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LETTER FROM CHINA. EEV. A. P. PARKER.

The China Mission Conference met in Shanghai, Oct. 11, and adjourned Oct. 16. Bishop Wilson was present and presided at every session. He had spent some two months in Japan, and reached China. accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and the two new missionaries, Bros. Hendry and Hill, two days before the time appointed for the conference session. His stay with us has been a blessing to us all. His wise counse! and earnest talks in the conference and mission meetings are worth all the expense of time and money necessary for his visit. Such soul stirring sermons as he preached are seldom heard in this part of the world. The Board of Missions can well afford the expense of an episcopal visit to this mission occasionally, if not yearly, when such good results follow as in the present case. No resident Bishop could do us anything like the good that one fresh from home can do. Mrs. Wilson's visit has also been productive of much good to all of us, and especially to the ladies.

The members of the conference were all present except three of the (Chinese) lay delegates. The proceedings were conducted in English and interpreted, where necessary, for the benefit of the Chinese members. The regular order of business of an annual conference was followed, and the conference adjourned from time to time for the purpose of mates for the expenses of the work for the year 1889-90.

The ladies' meetings were held in the afternoon of each day, and by special invitation from them the members of the conference attended their meetings as far as practicable.

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One preacher, Li Ty Ni, was received on trial. Two others applied for admission on trial, but as there was some irregularity in their applications, they could not be received, and they will have to hold over till the next session of the conference. Three men were received into full connection-W. B. Barke, J. L. Hendry and C. J. Soon. W. B. Barke was ordained deacon, and he and J. L. Hendry were ordained elders. M. B. Hill was received by transfer from the Little Rock Conference. Our conference now numbers ten members in full connection. May we never have our number depleted again in such a manner as when the Lambeths and Dukes were transferred to Japan and Royall and Gimgledorff returned to ly, and by fall the preacher can learn all

Reports from the work show progress nine for the past year.

Missions to opening up a new station in tions for all conference claims as well the city of Chang Shuh and to the sup- as for parsonages and church buildings. port of an Anglo Chinese school in Sung-Kiang. Of the whole amount thus con- floor at Denison was that in the spring tributed, the 260 native members gave there would be no money in the country

APPOINTMENTS.

Nanslang Circuit—M. B. Hill, two to be supplied by Dzeng Dzing-san and Seng Yuon-

Anglo-Chinese College—Y. J. Allen, President; W. B. Bonnell, Professor.

Suchow District. D. L. ANDERSON, P. E.

Suchow Station—A. P. Parker.
Suchow Circuit—J. L. Hendry, G. R. Lochr.
Kiven-shan Circuit—C. J. Soon.
Loh-Jeh Circuit—To be supplied by Tsa

Vong-tsang.
Jang Yeh Circuit—Li Tz nt.
Dong Li Circuit and Hospital Chapel—C. Buffington Institute-A. P. Parker, Principal.

SUCHOW, Oct. 24, 1888.

evening session, a wise resolution to let | moved. the time of the assembling of the same

pleasure or benefit to the good people bad roads. where they were held, whose hospitality we were sharing, all because the weather was so inclement that the people could not attend. Those who have attended our conferences for years past will remember at Gainesville we had a big snow; at McKinney it was freezing cold. and at Honey Grove and Denison we had mud and slush generally. April is one of the most pleasant months in the year, and would make the conference occasion a red-letter day to the people and church where it is held.

the weather is good, so that the preacher can move with less discomfort to our women and children. I have seen wife and bables shiver in these winter moves as I hope never to see again. In Novemholding mission meetings to make esti- weather is cold and the roads muddy, ber, if at the close of conference the the preacher cannot defer his move, because he knows both will grow worse by such delay; but not so with the opening spring.

3. When we are sent to a new work in such a condition that we have no congregations, and we can get acquainted with but few people until spring, so that our young converts of the preceding summer and fall are practically without a paster during the Christmas dances and eggnegs, the very time of all others when they most need the tender care of the loving pastor, through whose instrumentality they were converted. Much of the apostasy of our young converts might this year. and could be prevented by the proposed

4. We prefer spring instead of winter as a time to move because it is the beginning of warm weather, the season of the year in which we can live most cheap

5. From a fiscal standpoint it certainly in every department. Though our pro- would be a wise change. June is the gress is apparently slow, yet there is no end of the fiscal year in the United States doubt that it is cure, and we have reason government. In conformity to this wise to thank God and take courage. There rule our church has made the first of are now 284 members belonging to our May the end of our connectional year. church in China, and increase of fifty. There must be reasons for all this, one of which is-it gives time for sowing, reap-We have thirty-six schools, three al- ing and selling, and the winter affords together under our care now, including ample opportunity for the adjustment of those belonging to the Woman's Board, all financial concerns, and enables them with a total of 860 pupils in them. Two to take an account of the stock in store, churches, one in Shanghai, and the other and, like nature, begin a new year of in Sachow, supported their native pas- production. While money is not our tors the past year and paid all the run- primary object, yet it is isdispensable in ning expenses of the churches. Besides church as well as state affairs, and is it this the native and foreign members con. not unwise in us to chop the year in two tributed some \$715 for conference mis- for two months in the year in going to sions, and \$170 for foreign missions, and and from conference and moving to our \$30 for the Bishop's fund. The amount fields of labor just at the time of the best contributed for conference missions was financial season upon us, and thereby appropriated by our Conference Board of losing golden opportunities for collec

One objection urged on the conference and the preachers would get nothing until fail. We answer this by simply Shanghai Station—C. £. Reid, two to be supplied by Sz Tz-kia and Tsen-Tz-Vong.
College Station—Y. J. Allen. Tsin Pan circuit, to be supplied by Dong Moh-san.
Sung Klang Circuit—W. B. Burke, two to be supplied by Dzeng Yong king and Dzeng Sautseng.
Nansiang Circuit—M. B. Hill, two to be supplied by Dzeng Yong king and Dzeng Sautseng. stating a fact known and read by every year, it is almost a blank and every presiding elder knows that the second quarter, which is in the spring, pays more

> money than any except the fourth. Another objection was that we would not be able to plant a garden if we moved full of interesting statistics in regard to the in April. This we might answer by re- progress made by the American people durminding brethren that our work is not horticultural but ecclesiastical. We are not called to raise vegetables but to save souls. The apostles did not stop to serve table. About nine-tenths of our charges have parsonages, and Bishop Duncan is City circuit of the Jefferson district for the next

Finally, let me say that I believe the

preachers. This is a subject of such importance as to require thought and prayer upon the part of all concerned, a dought not to be accepted or rejected by a mere love of the old time or a simple desire for change. Hence I propose by this article in the beginning of the year to bring the matter before the preachers and people so that they may mutually deliberate upon it, and at our next session vote on it after mature reflection. I prefer April to November.

1. Because it is we'l known that we have much of our worst weather in least of the whole church, is subserved and all ride upon the have much of our worst weather in least of the whole church, is subserved and all ride upon the have much of our worst weather in least of the whole church, is subserved and all ride upon the have much of our worst weather in least of the whole church, is subserved and all ride upon the have much of our worst weather in least of the whole church, is subserved and all ride upon the hard who can have no personal symmetric field, that the preacher sold, let drive and keeeling there with the old pastor and the elding there with the old pastor and therefore the new people, rendered our praise and the new people, rendered our praise and therefore soul, let drive at the new people, rendered our praise and the new people, rendered our praise and therefore soul, let drive at a bine coat. It is needless to add that the preacher soul, let drive at the new people, rendered our praise and therefore soul, let drive at the new people, rendered our praise and therefore soul, let drive at the new people, rendered our praise and therefore soul, let drive at the new people, rendered our praise and therefore soul, let drive at the new people and the rendered our praise and therefore soul, let drive at the new people and thanksgiving to God for the grace that had therefore the new people have much of our worst weather in rising tide of returning life, both in na-Texas beginning in or before November, ture and religion. And when the gloom and that bad weather during our annual of winter shall have come he will have conference destroys much of the pleas- been so well acquainted that he can, in ure and profit of the occasion. For pastoral work at the homes of his flock years past our annual sessions have been | make up for the many failures in pulpit marred by bad weather, and of but little | work caused by inclement weather and

THE HOME CONFERENCES. Personal.

-The postoffice of Rev. J. B. Denton

-D. W. Gambrell, of Gatesville, made us a pleasant call this week. -Rev. W. F. Clark requests his corre

spondents to address him at 719 North Maxey street, Sherman, Texas. -We are indebted to Revs. C. H. Ellis, G.

W. Swofford, C. I. McWhirter, C. G. Shutt, - Taylor and H. M. Glass, for pleasant calls. -The Rev. W. H. LeFevre, who has been 2. In April the mud is dried up and detained in the city with his family for several days by sickness, is, we are glad to say, rapidly improving.

> -W. W. Pinson, San Antonio, Dec. 4: Rev E. B. Chappell is now Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Texas Conserence, Send all missionary money to him at Austin hereafter, both foreign and domestic.

-The Trustees appointed by the East Texas Conference to control the preachers' aid fund are: U. B. Phillips, W. A. Sampey, G. A. LeClere, I. Alexander, J. R. Heartsill, T. S Garrison and Jas. Turner.

-The Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, presiding elder on Calvert district, has been appointed by in the winter the roads and weather are Gov. Ross a delegate to the Southern Immigration Convention, which meets in Mont gomery, Ala., Dec. 12.

> -Capt. Ben McCullough, for many years in the penitentiary at Huntsville, has been removed by the governor to the reformatory at Gatesville. It may be necessary to say, that in each case he acts in the capacity of a super-intendent.

-The gospel fire still burns in the heart of the Rev. Thos. Stanford, one of the superannuates of the Northwest Texas Conference. He begins the new conference year with the determination to preach as much as possible

-E. B. Chappell, Austin, Dec. 4: Rev. W. W. Pinson, of San Antonio, was elected Treasurer of the Missionary Board at the close of West Texas conference. He is at his post and will not object to being bothered with early and frequent remittances.

-The preacher who serves the Rusk circuit, being domiciled so near the State Prison

Chapel just before his departure for Texas left an impression that will make him re-membered with love.

-Our Shaw seems to be entirely unable to re cover from the muddle he got into at the North West Texas Conference, Will some brother from that conference explain? What sort of company did Mr. S. keep while at Weatherford.

-John Helpenstell, Mt. Enterprise, Dec. 4: Rev. J. N. Bridges, who was for several years a member of the East Texas Conference, died at his home, near Pine Hill, in this county, last Sunday night and was buried yesterday. A suitable obituary will doubtless be prepared soon and appear in the Advocate.

-The following card received at this office will throw light on the mysterious secret referred to by the Nashville: "Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Owen request your presence at the mar-riage of their daughter, Mary, to Rev. J. D Scott, Tuesday, Dec. Ilth, at 7 p. m., Elm Street Church, Nashville, Tenn."

-Nasville Advocate: Rev. J. D. Scott, for nerly of the Tenne-see Conference, now of Texas, where he is doing good work for Christ and the church, is now among his old friends in Nashville, from whom he receives a warm welcome. If a rumor that has reached the editorial sanctum be well founded, his return trip to Texas will be less lonely than his

-Willis Index: Rev. B. J. Guess, for the past twelve months pastor of the Methodist Church of this place, left Tuesday evening to attend the annual conference of his church, which convened at Huntsville, Wednesday morning. Mr. Guess has served his people faithfully and well, and many regret that he was not returned to this work for another conference year.

-Cleburne Enterprise: Rev. Mr. Collard. the newly appointed pastor of the M. E. Church, 'outh, and family, arrived in this city Thursday. The ladies of the Methodist Church prepared a most sumptuous Thanks-giving dinner at the parsonage, and the new comers were received and entertained as gues is by the ladies, and all had a most enjoyable time.

-San Saba News: Rev. T. F. Dimmitt held thanksgiving service at the Methodist Church vesterday morning. His sermon was ing the past few centuries, all of which he properly attributed to the blessings of a benefi-cent providence. His words of warning were timely and well advised.

-Labor Organ, Wills' Point: Rev. J. B Adair, who has been pastor of the Methodi t Courch here, was transferred to the Queen FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL.

REV. W. H. HUGHES.

At the last North Texas Conference, amid the hurry and confusion of the last a garden for his successor should be be evening session, a wise resolution to let moved.

Credited with saying that no preacher should move out of one without planting another year, but it was ordered differently. Bro. Adair is an able preacher, a true Christian, an earnest worker, and a devoted and faithful servant of the Master. He earnies with him to his new field of labor the prayers of the church and the best wishes of the entire community. tire community.

-At the last meeting of the West Texas

may their hands be strong to gather the imperishable sheaves for the Master's garner. They have the love, esteem and best wishes of the whole church."

-Centerville Democrat: "We are glad to learn that the annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, that assembled at Huntsville, on the 26th of last mouth, appointed Rev. J. L. Lemons, the acceptable and worthy pastor of this circuit during the past year to fill out another ecclesiastical term of service; and we are also gratified to learn that such a worthy reappointment has been made to the pastorate of St. James' Church, at Gal-veston, as the Rev. Seth Ward, a native born citizen of this county, highly esteemed by those best acquainted with his character and standing as a Christian gentleman.

-The Weatherford Times says: Dr. James Mackey, D. D., the new Methodist minister, arrived here yesterday, and being met at the train by a reception committee, a most agreeable surprise awaited him and his estimable family on their arrival at the parsonage. The good ladles in anticipation of their new minister's arrival had gone to work in a body and completely renovated, refitted and refurnished every apartment of the building, and after a most cordial reception given the doctor and family they were ushered into the dining room, where a most elegant dinner, the preparation of which evineed culinary skill and artistic taste of the highest order on the part of the ladles in charge, was served. The doctor and his cultured wife and daughters will prove valuable additions to Weatherford society, in whose circle they will certainly meet with a most cordial welcome. arrived here yesterday, and being met at the

R. M. Powers, Dec. 8: This is a growing pushing town, and I will like it, and give them the best work there is in me. Comanche.

Sam J. Franks, Dec. 7: This scribe finds himself in his new quarters and among as kind a people as ever a man served perhaps Many tokens of appreciation have been shown us, not only in words but in deeds. God bless them.

Kerens, Texas.

Geo. W. Riley: I reached my circuit in time for the 4th Sunday in November, and have been visiting the membership constantly all the past week. The outlook is somewhat ng, notwithstanding the hard times cry of the people.

Colorado.

J. H. Wiseman, Dec. 5: Soon after conference we left Anson, our old work, and came to Colorado. At the depot we found two of the faithful waiting, who conducted us to our new home, where we found a comfortable night's rest, through the kindness of the Christian women of the church at this place. We want to build a parsonage soon. May the Lord bless the church at Colorade.

Bruceville.

E. F. Boone, Dec. 4: Reached this place with my family last Thursday; found a few friends at the parsonage putting things in order for our comfort. On the table was an

Mazatlin, Mexico.

J. D. Scoggins, Nov. 15: Results of eleven months labors on Sinalva mission, where no missionary had ever labored before: There are four congregations established; one class orgatized with eighteen members and sixteen candidates or probationers; an average of 500 people hear the gospel monthly; \$100 worth of books have been sold; a thousand or more tracts distributed; sevenly religious periodicals taken; \$21.50 collected for missions, \$4.50 for church extension, \$4 for other confirence claims, \$5 for presiding elder and \$3.82 for the poor; one hundred and eight sermons preached by the preacher in charge and seventhe poor; one hundred and eight sermor preached by the preacher in charge and sever teen by the pasiding elder. The outcome at present of these things is a general forward move. We have been having a gentle revival spirit for over two months, which still abide with us. Pray for us.

Ladonia.

C. N. Riggan, Dec. 5: We are costly ensconced in the parsonage. It is the first year as a station. Some fear the child cannot walk alone, but judging from the manner of our reception, fears are groundless. Last Friday evening the Presbyterian bell began to ring, followed by the Methodist, and it was neither fire nor flood, but culinaries, and some had hard cash. Dr. Baily was appointed to say in behalf of the ladies that the accompanying miscellany had a deep meaning of cordial welcome and thorough co-operation. A "Ladies' Aid Society" was organized with the following officers: Mrs. Scott, President; Mrs. Nelson, Vice President; Miss Oglesby, Secretary, and Miss Stephens, Treasurer. The first object, already well begun, is to render the parsonage thoroughly neat and comfortable. God bless the work of the women all over the land! station. Some fear the child cannot walk alone,

Bonito.

B. B. Scoggins, Dec. 3: The Bonito Mission is coming to the front. We have been on the mission eighteen months, and started with eighteen mem ers; to-day we have 61 on with eighteen mem ers; to-day we have 61 on our roil. Some of them when we came to the work had not heard a sermon in ten years and when we told them we wanted them to come to church they said they were not coming, but they did come, and some were converted, and now one of them is a worker for the Lord and steward in the church and with work for the preacher. But that is not all yet, for attention was called to the ringing of a hell last saturative right and on inpairs, we a bell last Saturday night and on inquiry found that it was at the church calling us. we vectover to see what was wanted. So we we tover to see what was wanted. Some good sis ers wanted to pound us with flor r, rugar, rice, homony, soap, meat, shoes for the baby, some crock-ryware, some nice presents for the wite and children, and a great deal more too numerous to mention.

Cleburne.

J. H. Collard, Jr., Dec. 7: Myself and family arrived here on the 12:30 train on Thanksgiving Day, and were met at the depot by Bro. Morton and a deputation from the Ladies' Aid Society. They escorted us to a carriage, in which we were driven to the parsonage, where we found the ladies out in force. A warm fire was burning in the family room in a fireplace, and another in a nice new stove in the parlor. Looking over the house, we could see at a glance the evidences of Christian thoughtfulness and hospitality. There was a stove in every room but one, and in that was a chimney. Bureaus, washistands, bed-steads, carpets in the parlor and Thanksgiving Day, and were met at the depot of Christian thoughtulness and hospitality. There was a stove in every room but one, and in that was a chimney. Bureaus, washstands, bed-steads, carpets in the parior and

dist Church of this place is not by any means dead. Our newly appointed pastor, Bro. J. H. Collard, was greeted with a large and attentive congregation on last Sabbath morning to hear his introductory sermon. In his discourse he cleared the way for the coming year's work. Bro. Collard is small in stature, but he is as brave as a lion. Every one went away delighted, and only too anxious to return again at hight. And so a large and appreciative audience did return and were fed on the sincere milk of the Word. The sprituality of the church was well demonstrated by on the sincere milk of the Word. The sprituality of the church was well demonstrated by the actions of all the members present in reconsecrating themselves with the pastor to the service of the Master for the coming year. After a reconsecration the pastor then called for seekers of religion. There being several present who had caught the hispiration from the pastor, who came among is fired with the block. tor, who came among us fired with the Holy Ghost, at once arose and asked an interest in the prayers of the Christian people.

C. S. McCarver, Dec. 8: I will not tell you everything about Abilene or our church, but I will tell you that we are getting along very nicely just now. The people may be showing their kindness just to keep up a good name, but if so, they are sustaining it how. They are showing their kindness in every possible way, and I would say that they tremendously pounded us, but I am afraid I would fail to represent the affair. Our membership is increasing every Sunday. Our nongregation; in fact, it will too small for our congregation; in fact, it will too hold our membership, and we are considering the propriety of building a new one. Bro. Abe Mulkey and wife, as many know, (and by the way we have been trying to get a report of the meeting in the ADVOCATE, but have falled so tail, [it was in last issue.—Ed] spent two weeks with us, and we had a great time of rejoicing on the account of the presence of the Lord. We had eighty-five happy conversions, sixty additions to our church, a general spiritual awakening among our church members and wears as fine propriety contracts. I will tell you that we are getting along very America. I trust the difficulty in this mission that caused the men to leave has been effectually settled at our recent meeting, and will never arise to trouble us again and cause the loss of our men.

Reports from the preacher can relate at supper, which supplied several other the Rev. J. T. Smith having been returned to the Rev. J. T. Smith having been returned the Rev. J. T. Smith having spiritual awakening among our church m men, Abe is a good one to have. May God bless him abundantly. Bro Wallace is out on his first round of quarterly meetings. I think all his preachers are at their posts, and the outlook for the district was never so hopeful. The end of the rain is not yet, but the prospects for the West are flattering. Emigrants are coming in every day to grow up with the country. I suppose. May Got bless with the country. with the country, I suppose. May God bless the editor and make him a great power for good through our ADVOCATE to all the

C. J. Oxley, Dec. 3: Our appointment to this charge was a genume surprise, but obe. dient to the powers that be, we boxed up our things as quickly as possible and boarded the train for this piace, a distance of about two hundred and sixty miles from our former work (Cuero). We arrived la'e at night, but found brethren waiting with conveyance for us at the depot, and soon we were at the par-sonage. The ladies had prapared supper, and. found brethren waiting with conveyance for us at the depot, and soon we were at the parsonage. The ladies had prepared supper, and, thanks to them, we were soon snugly ensonced in our new home wondering at the sudden turn of affairs that had landed us on the frontier of Texas. Soon after arrival, was called up to the Laredo Sembary to preach a Thanksgiving Setmon. This school is under the control of the Woman's Board of Missions. They have Miss Holding in charge of it, who is assisted by a most ifficient and devoted corps of teachers. We are glad to note its prosperous condition and to find its noble work so highly appreciated. God be with them in their labor. A few Lights after our arrival we were startled at suddenly hearing sung at our door the doxology, "Praise God from whom," etc. Throwing open the door a crowd made up from the Protestant denominations of the city, led on by Dr Simpson, chaplain U. S. A., and Rev. W. Moere, pastor Baptist Church, entered and unceremoniously took possession. And then—! But who can describe such a scene. Suffice it to say that half an hour later (with rather hazy notions as to how it all happened) we found ourselves standing around a great heap of things made up of the necessaries and luxuries of life. We were delighted with the fraternal spirit displayed on this occasion. God grant that it may always continue, and that shoulder to shoulder we may press forward until Laredo submits to Jesus our King. We realize the fact that we have a hard field to labor in, but our cordiai welcome gives us ward until Laredo submits to Jesus our King. We realize the fact that we have a hard field to labor in, but our cordial welcome gives us courage and we thank God for opportunity to bear some part in the great work to be done for the Master here. Brethren pray for us.

A. F. Cox, Dec. 5: The great from wheel

mysterious and sometimes dreacf il. Sitting in the midst of this wheel and intently watching its intricate motion, observing how it flung a man here and another there, hither and thither, from north to south, and from east to west, all of a sudden a flish of 1 ghr-ning dimmed my sight and a clap of thunder fell with dealening force upon my ears, and when I awoke to consc ousness, i found the I had been hurled, at the rate of a hundred miles a second, from the low lands to the mountains! Oh, cruel wheel-driver! thought I, thus to deal with a man whose locks are gradually fall back from November to
April was voted down and the old time
of meeting retained. I say I think it
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interest of both the church and the

the preacher's sa'ary. May God bless the people, make us werthy of their confidence, and sanctify our cooperation this conference of sanctify our cooperation this conference of sanctify our cooperation this conference of the flory of his name.

W. R. D. Stockton: It is due the good people of Gatesville to say they have learned the art of making their pastors feel at home among them, judging by the way they have received this sojourner. We reached here by rail; late at night; was met by one of the stewards at the depot with a carriage; conveyed to his house and well entertained until next day, when we were conveyed to the personage, where awaited a goodly company and a magnificent dinner. We found the parsonage, where awaited a goodly company and a magnificent dinner. We found the parsonage newly and neatly furnished throughout with everything we could reasonably ask to make us comfortable. The church is also well turnished. The town wears an appearance of neatness, and business seems lively. The citizens look healthy, and everything seems cheerful and hpppy. I find a membership of 175, and have airend; had an addition of five members, making 189. I hope that this will be a year of general prosperity throughout the whole church and wish great success to the Advocate.

Cleburne.

S. B. Walker: We are glad to make notice of the fact that the spirituality of the Methodist Church of this place is not by any means dead. Our newly appointed pastor, Bro. J. H. Collard, was greeted with a larke and attentive congregation on last Sabbath morning to hear his introductory sermon. In his discourse he cleared the way for the coming year's work. Bro. Collard is small in stature, but he is as brave as a lion. Every one went away teelighted, and only too anxious to relative to an all collards and the popple.

Preaching to Saloon-keepers and Cambuston to the fact of the people.

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I wish to announce that I will preach next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock in the hall over W. S. Veck's saloon. No one will be excluded, but the service is especially for saloon-keepers and gamblers. I hope my motive will be understood, and that in giving special invitation to the above named classes, I do so without offense. As is generally known I have been myself a gambler, and believing that God for Christ's sake has forgiven my sins, I would like to bring others to the Savior I have found. I am moved to this step partly by the uniform respect and kindness with which I have been treated by the liquor dealing and sporting fraternity in San Angelo, and partly by the fact that my ministerial connection with this community has ceased; and in going to other fields I wish to leave a token of my interest in immortal souls. W. S. Veck's saloon. No one will be excluded. token of my interest in immortal souls.

A. J. POTTER.

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The above announcement will explain itself. It is clipped from the San Angelo Enterprise. About half an hour before the time of opening the scryices, I walked down to the saloon and found a large crowd standing in front. The door was soon opened, from which the stairway led up into the half, which was filled as fast as men could crowd in. All the seats were occupied, and quite a number stood up. They were estimated at about one hundred and firty, and a more orderly and intelligent audience I never stood before in my life. Of course they were not all saloon-keepers and gamblers. Some of the most prominent citizens of our city were present, but I do not think there were noy present who would have attended church at any other place that night. At the close many came forward and took me by the hand and expressed themselves as highly gratified, and urged me to preach for them again. I trust good was done. This unfortunate class of men have larger claims upon our pity and our prayers than upon our scorn and contempt.

A. J. POTTER. A. J. POTTER.

Albany. W. D. Robinson, Dec. 1: There is nothing more cheering to the heart of the itinerant than to meet a warm-hearted informal reception upon the part of his people on returning tion upon the part of his people on returning to serve them another year. Such was the experience of this scribe and his family on returning from conference. The members of the church and Sunday-school, with many members of the other churches and various persons of no church membership, assembled at the residence of a neithbor, and in due time, headed by Bro L. M. Keener, the Sunday-school Superintendart, they proceeded. day-school Superintendent, they proceeded to the parsonage. The parlor, hall and other rooms were allttle crowded, to be sure, but the evening was passed in pleasant entertainthe evening was passed in pleasant entertainments, such as conversation by the cld (if, indeed, any felt the oppression of years), songs and instrumental music by the young, interspersed by recitations, rendered to the delight of all present, by Miss Luciel Maunling. Master John Lanier and Mr. Gulledge. A solo was surg by Miss Holcomb, accompaniment by Miss Mammer Shrum, and many eyes were moistened, as attention was given to the rich melodies. Just at the right time suitable refreshments were served, which had been prepared by the conspirators of the occasion. When time for adjurnment had arrived we resolved the whole into a happy family and conducted worship, and bade good night to many happy hearts and smiting faces. With regard to substantial expression, it is sufficient to say every want seemed night to many happy hearts and smiling faces. With regard to substantial expression, it is sufficient to say every want seemed to have been anticipated. Every member of the family was remembered with just such articles of clothing as were needed for the winter; and a nice case of medicine prepared by our popular Dr. Powell. Mr. Editor, I have never liked pounding much, but a few more like experiences would bias me decidedly in favor of receptions. I forget to say a ten dollar check and a five dollar bill and other similar affairs were among the incidentals.

HERE are some facts about the Young Men's Christian Association of Dallas: Our field: The 7000 young men of Dallas, On agencies: Intellectual-Reading room, itbrary, evening educational classes, lectures and practical talks. Social-Appropriate games, receptions and entertainments, homelike rooms, organ and music. Physical -Gymnasium and baths, correspondence table, employment and boardinghoose register, visof the Methodist itinerancy is won ierful, its to sick young men. Religious -Gospel meetings, Bible class and training class, fall service. Our aim: Fo counteract the inflaence of the saloons and other eyil agencies by ence of the saloons and other evil agencies by furnishing an attractive resort for young men, and to bring them into the churches. How maintained: By membership fees, and by the contributions of men and women of every religious belief who have at heart the welfare of young men. Membership: Two classes.—Associate—Young men of good moral character. Active—Young men who are members of evangelical churches. Fee—\$5.00 in advance. A person is received by filling out an application brank and paying his fee.

SUMMARY of statistical report of the South Carolina Conference: Local preachers and members, 65 000; adults baptized, 1,581; infants baptized, 2,312; number of Sundayschools, 678; number of Sunday school officers and teachers, 4.585; number of Sundayschool pupils, 38 829; number of churches, 642; value of churches, \$133 720; number of parsonages, 134, value of parsonages \$175, 124; value of other church property, \$142 672.
Financial report,—Paid pre-iding electric, \$13 8 m. 64; pastors and assistants, \$91 993 65; Bish is, \$1 178,00; conference claimants, \$7, 295, 10; foreign missions, \$9 320 57; dom-stic

Texas Christian Advocate.

About the Lesson.

LESSON XI., SUNDAY, DEC. 16. DEATH OF SAMSON. Judges xvi:21-31.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The wonderful story of Gideon's campaign is narrated in Judges vii:9 to viii:-21. But while the land had rest during his days (Judg. viii:28), the spoils he had from his fellows; but he is always sure received were perverted to idolatrous of ridicule and so ffs in his degradation. uses, and another relapse to heathenism followed after his death (Judg. viii:29-

The short, bloody, and tumultuous in chapter ix. Two judges, Tola and cruel oppression of the entire people by the Ammonites. The deliverance wrought by Jepthah, and his vow, with its sad result, are narrated in Chapter xi. An internecine war followed between (Judg. xii:16). The three succeeding judges were Itzan, Eion and Abdon; but in each case the period of rule was brief.

The next oppression of Israel was by the Philistines. It lasted for "forty foolishly as Samson. years" (Judg. xiii:1), but it is uncertain judge was Samson, of the tribe of Dan. whose birth and Nozuritic life was foretold (chap. xiii). His attempted marriage Pallis ines as to secure temporary dexvi:4 20, immediately preceding the les-

The place was Gaza, near the sea-coast, about fifty miles south west of Jerusa-

The time is near the close of the period of Judges. If, as is probable, Samson was a contemporary of Eii, the death of Ell may have preceded the death of Samson, and the time would then be shortly before B. C. 1129. But the longer chronology would assign the date to a point at least forty years earlier .- Sunday School Times.

TEACHING POINTS.

Sampson "the sunny" took life as a joke. He is the one punster and practical joker of the Bible. And the book that treats of all sorts of men shows us what may be expected of that sort.

He had the best pre-natal conditions, and was born under the Nazzurite pledges. He was a total abstainer from intoxicating drink, and a free indulger in lust. He married a traitorous heathen woman, who wept before him seven days has only to start along in Samson's path to worm out a secret. He went unto a harlot, and loved a woman named "Languishing"-a kind of woman often attractive to men of enormous strengthand she betrayed him for a price. His eyes were put out, and he was set to a woman's work at a mill, and a feel's work at amusing public assemblies.

This the man in whom the Spirit of God stirred, who had rent lions, who had tossed the gates of a city on his shoulders, and who might have been the deliverer of Israel from all their enemies. There is fun that is folly.

This fun did not leave him in his last act. He said, "Strengthen me, only this of the slope, a helpless laughing-steck time to see that this reformation is no the Pailistines for one of my two eyes" (not both).

the greatest things of him. He said he me." would "begin to deliver Israel"-a work that the pure, earnest Samuel should complete.

his own accord, than when, a blinded selves; but that was not Samson's the world. slave, he was compelled to play the buf- way at the last; and it is greatly foon for the amusement of his exultant to Samson's credit that this was en mies.

What a pitiable condition for God's for their belp !

The greatest influence may be marred by jesting which is not seemly or in character, and the most efficient strength be made weak by having only a zest for triffes.

Proverbs vi to ix con' ains the principles that might have been drawn from the facts of Samson's life .- Bishop H W. Warren in Sunday School Times

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

Philistines laid hold on him, and put out of his land, ought to understand that if he dallies with the Phillistines, or makes our Lord Jesus Christ."—H. Clay Trumterms with them for his own interest or bull in Sunday School Times.

HOME STUDY. Book keeping, Business say, if every young woman should make that resolve, the slow and weary reforms that resolve, the slow and weary reforms which have been dragging their length. Shorthand, etc., thoroughly taught by MAIL. Circulars free. BYANT & STRATION'S which have been dragging their length. terms with them for his own interest or bull in Sunday School Times.

pleasure, he is sure to become their prisoner, and at last, in blindness and chains, to grind in their prison-houses In sinning there is certain bondage. Only in Carist's service is there sure liberty.

When their hearts were merry ... they said, call for Samson, that he may make us sport . . . And he made sport be fore them (v. 25). It delights the godless to see one who has been a giant in the Lord's service, a chained prisoner, groping in blindness, as a cost of his sinning. He who has fallen from a high estate through transgression, is not always sure of sympathy, or even of pity, And the higher the place he once held as

a champion of the right, the more the wicked will rejoice at his downfall. He to whom all look up with respect reign of Abimelech his son is described while he is victorious on the side of truth, will find none too low to find in Jair, are named in Judges x:1 5, and the him a laughing-stock, if once he conramainder of the chapter describes the sents to surrender his moral vantage ground. And it is the same with little folks as with larger ones. The boy who will consent to smoke, or to drink, or to use vile speech, or to fight, like "all the other fellows," will be "laughed to scorn the Ephraimites and the Gileadites and had in derision" by the wicked whose counsel he has followed. Not every one can be strong as Samson was in his best estate; but every one can become, like Samson, a laughing-stock of sinners, if he will sin as freely and as

Samson said unto the lad that held how this period is reckoned. The next him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars (v. 26). Sinners may make sport of the fallen giant, but there is something inexpressibly pitiful in the with a Patitistine woman (chap. xiv) led to sight of one in whose strong arm the a conflict in which he so subdued the strongest were wont to feel confidence, and whose voice was an inspiration to liverance (chap. xv). His fall through multudes, now groping in helplessness, Delilah is graphically depicted in Judges and seeking support from the weakest. There was a brilliant lawyer who was accustomed to stand over against or alongside of Webster and Choate and Reverdy Johnson, and the other giant lawyers of his day, in important cases before the Supreme Court at Washington. He yielded himself to the Philistines in temptations of the social glass. He abandoned the safe drink of Samson's manhood, and he was shorn of his locks of glory. From a place like that of Samson in his leading of Israel he became like Samson in the prison house of Gaza. One who had known this man in his hour of pride was sitting in Willard's Hotel, when that once brilliant man shuffl d into the room in the tattered dress, and with the bloated, blear-eyed face of a gutter drunkard, and moved from one to another with outstretched trembling hand, piteously begging the means for another drink; asking that the weakest before him would help him to another touch of the pillars of the house of ruin in which his wretched life of hopelessness was dragging on. He who would reach the depths of Samson's fall

of sinning. said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray

I will tell you of a plan that is perfectly

thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, and wise. Reform him before you

likely, there will be added, one of these

Boys' and Girl's Companion. (v. 28). God can be turned to, even in a marry him. There is a chance to display Pailistine prison house, and by a blind all your powers and charms as a philanand wretched prisoner. And there is no thropist and a reformer. Use them to hope for a sinner except in turning to the utmost. Beforehand you have every God. Man can work his own ruin, but thing in your favor, and let the young he cannot secure his own salvation. He man know that if he cannot give up his can go down hill without divine help; cups he must give you up; if he cannot but he cannot clamber back again unaided, nor with any other aid than that must keep away from you; that he must which God can give. And it is when a make a choice forever between his roistersinner is, seemingly, at the very bottom once, O God, that I may be avenged of of his fellow-sinners, that the encourage temporary expedient for the sake of wining voice of the loving Savior is heard: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; God knew his man, and did not expect I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glority love him, let him talk of marriage. God

And Samson said. Let me die with the Pailistines (v. 30). There are a great the mysterious balo, call it illusion or demany who would be willing to have a lusion if you will, that surrounds every Jokes and dancing seemed more funny part in destroying the Philistines, if only maidenly attraction, is a God-given inso. He didn't pray; Let these Philis ines fall, but let me escape. His Lord's cause even if I must die to com- drunkard, and the rescuing of the boy who'll begin?" pass ic. That is the only may in which a from the rum shop; but you have more man can serve God faithfully. He who is not ready to die, if need be, for God's this line than all the temperance sociecause, is good for nothing to live for ties in the world. Your argument with God's service. Self must be surrendered before God can be rightly served or self

itself be truly saved. were more than they which he slew in pledge will be accepted when it would be his life. Death is not always defeat. spurned from mine. I have strong re- come after you," said Carry Northrop, Victory even for the cause in which one gard for the White Cross Movement, and who was quiet enough during school dies is often secured by the very dying. every effort that is made for social pur- hours, but always Meta's second in Missionaries in foreign lands have done ity; but your influence will more quickly daring on the play-ground. his eyes; ... and bound him with feiters more for the mission cause by their early blot out the damning sin against which of brass; and he did grind in the prison | deaths, and the eloquence of their voice- it aims than all the efforts of the Bishop house (v. 21) So long as Sampson bat- less graves, than they could have hoped of Durham and his co-laborers. I am ready! One, two, three, away!" and she tled the Philistines, he had victory over to do by a life prolonged beyond its heart and soul in sympatny with the Law them. It was only when he put himself usual span. As Dr. Bushuell said of the and Order League, and every organizationary clearing the first three obstacles with in their power by wrong doing, and by real victors in any great strunggle, "It is tion that has for its aim the suppression improper relations with them, that they the spent ammunition, not that which is of vice; but if we could only enlist you gain the adventage of him. But then all | brought off the field, that wins the bat- on the right side, if God would make you his great strength, and all his early train- the." A dying child sometimes wins a strong to speak the right word and do the ing, and all his commanding position father's soul to Christ, and that victory brave deed, you could do more than all above his fellows, went for naught, the child will rejoice over eternally. A these societies put together, though they He became a captive. His eyes were broken-heated mother who feels that were backed up by all the police and clothes—all except Henrietta, the youngput out. He was inchains. He was set there is nothing more that she can do for militia of the world. If every young est and smallest of the group, who to the lowest work of a mere slave. And her wayward and prodigal child—but to woman in the world should say to-day, cleared each chair like a squirrel, and any man who is not stronger than Sam- die, may, by her very dying, secure a rich "I will never marry a man who drinks; I was received with a chorus of approval. son, and whose parents were not godlier harvest of all her toils and prayer of a will never marry a man who is licentious; than the good father and mother of Sam- lifetime. So there "shall come to pass I will never marry a dishonest sharper; I son, and who doesn't now stand higher the saying that is written, Death is swal- will look before I leap into any man's than the foremost among all the people lowed up in victory ... Thanks be to arms, and know what I am doing;" I

Old and Joung.

A HARD QUESTION.

Juniata Stafford, in The Kindergarten You little boys and girls, With straight hair or with curls, Vho go to school to study every day, I have a question here, That may sound very queer, But a perny tor its answer I will pay.

The cunning little squirrel.

Whose life is all a whirl Of fun and frolic in the forest trees-Why should he, wild or tame, Have squirrel for his name? am waiting for an answer, if you please

O, I know now very well. That none of you can tell, Because I've waited patiently and long, So I'll have to read myself From the old book on the shelf,

Where I found it when I hunted for a song. Squirrel comes from two old words (Don't tell it to the birds) Which were put together years ago, and

That this little creature gay, one that travels "with a tail for shade."

One word, which means to-day,

And if you go quite near, Without either noise or fear. You'll see a dark line down his back does run. Which must be what he shades (For all the other fades)

With his tail all day from bleaching in the sun. CHATS WITH THE GIRLS ON PRAC-TICAL SUBJECTS.

ditor Golden Rule.

Once more let me say, Do not marry a man for the sake of reforming him. "If low," says Dr. Taimage, very wisely, under the restraints of your present achabits, after he has won the prize, you cannot expect him to do so. You might as well plant a violet in the face of a northeast storm with the idea of appeasing it. You might as well run a schooner along side of a burning ship with the idea of saving the ship. The consequence will be, schooner and ship will be destroyed together. If by twenty-five years of age a man has been grappled by intoxicants, he is under such headway that your attempt to stop him would be very much like running up the track with a wheelbarrow to stop a Hudson River express train." "It is ams zing," he continues, "to see how some women will marry men, knowing nothing of them, No merchant would sell a hundred dollars' worth of goods on credit without knowing whether the customer was worthy of being trusted. No man or woman would buy a house with encumbrances of mortgages and liens and judgments against it uncancelled, and yet there is not an hour of the day or night for the last ten years that there have not been women, by hasty marriages, entrusting their earthly happiness to men about whose honesty they know nothing, or who are encumbered with liens and judgments and first mortgages and second mortgages and third mortgages of evil habits."

A BETTER PLAN.

It is a terribly dangerous experiment that you are engaged in when you marry Sampson called unto the Lord, and arake for the sake of reforming him. But e. Reform him before vo keep away from the gambling-table, he

RETTER THAN ANY ORGANIZATION. I have great respect and admiration power, if you would exercise it, in just S) the dead which he slew at his death | Frances Willard. From your hands the | starts first?".

through the ages would make a century's round," exclaimed Meta, patting her on advance in an hour.

MESSAGES FROM THE MOTHERS. I have dwelt upon the negative side of our subject so long because positive truth underlies it all. Let me give you here the same message couched in positive words, written by mothers who know well how to put the truth: 'Choose," says one, "as the pariner of your heart, your home, your life, a good, sound, clean-hearted man, who loves you, and wins your love by the development of tastes congenial with yours; a man whom, as a friend, you could esteem and admire were he the husband of another. That is a test that would dissipate a mere fancy into thin air. Be slow to believe yourself in love. The reality is a beautiful yet an awful thing. It is putting your life out of your own keeping. Marriage, even to one you love deeply and sincerely, is the risk of all that time can give you of bliss, maybe of heaven's hopes as well, upon the utterance of a dozen sentences, a speech not two minutes in length." "The structure of a true marriage must be laid upon the basis of a true individual life," says another. "When men and women have conceived and accepted the idea that all good in earth and heaven is intended to minister directly and indirectly to individual growth, and that that which we call evil, toil, poverty, sorrow, pain and temptation to sin, are intended for the development of power and the discipline of passion; when they see that life tends upward, and is only a preparation for another sphere and a quaintance he will not give up his bad better, and that all that surrounds them her pocket pieces of rope of various is perishable, then they can have a conception of what true marriage is. The relation is illuminated with its full significance only by this true idea of individual life." HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLI

MATTER Realize the significance and importance and the vast interests that for you above all others hang on the marriage relation. Never, never, marry or e gage yourself to marry as a joke, or in the spirit of fun, or because the fancy seizes you. It would be just as sensible to joke at your lover's funeral, and would show about as much appreciation of the fitness of things. Let there be but one supreme reason for marriage, not propinquity, nor a passing notion, not to get a home or to get rid of work and worry, not from a sentimental desire to reform a rake, but because love and respect go hand in hand, and because God's evident approval crowns the union. While the divorce mills are grinding out their ceaseless grist, let the solemn words which close every marriage service ring in your eare: "What God hath joined together let no man put saunder." Consider such a union, however desirable, as not the inevitable lot or the only path to it not by idle dreams and constant traplaying, but by living honestly, lovingly, usefully, Christlikely, remembering that the only way to become a good wife is first to become a good woman, strong and days, to the beautiful homes which so bless this poor old world, another home where the angel of peace and love shall abide forever.

A LITTLE GOODY-GOODY.

Helen Chauncey, in Sunday School Times. "Let's make up a new game, girls; I'm tired to death of the old ones! I'll tell you. We'll play at steeple-chasing with chairs from the school-room. It'll be ous companions and you. Give him lots of fun! Here, Henrietta, you run and bring 'em out. That's a dear!"

Henrietta's ready little feet trotted up ning a bride, but that the heart and life the steps, and into the cosy school-rorm, and charac er are affected; then, if you now empty of teacher and pupils; for it was the interval of recess. Arranging has given you this power to use for him. the chairs she brought at unequal dis-Every grace, every virtue, every charm, tances, Meta Forrest, whose restless brain had evolved the new amusement. exclaimed:

"Now this is what I call no end to Samson when he indulged in them of they could come off unharmed them- fluence put in your hands to regenerate jolly! For we may really break our necks, if not our legs, and that makes it all the more exciting. Now listen, girls! The first chair is a five-barred gate, the for the Woman's Christian Temperance next is a ditch, and the last four are Union, and all organizations that have hurdles. Every one who jumps must go people when such a judge was em nent prayer was, Let me bring victory to the for their object the lifting up of the on a dead run to clear them. Now,

"I'll never do it in the world," said Henrietta; "for my legs are too short!" "Oh, yes! you can. It isn't always the biggest horses that do the best. Piay some young man will be more effective you were a Shetland pony, Menny; and, than the elequence of John B. Gough ever after you've seen us all jump, you can was or even the sweet persuasiveness of come last and try, at all events. Who

"You, of course, Meta. We'll all

"Come on then in order. I first, Carry next, and the rest of you after. All flew like a deer from the starting-point, ease, leaving a breadth of her dress on the fourth, and bounding over the remaining chairs with the screech of a wild Indian.

The others followed in turn, each incurring damage either of body or "It's just like you, Henny! You always do everything well," said Carry. "No chance for any one when she's

the back. "She's our goody-goody girl!"

Just then the school-room bell sounded, and Carry said in a low voice: "Don't tell Miss Pierson what we

"But I must if she asks me," replied

honest Henrietta. "No, you needn't, little marplo!!" said Meta. "Teli her we were sitting in the chairs."

"That would be fibbing, and I can't," faltered Henrietta. "Oh dear! there's the bell again! What shall I do?" "Hold your tongue; that's all," answered Carry. "Miss Pierson won't ask you. Only don't be a goose, Henrietta! Hurry up-can't you? and, pushing the smaller girl before her, she

The other girls followed, and Henrietta was relieved that Miss Pierson made no immediate mention of their disheveled appearance. But after the signal had been given for dismissal, she said:

herself at her desk, began to study.

"I saw you engaged in very dangerous play this morning that risked both life and limb. Moreover, chairs were taken from the school-room without my per mission. This must not happen again, and I forbid you to amuse yourselves in such reckless fashion."

"Mean old thing!" whispered Meta to her desk companion, Edith Wilson. "1'll be even with her; see if I don't!" At the recess next day Meta drew from

lengths, and, tying them to posts and trees on the playground, she exclaimed: "There, girls! we can play at steeplechasing all the same, and Miss Pierson oe none the wiser."

None ventured to oppose the ruling spirit, but each looked askance at the other, when Henrietta, her chubby face aglow with earnest purpose, said, while her voice trembled at her own daring:

"It isn't right to play steeple-chasing. cause Miss Pierson told us not to!" "No, she didn't!" retorted Meta. "Not

this kind of steeple-chasing!" "But it's dangerous all the same; and know she wouldn't like it," pleaded

Henrietta. "You don't know anything about it! You're nothing but a baby!" sneered

"She is right, though," said Carry, 'and I, for one, shall not play." "Nor 1! Nor 1!" echoed several

"Well, Miss Goody goody. I hope you're satisfied, now you've spoiled all our fun!" And Meta walked off to a distant part of the playground.

"Never mind, Henry," whispered Carry. "You did right, and made us all happiness or usefulness, and prepare for feel ashamed of ourselves. If we were all as honest and true as you are, we should be better girls; and I think we ought to be glad that we have such a dear little goody-goody in the school."

TOO COSTLY.

"It is a jolly knife!" said Ted, admiringiy.

"There are three blades, besides the cork-screw," said Tom; "it could not have cost less than a haif a dollar." "What made him give it to you?" said Ned. "I wish he had taken it into his

head to give it to me." "Why, I'll tell you," said Tom, laughing. "He is so green, you know. I gave

him my red alley for it and the medal I picked up in the road, and I told him the medal was silver and the alley was real marble and worth a lot of money; and he

thinks he's got a great bargain." "Oh," said Ted, "that alters the case. I would not have it at that price if you gave me a hundred pounds as well." "Why not," said Tom, "if he's such a soft as to believe everything you tell

' He is welcome to sell his knife how he likes," said Ted, turning on his heel, but I would not sell my character for all 'he kuives in the world."

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THE HOLIDAYS.

The holidays are close at hand. Vis ions of the festivities and enjoyments of the day already occupy the minds of thousands of our land. Mothers and wives are planning for the enjoyment of home and the home circle. Children are calculating what their little savings will buy. Firecrackers, dolls and books have each their place in the respective minds of boys and girls.

Invitations have been, and are being, sent to the members of the family and friends, and the absent ones are anxiously contemplating the home gathering in which to share; trouble and expense as no object. A mother's kiss of love. a father's fond care, a sister's kind embrace of welcome, are delights which this would still say, "We are fully able; let there before he went," and I now say pense." happy day brings with it. And how many us go up and possess the land." But the what he would have borne in mind but People sometimes say: "You can give missionary who wears the fasting belt thousands will be privileged with this enjoyment, with this happiness, with this pleasure. Thousands for the last time. Thousands to whom this day a year ago brought happiness and pleasure are no longer with us. But what of those who are with us, to whom the approach pleasure; whose days come and go with hension of my words, is decidedly conno changes. What of the homes where bereavement reigns, the homes once bright and gay, now dark and sad through trouble and misfortune? What of the just let himself get excited. Which? I homes of the widows and the fatherless. and, worse still, the orphans with no place to call home. To many of these the coming time is only made sadder by a recollection and comparison with the present of the bright and happy days, now only a remembrance, and a thing of the far past.

Do not the sorrow-stricken homes-the impoverished homes-the wan cheek of the widow, the sad look of the fatherless, the desolation of the orphan, appeal to our inmost sympathy and love. Far- some egregious blunders: ther, suffering and sorrow on every hand appeals to our care. ("Care is love in action.")

In our love, what would we not bestow on our Lord and Savior, were he here among us! But he is not, in person, with us, but his friends are; even those very near akin to him are here. He said himself, "The poor ye have always," and thinking or these he says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." We remember the scene on Calvary. There, burdened with pain and suffering unknown to any but Himself and the Father, our Savior remembers the loneliness and sorrow of another, and with, "Woman, behold thy son!" and (to John) "Behold thy mother!" he places. They are the base of hope. teaches us a lesson thereby, of loving care, the world has needed in all ages,

and needs to-day perhaps more than ever. In the ordinances for the Jewish feasts of old, especial mention is made by God of the stranger, and the fatherlesss, and the widow. God's desire that these should participate in the feasts is very marked. Let us read one passage, amongst the many, showing God's nothou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man servant, and thy maid servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the strangers, and the you." (Daut. xvi:11).

At the great thanksgiving and reading of the law, at the completion of the restoration of the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah, in sending the people to their homes to feast and rejoice, in his kind thoughtfulness he said: Go your and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared. (Nehemiah vili:10) teenth verse we see the biessed resul:-"And there was very great gladness." By loving deeds and true, may heaven witness amongst us such gladness on the

time now so near. "Go and do thou like wise," is the loving command of Him, who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, has so far as it has been possible to do so a half dozen young itinerants had been that we, through his poverty, might be rich." And need we wait until the day which we hold in such glad anticipation, or shall our kindness cease with the day?

Rather, as Will Carlton says: That out of every day that's given me yet, And out of every dollar I can get, And out of every talent small or large, That God sees fit to put into my charge, A part shall be devoted-square and sure-To God's own suffering, strugging, dying, poor

How truly we sing: "There are lonely hearts to cherish,

While the days are going by; There are weary souls who perish, While the days are going by. If a smile we can renew As our journey we pursue,-O the good we all can do. While the days are going by." "Then scatter seeds of kindness

For our reaping by and by." AMICUS HUMANI GENERIS.

CALEB'S REPLY TO JOSHUA, OR 'ALL IN A FOG."

After duly praising the original Joshus. Caleb proceeds to lay some blame at the door of "this new J shua." He charges adopted it in every instance." Because him with a want of courage, as shown in I say "the plan has in no instance been not answering his letter till it was out reversed," he make me say that "it has of date. He perhaps did not know in every instance been acted upon," or that "Joshua" was so far beyond the put into operation. Where did he learn border of "Jordan," that he thinks himself logic? Personal contact with those fortunate if he gets a paper a month af. Justy "antis" has had a bad effect perter its publication; perhaps he did not haps. Moral: Shun bad company and reflect that "this new" usurper was so learn better logic. I say, "I am not rebusily engaged in "sharing the dangers versing the movement of my watch." of the country" beyond the river of Then says this logic, "you are making it division, that long newspaper articles are move forward right." But I am not, for

often not read for weeksafter the papers I have no watch. Strange to say that

so, would have remained "in his ink- lead one to suppose, and hence said ad- doth cost me nothing." As good Mat- that they off red willingly." The Lord stand." I say perhaps, for I am sure I vice was not timely, and yet did not see thew Henry says: "Here were two gen- loves a cheerful giver. There is no grace The Creat Liver and Stomach don't know. Let that be my defense, the the point, or saw it and was in for crous souls well met. Araunah will give, in the gift that sticks to the fingers. that the noble nom de plume was assumed | bad enough. in order to make-by some innocent contrast, rivalry, or the like -a modern Caleb,

brief review of his answer will show: Note his closing words—for the last to my letter is perused, I am forced to was "out of sorts," for a completer "fog" I neversaw thrown over a few plain facts. fused, and he writes accordingly. He is not himself. The nom de plume upset him, or his conscience lashed him, or he ask; and "still the wonder grows."

love-is constantly entertained for my I did botch the dubbing.

Caudidly, I would not trespass on the

1. He makes me champion of the would entertain it? West Texas Conference, and protests grounds, to the West Texas; in fact this was one of my corrections.

(See Dis. p. 343, That he would say it, or say he said it chief pastors, or their representaness and inaccuracy in that case and to go if you think us suitable." fatherless, and the widow, that are among greater confusion in this; but were the statement correct, it has no: a shadow of bearing on my correction, which was the west, and still so holds it. It is a as to the time, when and by whom, that hard field, very hard, but are we not work was opened; hence could not make it "misplaced."

4. He accuses me of writing a two will say, "here am I, send me?" Las column article to make that correction. Craces would have been occupied long way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, showing that he, in his great confusion, ago but for want of a man. The place thought that was the object of my you name, and to which you were invited writing, whereas it was plainly an in- by the editor, etc., is well known to me. And we read (in the twelfth verse): All cident, and occupied in a separate para You were solicited for that very field the people went their way to eat, and to graph only three and five-eight inches. last year. It was thought you could have drink, and to send puritons. In the seven- If he still doubts let him apply a meas- done the work. The old plan you say was ure.

chuckle over that historic "frying pan only it was "a tub with a hoop off then." the "G bbs, Anheuser & Co." stuff. ence seffishness and more connectional ing those gentlemen; but I am heartily glad that my Caleb was there, for that may account for the way in which he afterwards abused my words, which he may, but be sure that no burt or unkind had correctly quoted. Here is his garb'ed feelings prompt me in this nor the former use use of them (a la G., A. & Co.): '1. letter. Excuse the frankness of this The old plan is good. 2. We have adopt- criticism. "It's all in the family." ed it in every instance. 3. We have not

What modesty I have causes me to say didging. Either horn of this dilemma is but David will buy. He will not take

was that body named in my letter.

10. The brother intimates that I "was body," whereas not a word in my letter rhetoric" on Los Cruces. Both are mis. metals, and stuff , because the rich that which cost us nothing. - Northwest was to that effec'; to the contrary, I takes. I only used his thunder to reach claimed for the Mexican Border the my game. I know L. C. I shivered honor he gave freely, and without through its streets without where to lay my head several hours one night after a long drive through snow and wind. It 2. He accuses me of finding an "ob | was a cold kies that night. Unfortunately noxious" statement in his letter. What the good and the bad will linger with us, made him think so? I did not say so. I and form ludicrous contrasts; that was simply took what I was pleased to term all. It is a good town-especially pros-"his text," and used it as a good text; pectively—and has some good citizens so stated. No, the obnoxious part who afterwards "took me in." Finally, seems to have been what I said-obnex. I am a bad writer, or Bro. C. is a bad ious to him perhaps because it struck a reader, for he seems not to have undertender place. Thank God for tender stood my letter at any point. I had only one of ject in view and that I emphasized 3. He says that "that part of New throughout my letter. It was to im-Mexico named in the Dicipline as a part press him, and every other brother who of the Mexican Border Mission was now in would honor my humble letter with a the West Texas Conference," was affirm- reading, with the fact that the boards ed in one of his letters and rendered my and authorities do not need advice, (from correction "out of place." I do not recuperators at least who only get a think he ever said such a thing as he glimpse of things at best), but consecracredits (?) himself with, for it would ted men, who are willing to help them show that he had not paid any attention | put that "old plan" into practice, by willto what the Dicipline says on the sub- ingly going to the west, or else where, to tice of, and care for the poor: "And ject; for it describes no part of New preach Christ—men who will not throw Mexico as a part of the Mexican Border the whole responsibility off on the 1 223). Bishops, but who will say to thes when he did not, shows great careless tives in the west, "we are willing Yes, brother, the want of this class of

> men is what has held the work back in equal to the task? Is it a fact that of all our forces a few can not be found who not in operation when you were there. 5. I said in my letter (I say above) That does not mean that efforts faithful that "his text was good." I said, and and repeated had not been made there still say, that "the old plan was good." for a revival, and not wholly in vain. He states this and quoies correctly my But who was there when you were inquestions and answers. "Has the old vited by the editor? A volunteer local plan been acted upon? Undeniably it preacher, fifty five years of age ! and yet (Italics mine-Joshua) In no instance solicited for the place, and refused has it been reversed." (Italics his- pointedly, "unless the Bishop would Joshua). Afterward I added the sec- transfer them without their consent." ond question: "Has it been universally Yes, sir, just take them right up "by the adop ed? No." Now, to the surprise bair of the head" and set them down of any ordinary man, the brother ge's there. I know these plain facts will not be "a positive contradiction" out of these agreeable to some brethren, but they are two questions and answers, and rushes nevertheless facts, and the of ject of my around like a regular victor (?) in search former letter was to turn on a little light, of a "yarn" to make his triumph more by giving some facts on this question. illustrious; and I can fairly hear him If the west and the regions beyond, are ever taken, and held for Christ, my adwith a hole it." I had heard of it before. vice, brother, will have to be put into practice, though you may have though it He shames my logic and compares it to out of place. There must be less confer-Well, I was not in Texas during '87, so ism-more of the spirit that says not he can't accuse me of stealing or imitat- only in words, but in practice, "The world is my parish !!"

I do not know, Bro. Collard, whether you knew I was "Joshua." Be that as it

JOSHUA (alias J. D. SCOGGINS) THE TRUE GENIUS OF GIVING

That was a noble answer of David to Araunah. David had gone to rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshing floor of Araurah, and the large-hearted man had offered floor, oxen and fuel for the sacrifice, free cf cost. But David was

climax he thus reached was a legitimate for my nom de plume -he was personally that and never feel it." Then a religious and faces savage beasts and men. Again, sequel to what preceded, for as this reply appealed to, and was greatly needed, but man ought to give till he does feel it. giving may take the form of the man yr declined to go. Some people say a guilty The widow's mite was felt deeply, and dom of the three hundred at Thermop say "that dubbing has certainly put Ca- conscience needs no accuser; may be therefore was commended by Christ. ylae, or of Curtius at the forum, or it leb beside himself." He undoubledly that's the way of it. Of course the rea- Let us ask ourselves three questions: may minister with the heroic youths of son why the then acting presiding elder 1. Of what benefit to us is it to offer the Howard Association to the sufferers addressed the men of the Northwest God that which costs nothing? It has in yellow fever stricken Memphis, or with of the time gives no anticipation of His idea of my object, as well as appre- Texas was because it was his own old neither employed our best energies, nor the sisters of mercy in the squalid homes conference; and only to state the fact exercised our noblest emotions. There of poverty. It may dwell among the 8. He accused me of thinking he had is a stranger to resolute self-denial. Our Livingston in Africa, or Paul in Rome, episcopal power. No such idea in my very virtues become doubly blessed to or, loftiest example of all, it may die for letter, nor in my mind, not even pros- us because their practice requires exer- men, like Christ on Calvary. pectively. Perhaps in this latter sense tion. 2 What good influence upon In such cases, the inspiration of the May I be permitted to set matters in it is in Bro. Caleb's mind; hence the sup others has the heartless piety that cares gift is love. Love sacrifices all things to order after he has tangled them all up in position. No, the brother is only urged, only to serve God cheaply? The world bless the thing it loves. It must this fog? If so, I beg leave to say the in the former letter, to help the Boards says a religion that costs nothing is no show itself. When it controls, we bid very best of feeling—even brotherly and Bishops in the more practical way. religion at all. True religion is a spirit- adieu to all sordid meanness. There is 9. He says that I said "The West Texas | uality, and not formalism; it is enthus! | even a sweet and not blindness in Chris-Caleb, "and shall be to the end," for said by resolution that they had men," asm, and not mere worldly prudence; tian love that scarcely considers pro well I know that J. H. C. is all O. K. if etc. Now, had be been more careful to it is progress, and not stagnation; it is dence, that cares not for life. Wretch see what I did say than he was to try his nobility, and not meanness; it 's reality, edness itself grows dear when suffered hand with "this new Joshua," he would and not sham. And this sort of piety for love of righteousness. "The noble patience of the ADVOCATE were it not have seen that I did not say "by resolu- calls for sacrifice in those who would army of martyrs" rejoiced in their sacrifice for the fact that the brother has made tion." Whoever heard of such a confer- live soberly, righteonsly, and godly in fices. Affection is the great lack off us who ence resolution as that? What Bishop this present world. 3 How far is a cost- want a supreme impulse to generosity less gift acceptable to God? Jebovah was Goethe, dying, called for "more light." pleased with the offering of Israel for We need to call for "more love." For against any "intention to asperse that hurt," and that I took "offence at his the tabernacle of precious stones, and then, with David, we scorn to give God

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have been received. Perhaps had he re- the brother emphasized the correct state too kingly a soul to have it so. He said: their hear's toward him. So was he when membered or known these and consequent ment, just so as to bring out the force of 'Nay, but I will surely buy it of thee at David and his people gave nearly four facts, he would not have made this my own idea—that we did not reverse a price; neither will I offer burnt-offer billions seven hundred millions of our charge; and some other things, may be the plan in that field, as his advice would ings unto the Lord my God of that which money for a temple, and "rejoiced, for like would in the Lord my God of that which money for a temple, and "rejoiced, for like with the Lord my God of that which money for a temple, and "rejoiced, for like which like which money for a temple, and "rejoiced, for like which l But all giving is not of morey. Some

advantage of the pious Jebusite's gener- times it means refusing to let things 6. But the funniest part of the whole osity to sponge upon him, but pays him keep us from the church on Sunday that thing is that he says that I laid the blame now fifty shekels of silver." I repeat, it would not keep us from the shop on and not because of any fitness or simi. of this failure to universally adopt the was a fine answer the king made. To a Monday. Or it is taking the wind in our larity between the original and the "new old plan "at the door of his conference heart filled with repentance and love like face for the sake of Jesus in larger mat-Joshua;" but like nearly all of my jobs, in general, and at his and his presiding his, nothing is too precious for God. ters. It is devotion to duty in spite of this is a badly botched one. A sorry elder's door in particular." Strauge that There can be no true devotion in a nig- all hindrances. Thus I have known a Caleb have I "dubbed," as the following he made this blunder, for I used the gardly soul. As pious Matthew contin- poor miller of my congregation, living by words "conference" and "presiding el- ues; "Those know not what religion is, day's wages, to walk out of the mill in der" in the plural, and as to himself I all whose care it is to make it cheap and the heart of a bitter winter and face starshall be first. He says: "You are fully charge him not, further than to say that easy to themselves, and are best pleased vation with his young family rather than able," while the true Caleb did and he "knew of the need of preachers out with what costs them least pains or ex dishonor God by working on the Sabbath. It was costly giving as that of the can be no excellence in a character which heathen, like Brainerd in America, or

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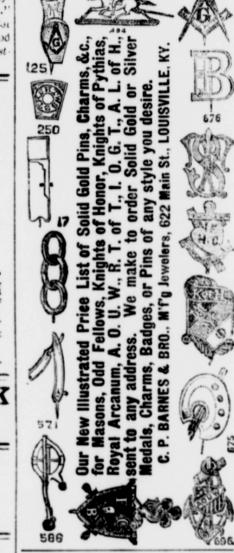
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THE PREACHER'S SALARY. The salary and traveling expenses of preachers on circuits and stations shall be estimated by their respective boards of stewards, after consultation with the preacher in charge-Discipline, paragraph 151. The above duty has already been attended to no doubt in beyond, but let the salary estimated be some of the pastoral charges in the Texas | the result of an honest effort to express conferences, but in the majority of the obligation of the charge to the cases, we presume, is yet to be attended preacher according to the principles of to. A word of caution and advice therefore at this point we trust will not be

out of place. Let us remind the stewards then that in discharging the duty set forth in the quotation from the Discipline, they do growth of the church. The increase to not make an assessment upon the the church is a decrease to the world. church. It has come to be a fixed cus- So that the growth of the church and tom of speech to say that the stewards the conversion of the world are one. assessed so much for the pastor's salary. There is an increase, however, which Note the language of the book. Again: is not a growth. It is simply a nuthey do not bind themselves, or the merical addition. An increase in numchurch to pay a certain amount. There bers is by no means always a growth, is no bargain or contract between the but is often an impediment to growth, preacher and his board of stewards. To Such additions are not taken out of say that the stewards, or the church, the world in reality, but so much of the failed to pay what they promised when there is a deficit on the salary is incorrect unless the members voluntarily the one hand nor decrease on the other. agreed to pay certain amounts accord- There is a growth which is not numeriing to the provisions of paragraph 153. cal. It is a growth in spiritual power. What the stewards are to do in the first It is the enlargement of the church as place is to estimate the salary and trav- the organ of the Holy Ghost. The eling expenses. It is not a contract growth of the church in this repect dewith the preacher, but a simple calcu- pends upon the growth in grace of the lation. An estimate arrived at after a individual membership. As all the inprayerful and honest consideration of all dividual members grow in the grace the proper facts. There should enter and knowledge of the Lord Jesus into this calculation at least the necessi- Christ they become more and more ties of the preacher, and the ability of unified as the one body of the Lord. the charge to pay. On these two points Thus the church becomes strong in the every board of stewards ought to get Lord and the power of his might, and, all the necessary information before by so much, the more efficient in pullmaking the estimate. The text re- ing down strongholds and in bringing quires that they shall make the estimate men into subjection to the Head of the only after consulting with the Body. This is to increase with the inpreacher. With him they should talk crease of God. The church by a freely and candidly remembering that spiritual growth in unity and submistwo parties are always interested in a sion to the Head, is enlarged as an orsalary. The Book does not contemplate gan through which the power of God that the board shall make only a formal may operate more effectively. An inconsultation with the pastor, and then crease in numbers by conversions from make the estimate arbitrarily and independently of him. It intends that his rights in the matter shall be respected, but the final decision is of course with an increase in spiritual power. The the board.

The obligation of the charge to support the preacher exists in the very relation they sustain to each other, and gospel and a baptism of the Holy is acknowledged by all parties concern- Ghost. Not the number, but the ed. The estimate of the stewards im- character, of conversions, is the test of poses no obligation upon any one. The genuine growth, There must be other new associate editor, the Rev. John R. ly-snow fall over three feet; been on the obligation is the same, estimate or no fruits besides additions in membership. estimate. It is of divine authority. Feeding the hungry, clothing the What the stewards are required to do naked, visiting the sick, and faithfulness is to estimate the extent of the obliga- to God in the use of material goods, are tion in a particular case. The question the tests fixed by the Master himself. for them to decide is: How much, These fruits are not only signs of fidelity under all the circumstances bearing on in the older members of the church, but this case, ought this charge to pay its are the fruits of genuine conversion in Jno. R. Allen, for associatate editor now. That

point the estimating a pastor's salary extent of a divinely imposed obligation is a serious responsibility. Suppose, for instance, the salary ought to be \$1500 and the board estimates only only a meagre prophesy of what the crease of God. church will pay instead of an estimate of what it ought to pay. The fear of a deficit to be reported to conference may work injuriously against a just estimate. What right has a charge to the credit of having paid up in full, when the full is only one-half of what it ought to be? Before we congratulate ourselves on paying all the assessments in full, we ought to ask ourselves whether the assessments were the just measurement of our obligations. When a charge ought to pay \$1000 the salary ought not to be fixed at \$500. What it will or will not pay ought not to enter into the consideration. Let the amount measure the obligation, and if there be a deficit let it express the failure to meet obligation. We are not contending for extravagant estimates. Let the labors and necessities of the preacher be considered like those of other men and be subject to the same rules. This is the Scriptural basis: "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and "let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who once to the Advocate office, labor in the word and in teaching." whether he is changed or not. There may be instances in which the just hire of the preacher exceeds the ability of the charge, and many in

> may vary from it practically. Finally, let no board of stewards estimate a small salary with the hope that the people in their generosity will go

which the ability of the charge exceeds

a just salary. The policy of our church

is to adjust such cases through her Do-

mestic missionary Board. Every charge

not able to support a pastor is to be

made a mission, and the stronger ones

are expected to help support them. No

preacher is to be thrown entirely upon

the resources of a charge not able to

support him. This is the policy of the

INCREASING WITH THE INCREASE

The conversion of the world is the world is added numerically to the church. There is no real increase on the world is one of the legitimate fruits of such growth, but a numerical addition is not self-evident proof of preaching of an easy repentance and an intellectual belief might increase the numbers on the roll more than a genuine

our command what do we honestly be- ebullitions of spasmodic feeling at cer- he is only John to me yet-since he was a week lieve God requires as a salary from this tain seasons of the year adds nothing charge for the servant he sends to labor to the increase of the church. Solid circuit, when this territory was in the Mem with and for it? Viewed from this character and practical piety is the only phis Conference, before the North Missis sufficient proof that the work is the is no trifling matter. To measure the Lord's. For the increase of the church from away back yonder. The good provilet every Christian work and pray, but let not the increase of the world in the church be mistaken for genuine church children to the thousandth generation. God growth. The increase of God is the is just as jealous for the visiting of virtues \$1000; they effectually say to the people, only real growth of the church. The as he is of iniquities. Rev. A. C. Allen, D. the extent of your obligation is only condition of the genuine growth is name is as ointment poured forth in all this \$1000, when in reality that amount is "holding fast the Head." Just as the North Mississippi country. He was a teacher one-third less than it ought to be. It church holds fast the Head in doctrine and a preacher while here, and a workman too often happens that the estimate is and in living it increases with the in-

REV. ROBERT CRAWFORD, M. D. Rev. Robert Crawford, a superannuated member of the Northwest Texas Conference, passed to his reward at 3:30 o'clock a. m. Dec. 5, 1888, in Franklin, Robertson county, Texas. He was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, May 31, 1815; was converted near Columbia, Tennessee, Sept. 22, 1834, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. M. McFerrin, and joined 20, 1834; was licensed to exhort March 18, 1838, and to preach Sept. 14, Conference Dec. 4, 1839, and transferred to the Texas Conference in 1840; was ordained deacon by Bishop Morris at San Augustine, Texas, Dec. 27, 1841, and elder by Bishop Andrew in Walker county, Dec. 17, 1843; in 1845 he transferred to the East Texas Conference; in 1862, to the Texas; in 1866, to the Northwest Texas, in which Conference he remained till the he filled the following appointments: Montgomery circuit, Nashville circuit, Matagorda circuit, Victoria and Gonzales, Soda Lake and Clarksville, Harrison County African mission, Jefferson circuit, Palestine circuit, Linden circuit, Cherokee circuit, Booneville circuit, Marlin circuit, Brazos colored mission, colored mission of Limestone, Freestone and Leon counties, Calvert station. During this period there were fifteen hundred and eighty conversions under his ministry. In 1874 he superchurch in theory, however much she annuated and continued in that rela-

SOME INCIDENTS.

Bro. Crawford came to Texas in 1835; joined the Texas army in 1836, and participated in the battle of San Jacinto. He cast his vote for the delegates to the convention which met at Washington, Texas, Feb. 1836, and which formulated the Declaration of Texas Independence. He was present at the organization of the first conference on Texas soil, at Rutersville, Dec. 25, 1840. He was made secretary of the East Texas Conerence at its organization at Marshall, February 4, 1846. In May, 1850, he was elected delegate to the General Conference which was held in St. Louis, Mo. He assisted in buildin the first Mississippi river, at Washington, Texas, in 1837-8. In this church the funeral in May, 1838, and Bro. Crawford was a pall-bearer at the funeral of Dr. Ruter. He heard, at Washington, Texas, the Rev. Robt. Alexander preach his first sermon west of the Mississippi river; also Revs. L. Fowler and M. Ruter. In 1840 he assisted with own hands in preparing the grave and laythe San Jacinto, in Walker county. During his ministerial career in Texas the right of the States to manage their do Bro. Crawford labored in the bounds mestic affairs in their own way. South Caro of the Texas conferences. In a note lina, he concludes, will, in the pattern of the Texas conferences. to the TEXAS ADVOCATE, some time ago, tion, maintain the integrity of the only gov he said: "I have taken the TEXAS enment that ever has or can give her peace to the present time."

HE DIED WELL.

Bishop Duncan said, with much emphasis, at the late session of one of the Texas Conferences: "I am glad to know our Methodist preachers die well." Thus died Rev. Robert Crawford. Rev. J. W. Horn, preacher in charge at Franklin, says: "He had been sick about two and a half months. He bore his affliction patiently and got into a mud hole. The presiding elder, without a murmur, often praising the Lord. As he neared the other shore he called his wife to his bedside and asked her to listen to the sweet strains of music which he heard, May heaven's richest blessings rest upon his bereaved family."

THE following commendation of our Allen, from Gilderoy, should have ap- ground afteen days; earlier than ever known peared sooner, but the absence of the editor and the large amount of conference matter has caused the delay. We trust, however, that it will be none the less interesting on that account:

And so you have my old time friend, Rev. preacher for his services during the ensuing year? From the information at so-called religion that evaporates in the well as with his tongue. I've known John— well satisfied that the redactores were doing

small boy. If I mistake not I took him into the church, at Wesley Chapel, on the Houston sippi Conference was formed. Bro. Allen comes of good stock, on both sides of the house dence of good blood, of a long line, is wonderfully in a man's favor. The virtues of the fathers and mothers are often visited on the D., John's father, was a precious man. His approved of God in both the school-room and bosem friend, outside of my own family. A ourer, truer man I never knew. I hope the mantle of the sainted father may fall on the son. Brother Allen, your associate, was a great book-worm from early childhood. He was read, and well read too, far beyond his years. He was so absorbed in books and in study, when a boy, that he was what we some times call absent-minded. The children, his brothers and sisters, used to tell some amusing stories on John along this line. They were more playful and mischievous than he, and they got off some practical jokes at his expense. Having a mischievous, pranky turn of mind myself, the children told me all the good stories on "Bud John." I will not detail them here. I may, if it ever comes my the Methodist Episcopal Church Sept. turn to write a memoir of my friend. If I could tell the story of his young life just as it was, without too much varnish and veneering, it would make a juicy chapter for the 1839, by Rev. J. P. Sneed. He was children of some other generation. Unforadmitted on trial in the Mississippi tunately the good boys and girls of our books are, generally, too good, and the bad ones too bad. It is difficult to write a natural and real life, just as it was. This, perhaps, has not been perfectly done in any book outside of the Bible, the inspired book of God. Brother John R. Allen has written and compiled an excellent book of Forms, concerning church trials, and the like, which ought to have a wide circulation, particularly among the young preachers. I would have given a pile of money for just such a book the first ten years of my ministry. I suppose this book was uggested by his own needs in the pastoral relation. Allow me, Mr. Editor, to consummons came. From 1840 to 1874 gratulate your associate as he mounts the little tripod by the side of your easy chair.

> This journal must perforce have opinions as to the general welfare of the people as they may be affected by political policies. It is with some misgivings that we note the apparent determination on the part of some leading Democratic politicians and journals in the South to force the administration of Mr. Harrison into sectionalism. They are exceptional cases, but in sufficient number to do harm. They may consider it necessary to follow this policy in order to maintain the solidarity of the South-but if so, a political necessity so at variance with moral, social, commercial and religious necessity ought to be abandoned. Let us have done with sectionalism in the South, and then we may hope for its speedier abatement "up yonder," as our splenetic friend of the Northwestern Christian Advocate would say.

This preface has been suggested by the dliverances from Gov. Rich- every case, without a solitary exception ardson, of South Carolina, in his late ly, it is too evident that their enunciation is at the wrong time, in a wrong manner, from a wrong motive:

His address was devoted chiefly to the con ideration of the relations of South Carolina Methodist church erected west o the to the incoming federal administration. The Governor asks: Will wanton and unconstitutional interference be attempted with the in 1837-8. In this church the funeral management of our domestic concerns, or sermon of Dr. M. Ruter was preached, shall we, in the strict observance of the organic law of the land, be allowed to solve, undisturbed, the tremendous social and political problem of which we are charged by an inscrutible decree of fate? Will our reviving nerce, growing industries and increasing rade wilt under the blighting influence of hostile legislation? It is to be assumed, the Governor continues, that efforts will be made either by coercive or conciliatory measures to break the solid South. The position of the State should be one of increasing vigilance ing to rest his venerable colleague, and watchfulness, anticipating neither evil Rev. Moses Spear, who was buried on purpose nor unfriendly action, but standing with closed ranks, ready to resist by every constitutional means any encroachment upon lina, he concludes, will, in the purest loyalty CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and read it every safety and prosperity, her Democratic government ruled direct and controlled by the year from its inception, in 1846, down arl-prevailing, all-conquering Anglo-Saxon

RELIGIOUS AND OTHERWISE.

SEVERAL brethren wished their posto blished in the Advocate this week and the list was prepared for publication, but the office cat or somebody else put it beyond our reach. We are sorry, but it cannot be helped. The brethren will please write us again.

REV. C. E. GALLAGHER gets off this one on Rev. Sam P. Wright, his presiding elder: They were driving in Gallagher's buggy and tearing the harness would break, improvise a help for the difficulty by placing his feet against the foot-rod at bottom of dashboard and then established communication between imself and the horse by seizing the latter's tail. When all was ready, the presiding elder exclaimed: "Now, 'let her go Gallagher!"

S. W. THOMAS, of White Oaks, N. M., says: find this a hard place, but hope to be able to put the Advocate in every Methodist family. We have had a severe snow-storm recentcheers us up. Pray for us.

WHEN people talk about my size, it is because they have little or nothing to talk about. Their resources have dwindled to a mere shadow.—Dr. Morton. Rather big "shadow," Doctor.

WE have received at this office a copy of "El Evangelista Mexicano," with David F.

their duty well that we did not read the pa

THE late Thomas Branch, of Virginia, left by his will \$15,000 to the Missionary Society, Bishop Wilson being made the trustee of the

REV. C. M. VERDEL, on his way from the West Texas Conference to the North Georgia Conference, was arrested at Monroe, La., being taken for the train robber, Bunch. That was a high-handed measure to keep him in jail all night, when he could have proved who he was in ten minutes, if he had been allowed!

—N. O. Advocate.

So say we. Our brother can console himself that he is in excellent company.

HERE is the way they do it in the South Carolina Conference: "On motion of A. Coke Smith, the sum of \$4,000 was assessed on the charges for Wofford College."

A BILL has been introduced into the legisla-ture of Alabama to prevent the sale of tobac-co, especially cigarettes, to boys under eighteen years of age.

This indicates progress in the State and the need of it in the home. When the State has to come to the rescue of boys from such evils, the home is not what it ought to be.

THERE is some good common sense in the following from Gilderoy in the Richmond Advocate:

We must have our conferences scattered along through the year, or, at least, a larger part of the year. There is no good sense in having a Bishop galloping up and down the country at Gilpin speed to meet half a dozen conferences in as many weeks. This is exceedingly hard on the Bishop, and is still harder on the work and the great cause we have in hand. The one great reason for autumnal conferences is gone in the larger part of our great church. The only valid reason for holding most of them when we do, is because they have been held at that season for years past. If each Bishop were to hold his six conferences in as many months, I am confident tenfold more good, and ten times less worry, would come of his work. This is my faith, and I will not change it till I see this experiment tried.

THE great annual religious festival of the Mexicans in honor of "Our Lady of Guadalupe," Patron Saint of Mexico, opened at El Paso December 8th. The city of Juarez was thronged with visitors from the surrounding country. The two ceremonies in which the Mexicans particularly delight to give vent to their religious enthusiasm is bull-fighting and gambling, The bull-fights are especially advertised on the handbills as being in honor of "Our Lady of Guadalupe." The immense ampitheatre in Juarez was filled with people gathered to witness the opening exhibition of ull-fighting skill. A great number of gam bling places were in full blast. The bullfighting was witnessed by many American tourists. The sports of the arena were held daily three weeks, with special attractions on

THOSE who estimate the power of the Prohibition party by the number of votes cast have evidently given little attention to the subject. There is a growing time as well as seed time and harvest. The immature plant bears no fruit, but the promise is there. The most recent election campaigns have been educational in a special sense. A few Prohibitionists, seeing as they think beyond question that party organization and national methods are needed in the practical logic of prohibition, if it is ever to be realized, started some years ago to organiz, make nominaprohibition, if it is ever to be realized, started some years ago to organiza, make nominations, vote and call on fellow-Prohibitionists to leave the old parties and vote with them. They were met with the usual ridicule in such cases. They were throwing their votes away, because they thought it would pay to do so, and when a few hundred thousand more of former Republicans shall throw their votes away on prohibition the Republican party will probably be coerced into adopting another moral idea.—Dallas News.

What about the Democratic party, which

What about the Democratic party, which in the South contains as many Prohibitionist proportionally as the Republican party in the

GILDEROY: "I have been taking my collect tions and taking notes at the same time. In where people read the church papers, I have simply stated the cause and asked for a coninaugural address. If we admit the tribution, and I have gotten it promptly withcorrectness of his theories, abstract- out an objection or the return of a solitary tion, where the papers were not read, I have had to argue, meet objections, listen to complaints, hear tales of great losses by indorsing for other people and dealing in futures, and have gotten but little, and that given most grudgingly. The religious press is a silent but potent factor in developing an intelligent, religious interest and zeal in all the enterprises of the church."

> WE copy the following from the Alaban Advocate hoping that the Methodists of Texas will apply it to the TEXAS ADVOCATE:

as will apply it to the Texas Advocate:
Little as you may think of it, this paper is
capable of doing a vast amount of good
wherever it is circulated, not that the editorials are either learned, weighty or wise, but
because the correspondence is good, and the
entire make-up of the Advocate is loyal to all
the great interests of Alabama Methodism.
It is the friend and ally of every pastor in the
state, and will stand by and protect all his interests and claims, while at the same time it
is the fast friend of every member and will
repel any invasion of his cherished doctrines
or rights. repei any invasion of his cherished doctrines or rights.

It the pastors would only determine to do so, they can more than double the circulation of the paper during the present year. We depend upon you, brethren; the destiny of the enterprise is in your hands, and its survival and usefulness depends entirely upon the interest you take in its circulation among your neonle.

A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS.

What the Papers Think and Say.

The St. Louis Advocate advises change in the present way of making appointments by the bishops meeting the presiding elders a day or two before conference. Here are some of its reasons for the change.

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But the main point to be secured will be the thorough sifting and adjusting of the work, relieved of the pressure and presence of the conference and its work. While we would not discredit the other matters, surely the most vital matter of the conference session is the arrangement of the work and the appointment of the preachers, "and therefore is not by any to be enterprised or taken in hand unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God." The appointments being so serious and important a matter, it cannot be done in the best way during the excitement and exhaustion of an annual conference. The quiet, strength, calmness and prayerfulness cannot be secured to do it well. The knowledge secured by the Bishop of the men and the work during the conference would not then come in dismembered fragments, confusing and superficial, but would be interpreted, applied and arranged by the solid information received previously through the council. Routine and haste in the appointments would be avoided; freshness, strength and prayer to handle the delicate and important ousiness would be secured and difficult cases settled. This preliminary meeting could nearly fix the entire list; one review session during the session would seal the matter. We are glad to see that Bishop Granbery has called the presiding elders of the North Carolina Conference together one day before its session. We do think that this custom should be established.

The General Missionary Committee of

Nov. 14. The following observations upon the committee and its work are taken from the New York Advocate:

Union, Mexico, South America, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Atrica, China, India, Japan, Corea, Bulgaria. Legally appointed representatives of all those countries were present, and the Bishops in charge of the ministers and missionaries at work in them were also ready with counsel and information. The two Misionary Bishops, Taylor and Thoburn, were there to represent, the one Africa, the other India and Malaysia. At least eleven men who had traveled in Asia took part in the deliberations—Bishops Bowman, Merrell, Warren, Andrews, Ninde, Hurst, Thoburn, Newman, Foster, and Honorary Secretary Dr. John M. Reid, and Dr. S. L. Baldwin, the Recording Secretary—all these and several others had visited our missions in Europe. Indeed there was not a single mission field, except Corea, from which in the constitution of the committee, there was not a living witness.

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No such body probably assembles upon the earth outside of the Roman Catholic Church, as respects the number of widely traveled persons in proportion to the whole. It is an education in geography, religion, and sociology of the human race to be present at the debates.

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Two forces are always developed, and for the want of better names we will call them the centripetal and the centrifugal. The centripetal is represented by those who insist upon protecting the treasury, and the centrifugal by those who are constantly urging larger contributions in the work. Not that any look at the thing exclusively from one of these points of view, but that the tendency predominates respectively in them. As a rule, the longer persons have been connected with this work the more conservative they become.

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It is interesting to notice the changes that take place in the members of the General Committee. At their first visit they are inclined to recommend rapid advance movements. When the difficulties arise and have to be met, they are sometimes prone to make a sudden change, and to become excessively cautious. One year ago the astounding fact of a surplus of \$80,000 stirred up such enthusiasm as to lead to greatly increased appropriations. It became necessary this year to reduce them. The interests of the Home and Foreign work were brought into sharp competition. The friends of the respective Missions strenuously advocated their cause, and others, perceiving the rapid exhaustion of the money, were fain to discount the pending proposition in the interest of what they intended to bring forward. Out of the whole comes a result which we believe to be as nearly perfect as anything dependent upon human judgment, foresight, and decision can be.

The Golden Rule explains why some churches prefer young ministers to old

Ones:

It is not that the churches like verdancy or "vealiness," not that they hanker for rashness or impetuous zeal without knowledge, that they are so given to calling young men to their vacant pulpits, but they call them because they do expect and often find in young men a freshness of interest which gives an indefinable charm to their work. They do not always expect it, and there is, unfortunately, some reason for this lack of expectation, in middle-aged and elderly clergymen. Their duties have too often wearled them, mentally and spiritually, as well as physically. They sometimes bring little freshness and resiliency to their tasks, and this fagged and faded mental and spiritual condition offsets, in the minds of the congregation, much of wisdom and experience that is most valuable. In the meantime, churches are berated and derided for a love of immaturity and boyishness in their ministers, elements which are only barriers in the way of advancement in any other profession. This derision is not wholly deserved, however. Wisdom and experience are quite as much appreciated, we think, in a minister as in a lawyer or doctor, but there must go with this wisdom a love for and fresh interest in each old task. The five thousandth sermon must be considered as quite as important as the first: each weakly fresh interest in each old task. The five thousandth sermon must be considered as quite as important as the first; each weekly prayer-meeting as a unique and peculiar opportunity that will never come again; the familiar fureral or wedding service as of supreme importance to those who listen, even though the sentences of consolation or exhortation have been worn threadbare to him who cfliciates. He who maintains this freshness of interest (and thousands do, even down to old age) never ceases to be in demand. He never finds a dead line of fifty.

PERSONALS.

-Southern Advocate, Dec. 6: Information ust received from Nashville reports Bishop McTyeire as rapidly improving -Southern Advocate: The Bennettsville

correspondent of the News and Courier writes as follows under date of November 30: "The family of Prof. John W. Shipp received a telegram yesterday announcing his sudden death at his home in Mississippi."

-Nashville Advocate: We are pained to learn that our Dr. Rivers, since our recent meeting with him at Louisville, has had a re-lapse, and when last heard from was suffer-ing much, and very feeble. The sympathies and prayers of the church will be with him in this affliction.

-Holston Methodist, Dec. 5: Brother Hoss. who left Nashville on Saturday night last, reports the serious illness of Bishop McTyeire. He is suffering with typhoid fever, and his physicians express grave doubts as to his recovery. We trust his sickness may soon pass away, and that the great and good man may long be spared to bless the church.

—Dr. Edwards in Richmond Advocate:

Just now the Rev. Mr. Pearson, who for the last twelve months or more has labored with such marked and distinguished success as an "evangelist" in North Carslina, is holding meetings in Lynchburg. Crowds attend his preaching at night and his Bible readings in the morning. He is doing good here, as he does wherever he labors.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

-The Richmond Advocate reports a revival at Denny Street Church. -Revivals are still being reported here and

there. Why not have them the year round? -The outlook on the Helena district, Montana Conference, is reported to be good. Revivals and coversions are reported from some of the charges.

-At the recent session of the North Alabama Conference the agent of the Southern University presented the claims of that institution and secured endowment notes to the amount of \$3000.00. -The Arkansas Methodist reports the fol-

lowing statistics of the Little Rock Conference: "Local preachers, 176; white members, 25 100; 772 infants baptized; 1,437 adults baptized; 336 Sunday-schools; 1,878 teachers; 14,-291 scholars; 333 1-2 churches; valued at \$229,-392; 53 parsonages, valued 51,855; collected on conference fund, \$3,026.50; for domestic missions \$2,743.45; foreign, \$5,833 44; church extension, \$1,625."

—The statistics of the Memphis Conference are: "Number of local preachers, 220; white members, 44,958; colored members, 45; total members, 44,958; colored members. 45; total increase, 2,613; infants baptized, 844; adults baptized, 2,652; number of Sunday schools, 435; Sunday-school teachers, 3,155; Sunday-school scholars, 26,238; collected for superannated preachers, etc., \$3,265.89; collected for foreign missions, \$9,200 92; domestic missions, \$2,124.25; number of churches, 446; value of churches, \$593,771; number of parsonages, \$6; value of parsonages, \$63,682.50. Educational statistics: Number of schools, 9; number of scholars, 883; value of school property, \$75,500; raised for education, \$3,813,75."

-The following is the summary of the statistical report of the Arkansas Conference: and prayer to handle the delicate and important ousiness would be secured and difficult cases settled. This preliminary meeting could nearly fix the entire list; one review session during the session would seal the matter. We are glad to see that Bishop Granbery has called the presiding elders of the North Carolina Conference together one day before its session. We do think that this custom should be established.

The General Missionary Committee of the M. E. Church met in New York Nov. 14. The following observations

White members, 21,882, increase 2,056; local preachers 252, increase 25; officers and teachers 1.451, increase 321; scholars 11,813, increase 1,351; expended for Sunday-schools \$2506.00, increase \$274,00; paid presiding elders \$3089.00, increase \$1647.00; baptisms, adults 2062, increase 410; baptisms, infants 714, decrease 341; Raised for domestic missions \$2,496.70, increase \$217.70. Raised week of prayer and self-denial \$332.00, increase \$97.45.

The statistics of the Virginia Conference White members, 21,882, increase 2,056; local

-The statistics of the Virginia Conference were reported as follows: Local preachers and members-white, 71,579; colored, 62; total The General Missionary Committee passed 71.641; last year, 69,303, Infants baptized in review every State and Territory in the 1471; adults baptized, 2634. Sunday-schools

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-The Virginia Conference has adopted the following plan for the entertainment of Conference: 1. That the Joint Board of Finance appoint a committee of two ministers and three laymen, to be called the Committee on Conference Session. 2. The duty of this committee shall be to select the place for the seat of the Conference, secure hotel and railroad rates, and receive and disburse all fundaralsed for Conference expenses. 3. Preachers shall give to each charge an opportunity to contribute to the fund for meeting the expenses of entertainment. 4 The sum of two thousand dollars shall be assessed for this purpose as other amounts are. The Committee on Sessions, after selecting the place, shall make such arrangement with a local committee as may be necessary, and if the amount collected for expenses is in excess of the amount disbursed, the Board of Finance shall appropriate such amount to meet the expense of the ensuing year. ference: 1. That the Joint Board of Finance

THE COLORED METHODISTS.

The West Texas Conference of the Colored Methodist Church in America met in the city of Dailas November 28th, 1888, in its seventeenth sessisn, Bishop Lane presiding. The Bishop opened the conference with religious services, followed by an address which was listened to with marked attention.

A. H. Jones was elected secretary, Work Jordan assistant, and A. Mason statistical secretary.

The entire session was harmonious and fraught with much good. The reports from the various charges show that a marked improvement is being made in church government, better church edifices are being erected, the ministry better cared for, and the future outlook for colored Methodism every way cheering.

The work of Paine and Lane institutes were prayerfully considered with a pledge of renewed efforts to aid them.

W. H. Preston and R. Dixion were admitted on trial.

S. Simpkins, readmitted.

H. Thompson, Wm. Wyatt and A. Anderson received by transfer.

W. P. Huntly, S. L. Lowe and W. H. Coker located. Jordan assistant, and A. Mason statistical

Campbell Jackson and H. Johnson supernumeraries.
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APPOINTMENTS.

Dallas District. A. H. JONES, P. E.
Dallas Station—C. F. Moore.
Dallas Circuit—Wm. Titus.
Dallas Mission—R. Dixlon,
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Walker.
Van Alstyne Circuit—A. D. Hutchison.
Sherman Station—S. Tomusel.
Denison Mission—J. H. Williams.
Whitesboro Mission—To be supplied.
Gainesville Station—S. H. Washington.
Denton Circuit—W. H. Wright.
Ferris Mission—A. Mason.
Waxahachie Circuit—H. R. Roberts.
Corsicana Station—N. E. Durant.

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Weatherford Station—M. F. Jamison.
Fort Worth Station—H. A. Booker.
Fort Worth and Decatur—W. H. Preston.
Jacksboro Station—Lewis Maxwell.
Cleburne Mission—A. Lane.
Waco Mission—To be supplied.
Temple and Gatesville—S. Simpkins.
Stephenville Circuit—Wm. Wyatt.:
Fort Griffin and Colorado—J. E. Lane.
F. P. Gibson transferred to East Texas Conference; H. Thompson. West Tennessee Conference; E. W. Washington, Texas Mission
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Joint Board of Finance—Dallas District—S.
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The next session to be held at Weatherford.
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Secretary. F. M'PHERSON, P. E.

ence. The object of the present writer is to give notice of its existence and to explain its purpose. A profound conviction has long been feit by many of our people, both preachers and laymen, that the support of our superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers, as provided for in our Book of Dicipline, is greatly inadequate. The Discipline, it is true, fixes no standard of liberality as to their support, and sets forth perhaps the best means, in our annual collections, to reach the conscience of the church in their behalf; but owing in part to the little interest felt by some of our preachers in our conference claimants, and in part to the indifference of many of our people, the amount collected annually to meet these claims goes but a little way toward meeting the most urgent necessities of these beneficiaries. Most of the conferences in Southern Methodism have organizations to meet, as far as possible, this deficiency by supplementing the annual collections. Four years ago the Texas Conference took steps in this direction. A board was constituted, known as the Preachers' Aid Board of the Texas Conference, to which is assigned the duty of raising, as early as possible, an endowment fund of at least \$20,000, to be kept at interest on loans at eight per cent. per annum, due annually at the sessions of the conference; ference, to which is assigned the duty of raising, as early as possible, an endowment fund of at least \$20,000, to be kept at interest on loans at eight per cent. per annum, due annually at the sessions of the conference; which interest is paid over to the Joint Board of Finace to supplement the annual collections raised for the benefit of the claimants upon its funds. Only the interest is thus used, the principal being kept sacred as a perpetual endowment fund. Although but little has been said about the movement, some progress has been made, amounting at present to about \$3000. The method has been to bring this matter quietly to the notice of such of our membership as are known to be liberal, and to take contributions in cash, or, at their option, in interest-bearing notes as above. At the late session of our conference an elect lady, whose large benefactions for Christ have been felt in other departments of church enterprise, sent by her pastor a draft for this fund of \$1000. It is in the hope that her liberality will provoke others to generous action that the present writer, although not a member of the board, introduces this subject into the ADVOCATE. Are there not others within the limits of the Texas Conference who will aid in this good work? If so, let them open correspondence at once with Bro. T. W. Folts, the treasurer of the board, at Austin, Texas, who will forward blank notes to be filled out, or receipt promptly for cash contributions. If we owe it to Christ to take care of His poor, how greatly is this obligation emphasized when these poor are his ambasadors, worn out and made poor in the service of the church, and the widows and orphans of such! Some of them will linger on earth but a little while longer. If we would supply in any degree our lack of service to them we must be in haste.

E. S. SMITH.

CALVERT DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS.

The district stewards of the Calvert district met at Hearne Dec. 7, and made the following assessments for the presiding elder and distributed the amounts assessed by the conference on the following charges. We hope every charge will make an effort to let the assessment be minimum. We believe the proper effort upon the part of all concerned will do the work. Below is the assessment: Calvert and Hearne—Presiding elder, \$130; foreign missions, \$85; domestic missions, \$40; church extension, \$22; education \$11; Bishops, \$10; delegates to General Conference, \$5. Bremond and Reagan—Presiding elder, \$100; foreign missions, \$66; domestic missions, \$30; church extension, \$15; education, \$9; Bishops, \$6; delegates to General Conference, \$4.

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Franklin Circuit—Presiding elder, \$55; foreign missions, \$55; domestic missions, \$20; church extension, \$13; education, \$7; Bishops, \$3; delegates to General Conference, \$2.

Madisonville Circuit—Presiding elder, \$70; foreign missions, \$46; domestic missions, \$22; church extension, \$14; education, \$6; Bishops, \$5; delegates to General Conference, \$3.

Kosse Circuit—Presiding elder, \$75; foreign missions, \$40; domestic missions, \$24; church extension, \$14; education, \$7; Bishops, \$5; delegates to General Conference, \$4.

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Millican and Welburne—Presiding elder, \$50; foreign missions, \$32; domestic missions, \$15; church extension, \$7; education, \$5; Bishops, \$4; delegates to General Conference, \$2.

Headville Circuit—Presiding elder, \$65; foreign missions, \$43; domestic missions, \$20; church extension, \$12; education, \$6; Bishops, \$4; delegates to General Conference, \$3.

Buffalo Circuit—Presiding elder, \$65; foreign missions, \$33; domestic missions, \$15; church extension, \$8; education, \$6; Bishops, \$4; delegates to General Conference, \$2.

Jewett Circuit—Presiding elder, \$75; foreign missions, \$49; domestic missions, \$15; church extension, \$14; education, \$7; Bishops, \$5, delegates to General Conference, \$2.

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The undersigned had a Methodist church built at Milford. When the work was commenced we thought we saw our way through but misfortune came upon us like a whirtwind, and the church was unavoidably left in debt. We have a neat chapel worth about \$1000; the debt is about \$300. What a pity for it to sell for that small amount. Our people at Milford have done all that could be expected of them. This scribe is involved in the same over \$100 and is not able to do more at present. Brethren, for Jesus' sake come to our relief. Help us this once and we promise to try and never leave another church in debt. Every one who may read these lines and would rather said church would not sell set down at once and send 25 cents and upwards to my address. Moreover, I will offer this inducement: Any person sending 25 cents or more for Milford church will receive by mail a copy of "Bible Reading on Methodism," or some other nice book. This offer is at my expense. Send coin, stamps, currency, postal note or P. O. money order payable at Dallas, Texas.

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MINUTES OF BAST TEXAS CONFER-

The minutes of the East Texas Conference will be printed in Tyler, in a few weeks. In order that each may receive his portion when distributed, the preachers will please send their post flice address to the Rev. John Adams, D. D., of Tyler, immediately.

B. R. BOLTON, Secretary.

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An engine on the Toledo, Columbus and Southern Railroad drew a passenger train from Toledo on fuel furnished by crude petroleum. The trial was such a success that President Brown announces he will have all his engines arranged for the use of oil and do away with coal.

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THE PREACHERS' AID BOARD OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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The big gun in course of manufacture by the Pittsburg company since Jan. 17 last, was tested last week and proved a miserable failure. The first shot—the gun being charged with only thirty-six pounds of powder—was fired all right. The second time the gun was discharged with forty-eight pounds of powder, the whole bomb structure in which the gun was confined was struck by lumps of steel from the gun and demolished like a paper box. The gun, carriage and all, was buried under a huge pile of big sills and logs. Pieces of steel burst off the gun nearly three feet long and two teet thick, and were thrown fifty feet away. Other pieces of steel were lying all around. The breech of the gun, up to several inches in front of the trunions, was burst to pieces. The destruction of the guncarriage and other preparations for the test cost between \$5000 and \$9000. The Pittsburg steel company's loss is \$3300. The gun weighed 10,510 pounds, was eighteen feet long, and was made of Bessemer cast steel.

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weighed 10,510 pounds, was eighteen feet long, and was made of Bessemer cast steel. The gigantic railroad deal in which Mr. Gould is said to be interested, would cover a territory reaching from Chicago to the Rocky Mountains, and from Wyoming to the western boundary of New Mexico, give three men the control of the property in ordinary matters, and pleee the law-making power in the hands of a Congress composed of a delegate from each road. The roads in the proposed combine represent about forty-two per cent. of the mileage of the United States, and aggregate 65,997 miles, as follows: Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, 8,000; Burlington and Missouri River, 2,753; Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern, 1,046; Chicago, Burlington and Northern, 442; Chicago, Rock Island and Pactice, 4,000; Chicago and Northwestern, 4383; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 5609; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, 1,354; Colorado Midland, 221; Central Central 1,10wa, 636; Chicago and Alton, 1,000; Denver and Rio Grand, 1,474; Denver, Texas and Fort Worth, 800; Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley, 1,351; Illinois Central, 2,600; Minneapolis and St. Louis, 600; Missouri Pacific system, 6,000; Northern Pacific (part of) 1,000; St. Louis and San Francisco, 1,457; Union Pacific, 6,392; Wisconsin Central, 700; Wabash (part of) 956; Southern (part of) 1,200. Total principal systems, 65,997.

G. W. Jamison, of Pennsylvania, was arrested at Washington, D. C., for intruding upon the White House. He claimed to have been elected Pre-ident, and wanted Mr. Cleveland to turn the keys over to him.

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Cleveland to turn the keys over to him.

The bill to incorporate the Nicaragua Canal Company is among the important congressional legislation pending. It is inevitable that before long there will be a canal through the isthmus. The United States cannot remain indifferent to the tremendous foreign interests growing upon this continent. If any canal is built under foreign patronage the United States would find itself entangled in its efforts to protect the isthmus against foreign influence. Europe is land hungry. Her eyes are turned upon this continent, and the feeble republics of South America can only be preserved from foreign aggression and from subserviency to foreign interests by the moral, financial and, if necessary, military power of the great republic of America. This bill, it is claimed, will protect American rights.

Hon. Petry Belmont, of New York, has re-

Hon. Perry Belmont, of New York, has resigned his seat in Congress.

forty-nine per cent. of the manufacturing establishments in the country, and in these States were seventy-four per cent. of the strikes and eighty-nine per cent. of the lock-outs. Of strikes for an increase of wages sixty-six per cent. were successful, eight per cent. partly so, and twenty-five per cent. unsuccessful. Of strikes for shorter hours, in fifty-three per cent. the strikers were defeated. The statistics range over several years. Since 1881 over 22,000 establishments throughout the country have been affected by strikes, 16 692 of which occurred in the five States named. The labor department henceforth takes the place of the labor bureau.

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Taking effect Dec. 1 cotton rates are based on actual weight instead of on the bale as heretofore. Instead of charging \$4 per bale from Texas points to St. Louis and New Orleans the roads now charge eighty cents per 100 pounds. This change is a result of the efforts of the roads to comply with the wishes of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who have all along been trying to have rates on a basis of weight rather than on bulk, which is uncertain. It remains to be seen whether the change will redound to the benefit of the shipper or the roads.

A rumor is current that Jay Gould has secured a controlling interest in the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.

The Interstate Commerce Commission

Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.

The Interstate Commerce Commission have laid down the following rules, which railroad men should paste in their hats:

"Whether the railroad companies combine or act separately in making rates and charges is not so important; the essential requirement is that, however made, they shall be reasonable in their relations to each other and in their results.

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"In determining what are reasonable rates the fact that a road earns little more than operating expenses is not to be overlooked, but it cannot be made to justify grossly excessive rates. Wherever there are more roads than the business at their rates will remunerate, they must rely upon future earnings for the return of investment or profits."

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

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Dec 5.—J C Moore, sub; Z Parker, subs; A P Taylor, subs; Z B Graves, sub; W W Henderson, sub; C G Shutt, sub; F J Perrin, sub; W F Brinson, sub; W H Stephenson, sub; R J Deets, sub; did not understand that matter, and it was done before your note came. J F Denton, sub; J S Tunnell, subs; W H Vaughao, sub; W F Brinson, sub; J W Hill, subs; B J N Fhomas, sub.

Dec. 6.—A C Benson, suts J P Childers, sub. H T Hart, subs. M H Neeley, sub. J K Lane, subs. J J Harris, stop paper. W W Pinson, sub. J J W Vest, subs. C H Smith, sub. R M Leaton, subs.

Dec. 7.—J B Sears, subs. J G Walker, sub W L Harris, sub. J B Gober, subs. H C Rogers, subs. J H Wiseman, subs. J M Smith, subs. J M McKee, subs. N A Keen, sub. F S Jackson, subs.

Dec. 8.—C M Corpedge, sub. J B Gober, subs. S S Scott, subs. F J. Perrin, sub. Geo H Phair, sub. E S Boyd, sub. W J Joyce, sub. J E Vinson, sub. E F Boone, sub. W H Terry, will make full; thought you an "esq."

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Topics of the Day.

Should Dakota remain a Territory? See "Dakota," by P. F. McClure, in HAR-PER'S MAGAZINE for February, 1889.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

20 Questions

What is the meaning of the discussion about "the spirit of unrest" in the religious world? See "The Clergy and the Times," by Arch-deacon MACKAY-SMITH, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January, 1889.

What is the matter with Ireland? Read, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January, 1889, "Manufacturing Industry in Ireland," by Mr. Commissioner MACCARTHY.

Upon whom has the mantle of George Eliot fallen? See Constance Fenimore Woolson's serial story, "Jupiter Lights," in HAR-PER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

What are the prospects of Russia in case of a European war? Read a paper on the Russian Army, by a Russian General, in HARPER'S MAGA-ZINE for 1889.

What has Ruskin done for modern life and thought?

See articles by ANNE THACKERAY RITCHIE and Dr. CHARLES WALDSTEIN, in HAR-PER'S MAGAZINE for 1889. What does amateur photography amount to?

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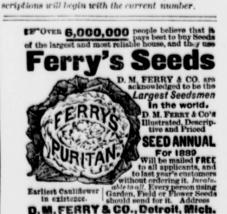
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| ı | Vernon, Dec. 20. All who cannot be present |

| please write to us. JEROME HARALSON, P. E. |
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| and | FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Alvarado sta |
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| Re- | Dear brethren, let us come together in the spirit |
| DE. | of the Master, and lay out our work for another |
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| 7 | Yoakum mis, at Hope ROBT. J. DEETS, P. B |
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| : | SHERMAN DISTRICT-FIRST BOUND. |
| | Whitestero sta. Dec 1a Denison sta. Dec 2 Whitewing t and Marvin Dec 2 Piot Point sta. Jan She man cir Jan 18 Bells and Savoy, at Virginia Point Jan 19 Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro Jan 26 Gordonvil e, at Rock Creek Feb Denison cir Oak Grove Feb 16 Pilot Grove cir Feb 23 Collinsville Mar W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E |
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| | _ | W. D. M | OUNTC | STLE, P. |
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| day Jan. | 5 at 3 o' | clock p. | m. T | he follo |
| day Jan. | the boar | d: T. H | Ball. | M. L. Sa |
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| Turnley, | T. W. S | ade. It | is ve | ry impo |
| that ever | ycharge | should b | e repre | sented i |
| district st | eward's | meeting. | Will | the prea |
| inform m | e by post | a of the | e place | on the |

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| 00017 | Comanche and DeLeon eta Comanche Fab 0 10 | Earmersville sta Nevada cir, at Royce Allen cir, at Allen Poetry cir, at kden Wills Point sta Kemp cir, at Kemp Kaufman sta Forney cir, at Forney Mesquite cir, at Mesquite Roberts mis, at Wire Grass. The district stewards will meet a Church, South, at Terreil, Dec. 22 |
| 00017 | Feb 2, 3 Comanche and DeLeon sta.Comanche. Feb 9, 10 Round Mountain mis, New Hope Feb 16, 17 Comanche cir, Indian Creek Feb 23, 24 W. T. MELUGIN, P. E. | O'clock a. m. W. D. CLIFT |

| 1 | W. P. MELUGIN, P. E |
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| 1 | SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUN |
| 1 | San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton 5th Sun in T |
| 1 | Martinsvi le mis, at Martinsville. Ist Sun in J |
| 1 | Teneba cir. at Concord 2d Sun in J |
| 1 | Nacogdoches, Garrison an Lufkin, at Nacog- |
| 1 | Teneha cir, at Concord |
| - | Center and Timpson, at Center. 4th Sun in J |
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| | Center cir, at Shady Grove 2d Sun in F Beckville cir, at Pisgah 3d Sun in F |
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| | Melrose cir, at Melrose4th Sun in F |
| 1 | Carthage cir, at Carthage lst Sun in Mar |
| 4 | Sexton c.r. at Mt. Nebo2d Sun in Mar |
| 1 | |
| 1 | Shelbyville cir, at Shelby ville 4 h sun in Mar |
| 1 | Linn Flat ir, at Pine Grove 1st Sun in Ap District stewards meeting at Center, in t |
| ١ | Methodist Church, at 11 o'clock a m. |
| | J. W. Johnson, P. E |
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| | Methodist Church, at 11 o'cleck a m. J. W. Johnson, P. E. |
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| 1 | CAMERON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. |
| 1 | Rockdale sta Dec 15, 16 |
| 1 | Caldwell cir Dec 22, 23 |
| 1 | Milano cir, at GauseJan 5, 6 |
| | Cameron cir, at Salem |
| | Pleasant Hill cir, at Thompson's Chapel Jan 26, 27 |
| 1 | Maysfield cir, at — Feb 2 3 Lexington cir, at — Feb 9, 10 |
| 1 | Deanville cir, at Deanville Feb 16, 17 |
| 1 | Durango cir, at ———— Feb 23, 24 Marlin sta March 2, 3 |
| 1 | The district stewards will meet at Milano |
| | Junction, Jan. 4, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m. FRED. L. ALLEN, P. E. |
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| | FRED. L. ALLEN, P. E. |
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|). | CALVERT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. |
| 6 | Bryan sta |
| 3 | Calvert and Hearn, at Calvert Dec 29. |
| O | Bremond and Reagan, at Bremond. Jan 5. |
| 6 1 | Jewett cir at Jewett Jan 12. |
| 3 | Centervide cir. at Leona Jan 19 |
| 0 | Kosse cir, Kosse Jan 26, |
| 7 | Franklin cir, at Franklin Feb 2, |
| 3 | Kosse cir. Kosse |
| 01 | Whi clock our at Wheelook Feb 16 |
| 7 | Madisonville cir and E.st Madison mis, at Madisonville Feb 23, |
| | Madisonville Feb 23, |
| - | Buffalo cir. Buffalo March 2. |
| н | Fairfield cir, Fairfield March 9, |
| e | Headville cir, Harmony March 16, |
| e | We want a full attendance of official men |
| e | bers at the quarter y conference Then let i |
| n | de tine cue cutile two days appointed at cat |
| 0 | to the occasion. Let me suggest to the pasto |
| n | that they secure at least hair or their asses |
| 'n | ments made by the conference by the first of |
| | April. Let me also suggest to the steward |
| ы | that they go to work at once to meet the d |
| 6 | mands of their pastors. Read carefully, fro |

| mands of their pastors. page 110 to 116, and from | page 171 to 173 of the |
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| Discipline. We cannot | do beiter than adop |
| what is here written. I | dy address is Bryan |
| | . Z. T. MORRIS, P. E. |
| AUSTIN DISTRIC | |
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| Lagrange sta | Bec 8, |
| Flatonia sta | |
| Weimar cir | Dec 22, 2 |
| Columbus sta | Dec 29, 3 |
| Bastrop and Hill's Prair | eJan 5, |
| Flatonia c r | Jan 12,1 |
| Austin, 10th Street | Jan 19, 2 |
| Austin, 24th Street | Jan 20, 2 |
| Oak Hill mis | Jan 26, 2 |
| Austin, 1st Street | Jan 27, 2 |
| West Point cir | Feb 2, |
| Wir chester cir | Feb 9, 1 |
| Mancheca cir | Feb 16, 1 |
| Merriltown cir | Feb 23, 2 |
| Webberville cir | March 2, |
| Webberville cir The district stewards | will meet at Bastrop |
| Friday Jan. 4th, at 10 a. 1 | n. The preachers will |

| Merr | itown cir Feb 23, | 24 |
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| | erville cir March 2 | |
| The | district stewards will meet at Bastro | D. |
| | y Jan. 4th, at 10 a. m. The preachers w | |
| | e inform me of the place of first quarter | |
| | ng. Call your stewards together earl | |
| | ed of waiting till the quarterly confe | |
| ence. | Press the collections early in the year | ir. |
| Asa | rule, those who begin early are the on | es |
| who | ucceed. Would suggest that you arrang | ga |
| for a | Christmas service and get your people | le. |
| | e occasion, to make an offering for mi | |
| | Hope the stewards will make liber | |
| | sion for your pastors and be prompt | |
| | ting same. Address me, till Jan. 1st, | at |
| Hous | ton, after that at Flatonia | |
| | J. F. FOLLIN, P. E. | |
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| Houston, after that at Fiatonia |
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| J. F. FOLLIN, P. E. |
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| SAN SABA DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. |
| Richland Springs cir, Tuesday after |
| 1st Sun in Dec |
| Cherokee mis, Thursday after 1st Sun in Dec |
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| Pontotoe cir2d sun in Dec |
| Lone Grove mis, Monday after 2d Sun in Dec |
| Oxford cir, Thursday after |
| Round Mountain and Bockvale 2d Sun in Dec |
| Willow City cir, Tuesday after 3d Sun in Dec |
| Fredonia cir4th Sun in Dec |
| Junction City mis5th Sun in Fee |
| San Angelo eta Thursday after 5th Sun in Dec |
| San Angelo sta, Thursday after. 5th Sun in Dec |
| Sherwood mis 1st Sun in Jan |
| Gordon City mis 2d Sun in Jan |
| Menardville mis 3d Sun in Jan |
| L ano sta4th Sun in Jan |
| Mason and Brady lst Sun in Feb |
| Mason and Brady 1st Sun in Feb M. A. B.ACK, P. B. |
| m. A. DLACK, F. B. |

| ABILENE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. |
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| Big Springs sta Dec 15, 16 |
| Colorado staDec 17 |
| Lytle Gap mis, at Lytle Gap Dec 22, 23 |
| Buffalo Gap cir, at Buffalo Gap Dec 29, 30 |
| Bel e Plaine and Baird Jan 3 |
| Cottonwood cir. at Friendship Jan 5, 6 |
| Anson mis, at Anson Jan 10 |
| Haskell mis, at Haskell Jan 12, 13 |
| Sipe springs cir, at Pleasant Valley Jan 19, 20 |
| C sco sta Jan 21 |
| Fort Chadbourne mis, at - Jan 26, 27 |
| Abi ene sta Jan 70 |
| Sweet water mis, at Sweetwater Feb 2, 3 |
| The district stewards will meet me at the |
| Methodist Church, Abilene, Thursday Dec. 27. |
| o'clock p. m. They are: George O'Neb, F. |
| T. Polland, J. W. Germany, S. H. Johnson, |
| Joseph Prater, W. A. Maihis, R. M. Easey, R. |
| W. Pentecost, A. G. Webb, R Moreman, E. J. |
| Ward, Rev. J. M. Lane and Dr. J. H. Bass. |
| JNO. A WALLACE, P. R. |
| DAG. A. WALLIAGE, F. B. |
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| Ward, Rev. J. M. Lane and Dr. J. H. Bass. JNO. A. WALLACE, P. E. | |
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| JNO. A WALLACE, P. E. GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Gainesville einat Whaleys Chapei 3d Sun in Dec Roliver einat Bohver 4th Sun in Dec Roliver einat Bohver 4th Sun in Dec Rountain Springs ein at Zion 5th Sun in Jan Maryville ein at Sivell's Bend 2d Sun in Jan Rossion einat Hardy 3d Sun in Jan Rossion einat Hardy 3d Sun in Jan Decatur ein at Gore's S. H 4th Sun in Feb Autora mis, at Gliver Creek 24 Sun in Feb Denton sta 3d Sun in Feb Denton einat Bethel 4th Sun in Feb Autorey ein 4th Sun in Mat District stewards will meet in Gainesville. | |
| Denton Street Church Dec 14. at 2 9. m. M. C. BLACKBURN, P. E. | |

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| | TERRELL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. | | |
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| m | McClendon cir, at Chisloms Chapel Dec 15 | | |
| 17 | Terreli sta Dec 22 | | |
| 23 | Earmersville sta Dec 29 | | |
| 30 | Nevada cir. at RoyceJan | | |
| . 6 | Allen ein et Allen | | |
| | Allen cir, at AllenJan 12 | | |
| 13 | Poetry cir, at EdenJan 19 | | |
| m | Wills Point staJan 26 | | |
| m | Kemp cir, at Kemp Feb | | |
| 21 | Kaufman sta Feb 9 | | |
| 23 | Forney cir, at Forney Feb 16 | | |
| 27 | Mesquite cir, at Mesquite Feb 23 | | |
| m | Roberts mis. at Wire Grass. March | | |
| | The district stewards will most at the M | | |
| . 3 | Church, South, at Terrell, Dec. 22, 1888 at | | |
| 10 | o'clock a. m. W. D. CLIPTON, P. E | | |
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| • | GATESVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. |
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| | Iredell cir, at Iredell |
| | Glen Rose mis, at Oden's Chapel 4th Sun in Dec |
| | Stephenville cir, at Rocky Point.5th Sun in Dec |
| | Morgan mis, at Kimble 1st Sun in Jan |
| | Morkan mie, at Kimble 18t bun in Jan |
| 0 | Cariton cir, at Gilmore2d Sun in Jan |
| 1 | Hamilton cir, at3d Sun in Jan |
| 1 | Jonesboro cir, at JonesboroJan 23 |
| | Gatesville sta, st GatesvilleJan 24 |
| 1 | Henson Creek cir. at Rowland |
| 1 | Chapel 4th Sun in Jan |
| | McGregor cir at McGregor 1st Sun in Feb |
| 1 | Crawford and Valley Mills cir. at |
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| , | CrawfordFeb 7 |
|) | Cilfton eir, at Clifton 2d Sun in Feb |
| 1 | Martin's Gap mis, at Martin's G sp Feb 13 |
| 1 | Dublin sta. at Dublin Feb 15 |
| 1 | Green's Creek cir, at Green's Creek |
| | 3d Sun in Feb |
| 1 | Alexander cir. at Feb 20 |
| | Alexander cir, at |
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| | E A. BAILEY, P. E. |
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| SULPHURSPRINGS DIS: | TRICT-FIRST ROUNI |
| Leonard cir | |
| Black Jack Grove cir Campbell cir | 5th Sun in De |
| Reiley Springs cir, | lst Sun in Ja |
| Kingston cir Suiphur Springs cir | 2d Sun in Ja |
| Sulphur Bluff cir | 4th sun in Ja |
| Winsboro sta | Int Sun in Po |
| Quitman cir | Feb |
| Cooper cir | 2d Sun in Fe |
| Emory mis Lone Oak cir | 3d Sun in Fe |
| Sulphur Springs sta | 4th Sun in Fe |
| We have made out the f ly meetings from the list of | of appointments of th |
| fourth round of the confe | rence year just closed |
| We have no knowledge o | i the territory with |

We have no knowledge of the territory within the bounds of the sistrict, and in the above appointments may have made mistakes both as to the best time of holding quarterly meetings and as to the best way to pass through the district. Allowing the probabilities of the above, we trust after the first round we shall be able to correct the mistakes made in the first. Will the preachers be kind enough to send me a card stating the piace of their quarterly conference and how to reach them from Sulphur *prings? I will thank them if they will do so. We trust each preacher will call, at the first opportunity a meeting of their cflictal boards and get them. Selves in shape for work. Brethren, pay for

| | me. GEO, T. NICHOLS, P. E |
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| ı | WACO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. |
| ı | Waco sta |
| ı | Cotton Gin. at Shiloh Dec 29 Groesbeeck. at Groesbeeck, 1889 Jan |
| ١ | Corsicana cir. at Pleasant Grove Jan 12. |
| ı | Corsicana sta Jan 19 Mexia sta Jan 26 Lorena, Spring Valley Feb |
| ı | Lorena, Spring Va'ley |
| | Thornton, at Thornton |
| ı | Wortham, at WorthamFeb 53 Dresden, at Blooming GroveMar 9. Bosqueville, at Union HillMar 9. |
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| Doeque vine, at t | SAM'L P | WRIGHT, P. E. |
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| DALLAS D | ISTRICT-FI | EST ROUND. |
| DALLAS D McKinney sta Merit cir. at Mer Forst church. Da Foyd Street. Da Trinity and Oak Lewisville cir. at Grapevine, at Mi Cochran and Car Farmers Branch | | 3d Sun in Dec |
| First Church, Da | l as | 5th Sun in Dec |
| Trinity and Oak | Lawn, at Trin | ity.2d Sun in Jan |
| Grapevine, at Mi | Chin Chapei. inter's Chapel | 3d Sun in Jan |
| Cochran and Car Farmers Branch. | uth, at Cochr. | an.1st Sun in Feb Hill2d Sun in Feb |
| Plavo sta Smithfield cir, at | | |
| Dallas City mis | Mer et | . 1st Sun in Mar |
| | T. R | . PIERCE, P. E. |

| 3 | Dallas City mis lst Sun in Ma T. R. PIERCE, P. E. |
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| y | WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND |
| 9 | Springtown and Goshen, at Springtown, Dec 15, 1 Weatherford cir, at Harmony |
| | Boonville and Jacksboro at Boonville. Dec 22, 2 |
| 8 | Pa o Pinto and Mineral Wells, at Palo Pinto Dec 29, 3 |
| | Strawn mis. at Gordon Jan 5 |
| 1 | Rastiand cir, at Eastland Jan 5, Desdemona cir, at Howard's S. H. Jan |
| • | Lipan cir, at Lipan Jan 12, 1 Paiuxy cir, at Marvin's Chapel Jan 19, 2 |
| | Acton mis, at ActonJan 2 |
| | Garvin cir, at Garvin Jan 26, 2 Finis cir, at Sait Hill Jap 3 |
| | Graham sta, at Graham |

| Graham sta, at Graham B. M. STEPHEN | Feb 2, 3 s, P. E. |
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| WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-FIRST | ROUND. |
| Irene cir. at Richland | Dec 8, 9 |
| Inay cir, at Italy | Dec 22, 23 |
| Avalon cir. at Thomas Schoolhouse Red Oak cir, at Ovida | Dec 29, 30 |
| Wesley and Oak Cliff cir. at West Dalls | s.Jan 5, 6 |
| Wax-hachie e-r, at Midlothian Bristol eir, st Palmer | Jan 9 |
| Hutchins mis, at Trinity | Jan 17 |
| Lancaster and Ferris mis, at Ferris Reagor mis, at Reagor | Jan 19, 20 Jan 26, 27 |
| tims and Genwood mis, at Bethel | Jan 29 |
| Kerens mis at Kerens | Feb 2, 3 |
| A full attendance of all officials earl | lest y re- |
| meet me at Waxahachie, Lec. 27, at 10 | o clock. |
| a m. Let all be present. | PE |

| CHAPPELL BILL DISTRICT | |
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| Brei ham sta | |
| Chappell Hill sta | Dec 24 9 |
| Giddiegs and Surton | |
| Egin and Manor | |
| McDane cir, at | |
| Beliville cic. at | |
| S- aly and San Felipe cir, | Jan 26, 2 |
| Partison cir | Veh 2 |
| R'chmond sta | Feb 9, 1 |
| Fagle L-ke cir, st- | Feb 16 1 |
| Independence cir, at | Feb 23.2 |
| Hockley cir. at | Mar 2 |
| Hempstead sta he district s'ewards will | Mar 9, 1 |
| Rrenham, on Friday, Dec. 28, | ar I n m at the |
| Methodist Church. | B. STARS, P. E. |

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Very thankfully yours,
PALO PINTO, TEX.

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The horse which can plough an acre while another horse is ploughing half an acre, or that can carry a load of passengers ten miles while another is going five, independent of all considerations of amusement, taste, or what is called fancy, is absolutely worth twice as much to the owner as the other.

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I know a lake among the hills, Serene and bright, and full and free; Unfed by any mountain rills, And with no outlet to the sea; And yet I marvel if there be Found anywhere through all the laud So gold and jewel-rimmed a cup As Nature with her Hebe hand, Here brims and, kneeling, offers up.

Its molten surface gives the sky Its softest sapphire beauty back; And when the storm comes scudding by, Dark with its might of thunder-wrack. Although its blue be tinged with black, The tempest has no power to dash The creamy swell against the shore, Nor with defiant onset lash

From secret sources, stowed away Beneath its own sweet water, flows The unseen strength that day by day, Keeps it in such supreme repose As never shallow currents knows. Its edges flash with tenderest green That lures from far the hungry herds,

And midst its stooping copse are seen

The nests of thousands brooding birds.

The ripple to a sullen roar.

Oh, for a nature like the lake's Agleam amid our summer hills! That gives ungrudged its own, nor takes; That ever keeps its calm and stills Its heart, self-centered even when ilis Impend, with drift of tempest foam That wooes the weary, and above All other, weaves a nested home For every wandering wing of love!

WE WILL NOT.

-Margaret J. Preston.

sult will be if we say "No." All we with the grace, the strength, the healing have to do is to decide what is right, and power which were in him. Do you ask stand by it; and if we do not do this, we me what this was? It was her faith. are not worthy to be called by His name. She came expecting a blessing, believing -Mrs M. Bottome

"BETTER BE SURE THAN SORRY" ing the flower-beds to night. I do not their curiosity, and to see what new

dener replied; "if the frost should nip they came, and empty they went away.

hesitating about giving heed to their im- wanting—faith, which is the divine hunmortal interests. "We do not think ger of the soul, the emptiness of the there will be frost to-night," they say. soul long ng to be filled, and believing "Better be sure than sorry." If the frost that it will be filled out of God's fullof death should blight the soul, it will ness; and because this is so, therefore the "Mid-Continent"

PREACHING.

Francis of Assissi once stepped down Archbishop Trench. into the cloisters of his monastery, and laying his hand on the shoulder of a young monk, said: "Brother, let us go down into the town and preach." So they went forth, the venerable father, ous man or not; whether he profanes and the young man, conversing as they went.

They wound their way down the priccipal streets, round the lowly alleys and writings. The character of Homer is a lanes, and even to the outskirts of the town, and to the village beyond, till they he left after his departure. But it is not so found themselves back at the monastery

when shall we begin to preach?"

And the father looked kindly down upon his son, and said: "My child, we have been preaching; we were preaching while we were walking. We have been our creed was weary in the march of while we were walking. We have been our creed was weary in the march of seen—looked at; our behavior has been charity; our creed hungered and thirsted; our creed was the Man, Christ Jesus. It our creed was the Man, Christ Jesus and Christ Man, Ch morning sermon! Ah! my son, it is of is highly important to us that our Christ no use that we walk anywhere to preach, should be loved, because our duty is not unless we preach as we walk."-From Paxton Hood's "Vocation of the Preach. "If any man love not the Lord Jesus

MY SOUL, WAIT THOU.

prayer. If He were to grant our request Ask them to turn to these pages in of our religious life might not ensue; then record is given unto us. The best arguwe might not come to clear sense of per- ment for our faith is that we ourselves sonal demerit or to depth of conviction are like Him. The repellant Christian as to the divine method in Carist of be- does us barm now. He who is gruff and stowing blessings. Besides, the work of rough; he who says, "Pay me the last the Holy Spirit, "making in'ercession penny;" he who pushes one to the frosty for us," usually requires time; these in | wall of winter; he who hath no tears; he ward processes of revealing our needs who is so busy that he doth not know the have not regard to the sensibilities alone, young man who come, to him with a letbut to our intellectual and volitional ter from an old friend; he who has no faculties as well. God seeks the high- tenderness of heart, is in our way now. est development of character in us. In The living argument, the letter known human training time is a necessary ele- and read of all men, should be our rement. The intelligent instructor does cord, and that will win men. not solve difficult problems for his pupils at the very first, or answer all questions as soon as propounded. He seeks some-

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CURES FOOT ROT, SHOULDER-ROT, SCREW-WORM AND SCAB IN SHEEP!

would be to say "No." The three He- ple followed him and thronged him," so brew children said, "We will not serve that Peter, who was always ready with his word, is half-inclined to take his had nothing to do with the results. If the king threw them into the fiery furnace, that was his business; and it was God's business to look after the fire when they were thrown into it. They simply said, and acted, "No; we will not." Dure to say "No!"

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that Peter, who was always ready with his word, is half-inclined to take his his coming Zuccheus affered to divide his coming Zuccheus affered to divide his bad-samed money with the common his bad-samed money with the common people. In the last few days of his life his hands were full of healing." When the difference; he distinguished at once, as by a divine instinct, that believing one from the unbelieving many. There was that in her which put her in connection day. He healed the two blind men near ty. Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting, Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting, Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting, Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting at the two blind men near ty. Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting at the two blind men near ty. Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting at the two blind men near ty. Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting at the two blind men near ty. Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting at the two blind men near ty. Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. S. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting at the two blind men near ty. Texas, on Nov. 25, inst., Mrs. J Lewis, —Died near Buckhern, Austin counting at the two blind men near ty. Tex brew children said, "We will not serve that Peter, who was always ready with We are too apt to think what the re- that in her which put her in connection a blessing, and so finding the blessing which she expec'ed and believed.

But that careless muititude who "I do not think there is need of cover- thronged the Lord, only eager to gratify believe there will be frost enough to wonder he would next do, as they desired nothing, expected nothing from "Better be sure than sorry," the gar- him, so they obtained nothing. Empty them, it would then be too late, you Is there not here the explanation of them, it would then be too late, you know."

Is there not here the explanation of much in the spiritual lives of men, the explanation of barren sacraments, of fruitless prayers, of church-going, of sermon-hearing which, after twenty or thirty or forty years, leave us exactly there is no danger because they would have it so, this same answer would be wise: "Better be sure than sorry." If there should be an eternity, then the question, "Where shall I spend eternity?" puts all other questions in the shade. The frost may nip all the springing hopes of the soul. "Better be sure than sorry." Thousands of souls are the site of the screen of the rich ruler."—Emory Jesus, not of the explanation of barren sacraments, of fruitless prayers, of church-going, of sermon-hearing which, after twenty or thirty or forty years, leave us exactly where they found us, not a whit holier, not a whit more conquerers of our sins or masters of our conceptions, not a step nearer to God and heaven than we were at the beginning. We are of the many that throig Jesus, not of the faithful few who touch him. In every thing there is coldness, formality, routine. Faith is heating about giving heed to their im
To the cavils of the skeptic and the screen of the screen of the rich ruler."—Emory Jesus, little John W. Mc.

King.—Died at the home of his grand-the dayghter of the rich ruler."—Emory Jesus, in Christian Inquirer.

Success in this world comes only to those who exhibit determination. Can we hope for salvation unless our mind its truly set upon it? Grace makes a man to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be as resolved to be saved as the beginning to be a resol coldness, formatity, routine. Faith is then be too late forever. - W. J. L. in there goes no virtue from him to us; it is never given to us so to tough him as that immediately we know in ourselves that we are whole of our plague .-

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It make no difference unto us whether the inventor of the telephone is a religi-God's name or not, we use the telephone just the same. The character of Pliny is not necessarily associated with Pilny's matter of indifference to the poems that with the religion of Christ. Ours is aliving creed. Jesus Christ's life is an essen-Then said the young monk: "Father, tial part of this faith. Not only that life at the end upon the cross, but all the way up to it. Our creed breathed; our creed only to believe in Christ, but to love Him. Christ," saith the apostle, "let him be Anathema Maranatha," an awful curse. Therefore, blessed be God that our Christ God is always ready to listen to our is lovely, and the persuasion we need just cry; yet He sometimes sees it best to now with the unconverted is that they withhold the conscious response to our should read the story of Jesus Christ. always at the first, the full development | which He went about doing good, and the

> Sometimes the work of the ministry grows weary and arduous. Sometimes I grow impatient with men, and forget that

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hing beyond mere precent satisfaction, he sey is fixed upon real intellectual advance—that which comes through interess, and sometimes I am discouraged in the task, and think it is not worth my while to push short great which comes through interess, and sometimes trying, experiences.

So it is with God in the higher real mot of spiritual attainments. There is something better in His view than our mire present (r j)yment. He estimates the value of a perfect character, an end usually reached by our meeting obstacles and overcoming them in His strength. Therefore is all seeming of the service of the marriage of Cana in Galllee, and the marriage of Cana in Galllee, and upon the Sabbath day. He healed the poor, infim man at the pool films disciples said unto him, Thou sees the multitude throughing thee, and sad, Who touched me, for I precived the mitting that the demonits, crossed the said, Somebody bath touched me, for I precived that the wind the service of the sould be controlled to the marriage of Cana in the leaded the withered the mitting that the trying has defined the without of Him, turned Him about in the press, and said, Who touched me prothers of the work of the controlled the controlled to the sould be contr thing beyond mere present satisfaction; I cught to be most impatient with myself. It may be a difference for us, as of and upon the sea the storm was life or death, between touching Jesus hushed, because the disciples were in and througing him. The multitude danger. He healed Jarius' daughter. thronged bim; only this faithful woman | He bealed two blind men, and cast out | touched him. There was nothing to the the dumb devil. He gave food to the outward eye which should distinguish between her action and theirs. Jesus bealed the daughter of the Syrophenitian woman, as he so often did, in the midst of an eager, busy, and rudely-curious multitude. He had just been summoned to the house of the ruler Jairus that he might heal his dying daughter, or, as it proved, raise his dead. As the Lord set forth upon that errand of mercy and power, "much people followed him and thronged him," so He healed the woman on the Sabbath levels and situation of the stream of the stream of the stream of the stream of the sabbath levels and situation on the sabbath levels and situation of the stream of th outward eye which should distinguish five thousand. All that in one year. He It takes character to say "No." I daughter, or, as it proved, raise his neighbor as ourself. He raised Lezarus have a friend who says the first thing dead. As the Lord set forth upon that from the dead. Bayond the Jordon she would teach a boy, if she had one, errand of mercy and power, "much peo. many followed him, and were healed. day. He healed the two blind men near

> all ages. Brethren, that beautiful story of that beautiful life will naver die out of this world. Men may be skeptical; they may analyze our Bible leaf by leaf and verse by verse; but as long as men have hearts beating in their bosoms, the annals of such deeds will lead this world like the day star of the morning! It cannot be denied that it was the purest, ioneliest, loftiest, most exalted of all the lives ever lived among men. There was nothing too humble for him. He would touch

> would make fitting song for the poets of

but the man waited at the door. A parents; may they meet their babe in heaven. friend went out to him and said: "You cannot see the master, but I can give you an answer." "No," said the unfortunate pleader, "I will stay all night on the doorstep, but I will see the man himself. He alone will serve my turn." You do not wonder that, after many rebuffs, he ultimately gained his point; it would be an infinitely greater wonder if an importunate sinner did not obtain an audience from the Lord Jesus. If you must have grace, you shall have it. If you will not be put off, you shall not be you will not be put off, you shall not be you will not be put off, you shall not be you will not be put off, you shall not be you will not be put off, you shall not be you will not be put off, you shall not be you will not be you off any and you will not be put off, you shall not be you will not be you wi friend went out to him and said: "You you will not be put off, you shall not be put off. Whe her things look favorable of San Mascos, Texas or unfavorable, press on till you find Jesus, and you shall find him.—The Rev. H. C Spurgeon

Marriages.

TAYLOR-REED —At the residence of the bride's father, in McDade, Bastrop county, Texas, Nov. 18, 1888, by Rev. H. M. Haynie, Mr. John M. Taylor and Miss Docia Reed. WYCHE-HOPKINS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. A. Hopkins, by Dr. E. P. Angell, Rev. J. L. Wyche, of the East Texas Conference, and Miss Sue Hopkins, of Moscow, Polk county, Texas.

Perkins-Sullivan—In the M. E. Church, South, at Chappell Hill, Nov. 13, 1888, by Rev. E. W. Tarrant, Mr. D. P. Perkins and Miss Ella A. Sullivan.

PENNING TON-McCLINTON —At the residence of the bride's father, in Coryell county, Texas, Nov. 22, by the Rev. J. P. Mussett, Mr. J. A. Pennington and Miss Mary N. McClinton.

HEARD-RENFRO.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. J. W. Renfro, Howth Station, Waller county, Texas, Nov. 28, by Rev. John Renfro, Mr. 3. W. Heard and Miss Kate Renfro. All of Howth.

EDWARDS-MILLER.—At the residence of Rev. D. M. Clower, Dec. 5, 1888, by the Rev. E. G. Roberts, Mr. Samuel H. Edwards and Miss Annie Miller, grandaughter of Bro. Clower.

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Obituaries.

LAWRENCE.—On the morning of Nov. 15, 1888, at the residence of her grand-daughter, Navarro county, Texas, Mrs. Moley Lawrence, wife of Andrew Lawrence, of Dallas, She was born in Marion county, Miss, Feb. 10, 1810, and had been a consistent member of the Methodist Church, from early age. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

ANDREW LAWRENCE. DALLAS, TEXAS.

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Townsend.—Henry Sumner Townsend, after a very painful and protracted sickness, neard the voice of the Master, on the 15th of Nov., 1888, saying: "Come up hither." Bro. Townsend was raised in Colorado county, Texas. Had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for mary years. I visited him quite often during his last sickness; found him usually in a peaceful frame of mind, and expressing the most perfect resignation to the will of God. He seemed to have had a presentiment, even before he was taken sick. to the will of God. He seemed to have had a presentiment, even before he was taken sick, that his time on earth was short. And had for months, by earnest pray and supplication, been preparing for the summons. May God in His mercy sanctify this dispensation of His Providence to the bereaved wife and brother and sisters, and at last reunite them in the Glory land.

T. B. GRAVES.

HARRIS - After an illness of several weeks, Bro. Hardy Harris passed quietly away to his home in heaven, on the 25th day of Nov., 1888, leaving a wife and three little boys, many relatives and friends to mourn not his loss, but their loss. Bro. Harris was born and raised in Colorado county, Texas; was nappily converted to God in his early manhood, and united with the M. E. Church, South, where he remained blameless in his life as a Caristian until God called him home. Bro. Harris was a devoted husband and affectionate father, a faithful Sunday-school Superintendent, and unsurpassed by any man in the stewardship and fidelity to his pastor. He died as he had lived—with the harness on—having more than once signified his perfect willingness to depart and be with Christ. May his mantie fall on his brethren. May we all emulate his virtues. May He who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, comfort the bereaved ones in their sore distress, with the hope of meeting with brother, husband father and friend "in the sweet bye-and bye."

T. B. Graves.

WEIMAR, TEXAS.

PERKINS-SULLIVAN—In the M. E. Church, South, at Chappell Hill, Nov. 13, 1888, by Rev. E. W. Tarrant, Mr. D. P. Perkins and Miss Eila A. Sullivan.

HILLSMAN—WILLIAMS—At the residence of the bride's father, four miles east of the city of Brenham, Nov. 28, 1888, by Rev. J. P. Childers, Mr. Sterling Hillman, of Lee county, Texas.

WAGNON-BENTLEY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Milton, Texas, Nov. 29, 1888, by Rev. J. L. Keener, Rev. A. A. Wagnon, of Indian Mission Conference, and Miss Eunice M. Bentley, of Lamar county, Texas.

Stephens—Davis — At Corinth, Erath county, Texas, Sunday, Dec. 2, 1888, by Rev. J. J. Davis, Mr. J. R. Stephens and Miss Rosa L. Davis. All of Corinth community.

Ayers—Rowe—Near Hutchins, Nov. 27, 1888, by Rev. H. M. Glass, Mr. Sam Ayers and Miss Laura A. Rowe.

Oliver-Campbell. —At the residence of the bride's father, at Meridian, Texas, Nov. 28, 1888, by the Rev. J. J. Harris, Dr. N. A. Oliver and Miss Lavinia Campbell.

Penning for—McClinton — At the residence of the bride's father, at Meridian, Texas, Nov. 28, 1888, by the Rev. J. J. Harris, Dr. N. A. Oliver and Miss Lavinia Campbell.

Penning for—McClinton — At the residence of the bride's father, in Coivell county, Manuella and Statistical Research in Coivell county, Meridian M. Salley came to Texas in 1893, and settled on String Prairie, Lee county, where he continued to live the balance of his life, except a bring Prairie, Lee county, where he continued to live the balance of his life, except a bring Prairie, Lee county, where he continued to live the balance of his life, except a bring Prairie, Lee county, where he continued to live the balance of his life, except a bring Prairie, Lee county, where he continued to live the balance of his life, except a bring Prairie, Lee county, where he continued to live the balance of his life, except a bring Prairie, Lee county, where he continued to live the balance of his life, except a bring Prairie, Lee county, where he contend this life on Thursday Nov. S, 1888, at his residence in

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The old lady who replied, when asked how her liver was, "God bless me, I never heard that there ever was such a thing in the house," was noted for her amiability. Prometheus, when chained to a rock, might as well have pretended to be happy, as the man who is chained to a diseased liver. For poor Prometheus, there was no escapa, but by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pieasant Purgative Peilets, the disagreeable feelings, irritable temper, constipation, indigestion, dizziness and sick headache, which are caused by a diseased liver, promptly disappear.

At Birmingham, Ala., last week, the body of a Mrs. Hawes, horibly mangled, was discovered; also blood-stained clothing of her little girl, whose body was found subsequently. Suspicion of murder centered upon her divorced husband, Richard Hawes, a railroad engineer, and he was arrested and jalied. Excitement was intense, and the sheriff summoned a posse to guard the jali against a mob. At midmight Sauurany me people centered about the jali. At last their anger became uncontrollable, and at 12:15 an attack was made on the jali defended by Sheriff Smith and his sturdy detailed force. A hoarse signal came from the inside, "Stand off or snifer the consequences." For an instant the mob hesitated, then those in advance, pressed on by the crowd in the rear, made a dash for the juli, "Halt!" came the command from the sheriff, followed an instant later by the fatal word, "Fire!" The deadly ratile of rifles and revolvers in the hands of the guards was deepened by the heavier dischage of a Gatling gun. An answering fire came from the mob, but in their madness none of the shots were well dire ted and none took effect. There were over five hundred rounds discharged, and when the smoke cleared away what a pitable sight was there. Bathed in their own blood lay at least twenty of Birmingham's citizens, some of them the best Horror stricken at the fearful work the mob retreated. No less than five will die and Fearful Tragedy. mingham's citizens, some of them the best Horror stricken at the fearful work the mob retreated. No less than five will die and seven are seriously wounded. This turned the indignation of the paople from Hawes to She iff Smith and his posse, and only the most determined action on the part of the military has thus far prevened more blood-shed. The city is under military rule, and reinforcement conssantly arriving. The jail is guarded by state troops with picket lines extended several squares in every direction and at each approach there frowns the countenance of a Galling gun. Mounted scouns are sent out of the city, and at regular intervals acquaint Col. Jones with the condition of the public mind and the prospects of an armed rising by the people. The fire belis sound military alarms and soldiers in uniform and armed with winchester rifles have desolated the principal streets and driven back the thousands who have all day ben looking toward the jail. The military was ordered by Gov. Seay from Montgomery, and with the chief executive Col Jones is in regular telegiaphic correspondence. Horror stricken at the fearful work the me

chief executive Col Jones is in regular tele-graphic correspondence.

There were fifteen military companies un-der command of Col. Jones—the famous Montgomery Grays, equally famous True Blues of Montgomery, mounted rifles unde-command of Gen. A. A. Wiley, member of the present legislature, and an artiflery com-pany in charge of a gatling gun from the cap-ital city, being among them. Besides these came companies from Tuscaloosa, Opelika, Greenville, Anniston and other Alabama cities.

The Big Four Robbery. An ex-live stock agent of a prominent rail-road company states that about the year 1866 some ot the Chicago trunk lines formed a combine to give rebates to a small syndicate some of the Chicago trunk lines formed a combine to give rebates to a small syndicate of shippers, prominent among whom was Nels Morris of the Big Four, which was at that time known as the "Eveners' Rings," of \$15 per car on cattle carried east from points west of Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and Pittsourg. This rebate was not only given the ring on their own cattle, but it was also paid to them on all cattle shipped by the public Some of the favorites secured rebates of about \$40 per car on their own shipments. These rebates were paid from 1874 to 1877 inclusive. The eastern trunk lines in course of time endeavored to make their western connections pro rate these rebates. Some of the roads resisted payment, and the cattle trade was then forced to Chicago, discriminations being made against all other points. The "Eveners' Ring" purchased western cattle largely for the Chicago market, from which point east they had this enormous drawback or rebate of \$40 per car. The operation of this combine gave such an impetus to the concentration of cattle at Chicago that, although it ceased some years ago, it destroyed all other markets to the huit of cattle growing and to a great extent broke down the competition which would have resuited from the shipment of cattle from the producing fields to the markets to which they were naturally tributary. Any concentration of trade at one point controlled by a few men operating to gether will always bring about results disastrous to the profucing interests and give the combine the power of depreciating the price of products without cheapening the price to consumers.

The following figures obtained from reliable sources, showing the receipts of cattle at Chicago and shipments therefrom for the years stated, demonstrate the correctness of the foregoing statements:

| Year. | Receipts. No. Cattle. | Shipments. No. Catt e. |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1875 | 920,843 | 698,534 |
| | 1,096 745 | 797 724 |
| 1877 | 1.033,151 | 703 402 |
| 1878 | 1,083 068 | 699.108 |
| 1879 | 215 732 | 726 903 |
| 1880 | 1,312 477 | 886 6 4 |
| 1881 | | 938 712 |
| | | 921 009 |
| 1883 | | 966 758 |
| 1884 | | 791 84 |
| | | 744 (93 |
| 1886 | | 704 675 |
| The receipts of | of cattle at Chicag | o last year 1885, 335,742 |

Fascuttion of an Elephant.

Old Chief, one of the biggest and probably the most vicious elephant in capitylis, has been guilty of so many houckness that the shall suffer the death penalty. Old Chief the strength of the control of t

Rhoumatism is caused by lactid acid in the blood, which Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes and thus cures rheumatism.

Texas Casualties.

Chas. Williams, an engineer of a switch-engine, was killed at San Autonio, by failing under his engine.

Frank McLaughlin, at Fort Worth, is vio-lently losane, as the result it is said of disap-pointed affections.

Sophia Watson, colored, was killed at Hous-ton from accidental discharge of a gun. One-legged Jackson, a sheep-man of the San Angelo country, was found dead, having been shot in the head and dead a month or more. Edward Se ligson, an old citizen of Goliad, fell down stairs, fracturing his skull, which resulted in death.

Alex. Williams, colored, was killed near Oakwoods, by falling from a section hand car going five miles an hour.

J. W. McGlashan, superintendent of water-works at Palestine, had his foot pierced by a nail two weeks ago. It resulted in lockjaw from which he died Dec. 6. An unknown traveling man was given permission to rest at the residence of J. D. Richardsoo, near Bridgeport, and died almost immediately after lying down. No clew to his identity.

Miss Mahaia Laney, of Aurora, has been adjudged in sane.

Mr. Whitaker of Eilis county, who lived on Dick Stout's farm, near Palmer, was killed last week by a runaway team. His body was badly mangled.

A train of thirty cars, at Temple, left on the track with brakes up, got loose and went wild down-grade to Heidenheimer. The crew of a stock train discovered it just in time to down brakes and get away before the wild train, running firty miles an hour, struck—every car of the loose train being derailed and shat-tered. The stock train and contents were com-paratively unit jured.

Henry Langslegter adjudged insane at San

Fred Hall, a newsboy, was run over by the cars at Dallas and killed.

A two and a half year old child of Mr. Hi
D er, at Amarillo, get lost, and was only
found on the morning of the fifth day there
after, fifteen miles away. The child was in a
dying condition, and only lived a short time.
A little dog, the child's pet, was faithfully
watching by the child's side.

Henry Wade, of Sommerville, Bee county, killed himself by jumping from the top of a house in Ennis, which he had reached from the hotel window while delirious.

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BUSINESS TROUBLES — Edwards Bros.. attached at Gainesville. The Kansas City. El Paso and Mexican Railroad, only a few miles built, attached for about \$45,000. W. S. Dewey, of Weston, assigned. J. W. Hughes, Atlania, attached. R. L. Cooley, attached at Ladonia. A. D. Melroy & Co., Weimar, sold out to creditors. J. D. Bishop, grocer, assigned at Gatesville. W. E. Yource, assigned at Savov. Sharp & Banks, boots and shoes, assigned at Honey Grove. P. J. Anderson furniture, attached at Palestine. Sam Clary & Son, grocers, assigned at Temple John F. Caldwell & Co., grocers, assigned at Dallas.

Dalias.

Fires—The residence and contents of T. A. Hardiman, a farmer, near Daugherty, totally destroyed; loss \$3000 Barns, haystacks, etc., at Rector & Montgomery's Ranch, fourteen miles from Austin, destroyed; loss \$5000. N. A. Mathews' barn, near Wills Point, destroyed; loss \$3000. Quite a disastrous fire at Atheas; Dr. Mathews, postoffice and drug store; the Grange store; Williams, co-fectioner; and Thornton & Foster, were among the loss rs. A fire at Sheets Bromills, Atlanta, destroyed \$2000 in values H. S. Matthews' mill destroyed near Texarkans; loss \$15000 Railroad depot destreyed at Wortham. The grocery store of Mays & Fawbush, valued at \$000, was burned at Texarkana. The Crutchfield House, an old land mark, destroyed at Dalias.

Texas Incidents.

The Dallas Humane Society is preparing a bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals, which will be submitted to the Legislature for its action this winter. A printed circular will be mailed to each senator and representative, inviting attention to the measure and asking for favorable action.

I aredo is on a boom. Mr. Sam Bratton I aredo is on a boom. Mr. Sam Bratton, civil eng neer, has been engaged for several days in establishing the grade for the street car line which is to be built at once. The city of Laredo, under the provision of an ordinance passed last summer authorizing the sale of blocks at a stated price, on twenty years' time at 8 per cent interest, has sold up to date \$90,000 worth of property, bringing interest of about \$7000 per annum. The city,

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in addition to this, is out of debt, and draws besides \$7000 from the city market-house and \$3000 a year for its ferry privileges, and to-day levies a smaller ad valorem tax than any city in the United States.

The comptroller refused to register \$40,000 of Fort Worth improvement bonds, and an appeal was made for the attorney-general's ruling, who sustains the comptroller. It appears that the city of Fort Worth is incorporated under the general incorporation act, which does not authorize such bonds issued.

Assessors' returns to the comptroller make

does not authorize such bonds issued.

Assessors' returns to the comptroller make the following showing: Total assessed values in the State \$631,089 994; increase overlast year in round figures \$31 000 000, embracing increased value of lands \$4,793,394, town lots \$7,729,000, railroads \$750,500, horses \$1 379,000, and minor items. There was an increase in the number of cattle of 467,000, but a decrease in value of \$441,000; increase in the number of sheep 41,119, but a decrease in value of \$380,312.

The assessed values of Greer county have been reduced to \$615,000 from something over \$2,000,000 two years ago. The increased railroad values indicate increased mileage of over 1000 miles since the previous assessment.

over 1000 miles since the previous assessment It is said the M. K. and T. have now in view a proposed air-line to be run from Waco to Trinity, passing McLennan, Limestone, Leon, Houston and Trinity counties, a distance of eighty-five miles, intersecting the Houston and Texas Central at Thornton and the International and Great Northern at Marquez. The road will connect at Trinity with the road now bailt from Trinity to Oxden and owned by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

On the night of December 6th all of Leffer. On the night of December 6th, all of Jefferson was out in a torchight procession, and at the public speaking. Most of the dwellings and a great number of the business houses had illuminations in honor of Jefferson's acquiring the largest iron furnace in the South, with carwheel, foundry and boxcar factory connected. Work to begin in thirty days.

Dallas county is to have a big convention Dec. 15, to devise ways and means to improve county roads.

Marshall has entered into a contract with E. Sutphin to put in a system of waterworks, the works to be completed within six months from Dec 3, and the water supply to be 500 000 gallons per day. The city is to pay him \$67,000 for the works.

A number of pegroes led, by one of their

A number of negroes led by one of their race who claims to be under spiritual guidance, were last week, digging in a thicket in the eastern suburbs of Sherman after a great sum af Mexican coin said to have been buried there fifty years ago.

Diphtheria is creating much excitement at Groveton. It was recently brought there from Iowa. In eight days there were eight cases and three deaths, Mrs. Easton and two children. It is confined in two families. O, C. Porter was elected mayor of Texar-

Representative Martin, of Texas, last week got hold of Geo. Harris, the reporter who wrote the canard about Mr. Martin blowing out gas. When Old Howdy got through with him the reporter was convinced the congressman had nerve and muscle enough to turn off newspaper gas.

The Reporter contains an address to the citizens of Abilene, signed by the mayor, city council, beard of school trustees and the progressive committee, asking aid in the new school building. There is such a feeling existing here for better school facilities that it's safe to say that a hearty response will be made a' once.

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