Choate and Caleb Cushing—were noted for their wretched chirography, and many an anecdote is told at their expense in consequence. Mr. Greeley, who was editor of the New York Tribune, once wrote a placard bearing the words: "Entrance on Spruce." The printers puzzled over the copy, and this singular notice appeared on the door: "Editor's on a spree!" Benjamin Franklin, on the contrary, wrote one of the finest autographs of the men of that period. Washington's signature, too, is written firmly and neatly. John Adams wrote a plain, round hand, without any affectation, and all are familiar with the bold, heavy strokes of John Hancock. Of the Pilgrim fathers, Elder Brewster had one of the most striking autographs, which looks as if written with a stick.

BITTERNESS.

Journal of Health.
The effect upon the bodily health of the mind harassed by bitterness and anger is to propagate derangements and infirmities. The appetite lessens, digestion is impaired, and then follow other functional disorders. The nervous system suffers from continual mental irritability, and hysteria, headache, and other painful affections, often owe their origin to this prejudicial influence. As has been said, "An irritable and fractious temper, whether due to an active temperament or other causes, becomes, necessarily the instrument of its own punishment." And it furthermore poisons the happiness of all within the circle of its influences. To so many occasions of annoyance, to so many petty vexations are we all, even the most fortunate of us, exposed, that the happiness of the naturally irritable man must be continually encountering obstacles, and his health consequently be ever liable to injury.

CHEERFULNESS.

Better than a fortune is the gift of a cheerful sunny disposition. No one could surrender the blessing if in exchange fifty thousand a year were offered, for, after all, happiness is the great good of life, and with a melancholy spirit there is neither comfort nor enjoyment.

Cheerfulness has been called the bright weather of the heart, and happy the one with whom the bright weather is inherent. But the faculty is susceptible of cultivation, and nothing promotes its growth better than employment.

"Johnny idle, is Johnny sad. But Johnny busy, is Johnny glad."

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," says the Bible, and even in these days when medicines have much higher healing qualities than of old, a happy frame of mind will do more for a man than all the doctor's skill can.

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONING.

Pittsburg Dispatch.
A friend of mine has a telephone in his east end residence. Likewise he has a little daughter, some four years of age, of winning ways, sweet face and artfully artless manners.

When bed-time came a few nights ago, the mother of this little maid could not find her. She was not in the nursery; and carrying on the search, her mother reached the landing on the stairs. There she stayed a moment, and listening, hears the babe's voice in the hall below. Looking over the banisters, she was surprised to see tiny Miss Mabel standing on a hall chair and talking into the telephone in a loud voice.

"Hello! Hello! Hello! Central!" the child was saying in exact imitation of her father's manner. "Hello, Central! Give me heaven; I want t'say my prayers."

If you can live gently, patiently, un-murmuringly, amid all your frets and irritations, day after day—that is heroism. That is your task. You are to resolve to do it. No one, not even God, will do it for you. Heaven does not put features of beauty in our lives as the jeweler sets gems in clusters. The unlovely elements are not drawn out and replaced by lovely ones, like slides in the stereopticon. You must win your way through struggles to all noble attainment. It is he that over-come that is made a pillar in God's temple.



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THE HOME CONFERENCES.

Taylor. —J. W. Dickinson: We raised \$10.75 for week of prayer and self-denial fund. San Saba. —T. F. Dimmitt: The contribution during the week of prayer from San Saba amounted to \$25.00. Lewisville Circuit. —W. H. Stephenson, May 25: Our week of prayer and self-denial resulted in the sum of \$7.50 on the Lewisville circuit. Handley. —J. M. Bond: The ADVOCATE still comes, editor or no editor. Give us more children's pieces. Let's hear more from our children. Beaumont. —G. V. Ridley, May 20: Remitted \$5.20 to Rev. W. W. Pinson, being the sum contributed by Beaumont during self-denial week. Fall Creek. —R. M. Leaton, May 15: Had one accession by ritual at Fall Creek last Saturday. Two more gave their names as candidates. In the afternoon had a good church conference. It was a happy day for my soul. Hope good was done to others. Seguin. —H. S. Thrall: Self-denial fund collected in the Seguin charge, West Texas Conference, self-denial week, \$11.40; paid to Dr. Kelley. For Children's Day in Seguin and Mill Creek, \$6.00. The money will be paid over at conference to proper Sunday-school Board. Thorp Springs. —Dora A. Gardner, May 15: The meeting at Thorp Springs was successful—about thirteen conversions. Several penitents were left at the altar. The meeting commenced on the second Sunday in April by Bro. Moore, of Granbury, and from first to last was good. Liberty Hill. —J. K. Lane, May 19: Our second quarterly conference just closed. Dr. Mackey was on time, as usual. Attendance good. Collections in full. We are preparing for district conference. Hope the brethren will be in good trim for faithful work. Give us a long rest on a daily Advocate in the future. We want clean daily editor and a pure weekly church paper. Trinity Circuit. —A. J. Frick, May 21: We have just closed the third protracted meeting on this circuit. Have had some good times. Results up to date, forty-five accessions. Had some good ministerial help—Bro. Fowler, Younger and Padgett, with good local help. We are greatly encouraged. Congregations increasing. This is owing more to pastoral visiting than anything else. In the last five weeks we have visited and prayed in about 250 families, and left good religious literature with nearly every family. Rockvale. —R. M. Leaton, May 22: Preached and presented the collections at Rockvale last Sunday and secured in cash and subscription of about \$60. Had a good congregation at Francis Chapel in the afternoon. When I returned home on Monday I brought something to gladden the hearts of my family. Those Rockvale people know how to do a clever thing in a courteous way. Carrots and corn becoming to them as silk. Oats and wheat nearly ready for harvest; still feeling the pressure of last year's drought, but the present prospects for crops are fine. One brother said hard times had past with them, as they now have a good garden and plenty of milk and butter. Rosalie Circuit. —S. L. Ball, May 22: My second quarterly conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. The attendance was good. Our beloved and stirring presiding elder, Rev. J. C. Weaver, was not present, on account of the illness of his wife; but Rev. G. R. Kane came in his place and filled the chair and pulpit satisfactorily. Finances not full, but satisfactory. The brethren are all in good health and nothing to fear on that line. We think the church is gathering strength in this part of God's moral vineyard, and we are hoping and praying for a glorious outpouring of the Spirit and a sweeping revival of religion. Brethren, pray for this and for us. Fredonia Circuit. —S. W. Thomas, May 21: Fredonia circuit is the small hall of what was formerly known as Mason mission, and is served this year—the first of its existence—by the scribe. We have a very agreeable people, and the outlook now is very good for a glorious revival every appointment. Our second quarterly conference convened the 19th. Bro. Black, our presiding elder, failed to be with us, but we had a very pleasant session. The Lord is with us, and we feel that much good was done. Brethren, please remember the joint camping at the shrine on Last Sunday and Sunday. The first and second Sundays in July. Pray for us that the Holy Spirit may come in quickening and reclaiming power. The Rev. Dr. Ditzler, of Kentucky, will be with us. Jewett. —W. W. Graham, May 7, 1888: Yesterday was Children's Day with us, and a most delightful time we had. The exercises were had at night, the rain in the afternoon interfering with the first appointment. The house was crowded, the lamps never gave better light, and the enthusiasm that really preceded the first song seemed to move on the ascending scale till we reached the last song, when the collection for missions \$11.75. Everybody pleased and eager for another occasion of the same sort. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." [The above letter was delayed in Dallas postoffice because not properly addressed. It was received at this office May 21.—Ed. 1790 Tex.] Coleman and Ballinger. —H. C. Jolley, May 22: The people of this charge are very kind to their preacher and his family. The parsonage has been newly furnished. Through the kindness of Grandma White and others the yard is nicely ornamented with shrubbery. We are now occupying our own church-house at Ballinger, purchased this year. Our Sunday-school numbers about one hundred and twenty-five, and is in a very flourishing condition. Bro. H. B. Smith, the superintendent, knows how to conduct a Sunday-school. There have been nineteen additions to the church at Ballinger, and eighteen additions at Coleman. We observed the week of prayer and self-denial with us. Dr. Kelley's receipt for the proceeds, \$2.12. Our popular presiding elder, Bro. Meakin, is with us once a quarter, looking after the interests of the church. Health good. Plenty of rain. Crop prospects very flattering. Crockett Circuit. —A. G. Scruggs, May 22: The second quarterly conference for Crockett circuit was held May 13. The presiding elder was present, looking after the welfare of the church. He preached two of his masterly sermons. Only a small attendance of officials. Finances behind. But we are glad to know that the interest is growing. We have a good Sunday-school at every appointment, being eight in number. Good attendance at church and Sunday-school. We are making a marked improvement on our parsonage. Expect to have it completed before long. On this circuit we have a camp-ground, at which there is a camp-meeting every year. For this year our camp-meeting will embrace the third Sunday in July, commencing Saturday before, and continuing until circumstances demand its close. To which all are invited. We hope to have a goodly number of ministerial brethren and a glorious revival and outpouring of many souls to the fold of Christ. Come prepared to stay as long as you please. All preachers will be cared for. Clifton and Hearns. —J. H. Chambliss: We have reported to Dr. Kelley \$15.50 self-denial money, and have \$2. on hand, making \$17.50 for the fund. We have had several additions by letter and two by ritual. We have not had the revival influence we desired, but feel assured that good

is being done. Most of the time, so far, the attendance at preaching and prayer meetings has been increasing, and at Calvert, with a very evident growing tendency. Many things hindered us in our revival effort at Calvert. The first week we had much rain, and the electric and the Board of Publication to interrupt us. The second week the rain continued so that we could not do much. Bro. Pinson and H. M. Sears did not come, and we were sure that a harvest of the meeting will yet be reaped. We are now working for a revival at Hearns. Bro. Ward is here. Had a good congregation last night and some good indications. Hope to be able to report good results of the meeting. Bro. Ward has a strong hold on the people here, and it is gratifying to see the appreciation of the people for a former pastor. Meridian and Walnut. —W. V. Jones, May 18: Meridian and Walnut charge still exists. No great revival, but good meeting, and, we think, seed sown that will spring up and produce fruit. A goodly number of our members are every-day Christians, and of course these are good Sunday. But as everywhere else, there are some who are good Sunday Christians that will not pass for much from Monday morning till Saturday night. Our first and second quarterly meetings have passed. Bro. Bailey, our presiding elder, was present at each of these meetings, preaching to the delight and glory of the people, and pointing us to inquiring after all the interests of the church. The people are well pleased with him and indeed they ought to be, for he is a good, steady, and a fine preacher, and an average for this country these hard times. Some spiritual life is manifest among the members of the church. We worked for a good revival this year. Some improvements have been made on the church at Meridian which adds greatly to its appearance. We collected week of prayer and self-denial fund \$9.21. I notice various opinions about the daily Advocate, some favoring, some opposing. The question in my mind is, would our people read six papers a week any better than they read one? The majority of the people do not get their mail but once a week, and besides, many do not read the weekly ADVOCATE. Breckenridge. —A. P. Payne, May 25: Second quarterly meeting over. Presiding elder on hand and preached six sermons that were appreciated, and we trust will result in much good. Visible results: four conversions, nine accessions, and the church greatly revived. Collection for the week \$28.35. This was a good date for missions. Salaries of pastor and presiding elder a little short but hopeful. Bro. Leach, of Albany, held a meeting here for ten days, in which he preached nearly all the time, except Sunday. The Lord was with us in convicting and converting power. It was pronounced a grand work—not so much in numbers as in demonstration of the power of the Spirit. About nineteen converted, four or five reclaimed, and as soon as converted they went to work. Family prayer erected and sinners sought after. Nine joined the Methodist Church. The Cumberland Presbyterians organize a church with sixteen members and had ten additional members that of Christian Union. Bro. Leach endeared himself to this people, and especially to this writer. The young Christians have organized a Christian association, which I hope to be able to give a good account in the future. There is a good religious interest all over the work. About twenty-five have been added to the church this quarter. Bro. N. S. Greenwood was struck with paralysis May 15. He is slowly improving. He has nearly lost the use of his right hand, but we earnestly pray that he may recover, for he is a model steward. Buena Vista Circuit. —J. M. Porter, Garrison, May 19: Buena Vista circuit is on the incline. Splendid interest seemingly manifest spiritually. Gracious revivals expected. We are snugly encased in our new home in the pleasant town of Garrison. We were thrown out considerably by an accident on April 15th last, which happened to our seventeen year old brother who was living with us. He was handling lumber, and at their end he started to the lot to take out, when, just before getting there, the horses began to run, the coupling broke and threw him from where he was standing in front of the fore-boiler amid the rigging, the horses continuing to run, threw him backward, the stay chain tore his foot in two, his leg being nearly shattered and his back so severely bruised. He is doing well now, however, and we trust that we will not be hindered from our work much longer on his account. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Garrison, and especially to Dr. Quillian and Bro. D. T. Young for the many favors and kindnesses which they have so constantly shown us since moving home. Something can be said of our people at this place that can't be said of many: A public hall was given, and we had a not a single Methodist was there. Who can beat that? They know their duty, and we trust that grace will be used in doing it. May God abundantly bless their good quarterly conference convenes June 2, 3. Shall We Have a Daily? —J. L. Lemons, Centerville: While the question of a daily Advocate is under discussion, we crave space for our "little say." Dr. Summers used to say that it required a long head, a long purse and a long time to put a newspaper on a successful footing. Of course the long heads can be found, and long purses, too, if they are considerable enough, then would they bear the long strain? We do not question the necessity of such a daily as Brainerd Bishop and others are advocating, but the practicability of it. So far as news is concerned, Texas is well supplied with daily papers, and unless you can make it equal as a newspaper, to the other leading papers of the State, our business men, Methodists, too, many of them, would continue to patronize the papers that give them the most news. Business men, they will tell you. One knows that the daily papers, as a general thing, do not reach the homes of our rural population. We find many Methodists, with one exception, who are not subscribers of any papers of doubtful moral tone, and many instances our preachers have failed to displace them with the weekly ADVOCATE. Would a daily be any better? Some time ago, during the prevalence of the marriage association swindle, a friend of mine sunk \$250 in it, then tried to comfort himself with the thought that his experience would be worth \$500. Our candid opinion is, that after one year's trial of daily Advocate, somebody would have a lighter purse and the Methodists would have experienced some good. In that line to last them through a generation. Buffalo and Oakwoods Circuit. —Reuben B. Gill, Oakwoods, May 21: The second quarterly conference for Buffalo and Oakwoods circuit was held at this place May 19 and 20. The presiding elder, Rev. J. B. Sears, presided over the conference with dignity and zeal as to impress all that the work of the church claimed the greater part of his heart and mind. The official members, with one exception, were on hand, and reports reported collections were, with but little prospect of improvement before another crop is made. The report of the pastor on the spiritual condition of the church was as follows: "I think it has struck the bottom and any change is bound to result in an upward movement." While this elicited a smile from the congregation, it reflected a sad commentary on those who claim fellowship with Christ, and profess to love God and keep his commandments. This may account, in a large degree, for the meagre collections of the stewards. It cannot be expected of those whose hearts are not in the church to contribute liberally to her needs, but it is expected of those whose names are on the church register, and whose hearts are supposed to be in the church to respond as God has prospered them to the highest needs of the church, especially to the welfare and necessities of those who preach his Gospel. They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. The moral tide in these parts is at a low-water mark, infidelity and skepticism stalk abroad in the land, elevating the minds of Christians with the follies and vanities of this life, and bringing the unworshiped into lower depths of iniquity. Family religion in many places is broken up, and the young worshippers at the shrine of Mammon, on the day of retribution, at the final judgment, every one shall receive his reward from a righteous God, who shall judge the quick and the dead. 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IT IS rumored that several D.D.'s will be made at this commencement. There is lightning in the air. We would suggest that too many of the brethren should not prepare to die at once.

THE present commencement of the Southwestern University bids fair to be more than ordinarily brilliant. There is a large attendance of curators, trustees, patrons and visitors.

THE Southwestern has had a prosperous year. The matriculations in the collegiate departments have been up to the mark of former years.

THE Ladies' Annex is nearing completion. Before long there will be in Texas, under the auspices of Methodism, a first-class female college, provisionally prepared.

THE degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred on Rev. John Adams, Rev. F. T. Mitchell and Rev. M. H. Neely during this commencement.

REV. H. M. DuBOISE is present by the invitation of the young ladies to deliver a literary address. He spoke last night to a large and brilliant throng.

REV. JAMES CAMPBELL, of Marshall, is on the ground, to preach by invitation, Sunday night, to the undergraduates. He pulls the beam at 275 avoirdupois, and, in the opinion of his friends, is as large intellectually as physically.

DR. HEIDT, Regent, and Dr. McLean, Vice-Regent, are busy looking after college matters, manipulating the commencement program, greeting and entertaining visitors, and pushing things generally.

AMONG the first whom we greeted at Georgetown was the Hon. Asa Holt, than whom a more intelligent and consecrated layman does not live in Texas.

WE were very glad to meet D. H. Snyder, another star of the first magnitude in the lay firmament. The Southwestern University owes him a large and unending debt of gratitude.

AMONG the older brethren present during the commencement we notice Rev. R. Lane, looking as young as he did ten years ago, whose robust constitution still defies the tooth of time.

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THE Independent has a leading editorial in its issue of May 5, on "The Gifts of Christ—Rest," in which the main lines of the article and all that give it significance are taken from a sermon printed in a recent issue of the Methodist Times by Rev. M. G. Foster on the subject of "Rest."

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IN the National Prohibition Convention delegates were present from every State except Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, and from every Territory except Wyoming.

GOV. JNO. P. ST. JOHN said in his address at Indianapolis that he would much rather preside over a Prohibition Convention than to be elected President of the United States by the run power.

SAM SMALL, secretary of the Prohibition Convention, at first opposed the woman suffrage plank in the platform, but afterwards reconsidered.

WE print the following to give our readers some idea of the cause of Dr. Kelley's resignation from a Northern standpoint. An exchange says:

CHURCHES showed that Dr. Joseph Parker, at the City Temple, had a morning audience of 1,323, and an evening one of 2,415; St. Paul's had 1,662; the largest Roman Catholic church had 1,092; the largest Jewish synagogue, 650; Mr. Spurgeon, 6,000.

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THE Christian Witness of Dallas, (Cumberland Presbyterian) in discussing the election of Bishops by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, says:

THE fight was over Dr. Newman, who is considered too radical a sectionalist, if churches are to have bishops, in the sense in which all Episcopal Churches use the term.

IN the National Prohibition Convention delegates were present from every State except Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, and from every Territory except Wyoming.

GOV. JNO. P. ST. JOHN said in his address at Indianapolis that he would much rather preside over a Prohibition Convention than to be elected President of the United States by the run power.

SAM SMALL, secretary of the Prohibition Convention, at first opposed the woman suffrage plank in the platform, but afterwards reconsidered.

WE print the following to give our readers some idea of the cause of Dr. Kelley's resignation from a Northern standpoint. An exchange says:

showed an increase of \$12,000 in churches and parsonages for that year. The Church, North, had \$10,000 missionary. The Church, North, Montana; the Southern Church, \$1,000. The proportion of their increase in property was three to one; ours, twelve to one.

REV. A. C. MILLER, president Central Collegiate Institute, Altus, Ark., writes us: "This has been a very pleasant and prosperous year. Total enrollment, 174, against 140 last year. We have a remarkably fine body of students and while I shall never forget dear old Missouri, these boys are fast reconciling me to my recently adopted State."

NASHVILLE ADVOCATE: The work of preparing and classifying Sunday-school libraries, to which Rev. J. A. Lyons has been detailed for some time, and which is approaching completion, was scrutinized and pronounced "most satisfactory" a verdict in which we feel certain the church will heartily concur.

NASHVILLE ADVOCATE: The Hymn-book Committee and the Book Agent share the anxiety of the church at large for the appearance of the new Hymn-book. The "copy" was ready for the printer last November, and every body wished and expected to push it through the press as rapidly as possible.

REV. E. E. HOSS, in Arkansas Methodist: For the past two or three weeks Nashville has been an exceedingly busy place. The annual meetings of the Board of Missions, of the Book Committee, of the Bishops, and of the Woman's Missionary Society have all attracted large crowds of people, and created much interest.

REV. SAM SMALL drew up the platform and was the leader in the Georgia Prohibition Convention.

REV. J. J. WHEAT, D.D., of the University of Mississippi, will preach the commencement sermon at Granbury College, Granbury, Texas, June 10.

REV. J. L. REID, editor of the Raleigh Advocate, has been appointed by Bishop Kirk as the elder of the Raleigh District, in place of Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, deceased.

REV. GEORGE H. PATLID, of the North Georgia Conference, died at Clarksville, Ga., on the 17th ult. Thus Georgia loses one of her most faithful and efficient preachers.

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done for him who made Methodism what it is. It was finally decided to have the matter go over to the next General Conference.

THE next report was from the Committee on the State of the Church and referred to the admission of women as delegates to the annual conference. The report recommended that during the months of October or November, 1890, an election be held at every place of public worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and that every member of the church should be given a year of age to admit women as lay delegates to the Electoral or General Conference in 1891, which conference should take the necessary legal action in the matter.

THE following order of public service was adopted in place of the usual program: 1. Singing from the Methodist Hymn-book, congregation standing.

THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION. This body convened the past week in Indianapolis, Ind. Voluntary contributions for the cause being called, there were \$2,000 subscriptions, five of \$1,000, quite a number of \$500 each; the collection aggregated nearly \$25,000.

THE platform is as follows: 1. The Prohibition party in National Convention assembled, acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all power in government, do hereby declare that the manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages shall be made public crimes and punished as such.

2. That such prohibition must be secured through amendment of the National and State constitutions, enforced by adequate laws, adequately supported by administrative authority, and to this end the organization of a Prohibition party, imperatively demanded in the State and nation.

3. That any form of license, taxation or regulation of the liquor traffic is contrary to good government; that any party which supports regulation license or tax enters into alliance with such traffic and becomes the actual agent of the State's wrong and thereby the Republican and Democratic parties for their persistent attitude in favor of licensed iniquity, whereby they oppose the demand of the people for prohibition, through open complicity with the liquor cause, defeat the enforcement of law.

4. For immediate abolition of the "infernal revenue" system, whereby our National government is deriving support from our greatest national vice.

5. That adequate public revenue being necessary it may properly be raised by import duties and by an equitable assessment upon property and the legitimate duties of the country, but import duties should be so arranged that no surplus shall be accumulated in the treasury, and that the burden of taxation shall be removed from foods, clothing and other comforts of life.

6. That civil service appointments for all civil offices shall be based upon moral, intellectual and physical qualifications, and not upon party services or party necessity.

7. That the right of suffrage rests on no mere circumstances of race, color or nationality, but that where from any cause it has been withheld from citizens whose age, intelligence and mental and moral qualifications for the exercise of an intelligent ballot, should be restored to the people.

8. For the abolition of polygamy and the re-establishment of uniform laws governing marriage and divorce.

9. For prohibiting all combinations of capital to control and monopolize the cost of products for popular consumption.

10. For preserving and the defense of the Sabbath as a civil institution, without oppressing any whose religious observance is of the same or any other day than the first day of the week.

11. That arbitration is a Christian, wise and economical way of settling disputes, and the same methods should, by judicious legislation, be applied to the settlement of disputes between large bodies of employes and employers.

12. That the abolition of the saloon would remove burdens—moral, physical, pecuniary and social—which now oppress labor and rob it of its earnings, and would provide a wise and successful way of promoting labor reform, and we invite labor and capital to unite with us for this end.

13. That monopoly in land is a wrong to the people, and public lands should be reserved to equal wages for equal work.

14. That men and women should receive equal wages for equal work.

15. That our immigration laws should be so enforced as to prevent the introduction into our country of any pauper, idiot, insane, or other physically incapacitated person.

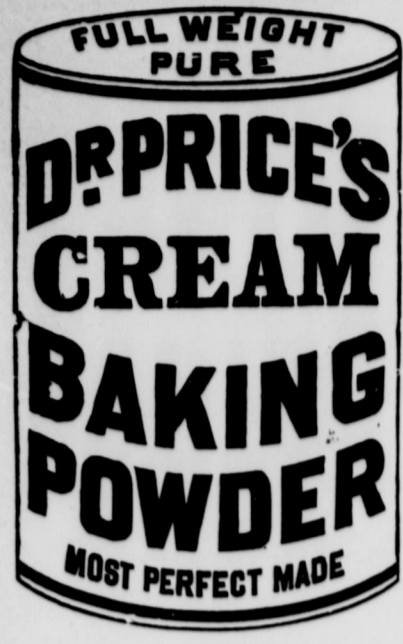
16. That no person should have the ballot in any State who is not a citizen of the United States.

17. Recognizing and declaring that the prohibition of the liquor traffic has become the dominant issue in national politics, we invite to full party fellowship all those who, on this one dominant issue, are with us agreed in full belief that this party can and will remove sectional differences, promote national unity and insure the best welfare of our native land.

THE HOME CONFERENCES. Personal. —A. J. Potter, San Angelo, May 26: I am slowly recovering from a severe spell of fever. I was taken sick in Kerr county about the first of May, and was confined to my bed twelve days. Feeling that I had sufficiently recovered, I started out to sit in my buggy and drive, I started home, a distance of 100 miles, which I reached in six days, in a relaxed condition, from which I have not yet recovered. This illness prevented me from attending my second round of quarterly meetings in New Mexico, which was to be a sad disappointment. But God's will must be done. When he says so we must go, and when he says stop we must stop. I wish to say to my brethren in New Mexico that I expect to be with them in July and August. Several of the preachers in the Texas end of the district will have to hold their third quarterly meetings themselves while I am at work in New Mexico, in order that the quarterly meetings will be held at the same time of those in Texas, as will be seen in my list of appointments.

—T. J. Darby, Darby, May 26: We laid to rest father John Sollock aged 79, who departed this life on the 23d inst., seated in the triumphs of a living faith. A good and true man is gone, whose place will be hard to fill in the community and in the church. May his mantle fall upon some one. Heaven bless his children and grandchildren.

—Rev. R. L. Allen, formerly of the North Texas Conference, now a member of the Los Angeles, was, on May 31, 1888, united in marriage to Miss Jennie Jones, of Collinsville, Texas, Rev. W. A. Edwards officiating. The happy couple after spending a few days with their friends in North Texas, left for their new home in California, carrying with them the best wishes of their friends. The ADVOCATE extends hearty congratulations.



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OUR SCHOOLS. Coronel Institute, San Marcos, Texas. Program of commencement exercises for 1888: June 8, 2 p. m.—Exhibition of Primary Department.

Waco Female College—Commencement Exercises June 8-12, 1888. Friday, June 8, 8:30 p. m.—Kindergarten and Preparatory Entertainment.

Commencement Exercises Granbury College, June 10-14, 1888. Sunday, June 10—Commencement Sermon by Rev. J. J. Wheat, D. D., University of Mississippi.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS. May 30.—E. B. Thompson, subs. J. H. Weston, sub. Geo. T. Nichols, change made. Wm. Day, sub. Thos. Duncan, sub. Eugene W. Bates, sub. M. Bourland, sub. Geo. S. Wyatt, sub. D. F. Fuller, change made.

Weatherford District. This conference will convene in the town of Springtown, Parker county, seventeen miles north of Weatherford, on Wednesday, June 27, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Gatesville District. We have had severe drouth and overflow, but don't stay away from our district conference.

Baird District. Those who attend the district conference at this place will report at the Methodist Church, where they can be assigned to their homes during the conference.

CAMP-MEETING. The Matagorda camp-meeting will convene August 2, instead of July 5, as heretofore announced.

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