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WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST ? (JESUS.)

"Their rock is not as our rock, even ou enemies themselves being judges."-Moses.

Infidels and Skeptics.

THOMAS CHUBB "In Christ we have an example of a quiet and peaceable spirit, of a becoming modesty and sobriety, just, honest, upright, and stncere; and above all, of a most gracious and benevolent temper and behavior; one who did no wrong, no injury to any man; in whose mouth was no guile; who went about doing good, not only by his ministry, but also in curing all manner of diseases among the people. His life was a beautiful picture of human nature in its native purity and simplicity; and showed at once what excellent creatures men would be when under the infuence and power of that gospel which he

LEGUINIA. "He called himself the son of God. Who among mortals dare to say he was not? He always displayed virtue: he always spoke aceording to the dictates of reason: he always preached up wisdom: he sincerely loved all has founded religion in humanity, as Socrates men, and wished to do good even to his per- has founded it in philosophy, and Aristotle secutors: he developed all the principles of in science. There had been philosophy bemoral equality and of the purest patriotism: he met danger undismayed: he described the hard-heartedness of the rich: he attacked the pride of kings: he dared to resist even in the face of tyrants: he dispised glory and fortune: he was sober: he solaced the indigent: he taught the unfortunate how to suffer; he sustained weakness; he fortified decay; he consoled misfortune: he knew how to shed tears with those that wept: he taught men to subjugate their passions, to think, to reflect, to love one another, and to live happily together: | religion is without limits. The church has he was hated by the powerful, whom he of- had its epochs, its phases, its symbols, which fended by his teaching; and persecuted by the wicked, whom he unmasked: and he died under the indignation of the blind and deling nothing, defining nothing, save only the to the thoughts and feelings of the people." ceived multitude for whose good he had always lived."

JOHN STUART MILL.

"The most valuable part of the effect on the character which Christianity has produced, by holding up in a divine person a standard of excellence, and a model for imitation, is available even to the absolute unbeliever, and can never more be lost to humanity. For it is Christ, rather than God, whom Christianity has held up to believers as the pattern of perfection to humanity. It the Jews, or of nature, who, being idealized, has taken so great and salutary a hold on the nodern mind. And whatever else may be still left-a unique figure, not more unlike all his precursors that all his followers, even those who had the direct benefit of his personal teaching. It is of no use to say that Christ, as exhibited in the gospels, is not his torical, and that we know not how much of what is admirable has been superadded by the tradition of his followers." "Who among his disciples, or among their proselytes, was capable of inventing the sayings ascribed to Jeermen of Galilee: as certainly not St. Paul. character and idiosyncracies were of totally different sort: still less the early Chris tian writers, in whom nothing is more eviden than that the good which was in them was all derived, as they always professed that it was derived, from the higher source." "About the life and sayings of Jesus Christ

there is a stamp of personal originality, com bined with profundity of insight, which, if we abandon the idle expectation of finding scientific precision where something very different was aimed at, must place the Prophet of Nazareth, even in the estimation of those who have no belief in his inspiration, in the very first rank of the men of sublime genius of whom our species can boast. When this pre-eminent genius is combined with the qualities of probably the greatest moral reformer. and martyr to that mission, whoever existed npon earth, religion cannot be said to have made a bad choice in fixing on this man as the ideal representative and guide of humanity nor even now would it be easy, even for an unbeliever, to find a translation of the rule of state.' virtue from the abstract into the concrete than to endeavor so to live that Christ would approve our life. When to this we add, that, to the conception of the rational skeptic, it what he supposed himself to be," "a man charged with a special, express, and unique commission from God to lead mankind to truth and virtue, we may well conclude that be merely the work of man? Is it possible the influences of religion on the character, that the sacred personage whose history it which will remain after rational criticism has contains, should be himself a mere man? Do the Bible tells us of him, ever enter into the done its utmost against the evidences of reli- we find that he assumed the tone of an engion, are well worth preserving, and that thuslast, or ambitious secretary? What what they lack in direct strength, as compared sweetness, what purity in his manner! What night, and satisfies his innermost craving, his with those of a firmer belief, is more than an affecting gracefulness in his delivery!

of the morality they sanction." JOSEPH E. RENAN.

The capital event of the history of the world is the revolution by which the noblest portions of humanity passed from the ancient religions, comprised under the vague name of out weakness and without ostentation? When paganism, to a religion founded upon the Plato described his imaginary good man, divine unity, the trinity, the incarnation of loaded with all the shame of guilt, yet meritthe Son of God. This conversion required ing the highest rewards of virtue, he denearly a thousand years for its accomplish- scribed exactly the character of Jesus Christ; ment. The new religion occupied at least the resemblance was so striking, that all the three hundred years in its formation alone. fathers perceived it. What prepossession, But the origin of the revolution with which what blindness must it be, to compare the we have to do, is an event which occured dur- son of Sophroniscus to the Son of Mary? What ing the reigns of Augustus and Tiberius, an infinite disproportion there is between Then lived a superior person who by his bold them! Socrates dying without pain or ignoinitiative, and by the love which he inspired, miny easily supported his character to the created the object and fixed the starting last; and if his death, however easy, had not point of the future faith of humanity." * * | crowned his life, it might have been doubted

of the eternal religion of humanity."

ever understood this delightful theory of love. | virtue, Greece abounded in virtuous men. | all men, and poured out his blood like water. | terested and divine form, was, as all well know | head of the body, the church; who is the be- the seed of Abraham." After existing from The God of Jesus is no fatal master, who But where could Jesus learn, among his com- His preaching is full of eloquence. Many a manifested by Jesus Christin infinite strength, ginning, the first-born from the dead; that in eternity, He united to Himself for evermore a kills us when he pleases, condemns us when petitors, that pure and sublime morality, of nation loves to worship him. He lives amidst injuries and indignities which can not all things he might have the pre-eminence, perfect and representative sample of the todhe pleases, saves us when he pleases. The which he only hath given us both precept and amongst us still, to elevate us and to bless us; be surpassed. Now this singular eminence of For it pleased the Father that in him should lily and immaterial nature of man. - Camon God of Jesus is our Father. He is the God example? The greatest wisdom was made and we cannot think of him but with the goodness, this superiority to the degrading in-

for the first time, gave utterance to the idea upon which shall rest the edifice of the everlasting religion. He founded the pure worship, of no age, of no clime, which shall be that of all lofty souls to the end of time. Not only was his religion, that day, the benign religion of humanity, but it was the absolute religion; and if other planets have inhabitants endowed with reason and morality, their religion cannot be different from that which Jesus proclaimed at Jacob's well. Man has not been able to abide by this worship: we attain the ideal only for a moment. The words of Jesus were a gleam in thick night; it has taken eighteen hundred years for the eyes of humanity (what do I say! of an infinitely small portion of humanity) to learn words, as to the immortal expression of its and of the morality contained in the gospel, faith and its hopes." * * * "Christianithe marks of whose truth are so striking and ty has become almost synonymous with re- inimitable, that the inventor would be a more ligion. Apart from the great and good Chris-

tian tradition we should know nothing of religion. It would be mere barrenness. Jesus fore Socrates, and science before Aristotle. Since Socrates and Aristotle, philosophy and science have made immense progress; but all have been built upon the foundations which religious thought had passed through many revolutions. Since Jesus, it has made great conquest; but we have not left behind, we shall never leave behind, the essential idea which Jesus created. He has fixed forever the idea of pure worship. in this sense, his have been, or will be, but temporary; but Jesus has founded absolute religion, exclud-

sentiment." * * "The Sermon on the Mount is the highest creation which ever proseded from the human conscience, the most beautiful code of the perfect life ever traced by moralist." * * "In morality, as in art, words are nothing, deeds are everything. The idea which is concealed beneath the picture of Raphael is a small thing: it is the picture alone that counts. Likewise, in morality, truth becomes of value only, if it pass to the condition of feeling, and it attains all its preciousness only when it is realized in the is the God incarnate, more than the God of world as a fact. Men of indifferent morals have written very good maxims. Men very virtuous, also, have done nothing to cominue the tradition of their virtue in the world. taken from us by rational criticism, Christ is The palm belongs to him who has been mighty in word and in work, who has felt the truth, and, at the price of his blood, has made it triumph. Jesus, from this double point of view, is without equal: his glory remains complete, and will be renewed forever. * * "Repose now in thy glory, noble Founder! Thy work is finished; thy divinity is established. Fear no more to see the edifice of thy labors fall by any fault. Henceforth, beyond the reach of frailty, thou sus, or of imagining the life and character re. shalt witness from the heights of divine price of a few hours suffering, which did not even reach thy grand soul, thou hast bought the most complete immortality. For thousands of years, the world will depend on thee! Banner of our contests! thou shalt be the and severe in his denunciations. These are be given. A thousand times more alive, a admitting that we give a different interpretathousand times more beloved, since thy death than during thy passage here below, thou shalt become the corner-stone of humanity so entirely, toat to tear thy name from this

> JEAN J. ROUSSEAU. "If all men were perfect Christians, individuals would do their duty: the people would be obedient to the laws; governors would be just, and magistrates incorrupt: the soldiers would despise death; and there would be neither vanity nor luxury in such a a klad as only the divine could ever have

world would be to rend it to its foundations.

Between thee and God, there will no longer

death! take possession of thy kingdom,

whither shall follow thee, by the royal road

which thou hast traced, ages of worshipers.'

"I will confess to you that the majesty of the Scriptures strikes me with admiration, as the purity of the gospel hath its influence on my heart. Peruse the works of our philosoains a possibility that Christ actually was phers, with all their pomp of diction, how mean, how contemptible are they, compared with the Scripture! Is it possible that a book, at once so simple and sublime, should ensated by the greater truth and rectitude | What sublimity in his maxims! What profound wisdom in his discourses! What presence of mind, what sagacity, what truth in his replies! How great the command of his passions! Where is the man, where the philosopher, who could so live, and so die, with "Jesus was more than the reformer of a whether Socrates, with all his wisdom, was

worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit The death of Sourates peaceably philosophiz- encouragement, and without help, except "On the day when he pronounced these able that could be wished for; that of Jesus, faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say words, he was indeed the Son of God. He, expiring in the midst of agonizing pains, unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder abused, insulted, and accused by a whole nation, is the most horrible that could be feared. Socrates, in receiving the cup of poison, blessed the weeping executioner who admin-

Jesus were those of a God. "Shall we suppose the evangelic history a mere fiction? Indeed it bears not the mark Socrates, which nobody presumes to doubt, is not so well attested as that of Jesus Christ. Such a supposition, in fact, only shifts the difficulty, without obviating it. It is more inconceivable that a number of persons should to abide it. But the gleam shall become the lagree to write such a history, than that one full day; and after passing through all the only should furnish the subject of it. The circles of error, humanity will return to these | Jewish authors were incapable of the diction

astenishing character than the hero."

FELIX ADLER.

"Prof. Felix Adler, the son of an orthodo: Jewish rabbi, in a lecture before the Society for Ethical Culture, at New York, paid a tribute to Old Judaism, describing it as a religion which satisfied the yearnings of the heart. they laid. In the same manner, before Jesus, lifting men up to worship. He also said that the best part of Christianity was in the personality of its foundation, and he could not help loving the Christ. If it was a fiction, it was the grandest fiction ever written. He thought there surely must be something rea! in the spirit of Jesus, or else such fond memo ries would not be woven around his name He honored the old-time Christians, because they were true. Judaism and Christianity were true religions, because they were true

FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS. "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man: for he performed many wonderful works He was a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him many of the Jews, and also many of the Gentiles. This was the Christ. And when Pilate, at the instigation of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those who had loved him from the first did not cease to adhere to him. For he appeared to them alive again, on the third day; the divine prophets having foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe [or sect] of Christians, so named from him, subsists to this time."

Some persons have thought it not very pro bable that a Jew would thus speak of Christ. But why cannot a Jewish historian be candid as well as others? Numerous learned critics have fully shown the passage to be genuine. MORDECAL M. NOAH.

"Jesus preached at all times, and in al with the poor, communed with the wretched. avoided the rich, and rebuked the vainglorious. He sincerely believed his mission, courted no one, flattered no one; was pointed standard about which the hottest battle will not the characteristics of an impostor; but piness, good faith, mild government, and libe ral feelings which spring from his religion. what right has any one to call him an imposbe any distinction. Complete conquerer of tor? That religion which is calculated to

Literary Writers.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE. "I esteem the gospels to be thoroughly genuine, for there shines forth from them the re-

flected splendor of a sublimity, proceeding from the person of Jesus Christ, of so divine manifested upon earth."

JEAN P. F. RICHTER.

"The life of Christ concerns him who be ing the holiest among the mighty, the mightlest among the holy, lifted, with his pierced hand, empires off their hinges, and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages."

MATTHIAS CLAUDIUS. "No one ever thus loved (as Christ did), nor did any thing so truly great and good, as heart of man. It is a holy form, which rises before the poor pilgrim like a star in the

most secret yearnings and hopes." THOMAS CARLYLE.

"Jesus of Nazareth, our divinest symbol! Higher has the human thought never reacted." "A symbol of quite perennial, infinite character, whose significance will ever demand to be anew inquired into and anew made manifest." "He walked in Judea eighteen hun dred years ago; his sphere-melody flowing in wild and native tones, took captive the ravished souls of men, and being of a truth sphere-melody, still flows and sounds, though now with thousandfold accompaniments and rich symphonies, through all our hearts, and modulates and divinely leads them."

Converted Heathen. (?) RABU K. C. SEN.

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of Humanity." * * "The hour cometh | known amongst the most bigeted fanaticism, | profoundest reverence. Remember Jesus and | fluences of the age, under which all other men when ye shall worship neither in this moun- and the simplicity of the most heroic virtue him crucified, and you will learn how great, suffered, needs to be explained; and one thing tain, nor yet at Jerusalem, but when the true crowned one of the humblest of the people. how triumphant, life may be, with no human it demonstrates, that Jesus Christ was not an ing with his friends, appears the most agree- from God. How true his words: 'If ye have own life but the lives of confiding friends, in place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you.' If you have read the it had one distinction, which more than any-Bible (and what Brahmo does not read it), thing, forms a perfect character. It was you see in Jesus the grandest of all models made up of contrasts: in other words, it was istered it; but Jesus, in the midst of exeruci- of self sacrifice. Who but must be stirred a union of excellencies which are not easily ating terments, prayed for his merciless tor- and quickened by that crucifixion scene, reconciled, which seem at first sight inconmentors. Yes, if the life and death of Socra- where Christ allows himself to the sacrificed gruous, but which, when blended and duly tes were those of a sage, the life and death of | by an indignant and irritated mob? Jesus lived but to die; and, dying for the truth, he attract, with equal power, love and venerlives eternally: nor even now lives for self. but to show that salvation, such as his, waits | Christ an unparalleled dignity of character, a of fiction; on the contrary, the history of for all who will enter it by the love of man and the love of God. You can believe in the or approached by any other individual in hissimplicity of Scerates: you may catch from tory; and yet this was blended with a conde-Luther his boldness, his moral heroism, in proclaiming religious liberty; but from Jesus pilcity, which had never before been thought Christ you can learn a mountain-moving faith, and a holy patience to hear opprobrium; even as he, in perfect trust, allowed himself to be sacrificed with thieves. If, as true Brahmoes, of manners and freedom from austerity. He you have learned to say, with the dying joined strong feeling and seif-possession; an Jesus to the Father, 'Thy will be done,' then indignant sensibility to sin, and compassion you are not afraid of spilling your blood for to the sinner; an intense devotion to his God and his truth. You will freely scatter it over millions of men, if you have understood or caught his great spirit, who said, 'Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor for the body, what ye shall put on.' Say not that this spirit is Such was the author of our religion. And is impossible to you, because it is practically his character to be explained by imposture or ignored by numbers of the Christian world. insane enthusiasm? Does it not bear the un-Have in Jesus more faith than they. Then, giving up all for God and your country, food shall come down for you as dew for the lilies. He that feeds the ravens will not forget you. God help us to pray for the soul's good, and not merely for the bady. Deliver us, O Heavenly Father, from inglorious, mean, and sordid sins. Let us imitate the wisdom and true greatness of Christ, and walk in his spirit now and forever."

Clergs men.

WILLIAM E. CANNING, D.D. (UNITARIAN.) "How is this (the character of Jesus Christ) o be explained by the principles of human nature? We are immediately struck with this peculiarity in the Author of Christianity, that, whilst all other men are formed, in a measure, by the spirit of the age, we can discover in Jesus no impression of the period in which he lived. We know with considerable ecuracy the state of society, the modes of thinking, the hopes and expectations of the country in which Jesus was born and grew up; and he is as free from them and as exalted above them as if he had lived in another world, or with every sense shut on the objects around him. His His history shows him to us a solitary being, living for purposes which none but himself his chosen companions, brought to him the places, in and out of the temple, with an elo- with which it yielded in these honest men to every class of equipment demanded by His places, in and out of the temple, with an elo-quence such as no mortal has since possessed. the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represented and represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represented and represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represented and represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represented and represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represented and represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represented and represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represents the represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represents the represents the represents the instructions of Jesus." * * "One mission, that He represents the represen Jesus was free from fanaticism; his was a striking peculiarity in Jesus is the ex-quiet, subduing, retiring faith. He mingled tent, the vastness of his views. Whilst all around him looked for a Messiah to liberate God's ancient people-whilst to every other Jew, Judea was the exclusive object of pride and hope, Jesus came declaring himself to be the deliverer and light of the world; and in his whole teaching and life, you see a consciousness, which never forsakes him, of a tion to his mission, when one hundred and relation to the whole human race. The idea it is yet as rugged as a mountain, stern as an approximates him in character and life more fifty millions believe in his divinity, and we of blessing mankind-of spreading universal see around us abundant evidence of the hap-religion, was the most magnificent which had ever entered man's mind. All previous reli groups had been given to particular nations. No conqueror, legislator, or philosopher, in the extravagance of ambition, had ever dreamed of subjecting all nations to a commake mankind happy, cannot be a false one." mon faith." * * * "In this connection, I cannot but add another striking circumstance in Jesus, and that is, the caim confidence with which he always looked forward to the accomplishment of his design. He fully knew the strength of the passions and powers which were arrayed against him, and was perfectly aware that his life was to be shortened by violence; yet not a word escapes him implying a doubt of the ultimate triumphs of his religion. One of the beauties of the gospels, and one of the proofs of their genu neness, is found in our Savior's indirect and obscure allusions to his approaching sufferings, and to the giory which was to follow; allusions showing us the workings of a mind, thoroughly conscious of being appointed to lamity. This entire and patient relinquishment of immediate success, this ever-present persuasion that he was to perish before his religion would advance, and this calm, unshaken anticipation of distant and unbounded triumphs, are remarkable traits, throwing a tender and solemn grandeur over our Lord, and wholly inexplicable by human principles, or by the circumstances in which he was placed. * * The most striking trait in Jesus was, undoubtedly, benevolence; and, although this virtue had existed before, yet it had not been manifested in the same form and extent Christ's benevolence was distinguished first by its expansiveness. At that age, an uncon fined philanthropy, proposing and toiling to do good without distinction of country or rank, was unknown. Love to man as man, love comprehending the hated Samaritan and the despised Publican, was a feature which separated Jesus from the best men of his nation and of the world. Another characteristic of the benevolence of Jesus was its gentleness and tenderness, forming a strong contrast with the hardness and ferocity of the spirit and manners which then prevailed, and with "I have yet to show you the noblest ex- that sternness and inflexibility which the ample in all history of self-consecration to purest philosophy of Greece and Rome inculsuperannuated religion: he was the creator anything more than a vain sophist. He in the service of God and man-that of Jesus cated as the perfection of virtue. But its vented, it is said, the theory of morals. Christ. You know his life possibly better most distinguishing trait was its superiority Jesus cannot belong exclusively to those Others, however, had before put them in praction I do. The four gospels you have often to injury. Revenge was one of the recogwho call themselves his disciples. He is the tice; he had only to say, therefore, what they read. Imagine, if you can, a Jesus Christ not nized rights of the age in which he lived; and mon honor of all who bear a human heart. had done, and to reduce their examples to afraid to meet public odium-a Christ wholly though a few sages, who had seen its incon-His glory consists, not in being banished from precepts. Aristides had been just before prepared to sacrifice personal interests to sistency with man's dignity, had condemned all things created that are in heaven, and that a garment during His life on earth, as He history: we render him a truer worship by Socrates defined justice; Leonidas had given human good. Before you can deny this it, yet none had inculcated the duty of re- are in earth, visible and invisible, whether showing that all history is incomprehensible without him." * * * "This is his grand clared patriotism to be a duty; the Spartans nations of history. He laid down his life for ness which God manifests to sinful men, and ties, or powers: all things were created by act of originality; in this he owes nothing to were a sober people before Socrates recom- the millions of the human race. Here is en- of returning curses with blessings and pray- him, and for him: and he is before all things, form of a servant," and that "He took not on his race. Neither Jew nor Mussleman has mended sobriety; before he had even defined couragement for you. Jesus Christ died for ers. This form of benevolence, the most disin- and by him all things consist; and he is the Him the nature of angels, and took on Rim

unprincipled deceiver, exposing not only his an enterprise next to desperate.

"I can not enlarge on other traits of the character of Christ. I will only observe, that proportioned, constitute moral harmony, and ation. For example, we discover in Jesus scension, lowliness, and unostentatious simconsistent with greatness. In like manner, he united an utter superiority to the world, to its pleasures and ordinary interests, with suavity work, and calmness under opposition and ill success; a universal philanthropy, and a susceptibility of private attachments; the authority which became the Savior of the world, and the tenderness and gratitude of a son. ambiguous marks of a heavenly origin? * * * MURRY.

Jesus of Nazareth is worthy to be the per-

petual text of all preaching, the perpetual

matter what was the extent of his genius, the order of his talents, or the fashion of their exercise. Plate is not the constant theme of philosophy, for there has been and are other philosophers that divide with him the hon ors. Aristotle is not the sole representative or logic, for there have been and are logicians that stand his peer. Napoleon does not monopolize the admiration of those that study the art of war, for there have been, and per haps there are now, other military chieftains whose achievements are of so high an order that they command the admiration of all military men. And so in whatever sphere we find the great representative men of the world, we find that no one has been or is great enough to monopolize opinion and command universal homage. Whether you look at philosophy, poetry, music, science, art, or actor has been, there have been other actors, both before and after, that divided fame with character has in it nothing local or temporary. him, and had a common share in the applause It can be explained by nothing around him. and the remembrance of men. Only in respect to Jesus of Nazareth can it be said that one man had all, and was all, that one in his comprehended, and enjoying not so much as order could have and be. As a religionist, as the sympathy of a single mind. His apostles, a religious teacher-teaching in the twofold method of example and instruction bothspirit of the age; and nothing shows its Jesus was so opulent in gifts, so remarkable strength more strikingly than the slowness in manner and method, so magnificent in

RANDOLPH S. FOSTER, D D., LL D.

"His character has passed the test of maliclous assault for two thousand years, and it of the sinner who rejects the overtures of stands out to-day before the world as fault- grace from bad to worse is rapid and certain. less in every part. It comprises all paradoxes: more tender and gentle than that of a woman, avenger, and inflexible as fate; he was gentle, but not weak, and always strong and grand; he made no clamor, but moved among the people like a gentle current; yet wherever he went, he stirred and agitated human society to its depths; he dealt in the symbols of eternal judgment, but they came from his lips so tenderiy as to move his hearers to tears; he combined gentleness with strength, and pity with power; he was gentie yet terrible, as when he overthrew the tables of the money. changers in the temple; he was a revelation of a grand and rugged manhood; and of something nobler and deeper, something higher and grander, than the world. His name stands as the synonym of God on earth."

Inspired Writers.

JEREMIAH.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that will raise unto David a righteous Branch. and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In accomplish infinite good through great call his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Jehovah our Right-

ISAIAH.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Councellor, The Mighty God. The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

JOHN THE BAPTIST.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, behold the lamb of God. which taketh away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, After me cometh of the human race that ever lived. It is this, a man which is preferred before me; for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit | He who was born on this day did not begin descending from heaven like a dove, and it to be when He was conceived by His human abode upon him. And I knew him not: but mother, since He had already existed from he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me. Upon whom thou shall before all worlds, from eternity. His human see the Spirit descending, and remaining on nature, His human body, and His human him, the same is he which baptizeth with the soul were not, as is the case with Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that us, the whole outfit of His being; they were,

PETER.

Who is the image of the invisible God, the His own by uniting them to His Divine and first-born of every creature: for by him were Eternal Person. And then He wore them as

CHRISTMAS-MISCELLANY.

JEAN PAUL

An Effective Sermon. Luke ii:10-12.

An angel, i. e., one sent, that is, a missionary--yes, a celestial missionary, is the speaker. I. The exordium:

Fear not! The fear of men and possible ills paralyzes our springs of energetic action. One of Europe's greatest statesmen recently remarked that a Christian who feared God. feared naught else.

I!. The subject:

1. Glad tidings of great joy. The Savior had been born. The Deliverer had come. The Mightier than the mighty had entered the list for man's rescue.

2. Glad tidings to all people. Said the Savior subsequently: Go ye into all the world, etc. To the highways and hedges. God is no respecter of persons. Though sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as wool.

111. The happy effect:

The shepherds sought for corroboration of the angelic speaker's declaration.

1. Vis't Bethlehem. 2. Came with haste. Found the babe. 4. Made known abroad what they had seen and heard.

The Christmas Tree.

A few wise men met in a forest for the purpose of selecting a suitable Christmastree. The oak was in pected. It is the king of the forest; strong, tail, with limbs reaching out to the sky. But it was rejected upon hearing that the cross of Christ and the stocks of Paul had been of oak. The beachtree was recommended. But one remarked that the wood of the beach, more than any theme of all religionists, and the perpetual other, was subject to the tooth of worms. Beobject of devout studentship. The same can sides, the fruit of this tree was the favorite be said of no other man that ever lived, no food of porcupines, brutes into whom the devils of Gadara had chosen to enter. The birch tree was next highly spoken of. But, suggested an elderly sage, of the birch tree the schoolmaster is known to secure that famous instrument-the switch. Jesus has not come to punish but to save. Approaching a brook, the willow hove in sight. Would it do? No. said a Christian with silver locks, it was on the willows that the faithful Jews, captives in Babylon, had hung their harps. We, being free from the bondage of sin, sing songs of gladness. Finally all agreed to select the pine-tree. Its symmetrical proportion indicated the perfection of the Savior; being an evergreen, it symbolized the amaranthine hope of the Child of God; the cruciform shape of branches and twigs protrayed the Master's sacrificial death; its pyramidal structure suggested that the heart of man ought religion, you find that however great any to tend heavenward; its balsamic and medicinal fragrance reminded sinners of the Balm

Troubled, Wrath on Christmas.

Herod was troubled when the wise men equired where they could find the newly born King of the Jews. Uneasily rests the head which wears a crown. A tree on the mountain's summit suffers most from the winter's blasts. The Damocies-sword of impending displacement is constantly sesrefused his request of returning home via ordered the slaughter of all male infants less than two years of age. The fearful declivity The wicked man may not formally address satan and sing: Nearer tmy God to Thee; he and more every day.

Good Will to Men.

It is a commendable custom, on Christmas. to make our homes happy with mutually presenting each other with tokens of kindness. On this day God gave to us His only beloved son. The gift made us, made countless millions of Adam's race, inexpressibly happy. Daughters should provide presents of their own manufacture for parents; sons save their money for the purchase of presents. Parents would fail to bestow the hallowing charm of true, genial home life if they provided not presents for their children on this day. It is many years ago, but even now a tear of grateful remembrance moistens this sheet while memory reverts to former scenes of Christmas. After dark, on Christmas Eve, our parents invited their six impatient youngsters to the parlor. What a sight! What delight! A Christmas-tree, brilliant with merry lights! On the branches of the tree and on tables near by were the toys, books, garments, etc., designed for each of us. The inhabitants of heaven cannot be happier than this, my father's family, on such occasions.

The poor must not be neglected on Christmas. Good will to man-to the poor especially. We will load their table with edibles; will make them happy by supplying them with warm clothes.

CHRISTMAS DAY, we are all agreed, is the

greatest birthday in the year. It is the birthday of the greatest Man, of the greatest Teacher of men, of the greatest Benefactor but it is also much more. For as on this day was born One who, whilst He is truly Man. is also, nay, immeasurably, more than man. in truth, the least important part of it. He had, I repeat it, already lived for an eternity Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living when He condescended to make a human body and a human soul in an entirely new sense does now in the courts of Heaven. And then H. P. Liddon, D.D., in The Treasury.

Texas Obristian Advocate.

About the Lesson.

LESSON XII., SUNDAY, DEC. 23. RUTH'S CHOICE. Ruth i:16-22.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The position of the Book of Rath in our B bles differs from that given in the Hebrew Bible. But our versions agree with the Septuagint in placing it next to the Book of Judges. The events occurred during the time of the "judges" (Ruth i:1), probably at least a century before Saul became king; but no definite date can be assigned to them. The story seems to belong to some interval of repose in the history of Israel. Boaz is spoken of as the great-grandfather of David, and this would point to a time before the oppression under the Philistines. The closing chapters of the Book of Judges (17 21) relate incidents that belong to an early part of Israel's history under the "judges."

This book opens with the simple narrative of Etimelech's sojourn in the land land of Israel with her two daughterslaw turned back at Naomi's suggestion. The lesson tells what the other one said and did .- Sunday School Times.

BEACHING POINTS.

conditions of life, death and burial. Heart affection triumphs over all externals. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." Love does not count the cost of surrender, nor the circunstances of those to whom it makes its tender alliances. Naomi may alike their part in the plan of God in behave gone out strong and rich in husband and sons, and come back widowed, bereft, and poor, but Rath loves her, not could not be bettered for the truest

If love calls for great surrenders, it has does not seem to have been any planning also great rewards. Elisha will not go back, even at command; he gets a double Bethlehem "in the beginning of barley portion of the Spirit. Ruth cleaves to harvest," any more than they had any Naomi, whose lot was so hard that she wanted to be named "Bitter," and she gets growth, love and Boaz and bocomes there just then. But everything for their the great-grandmother of the sweet future seems to have hinged on the fact singer of Israel basides. She was per mitted to put her Gentile blood in the and sad-hearted-at just that time of veins of Christ.

The clements of a true choice are: determination, no turning back at urging of Rath, the widows would probably have friends, or scoffs of foes; complete, it continued to live in Moab; or if they had takes any people, Naomi's or God's, to moved over to Bethlehem they would the straying collar. He became conscious be its own, any destiny, life or death. is an affectionate total self-surrender. It and future generations would not have may be made toward God as well as toward our fellows.

Dante has the approval of all brave men in assigning to that hell where are hem weeping, and had no property to those disdained alike of mercy and justice Pope Celestine V.,

"Who made, through cowardice, the great refusal.

It has the approval of all brave men, that every one should be assigned to heaven who has read these grandest words of God, and made the royal choice of serving perfectly the one only object of a perfect love .- Bishop H. W. Warren . in Sunday-School Times.

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

Whither thou goes, I will go; thy people shall be my people, and thy God God: . . . the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me (vs. 16, 17). To join the Lord's people includes the idea of being one of the Lord's people. And to be one of the Lord's people is to accept the lot of the Lord's people for always and in all things. Ruth, rather than Orpah or Sapphira, should be our pattern in sharing with the people of God. It is not enough to go to the borders of our land, and then kiss the Z onward traveler good by. Nor fa her had whispered to the minister ed in the shadow of the entrance to his "Hopping High" asked the boys if next is it sufficient to put part of our posses- when he offered him for baptism, almost shop. Behind him came the strong tread sions into the common stock, and hold sixty years ago. back the rest. Unless we are wholly the Lord's, there is not enough of us in the in Milltown. It had filled up a good earnestly, and pausing just before his that he has with them in their needs.

says that he is the Lord's steward, and light, to make a a refractory needle acthat he holds all his property as conse- cept a kinky thread. crated property, that sounds very well. steadfast mind is always a power in the whose shaggy eye-brows hid the kindly

unto him in that line. And it is the

When they were come to Bethlehem ... all the city was moved about them (v. 9). A new comer into the fold of the Good Shepherd never fails of a welcome from the rest of the real flock. We have the best of reasons for believing that even in heaven there are rejoicings over one repentant sinner, one willing-hearted refugee from Moab, and that for the time being that one convert centres more of heavenly interest than any ninety and nine of those who were safe before. And so it is in the church assembly below. Every loving follower of Jesus has his heart gladdened by the sight of one new convert standing, or kneeling, before God in the presence of the congregation, to confess faith in the only Savior, and to owner of the dingy shop and the rooms promise unfailing allegiance to him. Have you had that welcome yourself? If not, why not? If you have had it, see to it that you don't fail in extending it to others.

The Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.... The Almighty hath afflicted me (vs. 20, 21). "Whom the Lord lovof Moab in cosequence of a famine, of eth he chasteneth." "In the world ye his death, then of the death of his two have tribulation." Whoever comes into sons, then of the return of Naomi to the the circle of the Lord's loved ones, must expect to have things look dark to him in-law. On the way, at some unknown at times. The Lord's ways are not as place, probably on the east side of the our ways. What the Lord does we know Jordan, on the borders of the land of not now; but me shall know hereafter. Moab, the touching scene depicted in Just as surely as we cast in our lot with verses 6-18 occurred. One daughter in the people of God, and receive a greeting from them, just so surely must we look for oppressing and saddening surroundings and experiences; and just so surely shall we be tempted to question and distrust the loving care and tenderness of our A sweet-tempered Israelitish woman God, when we have no reason to do so. named "Pleasing," in a land of expatria- Yet any one of us may find, as Naomi tion, was such a missionary that she won found, that it was by means of the bitter the finest example of devoted friendship affil clions which at the time seemed so on record. The convert was ready to grievous, that the Lord was bringing the leave country, kindred, take any new | affl cted one into the sweep of his best blessings for that one and for those dearest to that one.

And they come to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest. (v. 22) To them that love God all things work together for good." Trials and joys have half of those who are dear to him. And his providences are so arranged that they welfare of those who trust him. There on Naomi's and Ruth's part to reach understanding of the bright side of the bereavements which had brought them of their reaching there-empty-handed year. If E melech or Cailion had left "a handsome property" to Naomi or have set up a separate establishment. been likely to know anything about them. But it was because those destitute and disconsolate women came into Bethle "support" them, only the Lord's arm to lean on, that Ruth started out into the barley-field to glean a scanty living for herself and mother-in law. And because all this "happened"-in the Lord's plan -in just this way, Ruth the widowed Moabitess came to be the ancestress of David and of David's greater Son, stepped into history and immortal fame; and on this account you and I and millions of others hold her in loving reverence, and are making her life and character a lesson for our good and the good of others to-day. Doesn't the Lord know what is best for his dear ones? Ought we to to have any further doubt on this point? -H. Clay Trumbull in Sunday School

Old and Joung.

THROUGH THE NEEDLE'S EYE." A CHRISTMAS STORY

A. R. Home, in Silver Cross.

Times

"Hiram Hopkins" was the name his Sixty years had made a great change

Lord's service to be of any particular many of the spaces between the old door. account. A Moabite can join Israel, but graves in the church yard. It had made not without quitting Moab, and accept- the moss cling like a gray-beard to the church, why, the parish would feel ing the lot of the Israelite. A Christian belfry roof. It had made of the little can prove that he is a Christian only by stragging main street quite a smart evidencing his love for all who are Chris- thoroughfare, in which the new town tians, and by sharing all that he is and hall and brick stores and the soldiers' monument held themselves loftily above When she saw that she was steadfastly the low wooden shops, sandwiched be minded to go with her, she left speaking | tween their greatness like thin, hard bits unto her (v. 18). To say what you of meat between great spongy, swelling mean to do is one thing. To mean what slices of bread. Somehow the real flavor you say is quite another thing. And un of village life was in the little old shops, less you mean what you say, when you after all. In one of them Hiram Hoptalk about your consecration and devot- kins sat on his tailor's bench, with his edness to God, your words have no power legs crossed in true Turkish fashion, and with God, and very little power, if any, his mouth puckered in a silent whistle, with man. When a rich church member | as he tried, in the fast fading December

Sixty years had made changes in Hitribution box and the subscription lists passed them, every one. They had crept into his lonely house and sat consider. of his church goes a great way toward changed the writhing baby, who squirmed tailor fashion on his settle by the fire convincing people how steadfastly mind- and wriggled as the water touched his thinking, while the old town clock and a nuisance, I know; but though I ed he is the line of his professions. A forehead, into a swathy, unshaven man, measured the long night hours. world, nowhere more of a power than in twinkle of his sunken eyes. They had It broke over Militown with sunshine sider him. "That little brother of mine the church of Christ. When a lad says bent his back and crooked his legs until and clear, crip air, and sound of bells. is such a bother;" "that big brother is "No" as if he meant it, in answer to the short one, in order to keep pace with In every home the heart of childhood such a tease," I often hear some sister

ers are more likely to leave speaking spasmodic hop, which had changed his closed, but by the window watched read, a young man was spoken of, through name on the common lip from Hiram Hi am, in his Sunday suit. His gray a bad misprint, as the eldest "bother" of same with older persons as with young Hopkins to "Hopping High." Old Hiram hair was brushed, and the razor had had such a distinguished individual. used to it as he had been forced to get shaggy eyebrows seemed to have lifted of a letter might occur only at the printused to a great many other unpleas- to let the soul shine through. The old er's font and never in real life. ant things. He had had a good deal of colored woman who came once a week "Let sisters not begrudge the time had gone out of the world when he came great be wilderment as to what this uninto it, and his stepmother never wonted ordiliness of things could mear. occasion to quote. "It is hard to bethoroughly forgave him for having stayed But on her cogitations broke the sound lieve that any boy that you know so well behind. His schoolmates, with youthful of sleigh bells; and Hiram rushed to the as your own brother can ever turn out pitilessness, snubbed him for his weak prentices could not forgive his lack of sleigh was a woman wrapped in a buffalo kind needed in six thousand years. But vices, and even his beer-loving old master robe, and children who suddenly seemed I tell you what, your brother will be found it hard to pardon the industry and to Hiram too many to count. sobriety that promised to take the pat ronage he was wasting at his cups. So, though he came, as the years passed

on, by dint of patient plodding, to be the ping after. above it, he had been snubbed so long and so much on the way, that it never good a place to go to; nice Christmas occurred to him that he need not live and dinner all smokin' hot," said Hosea, most devilish. There is a teasing that is work alone. He took it as a matter of scanning Mrs. Hill's face, uneasily. course, and made the best of it, and worked away steadily, his business growing with the growing town, but with his heart as empty and lonely as ever a heart could be. For, strange as it may seem the heart of old Hiram Hopkins was not head that hoss straight round, and back the sistere the brothers. Sometimes it bowed like his shoulders, nor twisted and | up to my door, I'm going to have a Christ- is the color of the hair, or the shape crooked like his legs; but so silent was he that no one could have guessed how upright and sound it was, and, least of all did he suspect it himself.

And this afternoon, as he sat there old eyes, aiming at that evasive hole in the needle, suddenly went through his head the thought of the text about the camel and the needle's eye. Hiram was Word, just as he found it, was good enough for him, and the lesson was all neither. But now I've got my dinner, eye meant that or something else. "How hardly shall they that have riches enter the Kingdom." How hardly. Too big a load to squeeze through the gate, and rather not get in than to let any of the burden go. Somehow the thought away with fat M'lissa's black arm about clung to him, till he dropped the work and went up-stairs to his lonely room to freshen the fire and set the old brown earthen teapot on the hearth; and still the thought kept coming and going in

Suddenly, as he poured his tea, he heard the church bell ring. It was Wednesday night, and the usual weekly meeting was about to begin. Slowly he rose, and taking his staff and hat, went out into the cool, clear air, and turned his halting steps toward the church. From the vestry he saw a stream of light pour out across the snow, and caught the grotesque figure his shadow made as he entered the open door.

He did not come often, though he had been a member of the church all his life. Once he liked to come; but as the years crept on he became more untidy and un couth, and there was no one at home to smooth the gray locks or to put a pin in of himself, and when the boys shouted after him in the street, he felt more and more like keeping forever within the shadow of his shop.

But to-night some new spirit seemed to animate him, and several times he half rose to his feet. His neighbors saw him and stared coldly; his pastor saw him, and there was nothing encouraging in his look, or in the voice with which he said: "The brethren will be very brief, as the hour is already late."

Poor old Hiram; he understood it. He was too halting, and blundering, and old. and twisted and shabby. Of course, if he would speak they must listen; but what a foolish man to suppose that he had anything to say, or that they would want to hear!

Slowly he went home through the darkness. A few careless boys sent snowballs after his bowed figure. He had been snubbed again. No matter if he had hearded and hidden money years and years, and now wanted to lighten his burden and share his riches with the needy, and so truly enter the kingdom of heaven; nobody wanted or cared for him. No matter if the Caristmus was near; nobody looked to him for Christmas comfort and cheer. Bitter and sore, he haltof two men, arm in arm-Parson Read and Deacon Foote-talking low and

The fact is, if they belonged to our bound to support them; but they don't. and one's helped them, and another's helped them, till it's no use. They will have to go to the poor house, and might as well go first as last."

"Yes, I suppose it must come to that. for Mrs. Hill has not health to work hard enough to support them, and the children are too young to do much. But what is to become of the place?"

"Oh, the place," answered the deacon. belongs to the town already. When Mr. Hill died his wife did her best to support them there; then when she became ill the town had to furnish coal and provisions, until, the fact is, the place has been eaten up."

And then the two men passed on out

Two days later the Christmas came.

did not like the change much, but he got a chance at the stiff beard, and even the I wish that these mistakes and elisions snubbing all the way along. His mother and tidied up his place was in a state of and care bestowed on a brother," writes door in time to call Mr. Hosea Jenkins, back and crooked legs. His fellow ap the Overseer of the Poor, in whose big be a Moses. There is only one of that

> the sleigh, and the short one came hop-"Goin' up t' poor farm; nice com'table

"Now, you don't mean it, Hosea?

the same to him, whether the needle's and I've jest gone, 'cordin' to Scriptur', you think is "just nice?" You do not out into the highways to find some one think that he is, because you know him to bring in." after another was lifted on to the door- is very near perfection, while she has a step, and the feeble mother was led very moderate opinion of her own brother

> "Well, this jest beats me," said Hosea, looking back at his empty sleigh.

"Now, Hosy, if you've a mind to take that sieigh and pick up another load of the old folks, or the boys. or anybody that ain't goin' to celebrate special. you can drop jest as many as you please bainto the room, where M'lissa was maknotion to invite some of the children. and maybe some of the neighbors, to dinner to day, and I couldn't take care of so many without some one to help. S) I hope you'll excuse me if I seemed anyways rude to ketch you jest as ye was flyin'; and now, I've got ye."

But the tears were starting from the widow's eyes, and H ram was not used to tears, and before she could answer him he hobbled out of the room. And these were not the only gu

dinner. That sleigh came back twice of his true success in life will depend with old men and antiquated maidens, and with newsboys and bootblacks hanging on behind. And out in the back shop a little twisted man hopped in and out. in a tangle of bare-legged small boys, who, seeing a large case of ready-made suits opened before them, could not wait yourselef to be. You will be his gauge to be fitted in turn.

"Lot er suits," muttered H ram, rescuing a clothes pin of a child, who had got himself lost in a pair of trousers that would have buttoned over his head: "lot er suits t'I bought when Jessup sold out. Been wonderin' what I was such a fool's t' buy 'em for, and now I know. It's high time, high time I began to unload if I'm ever goin' to git into the kingdom. There! hat fits ye, my little man. Here, M'lissa. I can't get ten arms into one jacket, so while I'm fitting one and another, you jest give these little ones a scrub."

And so, with laughter and squeals, and splashing of water, and dancing about with soap in their eyes, and remonstrances of, "Now, honey. you jest 'have yerself, and walk worthy yer pribileges," the fun went on.

At the head of the table sat Mrs. Hill, and when the merry meal was over, and year they would like to come again, they gave a shout that made the old house ring.

"Well, then, I invite you all for the next year, provided Mrs. Hill and her children will stay here and get the house the mighty influence he has given you to and dinner ready for you. Our good M'lissa did it almost alone this year, and true to your high calling, in all these reit has been such a piece of work as I lations of life. should not like to put on her again."

"Dat's so, honey," said M'lissa, pausing in her exit with a plate of chicken bones in each hand: "I'se worked for Mr. Hopkins many a year, but I didn't never know afore that he'd got such a fambly! And suddenly remembering that she was making an after dinner speech, she ducked her head, while a daring newsboy shouted:

"Three cheers for Mr. Hopkins and a tiger for High."

CHIEFLY SISTERS.

There is still another relative of yours, But the way in which he treats the con- ram as well as in Milltown, where he had of the hearing of "Hopping High," who young ladies, whom I would ask you to

You regard him sometimes as a plague admit that he often is most exasperating, there is a better light in which to consome temptation to do wrong, his tempt. the long one, was forced to assume a was made happy. The tailor's shop was say. In an obituary notice that I once

one whose pithy words I have before had anything very useful. Well, he may not either a blessing or a curse to society, "Hold on, Hosy," he shouted; "where and a candidate for happiness or wretchyou goin'?" and the long leg strode to edness. Don't snub him. Don't depreciate his ability. Don't talk discouragingly about his future. Don't tease him. Brothers and sisters do not consider it place: ought to be thankful 'nuff got so any harm to tease. That spirit abroad in the family is one of the meanest and pleasurable, and is only another form of innocent raillery; but that which pro-Horace Hill's wife and children goin' to vokes and irritates and makes the eye the poor house, and Christmas mornin', flash with anger is to be reprehended. too, when everybody's got more'n they It is the curse of innumerable households know what to do with? Now, you jest that the brothers tease the sisters, and mas party. I'm jest a leetle late in of the features, or an aff ir of givin' out my invitations, that's all. I the heart. Sometimes it is by revealing meant to give 'em out in meetin', and a secret, or by a suggestive look, or a ask all the folks that didn't calkerlate to guffaw, or an 'Ahem.' Tease! Tease! give a Christmas party this year-like the Tease! Christ says, 'He that hateth his puckering his mouth and straining his boys, you know, them little fellars that brother is a murderer.' Now when you works and ain't got a reg'lar home, ex- by teasing, make your brother or sister actly-to come round and cheer up a hate, you turn him or her into a mur lonesome old fellar like me. But I got a derer or murderess." kinder scared; had on my ev'rg-day Did you ever think of this that prob-

not very strong on interpretations; the clothes, and thought nobody'd want to ably that brother whom you apparently come; shouldn't blame them none, think so little of, is fully as worthy a boy as that other girl's brither whom better, but probably there is some other And, meantime, one astonished child girl who thinks at this moment that he whom you admire. It would be well if you should exchange eyes with her for a little while. There is much in your own brother that you have not discovered. He is probably a bright, manly, courageous rellow, with all his faults, and I know you love him in your inmost heart, but I want to have you manifest that affection in more helpful ways. Do not fore this door. Now, Mrs. Hill," said always pair off with some other girl's the little man, following her up-stairs brother; do not make your own feel that he is of no account, and that you cannot ing her comfortable, "you see. I had a enjoy yourself at a party or concert or lecture if he is the only one who sits by your side, and goes home with you afterward.

Do you know why God has put you in the same family and given you a common father and mother? It did not come so by chance but that you might exert a s'sterly influence over him, pure and sweet and wholesome; an ir fluence that will raise him out of many a bog in which his coarser, masculine nature may otherwise get bemired. Very much upon his ideal of womanhood. If that ideal is exalted he can never become utterly debased. If that ideal is low or trivial, he cannot rise very high in the scale of manbood. His ideal of womankind will be very much what you show and standard of other women. Most likely your heart will be first touched by divine truth, and will first accept a Savior's love. Be to him, then, such an example of maidenly Christliness that he cannot miss his way to the cross. It was to Lez arus' sis'er that our Lord first made the joyful announcement: "Thy brother shall rise again." Through you the Lord will speak to many a brother, telling him to arise from his sin and begin the new life, the true life of a true man. Let us always bear in mind how our blessed Lord dignified and exalted these earthly relationships. His mother bore the name that many of you bear; bis dear friends were the sisters of the house of Bethany; he thought the ruler's daughter of enough consequence to exert his supreme, miraculous power, and of the three whom he raised up to life she was one, and he has said: "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother."

I know of no s ronger appeal to make to your womanly natures. Because of what he has done for you, because of the honor he has put upon you, because of exert, as mothers, daughters, sisters, be

"Show us how divine a thing A woman may be made."





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THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE. M. Johnson, in The Silver Cross.

One time, upon the border of a dim, old Ger-

man forest, There stood the hut-like dwelling of a

woodman rough and poor; Full hard he toiled in giving to that home its fragal living,

But love and kindness dwelt within the humble cottage door.

One Christmas Eve, the woodman with his wife and two fair children, Sat 'round the cheery fireside wintry storm swept by;

When o'er the tree-twigs snapping they heard a feeble rapping. And a voice from out the snowdrifts crying, "Shelter, or I die!"

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The children eager hast'ning soon threw the door wide open, And brought within from out the storm a

little wandering child; And on their hearthstone shiv'ring he told with pale lips quiv'ring,

Of hunger, fright and bitter cold, alone in night so wild. The cottage children heard him with hearts

affood with pity, "Stay, stay with us! We have not much, but we will share," they cried; They comforted and fed him, to their own

couch they led him, Then slept themselves on bench of wood drawn near the chimney side.

All early Christmas morning, when the dawn was just abreaking, They woke to hear such music as they ne'er

had heard before; and rising in amazement they saw from out their casement,

A shining throng with harps of gold sweet singing 'round their door. Oh Holy Child, we greet thee! Our harps

and voices ringing. Whilst thou art sleeping safe within, we watch are keeping here:

Blest be the house that shields thee, that love and comfort yields thee It is the happiest on the earth, and unto

heaven most near!" The children turned in wonder, and there be hind them standing

They found the stranger, clad in gold, with glory in his face; I am the Christ-child, roaming ever in the

Christmas gloaming, To find the loving-hearted, and reward their

Then left he their poor dwelling, but just outside its doorway A fir-twig plucked and planted, saying it should grow to be

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REMINISCENSES.

I joined the East Texas Conference in fall of 1852, and was appointed to the Clarksville circuit as junior preacher under Samuel Robins, a transfer from the Indian Mission Conference, who did not reach the work until Morch following, which put me in charge of the work urtil he arrived. This work was then a very large one with twenty eight regular appointments stretching over the counties of Bowie, and Rad River and a small portion of Lamar. A young man's quarterage was one hundred dollars and was no more. There were on the that cannot be excelled in the State for with it in no time." Away we go; "well, circuit then of local preachers J. W. P. McKenzie, W. G. Dake and Thos. Selby, whose prayers and wise counsel did me very much good. I would say to fathers and mothers in Israel, take care of the young men. This was a year of abundant labors and reasonable success; many were converted and added to the church. C. J. COCK.

SULPHUR SPRINGS.

THE WANTS OF THE TIMES.

I am persuaded in my own mind that the thing most needed is a revival of secret prayer upon the part of the miaistry. Not long since I roomed for several days with a distinguished minister, and I never did see him engaged in secret prayer. And only a short time since I was present where several of our learned divines preached; and to my surprise, they went from the busy throng to the pulpit and proceeded at once without a moment's meditation. These things may seem to some as little things; but I must confess to me it is a very serious matter. It was not so thirty years ago, when I entered the ministry. I well remember that our old preachers prayed much in secret; and never thought of entering the sacred desk without earnest pleading with God for divine help. They were not all learned men, but they had power with God and man. We may understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and without prayer we are nothing. We may tickle the ear and please the fancy of the populace, but can never reach the heart of the people. We may lament our cold and lifeless sta's, and send for an evangelist to give life to the dry bones; but all will be in vain without the power behind the throne. Head work is good, but knee work should not be ignored. Let us follow the example of Him who said, "When thou prayest enter into thy closet," and then we shall set an example to our flock worthy of imitation.

J. W. VEST. MARTINDALE, TEXAS.

WESTWARD. Oa the morning of Nov. 12 h, in company with several members of the Northwest Texas Conference, we left our home for Weatherford, the seat of our conference session. Our company were cheer on his reak at once, so I just 'hung on' from us as to applying it, etc. We call ful and communicative. And it was a till papa came and killed him. He was after her: "Susie, no doubt your mother noteworthy fact that after a year of hard a 'rouser,' I tell you, and a copper-head can bear the pain of her hand better if toil, meagre success and poor pay, each at that!" "How bravely you acted! What you were to tell her what a brave little Extension at Louisville. It might preacher was happy and hopeful. Reach- presence of mind you exhibited, my son! girl she has." It is night; the stillness ing Weatherford at 10:20 a. m., we were This prompt action on your part no is "almost heard;" the darkness "almost greeted by Bro. S ockton and others, and doubt saved your life! You are a very felt;" the ticking of the tall old-fashioned or Kansas City, where one expert layour home was assigned us with Mr. and hero, Fredl I trust in future you may clock is painfully audible to us; we are Mrs. Rsinbolt. Our stay was made always have at your command the cour so nervous-wakeful; our minds running church in every land. His office rent, pleasant in every particular; no visitor age you displayed this morning! Am on and on, quite beyond our control at stationery, and salary would be all the was more royally entertained than was so glad you acled well!" We looked at times. The day has been a trying one. capital stock or expense necessary to inthis writer. The centerence session was his bonny curls as they clung to his damp What with getting a hurried dinner, our pleasant and harmonious; every member forehead, as he stood, hat in hand, trip to town, our 'doctoring" of our courteous and brotherly. Bishop Hen drix charmed all who heard him in the pulpit and witnessed his management in the chair. He surely understands the responsible duties of chairman, and is fully up to the highest standard in speedily call from the back window as he passed: many have chills." Here a new feature and satisfactorily conducting the business of an Annual Conference. He knows just when to call for reports that are expected to evoke discussion, and to I will take the children with me," in we revert to the day's doings-calling introduce visitors and agents who have answer to his offer of "minding" them this action, that motive, in question. long speeches to make. The bishop fills in my absence. We reached the city- Thank God for "better selves," our "betmy ideal as a true Episcopus—genial, kind, not by "rapid transit" by any means—to ter natures." The searching inquiry. patient, and far seeing. He moves to all appearances by no other help than our the true accusation—trying us as no conclusions with satisfaction.

On the evening of the 19th the final question was reached, and the Bishop proceeded to read the appointments for another conference year. Great solemnity rested upon the large assembly as men were assigned to new fields, and among strangers for another year of toil and care. Some of course received fat places, others a streak o' lean-and this is right. Strange it is, that some think the best is and must be theirs all the way through, I heard but little complaint, and that came from the usual source.

A large number of brethren left on the east bound train at 5.30 p. m. We remained over till morning, and with brethren westward bound we left on the morning of the 20th for the far west. We were soon in the rugged rock ribbed belt that seems designed to hold Texas together to furnish rock for building shaky looking man we secretly rejoice the word makes us thrill. Our "better and maybe mineral wealth awaiting enterprise and capital. For miles hills, guiches, rocks, timber, short and scrubby, with an occasional set:lement was seen. The whistle of the ponderous engine gave information of towns and stations, and our company gradually grew small, until Abilene was reached, and into buying from a "traveling salesman." seed in his boyish heart then made fit for and with one consent we disembarked, and in double column moved up to the erly hearts and minds exercised by the death. No, you only praised him, made parsonage, having as guide the returned thought, "has all gone right in our abpastor, Rev. C. S. McCarver. We find nothing worse has have returned to his work with an exfound a cheerful, happy home, presided over by a refined Christian lady. Our stay was made pleasant. I rejoiced to a few days, has eaten the eggs from un- him the blazing testimony of a loving witness the hearty welcome given Bro. der our favorite Langshan pullet, a set-McO. on his arrival at the depot. A ting hen, which would set, could not be marked difference between his pe ple "broke," had been turned out of her

and others we know. In company with Rev. J. H. Wiseman, "first love"-her old nest. "Well, never on the morning of the 21st, we took pas-sage in a hack bound for Anson. An sufficient for all such emergencies."

elderly lady, the two preachers and driver m de up the company. A strong norther on all sides by walls of cloth, so that our eyes were not permitted to feast upon faint-sick. We suggested seasickness. The curtain was raised, the sickness ceased, and we were permitted to behold one of the best sections of the great State. Taylor, Jones and Haskell counties offer more inducements to home seekers than any portion of the State. Lands can be purchased at \$1.50 to \$5 "I will run for it and send Susie back beauty and fertility. I consider it the I wonder if I can lay my hand on it; I best grain country in the State. We reached Anson, the capital of Jones county, in due time. Spent the time very pleasantly with Brother and Sister they were called upon to give up their even pantry shelves are explored. Fipastor, Bro. W. having served the charge | nally, as we come upon the dust covered four years. 1 left with the dawn of day, Fine flowing water near by, and a fine country stretching away in every direc. ing smashed to pieces while you were halted at the gate of our children. A one is supposed to do to the reading of happy greeting-pleasant days are spent. their death warrant. "You know the The country is viewed. I preach Sun- big barrel of ashes on the sloping board day. It rains on Monday like it does in to drip lye? Well, Allie and I thought Arkansas (pours). I leave on Wednes- it would make a good side for our play day for home. Spent the night at house, so we spread down the horse blan-Throckmorton with Bro. Massie and ket near it and set the bady down. The family. What hospitality and how highly I appreciated it. Though sick with Bro. W. D. Robinson, a Methodist preacher. Welcome was accorded by Brother and Sister R. and all the children. I was sick-pain in the head, joints, bones, muscles, up and down. O shove, and sent her tumbling over. what pain I suffered. Dengue does not Down came the barrel-smash! It did vated form. I could not eat, neither lequacious, and therefore departed feel- what Jonas will say about his new horse ing that I had made an impression. Down to Cisco to Fort Worth; train gone forty minutes; round by Dallas,got home days have passed, unable to go to-day. E. L. ARMSTRONG. "he is s'ck."

"DENY ME THRICE." "Mamma, I came near being snake bitten this morning," said our fourteen- brave, thoughtful child, of whom any year-old Fred, rushing into the kitchen where we were so busy with our fore- bly in saving my babe! I will reward with "pots, pans, dishes and glass." He splendid thing!" So dabbing the cork of was very much excited concerning his the "cure all" bottle to the ebrasure on adventure. In answer to my look of in- her wrist-which was only "scraped up tense inquiry said: "I had taken up a a little"-she is urged to use all hastein bundle of grain, and from under the bind taking that "bottle of stuff" to her mothcrawled a snake. I saw I had a firm grip er. Sie receives "running" directions quenching his thirst from the big kitchen neighbor, has been too much for us. The a debt or a surplus fund." dipper filled with cool, clear water, and night grows chilly; we draw the coverlet thought how thankful we should be! No closer-chilly! chills! We are thinking word was speker. We were so busy-ah, of chills. 'Q tinine? Yes, ma'm; we do so very busy! We managed, however, to sell a great deal of quinine now. So "Mind, you tell your father to be in to an is given our thoughts; our "better sell" early dinner, as I go to town directly af- | confronts us, calling us to task, as they ter! No. thanks, my boy, you need not; often do when in the stillness of night and Pastors in charge. Then let every "expert" driving, the strength of the other tribunal can-condemns us as no tugs, and the "totability" of old "Si- other judge will-stripping our faul s the expense of launching the entire work. mon." "Yes, ma'm," said the drug and short comings of their guise or exclerk-where our first errand called us- cuse! Ah, our mind runs riot! ** as he handed a pale, "shaky-looking" many have chills!" O, you recreant, un lar enrollment, whose valuation is duly man a package of quinine, "we do sell a grateful! You failed to give God the great deal of quinine just now-30 many praise. You should have said to that are having chills." Well, we are not! drug clerk: "The Lord has been very We have no symptoms of chills! I just good to us this year; has blessed tell you, it is nearly all the fault of the us with health." You could have done mothers' allowing their children to eat this much without the "cant" so desall kinds of "trash"-green fruit, gorge pised by the world in Christians; but inthemselves with ripe, paddle in the stead you took the praise. You forgot creeks, run bare headed in the sun, dew the hand which has sheltered, guided and rain as they please and when they and lovingly kept you and yours; that please! I look after my family; and be- gave you what power you may have had sides, when I see signs of illness I at in your wonderful care of your dear once administer that "ounce of precau- ones. Ah! you have denied Him! "What tion," which invariably does away with is that? We are so nervous. Just a the necessity of the "pound of cure." I mouse scampering over head." That look closely after the habits and health house snake we saw yesterday, I supof my family. As we remember the pale, pose, is after it. Snake! Dear me, how that we are not, in some respects, "as selves" mounts guard again. Snake, other men are." We step out won. "and a copperhead at that." You did dering if this package of cream of tarter not tell your son to thank God for his and soda will not produce better biscuits preserving care; thank him that he was for tea, than those on which we broke given the courage to do as he did, that our fast in the morning, made of that help was nigh. No! not a word did you "nasty" baking powder we were cajoled say. You could have sown that tiny We return in the gloaming. Our moth. the reception by his narrow escape from happened than a lean, lank, lop-eared alted opinion of your God and an assurpup, which has taken refuge with us for lance of your Christianity, bearing with safety, his freedom from the deadly

coop and had returned faithfully to her

We are called from the contemplation poison once so near. Oh! so busy. Busy the end of the list. Suppose a church in gia Cenference was damaged by fire last of our own capabilities by the misfor- mothers too often so busy you cannot Georgia is burned, and our church at In- night to the amount of \$2000. To raise meeting us and the heavy frost draping tune of our neighbor, whose little ten even point the way to heaven. Yes, you dependence, Mo., should be in that part said amount all members of the St. the vast prairies, we were soon closed in year old girl came screaming, "O, Mrs. were thankful no doubt in your heart; of the catalogue to be taxed—our value Louis Conference, and No. 1 to No. 75 C., ma has burned her hand so bad; she but you did not teach your boy to know ation is \$30 000—the Secretary would call of the Southwest Missouri Conference says come over as quick as ever you can. "from whence came his help." Ah! you the expansive and grand spreading I am to stay, she says, with Allie and have denied Him. The hours grow to be thus taxed, we would only be pay your \$20 by return mail to apace, our restlessness increases. It Making all speed possible, brings us to the assistance of our suffering friend. her crib near us throws out her hand, After doing all in our power with the murmurs in her sleep, perhaps groans. remedies at hand, and finding no relief, Ah, me, "only a few ashes in her hair, we bethink ourselves of that "bottle of ma'm," comes to our mind. Our unfailstuff" at home which wrought such wonders on our own scalded foot last year. not testify of the gracious Savior in providing a way of safety for your child. No expression of thanksgiving escaped your lips in the hearing of the untaught do hope there will be enough to put on girl who has an unchristian mother and her poor hand." Once at home, a vignever hears 'Thank God' from the orous search is instituted, boxes and depths of a fervent heart. This was shelves are ransacked, medicine chest is your chance to show her your faith and Wiseman. Found the people sad, as gone through in all haste, kitchen and trust in one who never faileth-your dependence in the time of need." "You have"---O we can bear no more. We sticky looking bottle, from the back shelf cry from out the depths: "Lord I have reaching Haskell at 1 p. m. Here I in the closet, Susie came up as with all sinned against heaven and in thy sight." found a small town, beautifully situated. the excitement due a railroad accident: Our eyes are opened to the fact of our "O, ma'm, your little Dot came near be- faithlessness, and with humble hearts tion. As the sun was sinking to rest I gone." We are speechless, listen like fession" and renew our covenant we resolve anew to "hold fast to our prohoping all things. So, often-"We are so thoughtless and so slow To catch the sunshine 'til it slips away.' NORTH BELTON CIRCUIT. METHODIST MUTUAL INSURANCE. Our present method of insuring and long stick which was against the barrel neglecting to insure much of our church, was in our way, so when we pulled it parsonage and school property, is certain when urged to preach for them I did the out the barrel began to slide down best I could. I spent a night in Albany towards baby; I just put my back ly a great mistake, if not a sin of both against it, and pushed with all my might. calling to Allie to take Dot away. She

commission and omission. A "surplus fund," or capital stock. will not be necessary to resolve the encould not move, she was scared so. I just put out my foot and gave Dot a lire Southern Methodist Church into a thoroughly organized Mutual Methodist Insurance Company that will enable us match it-neuralgia in its most aggra- not hurt her, ma'm; only a few ashes on to hold our property in perfect assurance her hair; that is all; but there is lots of with an amount of money but little excould I sleep, but I was extremely ashes on the blanket. I do not know ceeding ten per cent. of the premiums we now pay to vast companies who are blanket." Dot's ash besprinkled head smassing fortunes from our very life-blood. The church of which I am came in view, scrambling up the back step, with Allie's pale face, all "eyes," pastor is now insured for three years in Dec. 1 sick, and still I suffer after twelve following. As we clasp our darling to the very best companies of the world. For every five thousand dollars, we had our bosom, we realize at once how near If I fail to meet my appointments, say the sunbeam from out our hearts and to pay in advance a premium of one hundred dollars. Although these comhome had been taken. "You see, ma'm, Dot is not hurt—only my wrist is scraped panies are the very best, yet if we were to burn to-night the possible technicaliup a little, when the barrel edge came down so." "You are a splendid girl-a ties so common in such insurance might very much delay our rebuilding. The plan suggested by the head of this mother should be proud! You acted noarticle will doubtless keep us perfectly innoon work, struggling, single-handed, you for your promptness. You did a sured for an amount probably not ex-

the sum we are now paying. We could begin to rebuild as soon as the fire subsided, knowing that our church at large manded our immediate restoration. The plan could be worked in connection with our Parent Board of Church possibly be best to have a distict

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man could do the work for our ent ra treasurer, and there will be no danger of

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Our Christmas Sermon.

THE GLORY OF THE INCARNATION.

Giory to God in the highest, and on earth peac good will toward men. (Luke ii:14).

Christmas is the day agreed upon by Christians to commemorate the birth of our Savior-an event which, rightly understood, ought to file every Christian soul with joy, and break every sinner's heart with penitence. By the common chronology Christ was born of the Virgin Mary in the year of the world four thousand and four, and eighteen hundred and eighty-eight years in the past. The word Christmas is compounded of the two words Christ and mass, the latter meaning a festival. As to when this festival was first instituted. I am not now informed. It is very certato, however, that it was not handed down by the earliest Christians, or there would be more certainty about the date. But we need not pause to inquire after the origin of the word Christmas, nor when men first began to celebra'e the day of the month or the exact time of the year the Prophet of Nezareth was born. The day and the month and the but the event. Would to God that every nation and individual under the sun Then would the nations blossom with fruits of heaven; then would the individual's heart swell with gladness, and his face would shipe with the halo of salvation. But let us stop to consider the import of the text.

I ask first, how could the birth of Jesus

give glory to God in the highest? Glory is one of the words to which it would be difficult to fix any one definite meaning, custom has used it in so many different ways. Its primary meaning, says Mr. Webster, is clear, bright, spiendor, as when we speak of the glory of the sun. It is a word used very much in praise; and when it is used to signify a quality or property of a person, we understand that it represents a somewhat that elicits praise or calls forth admiration. So the word perhaps attributes. So absolute are the attri- ture's soul, and God's own picture of a they expressed their unbounded praise in had been witnessed by the proclaimers burdened with guilt and conscious of martyrs, are weapons that outconquered

in their absolute perfection.

No doubt it will be said that the justice of God is more directly vindicated by the sufferings and death of our Savior. divine wisdom. So it is. But this perfection of deity is as clearly manifested and shines out as redemption at once became the study of pel is pre-eminently the expression of brilliantly through the incarnation itself; the angels, and great indeed must be the good will to men. It is called the gosfortunes, death not excepted. He was not was tempted in all points like as we are,

It appears from revelation that Jesus was as the Son of man, sulject to all the temptations to which humanity was subject, but as the Son of God he was God of man to have yielded to temptation, the son of God removed every shadow of probability. When God was made flesh he was in the same sense and at the same time made subject to death. When he was born of a woman, he was born unto troubles, and though perfectly innocent and holy in his life, he who knew no sin was made to bear the sin of the whole world. From the time he was clothed with humanity he was the Lamb of God offering himself the sin-offering for every man. And though the divinest stroke of justice was stayed until the hour when Jesus said, "It is finished," yet all the storm of sorrow suffered by the crucified Son of man was foreshadowed in the act of incarnation. It was then that the arm of justice was raised, and it only awaited the appointed moment to do its work of execution. It was when the Dibirthday of Jesus. Nor need we stop to vinity stooped to take upon him humanask if the 25 h of December is the correct ity subject to death, when instead of the joy which was set before him he condescended to endure the cross, despising the shame, that the most perfect maniyear can only be numbered among the festation of divine justice was foreshadglory to the shepherds of Bethlehem! regions of God's mercy. But they were not the only creatures who had the smiles of Jehovah, and bend with the sinned. Man, though made a little lower than the angels, perhaps, yet in the likeness of God, had raised his hand in rebellion against the Divine will. Though temp'ed by the devil, yet freely he had sinned, and therefore ought to suffer the penalties of justice. Yet provisions had been made for his escape. What! has God ceased to be just? It is true that Adam was tempted by Satan, but he sinned of his own accord. Then can God let the rebels live and he be just? Surely he cannot be unjust, for the torments of devils deny it. Yet something good is intended for man-a Re-

> deemer is promised. Now this involves another of the di

vine attribues-the mercy of God. Everything that had been created by the hand of omnipotence bore upon it has come to mean fame or honor, from the marks of goodness. Every creature in a person calls forth praise as brilliant, works seemed to add but another page colors call forth admiration. When we to the book of nature to describe his speak of the glory of God, perhaps the wonderful penevolence. Until the remind at first adverts to the supernatural bellion of the third part of heaven not a light or splender supposed to surround | jar had disturbed the equilibrium of the the Divine Being. But the term "the universe, nor had a single discord ripglory of God," is most properly used to pled the song of the morning stars. The represent the perfections of the divine song of praise flowed from every creabutes in their perfections that an at- pure heart sat upon every one's countetempt to circumscribe them with nance. Every eye fisched with the fires thought would be as vain as an attempt of affectionate love, and every face to fix the boundary lines of infinity, shope with the light of pure happiness. When I speak of the glory of God, I But the harmony of government had think I mean something, and so I do; been disturbed and the peace of heaven but I know as little about what I mean had been broken. Pride and undue amas I know about the limits of space. The bition had lifted their heads above law. angels who excel in strength, who wait | and the creature had rebelled against the upon the ministrations of the Almighty, Maker. Justice demanded that the and who have been looking into the mys- rebels be punished, while mercy would teries of the universe, and searching the demand, if there were any possible way deep things of God since the first dawn without infringing on the rights of jusof creation, doubtless comprehend to a tice, that they be forgiven; for pure much greater extent the glory of God love would not infringe on the rights of than do men. But even their minds, justice so much as by a hair's breadth. could they but for a moment take in the | The doctrine that they conflict is only divine perfections, would swoon beneath one of the horrid off springs of the devil. the topless heights, and their brain But when there was no way to be just, would grow dizzy over the awful depths. and yet the justifier of the ungodly, we may behold and wonder. And the an- innocent, nor would either suffer them tion, may see further into the glory of the geon of darkness to which omnipotence Most High than they had even anticipat- has confined them is still singing both ed. Such doubtless was the case when the justice and love of God. All this any poor soul who reads this sermon be church streaming with the blood of the should not cause them to keep silence here.

It is evident that some striking manifes- of man had been destroyed through the for me," let him come and read in the di- of Napoleon. The policy of Chris.'s port a brother makes this year may remind a tation of the perfections of Deity had instrumentality of the damned spirits vinest of revelations: that "God so loved kingdom has ever been love and peace. raised their conceptions of the divine glory to the highest degree possible to justice and goodness had already been Son that whoseever believeth on him mightlest monarohs known to men. It to give their preacher a reception, to make raised their conceptions of the divine burning with revenge, the attributes of the world that he gave his only begotten And to-day love and peace are the them, and they gave vent to their feel too well defined to allow the least shadow should not perish, but have everlasting ings in the strongest expression of praise of doubt as to their perfection. No life." If the angels of heaven, overawed possible. That manifestation was the doubt the highest sons of God had learn- by the manifold powers of Omnipotence, Word made flesh. Although we may be ed to regard man as their brother, and have any doubts as to the equal extent left to conjecture in matters so far out of as he was made in the image of the Most of divine wisdom, then let them conreach to man, yet our conjectures may High, they regarded him as ranking high tinue to look into the plan of salvation, not appear to be founded other than on in the affections of the divine bosom. and after they have prolonged the search sound reason. Praying then the guid They were not only anxious as to what through the countless ages to come, they ance of the Holy Ghost that we may not | would be the results of his transgression, indulge in improbabilities, nor transcend but they knew, while justice cannot be the depths, both of the wisdom and the the bounds of sound reason, let us pro- mocked, that the resources of love would knowledge of God. ceed to answer the question: How does be exhausted in order to justify the unthe birth of Jesus manifest the glory of godly. The fact that the rebels were God in the highest? The answer to permitted to live while they were in this question I have already hinted will some sense suffering the severe penalties be: By manifesting the divine attributes of the law, and at the same time guarded by the ever-waking watch care and the Let us notice first how the attribute tenderest mercy of the great Jehovah, justice is set forth by the incarnation of created in their minds a hope that a scheme of redemption had been devised. But how could this be?

Here again is involved the attribute of

for when the Word was made firsh he took | depth of the wisdom by which it was de- | pel of reconciliation. The carnal mind upon him humanity subject to all its mis- vised if the greatest created minds is enmity against God. The mind of which shine continually in the presence man is at variance with the mind of Jeeven above temptation; "for we have of God were not able to comprehend it. hovah. Jesus came to destroy this ennot a high priest that cannot be touched Yet we have no reason to believe that mity; to harmon ze the human will with with the feeling of our infirmities, but they did, for we learn from one of the the divine will. He was both God and apostles that in his day they were still man. In him the divinity and humanity desiring to look into these things. If were forever united. So that representathen the depths of wisdom involved in tively the most perfect reconciliation was too great for these mighty sons of God him a way was opened that the rebel to fathom, would it not be the utmost children of the Father might return. A himself, possessed of all the attributes of folly for fail thought, clogged with flesh fountain was opened up in the house of deity. And if at all possible for the Son and blood, to attempt to touch its bot. David whose waters should be for tom? Yet in our weakness we may be the cleansing of the people, and the allowed to corjecture a few things. May tree was planted whose fruit should be we not conjecture, therefore, that one of for the healing of the nations. The dethe greatest mysteries connected with mands of justice had been met, and the the salvation of man was how the de. yearnings of mercy had been gratified. mands of justice could be met, and yet Instead of the fear which hath torment the sinner be forgiven? To let the and the hatred which destroys the rest guilty go unpunished would not only be of the soul, reverence, love and joy were to destroy all just government, but it to reign supreme. The human heart would be to introduce discord and con- which had been so long the den of murfusion, and destroy the peace and happi. ders, thefts, and adulteries, through the ness of the universe. It would be both provision of the gospel was to become urjust and unmerciful to the innocent the receptacle of divine grace. Nothing to have their rights invaded upon and ever conceived by the human mind can their happiness destroyed by the wicked. | Exceed in glory the triumph of the gos-It would destroy all reverence and love pel in its conquest upon the unregenfor God, and thus every living soul would become a burning hell. How evil had been the problem of ages. No then is it possible for the sinner to be scheme of philosophy, no school of correscued? It is impossible for him by any | rection, no method of discipline, except past transgressions, and thus extricate | gle pure heart. The most exalted charhimself. It would be ur just for God to acters we have any knowledge of, unenrequire any other creature to suffer in lightened by revelation, practiced crimes his stead even if it were possible for him | which it would be indecent even to mento do so. And could God suffer? Could tion. Yet the simple proclamation of even comprehead. So they could only suffering on account of their transgres. study the scheme, and await the event. et: "So shall my word be that goeth forth that has ever happened to the world in the bottomless pit from whence there eager curiosity they studied every misthe spirit of the angels who sung its was no rescue, not even in the boundless hap that befell the world, and pondered which I please, and it shall prosper in the they watched every movement of God. peace. The mountains and hills shall and every change he made in the affairs break forth before you into singing, and they caught every word that was uttered hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up with reference to this great mystery, and the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall with a searching eye they gathered in come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be every ray of light that fell from the to the Lord for a name, for an everlastthrone of heaven upon a sin cursed race. log sign that shall not be cut off." They pried into every prophetic vision, and even wondered at the messages they complished since the shepherds of Beththemselves bore to the children of men. | lehem listened to the proclamation of Thus age after age pages of light were the angels at the birth of Him who was added to the book in which they studied to be king, prophet, and priest over his the divine perfections. The volume of people. Well did the wise men of the light had been continually increasing, East offer gifts of gold, frankincense until at last when the hour was come the and myrr to the babe of Mary: for though Logos of Jehovah was made flesh, and at that time a perfect model of weakness dwelt among us. The Sun had risen; clothed in the same humanity sanctified. the universe was flooded with new lights; he was to be endued with all power in the angels were overwhelmed; the at- heaven and earth. The same babe which tributes-justice, wisdom and love-like | they worshiped then was to walk the seas the light of a thousand suns pouring upon and rebuke the winds into obedience. the fact that any excellent quality as it took its place among the host of his their vision, was seen as they had never The touch of his finger was to give sight been seen before. Unable to contain to the blind, and the sound of his voice longer they shouted, and the walls of the was to raise the dead from their graves. universe responded: Glory to God in the His looks of kindness and his words of highest. The great book was now open | mercy were to dry up the mourner's tears in which every creature in the wide and make the lame leap for joy. By the realms of space might come and read the principle of love he was to establish his character of his Governor. Here was kingdom and overturn the nations of the the divinest portraiture of the perfections learth, and so establish peace and good of the eternal Godhead ever made known; will among men as well as between God the point at which all the attributes and men. The only rule which was to harmoniza; the focus in which all the govern the conduct of his subjects one rays of divine light concentrate. The toward another was: "Do unto all men incarnation of the Son of God was from as you would they should do unto you." that time forever to be the grand spec | This law, like a small grain of mustard trum analysis in which the glory of God | seed, was planted in the hearts of the few was to be studied. If any devil damned disciples who became his followers in the entertained the least hope that justice land of Judea. And like the seed growwould grow weary with punishing, ing up into a mighty tree, the kingdom of or that the sentence of the law heaven has been developing into a mighty would ever be abrogated, or it any kingdom from that day to this. It requires creature standing out in the infinity no extraordinary powers of introspection of space ever for a moment supposed to discover the leaven spreading in the that God would wink at sin or pass by measure of meal, nor does it require the the guilty, let them come and read in the presence of any great philosophical mind incarnation of Jesus that God was too to reveal the causes of its growth. just to spare his own Son; and rather The way is so plain that a man than let the sinner go unpunished he may run and read. The holy lives cross. "It is a fearful thing to fall into tians was an epistle known and read None but God himself can comprehend neither love nor justice would suffer the the hands of the living God," for "our of all men. The warm attachment to the fullest extent his own glory. Yet guilty to infringe upon the rights of the God is a consuming fire." If any one of they had for each other, and the willing all God's creatures has ever doubted his ness with which they gave their lives for gels who have been watching the move- to go unpunished. They both united in mercy, then let him come and look into the truth's sake, be filed the designs of ments of Jehovah from the very beginning the condemnation of the angels that the scheme of human redemption and cunning and subdued their enemies into of their existence, by some new manifesta- kept not their first estate, and the dun- learn that it is great to speak a world submission. The ashes of the saints from naught but greater to redeem. If burned at the stake, and the altars of the

will only lift their heads to cry out, O

But of all creatures, the most bene fited by the incarnation is fallen man. More than all others men should rejoice over the strange event; for that which brought glory to God in the highest brought on earth also "peace and good will toward men." God was come himself to sit upon the throne of humanity and break the spears of his enemies: to dry up the rivers of blood and to make the earth blossom with the flowers of peace. First there was to be peace with God The mystery of the scheme of human through our Lord Jesus Christ. The gosthe scheme of human redemption was accomplished in his own person. Through of Christianity as of learning, and it is all such persons. Who will donate the other erate heart. The correction of moral future act of obedience to atone for his the gospel of Christ, has ever made a sin- silly men behind a bar of lattice-work Congo via Liverpool, on Saturday, Dec. 1. he become subject to his own laws? Who "peace on earth and good will toward his father and bring shame and disgrace probabilities. Let it suffice us to know owed in the minds of the angels. For at even among the angels could believe it? men,"as the result of the incarnation, has upon his mother by indulging the wild Times Democrat, New Orleans: Rev. Dr. and reckless spirit of licentiousness at John Matthews, formerly stationed in this consent. It is not the day we celebrate, for millions, they had looked upon their power of any created mind to devise or converted the most unclean into perfect the very time when he ought to remempurity. The Lord said through the proph sions. Self-tempted, they had fallen into | So we may conjecture that with the most out of my mouth: it shall not return unto | in the gift of his Son methinks such every blessing that fell upon the path thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall with mourning and make the way of man. With an earnest solicitude go out with joy and be led forth with blackest flend of the pit shudder of his rebel sons. With a diligent ear all the trees of the field shall clap their picture of human depravity and return These words have been wonderfully achimself stooped to the shame of the and simplicity of the primitive Chris- able help to every preacher. The greater

be proven. The caution with which the and New Years' Day, etc. Brethren send on nations go to war, and the sacrifices they | your reports. make to preserve peace, are but so many arguments proving that they have adoptbama affair by arbitration on the part of the government of Great Britain and these United States, before the reformasilly subterfuge of cowardice. The manner in which the unpleasantness of our own government has been adjusted, the conquered few being allowed to enjoy the same rights and privileges as the corquerors, adds a new page to the history of the world, which was not foreshadowed in any previous age. If the few have suffered unjustly, then it is so much the more wonderful, for those who trol the public schools. The vote in Boston deal unjustly are always the farthest reveals the fact that the Catholics suffered a from mercy. But it is not difficult to account for these matters. It is the leaven of Christianity pervading the whole lump. It is the peace and good Hundred. The only member of the present will to men proclaimed by the messengers of God near the City of David. It is the Shekinah of heaven let down upon earth. It is the trees of heaven ripening with the fruits of glory. It is the stone mountain falling on the feet of iron and clay. It is the grand ureka of God himself made manifest. The saying of Lord Bacon, "We are the ancients," is as true to donate one-half the subscription price to as foolish to go to the apostolic age for Christianity as to go to the child to get the mature thoughts of men. God grant that we are even now standing in the work. dawn of that day when every nation under the sun shall say by its deeds: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth," and "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God." Now, if Christmas is the day we have determined upon to commemorate the event productive of such an eternal weight of glory, how else should we commemorate it but by honoring Him whose birth we profess to celebrate?

Shall we celebrate the birthday of Jesus with druken revels and polluted scenes of debauchery? Will maidens fair mingle with fiends of the pit in the ballroom and dance their souls to hell on the able to meet his congregation for two weeks very day they profess to be rejoicing over the salvation of the world? Will devils, clothed in human flesh, decoy and persuade them to drink the l'quid fire that will consume their own souls and destroy the peace and happiness of it is now hoped that Bishop McTyeire has home on Christmas day? Will the youth passed the crists of his attack, though he is of a few summers only forget the law of ber that justice will not be mocked? In just now immense congregations to the tenary Methodist Cauch in St. Louis. view of the great love of God expressed mockeries of tendered mercy would be enough to hang the altars of heaven with horror. But with the disgust of horror let us leave this dark to the song of the angels. According to the accepted chronology eighteen hundred and eighty-eight years have passed away, but the shouts of the angels still reverberate along the skies, and its echoes fall upon the Christian's ear sweeter than the fabled music of O pheus. It has been the song of angels and the redeemed for nearly two thousand years, and yet it is as new to-day as when the shepherds caught its first strains. It has lost none of its sweetness with the lapse of ages, nor have the messengers of peace grown weary with singing it. The best way to celebrate this glorious event is to convert souls to Christ. The grandest Christmas any man ever er joyed was the day on which he was born of God. That day, my brethren, should not be summed up in twenty-four hours, but it should be a Christmas fresh with the joys of salvation forever. And now while the Bride of Christ in her onward march as grand souls to Christ. The grandest Christmas of Christ in her onward march as grand as the light of the sun and as beautiful as a thousand full moons walking the highways of heaven re-echoes the same strains as fresh as when they originated in the spontaniety of God's own love, what sinner will recline upon the bosom of Jesus and eat bread in the kingdom of God? God grant this Christmas may be the birthday of a million souls born

RELIGIOUS AND OTHERWISE.

WE will defer revisingethe mail list until after the holidays. Let all subscribers whose time has expired see the agent at once and renew; or remit the amount direct to this office. After January 1, 1889, the ADVOCATE will cease its visits to the homes of all who fail to renew by that date.

In our visits to the Texas Conferences we were much encouraged and think the outlook for the ADVOCATE this year promising. Let the boom continue. Roll up the subscription list. No Methodist in Texas can afford to be without the ADVOCATE, and as much as lieth in us we propose that it shall be an indispensthe number of subscribers in each charge the more it will help the preacher in his work.

THE ADVOCATE rejoices with the brethren in the grand receptions they are receiving. If they do not do a grand work this year then we will have been badly mistaken. It gives us pleasure to publish these receptions, but we tear that some preachers are a little modest about reporting. Their modesty They should remember that the good example of their charges may stir up the pure minds the words, "Glory to God in the highest.", of our text. And when the happiness being lost, feels that "no one cares the swords of the Casars and the cannons of others by way of remembrance. The re-

dozen other enarges to do the same thing next year-and by the way it is not too late. is a plain logic by which this power may him happy yet. Remember this is Christmas,

BISHOP VINCENT of the M. E. Church is said to be the leader in a new departure by ed the policy of Christ's kingdom as the announcing that "the itinerants' club" will best. The late adjustment of the Ala hold a spring session in Lexington, Ky., next April. The entire four year's course of conference study will be reviewed in lectures, class-exercises, and conversations. Lectures will be delivered on the duties of the ministion would have been looked upon as a try and the laity; lecture-lessons will be given on congregational singing, the conduct of children's classes, Sunday school organiza. tion and management. The under graduates and examining committees are expected to be present at these lectures. This looks a little like Chautauqanizing the itinerancy.

READERS of this paper will remember the address of the Committee of One Hundred appointed by a public meeting at Boston to consider the efforts of the Catholics to congreat defeat. The result of the vote for members of the school committee was the election of the entire ticket nominated by the Republicans, indorsed by the Committee of One board re-elected is Miss Mastins, and among the eleven there are no Catholics. Sixteen thousand nine hundred and forty-seven is the approximate number of women who voted, in a total registration of about 21,800, or nearly 80 per cent.

WE have now the names of about fifteen worthy persons who are not able to subscribe for the ADVOCATE. Our publishers propose half? Cannot these and others be made happy with the ADVOCATE as a Christmas gitt for the next twelve months? This is a most opportune time to heip the publishers in this good

PERSONALS.

-The Rev. L. M. Little, a superannuated preacher of the South Carolina Conference. died December 5, 1888.

-Bishop Galloway will hold the North Mississippi Conference instead of Bishop Keener, at the latter's request.

-Rev. John A. Broadus, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., delivers the next course of Lyman Beecher lectures at Yale Theological Semi-

-The Monteaglean and Southern Evangelist have united under the name of the Evangelist, and Dr. D. C. Keiley has been engaged as editor. -The Rev. S. H. Werlein, formerly of Tex-

on account of sickness. -Central Advocate: Bishop Taylor sailed from New York on the steamer Gallia for the

as and La., now of St. Louis, has not been

Quite a number of his friends were at the -The Nashville Advocate announces that

his complete recovery. -Times-Democrat, New Orleans: Rev. Dr

Matthews was always a plain speaking, trenchant pulpit orator. -Rev. C. H. Doering, who organized the first German mission in New York City, and who prosecuted missionary work in Germany for thirty-three years, is spending his old days in rettrement at Berea, Ohio. He was con-verted and joined the Metoodist Episcopal Church under the ministry of the late Rev.

-The Rav. W. S. Woodward, of Lexington, Mo., in a private note, says: My visit to Texas was a continuous ovation. Everywhere the preachers treated me so kindly, and the peo-ple were so much like missionaries. The trath is I met many whom I had known here. Were I younger I would certainly make Texas my home.

-Nashville Advocate: Our brother, Rev. James A. Lyons, has returned from his protracted Texas trip, impressed with the bigness of that State, the energy and zeal of the people, and the grand possibilities of Method-ism among them While still true to Holston with her breezy hills and silver streams, he is considerably l'exanized at present. Every-where he and the publishing interests he rep-resented were kindly treated.

-Arkansas Methodist: Bishop Key's address to the class of seven for admission inte full connection at White River Conference

-Southern Christian Advocate. He is courteous and benignant in his social intercourse, and no less so as a presiding officer, He is a man of supreme good sence, a deep thinker, a thorough theologian, and well versed in the history of Methodist legislation. He is a good parliamentarian withal; and hav-He is a good parliamentarian withal; and having the confidence and affection of all the preachers, he makes a most unexceptionable presiding officer. He is a man of faith and of prayer; and the bretaren always feel well pleased to receive their appointments at his nands. No Bishop is more welcome to South Carolina. Conference than Bishop J. C. Keener.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

-J. E. Squires has organized a church of elelven members at Rouse, Colorado. -The Kansas City Preacher's meeting

(Mo.) reported last week twenty additions, and one infant baptized. St. Louis: Eighteen additions and one infant baptized. St. Joseph: -At the St. Louis preachers meeting,

Bishop Grandbery touched on his delightfal visit of six weeks to Virginia and North Carolina. Over twenty preachers received into the latter conference; in Virgingia six. The North Carolina Colporteur sold over \$8,000 worth of books.

-Michael B. Corrigan from Lebanon Circuit, Searcy District; Agustus C. Graham from Beebe and West Point Circuit, Searcy District; Ashly F. Skinner from Mineral Circuit, Searcy District; Stephen F. Brown from Wheatley Circuit, Belena District; John W. Watson from Lorado Circuit, Newport District; William E. Bishop Mountain View Circuit, Batesville District; and Samuel G. Lape from St. Francis Mission, Jonesboro District, were admitted on trial into the Wnite River Conference.

-Statistics of the Mississippi Conference Local preachers 170; members, 33,432, a net gain of 2,220; adults baptized, 1,228; infants baptized, 1,435; Sunday-schools, 399; officers and teachers, 1,955; scholars, 15,295; collected for Conference claimants, \$3,101; church ex

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-Statistics of North Georgia Conference: White members 81,354, net gain 2,288; adults baptized 3,209, infants baptized 1,578; number of churches 714, value \$963 488; number of parsonages 126, value \$157.707; amounts raised the past year for Foreign Missions (including two \$500 responses to Dr. Allen'scall) \$18,060, Domestic Missions \$6.381, Church Extension \$1,222, education \$7,004, Bible Cause \$302.

-Missionary Reporter: The collections reported by the Virginia Conference for foreign missions show a most encouraging advance on those reported last year. They aggregate \$16,752, an increase of \$2,470.27. The Texas Conference reports an increase ever collections of last year of about 25 per cent. From the papers we see that the West Texas, Little Rock, Memphis, Northwest Texas, and German Conferences report an encouraging advance on the collections the present year.

CHRISTMAS.

FEV. JOHN R. ALLEN.

This has been the theme of the church's orators and writers for near two thousand years, and of course the field has been well worked over, but yet it is a part of that old, old story "that is ever new." The heart is dead to every noble impulse that does not respond with quickened beat to the coming of each successive Christmas. Hence a writer on that subject is sure of sympathetic readers, and with such even commonplaces : pass

If I were asked to express an opinion in one word of the spirit of the world-the motive spring of its machinery-before the appearance of THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM,

I should write "TAKE." Peasant and prince seemed actuated by the same spirit. Whereever the power to take was present it was sure to be exercised. Did a nation grow prosperous and peaceable? A neighboring kingdom developed into a race of soldiers by poverty, swordship and war, was sure to wrest their wealth without ceremony from their nerveless hands. So Babylon fell as a rich prize to Persia; so the Persian Empire became in its turn a sweet morsel for the hungry Greek; and so later on the enervated Greek bowed his haughty head to the yoke of the

Whoever dips, even casually, into the history of that period will discover, that whatever nation became too weak to hold a stronger one was certain to take, whether it was provinces, or property, or liberty, or, if necessary, life itself. Whenever the light of history grows strong enough to give us a glimpse into the life of a private citizen of that period we find the same principle prevailing. Of course there are noble exceptions; but of course the Jonathans and Davids of that day were rare, and they glow like burning stars in that dark and humid sky. At last the great Father, "in the fulness of

time," set the world the sublimest possible example of a spirit the antithesis of that which had hitherto prevailed by

GIVING HIS SON to and for the world. This priceless Gift was entrusted first into the gentle, loving hands of Mary, the Christ-Mother. What an honor

been exorcised. On the other hand, the world feeding famished Ireland and India, stretching out helping hands to flame swept Chicago. sending ship loads of provisions to the regions devastated by the turbid Mississippi, hastening to the aid of every plague stricken city and desolated region, shows that it is growing more and more God-like in its ability and disposition to give The kindly little remembrances that will characterize almost every home in Texas this Christmas shows that almost uncon-clously they are learning the Master's lesson of

To Give must and will yet conquer To Take, for Christ has said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Try that recipe for blessedness on some poor person this week. DALLAS, TEXAS.

THE HOME CONFERENCES.

-We were glad to see at this office, the

past week, the Rev. J. A. Stafford, Rev. J. D. Martin, and J. H. Bowman.

-The Rev. E. L. Armstrong was reported in a continued state of ill health last week. We hope he has obtained relief by this time. -The Rev. W. M. Leatherwood writes: We are off tip toe at last. Mrs. Leatherwood is better after seventy-five days' tussle with

-The Rev. J. O. Jordan, of the Thornton circuit, is quite sick at the home of Bro. R. S. Houston. We hope for him a speedy re-

-Rev. R. W. Thompson, of Marshall,

South, for Victoria station, preached his first South, for Victoria station, preached his first sermon here Suuday to a large audience. It was an able, well conceived, interesting and orthodox discourse, and was well received by the audience. The impre-sions made by the reverend gentleman were all favorable. We congratulate both him and the intelligent congregation to which his mission have is especially addressed. He occupied Rev. Mr. Johnson's pulpit at the Presbyterian church at night, and Mr. Johnson preached to Mr. Fisher's congregation.

-San Angelo Enterprise: The following preamble, with a modest contribution from the saloon keepers and sporting men of San Angelo, was handed to Rev. A. J. Potter this week: "In view of the fact that our reverend friend, A. J. Potter, is on the eye of leaving our section, and duly appreciating the friendly regard he has for all classes, and more especially the Christian spirit to which he adheres as a minister of the gospel, we, the undersigned, hereby tender him the amounts set opposite our names as a token of our esteem. * * * To which the pioneer preacher, who has carried the gospel of 'Peace on earth, and good will toward men,' among the wildest and most reckless of border life, responds: My friends, I accept your donation with feelings of gratitude, made far more keen and lasting on account of the kindness and respect it evinces for me and the sacred office I am endeavoring to fill, from a class in whom I have ever taken a lively interest, and in whose eternal welfare I feel a deep concern. In tendering my thanks for your material assistance, i wish to add a double portion for the gentlemanly courtesy with which you have ever treated me, and the uniform respect you have always shown toward an humble minister of the Lord Jesus Christ." the saloon keepers and sporting men of San

ceived, viz.: the elegant bonnet, veil and gloves, together with the lovely dresses for our little girls. The articles were selected by Miss Fannie King, and all will approve the exquisite taste and judgment displayed, especially by one so young. May the blessings of the Father come abundantly upon our ladies.

Wednesday a Sligh steward was on hand with a Tucker to help him, and soon we were put in carriages and borne to the parsonage. Talk of royal receptions! The ladies were on hand in force, with cheery words and smiling faces, and ushered us into our new home. Everything was clean and comfortable and in order. An elegant dinner was prepared and epipyed by all. Yesterday the congregations were large, morning and night, and best of all, God was with us; one young man joined the church, and one infant baptized. We thank God and take courage, and hope for the best year of our life.

J. A. Wyatt, Dec. 10: Our first quarterly conference closed last night with a sermon of extraordinary power by the presiding elder,

W. W. Henderson, Dec. 12: Grandview looking up. Have been at our post each Sabbath since conference; congregations good. Our people are kind, appreciative, and seem to be hopeful and zealous, some good prayer; meetings and Sunday-schools marking their interest. My stewards, with Rev. J. C. G. R. Patton, had considered well our coming, and prepared a good, comfortable home for us near the church-house, where we got ready for housekeeping. I went to the stores for supplies, found Bro. J. Reynolds on the street, who wanted me to haul a load for him I soon found that he and Dr. O'Hara had my buggy loaded with flour, sugar, coffee, rice, fruits, meat, etc., and started me each with its to the parsonage. Bro. Hearn slipped \$2 into my hand, and others have brought in corn, pork, beef, potatoes, eggs, butter, chickens, etc., for all of which we are thankful to God for such people. So we are well pleased and doing all and the best we can under the blessings of our Heavenly Father.

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Mas, I. would not bow with our Papal Drethren at thy feet, and pay that adoration to the which is only due thy God; nor, in sensels reaction from that extream, would be supported in the which is only due thy God; nor, in sensels reaction from that extream, would be supported in the which is only due thy God; nor, in sensels reaction from that extream, would be supported in the chist among women, for above all thy sisters "thou hast found favor with God." To thee lie entreasted His Christmas Gift to Humanity.

Since that glad morning, nearly pin-steen hundred years ago, when Mary placed to the bab in a "enanger" in "Bethlehem of Judea"

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C. S. Field, Dec. 13: Will you please allow me space in the Taxas A DVOCATE to extreme the which are facilities and the cord of the spirit of the Christian Gir has the section of the child and the cord of the plant in the cord of the plant in the child deeps, self-sh force, To Gifte hus been were tree eview kindly, good home, world, with its been gaining ground upon the analysis of the conduct the custom force.

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Trinity.

A. J. Frick, Dec. 14: We have begun the third year on Trinity Circuit, and we feel that the beginning is a happy one. Last Table 1 dies.

Rastland

B. J. H. Thomas, Dec. 10: I have received to one of the nicest quilts I ever saw from the good women of Bedford Chapel, with their names nicely set in the various parts of it. I cannot thank them as I feet they deserve for such substantial kindness. I pray that God may bless them with all the bountifulness of his goodness for his Son's sake. I have gone almost round on my work; found the people generally hopeful, and of course that augments my hope for the year to come. I am glad that Shaw got "muddled" at Weatherfod, and trust it will do the whole conference good by working for the Advo Cate more faithfully.

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H. A. Bourland: Waco knows how to receive a pastor and his family. Arriving last with a Tucker to help him, and soon we were put in carriages and borne to the parsonage. Talk of royal receptions! The ladies were on hand in force, with cheery words and smiling faces, and ushered us into our new home. Everything was clean and comfortable and in order. An elegant dinner was prepared and enjoyed by ali. Y esterday the congregations were large, morning and night, and best of all, God was with us; one young man joined the church and one infant baptized. We thank God and take courage, and hope for the best year of our life.

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Sunday was our first appointment since Conference, and we had a very spiritual day first the class-meeting, on which God pour deforth His spirit in abundance; we had good services both at il o'clock and at night.

By God's help we are going to do our level best this year. I have begund a ling our our TEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and in my hand I carry both the Nashville and our or TEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and in my hand I carry both the Nashville and our or TEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and in my hand I carry both the Nashville and our or TEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and in my hand I carry both the Nashville and our or TEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and in my hand I carry both the Nashville and our or TEANS CHRISTIA Sunday was our first appointment since Con-

Lagarto.

J. T. Graham: On my return from Conference the objective point was Lagarto. Our route crosses the rivers, creeks, railroads and covery.

Rev. R. W. Thompson, of Marshall, made us a hasty visit this week. He was in a hurry to attend to the important duties of his mission.

Seguin Record: Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, the new presiding elder, gave his hearers, on Sunday morning, at the Methodist church, a very entertaining sermon.

A reporter from Baker to the Post-Mirror says Rev. S. W. zillier preached his first sermon on this circuit last Sunday at this place all seem to be well pleased with him.

J. R. Heartsill: Rev. Scudday and family arrived on Wednesday. Had large attendance at prayer-meeting. His talk was short and direct. Subject: "Without me ye can donothing."

We announce by request the following postoffices: Rev. Alanson Brown, Beeville, Texas; Rev Fred F. Allen, Rockdale, Texas; Rev. Fred F. Allen, Rockdale, Texas, Rev. W. H. Moss, Hubbard City, Texas.

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Eugene T. Bates, Dec. 7: I reached this place and prayer-meeting. His talk was short and direct. Subject: "Without me ye can donothing."

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J. B. Denton, Dec. 10: I reached this point
Nov. 28th, at 7:30 p. m., having been mud-

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thetic effects of the disease, banishes the headache, and refreshes the tired mind. "I have been troubled with dyspepsia. I

had but little appetite, and what I did eat

Heartburn

distressed me, or did me
little good. In an hour
after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling. as though I had not eaten anything. My trou-ble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsa- Stomach

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From the Century Company we have received nicely bound copies of the Century, from May to October, and St. Nicolas for 1888 in two parts. In this form they make substantial books. Address, Century Co.,

WE have received a copy of THE SILVER CROSS, the authorized orgen of the order of the King's Daughters and the King's Sons, issued monthly; subscription price \$1.00 per year, in advance; published by the Central Council of the order of the King's Daughters, 230 W. 59th Street. New York. Our appreciation is shown by the selections on page 2.

THE CENTURY for December, if not strictly speaking a Christmas number, is still a Christmas number, opening as it does with a frontispiece picture, "The Coming of Winter," by Mary Hallock Foote, and containing also a number of full-page engravings of sacred pictures by the old and little known Italian master, Duccio, in the Gallery of Italian Masters which is now one of the most valuable features of The Century. In addition to this there is a western story in verse by James Whitcomb Riley entitled "Last Christmas Was A Year Ago;" and still further a Christmas editorial.

Plenty of clothes pins should be kept handy. Have a box for these and drop them in the suds once in a while, and then wipe them dry, as they are apt to get dusty and soil the clothes.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 18, 1887.—To the editor of the Morning Register: With a respectful request to thank Dr. W. J. Thurmond publicly for his wonderful Lone Star Catarrh Cure, which has had a wonderful effect on my ten-year-old son, who, since his birth, has been a great sufferer from Catarrh, and all tried remedies did him no good, whereas one single bottle of the Lone Star Catarrh Cure effected a radical cure. Such a boon should be widely known and gratefully acknowledged.

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come such a frayed-at-the edges phrase that it has been replaced in circles of taste by: "What's der breakers givin' us?"

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eases, and it is specially useful for children who nutrient medication is needed as in Marasmus.

-T. W. Pierce, M. D., Knozville, Ala. Prof. Steele, agricultural editor of the Mobile Register, says that board underdrainings is just about as good as tile, and that heart pine will last forty years in the ground. He recommends nailing the boards together in a V shape.

From Rev. Dr. McAnally, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advecate.

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To remove iron rust or ink spots, moisten the spots, and apply salt of lemon until they disappear, and then rinse well. Saits of lemon are made of equal parts of oxalic acid and tartaric acid. Ano her way is to moisten with lemon juice, sprinkle well with salt and lay in the sun.

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The better plan is to train the young orchard low. It will stand the western winds much better than if trimmed high. This should always be looked after in setting out the trees.

READERS of the ADVOCATE are referred to the advertisement of The Panhandle Machinery and Improvement Co., Fort Worth, Texas. Read what they say and when you need anything in their line it will pay you to write them for prices.

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VERNON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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Childress miss, at Childress Jan 19, 20

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Farmer cir. Jan 30, 27

Benjamin mis, at Benjamin. Feb 2, 3

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WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND

EL PASO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND Fort Davis mis 5th Sun in Dec Ei Paso 1st Sun in Jan Deming 2d run in Jan La Luce mis 3d Sun in Jan Penasco mis 4th Sun in Jan Boneto mis 1st Sun in Feb White Oaks mis 2d Sun in Feb Roswell mis 3d Sun in Feb Roswell mis 4th Sun in Feb Roswell mis 4th Sun in Feb Roswell mis 4th Sun in Feb Roswell mis 5th Sunday in January A. J. POTTER, P. E. FORT WORTH DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND

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Round Rock cir, at Round Rock. Dec 22, 23
Liberty Hill cir, at Liberty Hid. Dec 29, 30
Burnet sta. at Burnet. Jan 5, 6
Burnet cir, at Spring Creek. Jan 12, 13
Bertram Jan 19, 20
Florence cir, at Pleasant Grove. Jan 25, 27
Con Hill cir, at Berry's Creek. Feb 2, 3
Holland cir, at Holland Feb 9
Belton sta, at Belton. Feb 16, 17

JFFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ECOND.

Jefferson sta. 4th Sun in Dec
Texarkana sta. 5th Sun in Dec
Kelleyville eir, at Ke leyville. 1st Sun in Jan
Daingerfield, at Daingerfield. 2d Sun in Jan
Mt. Pleasant, at Centenary. 3d run in Jan
Gilmer, at Gilmer. 4th Sun in Jan
Coffeeville, at Murry League. 1st Sun in Feb
Kildare at Kildare. 2d sun in Feb
Linden, at Douglassville. 3d Sun in Feb
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Courtney and Plantersville Feb 16, 17
Co'd Springs cir Feb 23, 24
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anderson cir Mar 16, 17
Zion c Mar 23, 24
Bedas mis Mar 33, 31
District stewards will meet at Willis on Saturday Jan 5 at 3 o'clock p. m. The following comprise the board: T. H Ball, M. L. Sandet, S. L. Taylor, G. W. Brown, H. W. Cox, D. B.
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E. S. SMITH, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Chappell Hill sta. Dec 22, 23
Giddings and flurton Dec 29, 30
Eigh and Manor Jan 5, 8
McDade cir, at Jan 12, 13
Bellville cir, at Jan 19, 20
Staly and San Felipe cir, Jan 26, 27
Partison cir, Feb 2, 3 Eagle L ke cir, at Feb 2, 3
Independence cir, at Feb 8, 24
Hockley cir, at Mar 2, 3
Hemostead sta. Mar 9, 10
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Shive mis. Shive City mis. Pleasant Grove. Jan 5, 6
Center City mis. Pleasant Grove. Jan 12, 13
Goldthwaithe cir, Goldthwaite. Jan 16, 11 a. m
Indian Creek cir. Lamar. Jan 19, 11 a. m
Brownwood sts. Brownwood. Jan 20, 21
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Pecan cir, Clio. Jan 20, 21
Pecan cir, Thrifty Jan 20, 27
Gen Cove mis. Rough Creek. Jan 31, 11 a. m
Coleman and Ballinger sta, Coleman City
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.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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Round Mountain links, New ... Feb 23, 24
Comanche cir, Indian Creek ... Feb 23, 24
W. T. Melugin, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton
5th Sun in Dec
Martinsvi le mis, at Martinsville. List Sun in Jan
Teneha cir, at Concord ... 2d Sun in Jan
Nacogdoches, Garrison an Lufkin, at Nacogdoches ... 2d Sun in Jan
Pine Hill cir, at McLenterprise. Ist Sun in Feb
Cemer and Timpson, at Center. 4th Sun in Feb
Center cir, at Shady Grove ... 23 Sun in Feb
Bellose cir, at Melrose ... 4th Sun in March
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BONHAM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Wolf City and Mt. Carmel Dec 22, 25
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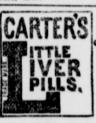
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A SONG OF THE BURDEN BEARER. Til drop my burden at His feet, and bear

song away.'

Over the narrow footpath That led from my lowly door I went with the thought of the Master, As oft I had walked before. My heart was heavily laden, And with tears my eyes were dim;

Could I get a glimpse of Him. It was more than I could carry, If I carried it all alone; And none in my house might share it-Only One on the throne. It came between me and pleasure,

But I knew I should lose the burden

Between my work and me; But our Lord could understand it, And his touch could set me free. Over the trodden pathway,

To the fields all shorn and bare, I went with a step that faltered, And a face that told of care. I had lost the light of the morning, With its shimmer of sun and dew; But a gracious look of the Master Would the strength of morn renew.

While yet my courage wavered, And the sky before me blurred, I heard a voice behind me Saying a tender word.

And I turned to see the brightness Of heaven upon the road, And sudden I lost the pressure. Of the weary, crushing load.

Nothing that hour was altered; I had still the weight of care; But I bore it now with the gladness Which comes of answered prayer. Not a grief of the soul can fetter, Nor cloud its vision, when

The dear Lord gives the spirit

To breathe to his will, Amen. O friends! if the greater burdens His love can make so light. Why should His wonderful goodness Our halting credence slight?

The little sharp vexations, And the briars that catch and fret, Shall we not take to the Helper Who has never failed us yet?

Tell Him about the heartache, And tell Him the longings, too: Tell Him the baffled purpose, When we scarce know what to do. Then, leaving all our weakness With the One divinely strong, Forget that we bore the burden, And carry away the song.

-Margaret E. Sangster. OUR LIFE.

made to be, at the same time, our own, longed only to God, did they sin in woris a mystery of grace, of which you have seen types in the garden, where just now so many millions of God's thoughts are springing and growing into beautiful expression. You once grafted something on to a fruit-tree. The process, though delicate, was most simple. You only had to be careful that there should be clean, clear, close contact between the graft and the tree. The smallest shred or filament that there should be clean, clear, close contact between the graft and the tree. The smallest shred or filament the delay to the tree. The smallest shred or filament the development of the tree. The smallest shred or filament the delay to the tree. The smallest shred or filament the delay to the tree. The smallest shred or filament the delay to the tree. The smallest shred or filament the delay to the tree. The smallest shred or filament to the delay to the tree. The smallest shred or filament to the delay to the tree. The smallest shred or filament to the delay to the tree to the delightful services of the upper sanctuary. The large attendance of neighbors and friends upon her obsequiced was not.

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TADLOCK.—Sister Mary A. Tadlock, born in Norm Carolina, Jan. 4. Itadlock, born in Norm Carolina, Jan. 4. Itadlock or in Norm Carolina, Jan. 4. I of wrapping round the graft would have of a prince, has wandered from her fathto say, "I live; nevertheless, not I, but she is met with more than encourage the tree liveth in me; and the life I now ment-with sympathy, with tenderness,

VARIOUS EMBLEMS OF CHRIST.

Cast thine eyes which way thou wilt and thou shalt hardly look upon anything but Carist. Jesus has taken the name of that thing upon himself. Is it Or is it night? and dost thou behold the stars? He is called a Star, "There shall come a star out of Jacob." Or is it morn-

THE GREATEST OF ALL MARVELS.

Upon me!" If it be wicked to love, what

Christ came from the bosom of his

is it to have deliberately inspired such
love upon them, and will never see them sick,
suffer ng or dying.

Annie Passmore. father, from the incomprehensible, sur- love, and then to refuse it ! passing glories in the Godhead, from an eternal enjoyment of an absolute, unin- my life, behold his beauty, twine about terrupted bijss and pleasure, in the mu-tual, ineffable intercourse between him strength; behold him as my leader, my offer such induce-and his father. The heavy of the control of the and his father. The heaven of heavens teacher; feed upon him as my bread; my was his habitation, and legions of cher- wine, my water of life; see all things in ubims and scraphims his humble and this world in that light which he deconstant attendants. Yet he was pleased clares himself to be; in his strength vanto disrobe himself of all his magnificence, to lay aside his sceptre and his glories, and, in a word, to "empty himself," as far as the essential fuliness of the Deity could be capable of such a dispensation.

Clares himself to be; in his strength vandle of six him magnificence, quich sin, draw from him my hope and inspiration, wear his name and love his works, and through my whole life, at his command, twine about him every affection, die in his arms, and awake with

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MUSCLE & FIBRE TO THE VERY BONE.

to a spirit accustomed to rule! How uneasy must the leather and the frieze sit upon the shoulders that used to shine with the purple and the ermine! All change must be grievous to an estata of absolute, entire, unmingled happiness; but then to change to the lowest pitch, and that at first, without inuring the mind to the burden by gradual intermediate declepsions, this is the most afficting cliamity that human nature can be capable of. And yet what is all this to Carist's humiliations? He who tumbles from a tower surely has a grea er blow than he who slides from a molehill. And we may as well compare the falling of a cramb from the table to the falling of a star from the firmament, as think the abasement of an Alexander from his imperial throne to the condition of the meanest scuilion that followed his camp, any way comparable to the descension of Him who was "the brightness of his father's glory, and the express image of his person," to the condition of a man, much less of a servant and a crucified malefac tor-for so was Christ treated: this was the strange leap that he made from the greatest height to the lowest depth, concerning which it might be well pronounc ed the greatest wunder in the world, that he should be able so far to humble him self, were it not yet a greater that he could be willing .- South .

HE IS ENTITLED TO OUR WORSHIP.

"And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Did they sin in worshiping the Lord Jesus Chris? After their long career of inbe snared by their enthusiasm, and be-Christ is our life. How his life is stow upon him the worship which be-

ive in the foliage, I live by faith in the shaft of the tree. I trust to the tree new, so elequent, that her soul dies in her with a sense of unworthiness. But her with a sense of unworthiness. But her with a sense of unworthiness. But he comforts and encourages her: "B. cause I live thou shalt live also."

And when she fears to weary him, and seeks the same of unworthiness and of angels with their downy wings she was to opreclous for this earth, so the Savior said, come up hither. Then he cause I live thou she fears to weary him, and seeks the waste away the loving shift to the pearly waste away the loving the loving shift to the pearly waste away the alone to flad her upward way, he whis pers, "Not without me, for without me ye can do nothing." When the return ing power of habits conquered but not subdued drives her to despair, he re-ilday? and dost thou behold the sun? jumines hope, saying, "Be of good cheer, He is called the Sun of R ghteousness. I have overcome the world, and you shall also," And then, amid blushing flow ers, he pours the tide of love in strange words that thrill the heart and fascining? and dost thou behold the morning ates the imagination. "I will never

And shall I follow Christ through all

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Marriages.

AYERS—Rowe.—At the groom's residence, near Hutchins, by Rev. H. M. Glass, Mr. Sam Ayers and Miss Laura A. Rowe, Nov. 27, 1888. EDMONSON—ALLEN—At the parsonage on Bee House circuit, Dec. 5, 1888, by Rev. Daniel Morgan, Mr. G. D. Edmonson and Miss Mary Allen—both of Coryell county,

ELLIS -HOCUTT.—At the parsonage in Mariin, Texas, Dec. 10, 1888, b) Rev. C. H. Brooks, Mr. A. C. Ellis and Miss Genavar Hocutt, daughter of Rev. E. G. Hocutt, of the Pexas Conference.

STRIBLING -GURLEY.—At Fifth Street Churen, in the City of Waco, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, by Ray, Sam I P. Wright, Mr. R. L. Stribling and Miss Hallie L. Gurley—all of Waco, Texas.

PICKETT, DAY. -At the parsonage in Coushatta, La., Dec. 5, 1888, by Rev. R. A Davis, Rev. L. L. Pickett (evangelist from Texas) and Miss Ludie C. Day, of Coushatta, Red River parish, La. HARDIN-SLAUGHTER -At the residence of Mr John Roberts, at Blanton, Texas, by Rev H. B. Henry, Dec. 6, at 2 p. m., Mr. Aaron B. Hardin and Mrs. Erna A. Slaugh-

HOMES -OSBORN. -At the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. Denois O. Osborn, in Campbell. Hunt county, Fexas, Dec. 5, 1888, by Rev. Z Parker, Mr. W. H. Homes, of Dallas city, and Miss Lucy J. Osborn.

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R. S. CHANDLER.

Colley - Eva Clyde Colley, daughter of F. P. and Mattie L. Colley, was born April, 1877, and died Nov. 13.h, 1888. Eleven years and six months she was permitted to stay with us here, and then God took her to come a star out of Jacob." Or is it morning and dost thou behold the morning star? He is called the "Beight Morning Star." Or is it noon? and dost thou behold clear light all the world over? He is that "Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Come nearer; if thou lookest upon the earth, and takest a view of the creatures about thee, dost thou see the sheep? "As a sheep before her shearer is dumb." Or seest thou a lamb? "Behold the Lamb of God." Seest thou a shepherd wa ching over his flock? "I am the Good Shepherd." Or seest thou a fountain, waters, rivers? He is a Fountain. Or seest thou a tree good for food or a flower? He is "the Twee of Life, and the Lify of the Valley, and the Rose of Sharon." At thou adorning thyself, and taking a view of the true and womanbood, and with a love that leave of the garments? "Put ye on the Lird Jesus Christ." Art thou eating meat, and taking a view of what thou hast on thy table? He is the Bread of God; the true Bread from Heaven; the Bread of Life.—Ambrose.

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Chiefe came from the core of his it it to bawe deliberately inspired such that it is to shape the core of his it is to bawe deliberately inspired such thee. Come to star with us does then Gade the Life of the carth, and though the carth, and takest a view of the carth, and the life from the vine. Thy heart is my home; I will dwell there. Not God and his dearest ones are more united than I and thou."

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Aud, now, if by the poor measures of a man we may take an estimate of this soul loveth, only to be put away with soul loveth, only to be put away with the amouncement that he is not the received to God in holy baptism in finely by Rev. P. W. Gravis. She was a sweet, loving, tender and obedient child; a blight Sunday-school scholar. She had expressed a does not soull be been to join the Church. Her mind, although so young, was occupied with plans for helping the missionary cause. But God took her. She was too bright a jewel for this world. In the bope of the resurrection unto eternal life we re-fize that Hopie has j inded her sainted mother and all the company of heaven. To manhood he went to Galveston and com-

young was occupied with plans for helping the missionary cause. But God took her, she was too bright a jewel for this world. In the hope of the resurrection unto eternal life we re dize that Hopic has j lined her sainted mother and all the company of heaven. To the bereaven I wish to say, love God—serve him faithfully, and in the sweet by and by you can meet sweet little Hopic in that sunbright et me.

Ennis, Texts.

Culwell.—James Oliver Blinkly Culwell, son of James and Julia Culwell, and step son of Wesley Culwell, was born Dec. 23, 1878, and died Nov. 1, 1888. Oliver was indeed a remarkable child, full of sympathy, love and kindness. He was blessed with religious training, but seemingly was a natural Christian September, 1887, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Agnes, Texas; was heard by the writer to publicly testify before a large audience, in experience meeding, that he loved the Lord, was not ashamed of his Savior, and intended to serve Him through life. His sufferings were great, but he did not murnur. When his devoted mother saw he must go she left the room and was weeping blurly. Olite heard her and sent for her; when she came he said: "Mamma don't grive about me; I don't think I am going to die, but if I do I will be done with troubles." He told his dear old grandtather, at different times, he was prepared and did not fear death. It pleased God to take his sainted

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Lieutent Colonel Jones Garrity, of Corsicasana adjutant-general; Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Campbell, of E. Paso, medical director; Major N. H. Ricker, of Galveston, inspector general; Major Albert Weiss, of Galveston, Guartermaster; Major C. W. Preston, of Galveston, commissary; Major T. Hoadley Franklin, Houston, aid de-camp; Major E. B. Parker, Houston, aid de-camp, Major Franklin was for years first lieutenant of the Light Guard champion drill team, and is still a member. Major Parker was at one time a member of this famous company.

Young man, if you have the ltch or any skin disease, you can't be too quick in curing it, so buy at once a box of Hunt's Cure. Guar-

A sensational dispatch from Cairo is to the effect that Stanley is a prisoner in the hands of the Mahdi.

Michael A. Sheldon, of Hudson, N. Y.. on trial for mail robbing, has been convicted and sentenced. During his six weeks of imprison-ment his disgrace so preved upon his mind as to turn his auburn hair almost white.

A syndicate has bought up most of the street railways in St. Louis.

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Advices from Hermosa, in Southwestern New Mexico, say that the helviest snowstorm ever known there occurred one week ago. A letter from J. B. Newman, a reliable ranchman of Hermosa, tells the following strange tale: Capt. Grossier, a ranchman, started for Cloridea a week ago last Sunday. He lost his way, and wandered about till ne and his horse were exhausted. He had neither gun nor matches, but killed his horse, took out the extrails, and got inside, where he was covered up with snow, and remained three days. He lived on the raw liver of the horse. He raly reached the Diamond creek ranch last unday, the eighth day out. Numerous p. rites were out hunting him, but he made he way back. I saw him drive into Fairr, wyesterday in a wagon, and he was badly frozen."

A sensation has been created by the refusal

A sensation has been created by the refusal of His Holiness, the Pope, to bless a number of medals and relies sent to him by Irish heroes for papal benediction before distribution in Ireland. In refusing to perform the act the Pope sternly said: "I cannot bless them. The people of Ireland are disobedient. They seem to prefer the gospel of Dillon and O'Brien to the gosp-I of Christ."

The most important event of the week in

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The most important event of the week in the financial world, the failure of the Panama canal, has not yet been felt in this country. The amount of securities held here is not large, and there is a general belief that the French government will be obliged to do something to prevent widespread disaster. But it can do nothing to make permanently aluable the vast amount of securities issued, and heavy French losses will in time have ome effect on the money markets elsewhere. But the supply of money in all parts of the country is so large, and the heavy disbursements of January are so near at hand, that there is an unusual feeling of confidence. The treasury has put out \$2 150,000 more than it has taken in during last week, thus supplying the loss caused by gold exports.

The Southern interstate immigration con-

ing the loss caused by gold exports.

The Southern interstate immigration convention met at Montgomery, Ala, Dec. 12, as the result of suggestions emanating from the governors and commissioners of immigration of nearly every one of the Southern states. At this great gathering were present representatives of Viginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Ken ucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Fennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississipol, Louisiana, Texas and the territories of New Mexico and Arz.na. The railroads of these states were also represented. The object of the convention was to secure the united and harmonious action of all the Southern states in the matter of added population and capital for the south, the arrangement of railroad rates, the establishment of this at prominent comis and the formation of a bureau for the dissemination of information concerning the resources of the south. The result of this convention is expected to materially promote the growth and prosperity of this section of the country. The convention was called to order and addressed by Col. F. B. Chilton, of Texas, Address of welcome by Gov. Seay and Major W. S. Reese, of Alabama. Gen. R. A. Cameron, of the panhandie of Texas, replied in behalf of the convention. About six hundred delegates were present.

Mess May Harris Weile committed suicide in verreil by taking arsenic.

was caught by a belt and whirled around a shaft for several minutes, being thus beaten to death; his body was badly mangled. Dr. J. W. Baker, a well known physician, confined in the calaboose at remple for a breach of peace, suicided by injecting morphine into his arm.

Hugh Murray, brakeman, fell between cars near Hempstead, and was run over and

A young man, by the name of Tom Smith, committed suicide by shooting himself four times with a pistol at the residence of James Wallace, eight miles southwest of Hillsboro, Smith had been in the employ of Wallace for some time. Immediately prior to the shooting the deceased was standing in the room talking with Mrs. Wallace. After handing her his mother's address and requesting that he was well, he stepped to the front porch and took his life.

Luis Cerrata, aged 14 years, was thrown from his horse at Blownsville, and instantly killed, his neck being broken.

A disastrous fire occurred at Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 11, totally destroying the Globehotel, the grocery stores of Cunningham & Son and Gwynn Bros. and the drug store of the Thurmond medicine company. Loss \$175,000.

Mr. W. F. Leslie, an old citizen of Athens, and a watchmaker by trade, died from an overdese of morphine, administered by his own hands, and it is supposed with suicidal intent.

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Fires.—Fifteen bales of cotton, belonging to Mr. D. C. Kincald, burned at Mesquite. The barn of E. C. Mitchell, near Winsboro; loss \$1500. The Fitz Morris stables with nine hack, ten buggles and a hearse, burned at Laredo. The four-story building at Texarakana occupied by W. Behan, furniture dealer, burned: loss very heavy: it required hard work to save the town. Hammer & Rowen's gin, on William's ranch, Hill county, destroyed; loss \$200. C. W. Fisher's gin and iortyfive bales of cotton destroyed near Alto; loss \$3500. Two thousand acres of grass burned in Uvalde county, destroyed \$3000 worth of baled hay. About 200 bales of cotton were burned on the train near Howth Station. T. M. Cain's gin near Emory; loss \$4000.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.—R. H. Stephens,

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Business Troubles—R. H. Stephens, grocer, at Rockwall, attached. John Clementson & Co., boots and shoes, filed a mortgage in the interest of preferred creditors. Bridgeman & Co., of Fort Worth, attached. W. F. Davis of Whitesboro, assigned. Thompson & Godley, saddlery and grocers, at Whitesboro, assigned. T. J. Hadley, saloon, at Greenville, attached. Mrs. J. Newman miliner, at Houston, assigned. Franklin & Floyd, at Winona, attached. F. W. Davis, furniture, at Texarkana, attached.

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Texas Incidents.

Mr. J. L. Fore, of Pittsburgh, Texas, sues the express company for \$8000 for failure to deliver election tickets.

The North Texas Medical Association met in Sherman the past week. The officers for the ensuing year are: Dr. J. T wilson, of Sherman, president; Dr. A Simms, of McKinney, vice president; Dr. G. R. Clayton, of snerman, secretary; Dr. S. F. King, of Bells, treasurer.

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It is said the narrow gauge railroad from Austin to Burnet will soon be of the past.

There is certain property in Austin that belongs to the United States military department, but which has not been used by it for some time. Recently it was offered to Austin for her public school, but was not accepted by the city counch. A man named Schneider, of Austin has taken possession of the property as "abandoned property." Two prominent Austinites went to San Antonio to call Gen. Stanley's attention to the trespass and to request him, as head of the military department in Texas, to send men to +ject the trespasser and recover possession of the United property in Austin.

Senator Beagan has appointed his wife as

Senator Reagan has appointed his wife as his private secretary under the law allowing each senator a secretary.

An nee war is being indulged in by the Denison dealers. Lee is delivered to customers in any part of the city at 25 cents per 100 pounds. The people are able to stand it. A meeting in the interest of the improvement of the Tarant county roads is called for Dec. 29, at 11 a.m., at the courthouse in Fort Worth.

Cattle on the Western ranges are looking fairly well, and with a favorable winter will go through, but should there be a severe winter will have a bix die up, but ranchmen have made ample provision for feeding, and with ordinary weather at d feed, they will carry their stock through in good condition.

A grayhound in pursuit of a Collin county jack rabbit ran his nose into the ground and broke his neck.

The assessment rolls, for this year, show for Texas an increase of \$7,500,000 in railroad values in Texas for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887. It is estimated on the basis of the average assessed value of \$6750 per mile that some 1166 miles were built in 1887, and it is believed that some 500 miles were built from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, of this year.

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The railroad con mittee for the Aransas Pass extension to Brownsville have obtained over \$60,000 in that city alone. The Huntington road will probably be built there also. ton road will probably be built there also.

Gerald Begoall, an assistant engineer connected with the United States engineering corps, stationed at Gaiveston, arrivel at Laredo with a party wich has been engaged for the past two months in making a reconnois ance survey of the Rio Grande from Embuga. New Mexico, to El Paso, a distance of about 300 miles in a direct line and over 500 miles by the course of the river. The trip was made in a canvas boat. It is expected that this prediminary survey with be followed up by a fuller one. Mr. Bagnell is deeply impressed with the importance of acopting some plan, as, for example, the construction of storage re-ervoirs to restrain the river and recla m the hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile lands in the Rio Grande valley.

At the Dallas county road convention there

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fund, and as property advanced the requirement would be met still castle. The question of the continue of the

Three Abilene men having to go through a prable dog town every day, the idea occurred to them that the dog would make good meat. A wager was entered into and the first dog killed was to be served and eaten by then, ail. The dog was slain, nicely dressed and placed upon the table for breakfast. One backed down, and said when be attempted to eat the dog would arise in his vision. I'wo of them partook of it freely, and say that the meat excels rabbit and has the flavor of a nice young chicken.

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The cars ran over and killed a white man named Geo. W. Kemp, near Pecan Gap, a small station twenty-five miles south of Paris. He was intoxicated and had fallen into a cattle guard, where he remained until he met a most horrible death under the wheels. His brains and pieces of bones and fish were scattered for several feet along the track. His heart was bicked up and put back into his bidy. He was a fiddler, and his tiddle, which he always carried with him, was found crushed to splinters near his side.

The vault in the county court-house at was found crushed to splinters near his side. The vault in the county court-house at Waco, one day last week, became completely charged with gas, liberated by a leaky pipe, and when deputy Clerk Tom Brown emered as usud and struck a match to light up he succeeded better than he expected. A succession of explosions followed, and he was enwreathed in fiery serpents, that played around him and burned out his hair, beard and eyebrows. A torgue of flume protraded from the vanit and burned a painter at work standing on his ladder in the front office. Mr. Erown sprang out of the vanit and closed the door behind him, thus ending the matter. He was not seriously hurt, and the only loss was a slight damage to a few papers. The fifty-third Grand Annual Communica-

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The fifty-third Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshiptul Grand Lodge of Texas was convend in the Masonic Temple, Houston, Dec. 11 Fully 400 delegates and visitors were present. M. W. An on Rainey, Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge, followed with a prayer by Rt. W. W. K. Homan, Grand Cnaplain. The election of grand officers resulted as follows: W. S. Fly, M. W. Grand Master; A. S. Richardson, R. W. D-puty Grand Master; Geo. W. Tyler, R. W. Grand Senior Warden; John Watson, R. W. Grand Junior Warden; Benry Sherfius, R. W. Grand Junior Warden; Benry Sherfius, R. W. Grand Secretary; F. Simpson, Director of Widows' and Orphans' Home.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State

Widows' and Orphans' Home.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Texas convened at the Masonic Temple, Houston, De. 11. Officers to serve for the ensuing year are as follows: R. M. Harkness, Mo-t Excellent Grand High Priest; Rufus Price, Deputy Grand High Priest; John P. Bell, Excellent Grand King; John McDonald, Excellent Grand Scribe; denry Sherfius, Grand Treasurer; Robert Brewster, Grand Scribe. The first named official, Mr. Harkness, is a prominent stockman, who has large realty possessions in Frio county. Mr. Rufus Price resides at San Augustine.

One of the most brilliant weddings in the

One of the most brilliant weddings in the history of San Anionio occurred Dec. 12, the high contracting parties being John P. Laflin, of Chicago, and Miss Mollie F. Smith, stepdaughter of Col. H. B. Andrews. The presents will approximate in value \$100,000, checks for \$50,000 and \$30,000 being in the list.

Many citizens advocate the proposed or-ganization of a new county out of that por-tion of Tom Green county lying south of Nolan and west of Runnells counties, includ-ing thirty miles square in the northeast cor-ner of from Green county.

Surveyors on the Galveston Air Line passed through Ellis county last week, running a line from Fort Worth to Corsicana. Their route runs near Chembers creek, about eleven miles south of Waxahachie, and thence on to

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Dec. 11.—W E Caperton, sub. A F Hendrix, sub. A C McDougal, subs. John R Steele, subs. J W Sims, sub. W K Simpson, sub. B F Badgett, subs. Sam'l Morriss, subs. subs.

Dec. 12.—W H Ardis, subs. D J McDonald.
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R Wages, sub. B J H Thomas, subs. E S
Boyd, subs. J D Hudgins, subs. C S
Thomas, subs. J W Kelley, sub. W P
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Hart, subs. J P Rogers, subs. J T Gillett,
sub. Ben H Bounds, subs. W N Bonner
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Dec. 13.—W L. Harris, sub. J J Harris, sub. R F Dunn, sub. S M Jones, subs. A C Benson, sub. L D Shaw, sub. Gro s Wyatt, subs. J M Adams, all o. k. C Kurz, sub. J S Mills, sub. L F Palmer, sub.

Dec. 14.—J H Chambliss, sub. R S Houston, as you direct so shall it be done. J W Bradford, has attention. Jas A Kerr, subs. J W Blackburn, sub. H E Smith, subs. A F Cox, sub. E G Hocuit, subs. S C Littlepage, sub. B. R. Bolton, subs. S H Morgan, subs.

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Dec. 15 — E B Thompson, subs. J B Gober, sub. Geo S Wyatt, subs. 1 N Reeves, subs. J L Pierce, subs. Fred L Allen, sub. L Gregory, subs. W F Brinson sub. Sam J F Canks, sub. M A Black, sub. J M Stephenson, sub. J W Hill, sub. B T James. sub. W N Bonner, sample sent. Z Parker, sub; caros sent; work of that kind will soon bring the desired increase. J B Denton, subs. J Hammond, sub. B Harris, sub. M S Hotchkiss, sub. C M Keith, subs. H G Horton, subs. J no E Greene, subs. A F Cox, sub. J M McKee, sub. J M Mills, changes made. Geo C Stovall, subs.

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Dec. 17.—J H Collard, sub; have been awaiting your order for change of address. W H Moss, sub. J D Hudgins, subs. A J Frick, subs. A L P Green, subs. W E Rector, sub. H M Vinson, sub. F A Kosser, sub. S C Riddle, change made.

Dec. 18.—B F Badgett, subs. T B Lane, sub, W J Lemons, sub. Jao S Davis, sub. G W Swofford, sub. Jas D Odom, subs. E A Smith, subs.

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