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### A Happy New Year.



NEW YEAR'S REVERY. JEAN PAUL.

All men are historians. Though some of us do not write, all live history. Of good histories it is required that the contents be true, devoid of equivocation and prevarication. Historians must be unblased in judgment. Prejudice mars all. A judge who should decide a case without hearing the testimony, pro and con, would soon be deposed. Style is of importance. Language classical, diction elegant, construction transparent. No more are slang, vulgar commonplace and the language of the gutter indicative of intellectual strength than mean, tattered, dirty clothes are expressive of humility. There are long histories which seem to be too short, some short which are too long. Each year furnishes a volume of the life-long series. The life of aged saints constitutes precious libraries. The life of some worldly young people I wot of is not better than our dime novels, whose heroes are French dancing masters, gamblers, drunkards, prodigal sons and daughters. The make-up and binding of a book is of little importance; it is the contents which determine the merit or demerit of the same. If the contents consist in interesting narratives of true nobility, of an unselfish, generous, magnanimous, philanthropic life, it matters little if the manufacturer employed musliner paper as a cover. Should on the other hand the index point to an insipid money thus saved. conglomerate of bacchanals, effeminate indulgence, softness of intellect and life, thealers, extravagance in attire, balls, etc., the book will be worthless, though the cover be richly embossed, beyeledeige, gilt. Notwithstanding the disparity in the binding, God preferred the

history of Lazaras to that of Dives. our life history closes. A second and re-Wi hathe new year another volume of possibility. Ere we cross the threshold Piedmont, Mo., was recently burned, of 1889 we ought speedily to make cor rections. The blood of Jesus, our dear Savior, enables us to make necessary erasures. Interlineation would not mar but beautify the life book if we make haste in asking forgiveness of those whom we had wronged, made restitution and paid our vows unto the Lord.

Heeding the advice of editor Greeley. to go West, the young man bids adieu to climes. Reaching a near elevation he looks back to his home once more. The church, mill, creek, the forest and field. even the two stately poplars in front of ROMANISM AS SEEN IN MEXICO-GENERAL INSINfather's house are clearly discernable, and awaken a thousand reminiscences. Sadness steals o'er his thoughts, and he fails in repressing the fast flowing tears. Advantages and prerogatives neglected. Guilty of many wrongs. He sinks on his knees, sobs loudly, and prays earnestly a changed man. He rises to his feet, proceeds on his journey, determined to his home, and we see him no more.

briefly beneath the live-oaks of God's favor to lament our short comings, bewail is complete. It is superscribed. Enland, etc.

ous out going and in coming vessels, con-

riers. So we bear one another's burdens. A miserable failure is life if we selfishly live to and for ourselves. Angels minister unto saints, and we, being saints, should only seek our own? Now another trip—abundant opportunities for labors of labors of love, a life devoted to the well-being of men and the honor to the true state of affairs than they are to the well-being of men and the honor to the whole in stress can be put on the while in stress can be put on the whole in stress can be put on the while in the whole in the the whole in the whol of God. Shall our career terminate during the ensuing twelve months? No matter. We shall certainly make port, if not on the shore of the year 1890, bayond a doubt on the banks of the River

of Life. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

> LAYMEN AND CHURCH INSURANCE. REV. W. B. PALMORE.

Our ablest preachers and most useful pastors have their hearts and minds so completely absorbed in the higher or can give but little time to such temporalities or material interests as the insudisqualify them for very practical thinking in the line of material business interests. Laymen are more directly concerned in raising money to rebuild churches destroyed by fire or tempests. Their daily duties and trend of thought eminently fit them for the formulation of some system or plan for Methodist mutual insurance that will in the comchurch. The suggestion published a few weeks ago as a sort of working hypothe-Springfield, Mo. He is now gathering facts, figures and general data to present adoption of some plan for the more general insurance of our property, and a more economical use of our Lord's money. If our laymen will look abroad in the great see the most magnificent extravagance concreted in the great buildings of insurance companies, who have made so much money they scarcely know what to tic corporations. "The children of this world are wiser in their day and generation than the children of light." Men who own property in a dezen localities will not waste their money on insurance

A marine company with ten ships on the sea, puts its money into new ships instead of magnificent buildings on land for insurance companies. Methodism has ten thousand ships in her fleet; can she not carry her own risks? Had she not better put her earnings into new churches than in the gorgeous grandeur of insurance offices? The very churches ones not insured at all. Our church in with balf the homes of the members. The pastor and a layman are now going from place to place soliciting funds to rebuild. The church at large cannot afford to continue this humiliating and uncertain method of restoring buildings deeded to and belonging to the church at

large, and not to individual cocleties. Let every thoughtful layman who has a suggestion, criticism, figures or fac's that will conduce to the perfecting of a his loved ones, and sets out for distant plan for Methodist mutual insurance, forward the same to Brother H. W. Bush. man, Springfield, Aissouri.

INDEPENDENCE, MO.

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REV. J. D. SCOGGINS.

graces in their legitimate sense.

journey to the heavenly Canaan we loiter and more honorable if the circumstances and is likely to reply "por muchos anos" tirely consecrated to our Master. Now but believe and shudder; why not tell it ever greatly he may be needed. onward, upward. Nearer, my God, to to the church, that she may realize the On every line similar inconsistencies effort among all peoples dominated by the moral faculties of the soul have been leated. that system. Yes, reader, there are blunted or put to sleep by the ethics of I love to muse on the banks of the 200,000,000 of people, whom you count Romanism. Hence the great difficulty Father of Waters, observing the numer- Christians (and they are in name) who of the work, as well as its imperative are enguifed thus in siu and grovel in necessity. Only one rule is infallibleveying passengers and freight to differ- thick darkness and helplessness, whom "By their fruits ye shall know them," ent and distant points. Some large, we must make a persistent effort to save and it applies to this work; hence, as it rection to their respective contributions, others small; some elegant, others rus or their blood will be required at our takes time to apply it we advance slowly. Ithe following plan is formulated as the tic; some new, others old. Explosions, hands. But you want some proof of the But we advance, and the gospel sloughs general plan to be proposed by our collisions, sand-banks and rocks cause above serious assertion. It abounds on off this moral rottenness and heals the agent: many wrecks. Passengers landed, every hand. As a rule they will agree wound. O that the Macedonian cry freight discharged, ready for another to anything you say or they imagine will would bestir every lover of truth, of sintrip. Vessel sound, machine perfect, please you, or promise anything you re- cerity, of God and Christ and his reli-

to indicate the state of the atmosphere or the current prices of the market. On being introduced to a man who knows you by character or knows your business previously (or he may be a rank stranger to both) you are overpowered by his cordiality. He declares himself delighted, in the superlative degree, with your acquaintance, and off as himself and house so that you cannot miss the way in your visit, which, judging from what he says, spiritual interests of the church that they family. Mark you, he shows all of this lege must be worthy of the people it rep- lege the same in motive and recordiality if he means every word of it, or if he does not mean one syllable of it, rance of buildings. Their daily duties all the same. An unsuspecting stranger suppose that 37,500 Methodist people in ing to one have the same reasons for style, and, unless a friend or stern expe- ference) will pay an average of \$1.35 will be arranged so that students attendand after such an introduction, goes home hopeful, counting that man a friend ing time save millions of dollars to our of his cause, and a subject for the gosrect in this but not often. We were once sis was given to me by a very earnest, introduced to a State librarian, an elderly, thoughtful layman, H. W. Bushman, of honest looking gentleman. To our surprise he received the introduction as above. On leaving the room our native to our annual and general conferences preacher, who was present, was asked it school has proven itself worthy of pubthat will doubtless arouse them to the beknew the street where the gentleman lic confidence by a wise administration, lived, to which he replied, with a suggestive smile, "O, yes, but why for you want to know?" "Why he is so friend- the general public. ly," we replied, "and he invited us to see cities of ours and other lands, they will him. It certainly is because he is in sympathy with our mission." Our Mexican brother's broken English was suggestive as he replied, "Ah, you no understand. Dot is de politica. Not mean do with it. Our church is contributing it dot man, wat he say not be truth. In every year to the plethora of these gigan- your country don't you tell lie dot way for de politeness?" Well we had to confess that some people had that custom, but not so thorough as our friend, to which he replied: "Dots de way all de peoples do here." And he companies. They carry their own risks, told the truth. This item is representaand build additional houses with the live, and could be strengthened by many others, but it will suffice to indicate the state of affairs along that line. Let us

notice next

with the propaganda, because he is a great liberal. After the first or second still further banefits to those who are sermen the missionary speaks of the abundance of work and few workers. Without embarrassment. This is in part at once tells him that he will go to the cause presented. Does it not address and his wife and children were not neglected and his wife and children were Until they are brought into favorable abundance of work and few workers. without embarrassment. This is in part contact with the awakening powers of B at once tells him that he will go to the cause presented. Does it not address divine truth, as contained in the unadul- preaching if he can support him. This itself to us as one worthy of our support? terated gospel, thoroughly Romish peo- missionary evades by saying that that is for forgiveness, for wiedom and courage. ple are unable to apprehend what is a very important holy work, and hence In an instant he has become, as it were, meant by Christian character and its none should dare undertake it save those

fuel and provisions in abundance. All aboard! Will the voyage terminate safely? Many of our vessels have ne'er returned to port.

We have completed another year's trip. Steamers are denominated common car
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Mile of the west Taxang open to do every large city Seguin is noted for its hospi the 6th. We have been received with warm hearts and open hands and purses. The stewards proposed to supply us with propo

J. W. ADKISSON.

A worthy enterprise liberally endowed! Cantral College is destined to be the leading institution of the kind, under the auspices of the M. E. Church, South, in North Texas. It is the property of the North Texas Conference, and is under the Southwestern University. There is the control and patronage of this confer- therefore now no grounds for apprehenat your service, giving number and street erce. Such being the case the college sions of friction and antagonism in curedhas a legitimate and reasonable claim ucational work in Texas. On the other upon the good will and liberality of hand, the relations that now exist will be eagerly awaited by himself and Methodist people. The plans of the col- make contributions to Central Colresents, and money is necessary to exe- sult as those made to the University. cute these plans. Is it not reasonable to They who have unselfish reasons for givis easily trapped by this volubility of the bounds of this (the North Texas Con- giving to the other. From this time it rience sets him right, he cannot think of each (\$50,000) to enable Central College ing Central College will pursue the same his newly made acquaintance without to carry out plans worthy of its name course of study as at the University, and thinking, "It's my business he is pleased and reputation, and creditable to the a certificate from Central College will with, for of me he knew nothing." Thus church it represents? No general ap- enter students at the University without the new missionary is "taken in" often, peal is made to pay embarrassing debts examination. To the same extent that incurred by past bad management; noth- students advance at Central College the ing is asked to relieve the crippled and same work is done as at the University. limping processes of a sickly existence; The work of the church in North Texas pel banner. He may sometimes be cor- no local interest is plead to be subser- should be co-operative and harmonious ved at the expense of the general public; respecting these institutions. It cannot no cause to be espoused that is unconnectional and prescribed within narrow limits for selfish purposes; but an appeal | ments and the fleecing but generous conis made for Central College, because this | tributions of our preachers at conferences a successful career, and this, too, without any previous appeal to or aid from

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE? The sum of about twenty thousand dollars has been raised by the citizens of Sulphur Springs within the past five years, which amount has been applied to liquidating debts, to erect new buildings, to supply furniture, apparatus, etc. The faculty, in addition to this, have done gratis work for young ministers, ministers' children, and other worthy beneficiaries, to the amount of about four thousand dollars. We have now as the result of local interest a splendid college building, a handsome and commedious, well awanged president's residence, all nicely enclosed upon a valuable lot of six acres, most beautifully situated. The college is in good running order, having

WHAT IS PROPOSED? It is proposed to ask the Methodist people, friends of the Methodist Church, whom the Holy Spirit calls to the office. and all who are in sympathy with Chris-Not only idelatry gross and ruinous B downs the reverend gentleman by pro tian education in North Texas, to give make himself a man, and never deviate prospers under the evil influences of fessing such a call, who inquires for par- lifty thousand dollars to the college-onefrom the path of duty. A kies-hand to Romanism, but among people who have ticulars as to time, manner, etc.; and half for improvements, and one half for been under that system for ten genera- here he floors B, for he does not know endowments. Our sgent, appointed by We review the past year. On our tions, alie is often as honorable as a truth, just what answer the misssionary wants, the conference, Ray. J. F. Sherwood, is now in the field, and will give our people urgently demand it. Does it shock you? that for many years he has felt the call. an opportunity to respond to the call we We cannot help it if it does, for the aw- The tired preacher, whose very heart make. By formal resolution it was reour sins, ask for pardon, solicit assist- ful truth of what we say is so constantly aches for such cases, chuckles a painful commended by the North Texas Conferance. Our programme for the new year forced upon those who live and labor laugh to himself and steals away quite ence that our people receive the agent among such a population that we can satisfied that B is not a helper yet, how- with a willingness to aid him in his work, both morally and materially. Let none turn him away empty. Lat all thee. We're bound for the happy magnitude and necessity of missionary are met, which show how thorough all help liberally and the fund will be col-PLAN.

While every contribution in cash or

100 persons to give \$100 each......\$10,000 10,000 

J. F. SHERWOOD, Agent for College. F. M. ROGERS.

President of Board. L. H. AVINGER. Secretary of Board

Note - Terms of correlation have been agreed upon between Central College an reasonably be otherwise; mere pittances of contributions from conference assessare not sufficient to plant our educational institutions on a broad and sustaining basis. This work must become a living interest, existing in the hearts and consciences of Texas Methodists. Our people must be brought up to appreciate the fact that without their liberal aid no permanent and creditable work can be done in this department of church enterprise. They must give or the hopes of the church on the children in turn, don't forget your preachers and their families. Your own experience has prepared you to sympathize with the preacher and his family. Be among the church on this line will ever be basis. This work must become a living the church on this line will ever be glocmy. Let our people of North Texas take the crown by liberally giving to this lever do marry and have a home of my own. take the crown by liberally giving to this

Whitney. H. B. Henry, Dec. 28: On Christmas eve

but had their share of the presents, and in re-turn give our heartfelt thanks to the thought-ful denors. I shall vote, D V., to hold our conference as we have been, or in October.

Tyler City Mission. W. N. Benner, Dec. 6: Rev. Lacy Boone

pastor, invited the pastors of other denomi. | packages appeared at the Methodist parsonnations in Tyler to co-operate with him in age. A pleasant evening was passed, and nations in Tyler to co-operate with him in holding religious services at the mission on Christmas day. Bro. Boone opened the services by reading the first seven verses of Isaiah ix, and the first nineteen verses of Luke ii. Congregation sanx, "Savior, more than life to me," and kneft in prayer with Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, pastor of the Method ist Church. We then had an appropriate address of fifteen minutes by Rev. A. J. Faucett, pastor of the Baptist Church, and Rev. R. T. Phillips, pastor of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, followed with a short and appropriate address. The Rev. D. F. C. and appropriate address. The Rev. D. F. immons closed the speaking by making a rong appeal to the children present to open leir hearts and make room for the Savior their hearts and make room for the Savior Services closed with prayer by Bro. Fancett, and benediction by Bro. Philips. The mission is in a prosperous condition and the members are in good working order. They have conversions nearly every week. I am gratified to be able to state that we have a preacher's meeting every Monday morning, in which Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterians and Cumberland Presbyterians meet together to conberland Presbyterians meet together to consubscription is to be strictly independent of what others do, and while contributors may have the privilege of giving direction to their respective contributions, the following plan is formulated as the general plan to be proposed by our general plan to be proposed by our subscription is to be strictly independent of what others do, and while contributions, the following plan is formulated as the general plan to be proposed by our g cessful and prosperous year to the cause of Christ in the city of Tyler. We ask the pray-ers of all that love our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Cooper.

clerk, who is not a member of any church at this time. I have met nearly all the county officials, and am favorably impressed. Bro. Finley is having the parsonage repaired as fast as he can under the circumstances. I will write again soon. A liberal assessment has been made for the preacher in charge.

the present conference year is new to me. I iting the official and leading members, attendmade a full round on the circuit, met a warm reception and incouraging promises from the brethren. My predecessor (Bro. J. W. Bowden) left the work in good condition. Inscircuit embraces a fine country in the northeast corner of Brown county. There are about 250 square miles of territory in the circuit. The people are generally well-to-do, and the country is in a prosperous condition. I see no reason why we may not have a prosperous year, both spiritually and financially. There are four local preachers in the circuit who have promised to co-operate with me in working to save souls and build up the church in the circuit. I ask an interest in the prayers of all the readers of the ADVOCATE, for ers of all the readers of the ADVOCATE, for the success of the gospel on Pecan circuit this conference year. I wish the ADVOCATE success, and its big editor and his staff, and all its readers a happy Christmas. [We had

F. M. Winburne, Dec. 21: Myself and family reached here 4th inst. I have preached at each church-Simms and Glenwood; found a pleasant, responsive congregation at both places. So far we have had no pounding, yet the people have been unceasing in acts of kindness. I am better prepared than ever before to sympathize with parents who have fore to sympathize with parents who have lost their daughters by marriage. Being sepa-rated from Minnie and Julia makes us feel very lonely. Thank God we have reason to believe they are married to men with whom we can afford to trust them. And now, my dear prethren of the ministry, don't forget my children: look after them; visit them in we can afford to trust them. And now, my dear orethren of the ministry, don't forget my children; look after them; visit them in their houses; put them and their husbands at cause. Let us no longer sustain the I have." Don't forget this now, that you are ridiculous attitude to the world of being separated from papa and mamma. Remember how these little acts of kindness cheered languidiy satisfied with poor colleges for universities, and still more helpless high schools for colleges.

SCLPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS.

THE HOME CONFERENCES.

Ber now these little acts of kindness cheered us frequently when among strangers. Finally, don't be stingy to help to support your preacher. Remember the church has tenderly cared for you from helpless infancy. Pray for your preacher and always encourage him in his public ministrations by your presence and prayers. [And above all, be certain to subcribe for the France Advocate.—ED.]

E. D. Cameron, Dec. 26: The St. Jo circuit a good faculty, being well equipped, Bros. Nie McLaughlin and Bob Maben from some cause imaginary or otherwise, has A missionary preaches on repentance, defining the doctrino ciently and soripturally, showing it forth in all its power and pungency. All listen attentively After service ask A if he has experienced repentance. He will very likely answer in the affirmative, though he may be living in adultery, drunkenness and other notoricus sins. Ask him if he has received the pardon of his sins, and his amiltoned for the public mind experienced answer is, "Yes, of course," though, as a matter of fact, you may know he has not abandoned his sins, nor is disposed. commanding a large attendance, both brought us from Woodbury-nine miles off- been under disrepute for a year or two; so it a mater of race, you may know he has not abandoned his sins, nor is disposed to do so. Tell him that it is a very great apartments for the commercial classes, two halts for the literary societies, an enlarged chapel, a laboratory, an art hall, and about four additional recitation our hearts with unspeakable peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, and he tells you deliberately that so it is with him! You a k him how long he has felt it, and he is no likely to say all his life as any his else, though by every token you may know that he is a poor miscrable sin.—"And as yet has neither part nor lot in the matter. Been thusiastically synapathizes with the propaganda, because be is a great liberal. After the first or second sermon the missionary speaks of the abundance of work and few workers. B at once tells him that he will go to prepaching if he cause presented. Does it not address. people generally. With the proper work the St. Jo circuit will be one of the best in North Texas in two or three years.

## ITEMS FROM SEGUIN.

On the evening of December 221 a number of ladies with smiling faces and mysterious

edifying, interesting and passed off to the sat-isfaction of the large audience thronging the

I have read the proof sheets of our conterence minutes, and expect in a few days they will be forwarded to the members of the West Texas Conference from Nashville.

A card from Dr. Barbee assures me that we may expect our new hymn book about the first

Please read and take heed. Last year we collected a sufficient amount of missionary money to meet the first quarter's our conference board by the first of February. Let us endeavor to do as well this year. The money to be forwarded at once to our pres-ent treasurer, Rev. W. W. Pinson, San An tonio.

It will be forty years this coming fall since the first Methodist conference met in Seguin, presided over by Bishop Paine. Our citizens will be grad to entertain the West Texas Conference here at its next session. While not a very large city Seguin is noted for its hospitality. It is a staid old place without booms or backsets.

The present writer enters upon his third year's pastorate with prospects of a pleasant

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# About the Tesson.

LESSON I., SUNDAY, JAN. 6. THE MISSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. Mark i:1-11.

### LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The gospel story begins in Luke with the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist. More than thirty years after, "John came" as preacher. The first and second chapters of Matthew and of Luke tell all that is known of the history of our Lord and his forerunner during these years. The latter "was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel" (Luke i:18). Meanwhile our Lord had grown to full manhood at Nazereth, subject unto his earthly parents and "in favor with God and men" (Luke ii:52).

The place where John was baptized was, according to John's Gospel (John i:28), "Bethabara beyond Jordan." The Revised Version, following the most ancient manuscripts, reads, 'Bethany bevond Jordan." The former reading existed, however, before the days of Origen (186-253 A. D.); and the discovery by the Palestine Exploration Fund of a ford called 'Abarah ("Beth-Abara" is the "Place of Abara," or "Place of Crossing Over"), within two days easy journey of Cana in Galilee (see John ii:1), points to Bethabara as the more correct form. Capt. Conder suggests that the readings may be harmonized; Bethany being equivalent to Batanea, the Hebrew Bashan, and thus indicating the district in which the village of Bethabara lay, or to which it was the natural approach. If this view is correct, the place of of the Jordon, about twenty-two miles southeast of Cana, about fourteen miles south of the Sea of Galilee, and a little above the city of Beth-shan. Tradition places the site of the baptism at a point much farther south, east of Jericho; but this is in conflict with the biblical indi-

The time when John began to baptize was in all probability when he was thirty years of age, "in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cae ar (Lake iii:1). This is most conveniently reckoned as Only one thing. That is the year of Rome 779, A D. 26 Assuming that John began his ministry during the summer, and that our Lord presented himself for baptism when he was thirty years old, the date of his baptism-may be placed in January, year of Rome 780. A. D. 27 .- Sunday School Times.

### TEACHING HINTS.

may see three preparations. Look at lost, just because they fail to make the them in their order.

First preparation. This was a divine preparation. God had been long pre- pared. Teachers have prepared. But paring a sacrifice for the sins of scholars have not prepared, and therethe world. In fullness of time this fore they go down to the pit, in spite of Son of God came into the world, being better had it been for all such, had God born of a virgin, as the Prophet had long before foretold. Then, for the thirty years of his life, the Divine Master had been silently preparing for his life work. All that was included in that long period of patient waiting we shall never know; but there was much that he had to learn as a man before he was ready to come out and begin his life of public ministry. There was a "needs be" for all this waiting, in order that the divine preparation might be a complete one. The whole story of the divine purpose in this preparation is told in the words of the Apostle John: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's preparation was now complete, at least so far as it could be, and only lacked the events of the next three years to make it an absolutely finished work.

Second preparation. This was the work of John the Baptist .- His work was only that of a voice. He began nothing. and he finished nothing. His task was to announce what God had already begun, and to point out what men were to carry on to completion. Yet his was a very important work; and so magnificently did he do it, that the Master gave him such praise as he gave to no other being on earth. In this respect Christ placed him higher than any of the sons of men. How well John performed his task, we may see by the success of his mission. He was in very deed a popular preacher, for all the country poured out to hear him. What Whitefield, or Wesley, or Moody, have been in modern times, that, and more, John was in his days. Citizens and soldiers, common people and ecclesiastics, thronged around him, and hung on his lips. That his preaching was not without its due effect may be seen from the fact that the people not only gave heed to his words, but obeyed them, and reformed their ways. If a man like Herod "did many things" because of him, we may easily believe that those who were by nature and practice more godly felt the influence of his preaching to a marked degree.

It is worth our while here to note that John was content to be "a voice." He claimed no honor for himself, and was not willing that there should be any misunderstanding among the people as to who or what he himself was. He distinctly disclaimed any honor, and declared that, as for himself, he was bound to decline in popularity, while he of whom he spoke was to increase. What an example for John's successors for all time, some of whom are like the Pharisees who sought honor from one another!

All of this man's effort was to turn men, not to, but away from, himself, and to point them to Him whose forerunner he was. In this he showed the spirit of him of whom he spoke.

Third preparation. This was the work of the people.-The other two preparations would ail be in vain if this were lacking. John felt this very keenly, and therefore made every effort to arouse them to make their preparation in time. Many of them seemed to realize this, and asked him what they should do to be prepared. His directions were explicit, and he feared not to tell them exactly what they had to do for their share of the work. "Cease to do evil; learn to do well,"-this was the substance of all that he taught. Now among the people there were those who followed his advice, and when the Master came forth. these were ready to enter into fellowship with him at once. But there were others who refused to heed the warning of the stern prophet, and these were doubtless those who, when the Master came, were his bitterest opponents.

Now, as there were three preparations in the time of the Baptist, so there are three preparations in our days.

First: God's preparation .- This is to day more complete than in the time of the Baptist. When Jesus cried on the cross, "It is finished," he meant more than merely that his life had come to an end. His great life work was finished, and the price had been paid for the ransom of the sinner. He bare our sins in his body on the tree, and when he had done that, there remained no more to be done that God might be able to pardon. at least as far as the divine side went. We should try to make our scholars understand clearly that God has made all the necessary preparation for their par-John's baptizing was in Perea, at a ford don, and that he will never make any more. If what has been done is not enough to satisfy them, then they never will be satisfied.

Second preparation. This consists in the call.-The call of the Holy Spirit, seconded by that of the human herald of the message of salvation. Who is there in this school who has not heard this, not once or twice, but many times? Yes, God has prepared for our salvation, and his messengers have prepared in giving the invitation. What then remains?

Third preparation. My preparation. Both the others will be of no avail unless this too is made. And just here is where most of those in our schools who fail of salvation make their fatal mistake. They rest in a kind of comfortable consciousness that God has opened the way very wide, and that they have preachers and teachers, and that in some way it is hardly possible that they will Looking carefully at this lesson, we be lost. And yet many of them will be one preparation that it is their duty to make. See how it stands. God has prenever made any preparation, or had they not heard the voice of the teacher urging them to flee from the wrath to come.

What a lesson for the teacher also to learn from these verses! Was John faithful? Did he utter the whole counsel of God so far as it was revealed to him? Well, then, he stands as an example to us not to shun to declare the whole counsel of God to our classes, but to warn them to flee from the wrath to come, lest they, not to say we, find that we have been unfaithful to our trust .- A. F. Schauffler, D D , in Sunday School Times.

### Old and Young. GIRLS DO THINK AND GIRLS WILL

BY ONE OF THEM.

New York Advocate The other day my friend and I Went to visit the charming Di. Her name, you know, is Miss Diana. We found her working a temperance ba

Now Diana is fair and sweet and brave. And her object in life is trying to save Souls from perdition and lives from waste, And she often does work averse to he

Diana says, and she is right, That a tippling youth offends the sight; o man who drinks shall ever dare Ask her his fortunes and life to share.

I have a theory to propose—
'Twill work reform among the beaux and excite approval in minds of thinkers-Have nothing wheever to do with drink

will not ride with, dance with, marry, One who'll o'er the wine-cup tarry: I'll never heed the pleading forlorn-"Marry me and I will reform."

In this free country a man may drink Whatever he likes, or happens to think Tickles his palate and makes him forget All life's stern duties and love's deep deb

so in this free country a girl may choose Whom she'll accept and whom she'll re

Who'd taste love's nectar must fly the cup Which drinks his fortune and honor up. Wit and wisdom are two great prizes: Who holds them not the world despises.

Wisdomless, witless, driveling wight. No matter how rich he may be now, He'll be poor as poverty by and by; No matter how tender and solemn his vow,

But a man in kis cups presents this sight:

In his heart is a demon-the brute in hi eve.

Prohibition? Ah-well I suppose 'Tis good for weaklings, but I propose To avoid the man who won't go astray Simply because they've blocked the way.

Tis not enough to make array Of pledges ne'er to touch or taste But all unflichingly to say,
"On tipplers ne er our hearts we'll waste KITTIR'S PLAID SHAWL

By Mary Woodruff, in the Pansy.

"Kittie Lee, look how faded and small your cloak is! You have grown too big for it." And Jessie Scott took up the childish hand that hung beside her own, as they walked home from school.

"See how far your dress sleeve come down below your sack. It is too short for you. Why don't you ask your mamma to buy you a plaid shawl like Susie's and

"O. Jessie! My mamma says she cannot afford to get me one," replied Kitty with a little sigh.

"We girls will all go and ask her, wont we?" said Jessie, turning to a merry group of children, on their way home to-

"I am afraid she will feel bad if you ask her," ventured Kitty, "for I know she would get me one if she could."

"O! she wont feel bad, Kitty; perhaps she does not know how much you want it. Will she be home from school now?" "I guess so."

A merry group of little girls from five to ten years old trooped into Mrs. Lee's cozy sitting-room, and found her just laying aside her hat and cloak.

"O, Mrs. Lee!" said Jessie, "we have come to ask you to buy Kittie a shawl like ours," and she arranged in a row four or five attractive little figures in new plaid shawls. "We have got them, and they are so nice and warm that Kitty wants one, too."

"No one would like better to get one than I would for Kitty, my dears, but just now I cannot do it."

"O! do get it, do, Mrs. Lee," chimed in a chorus of voices. "They don't cost so very much, and I don't believe you dren—as I have done—to their simple know how much little girls want things sometimes."

"Yes, my little girls, I know very well how much Kitty wants and really needs it, but the dear Lord has not given me the money to get it this winter," answered Mrs. Lee in a sad tone.

"Don't tease her any more, girls, please don't," said Kitty, almost ready to cry The mats or carpets are laid loose along because she had not said 'No' at once, when her friends proposed asking her mamma.

The little party left the house, and after waiting until they were far enough away to be out of hearing Jessie said, "I do think it is mean Kitty can't have any tains the books or other possessions of thing she wants since her papa died."

"No, girls, Mrs. Lee is not mean," said a bright, blue-eyed, flaxen-haired little one. "My papa says Mrs. Lee is very poor now, and I am sure she is a lovely teacher, and Kitty loves her mamma dearty. Everybody does not have all the money they want."

Mr. Lee had been a professor in the academy at the city of M---, and with his wife and little daughter was very happy in their pleasant home. But overwork and fatigue one summer laid weeks he died. He was young, and lookothers, death overtook him, without making any provision for his family. Poor Mrs. Lee was for a time so prostrated with grief at her terrible loss that she could not make any effort to help ful, was the outward life of the family herself. A position as primary teacher was offered her and gladly accepted. Kitty was now six years old, and as only little more than a year had passed since her father's death, there were many more ways for money than Mrs. Lee could meet

It was bed-time, and little Kitty came er. Clasping her arms about her neck, she asked, "Mamma, would it be wrong to ask God to give me a plaid shawl?"

"Certainly it would not, my darling." and she pressed a loving kiss upon the sweet face so close to her own.

So the innocent child knelt beside her mamma, and in simple faith asked the dear Lord to bless them, and added, "Please, God, all the money and all the the wall was the picture of another idol, things in the world are yours! please send me a plaid shawl! Picase do, dear Jesus! I want it so much."

Kittie's head was laid on her pillew that night with a trusting faith that her who is so well able te do it.

Next day, although Kittle watched for her answer, it did not come, so at evening time her little prayer was repeate with the same faith and trust. Several days passed in this way. Each night Kittle's petition was not forgotten: the mother. "Please, dear Jesus, send me a plaid shawl.

About a week after, as the child was ready for bed, she looked into her mama's face, saying, "Mamma, God always hears our prayers, doesn't he?"

"He always hears, my darling, but he does not always answer as we expect he drawn together in such a queer pucker. will. Sometimes he thinks it is not best They gave her the name of Amoy, alfor us to have what we ask him for, and so he gives something that he knows is bered instead of named. Amoy grew better for us. We cannot always know what is best for us. But he knows, and he always hears, and he has promised to straight bangs. Her lips were as red as answer our prayers in his own way."

"Well, mamma, I am going to keep on asking him. May be he is too busy to was five years old. listen, but a bright angel might run and tell him to hear, for a little girl is praying. I am sure he will answer me, mam-

So the childish voice pleaded: "Dear Jesus, love mamma and me! Make me ed to pay almost a hundred dollars for a good girl, and bring me a plaid shawl Amoy. She sas to become the wife of so that I can say Jesus gave it to me."

school a gentlemen called at the door, the proper size. and saying, with a cheery voice, "Good morning, Mrs. Lee," handed her a pack-

daughter, and thinking Kittie might like her little friends were. So her mother one, I bought one for her, too."

him the story of the childish faith and feet out as straight as she could. She prayer, adding, "Inasmuch as ye have then bent the four toes under, and bound children, ye have done it unto me.' May heel under and fastened the bandages God bless you for it."

He went away, leaving such joy and to grow to its natural size. thanksgiving and praise to the dear In a few days how Amoy's feet did Jesus who had heard and answered pray- hurt! How she did cry! Every morn er, as they could hardly find words in ing, in spite of her shrieks and moans their full hearts to express.

"No, darling, but God put the thought

of you into his heart, and through him formed by the pressure. They put all the dear Lord has answered your prayer sorts of herbs and medicides on the poor. for the plaid shawl" What a happy Thanksgiving was

THE BOYHOOD OF JESUS.

Farrar's Life of Christ

His outward life was the life of all those of his age and station, and place of live now. He who has seen the children of Nazareth in their red caftans and bright tunies of silk or cloth, girded with a many colored sash, and sometimes covered with a loose cuter jacket of white or blue-he who has watched their games and heard their ringing laughter as they wander about the hills of their little native vale or play in bands on the hillside beside their sweet and abundant fountain-may perhaps form some conception of how Jesus looked and played when he, too, was a child. And the trayeler who has followed any of those chilhomes, and seen the scanty furniture, the plain but sweet and wholesome food, the uneventful, happy, patriarchial tife, may form a vivid conception of the manner in which Jesus lived. Nothing can be sunning themselves on the white roofs and the vines wreathing about them. the walls; shoes and sandals are taken off at the threshold; from the center hangs a lamp which forms the only ornament of the room; in some recess in the wall is placed the wooden chest, painted with bright colors, which conthe family; on a ledge that runs around

the wall, in easy reach, are neatly rolled up the gay-colored quilts which serve as beds; and on the same ledge are ranged and said he would not buy her unless she the earthen vessels for daily use; near the door stand the large common water jars of red clay, with a few twigs and green leaves—often of aromatic shrubs—thrust into their orifices to keep the water cool. all the scolding, the poor feet grew At meal time a painted wooden stool is placed in the centre of the apartment, a nally decayed and came off. How Amoy large tray is put upon it, and in the mid- cried and wrung her hands with grief die of the tray stands the dish of rice or when she knew the truth! She preservhim low with fever, and after a few meat or libban or stewed fruits, from ed the miserable feet, hiding them away which all help themselves in common. until she grew well enough to move about ing forward to a long life, like many Both before and after the meal the ser- on the rude crutches furnished her. family pours water over the hands from

> of Nazareth. HISTORY OF A CHINESE GIRL.

a brazen ewer into a brazen bowl. So

quiet, so simple, so humble, so unevent-

Mrs. Belle Sparr Luckett, in Sunday-School

In a little house of bamboo poles, with a roof like a big hat, without windows, and with only a back door, far down a to her mamma to say her evening pray- dirty street like an alley, began the history of a Chinese girl.

When she opened her dark eyes for the first time, she was lying upon a rug spread upon the bare ground. In one corner of the room stood a big wooden figure, looking like an ugly doll; but in fact it was the household god. Before it some incense was burning in an iron bowl. The only picture that hung upon printed in bright red and green upon cheap, thin paper. There was neither a chair, nor a bed, nor a stove, nor even a cradle, in that room. She lay there upon the floor, blinking her eyes and wonderwants would be supplied by that Hand ing, as all babies do, what sort of a world she has gotten into. She had not learned enough to understand what her father and mother were saying.

"We don't have rice enough for a girl," said the father. "We could make a lady of her," said

"She's better dead. Girls are no use. Better drown her now," continued the father.

"We could sell her if she has small feet," begged the mother.

So they kept the baby, who lay with her fists shut up so tight and her red lips though girls in China are usually numvery fast and fat and cunning. Her eyes were very black, and so were her short, roses, and her teeth as white as ivory. She was a very happy little girl until she

One day, soon after her fifth birthday, her mother told her that she was to have bound feet, and be a "lady," as she was now "betrothed" to Sing Lee, a young Chinaman. Sing Lee's father had offerhis son when she should be a few years Next morning before they started for older, and when her feet should be of

Amoy was delighted to hear that her feet were to be bound. She had often begged that her feet might be bound, and "I was buying a shawl for my little that she might be betrothed, as many of

took Amoy's feet in her hands, and be-Mrs. Lee, with tears in her eyes, told gan to bind them. She first drew the done it unto one of the least of these my them very tight. Then she pressed the about it, thus leaving only the great toe

of pain, the cruel bandages were made a "But," said Kittie, "Mr. Smith is not little highter. Finally, as the days and months of suffering went by, some of the bones were broken, and great sores were broken feet, to cure them-all to no effect. The Chinese doctor waved his hands over the sores, and mumbled some prayers; firecrackers were exploded, to frighten away the evil spirits that were supposed to bring disease. They even brought a black hen, and, after dividing her into two equal parts, they bound it birth. He lived as lived the other child- on the diseased feet. But nothing did ren of peasant parents in that quiet any good, and little Amoy's days were town, and in a great measure as they very unhappy ones. The red roses turned white on her lips, and the happy eyes took on a sorrowful look of pain.

As Amoy was to be a "lady," she was not expected to know how to read, or write, or cook, or do any kind of work. She must know how to embroider, and how to be very polite, and make very low bows. She made her own shoes, as all other Chinese women did, and hoped some day to be able to wear them. They were dainty little pointed toed things, embroidered all over, and put together entirely by Amoy herself, excepting the little block of wood that served as a heel; that the cobbler fastened on. These tiny shoes have loops at the sides, through which strings are passed, by means of which they are fastened to the ankle.

As there is only the great toe left in shape, the shoe is fastened upon it; and plainer than those houses, with the doves all small-footed women in China, or "ladies" as they are called, hobble along on these toes, tilting about like a boy on stilts. Many cannot walk at all without the assistance of a servant, upon whose shoulder they lean, or by the use of a

After the shoe is on, the strings and bandages are covered with ribbons and fancy cords, wound about the ankle.

Amoy was almost twelve years old, and it was near the time when she would become the wife of Sing Lee. He was very cross about her feet being diseased, speedily recovered. Amoy's father frightened her with his scolding and angry manner, because she was in danger of being a life-long cripple. But with worse and worse, until at last they act

One day she heard about the "foreign doctor" who lived outside the city wall, and who had cured people of all sorts of dreadful diseases. They said he possessed wonderful magic, and could do anything he wished. Amoy listened with beating heart. The next day, taking her crutches and thrusting a bundle in her bosom, she started out to find the "foreign doctor." Away she went, through the narrow streets, across the long bridge, past the gateway of the city wall, away a weary length from home, until she reached at last the door of the bospital where lived that great magical dector. It was a very kind and patient face into which Amov's eyes gazed as she told her errand; and it was with a pleading earnestness that she ended by saying, "I brought them to you. I thought you could make them grow on again," as she laid the bundle she had drawn from her bosom before the missionary.

It was hard to make Amoy understand that no skill could make her feet grow on again. Thinking he wanted money, which she did not have, she told him she would work for him; that she would beg and toil until he was repaid. The good man talked very kindly to her, and learned all her story of suffering and disappointment. He asked her if she would come to his house as one of his family. How her eyes shone then! It was not hard to gain the consent of her parents, as they had no further use for har now that they could not sell her. So Amoy found not only a happy home, but a Friend of whom she had never heard before. And now she can read in her own language how this Friend has promised that, if father and mother forsake us, He will take us up, as in very truth He has done with Amoy.



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a wife and six children. With reference you have of me, but I will sug- against the editor amounted almost to from July till November to nurse his I have nothing to say, except to suggest gest (as it's all in the family) that ostracism and was extended to his converts and admonish them against the that he must have been the man who "muddled" our Shaw, for I am sure that in that he has "confusion worse conman according to our economy has the acquaintance with him, and when I ques- if that is not sufficient length of founded." I am glad, however, that he sticks to my "text"-i. e., "Have the renection with the understanding that he demand that they support a paper whose if their old pasters should remain with My mouth has been opened upon this subject and no man can shut it. I now where else. He surrenders his right to of public morals, they could only say seems to be a growing tendency to stay select his appointment in the bounds of that the editor "had no policy." "He as long as possible without moving, and deliberately say that what is needed for the whole church, and especially with our missionary workers, is the "old plan"-the revival plan-and it is notoriously true that instances might be mentioned where money had been expended and men had filled the entire time without ever having a solitary conversion, for the reason that it had not the to let none be left without a preacher. times. The ministry, the religious press, to me that this is a mistake. The preachrevival spirit that has made Methodism cause Iswish to avoid the very thing into hend everyone in the bounds of this conwhich Bro. S. has betrayed himself-i. e., ference. If a man desires to go to some up with the procession. I think it will keeper, then is the hardest time to get I do not wish to be personal; but if my friend is determined to make it apply to known to those in authority, and so goes marching right along in ranks with the during the year. Bro. H.'s fifth reason the district of which he was presiding by transfer or otherwise, and it is the people. elder I cannot help it. Indeed, I am sheerest nonsense to say that none have constrained to turn back upon him his the spirit which says "the world is my own words: "Perhaps his conscience parish," except those who go to foreign lashed him. Thank God for tender fields. Finally, let me say, that while I places. They are the base of hope." As think some of your positions utterly un. esting article written by Bro. W. H. from a fiscal standpoint. The preachers tenable, yet I do not love any the less Hughes in the last ADVOCATE on the and stewards all know that it is very to my temerity in daring to make suggestions about the great enterprises of their author, for I am well assured that above subject, and while it is fresh in my hard to get up all the collections by conour church (?) it is sufficient for me to the loftiest missionary zeal has inspired mind, I would like to give expression to ference now, when we meet in Novemsay that, after all, our boards do not you "turn on the light." That was all. Both of us have had a sufficient hearing.

CALEB (ALIAS COLLARD.)

fellow laborer.

ties" that they think it almost blasphe-A PLEA FOR THE SECULAR PRESS. mous for any man to presume even a suggestion. It is to be hoped that Bro. Scoggins is not one of that number. The enterprises of the church are open to criticism. They ase proper subjects of posed of men of papal claims or papal authority. Indeed, they posed to be among the best informed craze not in itself vicious, must find recognition with an occupation which gun? Does the general-in-chief of an cause it comes from a private? Shall he be hooted into silence because forsooth Christians, who habitually practice deceit and extortion in business trans. son of the year. they had been they never would have actions; who are none too liberal to the claims of the church; who never remember the poor, the widow and the orphan, indignant that secular papers give news of games, races and crimes for money. The lawyer, prominent in church circles, uses every trick and device in his power for the advantage of his client, often notoriously guilty of violating laws, both human and divine. We rarely hear anything said of these practhey are in every sense of the word more sinful and damaging than anything which under present laws could possibly appear in the public prints or be sent through the mails, for these men occupy

But Brother Scoggins is mistaken in saying that there are no men ready to go to the "Western work." There are, I am sure, three or four young men now in the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference who would go anywhere if they were given an appointment. Again: It is now, and always has been, utterly impossible to put my friend's theory of the itinerancy into practice. There never was a time when there were not reasons, weighty and numerous, why ome men could not "pick up" and go several hundred miles into another conference just to vindicate a spirit of selfsacrifice. It would indeed be an arbitrary exercise of power that would "take religious opinions and convictions them up by the hair of the head" and Those who are so ignorant and impresforce them into positions that they were sible as to be so easily influenced do not financially unable to occupy. Was there read the secular papers very extensively, ever a man sent by our authorities to any I imagine, or they would know better, preachers have to move in the spring. missionary field without first consulting for I am persuaded that there is no bethim? Did they not consult Brother S. when he left us to go to his "Western work ?" The devoted Sutherland came, "consulted," urged, and-Brother Scoggins with his faithful young wife said it would 'just suitable reading is provided for children, that a preacher needs money it is just suit them." Nor is it, by any charitable construction, a want of a spirit of selfsacrifice that held the rest of us in our life, such a literary taste may be formed purse. home conference. Here we had been and such principles and religious conreared. Here were our kindred and victions established that they will serve ers cannot lay in their supplies of pork, friends, and here we had butied our dead. through after life as a triple shield lard and other necessaries of life, and Some of us had large families, and our against evil from impure reading matter. will be forced to go to the market houses children must be educated. Now, it was Try as we may to shift the responsibility, or family groceries and pay much higher pretty generally understood that Bro. the great majority of these social ques- prices than they would in the fall. Now Scoggins wanted to study Spanish, not tions come back to the one grave and every preacher who has any knowledge in the schools at home, but among the startling thought that the child's future of such matters knows that it is a great children of the Astecs. The rest of us lies almost absolutely in the hands of advantage to have all such things, and might have innocently selected some his parents; but, sad to say, they rarely all can see that to move in the spring other language for ourselves and chil- realize this till passing years have car- would deprive them of these advantages. dren. Shall we be called selfish for that? ried the power beyond their reach. A To move in the spring without money to Is it a sin against the spirit of Method- secular paper must have popular sup- pay the expenses of moving, and then to ism that we select German instead of port and patronage to succeed, and to be forced to go in debt as many would Spanish? But the truth is that there is secure this it must please its patrons. I for their supplies, would work a great part of this "western work" that de- can see no more justice in expecting an hardship on them, and for one I am

deld who has endured greater hardships business entirely in the public interests. I is worse because it is a very busy time

for them to remain and endure such public good. The gunning club and the portunity to get acquainted with the peoagreeable to some brethren, but they news, so that people could not help read- young people were converted would have you read up on the history of Methodism family, so that he was almost forced to dangerous temptations-the "eggnoss and the philosophy of the itinerancy. Any abandon the field. I had no personal and dances" of the winter season—and right to select the conference he wishes tioned men of high social and church time to keep them from apostatizing, to join. No man joins the traveling con- standing, whose professions seemed to they would hardly be kept from it even is as likely to be sent to Brazil as any- conduct was so entirely for the elevation them. Again, under our economy, there that conference, and when he does that was not trying to build up the town." often the same pastor remains two, three, he meets the conditions required by our "He did not give space enough to poli- and frequently four years at a place, thus motto you have quoted, "the world is tics." "He did not seem to care whether giving ample time to care for the young my parish," because under such a systertain men were re-elected to office or converts. I think Bro. Hughes' fourth tem he is as likely to go to the poorest not," etc. Now to look honestly at reason is decidedly objectionable. He circuit as to the best station, and the pol- these things, it seems to me that the thinks that the spring is the season when icy of that conference is, or ought to be, secular press is fully abreast of the we can live most cheaply. Now, it seems All must have the gospel. Let none be the church, must lead in all questions of er moving then has no supplies, no fresh left out. Let our church zeal compre- religion and morals. Of the secular meat, no garden vegetables and no fruit, missionary field, he makes that desire scarcely be denied that it does this, up something for the table that we have LIZZIE HOLMES HILL.

> CHANGE OF TIME. I have just finished reading the inter-

all you have said. I only wanted to help my views on the question. I appreciate ber. This is the money season of the Bro. H.'s motives, and admire the earnestness of his manner in setting forth year's work the value of their labor, and May God bless you. Good bye. Your his views. His arguments are plausible it is a time for settling up generally, and some of them quite forcible, looking and the preacher's salary and all other at the matter from his standpoint. But claims can be collected then much better N. B.—Don't fail to try "the old plan." this, like all other questions, has two sides, and I wish to present the other side. Bro. H. prefers April to November 1st "because it is well known that I believe that no one can recognize | we have much of our worst weather in more fully than myself the vast power Texas beginning in November, and that that is lodged in an editor's hand, and bad weather during our Aunual Conferthere can be no power without corre- ence destroys much of the pleasure sponding responsibility; but it seems to and profit of the occasion." Now I me that we are finding fault with the am free to admit that we have a good effect rather than trying to remove the deal of bad weather in November, but it cause, when we criticise and condemn is also a well known fact that we frethe secular press for features in journal- quently have a great deal of rain in April not called to raise vegetables, but to save ism which the present state of popular and the mud is just as bad, and somemen in our church it is true, and God intelligence renders almost necessary. times worse, than in November. Be- But while our work is ecclesiastical, yet as wonderfully blessed and honored all The base ball craze, and every other sides this, to move in April, we would we have to live while doing have to contend with the black mud after it has been stirred up by the whole depends for success on public patronage. winter's travel, and the heavy spring Putlishers and editors only succumb to rains added to the rain and snow of these influences as do men in other pur. the winter. Besides this, to hold the suits, the success of whose business de- conference in the spring would preclude pends on catering to the public taste. the attendance of many of our lay dele-There are church members, nominal gates, as many of them are farmers and they could not leave home at that sea-

> The only advantage there could possibly be in holding the conferences in the spring would be that the weather would and yet many of this class are no doubt be more pleasant then than in November, but the disadvantages of meeting then would be more than enough to counterbalance all the advantages.

> 1. The money season is over by that time, the crops of cotton and corn have been sold and the proceeds have been spent, and the results would be that if the conference year were to close in tices in men professing Godliness, yet April the preachers' salaries and the conference collections would fall far behind and the work of the church materially and morally crippled. It is well known that our people have unfortunately gotten into the habit of waiting until the positions where people expect to find last quarter before they pay their preachexamples of Christian living. On the ers, and also the other collections. Now, contrary, persons of any intelligence do cannot we all see that if the conference not go to the secular press for their year comes to a close in the spring there would be failures and large deficits in all the church work?

> 2. There is another great disadvantage of which I want to speak. If the when there is but little money in the ter educator than a good newspaper. As country, they would be in a bad condition to young people and children being de- to move. Reaching their new works at moralized by the tone of the secular that time of year they would have but press, that matter resolves itself into a little money to begin with and we all question of parental responsibility. If know that if there is any time on earth and parents exert their influence as they after he moves to a new work and has to should during the early years of a child's begin house keeping with a depleted

Again, at that time of year the preachmands greater consecration than can be editor or publisher to issue a paper at against the change. Besides this the found in the Northwest Texas Confer- his own loss than in expecting lawyers, spring is a bad time to move, and someence. There is not a missionary in the merchants and others to carry on their times April is worse than November. It

is also objectionable. He says from a fiscal standpoint it certainly would be a wise change. June is the end of the fiscal year in the United States. Now, it occurs to me that it would be very unwise year, the people are realizing from their than they could possibly be in the spring. In April the farmers have spent their money, have pitched their crops, and many of them have to furnish their tenants with money and supplies, and if conference were to be held then it would be almost an utter failure. Bro. H. says: "Another objection was that we would not be able to plant a garden if we moved in April. This we might answer by reminding brethren that our work is not and we all know that a good garden is a great help towards a living. Bro. H. suggests that the preacher could plant a garden and have it ready for his successor. Now this might work well enough if all the preachers would do that. But do it. How many preachers would toil bard, prepare and plant a garden if they knew they would have to pick right up and go off and leave it? Would Bro. Hughes do it? Besides this, if a preacher plants a garden it would suffer for want of work; because we all know that it takes all of our time to round up our work and get ready for conference. The preacher then goes to conference, remains a week, comes homes, packs up and moves, and his poor garden is ruined before the next preacher can get there, and he will find it the same way when he gets to his new work, and so the poor

Hughes' article but space forbids, and I must close. In conclusion, I would say that if any change is made at all, let it bethe last of November or first of December. Two weeks later than usual would give ample time to get up all the collections in full, and still leave some money to begin the new year with. Besides, it would give longer time to look after the new converts, to close up the work in good shape, and get everything in readiness for conference. We all know the value of the last two weeks before conference. One brother told me at Denison that the last trip he made to his last appointment was worth \$70 to him. Extend the time two weeks later and we could all get ready for conference. Therefore, let it be extended. W. W. HORNER.

preacher will be without a garden entire-

ly. There are other points in Bro.

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IMMORTALITY.

One of the strongest proofs that the soul is immortal is based upon the fact that it is ever yearning for a more exalted plane upon which it may satisfy its craving appetite for spiritual food which is not found in the material things by which it is surrounded. To illustrate: Moses was a man of unusual attainments in the divine life, and was permitted to approach very near to the throne of Divine Majesty, and was allowed the exalted privilege of speaking "face to face" with the great and loving Father! But notwithstanding all this preferment which was granted unto him.

"seeking to leave impressions" as advertise in it, and popular feeling Besides this, the preacher has usually only Son, clothed in human flesh likened ever and ever. unto yourself, and in his humble and obedient life you shall see "all the full-

than some of these very men about whose A case in point happened once under my with the farmers, and the preachers liv- his great heart longed for further mani- ness of the godhead bodily;" for he is the selfishness my friend complains. They own observation. A newspaper at- ing off of the lines of railroads would festations of Divine power and goodness express image of my person. He will have, many of them, received far less tacked every form of dishonesty and have great difficulty in getting wagons and from the great fountains of his immanifest my true glory, which is my pay. Many of them have supported social evil. One thing after another of and teams to move them. Bro. H.'s third mortal nature gurgles up and finds ex love for a lost world. Yea, when your themselves with their own hands while fraudulent, disreputable, or hurtful reason is very plausible, indeed it is the pression on quivering lips these words: mortality shall have put on immortality, doing all the work of the church, and character, was held up for public ob- strongest argument he has adduced. It "I beseech thee show me thy glory." Oh, and the veil is removed that now shuts "the signs of the apostleship" have mul- servation, and criticised uneparingly as is that when we meve in the winter the with what tender pathos was this prayer from mortal vision the transcendent and tiplied with their labors. Was it selfish contrary to what was right and for the roads are bad and wado not have an op- uttered, and how it expressed the Lord's unapproachable glory of my presence, at most sincere desire to reach up as if to the appointed time I will veil my giory hardships? Verily, they have displayed base ball team were not applauded and ple, and that the new converts need the clasp its helpless arms around the bea- in human garb in order that poor, blind as much self-denial as any man who has written up as organizations tending to attention of the pastors more than any tific form and personality of God him- humanity may see my compassionate "gone west" (to grow up with the coun- elevate mankind to the apex of human other time. In reply I would say that self. But listen! The kind Father face. Yea, I will stoop down, and with try?) and received less pay at the hands excellence. So far as I was capable of the same difficulties would be in knew that the hand of mortality could an arm omnipotent, though clothed in a of "the boards." (Aside to Bro. S.: Al- judging, this newspaper was an ideal in the way if the time were changed not draw aside the veil that hid his es- servant's attire, raise a fallen world from low me to use your own words again. all its editorial utterances, and events that now exist. The roads would be just sential glory and majesty from human the dark abyss of despair to the bright After writing the above I can hardly do proved that an ideal public was needed as bad and the weather as disagreeable, sight. So in tender tones he makes this and unfading joys of my eternal dwellwithout them.) "These facts will not be to support it. It was bright and full of and the pastor under whose ministry the promise: "I will make all my goodness ing place on high, where the hungering pass before theel" Yea, in the fullness of and thirsting exiled soul may bathe in are nevertheless facts." Now, my ing it when they could do so without no better opportunity to look after and time I will manifest myself to the sor- the sunlight of my glory and feast upon brother, I will not complain of your subscribing. None of the saloons would care for them than a new pastor would. rowing sons of men. I will send mine the inexhaustible stores of my love for P. D. JARNAGIN.

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Persons desiring the return of their manu scripts, if not accepted, should send a stamped and directed envelope. We cannot, however, even in that case, hold ourselves responsible

for their return. Authors should preserve a CHRIST THE SUBJECT OF HISTORY. Luke begins his gospel with the statement that as many had undertaken to set forth in order the facts of the gospel it seemed good unto him also to write. The same desire to write the history of the Subject of the Gospels has burned in the hearts of hundreds of thousands since. Ever and anon some one undertakes to write the life of Christ, Some of these written attempts are good and some almost worthless; all fall short of perfection. In our judgment no life of Christ has yet been written equal to either of the four gospels. Any one familiar with these sacred narratives must always read any other written biography of Jesus with some degree of dissatisfaction. Yet these inspired books themselves do not profess to be complete histories of the Christ. One of them tells us that the world could not contain all the books that would be necesry to contain all that Jesus did and said. The four gospels may not be fragmentary in the technical sense of criticism, but it requires all of them to complete what the Holy Ghost thought necessary to the written biography of Christ. Let no one therefore think that he has studied the gospel narative until he has thoroughly investigated Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The fact is no one tience of hope in (of) our Lord Jesus

man could write it. The vocabular of no single individual was or will ever be sufficient to present the Jesus of the four gospels. But to write the complete history of the Christ the human language itself is not sufficient. He is the subject of all history, and all time is kept busy making the record. He is the contemporary of all ages, and the central power by which all things consist. Christianity written with the pen of inspiration, written upon the heart by the Holy Ghost, written upon the world's mind by the tears, joys, sacrifices, heroism, triumphs and godly lives or Christians, is the gospel of his report, a request was made that the reprehistory. All nature is inspired with and groans under the desire to make him known; and to every heart touched which to make a business statement. He by his saving love "it seems good" to write in some way a chapter of his glorious life. The life of the Godman is not and cannot be written in books alone. He who confines himself therefore to the Gospel Narratives written by the four evangelists will fail to read a large portion of his history within the reach of man. To read In 1876-77 and immediately thereafter, when biography as it should be read it is ten per cent. commissions was offered the necessary to fall in sympathy with the charge a commission for collecting the missubject. It is not only necessary that the sabject should be the hero of the book, but the hero of the reader also, To read the biography of Christ understandingly it is necessary to be in sympathy with him-to be a partaker of his spirit; in fact, to have a personal and spiritual knowledge of the Christ character. Let no man, however, suppose that he can read the Christ history without the four Gospels. These are the light that enlighten all other history—the key with which to unlock 'pan out,' as the miners say, there being the mystery of every truth. To go through the world searching the truth without these is to go through the the letters commenced to come in, saying, 'I world groping in the dark. These are can't work for less than twenty-five percent. the God-given lamp with which we are said, 'Can't work for less than twenty-five per to travel every path in search of true cent! knowledge. Then with this lamp thoroughly and securely in his posses-

then backward through the Old Testa-

ment Scriptures; then with the same

profane history, then walk all the high-

ways and bypaths of science, and every-

is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature," the first and last, above all and in all.

WORDS AND POWER.

Without words there is no gospel. If we take words to be signs of thought, they are the vehicles which convey thoughts both to and from the mind. Actions are said to speak louder than words, but when acts become the signs of thought are they not in a sense words? Gospel words are the words that convey to us the glad news of the though's of God to save the world through his Son. But the gospel is not in words signs may exist without the thing signified. The sign on the shop door often remains after the shop is removed. The grain of wheat may be perfect in ceased to exist. The words of the gospel may be preached while the life and power of the gospel itself is absent. The gospel, to be preached, must be a living power in the heart of the preacher, and a veritable presence manifest in his life. Most miserable are the people whose preachers come to them with words only; but most happy are they whose preachers can say: "Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sakes," The greatest of all preachers said: "The words I speak unto you are spirit and are life." He was the model preacher. There is but one way to imitate him, viz .: to be filled with his spirit and life

# by the Holy Ghost.

PATIENCE OF HOPE. The endurance of hope is no easy the grace of patience. Though we hope for things which are not present, and of the year if properly utilized, is worth a bag are unseen, yet hope is generally bright or dim according to the nearness of the object desired. As the object is moved to the far away future, interest grows weak and hope fades dim. To keep the fire burning then by keeping the object in view lest it drop out of mind and heart altogether calls for the exercise of the successful. of patience. But it is when desire is continually disappointed by the repeated failure of the object to appear at the time expected that the greatest amount of patience is called for. As the early Christians seem to have lived in constant hope of the return of the Lord it was no mean encomium bestowed by the apostle on the Thessalonians when he commended them for their "pa-Christ." The fact is he who has no the patience to endure will find it difficult if not impossible to keep hope alive in the soul, for it is by the abiding presence of a holy patience that hope persists in holding on to its object through shadows and through light.

REV. SAM'L P. WRIGHT sends the following lowing explanation of that muddle: The muddled condition into which it appears the ADVOCATE man allowed himself to get at the recent session of our conference has been mentioned several times in the paper lately, and an inquiry made for explanation. It was about on this wise: When the Committee on Books and Periodicals made its entative of the ADVOCATE, who was pres ent, and in the rear of the house at a moneychanger's table, be given a few minutes in stated his case after somewhat the following fashion: "Bishop, you remember the man in one of Charles Dickens' novels who was always muddled. It seems that sometimes the effulgence of a pure and perfect light was about to break into his dim understanding but the clouds would roll up again, and all becoming confused in the darkness, he would exclaim: 'It's all a muddle; all a muddle!' Sir. I'm just like that poor fellow when it come to the solution of this ADVOCATE question preachers, they said: 'No; I'd just as soon sionary assessment or the amount I raise for the worn-out preachers or the widows and orphans of our dead brethren. No, sir-ree; you ean't get me to take any commission! Just let me see the ADVOCATE on its feet, so that we will not need to squeeze out of our poor purses ten or twenty dollars each when we come to conference to pay her out o' debt and I am satisfied. But after a while they took the commission, as they should have done; and when the publishers offered a tem porary commission of twenty-five per cent. agreeing to make it permanent whenever the subscription list should reach a given point, they took that, which they should have done. But when the increased commission did not scarcely a perceptible increase in subscription, and when the publishers were forced to return to the old commission of ten per cent.'

What muddles me so is trying to harmon ize 1876 and 1888. Again, I listened to that admirable report of the Committee on Books sion let the truth-seeker go forward and Periodicals read by its chairman, Bro. J. through the Acts and Epistles, and H. Collard, and which this body adopted. That report characterizes the ADVOCATE as land; as causing more dread in the violators other vicious agencies than all other moral forces combined; and as I listened and then reflected that some say they could not work where, above and below, on the right for this marvelous moral force for less than and on the left, before and behind, he twenty-five per cent. commission, I became completely muddled. Why, sir, since I came will find written Christ Jesus, "who to Weatherford I heard a congressman talk-

ing of another congressman, and saying that he would be in Judge Fuller's place on the bench, for he was his party's leader, were it not that he "gets off" occasionally-that is, gets drunk and wallows around in the cigar stumps, saw-dust and lemon peels of a saloon. When I reflect upon what must be the tone and temper of a secular press which makes it possible for such men to hold office at all-to say nothing of being leaders-and when I reflect further that according to the resolutions of many annual conferences the ADVOCATE is prominent among the few agencies warring to purify the public sentiment at this point, and that its power for good is in proportion to the breadth of its circulation-which is in proportion to the zeal with which its friends press its claims-I say, sir, when I remember and reflect upon these these things, muddled is no name for the state of mind into which I am thrown by a brother coming up and sayonly. These are the signs, and the ing: "You needn't count on any more subscribers from me at less than twenty-five per cent!" I wouldn't be so badly muddled if the publishers themselves got twenty-five per cent out of the subscription. But the facts are the subscription does not by several thousand dollars meet the running expenses of form after the living principle has the paper. Nor would my muddle be so complete were it not that men, whom I know to be the justest among men, are requiring that we make permanent the twenty-five per cent. commission, originally an experimen-and that, too, after the experiment has failed."

The above is about as that "business statement" is remembered. It was a striking statement. It struck some of us with great force, particularly us who had without thought made the impression upon the minds of the publishers that we were working for the commission and not for the paper.

### THE COLLECTION.

As we went to press last week earlier than usual, the article from our able and interesting contributor, Jean Paul, reached us too late for that issue, and though it appears a day or two after New Years day we trust it will be none the less interesting on that ac-

LONGWINDED articles-yes, that's the right name for them, for they are generally pretty airy-we know from experience-fill a big place in space and look beautiful to the eye of the author, but the one column, or less, article is the one read most.

"MAKE hay while the sun shines" is the old proverb, and just now we are reminded task and requires no small amount of of its practicability in church matters. We have had several beautiful Sundays since conference, and a good Sunday at this season of gold to the church. This is the time for preacher and steward to press the collections. No good congregation ought to be allowed to escape the opportunity.

> ALL is well that ends well. The maxim may not do for a universal statement, but according to the opinion of the observing the preacher who begins his work well and sticks to it through the year stands in the front rank

> NEWSPAPER controversies, which are oftener than not of a personal character, are no doubt very interesting to the writers and perhaps a few of their friends, but the majority of readers had much rather the space be occupied by something of more general interests. A brother whose article or views are attacked may feel that he is ruined if he does not reply, when in fact tew would stop to think of the matter at all if not reminded by

ANANIAS subscribed all but paid only part, and the Lord ki led him. If he had collected

THE word "religion" is used only five times in the Bible, and every time with a bad sense.

-Episcopal Methodist. "Bad" comment on James. "Pure religion

and undefiled before God and the Father is their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

BRO. C. C. DAVIS sends us a marriage notice and says of the happy pair: 'Both members of the M. E. Church, South. They begin by subscribing for the TEXAS ADVO-CATE." That is a sensible couple.

We notice, says Zions Herald, that at a gathering of Episcopal clergymen of a distant city the queston whether clergymen should marry was freely discussed. It is reported that all the married men said no, and all the bachelors yes.

THE most virtuous legislator in the country has been unearthed in Ohio. The State treasurer of that State received last week a letter from an ex-member of the General Assembly with S10 enclosed, which the writer wanted paid into the conscience fund. In explanation, he said that when a member of the General Assembly he drew stationery from the State to the amount of S10 more than he required, and he considered it his duty to pay for it. It would be interesting to know what started the conscience of this assemblyman to werk. It has been currently reported, both in Columbus and Washington, that the "stationery" expenses of legislators often covered other and illegitimate things, such as perfumery, soap, etc., which the such as perfumery, soap, etc., which the statesmen considered themselves entitled to. This is probably the first contribution made to the conscience fund on behalf of stationery.

—Times Democrat.

Now, it seems to us to be impossible that any man having manhood enough to be elected to offices of high trust could condescend to steal soap and perfumery from the government under the name of stationery. However if they would apply the articles to their consciences the government might be none the worse off.

A NOTHER & Sart is being made to consolidate New York and the towns around it-the new city to take in Long Island City, Brooklyn, Yonkers and a part of Westchester. It is proposed at the same time, to consolidate the towns on the Jersey side of the river.

Some of the papers have been computing the population of the country on the basis of the votes cast in the last election and the following are some of the conclusions arrived at: Total population of the country, 64 083 424 This agrees so substantially with the other returns that we cannot doubt its correctness. The school statistics, the State censuses, the about the same. The States showing the largest increase in population are: Texas 69, Colorado 64, Kausas 62, Minnesota 57, Arin the South, two on the Pacific Coast and Nevada and Delaware, have apparently declined, while New Hampshire, Vermont and the most formidable enemy of vice in the Pennsylvania show the smallest improvement. The increase per cent in population lamp let him go through the annals of of the laws-the saloon, recreant officials and of sections has been Northwest 51.3, Pacific Coast 47.0, South 30 2, West 20.2, New England 16.4, Middle States 16.3, Union, 26.2.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28.—A cablegram received this morning announces the death, at Pau, France, of Rev. James Pettigru Boyce, L L. D., D D., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of this

city. He was sixty years old. He left here last August for a two years' trip to recruit his shattered health. He was the founder of the seminary and one of the greatest leaders of the American Baptists. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention, trustee of the Slater Fund, and held many important private and public trusts. He was born at Greenville, S. C., and had a wife and three daughters, who accompanied him on his travels. The remains will be brought here for interment.

THE Rev. R. N. Price, in a letter to the Episcopal Methodist discussing Bishop Mc-Tyeire as a preacher, gives the following incident:

"Some years since Bishop McTyeire preached in Asheville, N. C., during the session of a conference. While in waiting for dinner at a certain residence in the city after preaching, a number of ladies and gentlemen were discussing the Bishop's merits as a preacher; and cussing the Bishop's merits as a preacher; and with the exception of the landlady's opinion, the verdict against the preacher was unanimous. In a few minutes a member of the conference, an invited guest, came in; and the company at once set upon him for his opinion. Not knowing the opinions that had been advanced, the new comer replied very innocently: 'For intelligent men and women he is a first-rate preacher; but he is a very poor preacher for fools.' There was an ominous silence for a few moments, when the company addressed themselves to more agreeable subjects. The reply would have been harsh and impolite, if the circumstances had been understood by the replier; but it was about true."

If appreciation of the Bishop's preaching is a mark of intelligence, put us down among the intelligent, for we have always enjoyed his preaching.

THE Post-Dispatch, St. Louis, inaugurated a grand enterprise that ought to meet general commendation—a Christmas tree for the poor children. The following is said of it:

There was a rare scene at the exposition building to-day, (Christmas) the occasion being the distribution of presents to the children of the poor from the Post-Dispatch Christmas tree, for which a fund or nearly \$10,000 had been subscribed by the general public. The subscriptions were started with ten cent contributions, with no idea of the magnitude the affair was to assume, and the result has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the projectors. Fully 15,000 children received presents, and for hours the streets in the vicinity of the exposition building were blockaded with humanity. The children began to arrive as early as 6 a. m. and it was late in the evening before the mites of humanity had disappeared. A detail of fifty policemen took charge of the entrances of the building. Soon after the children began to pour into the hall. It was a difficult job to control the eager ones, but no accidents occurred. No adults were admitted, owing to lack of room, but hundreds of parents waited on the outside in the drizzling rain until their children came outloaded with their presents from the great tree. The cavalry depot band, by the permission of the secretary of war, furnished music and a two hours' entertainment was given by arrangement of the citizens' committee. The tree, which was placed on the stage, was an immens affair, towering away into the fits and loaded with presents. The morning scene was repeated in the afternoon, and to-night the general public were admitted. There will be a fund of several thousand dollars realized from to day's entertainment, and it will be utilized for purchasing clotning, shoes, etc., commendation-a Christmas tree for the poor children. The following is said of it: from to day's entertainment, and it will be tions to day's entertainment, and it will be utilized for purchasing clothing, shoes, etc., for children of the poor. After the entertainment, John J. Jennings, of the Post-Dispaten, the originator of the Christmas tree project, and by whose efforts it was chiefly carried out, was presented with an elegant gold watch by the citizens' committee.

THE Michigan Advocate has run its subscription up from a little over 5,000 in 1880, to 15,000 at this time. This is one subscriber for every four and one-half members in the State of Michigan, its patronizing territory. This is a good record for both the paper and the Methodists of Michigan. The paper de serves the strongest support, for it is a fine religious journal.

A PRIEND Writing from Austin over the signature of W: "I notice in your paper of the 20th, that your publishers propose to give money for others and had failed to pay up. CATE to fifteen worthy persons who are not able to subscribe.' I enclose money order for two dollars for the ADVOCATE to be sent to two of those persons." Let others do likewise.

THE National W. C. T. U. Bulletin: A beer saloon near the landing of the Deer Island this: To visit the fatherless and widows in boat and the East Boston ferry has been metamorphosed into a coffee and reading room under the auspices of the Boston Y. W. C.

> From statistics carefully compiled by Mrs G. H. Read of Bloomington, Ill., the fact appears that according to the record in the circuit clerk's office there has been one divorce for every twelve marriages within the last five years in McLean county. Of one hundred cases of divorce taken at random and examined, seventy charged "drunkenness" among the causes, and twenty were based on "desertion." But leading lawyers say that "three-fourths of the cases of deser-

tion can be traced to drunkenness." Mrs. Lide Meriweather, President of the Tennessee W. C. T. U., in her annual address before the State convention at Knoville, urger the importance of the problem of wages of working girls in connection with the work of social purity. She tells of a letter written by a young working girl of Auburn, Mass., to her mother, not complainingly, but as a simple matter of fact, saying: "I am doing stockings and get fourteen cents a dozen. It takes me two days to do one dezen, but I am going to try to do more next week." This is no exceptional incident, but one of many.

THE navigation of the Thames by electric ower is now an established success. A small electric launch has been running for some nonths, and the largest electric boat yet built -65% feet long by 10 feet wide-has just been completed. A floating station has been put in operation for charging the storage butteries. Other launches and stations are being designed and constructed, and a new era in river traveling seems to have been fairly begun.

EXPERIMENTS by O. Kellner having shown that linseed oil as food for horses has 2.5 times the nutritive value of starch, Mr. W. Mattieu Williams mentions similar experiments in which polatoe fed laborers proyed less efficient than workmen who had eater largely of fat bacon. He states that his observations throughout Ireland during four summers have convinced him that the chief curse of that country is "neither the Saxon, nor the priest, nor the league, nor the tory, nor the radical, but is the potato; and the craving for a slaggish distension of the stomach which is generated by potato feeding, becomes a vice that in many cases is comparabl official estimates of the governors are all to the alcohol crave. . . Even pigs degenerate if fed upon the potato exclusively, and human beings similarly fed suffer from a combination of habitual distention and lack kansas 53, Oregon 48, and California 47; two of nutrition that degrives them of both physical and moral energy. The irishman transtwo in the Northwest. Three States, Maine, planted to America and properly fed, becomes quite an altered being so far as industry and general energy are concerned."

> MANY Texas preachers will recognize the original of the following picture by the Weslevan Advocate in its notes on one of the Georgia Conferences:

There was not much speaking, except from There was not much speaking, except from the chair, but there was work, much work done. The fount from which most of the speaking came gave forth many streams with mingled flavors There was questioning, ar-guments, exhortations, exegesis, persuasion

with wit, humor, irony, sarcasm, ridicule, power, and occasionally with pathos. The aim sometimes seemed to be that of an expert rifleman, the work of the missile attesting the skill and steadiness of the marksman. At other times there was apparently the reckless use of the surgeon's keen knife, until the sore was laid bare, and its ugliness demonstrating both the necessity and delicacy of the incision.

WE are obliged for a copy of the minutes of the Texas Conference, edited by Revs. I. Z. T. Morris, J. C. Mickle and C. H. Buchanan. We congratulate the editors on being able to get the minutes out so soon, and on the work done.

THAT prophecy can only be interpreted by the event is now proven by another fact. It was prophesied that the New Hymn Book would be ready by Christmas and the interpreters said Christmas 1888. They will now wait the fulfillment.

### A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS. What the Papers Think and Say.

The Michigan Advocate noting that the St. Louis Advocate favors while the Northwestern disfavors cabinet meetings

before conference, joins the St. Louis: The cabinet requires more tine for its work. The hurry with which the list of appointments is often closed up is a disgrace to the very name of order. Momentous changes which should have a week's consideration are often made at the very last moment when there is no time for argument or appeal. Were the cabinet to assemble on Monday, allowing the full day of Tuesday for preliminary appointment making, that would be no small gain over the present system. In Mchiry appointment making, that would be no small gain over the present system. In Mchigan, the conference sessions generally close on Monday night or Tuesday morning, after about five days' sitting. If the appointments could all be practically fixed by the Saturday expense preceding adjournment could all be practically fixed by the Saturday evening preceding adjournment, allowing the Sabbath for prayer and worship, and Monday for final modifications and considerations, we venture that results would be more satisfactory than they are. Under the present practice, those last-moment, appealless changes are the bane of the itinerancy. If our system every breaks, it will break on that rock. The trend of things among us is to openness of interview, free interchange of opinion, mutual agreement in appointments, and these things require time. Moreover, you cannot revolutionize this popular trend. The military feature of appointment making has seen its best days. The age is practical, reasonable, rather than heroic. American Methodists will become as democratic as the Wesleyans of England. Our friends across the sea do not find it impractical to hold pre-conference sessions for this purpose, and why should we?

The Northwestern, in the following short paragraph, agrees with the Liberalists, but turns the truth around and

shows the liberalist both sides:

Liberalists argue that God would never create a human being to be lost in hell forever. We agree with them. Every man in the world was created to be a member of the blessed company in heaven forever. To enter that company, however, each man must choose to do so. The possible entrance and the liberty of choice are among the noblest thoughts in the universe. The liberty of choice implies the possibility of non-choice, but even that dreadful alternative exaits God, and almost defies the possible man. Universal humanity herded in heaven without respect to its choice is not one whit more a product of love, than chosen perdition is a fruit of "savage orthodoxy." A man in heli by his own choice—and that is the only way to get there—is a far nobler spectacle than a man in heaven saved by machinery. shows the liberalist both sides:

The Nashville Advocate thinks the salcon at the bottom of all race troubles: The nucleus of a race trouble in the South is in almost every case a whisky saloon. The parties to it are usually the most vicious elements of both races. A drunken white man and a drunken negro have in them the conditions of combustion wherever they come in contact. When drunkenness does not exhibit its effects in low fun and obscenity, it is apt to take the form of brutality. The whisky-bottle and the pistol are the devil's twin agents. We know of no case in which a race difficulty has originated among the sober, redifficulty has originated among the sober, re spectable element of either race. The respectable, industrious element of both races could live together to the end of time without scrious trouble. Confining the remark to this class, we aftern that the whites and the blacks in the South understand each other better, and entertain kindlier feelings toward each other, than at any previous period in their history. The rational and equitable basis of peaceable relations and harmonious development, with the invincible limitations recognized by the common sense of both races, are more clearly perceived and accepted than heretofore.

The Wesleyan Advocate thinks there should be improvement in the methods of training the undergraduates:

of training the undergraduates:

For thirty years, while improved methods of teaching have been introduced into secular schools of all grades, and vast changes have taken place in almost every department of education, our conferences have jogged along the well-worn rut requiring undergraduates to meet their committees Tuesday before conterence, perchance Tuesday night only, in any room that the overburdened host of the conference can provide, with or without fire or desk for writing, or it may be in the sunny angle of the church half an hour before the session opens Wednesday morning, and go over in an enforced perfunctory way studies that might well require two or three days for examination. A few changes in the text books have been made during these years; some committees have done a little to extend the range and better the character of the examinations, but chefly by the doubtful expedient of refusing to "pass" some candidates and thus stimulate preachers by operating upon the lowest and narrowest of their aspirations. But ab-olutely nothing has been done to get the most and the best out of the course of study, nothing to guide the young preacher in his studies during the year, nothing to quicken thought and awaken a desire of knowledge. The candidate is received on trial, sent to a circuit and left to look into the Discipline to find out what books he is to be examined on, and unless he has a wise presiding elder—there are few senior preachers these days—he will probably pass half the examined op, and unless he has a wise presiding elder—there are few senior preachers these days—he will probably pass half the vear before he procures the book, and then just before the conference get by rote a few salient points in each book. We have wondered for these three or four years past why the classes do not get up among themselves a school of correspondence and recite—so to speak—to each other by letter, and thus help one another to a better knowledge of their text books. In every class there are some young men competent to guide the others in a profitable method. We do not propose to lead in this reformation, but these hints may start some of our glitted young men to thinking and induce them to cease calling this course of study an intolerable bore and instead de vise some method of turning it to good account. Almost any charge from the present dead rousine would stimulate the mind and do good.

The Southern Advocate, about Bro. Palmore's plan of church insurance

This plan, it strikes us, is eminently wise and practicable. Some minor modifications may be proper or necessary, but the general principle, all must admit, is a correct one, principle, all must admit, is a correct one. Mutual life insurance companies have existed for years, and the same beneficient principle is the one on which our Conference Brotherhood is founded. Now, let this general idea be extended and utilized in the matter of church insurance. The plan suggested is economic, safe and perfectly feasible, and must commend itself to every practical business man. By its adoption we may hope to see, as its author suggests, a realization of the old Grecian myth, every church becoming a Phœnix, and arising out of its own ashes as soon as the fires are extinguished.

Zion's Herald speaks a few things about perfect love:

Love is the essence of practical Christianity. Without it our religion 14 as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The tongues of men and angels, the gift of prophecy, the endowment with all knowledge and exact orthodoxy, together with the most extended benevolence, can be no substitute for love. Love; beareth, believeth, hopeth; love never fails. It is the

one essential and complete virtue of the gospel. But men may have this Christian quality in varying degrees. The weak affection of the seophyte indicates the beginning of the spiritual life. As an initial phase, this tremulous feeling is acceptable to God; but he does not expect the experience of his true child always to remain so low. There is to be an advance in the intensity, steadiness and fullness of his love. The imperfect experience of earlier years is to be completed. Our earliest love may be variable in its movement—at a high temperature to-day and a lower one tomorrow; affected now by this material condition, then by some flash of light from the Word or the Spirit of God. It is a great point in a believer's life when his affections become settled, when the soul moves steadily towards God, when the needle remains steady to the pole of spiritual truth. At first, the stream of affection may be small; but as he goes forward in the faithful discharge of duty, the disciple will become conscious of an increase in the volume and fulness of flow. His love is at the same time greater and more intense. There is a grip to it which will not let go its hold. It is lasting, unylelding, love; many waters cannot quanch it: an intense flame cannot consume lasting, unyielding, love; many waters canno quench it; an intense flame cannot consum it. It endureth all things—never faileth.

# SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

-Four or five revivals are reported in the Episcopal Methodist.

-Bishop McTyeire at last accounts was still slowly improving.

-All the connectional collections for Mc-Kendree charge, Nashville, for the current

year, have been raised. -A new parsonage has been built and fiftyfive members added to our church at Mur-

physboro, Ill., since conference. -Rev. J. P. Godbey, preacher in charge of the Gosneyville circuit, Mo. Conference, has

had a revival of much interest at Moscow. -Rev. Rufus A. Holloway has closed a very successful protracted meeting at Slater. Mo., resulting in many addition to the church.

-Rev. W. B. Palmore received ten persons into the church at Independence, on a recent Sunday. Six by letter and four on profession. -Rev. J. B. Anderson, of the Alabama Conerence has been transferred to the Florida Conference, and stationed in Jacksonville,

Florida. -On account of the health of Rev. Christian Keener, his father, Bishop Keener, was compelled to re-transfer him to the Louisiana Conference.

-Revivals are reported from the pastoral charges in the Louisville, from one in the Denver, and from one in the Tennessee conference in the last Nashville Advocate.

-The Rev. John M. McTeer, of the Holston Conference, has been very ill; he has had another paralytic stroke, probably the third attack of the kind. He is now unable to do effective work.

-Nashville Advocate: Rev. D. F. C. Timmons has been transferred to the East Texas Conference, and stationed at Tyler, Tyler district. The more of those Timmonses there is n a conference, the richer it is in ministerial treasure.

-Rev. Mr. Sweet, of the South Georgia

Conference, who was prevented from attending its last session by a partial paralysis, is in Macon, and gradually improving. The paralysis did not attack any vital part, but was confined exclusively to the muscles of the -Rev. D. Atkins in Holston Methodist:

Men are needed in mission fields more than money; and that part of the church which sends out the greatest number of living agents into the mission fields is, by so much nearer to the mission work. These living links form living currents, cfluent and affluent, vitalizing to the highest degree. -A sister in Southern Advocate: I do not

see how any loyal Me hodist can do without his church paper. Sometimes I think that the reason there are so many weak Methodists is because they do not take their church papers and thus inform themselves concerning the movements of the church, and, being ignorant of, they are not in sympathy with those move-ments.

-Editor Episcopal Methodist: And if good resolutions only were efficacious, the editor thinks he has quite stock enough to last him his natural life, and enough over to distribute to his needy friends. Surely we should have manbood enough to resolve and through grace to act up to them, but the truth is we are always waiting for the time to compare us. "to begin to commence," and we allow precious time to go by.

-Mrs. A. W. Wilson, in Nashville Advocate: China is still in the shadow of death, though her history began 2,500 years ago. There are still unnumbered millions who have not heard the story of the cross. It is overwhelming. The church, each member, must rise to the summit of self-sacrifice. If need be, our thousands at home must give up all, that these countiess hordes may stand with us on Mount Zion.

-Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, in Southwestern Methodist: To pay respect to Judge Lynch because he may, with blindness born not of judicial fairness, but of an infuriated wrath, set in judgment at any time upon his own constituents. It is a crime because it is hish treason against the majesty of the law. In a well settled State of society lynching is treason, high treason, no matter who engages in it.

-Dr. W. T. Bolling, in the Southwestern Methodist: A revival is never an accident for God never moves by impulse. The law of revivals is as fixed as the law of gravitation and certain processes will certainly produce in corresponding results. There are no fixed times for revivals. God is ever ready, and the divine forces can at any time be put in motion for a revival in any church in the land; whenever that church determines, in proper way, to have it.

-Northwestern Advocate: We heartily rejoice to hear of the probable recovery of Bishop McTyelre of the Methodist Church, Sishop McTyeire of the Methodist Church, South. The senior Bishop of that church has been very sick nadeed, and there have been well-founded doubts of his survival. He has been a strong man in all respects, and an unabused constitution is now rawarding him with interest. As author, preacher, adviser, advocate, superintendent, and hopeful friend, Bishop Mc1 yeire has endeared himself to his brethren.

-We clip the following note of sad intelligence from the Fort Worth Gazette under date of Dec. 23: A letter from Durango, Mexico, states that Rev. R. W. McDonnell, for-mer pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church here, died there on the 21st inst. He preach-ed here a few weeks since, and was in good health, and his death causes great surprise and sorrow among his former congregation. The death of our missionary in Mexico will be sad news to many hearts.

-Rev. W. W. Royal in Southern Advocate: That laymen of influence should give their time to the business of the church is all well, time to the business of the church is all well, provided it is really the church in general that they aim to serve. But when a prominent layman goes to an annual conference to do what ought to be left to the presiding elders and the Bishop, it is not so clear what good the church secures by his presence. In some localities it seems that to be 'all right" with the layman who runs the church is to be in green pastures for at least four years, while to incur his displeasure or even his disapproval is to be speedily shipped to ecclesiastical Coventry.

-Angus Dowling, in Alabama Advocate These dead-head church members will hunt and search creation to devise a reason or excuse for not performing their vows, which they took in the presence of God and the congregation, to "support the institutions of the church." If they would make half as much effort to keep and perfeorm their vows that they do to break them, they would be worth more to themselves than they are, and would be much more highly esteemed by the faithful and good of the church. As it is, all the good and true members hold "this gang" of stingy hearted and close-handed dead head members at arms-length. They are also seen and de-These dead-head church members will hunt

ounced by all the public-spirited men of the vorld.

-A committee was appointed by the last ession of the Mississippi Conference to meet, a like committee from the North Mississippi a like committee from the North Mississippi Conference to confer upon the subject of establishing a male college. Rev. T. L. Mellen attended the session of the North Mississippi Conference, just held at Starkville, in the interest of the project. They propose to raise \$250,000 before any kind of work is done. Bro. Mellen stated that \$100,000 was in sight, and thought that the two conferences in hearty co-operation could readily raise \$150,000 more.

### THE HOME CONFERENCES.

Personal.

-Rev. W. W. Pinson, San Antonic, says: "We are starting finely. I am fond of ta-

-Rev. T. C. DePaw, of West Texas Conference, has enjoyed a few days of rest on a visit to Missouri. Cleburne Chronicle: Presiding Elder J.

Fred Cox, preached an excellent sermon at the Methodist Ceurch last Sunday night. -Rev. W. W. Graham, of Wills Point; Rev. W. T. Clark, of Sherman, and Dr. W. B. Dashiell, of Terrell, made us pleasant

-Rev. J. H. Johnson, Pilot Point, says: Our new pastor, Rev. A. T. Crawford, has made a fine impression upon our people, and is moving off grandly."

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-Bishop Galloway has transferred the Rev. H. C. Parrott from the North Mississippl to the East Texas Conference, and his postoffice is Woodville, Texas.

-The Rev. L. D. Shaw, of Gonzales, sent us a short Christmas article which came too late for service, but suffice it to say that he ment. The people seem satisfied with my rehad three turkeys for Christmas. -We publish this week the marriage of the

Rev. H. M. Glass, of the Northwest Texas Conference, to Miss Jane Freeman. We congratulate the happy young couple. -A note from Rev. W. H. Lefevre, Brooks-

ton, Texas, says: "I am still very weak. I fear I will not be myself this winter. Have not preached yet. Hope to get well again." -Rev. M. A. Black, presiding elder San

Saba district, says: "The San Saba district will not forget the ADVOCATE this year. Let us have twenty-five thousand additional sub--Judge J. D. Thomas, Eq, formerly of

Bryan, is now ensconced in his new home, in Oak Cliff. He will be quite an acquisition in Methodist circles. The Judge is said to be a No. 1 Sunday-school superintendent.

-Another preacher married! Well, preachers are popular, and, as in the days of Noxh, no doubt they will be marrying and giving in marriage when the end cometh. This time it is the itev. A. E. Rector. To whom he does not inform us. Much joy to the new couple. -News comes to us that the Rev. B. A.

Snoddie, of the Northwest Texas Conference, has entered into one of these united states with Miss Mary C. Leverage. We hope the brother now has sufficient leverage to pull down the strongholds of of darkness. -Our Church News: Bro. Louis Blaylock

of the ADVOCATE was on hand and went away smiling. Judge the P. C's handed in pretty freely. They should, I am sure, as the Ap-vocate is the mightiest factor the P. C. has. Let's boomit. [Amen. Let her boom.—Ed.] -Hillsboro Reflector: Rev. T. W. Rogers,

misfortune, while en route to Galveston, to lose his little daughter, whose death occurred at Hallville, and in this loss he has the sym-pathy of his new congregation.

-We announce the following postoffices by request: Roy. L P. Smith, Colorado Springs, a fine Christmas gebbler and other good 221 Cacharas, St., Colo. Rev. Geo. F. Fair, Cilo, Brown county, Texas; and members of ris family, Sipe Springs, Comanche county, Texas, Rev. F. M. Winburne, Waxahachie, Rev. A. A. Wagnon, Lehigh, Indian Territory Rev. W. J. Joyce, Beeville, Rev. E. A. Bal-ley, Granbury.

-Mute Ranger: Rev. W. T. Thornberry, father of one of our teachers, visited with us severel days last week. He has been stationed in!Presidio county for two or three years past, speaks very favorably of that country and says its prespects, in the way of development, would be flattering if the large ranches were cut up. He is an interesting gentleman and the narration of some of his experiences in the far southwestern part of the State was entertaining.

-The Navasota Tablet says: Rev. J. M. Wesson was at the late session of the Texas Annual Conference placed on the retired list. He returns to Navasota to live, for the present, with his children. With the exception of Rev. J. W. Whipple, who preceded him two years, he has served longer than any minister in the conference. From December, 1843, to the present he has not had a vacation, but has done full work every year, uninterrupted by ill heath. Blest with robust health, he may yet live a little longer to preach as opportunity may offer.

-Dallas News: Rev. G. W. Briggs, late editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, has been given charge of the Huntsville Methodist congregation. Rev. Mr. Haggard states upon information from a reliable source that the Huntsville flock on hearing the announcement read that Mr. Briggs was to be their pastor, cheered loudly, and have since, in appreciation of his ability, raised his annual salary from \$700 to \$1500. He adds that parties of the denomination who had never contributed to the support of a pastor are now worshipers and paying their dues regularly.

-We clip the following from the Raleigh Christian Advocate, N. C. Conference, concerning our paster on Pleasanton Circuit, San Antonio District:

Antonio District:

Whereas, The powers that be of the M. E. Church, South, have taken from among us our pastor, 'Rev. C. W. Godwin, and sent him to the West Texas Conference: And whereas, it deeply pains us to part with him, because of his faithful ministry on our circuit, and among our people, therefore,
Resolved 1st, That we bow in submission to the authorities of the church in giving him up to go to a new field of labor, and that we deeply regret that he cannot remain with us.

21. That we highly appreciate his zealous, untiring and faithful work among us, believing this to have been the most prosperous year on this circuit in many years.

3d, That we commend him to those whom he may serve as an able preacher, zealous worker, faithful pastor, and able to fill with credit to himself and the church any appointment to which he may be assigned.

4th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, with the request that they be published in its columns.

(Signed.) J. M. TURNER.

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-Timpson Times: The Rev. T. P. Smith leaves this week for his new field of labor, the Marshall district. He leaves behind him that hallowed influence that hangs like sweet perfume about the good man's memory. His godly life, his tender sympathy, his cheering, earnest words have been sunshine to his peo-ple here. It may be best for him and his new charge that we have to give him up, but it is nevertheless an affliction to these whom he leaves behind. He carries with him the prayers of those who pray, the good wishes of the

prayerless even, and the abiding confidence of all. May he be as eminently useful in his new work as he has been here.

Mexia. Geo. S. Wyatt, Dec. 25: I would write up the royal manner in which these good people treated the preacher and his family yesterday and last night, if it were not so common for preachers to do such things. They did things up in grand style. Are you so selfish you don't want others to imitate your folks?—ED ]

Colorado Springs, Col.

L. P. Smith, Dec. 24: The ADVOCATE comes to us and we are glad to see it. Am in charge of our church at this place. We have been kindly received. Have a comfortable parsonage and good church. We are right under the shades of Pike's Peak. Weather is delightful.

Honey Orcve

E. S. Boyd, Dec. 20: Have met all my appointments on Maxey mission, and I was met by those who need the gospel at every appointment except one, where no one met us. How is that for one of those rousing big receptions of which we read? Plenty of work to do here and I am trying to do it. Two men killed at Monk Town three or four days agowhisky said to be the cause.

Taylor. E. Hightower, Dec. 24: The people of Taylor gave their pastor a cordial Methodist welcome and made him feel at home. Sundayschool and prayer meeting are growing larger, and there is a marked increase in attendance at church on Sunday. Many of our people need converting. We are praying and working for a revival. The ADVOCATE gets better and batter. I shall preserve the last copy for reference.

Alto.

Leon Sonfield, Dec. 21: I start in on my second year on this work with much encourageturn and I feel content with my appointment I cannot, like other preachers, report a pounding; cause—unmarried; but my reception was a cordial grasp of the hand and "I am glad you are sent back." I have but three appointments and Alto will be made a half station. Expect a gracious year and build my expectations greatly on the fact that Alto will entertain the District conference. Will "talk up" the Advocate this year. "talk up" the ADVOCATE this year.

Dodd City.

C. C. Davis, Dec. 28: We moved to this place immediately after conference. One of the stewards met as when we arrived and rendered us assistance, which we very much needed. The people here have been very finden needed. The people here have been very kind to us. We have not wanted for any good thing. We found the circuit somewhat disturbed on account of some personal difficulties, which have been settled, and we hope to have a prosperous year's work. The Bonham District Conference will be held here this year. We hope to have a revival in connection with it. nection with it.

Dalias.

John R. Allen, Dec. 26: I want to tell you that the Ladies' Aid Society renovated and furnished the parsonage handsomely for us, and provided things both toothsome and substantial in the larder. Then, after a few days occupation, a dray drove up to the door with a beautiful set of willow furniture for the parlor, which had been procured by the kindly efforts of Judge West. Then, too, we were not forgotten when Christmas came around Mrs. A. and J., if this thing keeps up, will be converted into smilling exclamation points. We are profoundly grateful to all. We are profoundly grateful to all.

A. T. Culbertson, Dec. 25: Happy Christmas! Though the rain pours, this has been a day of pleasure to us. Last night we en-Hillsboro Reflector: Rev. T. W. Rogers, the new pastor of the Methodist church has arrived and will occupy the pulpit next Sabbath. Mr. Rogers has an experience of about thirty years as a minister in Texas, and i as filled many of the highest positions in the church. He ranks among the ablest divines in the State.

—Galveston News: Rev. E. Harman, the new pastor of St. Johns M. E. Church, from Monticello, Fia., arrived in the city yesterdep, and will conduct the services at St. John's church to see a neatly decorated Christmas tree, and to witness the distributions of its presents. One by one the distributions of tered the Methodist Church to see a neatly

Salado

J. David Crockett, Dec. 25: We have not been pounded yet, but Sister Rogers gave us eatables, and one brother has promised to catables, and one brother has promised to give us a load of corn, and yesterday after calling on Bro. W. M. Gilleland's family and having orayer with them, as I was bidding them "good-bye," 'grandma' Allen putsome money in my hand, and when I asked, "is this quarterage?' she replied: "Oh no. I give that to you." She is one of the Lord's most faithful soldiers, and the preacher's best friends, and their is no doubt that at the final gathering in that celestial city her happy spirit will shine with the brightness of the highest angel, and "many will rise up and call her blessed." Oh how she cheers the preacher's heart and strengthens his faith and helps him in his work.

Abilene District.

Rev. John A. Wallace: Have just returned from Big Springs and Colorado, where I held very pleasant quarterly meetings. Stopped off at Sweetwater on the way down and performed the ceremony which united in marriage Rev. Milton L. Moody, of Big Springs station, and Miss Sailie Fowler, of Sweetwater. This sweet spirited young lady has launched upon the tenpestuous sea of the Methodist itinerancy, but she goes out with one of our strongest and best young preachers. May much grace be theirs. I attended the reception accorded Rev. A. K. Miller last night by our church at Sweetwater, under the management of Bro. J. W. Germany. Bro. Beall gave the introductions. The welcoming addresses were delivered by lutle Ola Roy and Dr. Streetman. The response by Bro. Miller was tender and touching, but outlining an azgressive pastbrata. This scribe closed the exercise by such words of encountgement as he was able to command. The preachers of of this district have all reported on their charges and at work except one or two. I presume they are too busy to write. Poundings and receptions have greeted them all, not even the presiding being overlooked. The good people of Abilene gave us many hearty welcomes, and placed in our larder a great many substantial tokens of their appreciation. "The lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places," since it is out of the usual order of things for the presiding elder to receive a pounding, but the people of West Texas are wholesouled and liberal. Have held four quarterly meetings on the first round, and at every one liberal estimates were made for the support of the pasiors, and solid business plans adopted for collecting the salaries. The Board of District Stewards meet at his place on the 27th inst., to fix the salary of the presiding elder and apportionments made by the annual conference. I look for a full attendance. The changes made by the conference, the ercetion of Fort Coadbourne and Haskill missions, we have fifteen pastoral charges covering a territory about two hundred miles long and one hundred and twenty-five miles wide, with the Texas Pacific rairoad running through very pleasant quarterly meetings. Stopped off at Sweetwater on the way down and per-

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

J. F. Archer, Dec. 20: We arrived here Tuesday night about 10 o'clock; met a warm reception. Several of the brethren escorted us to the parsonage where the ladies had put everything in readiness, and a number of them awaited our coming. A nice supper was on the table and supplies for a week or more in the pantry. God bless the good peo-ple of Jacksonville, and help us to "rightly divide unto them the words of truth."

Jacksonville.

of Palestine have received us kindly. After they had already given us many expressions of their kindness, a large number of the old, the middle-aged and the young met at the parsonage, and after spending a most delightful hour in social converse they departed, leaving our hearts light and glad, and our pantry richly supplied. We are now settled down and ready for work. With the blassing of God we expect this to be the best year of our ministry.

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Crowley.

W. C. Smith: Well, the Annual Conferences are over and the preachers have all got to their new fields of labor. The people are all well pleased with their pastor, or we are all least. We have been writing, praying and laboring for the organizing of the church here and a good pastor and got both. Bro. J. D. Odom is our preacher and although a young man and in his second year, he is one of God's noblemen and a power in his vineyard. I stated through the ADVOCATE some time ago that the power of darkness was being subdued and the devil was losing some of his friends. and I can still say the same. We still hold the fort.

Lehigh, I. T.

A. A. Wagnon, Dec. 28: I have removed onces are over and the preachers have all got to their new fields of labor. The people are all well pleased with their pastor, or we are at least. We have been writing, praying and laboring for the organizing of the church here and a good pastor and got both. Bro. J. D. Odom is our preacher and although a young man and in his second year, he is one of God's noblemen and a power in his vineyard. I stated through the ADVOCATE some time ago that the power of darkness was being subdued and the devil was losing some of his friends, and I can still say the same. We still hold the fort.

A. A. Wagnon, Dec. 28: I have removed from Tishomingo to Lehigh and Stringtown and am now stationed at this place. I have an arduos work before me at this place. Out of about 3000 ini abitants there are, or I can only hear of, twelve or fifteen Methodists. We have no church-house or parsonage, no organized church, prayer-meeting nor Sunday-school; atthough we contemplate building a church soon. I want to ask through the Advocate the earnest prayers of my brethren of the North Texas Conference. O, how I need your prayers! Truly the harvest is great—the fields are already white unto the harvest. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send other laborers into this field. Iadened with luscious fruit and rich with golden grain. We spent Christmas in Otoka, and a more quiet Christmas I never spent in life. from Tishomingo to Lehigh and Stringtown

J. P. Mussett: We have been here one month and wish to say that the good people of Ennis and wish to say that the good people of Ennis are equal to the best anywhere, in caring for their pastor. We, like many others who have written, met a warm welcome, not in the form of a tremendous pounding—but in kind words and deeds. And these continue like the gentle rain falls (not in flood for this is often followed by its opposite extreme, the drouth) until the parched earth is well watered. So these good people are bestowing on us, and we feel that we have our best appointment. There is spiritual lite manifest in the church. Congregations are good, a good sunday-school, a good weekly class and prayer meeting, and by God's grace we hope for the most prosperous year's work of our ministry. Now, Mr. Editor, come down and visit your friends of former days; I find you are kindly remembered here. [The kind remembrances are reciprocated.—ED] The standard of the postoffice of the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all states for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all States for solvency in the standard of nearly all states for solvency in the standard of nearly all states for solvency in the standard of nearly all states for solvency in the subsequent copies. C. H. Buchanax.

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our first quarterly conference of the Wolfe City and Mount Carmel work. Bro. J. M. Binkley, our presiding elder, preached us some good and forcible sermons during the meeting. The better we know Bro Binkley the more we love him. Sunday night the Wolfe City Church was organized with a membership of twenty-six. Sister A. McSpadden has been elected President of the Society, and several new names have been added to the roll of members later. The Wolfe City church holds services in the opera hall the second and fourth Sundays in each month; the Mount Carmel church the first and third Sundays. Mount Carmel is about a mile from the City, and a deigniful walk for one who, like Dickens, deignis in that recreation. May the Lord biess our work among this people.

Corn Hill.

my second year. Poundings and kindnesses were unabating during the past year. Yesterday we were nicely pounded from Willistereek congregation. Flour, coffee, sugar, butter, potatoes, fruit, dried and fresh, and other things too numerous to mention, yet useful and appreciated. A beautiful scarf for my wire as a present, we will not soon forget. Sister Felix G. Boloing was a principal mover in this generous outering. We appreciate all these things for their value and most of all for the kindness they betaken. May God bless my good people, and make me and my family worthy their love. While writing, I want to say amen! to the article of Bro. W. H. Hughes, in your issue of the 13th inst. To my mind every reason he offers for a change for annual conference sessions is good, and will suit us in Northwest Texas Conference as well.

Weimar.
T. B. Graves, Dec. 27: This has been a T. B. Graves, Dec. 27: This has been a Christmas of immense proportions to this preacher and his folks. The good women of Welmar have attempted to beat their former generosity, and that means that other people bave been overshadowed. Our Christmas commenced about the 19 h of December, and has flowed in a constant stream of good things day after day, and the end is not yet If there is anything good in Weimar or vicinity that the preacher and his family have not sampled, it is among the non essentials. We can subsist very well without it. We could feed Blayleck a week with his Huntsville appetite and still have turkeys enough to gobble. If we believe that Jesus meant what he said when he said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me," then certainly the blessed women of the church are serving the Lord Christ, and may live in hope of hearing from the Master at last: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Coronal Institute, San Marcos. W. J. Spillman, Dec. 24: The following was clipped from the Austin Statesman:

There are few schools whose influence has been more widely felt in West Texas than Coronal Institute, at San Marcos. Its graduates are found in nearly every county filling important positions with honor to themselves and their alma mater. It is gratifying to know that this iostitution is still doing so well, this proving one of the most successful years in its history. About 200 students have already matriculated. With a faculty of eight experienced teachers, full courses of English, science, ancient and modern languages, music and art, and with a delightful, healthful location, the institute will commend itself favorably to those seeking a school for their sons and daughters. Under the management of Professor Spillman and Professor Thomas, the reputation of this old and popular school will be maintained. was clipped from the Austin Statesman:

Texarkana. Bro. R. M. Powers writing in the Alabama

Advocate of the 2)th says: Texarkana has

Bro. R. M. Powers writing in the Alabama Advocate of the 21th says: Texarkana has some twelve or fifteen thousand people, and it is much like circuit work for a two hut dred and ten pounder to waik through this sand to hunt up his people. We also have a city missionary who will help in this delightful work, and while at present we only have one pastoral charge, one preaching place, and one comfortable parsonage, before the end of the conference year we hope to have two, as we doof many other things in this city. This is a curious town. Two postoffices, two courthouses, two mayors, two systems of waterworks, and so on; for please remember we are on the State line, or rather the line dividing Arkansas and texas. If you will come and see us soon, we can give you a ride on street cars up State Line Avenue, with one side of the car in Arkansas and the other in Texas, so you can have your choice. Well, after twenty-three years of work as a Wethodist preacher, for the first time in life I am keeping house in a parsonage. In that time I have done my full share of par-onage and church building, paying old debts, etc., but somehow the "powers that be," never let me live in a parsonage before. I will bless the name of Bishop Key till hecomes again; after that—well, I make it a rule never to shout till I get happy. He may have different "impressions" next time.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT.

The following is a statement of the amounts distributed among the different charges on the Chappell Hill District, by the district stewards at their meeting in Brenham, Friday, Dec. 28:

Brenham Station—For presiding elder, \$165; forsign, missions, \$113; domestic, missions, \$11

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Geo. A. LeClere, Dec. 2: The good people of Palestine have received us kindly. After they had already given us many expressions of their kindness, a large number of the old, the middle-aged and the young met at the parsonage, and after spending a most delight. The middle-aged and the young met at the parsonage, and after spending a most delight.

gates to general conference, \$4.10.
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J. S. Tunnell, Dec. 21: I am entering upon my second year. Poundings and kindnesses mere unabating during the past year. Year was stating that you were advised by this paper to provide in Savings, for every \$100 they owe, have \$2.8 to pay.

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GEORGETOWN, Dec. 28.

MINUTES.

North Texas Conference. Pastors, your minutes, which we hope will soon be out, w.il be sent to the postoffices, after which your charges are called, unless you send your address to me at once at Blossom, Texas.

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Galveston, Texas, Sept. 18, 1887.—To the editor of the Morning Register: With a respectful request to thank Dr. W. J. Thurmondipublicly for his wonderful Lone Star Catarra 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 Catarra Cure effected a radical cure. Such a boon should be widely known and gratefully acknowledged.

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Gainesville, Texas, Jan. 16, 1888.—I find

Gainesville, Texas, Jan. 16, 1388.—I find after two months' use of Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup, that it regulates the bowels and gives tone to the digestive apparatus; and gave me a relief and start to improve I found in no other medicine. It is no humbug. Respectfully,

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A little girl came to her mother with the question: "Which is worse, to tell a lie or to steal?" The mother, taken by surprise, replied that both were so bad that she couldn't tell which was the worse. "Well," said the little one, "I've been thinking a good deal about it, and I think that it is worse to lie than to steal. If you steal a thing, you can take it back, unless you've eaten it; and if you have eaten it, you can pay for it. But," and there was a look of awe in the little face—"a lie is forever."

### Consumption Surely Cured.

To the Editor:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for Consumption. By its timely use thousands of bopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy PREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. Address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St., N. Y.

A fowl should be quick in picking up food, for when one is slow in feeding, occasionally taking a grain and then moping about, something is wrong. One can soon become expert in detecting other symptoms of disease as ruffled plumage, lusterless eye, pale comb and wattles, etc.

Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup, of Tolu, Cherry and Tar, is the best remedy we have ever found for colds and coughs or for throat and lung diseases. We have used it in our family for years. It always effects speedy

In the early settlement of the country hogs ran wild in the woods, and got a good deal of their living in summer from ground roots, and toward fall fattened on the nuts from the beech, oak and other trees. This was called 'mast." It made a sweet but not very solid pork unless the hog was given a final ration of corn five or six weeks before killing. The beech nut was reckoned best of all nuts for feeding hogs. It is full of oil and very fattening.

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—T. W. Pierce, M. D., Knoxville, Ala.

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Gainesville, Texas, April 2, 1888.—Dr. Thurmond: I cannot find words to express my gratitude for what your wonderful Lone Star Blood Syrup has done for me. I have been suffering for nearly two years with rheumatism in my hips, and it then run down in my legs and pained me so bad I could not walk. My son got for me two bottles of your valuable medicine and I took it according to directions and I now feel scarcely any pain, and I believe one more bottle will entirely cure me. Please send me one more bottle. Yours truly. pain, and the Please Search tirely cure me. Please Search bottle. Yours truly, ELIZABETH SELLARS.

A green horn sat a long time, very attentively musing upon a cane bottom chair. At length he said: "I wonder what fellow took the trouble to find all them ar holes and put straws around 'em."

## Offensive Breath.

I was afflicted with sore gums and very of-fensive breath until I used one box of Morley's Oridonto, which entirely cured me. The Oridonto is superior to any dentrifice I have ever used or sold. W. LEAK, Pleasant Point, Tex.

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WM. J. BASSETT.

Pastor of Dixon Street M. E. Church, Gainesville, Texas.

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If a cucumber is cut into strips and the pleces put into places where ants are found, it will surely drive them away.



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Let we grass is often injured instead of benefited by being covered with coarse stable manure. If the ground is poor, and especially if the raw clay becomes a compacted surface among the grass blades, the necessary humus is lacking and an application of fine compost or any vegetable matter reduced like leaf-mold will help to give the proper surface, open to the air and unpacked by rains, which the grass needs, and which the decay of its own blades gradually supplies in the ground is rich, close cutting constantly practiced may prevent the roots from becoming strong enough to push up good blades. At least once a year the lawn grass should be allowed to grow long for the purpose of securing corresponding strength of the roots.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

EL PASO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. FORT WORTH DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Fort Worth, Fourth Street. lst Sun in Jan
Fort Worth, Mission Avenue. Mon, Jan 7
Fort Worth cir, at Wheatland. 24 Sun in Jan
Marystown cir, at Joshua. 3d Sun in Jan
Mansfield cir, at Mansfield. 4th Sun in Jan
Grandview cir, at Grandview. lst Sun in Feb
Noland River cir, at Grange Hall. 2d Sun in Feb
Itasca cir, Itasca. J. Freed. Cox, P. E. GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Burnet sta. at Burnet. Jan 5, 6
Burnet eir, at Spring Creek. Jan 12, 13
Bertram cir, at Bertram. Jan 19, 20
Florence cir, at Pleasant Grove. Jan 20, 27
Corn Hill cir. at Berty's Creek. Feb 2, 3
Holland cir, at Holland. Feb 9 10
Belton sta. at Belton. Feb 16, 17
Rogers cir. at Rogers. Feb 23, 24
Klileen cir. at Killeen. March 2, 34
Klileen cir. at Killeen. March 9, 10
South Belton cir. at Cedar Creek. March 9, 10
South Belton cir. at Wilson's Valley. Mar 16, 17
O'Enaytile cir. at O'Enaytile. March 23, 24
Salado cir, at Salado. March 30, 31
HORACE BISHOP, P. E. GEORGETOWN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Helena cir, at Helena. Jan 6 Goliad sta, at Goliad Jan 13 Goliad sta, at Goliad
Corpus Christi sta, at Corpus Christi Jan 20
Beeville and Rockpert cir, at Beeville Jan 27
Lagarto cir, at Lagarto Feb 3
San Diego mis, at San Diego Feb 10
Mineral City mis, at Mineral City Feb 17
ALANSON BROWN, P. E. MONTAGUE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

 PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

 Emberson cir
 Jan 5, 6

 Ambia mis
 Jan 12, 13

 Milton mis
 Jan 19, 20

 Pattonville cir
 Jan 26 27

 Woodland cir
 Feb 2, 3

 Rosaile cir
 Feb 16, 17

 Boston cir
 Feb 16, 17

 Boston cir
 Feb 23, 24

 Dalby Springs
 March 2, 3

 Detroit
 March 9, 10

 J. C. WEAVER, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

VICTORIA DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

GONZALES STA JAN 5, 6

MOUITON CIP, at Waelder Jan 12, 13

Williamsburgh cir, at Williamsburgh Jan 19, 20

Hallettsvile cir, at Hallettsvile. Jan 26, 27

De Witt cir, at Burns sta Feb 2, 3

Leesville Cir, at Leesville Feb 9, 10

Clear Creek cir, Rocky Feb 16, 17

#iddletown cir, at Middletown Feb 23, 24

Yoakum mis, at Hope Mar 2, 3

ROBT. J. DEETS, P. E.

Course mis
Most gomery cir
Navasota sta
Courtney and Plantersville
Cold Springs cir
Shepherd mis
Humsville sta nderson cir...

ion c r ledias mis..... E. S. SMITH, P. E. CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Sealy and San Felipe cir, -Rebmond sta.... Ragie L-ke cir, at-

ence cir. at -J. B. SEARS, P. E. VERNON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Parimer cir. Jan 30
Phrockmorton cir. Upper Fish Creek... Feb 2, 3
Benjamin mis, at Benjamin... Feb 9, 10
JEROME HARALSON, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

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GALVESTON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. | GALVESTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. | Houston, White Oak and City mis. | Jan 5, 6 | Galveston, St. John | Jan 12, 13 | Galveston, St. James | Jan 19 | 20 | Galveston, West End mis. | Jan 20, 27 | Cedar Bayou | Feb 2, 3 | Bolivar cir. | Feb 9, 10 | Columbia and Brazoria | Feb 16, 17 | Velasco | Feb 23, 24 | Alvin | March 12, 3 | March 9, 10 | TYLER DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. TYLER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

New York, at New York Jan 5.6

Lawndale, at Merediths Jan 12, 13

Lirdale, at Harris Chapel Jan 19, 20

Larissa, at Walnut Grove Jan 26, 27

Canton, at Canton Feb 2, 3

Edom, at Prairie Spring Feb 4, 10

Mineola, at Mineola Feb 16, 17

Tyler cir, at Center Feb 23, 24

Tyler sta. March 1, 2

Tyler City mis John Adams, P. E.

Corn Hill cir. at Berry's Creek. Feb 2, 3
Holland cir. at Holland. Feb 9 16, 17
Rogers cir. at Rogers. Feb 23, 24
Killeen cir. at Killeen. March 2, 3
North Belton cir. at Cedar Creek. March 9, 10
South Belton cir. at Cedar Creek. March 9, 10
O'Enswille cir. at O'Bnaville. March 23, 24
Salado cir. at Salado. March 30, 31
C'Enswille cir. at O'Bnaville. March 23, 24
Salado cir. at Salado. March 30, 31
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Helena cir. at Helena. Jan 6
Helena cir. at Helena. Jan 6
Lord Gellad. Jan 13 PALESTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. WACO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROWND.
Shive mis, Shive. 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
Pecan cir, Clio. Jan 23
Santa Anna cir, Thrifty Jan 26, 27
Gien Cove mis, Rough Creek. Jan 31, 11 a. m
Coleman and Ballinger sta, Coleman City
Feb 2, 3
Comanche and De Leon sta, Comanche. Feb 9, 10
Bound Mountain mis, New Hope. Feb 16, 17
Comanche cir, Indian Creek. Feb 23, 24
W. T. MELUGIN, P. E. SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

CAMERON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

ABILENE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Cottonwood eir, at Friendship.....Jan 5, 6
Anson mis, at Anson....Jan 10
Haskell mis, at Haskell.....Jan 12, 13 Haskell mis, at Anson Jan 10.

Haskell mis, at Haskell Jan 12, 13.

Sipe springs cir, at Pleasant Valley Jan 19, 20.

C see sta. Jan 21.

Fort Chadbourne mis, at Jan 26, 27.

Abliene sta. 

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Reliey Springs cir. 1st Sun in Jan
Kingston cir 2d sun in Jan
Suiphur Springs cir 3d Sun in Jan
suiphur Biuff cir 4th sun in Jan
Leesturg cir Fet 1
Winsboro sta 1st Sun in Feb 

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT .- FIRST ROUND. 

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND,
Strawn mis, at Gordon. Jan 2.
Eastland cir, at Eastland Jan 5.6
Desdemona cir, at Howard's S. H. Jan 9.
Lipan Jan 12, 13
Paiuxy cir, at Marvin's Chapel Jan 19, 20
Acton mis, at Acton Jan 23, 27
Garvin cir, at Garvin Jan 23, 27
Finis cir, at Sait H il Jan 31
Graham sta, at Graham Feb 2, 3
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R. M. Spr. Ule, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Wesley and Oak Cliff cir. at West Dalias, Jan 5, 6 Wax hachie cir. at West Dalias, Jan 5, 6 Hutchins mis. at Trinity Jan 12, 20 Heegor, at Reavor.

Lancaster and ferr s. at Ferris. Jan 12, 20 Heegor, at Reavor.

Sims and Gienwood, at Bethel Jan 22, 3 Recens at Kerens at Ke

TERRELL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. DALLAS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

DALLAS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Floyd Street, Dallas. Ist Sun in Jan Trinity and Oak Lawn, at Trinity.2d Sun in Jan Lewisville cir, at Chin Chapel. 3d Sun in Jan Grapevine, at Minter's Chapel. 4th Sun in Jan Cochran and Caruth, at Cochran.1st Sun in Feb Farmers Branch, at Cemetery Hill2d Sun in Feb Plano sta. 3d Sun in Feb Plano sta. 3d Sun in Feb Smithfield cir, at Keller. 4th Sun in Feb Dallas City mis. 1st Sun in Man TR. PIERCE, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

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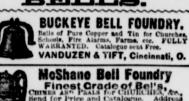
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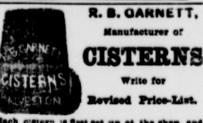
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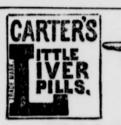
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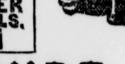
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And the counted weeks are past; the holiday joys of the girls and boys

Who are "home tr-night" at last! O the ringing beat of the springing feet, As into the hall they rush! O the tender bliss of the first home kiss,

With its moment of fervent hush, So much to teil and to bear as well, As they gather around the glow! Who would not part, for the joy of heart That only the parted can know-At home to-night!

But all have not met; there are travelers yet Speeding along through the dark. By tunnel and bridge, past river and ridge,

To the distant yet nearing mark. But hearts are warm, for the winter storm Has never a chill for love:

And faces are bright in the flickering light Of the small, dim lamp above. And voices of gladness rise o'er the madness Of the whirl and the rush and the roar.

For rapid and strong, it bears them long To a home and open door-Yes, home to-night!

O home to-night, yes, home to night, Through the pearly gate and the open door Some happy feet on the golden street Are entering now to "go out no more."

For the work is done, and the rest begun, And the training time is forever past, And the Home of rest in the mansion blest Is safely, joyously reached at last. O the love and light in that Home to-night!

O the songs of bliss and the harps of gold!

O the glory shed on the new-crowned head! O the telling of love that can never be told-I the welcome that waits at the shining gates For those who are following far, yet near, When all shall meet at His glorious Feet In the light and the love of His Home so

> Yes, "Home to-night!" -F. R. Havergal. WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.

Then we are to do good, as Christ did. of his divine Master. But there is fruitful."

which Christ illustrated.

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good man does not listen impatiently. He heaven.

man realizes his Christian stewardship, are so taken up with making money that He uses his wealth freely in doing good. they find little or no time for extra remoney he gives so freely is passed into the hands of an humble, godly man, who goes to the starving with baskets of well to got the hands of the starving with baskets of well to got the starving well to go He is praised, and justly, too, as one of ligious duties. Often these persons are the hands of an humble, godly man, who goes to the starving with baskets of food, who hunts up the naked children and clothes them, who leaves home and question: "Am I allowing the cares of the Lord. Let us ask ourselves the remainder of the bride's mother, Dec. 26, 1888, by the Rev. J. G. R. Patton, the Rev. H. M. Glass, of Northwest Texas Gonference, and Miss Jane Freeman, of Johnson county, Texas.

Lord? Christ might have established his head- (1 Peter v:7) .- Lucy M. Coleman. quarters in Capernaum or Jerusalem. He might have opened a school and an hospital there. He might have taught and healed freely all who came to him; but Christ which strengtheneth me" are that would not have satisfied the out- strong, bold words. They recall that gushing love of his heart. No, no; he other wonderful saying, "All power is had been accustomed to think and care erately assert the possession of omnipoonly for herself. She expended thou- tence for the doing of God's will. sands every year in traveling and in St. Paul's was a typical case. In the gratifying her taste for the beautiful. measure in which the responsibilities of But now she learned that she must not the Christian profession are accepted, live only for herself. She inquired how will their weight make itself felt. Of

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terested in the reports of her Bible reader. But one day the B ble reader came, almost trembling at her boldness, and said, "Madam, there is a poor woman dying in yonder alley. I told her of your she said that she was grateful, but added, 'Why don't the lady come herself? If she does, I will believe in her religion.'"

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The lady ment. The side was grateful, but added, his omnipotence in Christ; and the claim was made in the face of a calm review The lady went. The sick pauper died of all toils and perils of the past, and of in her arms. And from that day there were two Bible women going about doing against whatever new emergencies might conditions. The sick pauper died of all toils and perils of the past, and of front of the parsonage in Van Alstyne, Texas, on Dec. 23, 1888, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. E. Vinson, Mr. S. J. Creswell and Miss Sallie A. Sharpe. good. She had learned that it is only by personal labor that we can enjoy the full blessedness of Christian benevo-

more the example of their Lord. They they were made strong." need to imitate Him more in personal quent preacher and the princely giver about doing good .- Interior.

### CHOKED BY CARES.

There are three places in the Bible in which we find the parable of the sower. In every instance Jesus has made the meaning of the parable so plain to his disciples that none who read prayerfully can misunderstand it. There are many wonderful lessons contained in it, but I wish specially to call attention to the things spoken of, which choke the word, and prevent some from bearing fruit, at least fruit to perfection. In Matt. xiii, That is our business as his followers. | 22, we read, "He also that received seed But how? There are various ways of among the thorns is he that heareth the doing good. A pious physician opens a word; and the care of this world, and the free hospital in one of our cities. He deceitfulness of riches, choke the word. welcomes all the sick and suffering who and he becometh unfruitful." In Mark come to him. He heals them if he can iv, 18, 19, the same thought is expressed without money and without price. in nearly the same words: "And these Everybody says that he is doing a great are they which are sown among thorns; deal of good, and he is. No heathen such as hear the word, and the cares of physician ever opened such a hospital. this world, and the deceitfulness of riches. He learned from Jesus to care for the and the lusts of other things entering in, Liddon. poor. His unselfish spirit is the spirit choke the word, and it becometh un-

another pious physician in that city. He Luke, in the 8th chapter and 14th does not wait for the poor to come to verse, tells us this truth in the follow-Him. He goes to the courts and alleys ing words: "And that which fell among where the sick lie neglected and uncared the thorns are they, which, when they for. He descends into the cellars. He have heard, go forth, and are choked climbs up to the attics. He seeks in or- with cares and riches and pleasures of der to save. That is another way of this life, and bring no fruit to perfecdoing good. It is the going-about way tion." You will notice, that, in all the above passages, "care" and "riches" are Again. In the pulpit of a great free mentioned, while "pleasure" and "lusts church stands an eloquent minister of of other things" are spoken of but once. the gospel. All who will come are wel- There are many things pertaining to this coms. He represents to them with lov- life which we allow to hinder us in the ing earnestness the truth as it is in way to heaven, but I am inclined to Jesus. He wins many sinners from their think there are more persons kept from sins. He comforts many sad hearts. He usefulness by the cares of this life than joy of doing it. He aims to take the builds up many Christians in their most by any other hinderance. You will see holy faith. With God's blessing he so many, who have stood through persegathers and polishes many stars for his cution, and who have for years been Savior's crown of rejoicing. Everybody dead to worldly pleasure, at last cease to glorious doctrine of trust is a wondersays, and says truly, what a useful man | be fruit bearing Christians, because they that minister is. He spends his life in allow the cares of this world to take all doing good. But there is another in the their time. There are many things same city. He has no grand church to they would like to do for others, but preach in, and could not attract crowds they have not the time. We are dis-

Jesus in his heart to all the lowest and If we follow God's directions in this. resentative of some benevolent work than home duties. I fear that Chris-

does not say, "There are so many calls." | Sometimes we find that the "deceitful-Oa the contrary, he weeps. He thanks ness of riches" is the cause of all this D.D. the agent for coming. He hands him a care-taking. I do not wonder that the liberal contribution and accompanies it word "deceitfulness" is used in this conwith an invitation to call again. That nection. Some of the Lord's children country and sails away to Africa that he may seek and save the lost. Which of these two is the truest name sake of our these two is the truest name sake of our lost. Which of the admonition: "Casting all your and Miss Rosie Peaks, and Mr. S. O. Parket and Miss E. E. Peaks, care upon Him, for He careth for you"

# THE CHRISTIAN'S OMNIPOTENCE.

St. Paul's"I can do all things through must go about doing good. I have read given unto Me in heaven and in earth. of a rich lady who was converted. She Lo, I am with you alway." They delib

she could do good. A fr end brought to course, if one is content to be "saved so her a Bible reader, and said "If you will as be fire," to be a shiftless servant in

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support this woman, she will go as your representative among the poor of the city and do what she can to teach and com
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of the Risson — At the residence of the bride's step-father, on Dec. 5, 1888, by Rev. A. P. Payne, Mr. Wm. Moore and Miss Patty Elication of the reward of the righteous. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss.

FUNDERBURK — BLACK — At the Crystal Falls church, on Dec. 16, 1888, by Rev. A. P. Payne, Mr. U. R. Funderburk and Miss S. A. the money cheerfully, and was deeply in- will require nothing short of moral omnipotence.

This omnipotence the Christian may and should possess. St. Paul's claim to the possession of it was no thoughtless boast. It was not Paul fresh from the Date. 23, 1888, by Rev. J. M. Wessen, Mr. Z. S. Weaver and Miss Florence Sommerford. the Hebrews. The secret of their con-There is in our day too much doing stancy under trial and that triumph over all their foes was that "out of weakness nore the example of their Lord. They they were made strong."

JOHNSON-FOSTER.—At the residence of the bride's brother, in Longview, on Dec. 23, 1888, by Rev. S. H. Nettles, Mr. W. E. Johnson et the example of their Lord. They good by proxy. Christians need to study all their foes was that "out of weakness 1888.

This marvelous strength is not a monopoly of apostles and martyrs. It is open to all that "wait upon the Lord" to Patterson.

Bullington - Patterson. - In Uvalde, Texas, on Dec. 19, 1888, by Rev. J. G. Walker, Mr. W. H. Bullington and Miss Lillie B. Patterson. consecration to His work. Even the el- nopoly of apostles and martyrs. It is would be happier and more useful if they would devote some time to individual may mount upward as the eagle on uneffort—if they would, now and then, go tiring wing, may run without weariness,

ROBINSON—MOSELEY.—At the residence of E. S. Smith, in Del Valle, Texas, on Dec. 20, 1888, by Rev. E. S. Smith, Rev. G. M. Robinson and Mrs. Mattle E. Moseley. tiring wing, may run without weariness, and walk and not faint. The experience of very babes in Christis, that when they rest in Carist they become partakers of his strength, and that the limit to the measure of strength received is their own faith or lack of faith in him—The Pres byterian Review.

Robinson and Mrs. Mattle E. Moseley.

HUMPHREYS—HALE.—At the M. E. Church, South, in Hallettsville, Texas, on Dec. 20, 1888, by Rev. Jas. A King, Mr. E. F. Humphreys and Miss Mattle C. Hale, of Hallettsville, Lavaca county, Texas.

KINGLESMITH—WOOTTON.—At the resi dence of the bride's father, Maj Frank Wootton, in Robertson county, Texas, on Dec. 25, 1888, by Rev. W. Wootton, Mr. S. Kinglesmith and Miss Lizzie Wootton, all of Robertson county Texas.

paralysis, if it does not imply actual spirit- should accompany all orders. ual death. The man who knows the happiness of "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," cannot but desire that other men should share it; and this desire, in its higher, its stronger, its

us, 'Cast your care on Me," he does not release us from legitimate duty or the needless tire out of us by taking sinful anxiety out of our hearts and putting the tonic of trust in its place. This fully restful one to the overloaded; for let us remind ourselves again that it is not honest work that usually breaks God's children down .- Selected.

If human priests compassed with into hear him if he had. But he goes with | tine:ly told in the Bible that we are to firmity could inspire confidence in the worshiper, then Christ, if we will lift our eyes to him, a thousand fold more. vilest places in the city. He seeks the | we shall not go from morning till night | Their compassion was necessarily limited sinners in their dens; he tries in all wise | weighed down with the duties of this by their experience, but his experience and loving ways to win them to Christ. life. I do not mean that one is to neg. covers the whole field of life; their gen-He gathers a jewel out of the mire here lect any of the ordinary duties of life, the bearing was tempered by the conand there; he plucks a brand from the only that the care ought to be taken to sciousness of personal failure, but his burning here and there. But few know the Lord and left there. Then all the breathes the invigorating spirit of perfect of his self-denying labors. Yet is he worry will have gone out of our lives, holiness. They knew the power of tempnot following in the footsteps of his We can go about the necessary work with tation in part by the sad lessons of fail-Lord? Is he not like Him going about a heart and mind not set upon it, but ure; he knew it to the uttermost by perlifted to God in prayer and faith for some | feet victory. They could see dimly And yet again. A wealthy Christian one. We can thus be fruit-bearing through ear h-born mists something of is sitting in his counting room. The rep. Christians, with but little time for more the real hideousness of evil; he saw it in DRUGGISTS the undimmed light of the divine purity. comes and tells him that money is need- tians are not fully awake to the truth Aud he is tenderest, not who has sinned ed to feed the poor, to clothe the naked, that it is wrong for one to be loaded as sometimes vainly thought, but who to teach the ignorant, to send the gospel down with care, nor do many to them has known best the power of sin by to the frontier, or to the heathen. The realize how this hinders in the way to overcoming it. His love is most watch. BEST WIND MILL ful who has seen what wrong is in the eyes of God .- The Rev. B. F. Westcott,

## Marriages.

FISHER—CARTER—Married at the Methodist church, Luling, Texas, by Rev. J. S. Gillett, Dec. 23, 1888, Mr. Thomas D. Fisher of Wei-mar, and Miss Annie Carter, daughter of Col. J. Q. A. Carter, of Luling.

LAUDERDALE—COVINGTON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Covington, in Lampasas, Texas, on Dec. 12, 1888, by Rev. J. G. Putman, Mr. A. L. Lauderdale and Miss Julia Covington, both of Lampasas, Texas.

LEE-THOMPSON.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Winsboro, on Dec. 19, 1888, by Rev. S. W. Jones, Mr. W. L. Lee and Miss L. J. Thompson. YoungBLood—ELLIS.—At the residence of Mr. Dave Lee, near Winsboro, on Dec. 20, 1888. by Rev. S. W. Jones, Mr. F. M. Young-blood and Mrs. Bettie Ellis.

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The circumference cannot be smail if God is the center.—Hannah More.

Let us keep in mind the fact that prayer is twofold in its influence—it moves God, it affects the soul. It moves God, not in the sense of changing his purpose, but he puts the soul in harmony with that purpoze; so that God may be moved toward an answer. It is not then impossible for God to answer prayer in the natural as well as the spiritual sphere. When our divine Master zays to us, "Cast your care on Me," he does not

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GAGE—WILLIAMS.—At the parsonage, in Breckenridge, Texas, en Dec. 19, 1888, by Rev. A. P. Payne, Mr. C. W. Gaga and Miss Emnsa Williams.

WEAVER — SOMMERFORD. — At the residence of the bride's father, near Navasota, on Dec. 23, 1888, by Rev. J. M. Wessen, Mr. Z. S. Weaver and Miss Florence Sommerford.
FOUNTAIN—EDWARDS.—At the Methodist Church (Adams Chapel) on Box's creek, Cherokee county, Toxas, Sunday, Dec. 23, 1888, by Rev. J. T. Smith, Mr. W. B. Fountain and Miss Dick B. Edwards.

CRESWELL—SHARPE.—In their buggy in front of the parsonage in Van Alstyne, Texas, on Dec. 23, 1888, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. E. Vinson, Mr. S. J. Creswell and Miss Sallie A. Sharpe.

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Obituary—Texas.

Died.—Dr. Erasmus Edwards, at Cameron. Dick Nesbette, of Sherman, died in Tennessee. Mrs. S. E. Miliken, at Huntsville. Sheriff Wallace, at Graham. Col. Henry Jones, at Corsicana; a Texas veter in and one of the leading citizens of Nevarro county; Hon. R. Q. Mills is a son-in-law of the deceased. Dr. D. W. Dieks died at Gainesville. Guy Jacobs, an old citizen, at Houston. Wm. Lockett, aged eighty-four, at Vernon. Dr. Knott, dentist, at Carrolis Prairie. Mrs. Bettie Pattle, at Van Alstyne. Mrs. Carnes, of Michigan, at Terrell. Chas. Bartie, at Whitewright. Hallie, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Northrup, at Abilene. Obituary-Texas.

place six are lights (electric) over the court-nouse tower. These lights can be seen at points twenty-five miles distant.

Land Commissioner Hall, in his report to the Legislature, recommends that the State deed the university lands to the regents for their absolute control in the interess of the

### Texas Casualties. Robt. Mattson, carpenter, adjudged insane

Judge J. L. Darragh, one of the wealthiest citizens of Galvestov, adjudged insane.

Claud S. Miller, a school teacher at Farmers Branch, while on a visit to his brother in Dallas, was run over by a freight train and killed. He is said to have been intoxicated

Fort Worth, gave deed of trust. W. M. Griflith, confectioner, Honey Grove, assigned. J.
E. Shomake, Gainesville, assigned. Reid D.
Well, confectionery, Waco, attached. H. S.
Edgall, confectionrey, Gainesville, assigned,
rrick & Co., jewelers, Gainesville, attached.
A. W. Hunlen, dry goods, Gainesville, at
tached. A. Weinstein, real estate, Texarkana, attached. Ward & Stead, Clarksville,
turnilura, assigned. Julius Brown, notions. furniture, assigned. Julius Brown, notions, Terrell, attached. Palace saloon, Waco, at-

told the smaller boys to "hold up their hands." They threw up their hands, and Frank Evans said: "Shoot 'em John," and the gun was discharged, accidentally it is claimed, the shot striking the Liles boy in the neck and breast and the smaller boy in the head and face. The smaller one may recover, but the larger one is thought to be fatally wounded.

The chief of the bureau of statistics re-ports the number of emigrants arriving at the ports of the United States from the principal ports of the United States from the principal foreign countries except from the Dominion of Canada and Mexico during the month ended Nov. 30, 1888, and five and eleven months as compared with the same periods of the preceding year was respectively as follows: In 1888, 26 449 against 12,198 in 1887; 182 375 in 1888 against 20 195 in 1887; 498 583 in 1888 against 437,646 in 1887.

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The chief of the bureau of statistics in his first monthly statement for the fiscal year remains for current imports and exports of the United States that the total values of exports during five, eleven and twelve months ended Nov. 30, 1888, as compared with similar exports during the corresponding period of the proceding year were as follows: Five months ended Nov. 30, 1888, \$2016 005,596; 1887, \$632 071.493. Twelve months ended Nov. 30, 1888, \$606 005,596; 1887, \$632 071.493. Twelve month ended Nov. 30, 1888, \$292,114.377; 1887, \$292 227.07.9. Eleven months ended Nov. 30, 1888, \$292,114.377; 1887, \$292 227.07.9. Eleven months ended Nov. 30, 1888, \$292,114.377; 1887, \$292 227.07.9. Eleven months ended Nov. 30, 1888, \$716 844,470; 1887, \$712 919 352.

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Columbus Delana, president of the national Columbus Delana, president of the national wool growers' association, has issued an address to the wool growers of the United States in which he calls a meeting of the officers of the national and all State associations of wool growers at Washington, D. C., Thursday, Jan. 10. He says in the address that the wool schedule pending before the Senate fails to afford the adequate protection to the industry, and it is to consider this and similar mastices of relief that the meeting is called questions of relief that the meeting is called.

A Washington, D. C., telegran says: A small vessel no larger than a pleasure sailboat, in which young men living in this city cruise on holiday excursions down the Potomac, was anchored off Sixth street wharf tomae, was anchored off Sixth street wharf today after an ocean voyage of nearly 6000
miles. The vessel, which is named La Libertad, was built by its commander, Capt. Slocum, in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, to convey himseif, wife and two children back to America,
the bark Aquidneck, in which Capt. Slocum
sailed to Brazil, having been lest on a sand
spot in Rio Janeiro harbor. La Libertad is
55 feet long. 7½ feet beam, 3½ feet deep. She
has only one canvass covered deck-house to
afford protection against the weather. She
lett Rio Janeiro July 24 last, and after stopping at Bahia, Pernambuco and several other
ports reached Norfolk, Va., two weeks ago
The little ciaft weathered some heavy seas in
the troples and brought its occupants to this
city in good health and apparently none the
worse for the dangerous trip.

tile Pattic, at Van Alstyne. Mrs. Carnes, of Michigan, at Terroll. Chas. Bartic, at Sandandie Machinery and Improvement Co., Fort Worth, Texas, will self you a pump or wind-noil cheaper and on better terms than you can seure it descence. See their card in this issue of the Anyocare.

The Canticerts of the new at Laredo bave given public notice that no gambling of any kind will be tolerated in the city.

It is now believed the street car and foot birding across the Rio Grande between the two laredose and new toget another remittance of \$250 from gens of the Anyon and the State. The Confederate Home, at Anutin, has resistive another remittance of \$250 from gens on the cardinate works was probably the most successful one ever made in a town of this size in the State. Four streams at one time were thrown over the bot of the home.

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READERS of the ADVOCATE are referred to the advertisement or 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.

Attorney-General Hogg has had papers served on Mr. J. Waldo, traffic manaver, the effect of which is meant to be the complete dissolution of all joint traffic arrangements between the railroad companies that now or have belonged to any traffic association in Texas.

A decision of justice Stayton, in the State Supreme Court, holds invalid all sales of school land made by the State Land Board under the act of April 12, 1883, known as the "Seven Section Act." It will require legislative action to perfect titles.

United States Senator. Jas. McMillan, of Michigan, has donated \$16,000 to mske an extension to the Mary Ailen institute, Crockett. This school is for colored girls, and is under the management of Prof. J. B. Smith. There are now in attendance 150 girls, and the school is in a prosperous and thriving condition.

A friend to the farmer, the merchant, the mechanic, the banker, the millionaire and the pauper is Cheatham's Chill Tome. Never tails to care. "No cure, no pay."

In the instruction of liminal session of the American Pomological Society will be held at Ocala, Fiotica, February 20, 21 and 22, 1889. At the last meeting in Boston, the society unanimously accepted an invitation from the Fiotida Hortcultural Society to hold its next meeting in that State. This will be the first time that a meeting has been held in the extensive preparations being made by the pomologists of the South for the reception of their Northern friends, give promise of the most successful meeting ever held.

The session will open at 19 o'clock, on Wednesday, February 20th, and continue three days. It was expected to hold the meeting at Sanford, beginning February 6th, but it has been found necessary, owing to lack of time for suitable preparation, to postpone it until the 20th, and at the request of the Froida Society, to hold the session at Ocala instead of Sanford. Ocala is located in the central part of the Penincula, in the midst of the Orange Region, nine-tenths of all the oranges grown in the State being an appropriet.

in the State being profused within a radius of eights miles. The climate is salubrious and healthful.

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Among the attractions offered by the people of Ocala, as inducements to hold the meeting there, are the Florida International and Sub-Tropical Exposition, which opens in January, the commodious buildings of which are tendered for the use of the society.

It is hoped that all Pomological, Herticultural and Agricultural Societies in the United States and British Provinces will seed delegates, in such numbers as they may deem ex-

Dallas, was run over by a freight train and killed. He is said to have been intoxicated at the time.

A young man named Chapple, while dancing at a party man Denton, fell dead from heart disease.

A Mrs. O'Keefe, keeping a railroad boarding house near Paris, was struck on the head by a cup thrown at one section hand by another, and died from the effect of the blow.

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Firme.—Gabner Bros., fult store burned at Laredo: loss, \$4000. The Tyler opera bouse, valued \$30,000. destroyed. A fire at Stephensville, seven miles from Bonham, destroyed three of its four stores; loss between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Residence of C. L. Broome, deputy U. S. Marshal, destroyed at San Angelo; loss, \$1200. The residence of Brew Morse, Decatur, dest oved; loss, \$2500. A fire in Eagle Pass, which broke out in Fry's drug store, destroyed that and other property to the amount of \$15,000. Dr. W. A. Archer's residence, Houston, destroyed; loss, \$5000. Fred Turner, Austin, destroyed; loss, \$100 km left loss and loss and loss and loss and loss and loss and

tached. Palace saloon, Wace, attached. Palace saloon, Wace, attached.

A fire at Decatur, Dec. 30, destroyed eleven new building belonging to the Decatur Land Company. A man named Wood was fatally burned while trying to save his clothes.

Dan Welster, at Sherman, is insane; his trouble, it is thought, is caused by a wound received while with Morgan during the war.

Either a horrible accident or a brutal crime took place Dec. 23, near Alvarado. While two boys, one a ten-year-old son of Mr. Liles and the other a seven-year-old son of Mr. Pete Robertson, were picking cotton Frank Evans and John Baugh, aged about seventeen and fifteen respectively, came along the road with a double-barreled shotgun. John Baugh Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

tum. Johnson grass. Of the annuals that are good hay plants are the following: Large and small Canary grasses, Hungarian millet, rescue grass. Those of the foregoing best fitted for permanent pastures are: Paspaium plati-cauli, Bermuda grass. Japan clover and perhaps Johnson grass and Paspaium dilitatum. Berouda makes also a good quality of hay and a fair amount of it. Johnson grass makes a good quality and without doubt the largest yield if properly fertilized. Paspalum dilitatum makes a good hay and pasture grass, and it may be that if this grass were mixed with the large Canary grass, and perhaps. Japan clover, the combination would make two excellent crops of hay per season, a good summer and fall pasture and a considerable winter pasture. This, now-ever, remains to be fully tested. I am much inclined to the belief says Prof. Burke, that to attain the most profitable results from apiece of of ground devotes of grage culture, we must use mixtures. Some of the annuals like Canary grass and rescue grass, will thrive and grow among the roots of many perennial grasses, and at a season when the perennials make their smallest growth, if any at all. These annuals are mature and gone by the time paspalum cliftatum or P. læve simply gets started to grow. If the annuals are allowed to ripen some seed before they are cut they will rese ed themselves—which will be about the 20th of April—and by the middle of June of July Ist a second crop can be cut of the Paspalums. The management of the Station solicit the co-operation of stockmen and those interested in forage plants, by sending us any grass or plant used for forage or that may grow wild and is relished by stock, with notes and observations.

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and observations.

International Copyright.

Considerable opposition is developing to the passage of the international copyright bill in Congress. The opposition comes from print-ers, pressmen, electrotypers, book-binders and engravers. Petitions against the meas-ure are being signed in large numbers by the ure are being signed in large numbers by the various trade organizations, several of these bodies having enrolled their entire membership in apposition to the bill. Over 2000 artisans in the printing trade in New York city alone have signed petitions against the passage of the bill. Paper dealers and newsdealers have also formed an organization in opposition to the measure and petitions against the bill are being received at Washington in large numbers. The following are among the reasons submitted for the opposition:

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(2) The pending bill has been drawn in accordance with the desires of a combination of selfish interests, mainly of great printing houses, which desire to form international trusts, to control the book pablishing business throughout the English speaking world and to increase enormously the prices at which books are sold in this country.

(3) It is a well known fact that English books are sold in England for from four to eight times the prices charged for the same publications in America. The pending bill will give to publishing monopolies the right to raise the prices of foreign books sold here to the level of the prices charged abroad. It ignores completely the interests of the American people who buy and read books. Our present system of cheap literature and free competition in the publishing business has performed a large part in making the Americans the greatest reading people in the world. The wholesome effect of cheap literature upon the morals and intelligence of the people cannot be overestimated.

4. There are important business and labor interests which have been developed in connection with our system of cheap literature,

in Great Britain. Tois limited sale was one to the high price charged for the book. Of the first editions of the same work in America it is estimated that two hundred thousand copies were sold. The book was set in type in America by different. copies were sold. The book was set in type many different times in America by different publishing houses, giving, perhaps, ten times as much work for compositors in America as in England, while the great sales, due to the low prices at which the book was sold, gave twenty times as much work to pressuren, binders and paper makers as in England. The profits to book sellers and newsdepalers were also ets and paper materies in Landau. The pro-fits to book-sell-ris and newsdealers were also necessatily great, owing to the enormous sales, in America. Similar results have been produced in the case of every important Eng-lish book which has been republished in this

5. Our system or free competition in the publishing business is the most just and beneficial that can be devised for an the parties in interest, save two—the home and one-ion authors. Even if American authors suffer under the present system, their interest should not counterbalance the enormous interests of the records who records of the records who records a proper in the records of the records who records a proper in the records of the records who records and interests of the records who records a proper in the records of the records and the records of the records and the records are recorded to the record to t the people who require cheap literature; but it is doubtful that the interests of American authors would really be advanced by the pend-ing bill; they would still be in competition authors would really be advanced by the pending bill; they would still be in competition with foreign authors, who, there is no reason to assume, would be less formidable competitors, if protected by copyright. It is not the practice, nor is it the interest, in a selfish sense, of great publishing houses to encourage obscure and struggling talent. If all the literature of the world should be made subject to copyright in America, is it not likely that publishing houses would be less considerate even than now of American writers who have not yet made a reputation? As for our great American writers, they need no protection. Many of them have secured enormous fortunes and the profession of literature is better paid in America than in any other country in the world. American authors have the protection of a most liberal do mestic copyright system, and it may be doubted that they have any rights in equity beyond this protection. There is at least an even chance that the interests of home authors would be damaged rather than advanced by this bill.

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6. The foreign author should receive com

6. The foreign such are republished. pensation for his books which are republished in this country, and the American people should be relieved from the stigma of "pirating" foreign literature; but in order to put an end to the system of literary piracy in America, it is not necessary to establish, on a legal footing, great international robbers, in the ferm of book monopoles. Compensation should be secured to foreign authors, by a grant to them from Congress of the right to collect a royalty on their books soid here, leaving American publishers as free to reproduce foreign books as at present, and without creating a monopoly of foreign literature in creating a monopoly of fereign literature in

this country.

7. But the selfish combinations which have developed and presented the bill do not want such a measure of justice to foreign authors; such a measure of justice to foreign authors; what they really want is a grant of monopoly to a small number of rich and powerful publishing houses to control the publishing trade in this country, and through international combinations, or the civilized world, and in results, to raise the price of books and make the dissemination of intelligence more cestly, and here less universal. On the other side the Times Democrat says

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ANTI-BILIOUS

The international copoyright bill should be passed at the present session. It is in good shape and can easily be passed if Congress wishes to do so. The opponents of the measure have not presented an argument against it, and their so called appeal is nothing but a justification of dishenesty and robbery. They are backed by some Lordon publishers, who fear that the proposed law will burt them and will bring a great deal of the book business to America. It is a simple question of honesty, and we do not see how Congress can fail to pass this measure. to pass this measure.

### UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Dec. 18.—W F Graves, subs: address changed. Cnas A Hooper, subs. W J Joyce, subs. W. M. Leatherwood, sub. Sam'l Morriss, subs. B F Badgett, subs.; 2 car'l S. P L Smith, sub; change made. Geo C Stovall, subs. S W Jones, sub. E B Thompson, sub.

Morriss, subs. B F Badgett, subs; 2 carts.

P L'Smith, sub; change made. Geo C Stovall, subs. S W Jones, sub. E B Thompson, sub.

Dec. 19.—R F Dunn, subs. M M Dun i tention. TB Lane, sub. J P Musesett, sub. G J Irwin, subs and change. I N Reeves, sub. TB Graves, sub. C E Gallagher, subs. will discontinue sub named. L C Ellis, sub. J M McKee, subs; sampie sent. D P Cullen, sub; cards sent. J B Gober, sub and change. O Dec. 20.—B T Hayes, sub for \$1. W A Sampey, sub. A G Nolen, sub and change. W K Simpson, sub and change. J M McCarter, sub. Geo S Wyatt, subs. J H Wiseman, sub. J B Gober, sub. R S Gorsline, sub. H P Shrader, subs. J R Steele, subs. R M Powers, sub. Chas H Phan, subs. H G Hotton, subs; 2 cards, J S Tunnell, subs; 2 cards, M Donegan, subs. U E Gallagher, sub. A F Cox, sub. M H Porter, subs. Jas P Rogars; it went on the exchange list in a hurry. I S Ashburn, change made. E G Hocut, subs. W T Ayers, sub. J J Canafax, sub. G J Irvin, sub. B F Gassaway, sub. W L Harris, sub. Jas D Odom, subs. J L Pierce, sub. Geo S Wyatt, sub. Standard, subs. J L Pierce, sub. Geo S Wyatt, sub. G W Riley, sub. G S Wyatt, sub. B C C Stovall, sub. S J Vaughan, change made. M L Blaylcok, sub. I S Ashburn, change made. D J McDonald, subs; postals sent. S W Jones, sub. J C Mickle, sub. G W Riley, sub. A Bert Little, subs; same to you. W H Moss, subs. J C Mickle, sub. G W Riley, sub. A R Leaton, sub. J C Mickle, sub. G W Riley, sub. A R Leaton, sub. J C Mickle, sub. G W Riley, sub. A Bert Little, subs; same to you. W H Moss, subs. J McDonald, subs; postals sent. S W Jones, sub. J W J Joyce, sub. C. M. Herless, sub. J C Mickle sub. G W Riley, sub. C M. Herless, sub. J C Mickle sub. J C Mickle sub. J C Mickle, sub. G W Riley, sub. C M. Herless, sub. J C Mickle s

Scrurgs, change made. Geo S Wyatt. subs. Jas Mackey, sub. L. G. Watkins, correction made.

Dec. 26.—Jas P Odom, subs. B A Thomasson, subs. A P Payne, sub. S H Morgan, subs. Jno S Davis, sub. W J Lemons, subs. D C Stark, sub. J D Hudgins, sub. B T Hayes, sub. E B Thompson, subs. W J Sims, sub. E S Boyd, subs. Jackson B Cox, subs. M S Hoichkiss, subs. Jas P Rogers, sub. W L Pate, sub. S H Nettles, sub. W G Cocke, sub. F A Rosser, sub. J S Tunnell, sub at halt price. E F Boone, sub. W W Henderson, subs. B F James, sub. C S McCarver, subs. Jas G Walker, subs. A J Anderson, subs. W W Ghaham, change. B H Webster, subs. J W Dickinson, sub. I M Woodward. sub. F P Ray, sub. W Price, sub. J W Vest, sub. E S Smith, sub. J K Lane, subs C B Fladger, thanks. W H Vaughan, sub. T J Lassetter, subs. H G Horton, sub. H M Vinson, sub. L G Watkins, sub. C N Riggan, sub.

Dec. 27.—T B Graves, sub. T C DePew, sub. H M Shrader, sub. J W Sansom, sub. C V Bailey, subs. J H Trimble sub. G S Hardy, subs. John F Suilivan, sub. Geo S Wyatt, all o. k. J T Smith, sub; samples sent. A J Frick, subs. H H Vaughan, sub. J W Hill, subs. J B Denton, subs. Z Parker, sub. W W Pinson, sub. I S Ashbara, sub. Dec. 28.—J P Mussett, change. J Fred Cox, thanks. J O Jorden, o. k. R R Reymond, subs. W W Graham list sent. Wm Deason, sub.

Dec. 28.—E B Thompson, sub. J H Johnson, sub. R W Wellborn, sub. J M Armson, sub. L R W Wellborn, sub. J M Armson, sub. R

subs.

Dec. 31.—G W Swefford, sub. DJ McDonald, sabs. 3 T James, sub. W H Ardis. sub. H M Vinson, sub. C C Davis, sub. J P Childers, sub. J T Browning, subs. W P Piedger, change made. 1 T Morris, sub. G A LaClere, has attention. C J Sherwood, sub. L G Watkins, sub. H. T. Cunningham, sub.

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