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INTERMEDIATE STATE.—CANONIZATION OF SAINTS.

JEAN PAUL. 1. Avaunt, ye advocates of materialism, vainly teaching that the soul is but a function of the body! Ye champions of Pantheism, I abhor your doctrine! Man is not a mere transient form of God. Manhood spurns the degrading assumption that individual consciousness ceases

at death. 2. "To be or not to be, that is the question," said Hamlet. If there be no conscious existence after death, life would be a mockery. Heaven's viceroy, conscience, ever whispers: There is a life beyond. Love unceasingly twines her amaranthine tendrils around the life-oaks of eternity. Hope, like fairy mermaid, unfolds vernal shores of celestial beauty: Faith climbs to Pisgah's sunny brow and views the landscape of everlasting spring. No! this is not cruel tantalization. The grave is not life's goal.

3. The bloody Jacobines during the French reign of terror in Parliament decreed that death is an eternal sleep. But the wish was father to the thought. Eternal sleep would be annihilation. Christ said to the penitent malefactor: To-day thou shalt be with me in paradise. Lazarus died and was borne by angels to Abraham's bosom. Dives found himself immediately after death in torment.

4. Paul asserts that together with a physical, man has a spiritual body. This etherial attire of the soul, together with the soul, liberated from the body of clay, affords the soul ample facility for conscious life, though not under circumstances terrestrial, but celestial. The children of light at death will at once bask in the sunshine of God's favor. The votaries of darkness will be appropriately located.

5. If at death men go immediately to heaven or hell, and are consummately happy or miserable, why have a final judgment? This judgment is not necessary on account of men, but on account of the Judge. He has endured so much gainsaying. Justice insists on a final universal acknowlgement. Besides, after re-union with the glorified bodies risen from the graves, the capacity for the enjoyment of bliss and the endurance of at the previous quarterly meeting. Sevanguish is vastly increased. Now, the blessed of the Father, as members of his family, are fully at home. The wicked are exiled forever.

Dallenger proves, was an invention of desire to obtain liceuse to preach, hav-Pope Gregory the Great. Hyper-scrip- ing determined to give his life to the tural, it is an exclusively mercenary con- work of preaching the gospel to his feltrivance. According to this Papal tenet, low-countrymen. He will probably rethe purging fires cease to burn in answer to the intercessary prayers of priests. But these prayers are not offered without ample pecuniary remuneration. Mass for souls in purgatory yields an enormous revenue to the Papal church.

1. It is idolatrous arrogance in the Pope and his cardinals to canonize certain parties as peculiarly favored saints, declaring them to be friends, yea, coadjutors of God, meriting the worship of the faithful.

2. The martyrs of the first few centuries of the Christian era were received into the sacred catalogue of saints without formal church decree. Subsequently the various Bishops ordained who of the departed men and women should be worshiped as saints. In 1070 Pope Alexander III decreed that beatification had to annual conference. I have been about precede canonization. The same rescript six months getting the work done-workordained that in all matters of canoniza- ing at it as much of the time as my dution the cardinals, together with the reigning Pontiff, were to be the sole arbiters.

3. Beatification entitled the saints thus honored to worship only in those countries where they had lived. Canonization makes it incumbent on all Christendom to adore the exalted as chief saints.

4. Canonized saints, being considered public prayer. Churches and altars are erected to their honor. An annual church-feast is being held for the commemoration of their virtues. Their images are allowed to be erected in church and other public places.

4. The process of canonization is expensive and tedious. Lord Bacon computed that in his day it could not be secured for less than a hundred thousand Discipline into Chinese several years ago, dollars. It requires a formal trial. The which we have been using up to this friends of the party for whom canoniz ation is sought appoint a champion, called ing the Discipline to what an extent advocatus Christi. The church, to pre- the two Methodisms have drifted vent imposition, appoints an impugnant, apart. While, of course, the great denominated advocatus diaboli. The wrangle over a candidate-saint is often of and church government remain substanmany weeks' duration. Finally the col- tially the same, yet in numerous delege of cardinals decide the case.

be adduced that the candidate was ortho- ed, it would be a work of no small magdox in doctrine, blameless in life and conversation. Lastly, that he wrought at least two miracles in life or, since death, through preserved relics. The culminating ceremony attending canonization is very imposing. The Vatican

prayer for us, and that their relics are to be venerated.

NEW ORLEANS, LA LETTER FROM CHINA. REV. A. P. PARKER.

Buffington Institute is doing well this term. Some seventy pupils have enrolled for the session. Of these, twenty are studying English, and pay board and tuition. The rest of the school are pursuing the regular course of study in Chinese. All are making very good progress Those in the English school are studying the English lauguage and arithmetic in Chinese. The decision to admit mathe matics, astronomy, etc., to the government examinations has led many of the young of the country to the study of mathematics in the hope that they can. by this means, obtain a degree easier and sooner than they could otherwise. Naturally very few of them have a clear idea of what is included in the term swanheoh-mathematics. The most of them think that arithmetic is about all there is of it. But when they are told that after arithmetic comes algebra, geometry and trigonometry, which all must be mastered before they can be said to have laid the foundation of mathematics, they become somewhat discouraged, and many of them think it useless to make a beginning. But they will no doubt become reconciled to the facts ere long that it it takes hard work and plenty of it to get foreign learning, just as it does to get Chinese learning. It takes fifteen or

tained in a few months. The pupils in the Chinese department are doing well. The most advanced class is just entering on the study of surveying. I have recently obtained an excellent theodolite for the use of the class in surveying. The second class is about through algebra, and the third is just entering upon that study. The other branches of the course are progressing proportionately. A healthy religious tone pervades the school. Two of the boys were received into the church at the last quarterly meeting, and another eral others are candidates for church membership. One of the boys who was formerly a pupil in Buffington Institute and is now doing fine work teaching a 7. The doctrine of purgatory, as Dr. day school in Suchow has expressed his ceive license at our next quarterly meet-

O that the Lord would call many of

twenty years for a Chinamen to get an

education in his own language, and they

will soon learn that while foreign learn-

ing is, in some respects, easier to get

than Chinese, yet it cannot all be ob-

these boys to the great work of preaching the gospel. The greatest work for Buffington Institute is to educate and train men for helpers in mission work, and it will only partially accomplish the object for which it is being sustained if a considerable number of the pupils that go forth from the Institute do not become helpers in mission work in some direct way. I ask the earnest prayers of all who read these lines that the Master would call many of these young men to the direct work of preaching the gospel. I have just finished translating the Discipline into Chinese. It will be put to press in a week or two, and I hope to have it out in time for use at our next ties in the Institute would allow. I have found that it required more time than I at first anticipated. To find the proper words for legal terms, and the best forms of expression for much of the peculiar phraseology of the Discipline, was a rather more difficult work than one who has not tried it would suppose. Still I and though I am conscious of not a few imperfections in the translation, yet I hope and pray that it may be of great benefit to our little church in China. I have derived considerable assistance in this work from the M. E. Church Discipline, translated into Chinese and published in FuChow. Dr. J. W. Lambuth had also translated a part of our time. I was not aware before translatfundamental principles of doctrine tails important differences exist. If or-

monious whole.

work is progressing rapidly, and hopes before the freshets come.

Thoroughly qualified civil engineers want of the country for such men.

SUCHOW, CHINA, MAY 9, 1888. FROM OUR MISSION ROOMS.

"I feel it my duty to go to China and will forego anything that may be neces- of free speech? sary to enable me to go. I have waited been delayed. When the church is as half secret, "hide-it-if-you-can" style. ready to send as our brother is to go, there will be no occasion for such delays. gold? Brother D. L. Anderson, presid-

It would add greatly to our working facilities. But our great need is men. May a good number come out this fall." May its altar witness the conversion of and, we trust three others as deeply imbued with the missionary spirit as himself, will answer roll-call at the China Mission Conference at Shanghai. Bro. Institute has made good progress this quarter. Of the sixty-five pupils enrolled, some twenty are studying English and paying tuition and board. One of the boys joined the church, and two others will be received at the next quarterly meeting. In addition to teaching, I have been engaged in translating the Discipline into Chinese. It is complete except the ritual. I hope to have it ready for the press during the quarter." It requires no small measure of faith

in these Chinese boys to confess Christ, sibly their parents disown them. No wonder the heart of the missionary is 38. They report 489 men: 320 wives of ing a total force of 1,040, an increase of communicants over 1886 of 4 260. can Presbyterians rank next as to force, having 45 men; 34 wives; single women, membership, viz: 3786.

I. G. JOHN, Secretary. EVILS GROWING OUT OF APPOINTMENTS-A

REMEDY

have been felt lest the spring freshets since, as one writer states, every man nation and righteous contempt upon the at Sedan, and then proceeded with the should arrive before the breach could be who says a word is branded as "sour," part of any man, and he who could be other armies to Versailles. mended. But the last accounts from the "disappointed aspirant," etc. Well, satisfied with such treatment is too dull scene of operations indicate that the as to the former, those who know me for comprehension and has not a spark popular with the South German troops. will say that the ills of life rest with as of true manhood in his bosom. This is In fact he gained the admiration of the are entertained that it will be finished little weight upon me as upon the ave- not a chapter from romance, but is from whole of South Germany by his admirarage man, and that I smile as often and the real life of many itinerant preachers ble leadership, by his bravery, by his as broadly as any preacher in the North- of this day. are needed to cope with such a work as | west Texas Conference, since in the size this, and no doubt Buffington Institute of my mouth and of my foot I give place will, like many other mission schools, do to no man; and as to the other item in the an important work toward supplying the charge, I am just like all the rest of you, from Bishops down: I desire to get the best I can in the way of appointments and everything else in this world and the world to come. But away with preliminaries and apologies. Is not this a land

The economy of Methodism supposes four years for this order to go to the a mutual surrender of choice of places field to which my heart has been drawn. upon the part of preachers, and choice I have tried to wait patiently in the Lord, of preachers on the part of places or but have frequently become anxious to poople. But this does not in the least get off. The order has come at last, and | conflict with the remedy proposed in this the time of my departure is at hand." article. I think much of the dissatisfac-We are not sure the delay has been with | tion arising from appointments would be the Lord. Had the Board possessed the gone forever if there was a full and free means, marching orders would not have expression and consultation, instead of a

Many of our congregations to-day choose their preachers. A representa-The missionary gladly gives himself. tive layman from one of the best charges When will the church as gladly give its in this conference had the names of several preachers in this conference proposing Elder of Suchow district, China, ed to him by the "powers that be" at the understand why we are here, and the Worth. These brethren were pointed door before us is continually opening. out to him on the conference floor, and * We very greatly need a building little did the guileless and innocent itinmultitudes. By October 10th, our to know?" The representative brother brother who has been waiting for years, from the coveted work is intimate with their ability. me and told me, and, sitting by me, referred to each brother and descanted upon don't like the shape of his head. And A. P. Parker, in charge of Buffington that one—I don't like his carriage. And Institute, Suchow, writes: "Buffington that one looks common. And that one -I like his looks, etc., but he is not muscled right to pull such a charge as ours." (Meant he was too delicate for so heavy a work, etc.)

I know that there are many charges that are consulted as to their preacher, and that no preacher is read out to those charges without the approval of the repsulting him and gaining his consent.

overrates himself and there is no work ancestral faith and accepts "affliction with that he will take? The way is recommendation of a quarterly conferwith the people of God." Rev. C. B. open. If he has run down so low from ence, and said Board of Deaconesses Mosely of the Japan Mission has been any cause that there is no work for sick and was compelled to take a sea which he is competent that will support voyage. We went over to Shanghai. him and his family, let him do some-Dr. Lambuth writes that he is improving thing else. "Two duties never conflict," and will soon return to his post. He adds: and a man is as plainly called to provide "Brother Waters is doing picket duty at for his own household as he is to travel the extreme east end of the inland sea." and preach. If a brother cannot get a Our China mail brings the "Statistics of work that will support him, tell him so, Protestant Missions in China, December, and let him choose. Here all is open and 1887," from which we gather the follow- fair; but on the "hide-it-if-I-can plan," ing items: Societies at work in that field, how is it? The presiding elders' favorites are all consulted; some of them writmissionaries; single women, 231, mak- ten to weeks before conference, and informed: "I think you would suitover 1886 of 121. Native ordained min. circuit. Will it suit you? It is a good isters, 175; unordained native helpers, work," etc. The brother consents, and 1,316; communicants, 32,260, an increase at conference Bro. B. is read out to - circuit. Others are consulted as Pupils in schools, 13,777. Methodism is to other charges; some before, some durwell represented by six branches of the ing the conference session. This same family, viz: M. E. C.; M. E. C. S.; Wes. presiding elder refuses to consult with leyan; Methodist New Connection; Unit- another brother who approaches him, and King of Prussia, died at 11 o'clock a. ed Methodist Free Church, and Bible saying that "all the workings of the m., June 15th, at Potsdam. Christians. The M. E. C. was first in cabinet are a profound secret." Thus the field, opening work in 1847. The this unfair piece of "runt high mighti- Prince Bismarck formally announced the M. E. C. S. followed in 1848, and the ness," as Dr. Lafferty calls those who as a species of sub-gods, are addressed in have enjoyed the work of translating it, Wesleyans in 1852. The aggregate have shifted themselves into positions accession to the throne of William, who report from these societies gives us the for which they are unfit, treats some following: Missionaries, 71; wives, 50; with great unfairness, and sows the single women, 33; total, 154. Native seeds of discord and dissatisfaction. A gave directions that his remains should ordained ministers, 51; unordained na- presiding elder is nothing more than an be interred in the garrison church at tive helpers, 201; communicants, 5,724. itinerant preacher. Let there be a full Pottsdam. The China Inland Mission reports the understanding between the preacher and The late Emperor of Germany, known largest force—men, 123; wives, 52; sin- his presiding elder who represents him in to the world so long as Crown Prince gle women, 90; total, 265. The Ameri- the cabinet. Let the preacher feel that Frederick William, was in his 57th year. the presiding elder is his friend and will He was therefore still two years younger deal fairly with him and nominate him than his father, the dead kaiser, was 19; total, 98-but reports the largest for such a work as he in his godly judg- when created regent of Prussia. His ment deems best for all concerned. Then life was an interesting one, though most will the preacher, if he is a man of com- of its years were spent in patient waiting mon sense, consider that there are some for the call to the Prussian and German weak appointments, and therefore all thrones, which came only when he himcannot get strong ones, and, seeing that self was under the shadow of death. He I have recently noticed several commu- all is open and fair, will go cheerfully to was born at the new royal palace near nications in our church papers-one from his work. If his presiding elder is his Potsdam, on October 18, 1831, and like Rev. Wm. Price, one signed "Layman," friend he will counsel with him, saying: all the Hohenzollerns, had a thorough 5. To insure canonization proof has to ganic union were to be seriously propos- and one from Dr. Edwards, published in "Brother, I know you will have a hard military education. In 1866 he was inthe St. Louis Advocate. Dr. Edwards time on that work, you may barely get a trusted with an army of 125,000 men and he has been on the brink of the nitude to rearrange the two forms of makes a statement to this effect: support, but go on and God bless you. whom he conducted, assisted by Major- grave ever since he ascended the throne. government so as to produce one har- I'It would appear from the reports of It was the best we could do now." I Gen. Von Blumenthall, his chief-of-staff, His reign has been a short one. The sitconference proceedings, and the complisay in such a case the preacher with comthrough the passes of the Sudetic Hills, unation in Germany will not be changed.

The dead Emperor was even more population of the sudetic Hills, unation in Germany will not be changed. The breach in the Yellow river last ments heaped upon our Bishops on ac- mon sense will go on and no friction. arriving in time to decide the battle of September caused much suffering and count of administrative ability, that they But let the preacher know of unfairness, Sadowa in favor of Prussia. In the war liam. There is no comparison to be loss of life by the sudden overflow of a had arrived at a perfect plan in making and have grounds for concluding that of 1870 he commanded the Third German made between the two. The old Empechurch, St. Peters, is highly decorated. large district of country. But the appointments, and that all runs smooth; favorites and laymen are heard while Army, consisting of three North German ror, during his lifetime did many great deeds and for these the people reverenced

CHAS. S. FIELD.

THE NEW OFFICE OF DEACONESSES IN THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(As finally adopted.) For some years past our people in

Germany have employed this class of workers with the most blessed results. and we rejoice to learn that a successful beginning has recently been made in the same direction in this country. A home for deaconesses has been established in Chicago, and others of a similar character are proposed in other cities. There are also a goodly number of similar workers in various places; women who are deaconesses in all but name, and whose number might be largely increased if a systematic effort were made to accomplish this result. Your committee believe that God is in this movement, and that the church should recognize the fact, and provide some simple plan for formally connecting the work of these excellent women with the church, and directing their labors to the best possible results. They, therefore, recommend the insertion of the following paragraphs writes: "The people are beginning to last session of our conference at Fort in the Dicipline, immediately after paragraph 198, relating to exhorters:

DEACONESSES.

1. The duties of the deaconesses are in Suchow, on our lot on Palace Avenue. erants suspect, as they sat upon the floor to minister to the poor, visit the sick, of the annual conference, that they were pray with the dying, care for the orphan, being trotted out for inspection and seek the wandering, comfort the sorrowacceptance or rejection, like (as the king ing, save the sinning, and, relinquishing The Board provided for the building. of France said to Henry VIII.,) "so wholly all other pursuits, devote themmany horses." Well, "how do I happen selves, in a general way, to such forms of Christian labor as may be suited to ly positive in their denial.

2. No vow shall be exacted from any them as follows: "That one-well, I shall be at liberty to relinquish her position as a deaconess at any time.

3. In every annual conference within which deaconesses may be employed, a conference board of nine members, at least three of whom shall be women, shall be appointed by the conference to exercise a general control of the interests of this form of work.

4. This board shall be empowered to issue certificates to duly qualified persons, authorizing them to perform the resentatives of said charge. This will duties of deaconesses in connection with do if you will allow a like expression the church, provided that no person ver twenty-five years of age.

5. No person shall be licensed by the shall be appointed by the annual conference for such term of service as the annual conference shall decide, and said Board shall report both the names and the approval of the annual conference any deaconess in her work.

6. When working singly, each deaconess shall be under the direction of the pastor of the church with which she is in a home all the members of the home shall be subordinate to and directed by

the superintendent placed in charge. J. M. THOBURN, Chr'm. A. B. LEONARD, Sec'y.

DEATH OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

-N. Y. Advocate.

Frederick III, Emperor of Germany

The Bundesrath met at noon and death of Emperor Frederick and the takes the title of William II.

Before his death Emperor Frederick

The Pope officiates. The image of the Chinese government seem to have but the fact is many mistakes are made, the victim for sacrifice must be dumb, corps, the first and second Bayarian him, their love amounting to almost venhonored saint is unveiled and his name is taken hold of the matter with a strong and there is no little dissatisfaction upon while some of the itinerant preachers, in corps and the division furnished by eration. Young Emperor William,

During the war he became immensely kindly care for the men placed under his command, and by his willingness to share the fatigues and dangers with the troops who formed his army.

Since 1878 his life was comparatively uneventful, with the exception of a period in 1878, when he acted as regent during the incapacity of the Emperor caused by the wounds of the assassin Nobeling. A few years ago he cemented the relations between Germany and Spain by an official visit to Madrid, and on his way back called on Pope Leo XII at the Vatican. His interview with the holy father on that occasion is asserted to have contributed in a great measure to the satsfactory settlement of the Kulturkampf.

Universally beloved, respected and esteemed, both at home and abroad, his popularity was, if it were possible, increased during the past year, since the terrible malady which took him off became known. The expressions of heartfelt sympathy were not limited to Germany alone, but were positively universal. After having sought relief in Ems, in the Scotch Highlands, in the Isle of Wight, the Tyrol and on the shores of the Lago Maggiore, he finally took up his residence with his family at San Remo, at the Villa Zireo. During his stay here he was subjected to the operation of tracheotomygin order to avoid death by suffication. The greatest difference of opinion existed as to the nature of the disease from which he died, some of the physicians asserting that it was cancer of the larynx, while others were equal-

The consort of the dead ruler of Germany is universally admitted to be one deaconess, and any one of their number of the most talented and remarkable women of her age. The eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, she was born on Nov. 20, 1840, and after a courtship at Balmoral was married to the late Emperor (at that time Prince Frederick William of Prussia) on Jan. 25, 1858, at the Chapel Royal, St. James, London, proceeding immediately after the wedding to Potsdam, where she took up her residence with her husband.

Although Frederick III was a true Ho-

henzollern, both by inheritance and tradition, his character was largely influenced by the new empress to whom he upon the part of preachers and read no shall receive such certificate until she was devotedly attached. The favorite preacher out to any work without con- shall have served a probation of two daughter of the late Prince Consort of years of continuous service, and shall be Great Britain, she retained all her proclivities in favor of a liberal and tutional form of Government, as opposed Board of Deaconesses except on the to the military despotism and autocracy Prince Bismarck. These proclivities, which she imparted to her husband, naturally brought her into frequent conflict with the great Chancellor and with Prussian bureaucracy, who have never prowork of such deaconesses annually, and fessed much sympathy for her whom they describe as "Englanderin." The latter shall be necessary for the continuance of returns this dislike with interest, and it was especially embittered by the partially successful attempt made to bring Prince William, the new Emperor, into unfilial opposition to his parents. So connected. When associated together strong now is the antagonism at Berlin against the empress that had her husband died at San Remo before his accession to the throne it is doubtful whether it would have been prudent for her to have returned to the "Athens on the Spree." Prompted by the jealousy of the German surgeons and physicians whose incompetent services in behalf of the late Emperor were discarded in favor of the Scotch specialist, Sir Morell Mackenzie, the latter and the Empress Victoria are held responsible by the Berlin public for the failure to check the malady of Fredeerick III.

The late Emperor's accession to the throne placed his wife and children in a position which they could not have obtained had the late kaiser lived longer than his son. As the widow of the crown prince she would have had the right of only some \$20,000 a year from the Prussian government, which, added to the \$40,000 a year paid to her by the British Parliament as an English princess, would have constituted her entire income, while the princesses would not have received more than \$109,000 apiece as their sole fortune: but the Crown Prince becoming Emperor, his wife inherits the dignity of dowager empress and her share of the vast fortunes of the Hohenzollern family, which will probably increase her yearly income of dollars to pounds.

It is conceded that the death of Emperor Frederick will have very little influence on European affairs. His death has been expected for a considerable time, lar with the masses than Emperor added to the sacred catalogue.
6. I conclude with the Tridentine decree in regard to canonized saints: "The saints who reign along with Christ are to be honored and invoked, that they offer be not the interest action upon the interest action. Young Emperor William, no particular his superior, are consulted about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the first op-ther actions of the people who were sufferers to act the interest action. Young Emperor William, no particular his superior, are consulted about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the first op-ther actions of the people who were sufferers to act the interest action. Young Emperor William, no particular his superior, are consulted about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the first action of the people who were sufferers to act the interest action. Young Emperor William, no particular his superior, are consulted about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the interest action upon the people who were sufferers of the part of many of our preachers." The about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the interest action upon the people who were sufferers of the people who were sufferers and their appointments designated about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the interest action upon the people with the part of many of our preachers." The about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the form and their appointments designated about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the first of many of our preachers." The about 200,000 men and 500 guns. To the people who were suffered to accompliant the people who were suffered to accompl

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Old and young.

HIS MOTHER'S BOY.

St. Nicholas. A mother once owned just a commonplace boy shock-headed boy,

A freckle-face boy, But thought he was handsome, and said so with joy;

For mothers are funny, you know-Quite so-About their sons' beauty, you know.

His nose, one could see, was not Grecian, bu

And turned up quite snug, Like the nose of a jug; But she said it was "piquant," and gave hir

For mothers are funny, you know-Onite so-

About their sons' beauty, you know. His eyes were quite small, and he blinked in the sun;

But she said it was done As a mere piece of fun.

And gave an expression of wit to her son: For mothers are funny, you know-About their sons' beauty, you know.

The carroty love-locks that covered his head She never called red, But auburn instead. The color the old masters' painted," she said

For mothers are funny, you know-About their sons' beauty, you know.

Now, boys, when your mothers talk so let it

Don't look in the glass. Like a vain silly lass.

But go tend the baby, pick chips, weed the grass: Be as good as you're pretty, you know-

Quite so-As good as you're pretty, you know.

MY FIRST DRINK, AND MY LAST.

S. H. Hadley, Manager of the McAuley Street Mission, in Words and Weapons.

It was on a beautiful moonlight night and we had been to a neighbor's where left me, and when I arose the following he bought a pint of whisky. I was past Sabbath morning I felt that day would in a log cabin in a sparsely settled turned over in my mind, but all were remother was the dearest Christian woman was an educated Christian gentlemana New Hampshire man-and our home, known in our house.

I had promised my dear mother I My mother died a short ters came out and told me mother was took my hands and led me into the spare room," and there, cold in death, was my darling, precious mother! I wrapped in white was she, so pale, so had been the last one I ever saw at night and the first one in the morning. I begged her, with a breaking heart, to speak to me. How my broken vow came back again. Three days after mother was buried I was more drunk than I had ever been before.

Our home was broken up, for father soon died. I went to live with a prominent physician in the village and began the study of medicine. My preceptor, though one of the most brilliant men in his profession, was a heavy drinker, and in one year I was a confirmed drunkard.

I gave up my studies, took a traveling position, became a professional gambler, and for fifteen years rarely went to bed sober. For many years I did not see my fluence of rum to think seriously on the subject. Occasionally, however, ominous forebodings would arise in my would be

In 1870 I came to New York city, and soon accepted a position with a salary of \$300 per month, with a liberal allowance for expenses. The failure of the establishment I was working for threw me me?" Dear reader, never with mortal out of a position, and I never was able to tongue can I describe that moment. Alcommand a good salary afterward. I cannot describe here the remorse and felt the glorious brightness of the noonheart-aches of the confirmed drunkard, who feels himself slowly though surely day sun shine into my neart; I felt I was slippling down to that awful abyss, the drunkard's hell-a foretaste of which he safety, of freedom, of resting on Jesus! already feels in his soul! I passed I felt that Christ, with all his brightness through it all-more than human pen and power, had come into my life; that could write. Many times, while my faithful, loving wife would be holding all things had become new. me in her arms, would I see fiends in the

hear their evil plottings and be frighte sed out of her senses.

April, 1882, I sat in a saloon in Harlem, tramp to come to the meetings. He came, a homeless, friendless, dying drunkard. I and went up for prayers. A few weeks had pawned or sold everything that afterward the Lord showed me I was would bring a drink. I could not sleep unless I was dead drunk. I had not eaten for days, and for four nights preceding I had suffered with delirium tremens, or the horrors, from midnight In fact, my tobacco was the only sacritill morning. I had often said, I will fice I ever made for Jesus, as I would never be a tramp; I will never be cornered; for when that time comes, if it ever does, I will find a home in the bottom of the river! But the Lord so ordered it that when that time did come I was not able to walk one-quarter of the way to the river. As I sat there thinking, I presence. I did not know then what it was. I did learn afterward that it was Jesus, the sinner's friend. I walked up to the bar and pounded it with my fist till I made the glasses rattle. Those who stood by drinking looked on with scornful curiosity. I said I would never take another drink if I died in the streets; and, reader, I felt as though that would happen before morning. Something said, "If you want to keep this promise, go and have yourself locked up." I went to the nearest station-house, a short distance away, and had myself locked up.

seemed as though all the demons that could find room came in that place with me. This was not all the company I had, either. No, praise the Lord! that dear Spirit that came to me in the saloon was present, and said-"Pray!" I did pray; and though I did not feel any great help I kept on praying. As soon as I was able to leave my cell I was taken to the police court, and remanded back to the cell. I was finally released, and found my way to my brother's house, where every care was given me. While in October. I was walking with a friend lying in bed the admonishing spirit never eighteen years of age. I had been raised decide my fate. Many plans were neighborhood in a Western State. My jected; and toward evening it came into my head to go to Jerry McAuley's Mis-I ever knew; she was the daughter of a sion. I went. The house was packed. Massachusetts clergyman. My father and with great difficulty I made my way to the space near the platform. There I saw the apostle to the drunkard and log cabin though it was, certainly was the outcast—that man of God, Jerry Mcthe purest spot I had ever seen on earth. Auley. He rose, and amid deep silence Never did 1 hear at evil word spoken told his experience, that simple story there, and whisky and tobacco were un- that I heard so many hundred times afterward, but which was ever new; how he had been a "tief." an outcast, a would never drink; but this friend, who drunkard-"yes, a regular old bum! but was the miller of our county, told me he I gave my heart to God, and he saved me would never speak to me again if I did- from everything that's wicked and bad." not drink, and that he would think I There was a sincerety about this man had some grudge against him or felt my- and his testimony that carried conviction self above him socially. I took the bot- with it, and I found myself saying, I tle after he had coaxed me a full half | wonder if God can save me? I listened hour, and put it to my lips and drank. to some twenty-five persons' testimonies, Will I ever forget that moment? The every one of whom had been saved from vow I had made to my dear mother was rum, and I made up my mind I would be cule. Both were given up as lost. Sudbroken, and the devil came in and took saved or die right there. When the intime after this, happily in ignorance of quite a crowd of drunkards. Never will my sin. I was away from home that I forget that scene! How I wondered if I laid the corpse down, saying, as he wiped day, but her last words were, "Tell Hop- would be saved! if God would help me! kins to meet me in heaven." When I I was a total stranger; but I felt I had reached home in the evening, before I sympathy, and it helped me. Jerry could dismount from my horse my sis- made the first prayer. I shall never forget it. He said: "Dear Savior, won't dead. I could not believe it, so they you look down in pity on these poor souls? They need your help, Lord; they can't get along without it. Blessed Jesus, these poor sinners have got themselves could not believe that the silent form into a bad hole. Won't you help them out? Speak to them, Lord! do, for still. From my earliest recollection she Jesus' sake-amen!" Then Mrs. Mc-Auley prayed fervently for us, and Jerry said: Now all keep on your knees and keep praying, while I ask these dear souls to pray for themselves." He spoke to me, as I stood by that dear, lifeless to one after another, as he placed his form, so peaceful, so sweet! I promised hand on their heads, saying, "Brother, God and her that I would never break it you pray. Now tell the Lord just what you want him to do for you." How I trembled when he approached me. Though I had knelt down with the determination to give my heart to God, when it came to the very moment of grand decision I felt like backing out. The devil knelt by my side and whispered in my ear crimes I had forgotten for months: "What are you going to do about such and such matters if you start to be a Christian to-night? Now you can't afford to make a mistake; had not you better think this matter over awhile and try to fix up some of the troubles danger, or was too much under the in. you are in, and then start?" Oh, what a conflict was going on for my poor soul! A blessed whisper said, Come! The devil said, Be careful! Jerry's hand was on my heart and I would wonder what the end head, and he said, Brother, pray. I said, Can't you pray for me? Jerry said, All the prayers in the world won't save you unless you pray for yourself. I halted

most hellish forms walk round behind wanted a drink of whisky, and I have der to obtain a light a common gun-flint me, and, holding their mouths so close I never seen enough money to make me | was struck with considerable force against could feel their scorching breath, tell me take one. I promised God that night a piece of steel made of convenient size, what to do. This advice, whether true if he would take away the appetite for which produced a few sparks; these, or imaginary, always tended toward my strong drink I would work for him all my lodging upon the burnt rags, made suffi self-destruction. Then they would go life. He had done his part, and I have cient fire to enable one to readily light into the next room, and talk so loud been trying to do mine. Nor did I ever, the match. about my case I was sure my wife would even by accident, swear an oath, though These smouldering rags, (for the sparks

but a moment, and then, with a breaking

heart, I said: "Dear Jesus, can you help

though up to that moment my soul had

been filled with indescribable gloom, I

a free man. Oh, the precious feeling of

indeed old things had passed away and

On Tuesday evening, on the 18th of day to work for Christ, by inviting a leaning on tobacco, and I had better lean entirely on him. I threw my plug of tobacco away one night down the aisle in the mission, and the desire was removed. gladly have paid money to be rid of rum,

if I could have been relieved that way. Four years afterward I was called by the Trustees of the old McAuley Water Street Mission to take charge of the work where Jerry first began over fifteen years ago. Almost every night God is seemed to feel some great and mighty displaying his wondrous power here in we now consider modern conveniences. saving the drunkard, the thief, and the outcast! Pray for us!

STOOD BY HIS FLAG.

Youth's Companion. A dozen rough but brave soldiers were playing cards one night in the camp. 'What on earth is that?" suddenly exclaimed the ringleader, stopping in the midst of the game to listen. In of matches to their more fortunate neigha moment the whole squad were bors. listening to a low, solemn voice, which came from a tent occupied

camp that day. I was placed in a narrow cell, and it The ringleader approached the tent on tip-toe. "Boys, he's a praying, or I'm a sinner!" he roared out.

by several recruits who had arrived in

"Three cheers for the parson!" shouted another man of the group, as the prayer ended.

"You watch things for three weeks! out of him," said the first speaker, laughing. He was a large man, the ringleader in mischief.

The recruit was a slight, pale-faced young fellow of about eighteen years of

During the next three weeks he was the butt of the camp. Then several of the boys, conquered by the lad's gentle patience and uniform kindness to his persecutors, begged the others to stop to produce a light. This was called a luannoying him.

"O, the little ranter is no better than the rest of us," answered the big ringleader. ,"He's only making-believe pious. When we get under fire, you'll see him run. These pious folks don't like the smell of gunpowder. I've no faith in their religion."

In a few weeks the regiment broke camp, marched towards Richmond, entered the Wilderness, and engaged in that terrible battle. The company to which the young recruit belonged had a desperate struggle. The brigade was driven back, and when the line was reformed behind the breastworks they had built in the morning, he was missing. When last seen he was almost surrounded by enemies, but fighting desperately. At his side stood the brave fellow who had made the poor lad an object of rididenly the big man was seen tramping dead body of the recruit. Reverently he the blood from his own face: "Boys, I couldn't leave him with the rebs-he fought so! I thought he deserved a de-

cent burial." During a lull in the battle the men dug a shallow grave, and tenderly laid the remains therein. Then, as one was cut- pumpkin pies. ting the name and regiment upon a board, the big man said, with a husky they had little sugary bubbles all over voice: "I guess you had better put the their hot faces. words 'Christian soldier' in somewhere. He deserves the title, and may be it 'll console him for our abuse." There was not a dry eye among those rough men as they stuck the rudely carved board at the head of the grave, and again and again looked at the inscription. "Well," said one, "he was a Christian soldier if there ever was one! And," turning to the ringleader, "he didn't run, did he, when he smelt gunpowder?" "Run!" answered the big man, his voice tender with emotion, "why he didn't budge an inch! But what's that to standing for sending a word back? He just stood by

his flag and let us pepper him-he did!" When the regiment marched away, that rude head-board remained to tell what a power lies in a Christian life.

THE OLD TINDER-BOX.

Henry M. Brooks, in June Wide-Awake. Probably there are few children of the present day who have ever seen, or even heard, of the old-fashioned tinder-box and matches. Yet fifty years ago the friction match, now so universally used, had just been invented, and did not come into general use for many years.

Before the year 1836, or thereabouts. house-keepers were obliged to use matches of domestic manufacture. These were small pieces of white pine wood, perhaps twice the size of our match, the ends of which had been dipped in melted brimstone. A small iron skillet in which to melt the brimstone was once a common kitchen utensil in many families in New

England, if not elsewhere. The only way to light one of these brimstone matches was to bring it in contact with a spark of fire. For this purpose there used to be kept in every house a small tin box filled with burnt rags, From that moment till now I have never and this was called a tinder box. In or-

before I could not speak ten consecutive thus obtained did not produce a blaze) the next one. We wished mother had words without an oath. I began the next | were afterwards extinguished by a round | baked a mate to that last one. tin cover called a damper. To thus create fire required some experience, especially in damp weather, or with cold fingers on winter mornings. We have off pie-crinkles again. Lizzie rememknown people to make "a bad piece of bered what she said, and did not pick work" with the flint and steel and to succeed only with great patience in "strik- kin pies. All we ate was just their ing a light." If one happened to be skins. cross or nervous the chances were that he could not succeed at all; nor was it an unfrequent sight to see the good wife of hind the stable to play in the watering the house running across the street with a troughs. There were two troughs there, shovel to borrow a shovelful of "live coals" from a neighbor, the chimneysmoke of whose dwelling proclaimed that If we put a chip in this spout the water she had a fire. The change to the match of commerce was one of the first of what In many families it was one of the "children's chores" to prepare wood for the matches, and to dip the ends in melted brimestone. These matches were sometimes to be bought in shops, but New England economy more frequently led each family to prepare its own. Still it was not uncommon for poor children to make a trifle of money by selling bunches

In sparsely-settled neighborhoods great care was exercised at night by the head of the house to "keep the fire." He took precaution that there should be a good bed of "live coals" at the hour of retiring; these he covered with many shovelfuls of ashes to prevent them from burning out. The next morning the coals were usually found to be "live" on raking open the ashes, and served to start the day's fire. It was not an impossible feat to I'll show you how to take the religion thus preserve the family fire through the tient as ever. year, without recourse to tinder-box and matches.

> The modern friction match was welcomed by many house-keepers, although here and there some old people objected to it, considering it a dangerous article, as no doubt it is when carelessly used or left lying about. The first friction matche invented required to be drawn across a piece of fine sand-paper in order cifer, and was much safer, although not so convenient as the present match. Then came the present patent friction matches. which used to be called "loco-focos." There were no fancy match-boxes in "old times," and the tinder-box was not considered an ornamental article, but was Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Influenza, Inflam kept cut of sight in the cupboard or on the kitchen mantel-piece.

We find in a Salem newspaper of June 30, 1836, the following:

A WONDER. "Notwithstanding the convenience of those dangerous little articles, friction matches, which are in almost everybody's hands, but which with al! their charms bid fair to prove a heavy curse to the community, we learn that there is one man in Salem, a respectable tradesman. who keeps a store where we should generally expect to find such things, but who has never sold them, nor allowed them to be used on his premises. At his hous and shop, he sticks to the old-fashioned flint, steel and tinder. He shows his wisdom in so doing. How many more can say as much?"

SEVEN PUMPKIN PIES. Wide-Awake.

They sat in a row on the buttery shelf seven crinkly-edged, spicy, steaming They were on blue earthen plates, and

They smelled good, they tasted good

they were good. Mother had shut the buttery door, for she said, "What if old Peter should get in here and eat my pies!"

Old Peter was our biggest cat, and he always would steal whenever he was hun

When mother had put the last pie on the shelf and shut the buttery door, she did not see Lizzie and I hiding behind the flour-barrel.

All this happened a long, long time ago, when Sister Lizzie and I were very weeks our fire like a man, and never little girls. We could not hide behind a flour barrel now if we should try.

When we heard mother hang up the pie-fork in the cook room we crawled out and stood before the seven pies. How to Churches and Clergymen.

good they did smell! Lizzie reached up and picked a tiny bit of sweet, crisp, golden-brown skin from the top of one pie and ate it. Then she picked off a bigger piece and

ate that. Lizzie was older and taller that I. couldn't reach the piesthough I stood on tiptoe and tried to.

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When Lizzie had eaten the skin of one pie, she peeled the skin off the next one. "to make mates," she said. She gave me the bubbles in the peeling to eat. Then she made "mates" of the next two pies on the shelf, and of the next two, and of

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And then we came out and shut the buttery door very softly and went beand the water ran through a little spout from the high trough to the low trough. would flow over and make little falls.

By and by we heard mother call, "Lizzie!"

We didn't answer.

Mother called again, "Liz z'e! Ad-die!"

We peeped around the corner, and she was standing in the shed door. She saw our pink sun bonnets, and called again, "Girls, did you peel my pumpkin pies?"

"I-I skinned half a pie, mamma," Lizzie answered, so low that nobody but mother could have heard her.

"Did you peel more than half a pie?" "I-I skinned one whole pie," L'zzie's answer went round the stable's corner. "Did you peel more than one whole

"I-I did skin three pies, mamma." L'zzie was a brave little girl. She did cure by mail, free, a copy of our 32-page Illusn't say "we," she said "I," though I had helped eat the pie-skins.

"Did you peel more than three pies, Lizzia?" Mother's voice was just as pa-

"I peeled mates, mamma, all the mates there were and one mate over."

"Then my little girls will come into the house." And we went in with mother; but before she shut the shed door she broke off a tiny switch from the lilac bush growing near it, a bit of a lilac twig that couldn't hurt a fly's wing, but small as it was, in mother's hand it helped HUBBARD BROS., Kansas City, Mo. us to remember never again to peel the skins from pumpkin pies.

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FAMILY AND PUBLIC PRAYER.

There are a great many men, members of the church, who will not pray in public, nor in their families. I think that any man who has sense enough to learn family were very wicked and more than one of his hearers can understand him. to read can learn to pray. But they say they cannot pray so as to edify others. We preach to edify, but pray to God for the things we need. How was it when you were praying for religion? Did you think then about edifying, or about the things you needed? What would you do if to obtain one hundred would save you one thousand dollars! I suppose you would do your best to borrow it, would you not? But would you conclude that because you cannot talk as well as some others, or that you could not edify those who might hear you make the effort, that you would let the hundred dollars alone and lose the thousand? No; you would say, I must have the hundred dollars. My family and those dependent on my efforts cannot afford to suffer on account of what others may think or say about my manner of speech. Then, brother, do not let some good soul be lost because you cannot benefit some foolish critic, or let your own children become a wreck because some ignorant person sits in judgment on your prayers. One reason why so many of us have such little power in prayer is because we pray to man and not to God. We pray through the brush; that is, we let too many earthly things get in between us and God, and by the time our prayers get through, they are so mutilated that they will not be honored at the bank of heaven; hence our spiritual poverty. Quit praying by the way of what others will think or say about your prayer, and do not let anything come between you and your God when you attempt to ask for the things you need.

the waste-basket, I will tell you of two little incidents that may be a little help to you in this matter. One is a bit of work of a very small boy. Up to the time that I professed religion, which was was a very wicked man, but as soon as bed, I took up the old family Bible and figure nine with the stem cut off. thought I would ask him to let me hold read a chapter and pray with the family?" complete victory in the end. But that is not the best of it; he was iron-heeled despot. happily converted to God. And that is not all of it. The next night at home he held family prayer. The Lord says: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Yes, my dear brother, it is a cross, but for the sake of Jesus take it up, and do not neglect it on account of what men may think or say. The second incident which I will now relate will not only be a help to you in taking up your cross, but I trust it will help my brethren in the ministry to call for voiunteers, for they make the best in so small a compass. soldiers. Do not call on one brother every time to lead in prayer, but see how many you can get to work, for if you call on one often and to the neglect of others you will do what you are trying not to do. The most successful preacher is not the one who does the most himhimself, but the one that can get the

held resulted in forty conversions and the voice of the elocutionist, the singer's thirty-six accessions to the church. To- that of the singer, the speaker's that of ward the close of the meeting I request- the man." "So that no more depended the congregation, one day at the 11 ence can be placed on lessons in singing o'clock service, to meet at the church than on lessons of imitative elocution. about one hour by sun in the afternoon. which they did promptly. I sent the sis- competent speaking voice." ters north of the house and the brethsouth of the house to hold grove meet- propositions cannot be gainsaid; for if any ings with the penitents, and I requested one does wish to become the possessor of the young converts, the men and boys, a good speaking voice, it certainly does to follow me. We went off in a hinge upon his will. He must will it. western direction to the top of a hill and then let all his energies take that which was not very far, and after trend, and he will accomplish his object. seating them, about twenty in number, No one will ever succeed in moving and upon the grass under a large Spanish influencing men by mere imitative elocuoak, I began a talk upon the above men- tion; for it cannot carry weight and force tioned text, and in the conclusion I with it in the very nature of the case. asked the boys if any of them would An effort in this line will but issue in agree to pray when called upon, and if failure. It lacks the elements that imany of them would hold family prayer? press the mind, move the head, and stir Nearly every one of them gave me their the conscience. There is something hands that they would. The contract about it that is hollow, vapid and insipid; we entered into was that the first night and the failure of this method is no after the meeting closed they were to begin work. One little white-headed failure.

S. E. Burkhead.

Miller you know what a hard time I will portance of a good, trustworthy, uniform have, and I want you to pray for me, for articulation to the public teacher." "Disdid I know he would have a hard time? Well, I had exhausted my skill in trying by this vice of indistinctness, as Mr. to get his old father to pray in his Sheppard calls it. If a man has any family and in public, and several of the thing to say, let him say it so that every likely would criticise his effort. The Bro. Morrison said: "Well, boys, it is bed time and you had better retire." looked at him with a look that you can better imagine than I can describe, tone him up amazingly in this line. and then said: "Son, you are too young can try." The boy prayed not with an in prayer. The next day Bro. Morrison time came again the little boy walked their attention. up to the table, put his hand on the Bible and looked at his father, when the fact, it was a fine sermon, but it fell like old man said: "Stop, my dear child. If moonlight sheen upon a field of ice, beyou can do that I will if it kills me," and cause the people did not hear it. he did, but it did not kill him; but it is sufficient for you, and why do you say will say, "By the grace of God I'll try." A. K. MILLER.

THE UNDER-DOG IN THE FIGHT. This unpoetical title is nevertheless suggestive to some minds. A great many persons at some time in life have had If it will not cause this article to go to some experience on this line, and when looked at from the proper point of view it is not to be despised. It is proof posimy own experience, and the other is the tive that the aforesaid is a man of purpose and has stood to his convictions under circumstances of stern opposition; at the age of thirteen years, my father all of which is much more than can be said of a large part of the human family I was converted I went to work for his that are so cautious that they never take salvation. And one night during the position till all the questions are settled progress of the meeting at which I was and all the battles fought. That class is converted, while father was unwell in very fitly represented by Bishop Key's

Again, it is a well known fact that a prayers, but then I concluded that I wild cat never does his best fighting till could not pray well enough to edify the he is flat of his back; then he is perfectfamily, for I was only a poor little igno- ly free to use his teeth and all four sets rant boy, and the devil thwarted my of his claws with deadly effect on any tongue. good intentions. I went out near the yard man or mastiff that may be so reckless as gate, under some locust bushes and got to close in with him. With a plenty of down upon my knees before God and the wild-cat mettle about him, to be the prayed for his grace to help me in that under-dog does not always mean defeat. time of need that I might be able "to Being cornered, his fighting qualities are take up the cross," as well as to "follow greatly enhanced, so much so that his him." I went back into the house and ancagonist will suggest the propriety of to the bed-side and said, "father, may I a stand-off which is often equal to a

Another view of the question then turning his face to the wall, from illustrated in the life-long course of the me, he said, "My God, have I lived so late Rev. J. B. McFerrin. No man has that my little children have come up to ever been known to successfully measure lead me!" For a while he wept bitterly; stick and steel with him on the conferthen turning his face to me, said: "Yes, ence floor or anywhere else. After getmy boy, and pray for a wicked father." ting his antagonist down, he would I read a few verses in the Bible, and then tickle him, raise him up, and like a good we kneeled in prayer. Father slept but shepherd bear him away rejoicing, he little that night, and the next morning being the under-dog, if there be such a he asked me if I would like to go to character in the contest. Noble conchurch, and of course I told him yes. So duct this, but why not. The victor can after breakfast we went to church. The always well afford to be generous to the preacher preached a good sermon and vanquished, and this generosity, or the then invited penitents to the altar, and want of it, always determines the victor thank God, father was the first one to go. to either be a Christian brother or an

Conclusion: Let no man under discouragements be discouraged; neither let the successful be unduly elated, for "pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

W. W. GRAHAM. "BEFORE AN AUDIENCE."

This is a book that I read with much delight and profit; and it is a book that cannot be too highly commended for its sterling qualities, and for the vast amount of useful information contained

This book was written by Nathan Sheppard, and it is sold by Funk & Wagnalls, N. Y.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I propose to give some extracts from this book, and then offer some reflections upon them.

"A good speaking voice is acquired by the will." "Imitative eloquence will not The first protracted meeting I ever answer." "The elocutionist's voice is or dramatic recitation, for creating a

Now, it does seem to me that these

boy gave me his hand, saying: "Bro. "It is impossible to overstate the im-

I will do what I promise." But how tinctness is vital, indistinctness is fatal." How many times have we been pained

Some ministers' indistinct way of saynext night after the meeting closed, ing things would incline us to believe while the family were all seated around that they really wanted to conceal certhe fire and bed time having come, old tain parts of their message from certain parts of their audience.

Frequently a minister fails to accom-The little fellow (God bless his little plish any good by his feeble indistinct heart) said: "Father, I promised the articulation. It is really a matter of surpreacher that the first night after our prise that any public speaker will allow meeting closed I would ask you to let himself to be guilty of this abominable me hold family prayer." His father vice of articulation, when a little painstaking and a little hard practice would

I remember hearing a minister preach and too small." The little boy said: on one occasion to a very large audience. "Father, let me try;" and the old gentle- Everything seemed to be very inviting, man could hold out no longer. He be- but a fine opportunity of doing much gan to weep, and said: "Well, son, you good was lost simply because the preacher spoke in such low tones that eye to edifying his wicked brothers and only those in his immediate presence his brother-in-law, but with an eye to could hear him. The majority of the having his father go before him and lead audience looked up and were not fed, because the minister did not have vocal was unusually restless, and when bed dynamics about him sufficient to attract

This sermon had thought in it; and, in

"Some minds work best, most ef learned him that he could pray in public | fectively and expeditiously in and by the and in his family. God says His grace act of public speaking." "Such men are public thinkers as distinguished nay? O how many who read these lines from closet thinkers." "The most successful public speakers are supreme before an audience, but must take a secondary, if not twenty-secondary, place among writers strictly so called."

> It is a fine thing for a man to know himself, and it is very important for a man to know his opportunity.

> Some fine preachers are spoiled by becoming writers; and some fine writers are spoiled by becoming preachers. I mean by this to say that not every fine preacher is a writer, and not every fine writer is a fine preacher.

> Bledsoe would never have succeeded as ffectively as a preacher as he did as a writer. Geo. Pierce would never have succeeded as effectively as a writer as he did as a preacher.

Hence the two mottoes written upon the walls of the Temple of Delphos, "Know Thyself," and "Know Thy Opportunity," are worthy of the highest consideration of every one that expects to benefit the public either with pen or

"Sometimes it will happen that the occasion is dormant and the audience is dormant." "What is the speaker to do under such circumstances?" "Wait for the audience to come to life, in the hope that it will bring him to life?" "What brings the frogs to life in the spring?" "The warmth of the sun." "So frogs in the audience will never come to life

If a man has a message let him give it to his audience, though fow, though the environments be the most uninviting. Let a minister preach to one as to ten thousand; to ten thousand as to one. If a man has spent and lived "laborious days" in the preparation of his sermon, let him "scorn delights" of an "immense congregation" and preach to but two, if need be, and under God's Spirit they will be saved, as was the case with Bascorm on a certain occasion.

I heard a minister tell his congregation on one occasion that he took great pains in the preparation of his sermons, and if his audience did not increase he would not take so much pains in getting up his sermons. This is in substance what he said, and on that occasion the minister had a good audience, and if he had put his whole soul in presenting to them the Word of life, instead of complaining of the paucity of the numbers before him, he might have been instrumental in saving them, and through them of saving scores of others. Let a minister not despise the day of small things. Let the current of life be in every word, gesture and posture, and his audience will neither nod nor snore under his pulpit ministrations. Mr. Sheppard is pretty hard on "gesticulation by rule." Imagine, says he, Whitefield, Clay or Gladstone making his gestures with this rule in his mind: "When the hand has once been brought into action in gesture, instead of dropping to the side, it should generally remain in position till relieved by the other hand."

Well, such an imagination as that would be rather funny. He says that Arnot, Condlish, Macleod and Cairns were not up in the awful rules for the "palm gestures," the dancing attitudes or the "rising inflation." He says, furthermore, that learning gesticulations, attitudes and the like under the tuition of professional teachers cannot but belittle the great art of public speaking in the estimation of the speaker. The very thought of it is enfeebling, and makes him, or ought to make him, feel ashamed of himself. It ought to make him feel as silly as he looks. He raises the questions: Did you ever know a professional teacher of emphasis and gesture, or in a word, the teacher of the initiative system, to be a public speaker?

This is indeed a very interesting and instructive book. It is full of meat. Every young preacher would do well to get and study it closely.

Our Schools. LADIES ANNEX.

Boarding the train at 10:30 p. m., I

started for Georgetown, the seat of the

Southwestern University, via Hearne. On reaching Hearne, at 1:30 a. m., I found the train for Georgetown three and one-half hours late, which proved however to be about four and one-half hours. How long those hours were can only be known to those who have had to wait for belated train. I wooed sweet sleep, 'tired nature's restorer," but it would not come. I walked the platform; I sought the stars to keep me company, but, alas! they were playing "hide and seek" behind the shifting clouds, and would not stay in sight long enough to be interested in what I had to say. would seek comfort again on the uncomfortable seats prepared for guests in the sitting room of the depot, but their hardness and uncomfortable reception only made my lot the harder. The only human present besides myself was a young man from Alabama, on a visit to Texas, who had been made more successful as a wooer than I, and to his urgent pleadings sleep had succeeded, and seemed to mock me in my fatigued and tired condition, as she sounded loud and clear her incongruous notes through the nose of my young companion, as he lay stretched at full length upon the hard, rugged bench. Slowly the night waned away, and a little while after the sun had dragged himself through a cloud a little above the eastern horizon, the west bound train, with her head light still ablaze, (in her hurry she had not yet put out her light) came thundering up to the depot. Having deposited myself upon a somewhat more comfortable seat than those I found in the depot, we were soon hurrying away toward Taylor. It seemed that sleep was clean gone forever. The fine crops a long the way, however, were a constant source of pleasure. Wet or dry, hot or cold, Texas soil is equal to the of learning, at the request of the Presiemergency, and always rewards the hon- dent we, the undersigned, send the folwhere I ate one of the best breakfasts VOCATE: that it has ever been my lot to eat in a railroad lunch-stand. Changing cars May 28th and continued until June 1st. from the I. & G. N. to the M. K. & T., 1 We did not arrive in time to hear the found on board Bros. Bishop and J. W. Dickinson, whose company made the trip | those who did attend we learn that the from there to Round Rock very pleasant students acquitted themselves with indeed. At Round Rock I took the train great credit, and evinced the fact that for Georgetown. Bro. Dickinson took a private conveyance for his district con- done, both by the able faculty and the ference, at Liberty Hill, while Bro. Bish- pupils. There was an unusually large op kept on his way to Kyle where his attendance both of patrons and visitors family had been spending a few weeks on a visit. I was soon in Georgetown ladies and the orations of the young taking the 'bus. In a few minutes I men were very fine indeed, and evinced was put out at the pleasant and hospitable home of Prof. C. C. Cody, whose tensive information. They were beauexcellent wife knows how to make tiful in thought, grand and even sublime her guests feel perfectly comfort- in sentiment, and some of them sparkled able and at home-no mean ac- with rich gems of thought that would complishment for a wife to possess. have done credit to much older heads I had come as one of the Visiting Com- and hearts. mittee before the commencement exer- The Kappa Tau Society, the Belles cises proper began, so that after looking Lettres Society, and the Alumni and into the workings of the University I Alumta Association, all held their meetmight be able to give the church in Texas ings as announced in the ADVOCATE in and elsewhere that information that the program, and the young ladies and is necessary for her to have in order to a gentlemen composing these societies exproper understanding of the true condi- hibited an extensive acquaintance with tion of the school. I was sorry that I polite literature and with their studies. reached the institution after some of the professors had finished their examina- livered an eloquent and beautiful adtions. I visited, however, the rooms of dress before the Belles Lettres Society, Professors Burkehead, Hood and Saunders. The students all seemed to be or- light by the audience. derly and exceedingly respectful to their | The commencement evening proper respective teachers, and labored hard to was on Wednesday at 8:30. perform the work assigned them. The examinations were written, so the best I close of the present session, and this could do to get the information wanted was the time for them to receive their was to examine the written papers, which diplomas. I did greatly to my delight and satisfaction. Of course it would not be true to was the finest production I ever heard say that there was perfection throughout, from a school girl. The valedictory was for this is not to be found in any department of life, but to say that the examinations were good in the different grades would be to put it very mildly. I am diplomas to the class the Rev. J. H. glad to say that the standard adopted by Bayet, of Honey Grove, delivered an the faculty, on which a student is passed from one class to another, and from one in which he spoke of the "Elements of book to another, is very high, being on a Success." basis of seventy. That is, the student terested in the University. While some and said it was very fine. may fail from time to time because of It only remains for us to speak of the this high standard, yet it is better to have

upon their alma mater. Take it all in all the University is doing well. The outlook is flattering. All that is necessary now is a concentrated effort on the part of the whole church in Texas, and Southwestern University, the pride of Texas Methodism, will take position alongside with any school in the South.

There is not that complete harmony of action that should be, but the time is not far distant, we trust, when every Methdist in Texas, with shoulder to the wheel of educational progress, will push the Southwestern to a level with the best institutions of learning in the world. It will take time, but it can be done. Texas Methodism knows nothing of failure when she united determines to achieve an end. All difficulties give way under her onward move to success. Now for a concentrated move in behalf of the Southwestern, and the educational interest of Texas Methodism will be crowned with a wreath of imperishable glory. Forward! Altogether!

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versal verdict was that they were the availing themselves. best in the history of the University. All of the students who appeared before the public acquitted themselves credit- cannot do better than to send them to ably and reflected honor on the Univer- Central College, Sulphur Springs, Texas. sity.

The Baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. H. V. Philpott, from the text "God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth," was a most excellent one. It was just forty minutes long, yet it contained as much sound thought and truth as any audience was capable of receiving and profitably appropriating at one time. The sermon was a success.

The sermon at night to the undergraduates, by Rev. Jas. Campbell, was one full of good common sense and exactly suited to the occasion.

May Heaven's richest mercies rest upon the Southwestern University, in all of her interests. GEG. S. WYATT.

CENTRAL COLLEGE.

As the committee appointed to visit Central College did not attend the commencement exercises of this institution est toiler. We soon drew up at Taylor lowing report for publication in the AD-

The examination exercises began on examination of the classes, but from hard, earnest, faithful work had been from abroad. The essays of the young profound thought, careful study and ex-

The Rev. S. R. Hay, from Paris, dewhich was listened to with intense de-

Ten of the students graduated at the

The salutatory by Miss Olivia Neely delivered by Mr. T. L. Garrison, who is quite an orator.

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The commencement sermon was dehas to make an average of seventy on a livered on Sunday, June 3d by Rev. M. grade of 1 to 100 before the faculty will H. Neely, of Gainesville. We did not pass him or her. This standard, though have the pleasure of hearing it, but those high, ought to be very gratifying to all in- who did gave flattering accounts of it,

college, its faculty, grounds, etc. It is it than to have a lower one, for the grad- the property of the Sulphur Springs Disuates sent out will reflect more credit trict Conference, and is a grand institution. The college is a magnificent

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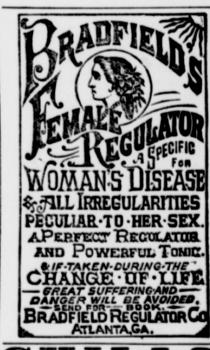
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THE BOW.

In obedience to a custom, Dear Readers, we bow you a polite good morning. In obedience to a sense of obligation and responsibility, we inspire the bow with reverence. In in it. What say you? Is the greeting reciprocated? Shall the friendship be mutual? Then let the glory of God, in the prosperity of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, as the organ of Methodism in Texas, be the common bond of union. Remember that it takes two to make a good paper-the writer and the reader. With the able corps of associate editors and contributors at command, the quality of the reading matter is assured. Their former works guarantee that the quality shall be of the best. But however good the matter, an unread paper can but fail to accomplish its mission. Let us then, first of all, exhort you to read the paper. Read it all, advertisements, obituaries, contributions-and even the editorials. Read and become enthused, then let your enthusiasm take form in earnest, untiring, hearty work. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love desires to receive that she may also impart. The best way to impart subscribers. Remember, we are here from no seeking of our own, or of the publishers, but by the appointment of the church. In obedience to our church vows, we are your servant. We come not to wear honors, but to serve. Not to be ministered unto, but by God's help to minister. Now let us bare our necks to the yoke, and with a strong pull and second to none.

Again we say, good morning; and may the evening of OUR ADVOCATE never come, but when she is done serving in the providence of God, may her sun set at zenith in the glory of her mid-day! God bless you. Pray for your humble servant.

JAS. CAMPBELL.

THE CAUSE AND REMEDY.

Texas newspapers recently note the prevalence and increase of crime in the State, which condition, however, is not by any means peculiar to Texas or any other State or section of country. The press and people of this State, however, are none the less concerned and responsible for the situation at home, though lawlessness and crime elsewhere be tenfold greater. - News.

Here is matter for serious reflection. Is it true that crime and lawlessness are on the increase? If so, what are means hold to the doctrine that the world cation," is a maxim of the gospel that is growing worse. But there seem to be should never be allowed to take a long

devotion to duty by the people, assisted of lawlessness must expand until there meanest citizen." We are glad that the by a leading paper of the secular press. But the above does not seem to us to inthe remedy unless the phrase "popular effort" be made to include the effort of pulpit. For after all that is said about the vigilance of officers and the enforcement of the law by the strong arm of the State and the influence of the press, the Christian pulpit remains the greatest power in the land to check lawlessness and promote virtue in all forms. We do address of the writer; not necessarily for pubnot deny the efficient aid that there is in other remedies, nor do we claim that the pulpit alone is equal to the emergency, but the gospel is the only remedy that reaches the root of the disease, and the pulpit is the most efficient exponent of preaching, clothed with the tenderness of the gospel remember that the seat of disease is deeper than any human remedy hope of an intimate and lasting friendship we can reach. Let them recognize allies in extend to you the right hand with our heart State and press, but remember that help must come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Whatever may have been the occasion of this outburst of iniquity, since the evil is seen and acknowledged, let State, and press, and pulthe foe.

POPULARITY NOT EFFICIENCY.

Popularity, when properly used, is no doubt a means of great good. A good name is not to be neglected, but rather true index of efficiency, and in many instances may be the result of inefficiency. For example, the principal of a high school or the president of a college may be very popular with the pupils and patrons of the school, and at the same time a very inefficient teacher or disciplinarian. This state of things may occur more readily from the fact that those who the good things of the ADVOCATE is to get contribute most of the public sentiment are the most incompetent judges. The seem to be rapidly advanced. The pupils are pleased because the discipline is lax, and because high marks do not indicate a corresponding degree of merit. Add to this a good degree of personal magnetism, with a hail-fellow-well-met-disposition to make friends, and the sum of ingredients of the adequate cause of popularity is complete. Under such circamstances it certainly would be unwise policy for the Board of Education to consult the opinions of pupils and patrons as the source of information on which to base their judgment of the efficiency of the teacher. And a petition a mile long with the names of pupils, patrons, and the mere lookers-on would be poor evidence in the matter. How many people sign petitions from honest convictions based on sound evidence, and how many simply because asked? On the other hand, the qualities and virtues, the absence of which sometimes occasion public favor, may be the cause of unpopularity, when it would be equally unwise to follow the same methods at a judgment. The proper course would be a personal examination of the work done. the causes, and what the remedy? or to take the testimony of those who If the charge be true we may expect to are competent to judge, and in a position find a corresponding opposition to the to know. All of which may be applied church. As religion is the foe of vice to the preacher. The popularity of the and crime in whatever form, and the preacher is not necessarily the proof of church is the representative of religion his efficiency. The most popular pastor we would expect to find in the spirit of is not always the best pastor. Neither lawlessness the most intense opposition should those who have the oversight let to the church. In keeping with this po- the public like or dislike have undue sition and confirmatory of the above weight when they make up their judgcharge, we heard a gentleman of oppor- ment upon the usefulness or fitness of tunities for observation say that for many pastors in any particular field. After all years he had never seen so many signs of this is said, however, it remains true hatred and opposition to the church as at | that popularity when sought not as an present. The same gentleman stated end, but used as a means, is a power for that it was scarcely possible to find a good. It is as such to be coveted. "A crowd of men about a depot, hotel or sa- good name is rather to be chosen than loon in which there was not some one great riches, and loving favor rather than cursing the church. This certainly indi- silver and gold." "Let every one of us cates a sad state of affairs. We by no please his neighbor for his good to edifi-

it was not a victory for liberty, but for But is not this young lady only one of the saloon, and through the saloon for a multitude who fail to recognize the lawnessness. What surprise then that preacher as the messenger of God? We the demon of crime should run riot do not claim infallibility for the pulpit. through the land? Is not this spirit of Yet when the preacher is truly called of triumph the soul of the immoral and law- God he is clothed with the authority of less wave that is sweeping over the Him who said: "All power is given unto country? Whether or not this be the me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefull explanation, it certainly goes a long fore." When he faithfully teaches the way toward it. But what is the remedy? principles of the Bible he delivers a di-The same editorial that begins with the vine message—a thus saith the Lordsentence at the head of this, ends with and they who recognize this fact will the following: "Popular effort is the hesitate long before disposing of the diremedy after all, but without a spirit of vine message with a flippant, "I don't care." The truth is the divine authority by their trusted officers, the social disease | under which the preacher delivers his message is too seldom recognized or is no degree of safety for the best or respected as it ought to be. Again, if in many particular cases the preaching responsibility is felt and acknowledged from the pulpit was supplemented by private admonition the results would be for better. While public preaching is clude the whole or most efficient part of undoubtedly the most efficient means for reaching the masses generally, the private admonition is the necessary supplement to save some. He who is wise

to win souls will not only "preach at us

from the pulpit," but will imitate Him

who preached to the woman at the well.

A BISHOP FOR TEXAS AT LAST. The Northern Methodist General Conference has assigned Bishop Goodsell to Texas. If the M. E. Church has made up its mind to occupy the South, we regard this as a move in the right direction. The Northern Methodists are playing no bluff game. They are in earnest. the gospel. We need bold, fearless The appointment of Bishop Goodsell to Texas is simply a matter of business. Christ, and baptized with the power of If the South is their parish, the sooner the Holy Ghost. Let the ministers of they appropriate it the better. If the Plan of Separation and the Cape May Settlement are a dead letter, we see no objection to the coming of the Bishop. We are glad of one thing in this connection, and that is that the strategic importance of Texas is recognized, if not at Southern Methodist headquarters, at least in the North. It is quite significant that our Northern brethren have pit, join hand in hand and march against located at eligible points in the South four Bishops, nearly one-half as many as we have. We hoped that when our "new panel" was elected we would secure a judicious distribution of the episcopal force. But in vain. We have two in Missouri, two in Tennessee, two in sought. But popularity is not always a Georgia and South Carolina, contiguous States, and two in Mississippi and Louislana lying adjacent. This looks more like huddling than distribution. We believe our General Conference will have to take hold of this matter before the consummation so devoutly to be wished is realized. We are not simply speaking for Texas alone, but for all our broad territory. Texas has been praying for a Bishop for a long time, and the Northern Methodist Church has answered her patrons are pleased because their children prayer. It looks to us like a sarcasm of Providence.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

DR. FITZGERALD, of the Nashville Advocate, welcomes the new editor in the following kindly way: Rev. James Campbell, of the East Texas Conference, has been elected editor of the TEXAS ADVOCATE. He is a big-brained, big-bodied man, loved and trusted by his brethren. We extend to him the right hand of fellowship, with our best wishes for a long, pleasant and successful editorial career.

Let the Methodist Church in Texas say amen and then answer its own prayer by sympathetic co-operation and hard work.

THE following brethren visited the ADVO CATE office the past week; Revs. J. M. Mc-Kee, Jerome Haralson, J. W. Hill, W. D. Mountcastle, S. A. Ashburne, W. H. LeFevre, Geo. T. Nichols.

RER. J. F. Dobbs, of Montgomery county, made us a pleasant call the past week.

J. E. GALBRAITH succeeds B. W. McCullough, resigned, as General Passenger Agent of the L & G. N. R'y.

OUR friend, the Dallas News, uses a scriptural quotation in an editorial!

COMMENDABLE efforts are being made to devise means to raise funds for the Woman's Home in Dallas, a place where so many poor and deserving women are cared for.

THE management of the Ohio Centennial. to be held at Columbus next September and October, have declared that no intoxicants shall be sold on the grounds. Three cheers for the management! And let all good peo

ple say Amen. WHATEVER may be said about the late Beneral Conference of the M. E. Church this much is transparently clear: it was an intelli gent and enterprising body. Regarding themselves as the vanguard of Protestantism, they manifested no disposition to slow up or ride at anchor. They discussed many questions, planned largely, put up the money and took a fresh start. The body was buoyant with life and aflame with zeal. If a man had been looking for a congregation of "dead-heads" or hunting for pessimism, he would not have wasted time by lingering around the Metropolitan Opera House. For pluck, energy, aggressiveness and such winning qualities mend us to the M. E. Church.

In looking over our exchanges this weel

Gen. Grant in it. Who tells the truth in this connection? Did Bro. Henderson fib, or did Bro. Steel leave out the eulogy when he furnished the manuscript to Dr. Fitzgerald?"

THE New York Christian Advocate says: With Dr. Peck as a Grant, Dr. Leonard as a Sherman, and the invincible McCabe as a Sheridan, the missionary forces may be considered well-officered indeed.

If Dr. Peck sacrifices as many men as Gran did at the Wilderness, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor; and if Dr. Leonard destroys as much private property as Sherman, in Georgia and the Carolinas, and if Chaplain McCabe 'cleans up" the average Methodist congregation as effectually as Sheridan did the Valley of Virginia, in our opinion the missionary business of the Northern Church will get in a bad way. We advise Dr. Buckley the next time to try classical illustrations just to vary the monotony of the thing.

THE Western Christian Advocate speaks its mind very freely on the "Christian Science

craze:

The "Christian Science" foolishness is so supremely foolish that we haven't patient to treat it seriously. For "words of learned length and thundering sound;" for diaphanous ideas, indistinguishable distinctions, and definitions that do not define; for theories that have less substance than cobwebs, and less foundation than "the baseless fabric of a vision;" for stilted nothingness and transparent humbug, commend us to "Christian Science." We pity those two noble words, which are compelled to do service of this ignoble kind. craze:

AT a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension, Northwest Texas Conference, held at Vernon, March 25, 1888, resolutions were passed and published in the ADVOCATE asking that the conference set apart the fourth Sunday in July (Saturday and Sunday) to be devoted to the interest of church extension. By request the ADVOCATE reproduces the resolutions:

Whereas, In view of the many worthy ap-lications to the Board of Church Extension plications to the Board of Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, asking aid to assist in building houses of worship; and Whereas, The Board is not in possession of funds to meet these pressing claims; and Whereas, We believe our people need more light on this great enterprise of the church, therefore.

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Resolved, 1. That the 21st and 22d of July be set apart as a time of fasting and prayer for the success of Church Extension in the Northwest Texas Conference.

Resolved, 2. That our presiding elders and preachers be and are hereby requested to arrange for suitable services, and that collections be taken up at such hours as they may deem hest.

WE give in this note some of the points presented in the last monthly report of the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. J. P. Jackson. The number of visits to the room during May was 1204. The gymnasium class had an average attendance of six. There were three lectures during the month-one by Rev. Mr. Scofield on "The Elements of a Noble Character;" one be Prof. Hand on "Chisel and Pencil," and one by Mr. R. B. Seay on "Every Day Law." They were well attended. Twenty dollars worth of new books were received. A register for visitors and members has been provided. Three visits were made to a sick man. The Reception Committee had done some good work. The State Convention at Houston was reported as a decided success. Thy religious condition of the Association during May was in a healthy condition. Three were converted and joined the church. asked for prayers. We are glad to know that the Association, through the wisdom and energy of the popular Secretary, is on rising

THE Churchman, a Protestant Episco paper, in an editorial on the General Confernce of the Methodist Episcopal Church which it calls "The Methodist Conference, among other things said:

Now there has been for some years a dis-tinct growth of the Episcopal element, because to have a controling influence over the future religious welfare of the country.

To which the New York Advocate replies

There is more conceit in that sentence than in any other outside of Don Quixote. The vision of the future is far superior to that of Balaam. To show what great danger there is of this result, and what strenuous necessity presses the Methodist Episcopal Church to cultivate the Eiscopal element, look upon the following statistics: The total number of Baptist and kindred communicants in the United States is 3,729,745; the total number of Lutheran communicants is 930,830; the total United States is 3,729,745; the total number of Lutheran communicants is 930,830; the total number of members of Methodist and kindred bodies is 4,601,416; the total number of Presbyterian and kindred bodies is 1,431,249; the total number of Protestant communicants in the United States, 12,132,651; and the total number of communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Reformed Episcopal Church and Reformed Episcopal Church inted, 423,605. One in three of all the communicants of the United States are Methodist; one in six, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; one in thirty are Protestant Episcopalians. Yet those one in thirty seem to say, "The temple of the Lord are we; the temple of the Lord are we; the temple of the Lord are we; Statistics are generally dry, but nevertheless

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THE HON. GEO. CLARK gives the follow ing explanation of the action of the National Democratic Convention in ignoring the "rabidity" of Texas Antis:

"Since the Fort Worth convention I have regarded prohibition as a res adjudicata and have had no special disposition to renew its agitation. The anti plank virtually put in the platform at Fort Worth was at least a final settlement of the question. During the session of the Committee on Platform at St. Louis, I took occasion, in obedience to what I believed to be a public duty, to call the attention of the sub-committee to the double construction placed on the platform of 1884, with regard to sumptuary laws. I did so, not because of any likely effect in Texas, but for the purpose of saving the party in other because of any likely effect in Texas, but for the purpose of saving the party in other States from the vicissitudes through which we had passed in Texas last year. Texas, with its Democratic majority, could very well af-ford the fight of last year; but a State with a much less Democratic majority, was likely to be wrecked by such a fight. The committee, so far as disclosed, were all Antis; but mem-bers from doubtful States, especially New Jersey, felt very apprehensive of any positive declaration upon the question. In fact, Gov-ernor Abbott, of New Jersey, told me that a positive declaration upon the question of promeans hold to the doctrine that the world is growing worse. But there seem to be times when there are waves, or sudden outbursts of sin in the form of crime and lawlessness. It may be that such a wave is rolling over the country at this time. What then may be the cause or the explanation of t? We propose at least a partial explanation; one that is so plain that it does not require a philosopher to understand. It is but a short logic to the content and intense bitterness engendered in the prohibition campaigns of several States. We cannot forget how that the champions of the liquor traffic, was championed by leading politicians and high officials. The real battle was between the saloon and the institutions of religion and mondate institutions

terms of the St. Louis and Fort Worth platforms. I do not think that we should de anything to disturb the harmony of the party. My impression is that all good Democrats concede that the prol ibition question is finally and definitely settled in Texas. At least that is my construction of the settlement at Fort Worth, and I shall faithfully abide by it."

It would seem that the violent "sitting down on" a man by a National Convention may in instances have the conservative and healing properties attributed by some people to a madstone in cases of hydrophobia.

PERSONALS.

-The University of North Carolina has onferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Bishop Hendrix.

-Dr. John S. Martin, of the Balitimore Conference and Secretary of our last General Conference, is reported dangerously sick. -Rev. William B. Rowzie, a venerable member or the Virginia Conference, died recently in great peace, at his home, in Middle-

-N. H. D. Wilson, son of the late Dr. Wilson, of North Carolina, has accepted a position upon the editorial staff of the Raleigh Advocate.

-Sidney Lanier, the Southern poet, is to have a monument costing \$15,000, and Baltimore, Montgomery and Macon will pay the largest part of the bill.

-Dr. William Morrow, of Nashville, has given \$10,000 with which to enlarge Centenary College at Cleveland, Tennessee. The property of this young college is worth

-Rev. J. B. Laurens, of Virginia, the nanager of a juvenile missionary society, called the "Rosebuds," is reported convales cent. The whole church would rejoice to hear of his permanent recovery.

-Los Angeles Advocate: Rev. R. 1. Allen with his fair bride, made a pleasant call at the Advocate office on Thursday. He will assist Bro. Stradley in the protracted services at Bellevue avenue. He expects to be in Lompoc early next week.

-Mr. George W. Childs, proprietor of one the largest papers in the North, said recently: "While I live no Sunday paper of any sort shall be issued from my office, and if it is possible for me to do so, I will make pro-vision in my will to prevent it forever."

-Dr. John D. Hammond has been recently elected by a unanimous vote to the presidency of Central College, Fayette, Missouri. Dr.

Hammond is a Georgian, and at the time of his election was in charge of one of the prin-cipal churches in St. Louis. -Nashville Advocate: The Rev. Sam P. Jones, Dr. W. M. Leftwich, Rev. J. A. Bowen, and Major M. L. Blanton, have been

-Richmond Advocate: The Rev. Dr. Mc Anally, chief editor of the St. Louis Advo cate, recently revisited East Tennessee and the play-ground of his boyhood. His letter alluding to the mountains seen in youth and looked upon for the last time, but with Chris-tian hope, has not had an equal in pathos in our day.

well congratulate themselves upon the assignment of Bishop Galloway to this district. He is young, able and consecrated; brave as a lion, but tender and loving as a lamb. If we are not greatly mistaken he will take to the West and the West will take to him. It will be a case of love at first sight.

-Pacific Methodist: Rev. George Needham, of the Denver Conference, has been "la boring with" the Nashville Board and has his reward in the handsome appropriation for his conference, nearly double that given to any other home conference. He is in a great field and is doing noble work. A recent addition to our own conference says that he decided to come West under the impulse of a speech from Needham.

-Ex-President McCosh, of Princeton College, still is as studious and hard-working as ever. He said recently to a friend: "I always work ten hours a day, and that is the work of an average man. I walk five miles each day, thinking much, of course, while walking. When I was a student the famous Dr. Chalmers, of Scotland, delivered a lecture to us on systematized work—rest and exercise. I never forgot his advice."

-Referring to Bishop Key's appointments in N. C., the Raleigh Christian Advocate says: This will close his present visit to the State. He is a great blessing to the preachers and pecple wherever he goes. In North Carolina we have learned to love him greatly, and everywhere he goes the preachers and people welcome him with open arms and glad hearts. The beauty of his life and the sweetness of his spirit, as well as his sermons and speeches, tell for good upon all with whom he comes in contact."

-Richmond Advocate: A good friend of Randolph-Macon College has presented to the college portraits in oil of Rev. Stephen Olin, D.D., its first President, and Dr. Lanolin, D.D., its first President, and Dr. Landon C. Garland, its second President. They can be seen for a few days at L. Lewis' art gallery, in this city. Another good friend has presented to the college a fine crayon portrait of Rev. Dr. Bennett, late President of the college. With the exception of Col. Thos. O. Johnson (President 1868-68), the college now has life-size portraits of all its former presidents.

-Arkansas Methodist: We give our readers a sketch and picture of the venerable Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter, now in his seventy-fourth year and the fifty-second in the ministry. He year and the htty-second in the ministry. He and Rev. Jerome C. Berryman of the St. Louis Conference are, we believe, the only members of the General Conference of 1844 now living in the M. E. Church, South. Dr. Hunter has never been off the effective list, and says if his life were to live over again and God wanted him in the ministry, he would freely give all to him again. Enjoying good health and serving a small charge, he still preaches with power the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

-Trinity Church, Atlanta, Ga., is enjoying a revival conducted by Dr. Geo. F. Pentecost. The California Methodists have treated one of their presiding elders to a district parsonage. Rev. H. C. Christian is the man and San Jose the place of location.

-Thos. G. Whitten, pastor of our church in Fulton, Mo., says that Sam Jones, who recently held a meeting there, was instrumental in the conversion of five hundred souls.

-Rev. E. J. Stanley, writing from Montana, reports four new churches which Bishop Galloway will dedicate. The Montana Con ference is rejoicing over the enlargement of its missionary appropriation and its recent re-inforcement of preachers.

-J. C. Simmons, in Wesleyan Advocate: The Southern Methodist Church in Califor-

nia is steadily growing. There is that about its conservatism and steadfastness to the old landmarks of Methodism that will ever com-mend it to thinking men—men who look upon mend it to thinking men—men who look up the church as an institution for the salvation of the world.

-The committees of the St. Louis and Southwest Missouri Conferences, to whom the General Conference entrusted the authority to unite said conferences, unanimously adopted the following resolution: "That the committees on the union of the St. Louis Conference and the Southwest Missouri Conference would respectfully submit, that in their judgment such union is at present inexpedient."

-The Pacific Methodist speaks as follows of a novement to endow the Pacific Methodist College: "The citizens of Santa Rosa are taking hold of the college endowment now with a spirit that presages success. A meeting has been called for the 16th of this month. Many of the leading citizens have expressed an interest in the affairs of the college recently that they have not usually shown."

-Rev. B. E. H. Warren, writing from Montana, says: "All we have ever lacked to make this a strong conference is men of pluck and industry, and proper appropriations. Under the preaching of the gospel here I have seen some wonderful results. At Harrison recently I had near forty conversions, most of whom were heads of families. Sinners were stricken down and were converted in the old way—powerfully. At this point no church had an organization, but we now have a church there of thirty-four members with more to follow."

-Los Angeles Advocate: Bellevue Avenue Church has been enlarged by an addition in the rear, and carpets have been laid on the the rear, and carpets have been laid on the platform and across its front, and aisle carpets have been put in. All this adds materially to the comfort and attractiveness of the place. Brother Stradley is protracting the meetings through the week, and we hope good is being done, for we saw marked signs of a revival Sunday. We have not been able to attend the evening meetings during the week, but we are praying for souls.

—Richmond Advocate: All the city preach.

-Richmond Advocate: All the city preachers were present at the regular meeting on Morday. The various reports made were of an encouraging character. The congregations of the day before were good in all the churches, and the number of communicants very large. The congregations in the Methodist churches of Richmond are largest on communion days. This is a good sign. The preachers passed resolutions of fervent affection and sympathy for Rev. Michael Dickie and wife, our missionaries to Brazil. Brother L. B. Betty, of Ashland, reported from his charge. His work is encouraging. The preachers have instituted a plan of frequent exchanges among themselves, by which all the preachers will be enabled to preach in all the churches of the two cities. Brother Judkins and Brother Evans exchanged on last Sunday night, each preaching to large congregations. Morday. The various reports made were of

-Rev. C. E. Dowman sends the following interesting note to the Wesleyan Advocate: Bowen, and Major M. L. Blanton, have been evangelizing together in Rome, Ga. We expect to hear that there was a great stir in that opulent little city on the Oostanaula.

—Rev. Joel T. Daves, formerly of the East Texas Conference, is now a member of the Louisiana Conference, and is stationed at Lake Charles, La. In addition to his pastoral charge he is one of the principals of Daves' Training School for boys and girls, located at that point.

—Nashville Advocate: We were gratified to have a call last week from our old California friend, Jesse D. Carr, Esq., who took Nashville en route homeward, on his return from Washington City. He is of the Sumner county Methodist stock. He is a special friend and benefactor of our Pacific Methodist College.

—Rev. L. B. Stateler, of the Montana Conference, who has been in Missouri some time resting and recuperating, has returned to his far Western home. The brethren are rejoicing over the return of theold hero. We count him with the "salt of the earth" and with the "light of the world."

—Richmond Advocate: The Rev. Dr. Methodist coof the St. Louis Advocate and students of prayer and self-denial for missions, closing yesterday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, was observed here with special service and offering every day. Dr. Allen was with us Sunday, service and offering every The week of prayer and self-denial for mis-

THE HOME CONFERENCES.

-A note from Rev. C. R. Carter, of the Texas Conference, states that his health is much improved. He says: "I want to e prayers of the

-We learn through Bro. R. W. Thompson the presiding elder of Marshall district, that Rev. W. W. McAnally, of Deberry circuit, with his family, has just passed through a sea-son of severe sickness, his wife, especially, having been very near to death's door. We are glad to announce, however, that all are now convalescent.

-H. T. Harris, San Diego, June 11: Our camp-meeting began last Thursday night, one mile north of Collins. Owing to rain and other causes there were but few of us on the ground that night. All went to work putting the ground in order. Since then people have been coming in from all directions. Saturday night there were about eighteen penitents and nine professions. Six asked for membership in the church. Praise the Lord. Pray for us.

Religion in Politics.

-B. W. Smith, June 9: Dr. John said in the ADVOCATE some years ago that "he did ot believe in putting politics in religion, but did believe in putting a good deal of religion did believe in putting a good deal of religion in his politics." The principle is a good one, and the interest of the country would be enhanced if we would all do it. I have read with interest, and fully endorse the articles of Bros. Stafford and Asbury in the Advocate of June 7th. The time has come when the church of God should take her stand on the side of morality, the Sabbath, the Bible and religion, for the protection of ourselves, our families and the country; if she fails to do that, she must of necessity be on the side of whisky, lawlessness, v.ce, and corruption.

Lagarto Circuit. -W. L. Griffith, June 12: The Corpus Christı district conference held at Lagarto, May 10-13, made a good impression upon the com-10-13, made a good impression upon the community, and we protracted the meeting. Bros. J. B. Denton and H. T. Harris remained with us and did the work of evangelists. We had seven accessions and fitteen conversions. The church could sing "Amazing Grace" while four men each over sixty years old tarried in the altar; and "Oh, it was wonderful, blest be his name," when the aged brother of seventy-six professed and joined the church. Rev. A. S. Robinson, of Lagarto, a local preacher, has traveled a distance of sixty miles monthy, in order to preach at Tilden. High water did not stop nim. He would swim across and fill his appointments, We report for the entire charge, 33 accessions to date and 46 conversions.

Pontotoc.

-Preacher's Wife: In reading our valuable paper I see letters from the different preachers telling of their poundings. I can say Pontotoc is not behind. One night we were literally stormed by a large number. of friends, the majority of whom were not members, only four Methodist families represented, our worthy professor, Bro. J. G. Burney, being in the lead. We have just moved to this house. The pantry was poorly furnished, no money, a church divided, everything looking gloomy, finances far behind. But what a change took place when those kind friends came in and deposited their parcels of everything needful, both of food and raiment. How our hearts rejoiced at the thought that we were not forgotten. In some way the Lord will provide. Since then we have been moving slowly along. Have organized a Ladies' Parsonage Aid Society. We greatly need a parsonage on this circuit. We did not get a house for three months after we came on this work ; during this time we were well cared for and kindly treated by our esteemed Bro. and Sister Willis at their house; yet there is no place like home. There is only part of a church at this place, with a few seats. Some of the congregation have to sit on the floor. There is much to be done. But first we must have a united church, then a revival of true religion in the heart of every member, then everything else will follow and preachers telling of their poundings. I can

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-Mrs. E. B. Baggett, Cedar Creek, North Belton Circuit, June 11: As some of our members have expressed a desire that our auxiliary be represented in your columns, I feel it my duty to say to friends of missionary workers, that through the suggestion and assistance of our pastor, Bro. Morris, a Woman's Missionary Society was organized in our Sunday-school the second Sunday in May with fourty-four members. We call our society "Cedar Creek Gleaners." The following are the officers: president, Mrs. Thos. Blanchard; vice president, Mrs. J. M. Neal; second vice president, Mrs. Li. F. King; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. B. Baggett; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Nichols; treasurer, Miss Addie Weyland; agent for Missionary Advocate, Miss Emma Blanchard. We feel ashamed that we did not join the band of Christian workers sooner, and may our zeal in future atone for the negligence of the past. Several of our members take the Missionary Advocate. We love our pastor; were so glad to have him again this, his second year. members have expressed a desire that our

Jacksonville Mission. -T. T. Booth, June 13: The second quarterly conference for the Jacksonville mission, was conference for the Jacksonvine mission, was held June 9, 10, with good results and a promising outlook. Our presidifig elder, though a little jaded, was present. He preached to the satisfaction of all, and looked carefully after all the interests of the church. The official Board were all present with good and satisfactory reports, and the best of all, the Lord was present in the spirit, giving efficacy to his word, and bearing witness to his people of their sonship. The mission is on rising ground. It paid more to the support of the gospel the second quarter than the first. Five Sundayschools reported, while there were none in the beginning of the year. Wherever the gospel is fully preached and heard good results always follow. Our camp-meeting on the mission embraces the third Sunday in August, and I take this opportunity of inviting ministerial aid. Come, brethren, we will care for you while you preach to us the gospel. The following brethren we will expect without fail: Dr. R. S. Finley, W. W. Hopper, L. M. Fowler and E. T. Brashear. Bro. Patterson will be on hand also during the week and hold our third quarterly conference. held June 9, 10, with good results and a promis-

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-W. B. Martin, June 10: We have just

passed through a gracious revival of religion. Our pastor, Rev. W. R. D. Stockton, certainly deserves great credit for his faithful efforts and untiring energy manifested for the salvavation of Weatherford. At first it seemed that all efforts to awaken an abiding interest in the church for a revival, even among church members, was next to impossible. But the grand old sledge hæmmer of God's love in the hands of one so well qualified to use it, at last pulverized the stubbornness of the church and brought them like the trembling jailor to a realization of their condition and duty. Still I believe it may be said that the revival proper has not reached more than one-half of the church. But whose fault is it? Surely not that of the ministry. Then, dear brother, whose fault is it? Echo answers, "yours." Work is progressing slowly on the new church. Water table is being put on. In conversation with one of the leading masons, a contractor, I was told by him that this church would equal any in the State in solid workmanship and beauty. Wouldn't it be nice to have it completed by conference, so that that grand body of the men of God might meet there and worship God, and attend to the business of his house. Methodism—Christianity in earnest—has a sure footing in Weatherford. We are proud of our pastor, and the man who succeeds him may just make up his mind to get right down to his knitting. Our pastor, Rev. W. R. D. Stockton, certainly

Reply to Reuben B. Gill. -Fanny L. Armstrong, editor of Woman's Journal, Dalias: Rev. T. W. Morton, in a recent number of the Christian Advo-CATE, says: "Let others write on the same subject until these God-forgetting women get out of the pulpit and off the rostrum and back in their God-given places." "Scourge back the women and preachers to their spheres" in their God-given places." "Scourge back the women and preachers to their spheres" sounds like the recent campaign utterances of "our friends the enemy." "The God-forgetting women," instead of filling the pulpit and rostrums, are sitting in the chimney corners dipping snuff, at the theatres, progressive euchre parties, on the streets as advertisements for milliners, jewellers and dry goods establishments. They are in the prisons, hospitals, or drunk in police stations. They are in places too vile for any but the Carpenter's Son and the W. C. T. U. women to enter. These "God-forgetting women," seen where men do congregate, are not heard in the prayer-meeting or class-room; not working in the missionary societies or W. C. T. U. or. C. L. S. C. They are criticising with bitter tongue those who are trying to make the world a safer place for their children. Statistics are responsible for the statement that about two-thirds of the Christians in the world are women. So the "God-forgetting" ones cannot be numerous. Where is "woman's God given place?" Each one should have a place of her own, and as there are so many, there must of necessity be great diversity of places. Every one is called of God to some special work. Some must sit by the sick bed of loved ones; some have no homes save the hearts of those who love them; some must go from place to place, like their divine Master, doing good; some must teach; some work in stores and offices; others must stitch, stitch, stitch. Alas, alas! for the necessities of our civilization. see laws no homes save the location of those pince. His ther divine Markey, doing cool, some must site diverged, doing cool, some must site in the cellbrial chair and test property of the control of th

turn him loose to eat up the antis, the saloon men, and all the rest who do not come out boldly for God, purity and justice. We are not going to listen to man, minister, angel, nor archangel, speak one word that is discordant with Scripture teachings. This "anaconda" will swallow up the boa constrictor, Anheuser Busch. A recent letter from Liberia says, there are ants in that country so poisonous that the houses have to be several feet above the ground, and men and animals dread them worse than anything. The boa constrictor has been known to crawl a mile to get 'id of passing their hills. One little ant almost kills him. So the great boa constrictor, Anheuser Busch, will be stung to death by the despised prohibitionist, assisted by his little sisters of the W. C. T. U. We have wept and prayed, and worked invisibly long enough. Our tears have been ridiculed, our prayers mocked, our petitions thrown under the table and deluged with tobacco spit, our homes are poisoned with nicotine and alcohol. We are tired of being the toys and slaves of men, and now we, the best Christians of the best churches, we who work and pray together, demand a better state of things, in the name of our God. When Mr. Gill can catch a Louisiana alligator and put him in the shell whence he came, and place the cover over him, then he may, with Brother Morton's assistance, stop the great moral reform now carried on by the women that he calls "Godforgetting." He may then put them back in their "God-given places." Then the preachers who sympathize with us as Brother Morton did with Miss March, will be no longer political demagogues, but "will be scourged back to their pulpits." Excuse us for taking so much space, but we regret to see ministers of our own church echoing the antis in last summer's campaign. Being in the lead through no fault of ours, but by the votes of the women, in this great army fighting "for God and home and native land," we must speak out on vital points. We have our opinions founded upon God's Word, and not man's interpret

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Waco District.

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It was held in Corsicana. Our presiding elder wisely appointed it to begin on Thursday and close on Friday. In accordance with this arrangement we met on the 13th, at 9 a. m., and closed on the 15th at 5 p. m. All the pastoral charges were represented. We had a refreshing season. The spiritual state of the church was the first topic. Each circuit and station was heard from on this subject before we passed to any other. Having learned of the spiritual state, as indicated by the number of family altars by the attendance upon the means of grace and by the observance of the methods of discipline, the consensus of the conference was that the outlook is hopeful. We then passed to the other topics prescribed in the discipline. Of course there was the usual discussion of the financial question, but there was as little complaining as this scribe ever heard on such an occasion. The fearful condition of the farms by reason of the rains casts a gloom upon the secular side of our church life. Yet it does look as if the combined efforts of one hundred families might retrench sufficiently to support one family extra and have enough over to pay the small proportion due the presiding eider. We trust it will be seen in this light and the preachers all be supported.

The subject of missions was skillfully managed by the committee of which Doctor Connor was chairman, and hope was inspired that Waco district will go beyond her own record this year. The presence and preaching of Rev. C. W. Daniel, representing the conference board, were a joy to us all. The anniversary was a time of seed sowing will be revealed in that day. The offering amounted to 836.40 cents. We wished it were ten times as much, but we wanted it given freely. The congregations were small all through the session. Let me bracket this remark: A district conference should not be held in a lar, e city like Corsicana. The church there is kind and hospitable, and our resolution of thanks was exceedingly appropriate, but—ah—but—ah! It takes an annual or g

committee on books and periodicals carefully considered, etc.

The retiring nondescript who has been editing the Advocate shall not know the terms in which he was endorsed if this deponent can keep it from him. Nor shall the immense man for whom "Gentlemen Shaw & Blaylock" must needs prepare a double-sized cast iron tripod, even he whose outline now appears coming in conquering glory, know the joy with which we hail his advent. I shall say nothing that can excite either pride or jealousy. I don't want the old man to get mashed or the new one to get gashed. Compliments were flung in the direction of Nashville by this committee, and indorsed by the conference. We hope the Christian Advocate, the Sunday-school papers, and the Review have felt better since that report was read and adopted. We did not send a fraternal messenger to the Chicago Convertion. We had no committee to buy bandanna handkerchiefs for the conference. We did not join the third party. We tried to tone up the functions of the church; leaving Polly to catch her own ticks. However, we are against Rum, Rome, and—and—Tobacco.

Dr. W. H. Kirksey, Prof. R. O. Rounsavall, W. R. (Crockett) Melton, and Bro. Woods (I think I am correct about the last name), were elected delegates to the annual conference.

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Your scribe was requested to write up the proceedings for the Advocate, which he has tried to led without any of the records before him. The worthy Secretary, Rev. B. F. Gassaway, offered me the papers, but I feared they would be lost without reaching the journal, so I depend on my memory.

Bro. E. A. Smith, of Waco circuit, was absent on account of a sick child. His report was on hand. Rev. E. L. Armstrong, sometime presiding elder on this district, and always a welcome visitor, scattered sunshine among us from the beginning to the end. Rev. I. N. Reeves, from the Waxahachie district, and S. B. Eilis, from the Fort Worth district, did likewise. Take it all in all, it was the best district conference I ever attended.

the district. The sentiments are becoming sound on our own Sunday-schools, and our people are looking after this integral part of the church as never before "Feed the lambs," is the command given by the Master himself. The quaraterly conference records that were present had light turned on them, and they will be more beautiful in the future. Church Extension had due consideration by a special committee, and signs of progress are seen and are being realized in this great church enterprise. Books and periodicals, the food for our people, were duly considered; and especially our Sunday-school literature and its vital importance as the milk for the children, the lambs of the flock, and also the food for many older ones. No church can live long without a good, healthy, sound literature; and no one can be an intellgent member of any church without reading and studying the literature of his church. As food, and air, and exercise are necessary to growth and prolongation of life, so will reading and studying and thinking be to a necessary growth in knowledge, and in intelligence, and in wisdom, both in church and in state. The Tenas Advocate and its new editor, Rev. James Campbell, were heartily commended to all the Methodists of Texas. Every Methodist family should read the Tenas Advocate Temperance is a part of Methodism. No one can be a good Methodist who is not temperate in all things. We hall with joy a healthy sentiment on the subject of temperance throughout our entire country.

Education, last but not least in this report. Methodism believes in education. She has tasted and seen that it is good. The Church has not neglected this important work—we might say field—of educating her followers. Every Methodist body in Europe and America, and even throughout the civilized world, recognizes the duty of providing schools for the education of her people. "Edward Everett, in his day, said that there was no church in the United States so successfully engaged in the cause of education as the Methodist Church in the United S

as much money invested in school property, as the Methodist Church, the Roman Catholic Church not excepted.

Rev. J. M. Binkley, Financial Agent for the North Texas Female College, located at Sherman, Texas, was present and represented his agency. He received in money and good subscriptions nearly \$500. He is a faithful and trustworthy agent. Rev. J. W. Adkisson, President of Central College, located at Sulphur Springs, Texas, was present and represented the advantages of his school. Rev. Adkisson is a Christian gentleman of culture and refinement, and is a safe and efficient college president. Farmersville, Texas, gets the next district conference. E. C. Heath, Rev. B. R. Goodwin, W. B. Dashiell and A. H. Henry, delegates to the annual conference; J. P. Crawford and Sidney Bass alternates elect. The spiritual part of the district conference was the best I ever attended. Conversions every day. All seemed to be happy. Nine joined the Methodist Church Saturday night. The pastor and his people greatly blessed. The presiding Elder is a spiritual man and all love him. There was great harmony from the first to the last. All were blessed.

Victoria District.

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The Victoria District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, convened at Edna, Texas, May 31, 1888. The opening sermon was preached Wednesday night. Thursday morning at 9 o'clock conference met, Rev. R. J. Deets in the chair, and presiding throughout the session, giving entire satisfaction to all the brethren. The president gave the conference to understand from the beginning that he meant business, and each member was expected to work. Two of the preachers were absent; kept away by affiction. Not more than half the delegates were present, the rains and swollen streams keeping them at home. This we all regretted very much, and none more than the citizens of Edna, who had made extensive preparations to entertain all who should attend the conference. We who were there can bear testimony to the kindness and hospitality of the people of Edna.

The closest scrutiny was given to every de-Victoria District.

workers are invited, and will be provided for.
Everybody invited to come with wagon and tent and remain during the meeting. The Rev.
Jacob Ditzler is expected to be with us. Our third quarterly conference will be in connection with this meeting June 30th.

GEO. WARD, P. C.
M. A. BLACK, P. E.

Our camp meetings begin as follows: The first one will be held one half mile south-east of Smiley's Lake, June 29, and will continue over the second Sunday in July. The second one will be held at the Holston Pool camp ground one mile east of Union Valley, Wilson county, or twenty-five miles south of Luling, commencing July 20, and will continue over the fifth Sabbath. Ministerial help solicited. Come one, come all. C. H. MALOY, P. C. RANCHO, TEXAS.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Fort Worth District.

This conference will convene Wednesday, June 20, 1888, at 9 a. m., in Hillsboro. Let all members be present at the organization. Opening services at 11 a. m., by Rev. C. S. Field.

The District Sunday-school Convention will be held at 3 p. m., Friday, June 22nd. Let all the Methodist Sunday-schools in the district send a delegate. I hope the pastors and superintendents will see to the appointment of said delegate.

J. FRED COX, P. E.

PROGRAM S.S. CONFERENCE.

The following is the program for Sunday-school Conference, Gatesville District, North-west Texas Conference:

1. What is the object of the Sunday-school? Wm. Price, H. C. Cook, J. T. Owens.

2. What is the mutual relation of the Sunday-school and church? R. A. Hall, A. M. Borders, Robt. S. Heizer.

3. What is the best method of conducting the Sunday-school? G. W. Graves, S. D. Mc-Eachern, J. W. Raby.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION OF TERRELL DISTRICT.

The Sunday-school Convention of the Terrell District, North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, convened in the Methodist Church, Wills Point, June 6, 1888, and continued for two days. Rev. W. L. Clitton, presiding elder of the Terrell District, presided, and W. H. LeFevre was elected Secretary. The program, as announced in the TEXAS ADVOCATE, by the presiding elder, was strictly followed, which was as follows:

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The importance of denominational schools.
The importance of the literature of the M.
E. Church, South.
The object of Sunday-schools.
There had been assigned speakers to each of the above topics, who simply led, and others followed, in the di-cussion. All the above topics were closely examined by the convention, and many practical lessons were educed therefrom, lessons that made impressions on the minds and hearts of all present.
Many good suggestions were made by the different speakers. The teachers' meetings were something new, and the presiding elder and some others made some strong suggestions on this line. The literature of the church, and especially that of the Sunday-school department, was commended to all our Sunday-schools as the very best. Denominational Sunday-schools were pronounced by the convention to be the best for any particular church, and especially so for the Methodist Church. The object of Sunday-schools was emphasized. The object of Sunday-schools is to bring the children to a knowledge of Christ by who some teaching and sound conversion. Then they are fit for membership in his visible church. The characteristics of parents impress themselves upon the minds and hearts of their children; and who had made extensive preparations to entertain all who should attend the conference. We who were there can bear testimony to the kindness and hospitality of the people of the dia.

The closest scrutiny was given to every detail of church work. What we handn't done, as well as what we had, was brought to light. Prominence was given to religious services, and these were intensely spiritual. The Word was preached in demonstration of the Spirit and with power. The church was quickened, and some led to inquire for the way of life. It is combinently expected that and people of Edna.

The pastors reported on the general state of the church in their respective charges, showing steady progress throughout the district, yet a need for more. The pastors were urged to stir up the people on this line. More religion in the family is the cry down this way.

The Committee on Pinances made a ringing report. Finances better than at this time last year. It was shown that the works which used the assessment plan were nearer up with all their finances than those which we have been provided to the district, yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good church houses in the district yet in some good the propose of the control of the pr

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"Good morning, Mr. Dallywag; changing your boarding-place again?" "Yes." "What is the matter now? I thought you were nicely fixed." "Well, so I was; but I got a week in arrears on my board and my landlord served me coffee this morning in a fancy cup with gilt lettering on it that read: "Thick of me." I paid my bill and got out. You can bet I wouldn't put up with such base hints as that was."

I will pay high cash prices for old U. S. and Confederate Postage Stamps, if on the original letter or envelope. It will pay you to look up your old letters and send me the envelopes, as many of the stamps are rare and will bring high prices. Descriptive price-list sent to all who apply for them. I will buy unused stamps also, if in good order. Call the attention of your friends to this notice, as it may help some one in need. Best references furnished if desired.

THOMAS SEMMES.
BOX 9, Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Wistful—What happy people you are to have six nice daughters! What resources for your old age! Mr. Quiverful—Yes. Resources enough! But the difficulty, nowadays, consists in husbanding one's resources.

MORLEY'S BU-CHU-LIN contains all the MORLEY'S BU-CHU-LIN contains all the Active Principles of the best known Vegetable Kidney and Liver Medicines combined with Pure Holland Gin and Acetate Potash, making it a Positive and Specific Remedy for Irritation. Inflammation or ulceration of the Bladder and Kidneys, Diseases of the Prostrate Gland, Stone, Gravel, Brick Dast Deposit, Mucous and Milky Discharges, Dropsical Swelling, Rheumatism, and for all this class of specal diseases, existing in Men, Women or Children.

Prince Alexander (of Bulgaria)—My darling, the lord high chamberlain tells me that Lord Highfeather told him that Duke Donix told him that Prince Bigbugg told him that Bismark said I might kiss you just once. Princess Victoria—How nice.

Preston's pure and unequaled Fruit Syrups for hotels, saloons, grocers and confectioners and for family use. Order a sample case through your jobber. They sell well, bear good profit and give perfect satisfaction. Price to trade: Per case, 1 dozen quarts, \$5.50; per case 2 dozen pinte, \$6.

Kind to his Little Boy: "Mother writes that she will be here to-morrow for a short visit, my dear." "Very well, he replied, and as he left the house he patted his little boy on the head kindly, and said: "Bobby, didn't you ask me to buy you a tin whistle and a drum the other day?" "Yes, pa." "Weli, 1 will bring them to you to-night."

The prevalence of Maiaria in large sections of country where, until recently, it has never been known, is not easy of explanation. If you are a sufferer, it will be more interesting to you to know how to get well. A few doses of Shallenberger's Antidate will do the work, and do it immediately. The medicine is prompt in destroying the poison, and always safe; even for young children. Sold by Druggists.

The Wicked Reporter's Reward: St. Peter—You were a wicked reporter, I see, and only went to church when sent there to take sermons. How many sermons did you report? Reporter—One a week for twenty years; twenty times fifty-two is—twice nought, twice two are four, twice five are ten—1040 sermons, sir. "Go over to that fleecy cloud and lie down and rest." "How long can I stay there?" "Forever."

In Ceneral Debility, Emaciation,

In General Debility, Emaciation, Consumption and Wasting in Children, Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is a most valuable food and medicine. It creates an appetite for food, strengthens the nervous system, and builds up the body. Please read: "I tried Scott's Emulsion on a young man whom Physicians at times gave up hope. Since he began using the Emulsion his Cough has ceased, gained flesh and strength, and from all appearances his life will be prolonged many years."—Joun Sullivan, Hospital Steward, Morganza, Pa.

"Has your son any vices, Mr. Blank? Pardon the question, but I like to know all about the boys i take into my office." 'No, Henry has none that I know of, except, perhaps, amateur photography." "Well, that's a negative sort of vice; I never met an amateur photographer who took anything worth talking about, and I think I may trust your boy; send him along."

The Bluegrass Country. John H. Jones, Tuttle, Ky., writes: I have been selling medicine for seventeen years, I pronounce Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial the best I ever sold. It gives joy to every mether.

Young lady—Will you please give me a small bottle of eyether. Omaha Drug Clerk—Of what miss! "Of eyether, please." "Eyether! eyether! I do not think we have it in the store." "Oh, yes; I am sure you have. It is sometimes called ether by ignorant people."

We take pleasure in calling attention of our readers to the card of Jesse French Piano and Organ Co., Nashville, Tenn. One of the largest and most responsible music houses in the United States. You can deal as safely with them by letter as if in their warerooms in person—and save all agents' commission by dealing with them direct. They offer to ship pianos or organs and not ask a cent till you have seen and tested the instrument in your own homes. They want to introduce their instruments in Texas, and are making special inducements; and we would advise our patrons to write to them at least before purchasing elsewhere. They are a good, responsible company.

Miss Gladys—You appeared abruptly with your errand a while ago. You must not come so suddenly into the room when Mr. Smithers is spending the evening with me. Bridget—Suddent! And is it suddent ye call it, and me at the kayhole a full three-quarthers of an hour!

To the Ladies. We will furnish free of cost Japanese or Paper Napkins to all suppers given in Texas this year for religious purposes; provided not more than 500 shall be used at any one supsupper; ten days notice required.

CACTERINE MEDICINE Co., Waco, Texas.

Her First Pound Cake: Mrs. Lenox Hill, Jr.—Er—doesn't it seem to you, Henry, as if there was something I had forgotten in makthis pound cake? Mr. Lenox Hill, Jr. (critically)—Well, yes; if it only had a handle, you know, it would be easier to pound with.

All Hemorrhages, are quickly controlled by

"No," said the housemaid, "I don't apologize to a man when I throw a bucket of water down the front steps to wash 'em, and he comes along and gets drenched. I've tried apologizing, but I've found there's nothing you can say to a man in that case will satisfy him."

A good head of hair is desired by every one. Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer will re store the hair, if the hair cells are not closed up.

At the Paris Morgue. Dumbleton is looking for a missing friend and fellow-countryman. Morgue Keeper—Did your friend have any distinctive peculiarity that he might be recognized by, sir? Dumbleton—Certainly. He was very deaf.

The older a man gets the more difficult it is o pull the wool over his eyes. He has a good leal less wool, you know.

"Look here, Maria," shouted Mr. Breadwinner, in great wrath, "there isn't a button on one of my shirts." "No?" said Mrs. Breadwinner with a show of genuine interest, "and the kitchen roof leaks worse than ever, the back of the stove has been burned out for three weeks, the front door won't shut, and if I knew how to weld a cast iron hinge, I'd fix that front gate myself before another day went by. Why don't you wear the other shirt?" And Mr. B. kept so quiet he could hear himself breathe hard.

ABSURDLY STUPID

To allow prejudice or ignorar ce to get the better of good judgment. It has been conclusively proven that constipation, bad breath, dyspepsia, kidney affections, and all diseases of the Liver, Stomech and Bowels have been cured by simply taking Simmons Liver Regulator. It is harmess not uppleasant, and easily procured, so there is no reason to be ignorant of this remedy we especially commend to your notice for trial.

Wife—You shouldn't take such a morbid

Wife—You shouldn't take such a morbid view of life, my dear. Look at poor Mr. Smith, with his small income and his wife slowly dying, and yet he has a cheerful smile and a pleasant word for everybody: Husband—Is his wife dying? Wife—Yes. Husband—And he is cheerful and pleasant? Wife—Yes. l'iusband—Well, if he doesn't look out he'll give himself away.

MORLEY'S BUCHULIN is designed for a special class of diseases and is not a "cure all." Nor is it considered a "quack" medicine, for it is prescribed by the most eminent physicians and Midwives after Confinement and Labor Pains, and for Enfeebled and Delicate Constitutions of both sexes and all

Omaha man (cautiousiy)—1 see the new elite directory of Chicago cantains the names of 1000 persons whose high respectability is assured. By whom is this respectability assured? Chicago man (loftily)—By the bank cashiers, of course.

Wintersmith's Tonic Syrup for Chills and Fever is a certain cure and pleasant to take. See testimonial in this paper.

"Are you tamiliar with Thackeray's works, Miss Sooter?" asked Mr. Miles Standash of the Pittsburg girl, and she artlessly reponded, "Can't say that I am. I do not keep the run of half the foundries they are putting up in

Dr. L. Whitaker says that while practicing medicine at San Gabriel, Burnet Co., Texas, he cured a very severe and long-standing case of Gravel with MORLEY'S BU-CfU-LIN. His patient passed nearly a handful of Calculous, the size of small gravel, in 30 days.

In Kansas City: Kind Man to Policeman—I understand your lot is not a happy one. Policeman—Fhat's all you know about it. It is a hundred feet front on a new street in the suburbs, and has doubled in value in sixty days. What's the matter with that?

A Lady in South Carolina writes: My labor was shorter and less painful than on two former occasions; physicians aston-ished; I thank you for Mother's Friend. It is worth its weight in gold. Address The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Wife to Husband (who is ostensibly going off for a day's fishing)—Ah, I do hope that you will be successful, John. I see that trout are quoted at Si a pound. Husband—No! One dollar a pound! I guess, my dear, I won't try for trout. I hear they are very shy. But you can look out for a nice string of flounders.

ton, trying desperately to start a conversa-tion)—I've just been taking a course of Tol-stoi. Mr. Calumet (of Chicago)—That lazy waiter ain't got to me with any of it yet. Miss Berkeley—But Tolstoi isn't to eat, you know. Mr. Calumet—Then it's all right I ain't drinkin' to night.

In many affections peculiar to Women, MORLEY'S BUCHULIN is unequaled—as in Chlorosis or Retention. Irregularity, Painfuiness or Suppression, Ulcerated or Scurrous state of Uterus, Leucorrhoa, or Whites, Sterility, and for all Complaints incident to the Sex, or in the decline or Change of Life.

Mr. Slimbrain (fishing for a compliment)—
Bobby, what did your sister say when she
learned that I was going to stay for supper
again to-night? Bobby—Let me see—Oh!
yes, she said Mr. Slimbrain must think we
keep a hotel.

PUBLISHERS NOTICES.

We have Pastors' Memorandum Books at We have Pastors' Memorandum Books at 25 cents.
Your Sunday-school should keep a correct record. We can send you one for 50 cents. For large Sunday-schools, 75 cents. Extra size, for two years use, \$1.00.
If you want Sermon Paper order 25 cents worth—enough to last you a long time.
The Combination Blanks—a book containing blank Church Certificates, Marriage Certificates, Baptismal Certificates and Blank Receipts, 25 cents.
(All above are remnants of stock, hence the low prices.)

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Collection Cards. At the request of a number of preachers we have gotten up a collection card. Size 5x5% inches. It is worded as follows, and is appropriately ruled:

COLLECTION CARD.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. SOUTH.
I hereby agree to contribute during the preent conference year, as follows:
For Foreign Missions.
For Domestic Missions.
For Conference Collection.
For Church Extension
For Education
For Education
For Bishops' Fund.
For Bible Cause.

I hear young Fasleigh has been painting the town red since his uncle left him a quar-ter of a million." "Why anybody could paint the town red with a quart of vermilion."

Papa (of Calvinistic faith, has just heard that Mollie was at the theater last evening)— Good morning, daughter of Satan. Mollie— Good morning, father. Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry

SILVERWARE! An immense stock of Watches, Diamond Jewelry, and Silverware always on hand **Our Optical Department**

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Call, write or telephone, and make appointments in order to have time reserved for your work. P. CHEANEY, D. D. S., Prop'r,

Mrs. Christopher Cross—This is a pretty time of night for you to come home! Mr. Christopher Cross—Sh'm' dear! Ain't come home yet. Jes' called t' shay y'needn' sit up!' me to-night.

How Intelligent Women Decide. When the question has to be met as to what is the best course to adopt to secure a sure, safe and agreeable remedy for those organic diseases and weaknesses which afflict the female sex, there is but one wise decision, viz, a course of self-treatment with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is an unfailing specific for periodical pains, misplacement, internal inflammation, and all functional disorders that render the lives of so many women miserable and joyless. They who try it, praise it. Of druggists.

Voyager on the Banks of the Styx-You look pretty well played out, old man. Cha ron-Well, I am. If the 'oldest Mason' doesn' stop dying I'll have to hire a steamboat.

Beauty Without Paint. "What makes my skin so dark and muddy? My cheeks were once so smooth and ruddy! I use the test cosmetics made," Is what a lovely maiden said.

"That's not the cure, my charming Miss," The doctor said—"remember this: If you your skin would keep from tair t, Discard the powder and the paint. "The proper thing for all such fils Is this," remarked the man of pils: "Borich the blood and make it pure— In this you'll find the only cure."

Mrs. Brainley—You know the Venus Aphrodite, Mrs. Nouveau? Mrs. Nouveau— I am not at all sure, Mrs. Brainley. I dare say I ought, but my memory is shocking. I shall have to look over my visiting list.

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Northwest Texas Conference, Weatherford, Texas. Nov 7

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THIRD DISTRICT—BISHOP GALLOWAY.

SIXTH DISTRICT—BISHOP HARGROVE.

Holston Conference, Asheville, N. C. Oct 3
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Mississippi Conference, Jackson, La Nov 28
Alabama Conference, Mobile, Ala Dec 12
Louisiana Conference, New Orleans, La . Dec 19 SEVENTH DISTRICT - BISHOP KEY.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST-SECOND ROUND.

VICTORIA DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

SAN SABA DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

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M. C. BLACKBURN, P. E. Aubrey cir, at M.C. BLACKBURN, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
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Kilgore cir, Hopewell July 23, 29
Henderson cir. Aug 1, 22
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Henderson sta. Aug 18, 19
Marshall sta. Aug 18, 19
Marshall sta. Aug 18, 26
District Conference will convene in the Methodist church, at 9 a. m., Thursday, June 21 to 24.
R. W. Thompson, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

BONHAM DISTRICT—TRIRD ROUND.

Bo' ham sta. June 23, 24

Bonham cir, at Mt. P.easant June 30, July 1

Honey Grove sta. July 7, 8

Fannin cir, at Forest Grove July 14, 15

Gober cir, at Frairie Point July 21, 22

Stephenville cir, at Hulsey's July 28, 29

Honey Grove cir, at White Rock. Aug 4, 5

Dodd cir, at Dodd Aug 11, 12

Brookston cir, at Brookston Aug 18, 19

Maxey mis, at Garrett's Aug 25, 26

Ben Franklin cir, at Pecan Gap Sept 1, 2

Ladonia and Mt. Carmel, at Mt. Carmel.Sept 8, 9

Commerce cir, at Wesley Chapel Sept 15, 16

JOHN R. ALLEN, P. E. PALESTINE DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. PALESTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Trinity cir, at Prairie Chapel June 23, 24
Grapeland cir, at Grapeland June 25
Palestinc cir, at Holmes' Chapel June 30, July 1
Rusk c'r, at Shiloh July 1, 8
Crockett cir, at Shiloh July 14, 15
Mt. Vernon cir, at Pleasant Hill July 26
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Jacksonville sta July 21, 22
District Conference, at Trinity July 26-29
Crockett and Augusta sta, at Augusta. Aug 4, 5
Palestine sta. Aug 18, 19
Kickapoo cir, at Camp-ground Aug 18, 19
WALTER PATTERSON, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. GRANBURY DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. GRANBURY DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Lipan, at Lipan. June 23, 24
Granbury sta June 30. July 1
Acton, at Bethany. July 4, 5
Strawn, at Mt. Zion July 7, 8
Santo, at Perkin's Chapel. July 11, 12
Eastland, at Gunsight July 14, 15
Desdemona, at July 18, 19
Cisco sta July 21, 22
Breckenridge, at July 28, 29
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Let all the preachers in the district he prepared to answer the fifteenth question asked at the third quarterly meeting. Look at it and govern yourselves accordingly.

B. M. Stephens, P. E. WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

Sherwood mis 4th Sun in June
Menard mis 1st Sun in July
Ingram mis 2d Sun in July
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Pecan cir, at Zlop, 11 a. m. July 3
Coleman, at Coleman July 7, 8
Brownwood sta, 8 p. m. July 10
Copperas Cove cir, 11 a. m. July 18
Lampasas sta, 8 p. m. July 19
Lampasas cir, at Lometa July 21, 22
Goldthwaite mis, 11 a. m. July 24
Indian Creek cir, 11 a m. July 28
Santa Anna cir. July 28, 29
Round Mountain cir, 11 a m. Aug 2
Comanche and DeLeon, Comanche, 11 a. m. Aug 2
Comanche cir. Aug 5, 6
Hamilton cir, 11 a. m. Aug 9
Cow House mis, 11 a. m. Aug 10
Bee House cir Aug 11, 12
Center City mis, 11 a. m. Aug 15
W. T. MELUGIN, P. E. WACO DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

GALVESTON DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

Plano, at White Rock Camp-ground,
2d Sun in Aug

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. Black Jack Grove cir, at Overland,
3d Sun in July

The District Conference will convene at San Saba, Thursday morning, before the fifth Sunday in July.

M. A. BLACK, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

M. A. BLACK, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Cleburne sta. Wednesday 18th June Ft. Worth sta. 3d Sun in June Hillsboro sta. 4th Sun in July Beaumont sta. Aug 14-17

He Beaumont District Conference will be held at Jasper, from July 19th to 22nd inclusive. All the members are earnestly entreated to be held at Jasper, from July 19th to 22nd inclusive. All the members are earnestly entreated to be held at Jasper, from July 19th to 22nd inclusive. All the members are earnestly entreated to be held at Jasper, from July 19th to 22nd inclusive. All the members are earnestly entreated to be present.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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Meetings on Emberson Circuit.

Friscoe, (Parr's Prairie.) ... June 27 inight
Boggy, (Saunders Prairie.) ... July 4. at night
Forest Chapel ... July 13. at night
Mt. Tabor ... July 25. at night
Hopewell (quarterly conf.) ... Aug. 10. at night
Palestine ... Aug. 30. at night
West Point ... Aug. 30. at night
Hinckle ... Sept. 7. at night
Hew Hope (camp ground) ... Sept. 7. at night
Bethel ... Sept. 22. at night
Taylor's Academy ... Sept. 29. at night
Arthur City ... Oct. 6. at night
Each meeting begins at night of the date
specified. Brethren of the circuit, pray for
success. L. F. PALMER ... E. Meetings on Emberson Circuit.

District Conferences.

Calvert District The district conference for Calvert district will convene at Bremond, at 9 o'clock a. m., July 26, 1888. Opening sermon 8 p. m., Wednesday, July 25. J. B. SEARS P. E.

Gatesville District. The Gatesville district conference well convene at Iredell, Bosque coanty, Texameler at Iredell, Iredell,

The district conference will cover as on Thursday before the fourth Sunda June, at Beldon, 9 o'clock a. m. Opening rmon will be preached by Rev. C. E. Lamb. Thursday, 11 o'clock, a. m.

C. B. Fladger P. E.

Brownwood District.

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The Brownwood District Conference will convene on Wednesday, July 11, at 9 o'clock a.m., in Brownwood, and will be conference, and combracing third Sunday. The recording stewards are required to bring their Quarterly Conference Records for examination. The recording and district stewards at members of the district conference by resortions unanimously passed in session of the Northwest Texas Conference 1884-1885 We expect all the members of the district conference to be present, and to remain until our meting shall close, if you possibly can do so. Key. T. W. Rogers, of Lampasas, will preach the opening sermon Wednesday, 8 o'clock p. m. W. T. MELUGIN. P. E.

Waxahachie District. The Waxahachie District Conference will convene at Italy, June 26 to 30. Rev. John S. Davis will preach the opening sermon All recording stewards are required to bring up their quarterly conference records for examination.

E. L. Armstrong, P. E.

Granbury District.

Granbury District Conference will embrace the first Sunday in July, at Granbury. We will commence Wednesday at 9 a. m., June 27, 1888. Let all the recording stewards bring their quarterly conference records to the district conference. A full attendance is expected. Come, brethren, one and all, with prayer upon your lips and faith in your hearts, that God may bless the occasion and convert the people. All the preachers are invited.

B. M. STEPHENS. Granbury District.

SCOTTSVILLE HOLINESS CAMP-

MEETING.

The annual meeting for the sanctification of believers and conversion of sinners will commence Wednesday, July the 25th, 1888. First service, 9 o'clock a m. Ministers and workers who are ready and willing to work for the salvation of souls cordially invited, and will be provided for. This camp-ground is situated on the railroad eight miles east of Marshall, and is accessible from all points. Persons desiring to camp on the grounds will find plenty of room for tents, together with the best of wood and water. Let us remember, dear brethren, the mission of the Methodist Church is to spread 'holiness over the world.

F. J. Browning, P. C.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

The protracted and camp-meetings for Lexington circuit will be as follows:

Thompson Chapel, Friday night before the first Sunday in July, camp-meeting.

Lawrences Chapel, Friday night before the third Sunday in July, protracted.

Parks Prairie, Friday night before the fifth Sunday in July, camp-meeting.

Center Point, Friday before the second Sunday in August, camp-meeting.

Pleasant Retreat, Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August, protracted meeting.

H. T. Hart, P. C.

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fect hope, perfect charity for our visible

enemies as well as for our earthly re-

lations; and, above all, perfect love for

our invisible God, through the explicit

knowledge of our Mediator, Jesus

Christ." This crown, O ye generation

of worldly professors, ye busy tribe of

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It will be well to remember-lest we

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-that Christian fruitfulness is a mani-

fold and various thing. It is not all of

one kind. One life is not meant to be

exactly like another life. Each is cast in

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Hold thy murmurs, heaven arraigning, The patient see God's loving face; Who bear their burdens uncomplaining, 'Tis they who win the Father's grace. He wounds himself who braves the rod, And sets himself to fight with God.

Hold out! there comes an end to sorrow; Hope, from the dust, shall conquering rise; The storm proclaims a sunnier morrow; The cross points on to Paradise. The Father reigneth; cease all doubt; Hold on, my heart, hold on, hold out! -Exchange

THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH.

We may be very week, our talents very few, our opportunities seemingly still fewer; but our success does not depend upon our own force, or genius, or influence. It is God's blessing that gives the increase. Without it, the mighty demonstrations of Paul and the burning eloquence of Apollos would have been in vain. With it, the simplest child in the school of Christ can overturn citadels of error, and build up the waste places of many generations. Compared with each other, some men may appear great, and the rest small; but, compared with God, as he looks down from the height that knows no measure, and com-

lost the crown of graces on earth fitting for a more resplendent crown of glory on high.—Love Enthroned.

"For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness bath shined into our hearts" (2 Cor. iv:6). Suppose you were in a dark room in the morning, the shutters closed and fastened, and only as can do nothing," saith the Savior. "I can do all things through Christ strengthening me," saith his apostle. If we think to be efficient causes of good ourselves, we shall be disappointed. If we are willing to be instruments in the hands if he replied, "No, no, you must first put lost the crown of graces on earth fitting for a more resplendent crown of glory on high.—Love Enthroned.

Sullock—John Sullock was born in Devonshire, England, March 22, 1811, and died May 23, 1888. At the age of thirty he joined the M. E. Church. He moved to Grimes county. Texas, in 1849. In 1850 he united himself with Texas Methodism, to be one strong in her support and faith. Bro. Sullock was well known and greatly loved. He fold the support and faith. Bro. Sullock was well known and greatly loved. He felt the presence of his life may well be studied and patterned after. His last words were: "All is well; thank God." He felt the presence of the shadow of death and fear no evil." Oh how calmly can the Christian die. He leaves sons, daughters, and a host of friends. Ah, friends. Ah, friends. Ah, friends. Al, friends and host of friends. Al, friends and host of friends. Al, friends and host of friends. Al, friends an grow, much less convert a single soul. are willing to be instruments in the hands if he replied, "No, no, you must first put of God, we can accomplish anything he the darkness out, or the light will not pleases, for the power will be his, not enter?" You would laugh at his absurdi-

al sense, in the services of the sanctuary. angular, not rounded. It is where long "God is greatly to be feared [reverenced] white lines of breakers roar, and the ratin the assembly of the saints and in the tling shingle is rolling about the strand, congregation." True reverence, real that its pebbles are rounded and polishworship, will express itself somehow, as ed. As in nature, as in art, so in grace; long as we are compounded of body and it is rough treatment that gives souls. spirit. Starve expression, and how long as well as stones, their luster. The will the feeling endure? We are per- more the diamond is cut the brighter it suaded that it has declined in many if sparkles; and in what seems hard dealnot in most of our congregations. It is ing, there God has no end in view but to greatly to be wished that it might be re- perfect his people. - Guthrie. vived. But in order that it may become a fixed habit of our souls, we need to adopt suitable methods of expression. We should feel more like praying, if we adopt some proper attitude of prayer. By kneeling, bowing the head, covering the eyes-by some bodily action or attitude expressive of reverent adorationwe shall be far more likely to cultivate the true spirit of devotion .- Dr. Bush-

REST.

be again. Let each "planted" soul re-Rest comes to those who walk in the path of obedience. That path may be full of thorns; it may lead into thickest You may be nearer to Christ than you think. These men who went along the darkness where suffering is our lot, where innumerable duties of an uncongenial kind are to be performed; or it that their C may be such a path as Abraham was his very ear called to take, going forth not knowing They told h whither. Be it so. As it was with the patriarch, every step of the way will prove a sweet rest. This is the rest of they did no faith. Going forth thus the sun shall no more go down. With unfaltering steps, mounting the steeps of life toward the final goal, we shall at last enter that perfect rest which "remaineth to the T. Nichols, M people of God." But even in heaven Strange. there shall not be inactivity, nor selfish MARCH-V enjoyment, nor completed revelations. by Rev. Jno and Miss M It shall be onward! upward! in the songs of those who "rest not day nor night," Sam Sory, 1 7, 1888, by k Sory and Miin the ceaseless disclosures of infinite love, in the ever increasing glory of the "beatific vision."

THE SIGHT OF GOD.

Do we not sometimes occupy so low a plane of spiritual living that a view of Miss Willie God is absolutely impossible? We look rexas, June intellectually unto the hills "whence Mr. Richard c)meth our help," but all in vain. How and Miss D. are we to make the discovery of God? For it cannot be that we are destined always to live without this sight.

Jesus has shown us how God may be seen. "Blessed," he says, "are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." He

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-G. W. Bethane, D. D.

REVERENCE.

There is no virtue, no grace, in postures and attitudes. This truth we do not question. But if we refuse to express reverence, we shall soon cease to feel raverence. This also is a truth. It is not enough to be interested, in a general sense, in the services of the sanctuary, and shall and the him in, and sin will fibe. Fling the window open at once, and let Christ shine in.—Dr. Edmond.

It is rough work that polishes. Look at the pebbles on the shore! Far inland, where some arm of the sea thrusts itself deep into the bosom of the land, and expression. But if we refuse to express reverence, we shall soon cease to feel raverence. This also is a truth. It is not enough to be interested, in a general sense, in the services of the sanctuary, and departed this life at the period our hearts to prepare for Christ's entering; we must open and take him in, and sin will fibe. Fling the window open at once, and let Christ shine in.—Dr. Edmond.

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the interior eye grow dim. Anything the interior eye grow dim. Anything that tends to evil—the love of the world, the pride of life, sinful anxiety about temporal things, the irritating particles of envy or ill-will, self-ease, and sloth—all these will bring the soul into a moral eclipse.

Happy, indeed, is every one who really enjoys this experience. Let all such results and the interior eye grow dim. Anything ELLLINGTON.—Albert Franklin, son of J. M. and M. E. Ellington, was born March 12, 1881, and died Dec. 28, 1887, aged six years, three months, and sixteen days. Albert was a fight hittle boy, loved and cherished by his parents and little brothers, but he has left this busy, restless world for that peaceful and happy clime above, which, with the sorrowing parents and other friends of deceased, we hope, bye-and-bye, to gain.

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member that it is only retained by humble trust in the merits of Christ and a corresponding life of obedience to his will.

The blessed Jesus has for every head, even in the present life, a diadem resplendent with those precious stones

PENINGTON.—Died May 20, 1888, near Eagle Springs, Texas, little Una Wiggins, daughter of L. A. and Moliy Penington, aged one year, eight months, and twelve days. Her death was very sudden. Well, one day and the next day in heaven. A sweet blud of promise, too pure for earth, now blooms in paradise. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

I. D. DUNEVANT, M. D.

BINGHAM.—Molite Bingham (nee Love), daughter or A. M. and H. E. Love, was born Nov. 13, 1806; was married to W. S. Bingham Dec. 23, 1883, and died at the home of Wm. Bumpas, near Dallas, May 3), 1888. Sister Bingham professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, about six years ago, and has lived a consistent Christian life. She was loved by all who knew her. Upon her deathbed she assured her friends that all was well. She is now waiting for her friends and loved ones on the eternal shore.

DALLAS TEXAS.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

WADE.—Mrs. Cora Wade, consort of Rev. M. C. Wade, was born April 8, 1860; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her thirteenth year, at Union Chapel, in Smith Causty. Texas are of worldly professors, ye busy tribe of religion muck-rakers, intent upon your straws, in her muck-rakers, intent upon your straws, the Mangel of the New Covenant, the dust, whose strength is that of the moth.

God does not need our strength to accomplish his purposes, though he is pleased graciously to employ us in his service. The united church could not, of itself, make a single blade of grass to grow, much less convert a single soul.

muck-rakers, intent upon your straws, the Angel of the New Covenant, the adorable Son of God, is holding over each of your heads and begging you to wear as the badge of your present sonship and future kingship unto the Lord God Almighty. Look up, and see and grasp this crown designed to adorn your earthyllife before that life has vanished like a vapor, and you have irretrievably grow, much less convert a single soul.

heaven.

SPRUCE — Hearn, son of J. F. and E. H. Spruce, was born Feb. 5, 1882, and departed this life Jan. 27, 1888, at Omen, Texas. He was the youngest of four little boys—the baby, the pet of the family. His short life exemplified the beauties of Christian training from intancy. Bible truths made great impressions on his mind, in which he manifested unusual interest, often astonishing his elders by the appreciative understanding of the words of divine promise. He often spoke of the uncertainty of life and expressed a desire to live a Christian and get to heaven. He has realized this the greatest of all blessings. God saw fit to take him home. A shadow of sorrow rests upon the household which nothing but His promises can drive away; but heaven has a fresh attraction; another link has been added to the chain to bind it to that sun-bright clime. When they cross the river of death he will be over there to welcome them home. He cannot come to them but they can go to him. His Loving Auntie.

OMEN. Texas.

Whiteside.—John A. Whiteside was born in Spartie county, Tenn., July 30, 1847; came to Texas in 1856; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1867 or 68; was married to Julia C. Barber Nov. 16, 1877, and departed this life at his home, near Beckville, April 14, 1888. Bro. Whiteside was steward for several years, and gained the esteem and confidence of all with whom he deait. I was with him part of the time for several days during his sick-tors. I lasked him the day before he died.

Hodges—Rev. Elbert Sevier Hodges, son of the case of the Lord Jesus to sustain him, and he met drawth with a clear mind, dearlessly, and whom we love up the purest and best, and whom we love most, but we know he waits our coming, and easily ill neverthed the brink of eternity, he said he had the promises of the Lord Jesus to sustain him, and he met drawth with a clear mind, dearlessly, and whom we love most, but we know he waits our coming, and he said: "I heal the whom he deait. I was with him part of the time for sev

for several years, acting his part well as a faithful steward in the church of God. He was in the mercantile business several years, and gained the esteem and confidence of all with whom he dealt. I was with him part of the time for several days during his sickness. I asked him the day before he died about his prospect of heaven. He said there was nothing in the way. The church has lost a good and true member; his wife, a devoted husband; his children, an affectionate and indugent father, and his aged mother, a loving and dutiful son, being the last of eight children. May the blessings of God attend Sister Whiteside (who has lost her husband, and her little daughter Maggle, and her mother within twelve months), and her two children and his aged mother in her declining years, so that when this life is done they may meet a husband, father and son in heaven, where parting will be no more.

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"I know thou bast gone to the home of thy great wand to be a great in the church and the home of thy great was not the home of thy great was not a misstep in the church is poorer, but heaven is richer. May heaven's mercies rest upon the bereaved wife and children. They mourn their loss, but not as those who have no hope. The church is poorer, but heaven is richer. May heaven's mercies rest upon the was loving, kind, obedient, brave, ever ready to co-operate with me in performi

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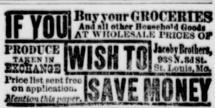
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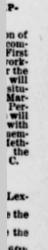
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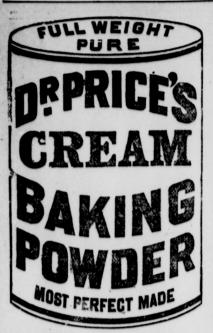
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Texas Fires.

Frank Crawford's residence burned at Marshal. . Dick Reeves' house and contents about three miles from Whitewright. * The H. and T. C. freight depot burned at Corsicana. * The Granite Roofing Works burned at Fort Worth. * J. M. Boyd's residence on the Clear Fork, twenty miles from Abilene,

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Casualties.

Alonzo S. Bowles, manager of the Eli Jones farm, on the Bosque, ten miles from Waco, was thrown in front of a reaper by the attached team running away, and a leg so lacerated as to require amputation; he was otherwise seriously hurt. * A negro boy was bitten by a mad dog at Waxahachie. * R.C. the Episcopal Church of North Texas met at Aycock, a young farmer, was drowned in a St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dalias, June 13. * at Detroit. * Wesley Sims, while plowing past week with forty Commanche Indians, en in his field, near Pilot Point, was fatally shot by Geo. Oliver, colored. * Lightning struck an ice-house and works near Albany, involving a loss of \$100,000. * In a difficulty originating in a family feud, W. W. Terrell shot and killed Sheriff Jno. D. Rains and his son. Press Rains, at Jacksboro. Terrell, who is Rains' brother-in-law, was wounded in the ambushed near Goldthwaite, and shot-seven left leg and arm and shot through both thighs, but it is thought will recover. * G. W. Stephenson, living near Paris, will be sent to the Austin asylum for the insane. * Newt. H. McLain, a farmer, near Texarkana, was set upon by a negro hired hand and severely cut. In defending himself, he so badly used up the negro that it is thought he will die. * Baney Browning shot and killed Louis Ruck- \$30,000; 150 men out of work, and all lose coner at Jefferson. * Mrs. Ben Hill, of Elmo. exhausted herself by watching at the bedside of her sick husband, and is now insane, but it is hoped only temporarily. * A Mrs. Anderson, an object of charity and oplum eater, fell dead on the streets of Temple. * Wm. Robinson, of Houston, was thrown from his buggy by the running away of the horse attached. He was so fearfully mangled that both legs had to be amputated, and his life is despaired full hotels at Waco.

of. * Peter Walker, a colored man, reputed to be industrious and inoffensive, was assassinated by unknown parties, near Canton Van Zandt county. Van Zandt has the reputation of not desiring to increase its population by drawing on the colored elements. * W. Bounds, Marshal of Mesquite, shothimself in he head, producing instant death. * Marshal Ross, colored, was found floating in Guadalupe river; a rock was tied to him, and a bullet hole was in his head. * Jack Hodges' pistol went off accidentally, cut away his finger and shot his wife so severely she will likely die; all of McKinney. * Mrs. Wm. McLain suicided at Augusta by shooting herself through the heart; caused from temporary insanity as the result of grief for the loss of two daughters. * W. P. Horton, late of Virginia, adudged insane at McKinney. * Officers at Longview have run down two white men and a negro for the murder of an old negro, Littieton Webb, Nov. 10. His body was first sunk in the creek, but afterwards taken up and burned. Webb's wife and daughter were also cognizant of the crime, which was committed for the purpose of robbery. The daughter is said to be crazed through terror of voudooism. * A Missouri Pacific train was raided by train robbers June 16, in the Indian Territory. Two men Tarvin, of Marlin, was killed. * Jno. Crawford, a brakeman, fell between cars at Ennis, and was killed. * Jno. Rile Fields, of Midlothian, was kicked by a horse and instantly killed. * James Parsley, living on Red river, near DeKalb, was fatally beaten by unknown parties. * Bird Spencer, of Belcher, Texas, was killed by lightning.

Texas Incidents. Leonard, Texas, encourages the cruel sport of cock-fighting, accompanied by the criminal feature of betting on it. * The web worm i playing havoc with cotton in almost all parts of the State. * Railroads at Fort Worth will give up their private stock yards in favor of the Union yards, at which point the enter prise of the Fort will place the refrigerator works, for which latter a \$100,000 charter has already been issued. * A runaway accident at Texarkana resulted in breaking the collarbone and arm, and otherwise seriously if not jatally injuring the daughter of Col. Crisp; and so breaking the leg of Master Lee Blackwell as to necessitate amputation. * Jefferson has appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for a bonus to secure a railroad now being projected from Arthur City through Blossom Prairie, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson and on to connect with the Erlanger route at Shreveport. * Sherman records forty-nine arrests by the police in a week, The Alliances of Lamar county resolve to sell their cotton through labor organization channels, and to patronize home gins in preference to syndicate gins. * Paris merchants have contributed \$200 to buy cotton seed for the convenience of farmers. * Collin county's scholastic population is 602, an increase of 100 over last year. * Ten thousand people witnessed the immersion of Conrad Jackson in the Brazos river at Waco. He is condemned to die for murder. * W. T. Grigsby, who will be remembered as the man who killed Mike Haggerty in his (Grigsby's) saloon in Fort Worth, is violently insane. * The gulf coast and some other sections were visited last Sunday with extreme rainfall. At Galveston, from 2 a. m. to 7 p. m., 6 40 inches. The following record of Sunday's rain show its volume at different points and its general diffusion throughout the State: Orange, 224 inches; Houston, 2.71 inches; Sour Lake, 3 inches; San Antonio, .69 inch; Waco, .70 inch: Palestine, .84 inch; Hearne, .86 inch; besides more or less rain at various intermediate points, giving an average rainfall to the State of 1.08 inches. * Within the next thirty days Harrison county's old courthouse will have been torn away and a new one begun. * School exercises in many parts of the State the home of every Methodist attract crowds to see to what degree of per-· Harvesting all night is going on in many parts of the State. * Col. W. H. Pope is at Washington looking after the reopening are unable to pay for it. The of the Texas frontier defense claims against the government. He expects to ultimately recover some \$50,000 vet due the State for de fending the border. * Sherman has jailed several gamblers under the new gambling law; that sort of procedure beats a \$15 tax heretofore levied by many district attorneys. * are solicited. All donations The North Texas Medical Association convened at McKinney the past week, Dr. Wilon, president, in the chair. Addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the citiens by J. L. Daggett, and on behalf of the Collin County Medical Association by Dr. J. C. Erwin. During the sessions many interesting papers were read. McKinney did itself proud in their entertainment. * The surveying corps have already completed work to Coleman, via Baird; they will continue it perhaps to Eagle Pass, via Brady, Mason, Kerrville, etc., and a line will also run through the counties of Wilbarger, Baylor and Throcknorton from Albany. * Piedgras Negras nd Eagle Pass are to have electric lights, Mr. Harry Logan Dailey, son of Dr. W. E Dailey, of Paris, has received the appointment from Hon. D. B. Culberson to a cadetship in in the Naval Academy of the United States at Annapolis, Md. * Lamar county's scholastic population is 2513. * The North Texas National Bank will erect a six-story building in Dallas. * This years No. 2 wheat, sixty pounds to the bushel, brings seventy-five cents in Dallas. * Denison will spend \$1000 celebrating the Fourth of July. * July 28th, Mexia will try to get the county seat of Lime stone, and has \$20,000 subscribed for a new courthouse, in event of success. * Callahan county is giving special attention to horticulture. * The Pharmacist's convention adjourned at Austin to meet next year in Dallas. * Flux is almost epidemic at Omaha. * The Fourteenth Annual Convocation of

route for a Philadelphia museum. * June

19th was generally celebrated by the negroes

as Texas Day of Emancipation. * The

Evening Tidings, at Paris, made a war on

landlords for lower rents, to help people over

the dull times, and many responses are being

made by the landlords. * Sam Hinton was

balls taking effect. * Lead and silver ore

have been found by G. W. Davis, on his farm,

near Detroit. * T. S. Maxey, of Austin.

succeeds Judge Turner as Judge of the Wes-

tern Judicial District of Texas. * The

Banker's Convention met at Galveston. *

The W. & E. Texas Lumber Company, at

Gilmer, attached, liabilities \$50,000, assets

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Ladies' Missionary Society of Terrell real-

About 300 delegates from the Church of Dis-

ciples (commonly called Cambellites); a

meeting of the Texas State lumber dealers;

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tion, are among the causes for activity and

ized over \$100 on their art exhibition.

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FORT WORTH, Texas, June 11 .- Dear Sir: A convention of delegates from the trade or ganizations, municipalities and people interested in the establishment of a deep water port on the coast of Texas has been called to meet at Fort Worth, Texas, July 10, 1888, for the purpose of memorializing representatives ia Congress and devising means for the accomplishment of this object.

The advantages to accrue to the people of the entire country west of the Mississippi river by establishing a harbor on the Texas coast, which will admit sea-going vessels of the deepest draught, must be patent to every mind that has given the subject careful con-

sideration. The action of Congress heretofore in making limited appropriations for the different harbors on the Texas coast has not resulted in a practical benefit to the people of the country, and the hope is indulged that by careful investigation and calm deliberation some one point can be selected, and by uniting and concen trating the efforts of the representatives of the people upon a given point, an appropria-tion can be obtained sufficiently large to secure a harbor on the Southwestern coast which will be commensurate with the vast interests of this rapidly growing section of the union. and enable the commerce of this section to see the markets of the world by the shortest and most direct route. To this end you are cordually invited and requested to send one or more delegates from your organization, family in Texas; especially fection the young idea has been taught to municipality or legislative district to this conthe railway companies for reduced rates for delegates and others who attend. As the time is short, we request that you send to the Secretary of this board the names of those selected to represent you in the convention.

E. E. CHASE, President, THOMAS J. HUELEY, Secretary.

Obituary. DIED.-Charles A. Garrett, druggist and old citizen, at Calvert. Cal Duncan, aged eightytwo, and thirty years a citizen of this place. at Rockwall. Mrs. Mary J. White, at Mesquite. Nat B. Mallard, at Rusk. Miss Josephine, daughter of Geo. T. Gallagher, at Houston. The son of H. S. Canfield, assistant editor of the Express, at San Antonio B. H. Smith, at Brownwood. J. W. Mc-Guity, a prominent citizen of Grimes county, at Navasota. Chas. J. Bradshaw, at La on the cattle trail railroad line from Albany | Grange, Mrs. Wm McLain, at Crockett. Dr. Y. D. Harrington, at Terrell. Mrs. L. C. Garrett, at Calvert. Jack Gallagher, an old citizen of Denison, at Caddo, I. T. J. S. Lucas, well known contractor, at Houston.

General News.

Miscellaneous. The national organization of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association has been completed by the election of Charles S. Morris, President; W. H. Goodall, Albert Mack, L. W. Cross and W. C. Duson, Vice-Presidents Albert White, Secretary, and G. W. Talbot, Treasurer. * The Republican Convention, at Chicago, will, ere this paper reaches its readers, determine who is to contest with Cleveland and Thurman for front seats in the nation. * The floods at Superior, Wis., have iestroyed a half million dollars in value. * Myriads of grasshoppers are afflicting South-ern Indiana. * The International Typographical Union had its annual session it Kansas City the past week. * At Los Vegas. N. M., a row occurred over fifty cents in a settlement. A man named Owens was killed; one Greene mortally wounded-both Texans; tank at Palmer. * J. A. Dinwiddie assigned A railroad man passed through Texas the Milburn Mackey had an eye shot out, and John Mackey was shot twice in the left arm. The Mackeys were stockmen of New Mexico * A Fredericksburg, Va., telegram of June

13; says: At Chancellorsville the monument that marks the spot where Stonewall Jackson received the wounds from which he died was dedicated to-day with imposing ceremonies Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee was chairman of the meeting. He made a brief though feeling address, after which he introduced Hon. John W. Daniel as orator of the day, who spoke for more than an hour, reviewing the life and character of Jackson. Fully 5000 persons were present. * Dubois, in the Pennsylvania lumber region, was almost totally burned up June 18-three hundred houses being consumed and four thousand people made home

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June 13.—C N Riggan, sub. L D Coggin, sub. L A Burk, sub. C R Shapard, sub. J A Savage, subs. Robt H Simpson, subs. H B Henry, subs. C Williamson, subs. C J Davis, change made. J C Carter, subs. E J Mathews, sub. H E Smith, sub. T C Eason, subs. H S Thrall, subs. J E McCleskey, sub.

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June 14.—J B Adair, subs. W S May, sub. Sam C. Vaughan, subs. T. J. Milam, sub. I. F Palmer, change made. S L Ball, sub. W A Sampey, subs. J M Shuford, sub. L P Davis, sub. Marion Mills, sub. W W Henderson, subs. J M Gober, sub for perpetual list. J. F. Denton, sub. Jno S McCarver, subs. J H Chambliss, sub. S H Newby, sub. J W Blackburn, subs. W M Crowson, subs. S M Thompson, subs. J D Burke, sub W M Robbins, sub. W L Pate, will discontinue at six months. L C Ellis, sub. J W Johnson, sub. W H Lefevre, sub. A J Frick, sub. A T Culbertson, sub. J no F Neal, sub. Henry T Hill, sub. D C Stark, sub. Fred L Allen, sub. Ben H Bounds, sub.

June 16.—A J Frick, has attention. J B Adair, subs. W M Wainright, subs. George H Hinson, sub. Jackson B Cox, sub. W H Vaughan, sub.

June 18.—J B Adair, sub. C L Farrington, sub. R M Stewart, sub. A B Trimble, sub. D J Martin, sub. J A Stafford, sub. H thart, sub. Jno R Dunn. sub for perpetual list. J M Bond, sub. J T Hosmer, sub. Jas Laf Leslie, change made. W J Bludwerth, sub. J B Gober, sub. J D Burke, subs. C H Maloy, sub. W E Caperton, sub. J F Sherwood, subs.

June 19.—J M Wesson, subs. J F Sherwood, sub.

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Ladies' Matt kid, patent leather vamp, Ox ord ties, Louis Quinze heel, very stylish shoes,

84.15, regular price \$6, sizes 2s to 5s. Ladies' Oxford ties, Louis Quinze heel, with and without patent leather tips, for \$3.35, good

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ewed, opera toe and heel, a shoe formerly at \$3 50, is now sold at \$2.10, 3s to 5s. Ladies' Curacoa kid, Newport ties, opera toe

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Assorted lot sample pairs of Ladies' Oxford ties, will be sold for \$2.15, worth just double. Ladies' Curaçoa kid, Newport ties, commor sense and opera lasts, custom made, for \$1.35,

worth \$2 and \$2.25.

500 pairs of Ladies' India kid, Newport ties, Oxford button and Oxford ties, \$1.05. These shoes sell everywhere for \$1.75 and \$2. Sizes 2s

100 pairs of Ladies' kid, Oxford button and Newport ties, 90 cents, worth \$1.50.

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Oxford ties, French toe. This week \$5.15, our regular \$6.50 shoes, sizes 5s to 9s. French kid strap ties, full calf lined, French toe, a common sense shoe for comfortable wear, \$4.95, former price \$6.

French calf, hand sewed Oxford button and

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