

Correspondence.

REPLY TO BRO. SCOGGINS.

And so it was J. D. Scoggins who assumed the name of Joshua. Well, he deserves it if any man does, for he has gone even beyond the border of the promised land. I dislike to bore readers with personal references, but Bro. S. has made it necessary by giving publicity to my being "solicited for that very field."

than some of these very men about whose selfishness my friend complains. They have, many of them, received far less pay. Many of them have supported themselves with their own hands while doing all the work of the church, and "the signs of the apostleship" have multiplied with their labors.

A case in point happened once under my own observation. A newspaper attacked every form of dishonesty and social evil. One thing after another of fraudulent, disreputable, or hurtful character, was held up for public observation, and criticised unparingly as contrary to what was right and for the public good.

CHANGE OF TIME.

I have just finished reading the interesting article written by Bro. W. H. Hughes in the last ADVOCATE on the above subject, and while it is fresh in my mind, I would like to give expression to my views on the question.

A PLEA FOR THE SECULAR PRESS.

I believe that no one can recognize more fully than myself the vast power that is lodged in an editor's hand, and there can be no power without corresponding responsibility; but it seems to me that we are finding fault with the effect rather than trying to remove the cause, when we criticise and condemn the secular press for features in journalism which the present state of popular intelligence renders almost necessary.

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 some men could not "pick up" and go several hundred miles into another conference.

with the farmers, and the preachers living off of the lines of railroads would have great difficulty in getting wagons and teams to move them. Bro. H.'s third reason is very plausible, indeed it is the strongest argument he has adduced. It is that when we move in the winter the roads are bad and we do not have an opportunity to get acquainted with the people, and that the new converts need the same difficulties would be in the way if the time were changed that now exist.

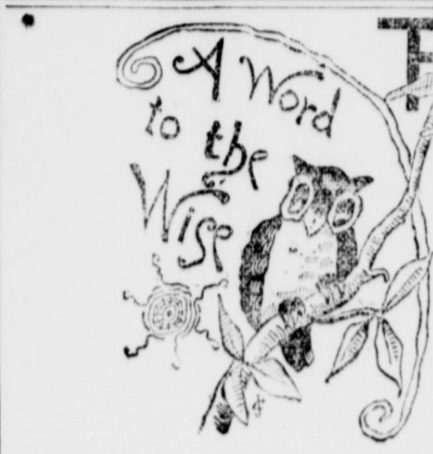
The money season is over by that time, the crops of cotton and corn have been sold and the proceeds have been spent, and the results would be that if the conference year were to close in April the preachers' salaries and the conference collections would fall far behind and the work of the church materially and morally crippled.

In conclusion, I would say that if any change is made at all, let it be the 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.

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.

his great heart longed for further manifestations of Divine power and goodness and from the great fountains of his immortal nature gurgles up and finds expression on quivering lips these words: "I beseech thee show me thy glory."



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ness of the godhead bodily; for he is the express image of my person. He will manifest my true glory, which is my love for a lost world. Yes, when your mortality shall have put on immortality, and the veil is removed that now shuts from mortal vision the transcendent and unapproachable glory of my presence, at the appointed time I will veil my glory in human garb in order that poor, blind humanity may see my compassionate face. Yes, I will stoop down, and with an arm omnipotent, though clothed in a servant's attire, raise a fallen world from the dark abyss of despair to the bright and unfading joys of my eternal dwelling place on high, where the hungering and thirsting exiled soul may bathe in the sunlight of my glory and feast upon the inexhaustible stores of my love for ever and ever.

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Devotional.

"HOME TO-NIGHT."

The lessons are done, and the prizes won. And the counted weeks are past; The holiday joys of the girls and boys.

For the work is done, and the rest begun, And the training time is forever past.

WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.

Then we are to do good, as Christ did. That is our business as his followers.

Again, in the pulpit of a great free church stands an eloquent minister of the gospel.

And yet again, A wealthy Christian is sitting in his counting-room. The representative of some benevolent work comes and tells him that money is needed.

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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 comfort them.

The wealthy lady was glad. She gave the money cheerfully, and was deeply interested in the reports of her Bible reader.

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.

Luke, in the 8th chapter and 14th verse, tells us this truth in the following words: "And that which fell among the thorns are they, which when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection."

If we follow God's directions in this, we shall not go from morning till night weighed down with the duties of this life. I do not mean that one is to neglect any of the ordinary duties of life, only that the care ought to be taken that it is wrong for one to be loaded down with care, nor do many to them realize how this hinders in the way to heaven.

Sometimes we find that the "deceitfulness of riches" is the cause of all this care-taking. I do not wonder that the word "deceitfulness" is used in this connection.

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the household, a mere camp follower and not a soldier, he will feel no urgent need for the "all power." But if the servant of the Lord Jesus is to be what he ought to be, and do what he ought to do, he 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 hands of Ananias at Damascus, but Paul in Nero's prison at Rome, who asserted his omnipotence in Christ; and the claim was made in the face of a calm review of all toils and perils of the past, and of a deliberate reckoning of his resources against whatever new emergencies might arise.

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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 it puts the soul in harmony with that purpose; so that God may be moved toward an answer.

If human priests compassed with infirmity could inspire confidence in the worshiper, then Christ, if we will lift our eyes to him, a thousand fold more. Their compassion was necessarily limited by their experience, but his experience covers the whole field of life; their gentleness was tempered by the consciousness of personal failure, but his breathes the invigorating spirit of perfect holiness.

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MOORE-ELISON—At the residence of the bride's step-father, on Dec. 5, 1888, by Rev. A. Payne, Mr. Wm. Moore and Miss Patty Ellison.

FUNDERBURK-BLACK—At the Crystal Falls church, on Dec. 15, 1888, by Rev. A. Payne, Mr. J. R. Funderburk and Miss S. A. Black.

GAGE-WILLIAMS—At the parsonage in Breckenridge, Texas, on Dec. 19, 1888, by Rev. A. Payne, Mr. C. W. Gage and Miss Emma Williams.

WEAVER-SOMMERFORD—At the residence of the bride's father, near Navasota, on Dec. 21, 1888, by Rev. J. M. Wesson, Mr. Z. S. Weaver and Miss Florence Sommerford.

FOUNTAIN-EDWARDS—At the Methodist Church (Ladies Chapel) on Box's creek, Cherokee county, Texas, Sunday, Dec. 23, 1888, by Rev. J. T. Smith, Mr. W. B. Fountain and Miss Dick E. Edwards.

GREENWELL-SHARPE—In their buggy in front of the parsonage, near Navasota, on Dec. 23, 1888, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. E. Vinson, Mr. S. J. Greenwell and Miss Sallie A. Sharpe.

JOHNSON-CHUGGER—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. J. W. Johnson and Miss Jennie Chugger.

JOHNSON-FOSTER—At the residence of the bride's father, in Longview, on Dec. 23, 1888, by Rev. S. H. Nettles, Mr. W. E. Johnson and Miss L. B. Foster, all of Longview, Texas.

BULLINGTON-PATERSON—In Uvalde, Texas, on Dec. 19, 1888, by Rev. J. G. Walker, Mr. W. H. Bullington and Miss Lillie B. Paterson.

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. Mattie E. Moseley.

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

KINGSMITH-WOOTTON—At the residence of the bride's father, Maj. Frank Wootton, in Robertson county, Texas, on Dec. 25, 1888, by Rev. W. Wootton, Mr. S. King and Miss Lizzie Wootton, all of Robertson county, Texas.

REV. ISAAC A. TOWERS. Rev. Isaac A. Towers was born in Cincinnati, O., May 23, 1818, and died in Thornton, Texas, Dec. 19, 1888. He was converted when but a youth, and joined the M. E. Church; he was married Oct. 12, 1837, to Miss Mary Ann Taylor in Philadelphia, Pa., and moved the same year to Quincy, Fla.; he was licensed to preach in 1839; preached ten years as an itinerant, part of the time in the Georgia Conference and part in the Florida Conference. He preached twice the Florida Conference before his death on Wednesday, his text in the morning was St. Matthew 5: 20. "Ye therefore perfect even as your Father which in heaven is perfect." His subject Sunday night was "Heaven." Bro. Towers was ordained deacon by Bishop Andrews and elder by Bishop Capers. He was a man of great zeal and religious power, delighted in the temple of the Lord. He delighted in the old landmarks. His whole desire was to live more holy every day he lived. He lived every day more or less on God's

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love and in bright anticipation of the reward of the righteous. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss. Weep not wife and children, but live humble and may God help you to live so that you may meet and constitute an unbroken family in heaven around our Father's throne.

GROVES—The subject of this notice, Bro. J. L. Groves, was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, Aug. 18, 1824, moved from Virginia to Tennessee in 1847, settled in McNary county. Was converted when about twenty-three years of age and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Was married about the year 1847 to Miss Rebecca Goltion, who still lives to mourn her loss.

HILL—Died at Courtney, Grimes county, Texas, Dec. 17, 1888, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill Jefferson (nee Grimes), aged seventy-eight years, ten months and twelve days. Sister Jefferson was converted and joined the church in early youth. She was for more than fifty years a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Church.

CASEY—Sister Fannie N., daughter of W. W. and F. N. Casey, was born in Marshall, now Benton county, Mississippi, Sep. 10, 1822; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, September 1852, under the preaching of Rev. A. M. Barrington of the North Mississippi Conference. Moved to Texas with her mother, A. F. Casey, in 1851, and died in Cisco, Texas, Nov. 10, 1888.

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Miscellaneous.

The chief of the bureau of statistics reports the number of emigrants arriving at the 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:

The loss by fire at Marblehead, Mass., last week, is estimated at \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The entire shoe manufacturing district, the principal business of the town, burned to the ground, together with numerous stores, shops and dwellings.

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International Copyright. Considerable opposition is developing to the passage of the international copyright bill in Congress.

Dr. Erasmus Edwards, at Cameron Dick Nesbete, of Sherman, died in Tennessee. Mrs. S. E. Milliken, at Huntsville, Sheriff Wallace, at Memphis, Mrs. Henry Jones, at Cosianna, a Texas veteran and one of the leading citizens of Nevada county.

The Pandemic Machinery and Improvement Co. of Fort Worth, Texas, will sell you a pump or wind-mill cheaper and on better terms than you can procure it elsewhere.

The officers of the law at Laredo have given public notice that no gambling of any kind will be tolerated in this city.

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 interests of the institution.

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, 1887, known as the "Seventy Section Act."

United States Senator Jas. McMillan, of Michigan, has donated \$10,000 to make an extension to the Mary Allen Institute.

Texan Casualties. Robt. Mattson, carpenter, adjudged insane at Waco.

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.

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

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.

Jas. Flynn, a section hand, was run over by a train near Orange and killed. He left two children and a bottle of whisky.

Fire - Gabner Bros., fruit store burned at Laredo, loss, \$500. The Tyler opera house valued \$500,000, destroyed. A fire at Stephenville, seven miles from Bonham, destroyed three of its four stores; loss between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Residences of G. L. Broome, deputy U. S. Marshal, destroyed at San Angelo; loss, \$12,000. The residence of Brew Morse, Denton, destroyed; loss, \$2,500. A fire in Earle 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, \$5,000. Fred Turner, Austin, destroyed; loss, \$3,000.

Business Strata - C. H. Fry, jeweler at Fort Worth, was covered by trust. W. M. Griffith, confectioner, Honey Grove, assigned. J. S. Starnes, Galveston, assigned. W. H. Fry, well, confectionery, Waco, assigned. H. S. Egan, confectionery, Galveston, assigned. Frank & Co., Jewels, Galveston, assigned. A. W. Humble, dry goods, Galveston, assigned. A. Weisbach, real estate, Texarkana, assigned. Ward & Stead, Clarksville, furniture, assigned. Julius Brown, notions, Terrell, attached. Palace saloon, Waco, attached.

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

Dan Webster, at Sherman, is insane; he is troubled, it is thought, is caused by a wound received while he was during the war.

Either a horrible accident or a brutal crime took place Dec. 28, near Alvarado. Mr. Liles and 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.

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