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## THE INTERMEDIATE STATE.

Bro. Wm. Price writes well on the so-called intermediate state. The difficulty with those who advocate a two-fold heavenly state, a first and a second—a better and a best, is the lack of a logical issue. It is conceded by all the intermediate state writers I have seen that the inhabitants of Paradise are as secure in their title to interminable and inconceivable happiness as those who are registered in the supposed higher state. Then it is but the name or of speculation about something in which we have no interest. The Bible teaches that future life consists of a state of either happiness or misery. Both these states are called by different names, and described or alluded to in very general terms. No description is attempted beyond a very faint and very general outline. Our mental capacity admits of nothing more.

All our powers of thinking are based exclusively upon this present rough, mundane mode of existence. We have no more conception of a mode of spiritual being than a person in fetal life has of our present mode. Human reasoning relates to natural phenomena, not to details of spiritual life. Therefore I do not know that the term "intermediate" has any meaning at all in this connection. It refers to either time or space; and who knows that either of these is a factor in spiritual life? Who knows enough about the philosophical details of future life—rather, more correctly, spiritual life—to assert or deny a geographical where, or a chronological when as parts of the constitution of spiritual life? The sum of our knowledge of that mode of being is confined to two things, viz: happiness and misery; and of these two things out of a million, we have but a meagre, fragmentary conception. R. ABBEY.  
CLIP VIEW, MISS.

## IN AND ABOUT ST. LOUIS.

The presiding elders and pastors of the West and South St. Louis Districts were royally entertained at the residence of Mr. R. M. Scroggs, one of the devoted and generous laymen of this city, on Monday evening of this week. The occasion was an informal conference of the preachers with Bishop E. R. Hendrix on his way from the church extension meeting at Louisville. The gathering was in its design and execution a unique affair, and was due to the kind and thoughtful planning of the aforesaid brother. After a sumptuous dinner—capable of tempting the appetite of an invalid—the remainder of the evening was spent in personal intercourse with one another, and a more public discussion with the Bishop on various topics, suggested by the occasion. When the time had arrived for disbanding, the Bishop led in the devotional exercises—the most impressive and touching—and thus ended a delightful and profitable meeting.

Our church is making advancement here in many directions, and especially in its church extension. During the last four years two large and magnificent churches—Cook Avenue and Lafayette Park—have been erected in this city through the combined efforts and contributions of the other churches, and one in contemplation for the near future. Two others have been completed on the outskirts of the city, and others within these two districts. Cook Avenue long since has become a strong and leading church, and Lafayette Park is just now entering on a similar career. Rev. S. H. Werlein, once of the Texas Conference and Houston station, has had charge since its inauguration, and his leadership has proven him "a worker that needeth not to be ashamed." Beginning with a small nucleus of about sixty—the membership of Chateau Avenue, a vacated church—there are now, after one year, 250 members, and from an average attendance of 125 at Sabbath-school, now 250. The expenditures for all purposes has been \$47,500, an illustration of the unity and liberality of our Methodism here, for the bulk of this came from three churches—St. John's, Cook Avenue and Centenary, the two former having paid \$25,000 on the building alone, beside additional on general expenses. This church has been recently incorporated under the laws of the State and its trustees become its board of directors. Their first meeting was held at the presiding elder's office on the 8th inst., the anniversary of its opening. This church is in a central and commanding part of the city, and is destined to become one of the strongest churches in the future. A protracted meeting is now in progress there and there is promise of quickening and in-gathering.

Among the churches which are advancing rapidly is Centenary—where likely the session of the next General Conference will be held. Dr. John Mathews—the irrepressible, inimitable and indefatigable—is its pastor. He might be called our Talmage, or as the secular papers choose to designate him, "Sam Jones of St. Louis." As a popular and successful preacher, drawing large audiences and having great gatherings, he is not unlike either. His average congregation is about 1,500, and we believe, had he double the space, his congregation would soon fill it, for of late many are often turned away. Since conference he has received about 200 persons, and during his pastorate—about two and one-half years—at least \$60,000, his average during a regular pastorate being about 1,000. His night service is usually evangelistic—much the ap-

pearance of an old-fashioned revival, for seldom is there a service without penitents at the altar, and conversions of the old-time type. Dr. Mathews is not an old man in heart and activity, but (providing you don't tell him, for he is sensitive on this point) he is an old man in years, and yet few men, young or old, surpass him in the amount of personal work, or "leg theology," as he calls it, which he performs. Since conference he has made about 2800 visits and these he keeps minutely recorded in a book in which they are transcribed every morning on entering his study.

To describe his preaching is a task which I would not undertake. Can one put lightning on canvas? or a thunderbolt in words? All we can do is to speak of what may appear to be some of its elements. A great tendency in men who study book models and stereotyped forms of preaching, when they begin to measure the preaching ability of such men, is to lose sight of the true element of power and success in the strictness of their sermonic yardstick. It reminds you of an inch worm crawling up a stately pillar measuring it as it goes. As Sam Jones aptly and characteristically answered one of these critics, we have an answer to all such. When he was told he ought to conform his style to the proprieties and usage of the pulpit, said he, "Why should a man change his book when he's catching fish?" There is more philosophy about preaching and better homiletical hints along here than many of us have received from professor's lectures or the books we have read. Dr. Mathews has his own mind in his studies in the best school extant—the university of every day life and observation and the one great text book, human nature, in all its phases and susceptibilities. Not an absolute renunciation of sermonic and oratorical principles, but a better adaptation of them. His sermons are orthodox and scriptural, scintillating with wit, intensely practical, very thoughtful and strongly personal. He begins by reading in an earnest but not highly pitched voice, and presently, when his subject grows on him, he breaks loose from his manuscript like a locomotive from the rails, and with great impetuosity and power of utterance makes a new course, sometimes coming back to the rails for a moment, and again finding a new and unexpected turn, and you wonder in listening to his extemporaneous utterances why he ever uses a manuscript. There are, then, several things which seem to be human elements in his power in reaching the people. 1. He arrests the attention at once by something startling or interesting. 2. He makes you feel he is master of the subject and the situation. 3. Fresh and original illustration and a great variety, suiting all kinds of minds and conditions, are put in to admit light and help to a conclusion. 4. He refreshes you and relieves your mind in its strain every now and then by a humorous or unexpected remark, and thus keeps you in suspense and expectancy and in a good condition to be impressed. 5. He is in earnest. 6. He throws all his physical force, which is extraordinary, into his utterances. 7. He commends the truth to the conscience.

## SOME DRIPPINGS.

Correspondents of our church papers, as a rule, seem to be practical book reviewers, at least one would so judge from the number of books perused and commented upon by them. As I cannot aspire to this work because of my incompetency for the task, but chiefly because I have no time to keep up with all the new publications, needing all my spare time in the use of my "leg theology" among a large, mixed and ungodly population, where rum, Romanism and ritualism abound, I save you valuable space and your readers valuable time.

Dr. B. M. Messick, pastor of St. John's Church, once spoken of by bishop, holds a high place in the esteem of his colleagues in this city. He is a preacher of the finished type, whose sermons remind you of the work of a master in his art. They are profound, searching, stately and eloquent, built up before your mental eye like a grand temple from foundation to capstone. But surpassing his preaching power is one excellence in his character, which I mention, as this will scarcely reach his eye, and that is an utter lack of self-assertion and a detestation of it in other people. Would to God this virtue were more general!

Our presiding elders, Dr. T. M. Finney and Rev. W. R. Mays, the former who off and on has served in this capacity here for years, the latter only seven months, are bringing encouraging reports constantly from all the charges and are stirring things all along the line. They have recently, because of their inaccessible and distant residences, established a joint office on the fifth floor of one of our finest eight-story buildings in the heart of the city. Here are headquarters for brethren when down in the city or visiting from the country and a means of reaching the elders when at home. The room is fitted up with every convenience, and many of the papers of our own and other churches are there, among them the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I have often wondered as I have gone up in the elevator, which is in motion constantly, what could be the reflections of our Western presiding elder, Potter, were he to make a visit there. If he comes

to General Conference, he will find there excellent headquarters.

The 30th inst. will be observed by services in all the churches in this city, and the citizens are preparing for a grand celebration of the day. Our own church will have no union service, as is customary on such occasions, but each will worship under his own "vine and fig tree," and in his own particular way. Some of the churches propose making it a special time for impressing the children with the truths calculated to aid their thought and conviction, as the rising generation, concerning the demands of true citizenship.

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SENORA PILAS GRIGADO.

REV. JAS. W. HILL.



The above cut is a likeness of Senora Pilas Grigado, a missionary in the City of Mexico, employed and supported by the Southern Methodist Sunday-school at Greenville, Texas. She is about twenty-seven years old; is a recent convert to Protestantism and a zealous worker in connection with our church in the Mexican capital. She is a native and a typical Mexican lady of the middle class; is well educated, and until a short time since was a devout Romanist. Her conversion to Protestantism and Methodism grew out of the licentiousness of the Roman priesthood upon one hand and the pious and godly offices of Dr. D. F. Watkins and his amiable wife on the other.

Dr. Watkins is pastor of the Church of Jesus (Southern Methodist) in the City of Mexico and is editor of our paper there, Del Evangelista Mexicano. It was at his breakfast table in Mexico where the matter of employing this woman first came up. The writer had preached the night before in our church there, and after the service was introduced to Senora Grigado. He was struck with her pious and intelligent face and made mention of it at the breakfast table above mentioned, when Dr. Watkins remarked that the woman would make a fine worker among the masses there, and that if he could secure her any means of support he could and would employ her. Dr. F. E. Yoakum, Bro. A. Cameron and lady, of Greenville, being present at the table, one of them inquired concerning the amount necessary to her support. Dr. W. answered that fifteen dollars a month would answer very well, when Sister Cameron remarked that she would give five dollars monthly at that amount. Dr. Yoakum said he would give two dollars and fifty cents and I promised the balance.

Dr. Watkins said, "Glory to God." On our return home (about May the 1st, 1888,) we laid the matter before the Sunday-school at this place, and the Sunday-school Missionary Society agreed to supplement the contributions of Dr. Yoakum and Sister Cameron to the amount of seven dollars and fifty cents per month. This made the requisite fifteen dollars, and so Senora Pilas Grigado has since been in our employ. We get monthly reports through Doctor or Sister Watkins as to how the work of our woman gets on, and it is unnecessary to say that she is measuring up to our expectations and making us very glad. I have written these plain and simple words about our missionary and how we came to employ her, hoping to stimulate others to do something on the same line. The field in Mexico is white unto the harvest, and the native workers could be employed in gathering in the sheaves if they could be assured of only a bare support. As it is they are doing all they can, but the battle for bread in a land that only pays eighteen cents a day for work, keeps our poor brethren and sisters in Christ toiling to keep alive! I said the field was white unto the harvest. This fact is patent to every one who will open his eyes beyond the Rio Grande. I heard numbers of worldly, wicked men express themselves as friendly to Mexican Missions who, until they visited Mexico, had never given the subject either thought or countenance.

But I forbear. The magnitude of this subject is too great to be discussed with due length in so short a paper as this; and I lay down the pencil in hope that some one who looks into this strange face and reads these simple annals may be stirred up to an endeavor to do something for the spread of scriptural holiness over that wretched and sin-cursed land.

"WHAT IS TRUTH?"

REV. N. H. BAIRD.

Has God spoken in an authenticated form to man? is one of the most momentous questions that man can ask or answer.

If he has not, then a thousand demands of duty and of destiny crowd upon us for solution. What am I? Whence am I? Whither am I bound? Why am I here? What relation has my here to my hereafter? and kindred queries rise clamorous and pressing upon the soul. We bend over the cradle to learn the mystery of our origin, but no note of intelligence comes from the little unconscious one that nestles there. We strain our gaze into the gloom of the grave to unravel the problem of our destiny and ask, "If a man die, shall he live again?" but no reply comes up from the voiceless dwelling of the worm, the clod and the coffin. We turn to the living multitude, the rushing tide of men, and ask: What is truth? What is duty? What is happiness? What is safety? And there comes up to us the infinite voices of a babel confusion. The philosopher says it is here; the poet says it is here; the Bramin says it is with me; the Gnostic says it is with me; the academy and the porch, the stern stoic and the courtly epicurean each cry that the light has come only to them; the Moslem points to the pale gleam of the crescent, and the Jew to the red glare of Sinai; the idealist and the materialist, the mystic and the sensationalist, the skeptic and the traditionalist, all affirm that they only have the true voice of reason and the true theory of existence. If, then, there is no voice from the eternal verity, who shall tell us what is the truth amidst this chaotic din of multitudinous voices? If there is no spear of Ithuriel, who shall disenchant for us the lurking spirit of falsity and give us a test to distinguish the true from the untrue? If there is no clue to this tangled thicket, who shall thread the thorny labyrinth and pluck for us the fruit of the tree of life? Alas, if we are left to ourselves with our purblind vision, our flickering light, and our faltering step, the mournful fate of those who have preceded us, relying on the same aids, warns us of what must be our inevitable destiny. If God has not spoken to man, why did he give him the cruel capacity for such questions as these? If he meant to doom him to the brute's uncertainty, why did he not give him the precious boon of the brute's blank ignorance and content? Why did he furnish light for the eye, sound for the ear, fragrance and food for their respective organs and a supply for every rightful demand that rises in our nature, except this highest, deepest, most momentous want of the soul? Can it be, that he who preserves man and beast, who feeds the callow young of the sparrow, and hears the lion's whelps when they cry, has forsaken his noblest, greatest work, precisely at that point where it was most important that the law of supply existing below it should continue to act? Has he left his crowning creature in the crowning purpose and need of his existence, as the ostrich leaves her egg in the lone and trackless desert, without parental oversight, and bereft of parental supply? No! the deepest instincts of our nature, the widest generalizations of our experience, and the calmest conjectures of our reason, unite in saying it cannot be. God must have spoken, and if his words can but be recognized in the thousand-voiced din of this earthly babel, we shall learn the truth to be believed, and the duty to be performed. "Has not God the Father spoken to us in these latter days through his Son, our Savior?" He who was in the beginning, who was with God and who was to us God, and who thought it not robbery to be equal with God, declared before Pilate: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." "I am the truth, the life, and the way." "I am the resurrection and the life." "He that believeth in me shall never die." "Though he were dead yet shall he live." "Because I live ye shall live also." "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." "Upon this rock (truth) I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." "Christ in us, the hope of glory." "This glorious hope" revives our courage by the way, and in our daily expectation live, and (sometimes) long to see the day." When in the better, future, glorious land, we shall more fully understand and realize what our kind Father has in store for us.

**Sunday schools shine like diamonds on our work.** They are under the supervision of Bros. Willbourn, Robertson and Midgett, who are devoted to Methodism and the spiritual interests of children. Oh! that my people would take the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and then there would be a more constant zeal for Sunday-schools, prayer-meetings and the missionary cause.

## Cedar Bayou.

L. P. Davis, April 18: We are having a most gracious revival now at Cedar Bayou. We began last Wednesday a week ago, and it has been running with rapid increase ever since. Twenty-seven converts to date and twenty-six have joined the church. It is said there was never such a convicting spirit here before. God is moving triumphantly over sin. Praise his holy name.

## Garden City.

M. J. Allen, April 15: My second quarterly conference convened at this place 13th and 14th. Bro. M. A. Black, P. E., was on hand, and as usual preached with great power. One Mr. Ringer, from Wisconsin, was present on Sunday and said: "That sermon could not have been excellent in my country. His text: 'Go gather my saints together, saith the Lord, those that have made covenant with me by sacrifice.' Two accessions by certificate. Two infants baptized. Three subscribers for ADVOCATE. The Garden City church enjoyed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 o'clock on Sunday for the first time in its history. Everything is moving along nicely, for which we thank God and take courage."

## Pattison.

F. H. C. Elliott, April 15: Our church is in a fair spiritual condition. All services of the church well attended, and a deep interest prevailing that gives promise of ripening into a revival. Three-fourths of our church extension assessments paid, and when all appointments have been canvassed, the entire amount will be met. On our return from Hempstead, where we had been assisting Bro. Cochran, we found that our dear people had visited the parsonage and left behind them a visible token of their regard for their pastor and his family. It certainly was one of the most agreeable surprises we have ever had. This is only one of the many evidences we have had of the Christian love in the hearts of this noble people. We thank God and press forward.

## Columbus.

M. S. Hotchkiss, April 15: We closed a very interesting and successful meeting here last night after three weeks' continuance. The Lord was with us, and many testified to his power to save. As a result twenty-three were added to the church, and the membership graciously revived. We thank God and take courage, believing that the end is not yet, but that there are sounds of abundance of rain on the moral heritage. The ladies have just purchased two beautiful solid walnut scarpent plush cushioned pulpit chairs. Our Sunday-school is increasing every Sabbath. If it continues to grow at its present rate we shall soon have to remove the vestibule to give us more room. I am greatly indebted to Rev. T. B. Graves, Bro. S. Gillett, J. M. Armstrong, J. E. Scovall, and my faithful presiding elder, J. F. Follin, for valuable assistance.

## Bremont.

W. W., April 22: Despite the rain, quite a good audience attended our Easter service yesterday. The good ladies had newly carpeted the aisles with a superior quality of Brussels, and handsomely decorated the church with flowers and evergreens, and the pastor was in one of his most happy moods. At 3 o'clock p. m., the Sunday-school celebrated Easter by an egg-breaking, which was a very pleasant and profitable service. The amount collected, \$101.50, was handed to the pastor, to be appropriated to the collections ordered by the annual conference. The prizes were awarded to Misses Sybil Moorehead, Anna Audrey and Linnie Lusk. Preaching again at night by the pastor. The Bremont people are not wealthy, but surpass any people for their liberality, the proofs of which I may give you some day. We are now praying for a gracious revival. Congregations are good, serious and attentive. Please announce that I am a standing candidate for election to the General Conference—i. e., if the announcement don't cost anything; otherwise—well, otherwise.

## Liano.

J. B. Denton, April 15: I suppose I ought to say through the ADVOCATE that we have recently erected a little house, or part of a house, on the church lot in Liano for the preacher to live in, or that answers as a sleeping apartment and study or office. The amount of money deemed necessary to build it was raised in one afternoon, nearly every man and woman who was asked contributing cheerfully. The good ladies kindly undertook to furnish it, and render it habitable and comfortable as a sleeping room and study, and they have done so, for which they have this preacher's heart-felt thanks. The room erected is 12x16, and is intended as the dining-room, and will constitute the oil to the parsonage which we hope to build this fall; it is complete, neat and nicely painted. I will begin a series of services here on Wednesday night, to continue indefinitely—probably over the fourth Sunday—with a view to a revival of religion. If there are any preachers in easy reach of this point who feel that they are called to work for a revival in Liano, I would be much pleased to have them report to me here, and they shall have a cordial welcome and plenty of work to do. The weather is now delightful, and the prospect for a boon time crop never better. Our town is on a genuine boom, and the boom itself seems to be only the prophecy of yet greater material developments.

## Gatesville.

W. R. D. Stockton, April 15: The Lord is gracious to Gatesville, Bro. and Sister Mulkey have been with us ten days and the Lord has greatly blessed their labors. We think about seventy-five souls have been converted. Many backsliders reclaimed and the church generally revived and strengthened. Fifty persons have applied for church membership; forty one to our church and several more will join of those already converted. The meeting goes on indefinitely—about thirty penitents at the altar last night. The town is stirred and the heaven is spreading. Any pastor who can secure the services of Brother Abe Mulkey and his good wife for ten days may consider themselves fortunate. No preacher has ever rendered me more efficient help than Bro. Mulkey has done, and his wife is an invaluable helpmeet to him in the

work. I commend them most heartily to everybody who wants a true servant of Jesus Christ to hold a meeting for them. His plans are simple and Methodist, and characterized by the manifest power of God. Our people make him a thank-offering of \$125 net, and feel that we are greatly the gainer. We began our meeting in the Methodist Church, but found we could not seat the people; moved to the old rink building and provided seats for 850 persons. It was well filled at night—last night packed. Brethren, don't be afraid to set a large house on shed; the people will come to hear them, and will cheerfully meet all the expenses after they have heard. Bros. Bailey, Roberts, Morris and Scott, who have been with us part of the time, will say Amen to the foregoing. Praise God for salvation.

## Baird.

R. F. Dunn, April 19: We have had another good meeting at Belle Plaines. Eight or ten professed religion. Four accessions to our church, and the membership greatly quickened. The meeting was continued from our second quarterly meeting, which gave us the benefit of the help of our presiding elder, Bro. Wallace, who is uniting in his zeal for the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom in these ends of the earth.

## Cottonwood Circuit.

W. L. Gattis: Our second quarterly conference for the Cottonwood circuit convened at Hickman's school-house April 13 and 14. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. John A. Wallace, was present, looking close after all the interests of the church; preached three good sermons, baptized one infant and administered the Lord's Supper to a large communion for the West. Our house was too small to hold the people; had a good time. A goodly number covenanted to hold family prayers—both men and women.

## Kyle.

N. W. Keith: To my brethren and many friends of the West Texas Conference, I wish to say, that at the conference session last fall I was granted a superannuated relation on account of my health. I was affected with bronchitis, suffered considerably last year, but an happy to state that through care and attention during the winter and up to this time, that I feel that I am entirely well. Feel stout and able to work, and am doing what I can as opportunity presents itself. I hope to be able, through the blessings of God, to report for duty at the conference next fall. Oh, how I love the work! Pray for me, brethren. Our pastor, Rev. James P. Rogers, is in favor with his people, and is doing a good work. We are praying and laboring for a gracious year. May the Lord grant it. My home and address is Kyle, Hayes county, Texas.

## Alexander.

J. E. Morton, P. C., April 19: I find myself in charge of what is known as the Alexander circuit, supplied by our beloved presiding elder, Bro. E. A. Bailey, of the Gatesville district. This circuit is composed of the remaining part of the Dublin circuit, with two other appointments added. As you know, Dublin was made a station at our last annual conference. I found the circuit in a disorganized state, and the people were much discouraged, though I have succeeded in getting them to take hold, and the most of the members have pledged themselves to do all they can to build up the circuit and the cause of Christ. There are five appointments on this work, with 160 members. I have organized one membership and reorganized one. Our first quarterly meeting was held on the 13th of February. Our presiding elder failed to meet us. It was cold and we did not have much of a meeting. We have had several good meetings at the different appointments. Our second quarterly meeting will be held on the 27th of May instead of the third Sunday in May, at Bishop school-house, instead of Dublin. Bro. Bailey will preach at Alexander on the night of the 24th of May. We hope to have a good meeting at both places. Let every one who sees this offer an earnest prayer to the good Lord for us, that he may bless us with a great revival this year. May the Lord bless the ADVOCATE. I am trying to put it in every family; have not succeeded in getting any subscribers yet, but intend to try till I do.

## Rusk.

T. T. Booth, April 15: We love the ADVOCATE down this way, and its weekly visits to our homes are highly appreciated. We only regret that it does not visit all of our Methodist homes. A good ADVOCATE in every Methodist family is our motto this year, this being essential to intelligent church membership. The Rusk circuit, our work for the present year, embraces a thrifty, prosperous people. Rusk and New Birminghams, together with the penitentiary, are all located here in the center of this, Cherokee county, and you must know that it is business, business, business. People are coming here from many quarters seeking homes and employment, and thus building up the financial interests of the county, and the spiritual interests of the people are being carefully guarded by the various preachers who have them in charge. Speaking of preachers leads me to say that we have a noble band, and quite a variety: the old, the middle aged, and the young; from the D. D. down to the heeliterate, the superannuated, the traveling, the station and local preachers are all here, and there is ample room for all to work. The influx of people coming to the towns of Rusk and New Birmingham made it plainly necessary to make some changes in the plan of the workers, and so our wide awake presiding elder, U. B. Phillips, after careful consideration, created what is now Rusk station, with Rev. J. T. Smith, preacher in charge, who now has his heart and hands full, but of course will bring up all the work at the end of the year. The Jacksonville mission, and six of the country appointments of the old Rusk circuit, were thrown together, with this scribble as preachers in charge; and J. B. Luker, junior preacher, who is in favor with all the people. The Rusk circuit, as it now stands, is adjusting itself rapidly to the new order of things, and we are hopeful of a prosperous year. Our second quarterly conference was held by the presiding elder, the 13th and 14th of this present year. Bro. Phillips looked carefully after all the interests of the church, and preached to the satisfaction of all. The only regret is that we cannot have more of the same sort. The coming together of the officials of the circuit was a blessing to the entire work. We now only ask the prayers and hearty co-operation of the church, and we are bound to succeed. All good things in a spiritual sense are possible to him that believeth.

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MISS FRANCES M. WILLARD IN AUGUSTA.

The people of this city by the Savannah have had the rare good fortune within the last week to hear a lecture by Miss Frances Willard, President of the W. C. T. U., of the United States and of the world. There is little in the appearance of this great woman—she is a great woman—to mark her for the high place she holds among the great men and women of this age. I count her, take her all in all, one of the greatest minds of her day. (If I use this description "great" rather frequently in this connection I plead in excuse the character of the woman and the paucity of our language—I can find no other that suits my purpose as well). She is rather above medium in height. From the elasticity of her step I should judge that she is capable of an immense amount of work. In her carriage she is erect, in her movements graceful. In speaking she is as completely at ease as any platform speaker I have ever heard. A crowd of critics has no terrors for her nerves. Her face is full of thought and strength, her forehead high and slightly receding, her nose just a little inclined to aquiline, her mouth large enough, and expressive of intellect rather than of affection. She has a chin, none of your nervous, ego-less chins that is a chameleon in all colors, but one of those quiet, self-asserting, independent, act-for-itself chins, not offensively prominent, but if you take the pains to look you can't help seeing it. Her eyes—I don't know what sort it is—its size, color and expression. It was at night, and they were hid behind nose-glasses that had the impertinence to show themselves and not the brilliant orbs behind them. Her hair is somewhere between black and white.

As a speaker, Miss Willard is not what you would call an orator. Her voice is strong, rather masculine in some of its tones. She talks rather than speaks. Her enunciation is clear and distinct, and—Yankee. To Southern ears this last description presents at the outset just a little difficulty that keeps you on the alert to catch her words and her thought. And if, perchance, it is suggestive of the folks "up yonder," and the things some of them have said about us since Appomattox, and of what some of them thought of us in '61 and on, you soon forget all that in the flow of fearless rhetoric and the sparkle of brilliant thought. The lecture was delivered without note or manuscript. The larger part of it seemed to be extemporaneous. It was thoroughly prepared. She was mistress of her subject. For all that it was extemporaneous—the language, I mean—for cogency and coherence of thought, for felicity and force of diction, for charm of rhetoric and brilliancy of imagination, for invincible logic, and overwhelming argument, I have never heard from preacher or politician a more masterly effort. She spoke one hour and twenty-five minutes. Did anybody go to sleep? O, yes; I have seen babies sleep soundly through a cyclone. But hundreds of men and women heard the plea of that Christian woman; some with eager, anxious hearts for the fate of son and husband, others curious to know what this enthusiast—this unwomanly woman-lecturer—will have to say on that subject about which only a preacher, or a woman, or a fanatic, has little enough sense to think or talk. No matter what the motive, there wasn't an opposer of prohibition who could have taken Miss Willard's place and made decent answer to her arguments. Thomas Carlyle once said of the Duke of Wellington that he was the most eloquent man in the British Parliament—"he talks facts." She talked facts. Arguments based on facts are invincible. If the tale of Christ's resurrection be not based on a fact, the doctrine of immortality is a fable and a delusion. I heard Judge Lumpkin say, the other day, that when the prohibitory law was enacted, many doubted the practicability of enforcing it; but now, said he, it has passed beyond the region of speculation. Ask the mothers with their little children clinging about their knees in the eventide whether prohibition has done any good, and they will point you to their own faces, beaming with the joy of grateful, happy hearts, to their well-fed and well-clad children, and to the comforts of their humble homes. All this is the result of prohibition. A man must deny his own existence who would not recognize these facts.

Many of us learned, for the first time, that the W. C. T. U. had changed its policy altogether since its organization. At first its object was to institute Reform Associations, and get men given to drink to sign the pledge. Miss Willard told us that ninety-five per cent. of that class go back to their cups. This plan has not been abandoned, but they had learned by experience that they must fall upon another. Now, they instill temperance—total abstinence—principles into the minds of the young to forestall the drink habit, and in this way they hope to save the ninety-five per cent. from the fate of the drunkard. Some who heard the lecture were no doubt in the predicament Robert Hall was when he read Dr. Clarke's tract on the use of tobacco. Said the great Baptist preacher, "I cannot answer your argument, neither can I give up my tobacco." Miss Willard related how she had been delegated four years ago to present a memorial to the National Conventions of a number of political parties asking that a plank be inserted in their platforms condemning the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, and what discouraging success she had with all of them until she came to the prohibition party. There she, her memorial and her Union were received and heartily welcomed. And thus it was the W. C. T. U. began to dabble in politics. Miss Willard is a staunch advocate of woman's right to vote. It was news

to some of us who are not well up in politics, that the women had been voting in one of the Western Territories fifteen or twenty years. In England the other day, she told us, some two hundred thousand of them voted. We are all familiar with the great stir made in Boston recently over the school question, and how in an election there seventeen thousand or more women voted and carried the question in favor of the Protestant idea. The musketry of female suffrage may yet overturn some of the institutions of this country that are a curse to our homes and a disgrace to any land. I confess that I am coming to say "No" to woman's suffrage with an (?) Crime is appalling and defiant. Men are powerless. Did you not, Mr. Editor, make comment recently on the state of things in Chicago, where a good man in a convention to nominate a candidate for mayor, offered a resolution that "we are in favor of enforcing the Sunday liquor law," and it was voted down with "thundering emphasis"? If redemption can come through the women from such a fearful state, not many good men in that or any other city would deny them the right to vote.

Not many months ago Miss Willard wrote an article for the *Homiletic Review* in advocacy of woman's divine right to preach. The article was strong, written in admirable style, and created somewhat of a sensation. The editor of the *Review* thought it worth while to secure the services of Dr. Van Dyke to furnish an answer. His work was no child's play, considering the difficulties under which he labored in contending with a female antagonist. The doctor's reply was a splendid piece of workmanship, and his tripartite argument from Scripture, reason and experience to most readers overthrew the position of his brazen opponent. If their positions had been reversed, the issue might have been doubtful.

To recur once more to the W. C. T. U.: The work these godly women are doing lies back of politics, back of the hustings, back of the politician himself. It is with the fathers and mothers of 1900. They are working for the long run. If they can go into the homes of our land with the gospel and science of prohibition and create there antagonism to strong drink in the interest, not of happiness and heaven and home only, but of life itself, the distilleries and the grog-shops will go into the hands of a receiver, to pay out death and hell no more forever. W. P. LOVEJOY. AUGUSTA, GA.

**MISSIONARY COLLECTION.**

REV. C. W. GODWIN.

I saw a statement in our *ADVOCATE* some days ago disclosing the fact that many of our missionaries on home fields were sadly in need of help, and I hear from the treasurer of the West Texas Conference that there is no money in the treasury to meet the drafts for the first and second quarters. This matter claims our serious attention. I know of no subject before the church now of more importance than that of the collections ordered by the conference, and the best methods of raising them. Our people need more light on the subject of missions especially. I think the following suggestions, if attended to, will be helpful to the cause:

First. Let the presiding elders see that the duty enjoined upon them in the discipline is done. (See discipline, chapter 9, section 1, article 18, page 188.) "It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to bring up the subject of missions prominently before the quarterly conference of each circuit and station, and to see to it that efficient and well-defined modes and plans be adopted for raising missionary funds for both the General Board and also for the Conference Mission Board." The presiding elder should not confine his efforts to the small number present at the official meeting, but bring the matters before all the people. This scribe has it from a great many preachers that when their presiding elders helped them to agitate the cause, it was a great deal easier to raise the collections. It is his (the presiding elder) duty to see that the collections for the whole district are brought up; and, therefore, he must look after each pastoral charge. Let him read book of discipline, chapter 3, section 3, answer 6 under question 1.

Second. Let the preacher prepare himself for the work. He must read up. He must inform himself as to the obligation, nature and success of the missionary movement. He must be imbued with the missionary spirit. He is then prepared to represent the cause before his people. An intelligent and earnest statement of these claims will find response from the congregation. Then let him prepare his people. Many do not believe in foreign missions—many are indifferent. And as a rule these people have but little, if any, information as to the real design and results of mission work.

Let the preacher array the facts before them and they will respond, if the spirit of Christ be in them. The condition and need of the heathen world, the power of the Gospel to save, as demonstrated by the missionaries, will stir their hearts. Then they are ready to give.

1. In this work of preparation, it is very important to preach sermons on missions. The Bible will supply the text, and the theme earnestly presented will find appreciative hearers.

2. Let the preacher hold special missionary services and mass meetings, and have preaching on the subject or addresses by himself, his presiding elder, or intelligent laymen, and he will find that laymen can assist him greatly in this matter.

3. The distribution of missionary literature will be an important auxiliary in this work. Our church papers are co-operating actively in the missionary work. Many of them have as much as a column of choice information on the subject. I want to say here with em-

phasis that I believe if the church paper was in every Methodist home, we would collect 300 per cent. more money on missions than we do. The people who give us most trouble about giving to this cause are the people who don't read the paper. Missionary leaflets will help him greatly. Dr. John is anxious to send every preacher these leaflets and have him distribute them.

4. Missionary societies should be formed in the Sunday-school. This is the duty of the pastor—see Discipline, sec. 5, ans. 10. A missionary society in the Sunday-school trains the children to give. The church will feel it in the future. I want to stress the point, that if the church in the future comes up to the measure of her responsibilities, she must have the children trained to give. Let the preacher adopt some systematic plan for them, and as often as possible encourage them by his presence or a word of approval.

Thirdly. As to the collections. Any intelligent, wide-awake preacher will know how to manage this part of the work. He may use public collections, private subscriptions, or he can send out solicitors, or he may use all these plans. Each one has its advantages and the preacher ought to be able to judge as to the best for a particular place. But still, I may make a few timely suggestions on this.

I would suggest that as soon as the district stewards make the apportionment for your charge, if it is a circuit or mission, divide the amount to be raised among your churches on the basis of the pastor's salary, and go to work to raise it.

1. Begin early. The money is needed in the early part of the year. It is fatal in most cases to wait until the last of the year. Our missionaries have to live the first as well as the last of the year. The theory (or rather the presumption) has long since exploded, that a preacher could live on wind and promises the first four months of the conference year. It takes money to run him. And if he has not got the money he must ask his merchant for credit, and that is not well for two reasons: First, he has to pay from 50 to 100 per cent. more for goods on a credit basis than he would for cash. Second, if he buys on credit, thinking he will get all that is promised him if the collections should come out short, and he failed to get all his amount, he might fail to be able to pay his debts, and in that case nearly everybody would be saying that the preacher was dishonest because he did not pay his debts; when the facts would show that he would have done so if the people had paid him what they promised.

Again, early collections almost always insure full collections. When they are delayed, rainy Sundays or sickness may cause a failure. Let the preacher take his collections the first of the year and get out of the way of the steward, who will be straining every point towards the close to make up the "deficiency" in the pastor's salary.

2. Get something from every one. And in order to do that the preacher must put himself to a little extra trouble in some instances. Some will give you something at their homes, when they would not give at a public collection. Those who did not contribute at the collection should be seen, and the reason ascertained. He may be prejudiced against the cause. Try to disabuse his mind. Tell him his vow "to support the institutions of the church" is being broken, and in most cases you will change him. Never fail to take any amount. If the poor can give only five cents, work for it. Many times we slight the poor because we think they are not able, when they are anxious to give something. When collections are taken by subscription, put the ladies or men and let them collect for you. Women generally make the best collectors.

Now, one word more to the preacher. Brother, you are the steward for the missionary, bishop, worn-out preacher, etc. Are you making a faithful steward? These missionaries, bishops, worn-out preachers and others depend on you for support just as you look to the stewards of your charge for your support. If they fail to collect the salary, we are often keen to charge them with neglect of duty. But if we fail to bring up these collections, those who look to us have the same right to charge us with neglect of duty. I want to leave one question here for the reader to answer, and especially the preacher, viz: Why is it that some of our men always bring up their assessments in full, it matters not where you send them? If they are on poor charges they bring up a clean sheet to conference; if on rich ones they do the same thing. Why is this? Now, brethren, let us put this matter before our people intelligently and earnestly and we will be successful. Go to the people and tell them you want these collections, and you must have them; and you will get them. PLMARSON, TEXAS.

**BELLE PLAINE COLLEGE.**

To the Ministers and Members of the M. E. Church, south, in Abilene District:

DEAR BRETHREN: I come to you with a sad heart. Our college is burdened with debt, and unless you come to our help will soon pass from us.

I feel that we are morally bound to discharge these obligations created by our duly authorized agents, and I appeal to your integrity and honor, to come up and let us pay our creditors what we justly owe them, jointly bearing this burden, thus saving the honor of the church we love so dearly. As Christians, and members of the Methodist Church we can't afford not to do it any more than we can afford not to pay our individual debts.

The first mortgage on the property will mature in a few months, and if the debt is not arranged for the property will probably be sold for about one-tenth its value, and the other creditors will be deprived of any recourse to get

their money. I appeal to you to rise up and bear your part in paying what we justly owe, and sustain the honor of the name of Christ and the Methodist Church in doing right before God and in the sight of men. It is not right for us to fold our arms and say we are not able to pay these debts. We CAN do it if we will. With nearly twenty-five hundred members in this district, and some friends besides, who will help if we will help ourselves, we can pay it much easier than these creditors can lose what we owe them. If we let the property be sold under the first mortgage, it will not only cut off the rest of the creditors, but it is most likely that the property will be bought by the company who holds the mortgage, and Judge Onis, if he continues the school, will be forced to pay an annual rent for the use of the buildings, besides losing about fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars which we owe him for necessary improvements of the buildings. This is putting him between the upper and nether millstone. It is high time our people were learning that higher education costs something more than the board and tuition which patrons pay. Why is it that our colleges in these United States are clamoring for large endowments? It is because the expenses of such schools are so great that the revenues accruing from board and tuition will not, as a rule, meet current expenses. But in the face of these facts, some will persist in thinking that a few thousand dollars invested in buildings for a college ought to pay the church an annual dividend. Look at the schools for higher education in this State that have started under the auspices of our church, encumbered by debts. Can we find one whose management could sustain itself and pay the debts on the property? I think not. Take the history of our schools in this State as an evidence of the truth of what I say. The men who are trying to carry our schools of Christian education without endowment or other revenue except tuition, etc., are doing a heroic work. Some of them are enduring privations, and bearing burdens that almost entitle them to a place among the first martyrs for Christ. They are entitled to our sympathy and co-operation. They are our servants and we ought not to desert them and throw the blame of our unfaithfulness upon their heads. Theorizing and calculating on the revenues of our colleges and saying, "They ought to pay," is not right. The fact is, they do not pay, as some suppose they do, as is evident from the number of our colleges that have been financially wrecked. But what can be done for the payment of the debts on Belle Plaine College? Let the preachers and members of our church in Abilene district say, as honest men and women, "It must be paid," and it will be paid.

Now I submit a plan to you, which promises success, if we will take an upright and just view of the matter; and I am not prepared to believe that as a church will not do right, when we see our relation to this institution, and the transactions of the board of trustees in creating this debt. I know some of these creditors, and know they cannot afford to lose their money; besides, it is a question of honor and justice with us, and we cannot afford to be unjust, and bring reproach upon the church of God, and our own conscience.

Now this is the plan: Let us pay off the first mortgage, which amounts nearly to four thousand dollars, including interest, and Judge Onis proposes to take up the rest of the debt in scholarships, which I think can be done in a few years. This will relieve us of the reproach of unfaithfulness to moral obligation, and secure to this institution for Christian education, which would prove a great blessing to the church and the world. I start the subscription with one hundred dollars. Bro. Wallace, our presiding elder, requests me to put him down for one hundred dollars, and I believe the ministry of our church in this district, both local and itinerant, as a rule, will bear their proportion of this burden. I beg you, dear brethren and sisters of the laity, come up as did the people to help Nehemiah rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, and we will vindicate our good name before the world, and fortify ourselves in this stronghold of Christian education. Send in your names at once with the amount you are willing to put in, to be paid by the first of July, in money or good notes, and I will report through the *ADVOCATE* the names and amounts as they may be sent in. Send to my address, or to B. R. Webb, secretary of board of trustees. R. F. DUNN. BAIRD, TEXAS.

**TO THE PREACHERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

As Mission Treasurer of your conference I wish to say a few things which I hope you will cut out and paste where you can see it, also please talk of it when you go out and come in among your brethren.

1. I am the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the West Texas Conference. Do not send me any other moneys. I am not running a collecting and distributing office for things in general.

2. Send all your missionary money to me, foreign and domestic. Dr. Barbee is not your Conference Treasurer, and ought not to be burdened with your affairs.

3. When you send it, tell me where it is from. Give charge and district plainly. It takes time to hunt to see where a man is, or what district a charge is in, when just a word from the remitter would settle it. Do this every time.

4. Always state what it is for. Don't say "for missions" or "do as you think best." State distinctly whether it is for foreign or domestic, and how much for each. I am not authorized to arbi-

trate this matter. Keep your own books.

6. Don't ask me to give you credit for money and take it out of your missionary draft when it is due. Don't authorize me to withhold drafts due you till they cover your subscription at conference anniversary, etc., etc. I have a pile of letters of this sort. Will you stop to think how much book-keeping this would require and how much misunderstanding might arise? When your draft is sent, if you want to give it for missions it is easy to write saying, "receipt me for the amount enclosed draft on ——— missions," and state whether it is on private subscription or assessment. Don't rely on any letters you have written me of this kind.

I do not underscore, because every word of this is important, [and secondly, because this *ADVOCATE* has abandoned the use of italics, except to designate foreign words and such like.—Ed.] Please consider every word as italicised. Please spare me, brethren. I have a few other matters on my hands. I have a wife and children, and I want to live to serve them and you. By attention to these things you may help to prolong my life. Truly and fraternally, W. W. PINSON. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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**Missions.**

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

Our Juvenile Missionary Society of 7th began its existence Sunday, April 7th, with a membership of about 75. Our first meeting was quite successful, as we collected \$3.05. Beside the little ones, we have the young ladies and gentlemen who are kindly helping our little workers. They encourage the children and hold the office, which are as follows: President, Miss Mattie Simmons; Vice President, Miss Ida Douglas; Treasurer, Miss Georgia Bonner; Secretary, Miss Hettie Tate, and Corresponding Secretary, Miss Pearl Blair. We are assessed five cents each month, and Bro. Smith wishes the children to earn their own nickels, as they will thus become more interested in this good work. Three names were suggested—"Willing Hearts," "Busy Bees" and "Ready Workers." The last, given by Dr. Frasier, our Sunday-school super-

tendent, was accepted. We expect to see Mr. Campbell in our midst next December at the annual conference. PEARL N. BLAIR, Cor. Sec. RUSH, TEXAS, April 13.

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About the Lesson.

LESSON IV, SUNDAY, APRIL 28. DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE FORETOLD. Mark xiii:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT. "But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple." (Matt. xii:3)

MEMORY VERSES, 1, 2.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is said of the last Tuesday of our Lord's life? It was a crowded and eventful day.
2. What was the subject of our last lesson? The two great commandments.
3. What is the subject of our present lesson? Destruction of the temple foretold.
4. What did one of the disciples say to Jesus? "See what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"
5. What did Jesus say? "There shall not be left one stone upon another."

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The interview with the scribe, narrated in the last lesson, was followed immediately by a counter-question of our Lord. This inquiry, involving, as it did, the mystery of the person of the Messiah, put to silence all opposition (Mark 12:35-37; Matt. 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44).

The place was, therefore, first the outer court of the Temple (vs. 1, 2) then the western slope of the Mount of Olives, overlooking the Temple (vs. 3-13).

Parallel passages: Matthew 24:1-14; Luke 21:5-19.

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

One of his disciples saith, . . . Behold, what manner of stones and what manner of buildings! . . . Jesus said, . . . There shall not be left here one stone upon another (vs. 1, 2). Jesus and the disciples of Jesus differ in just this way about the strength and durability of a great many things in this world.

in this! There is no greater blessing to us than God's concealment of our future. There could be no surer curse from God than his opening before our eyes the pathway of our lives, so that we could see it to its very end. What heart-breaking that would bring into a myriad homes!

Take heed that no man lead you astray (v. 5). It is quite as important not to be led astray by false religious teachers as by any other class of deceivers or deceived; and there is quite as much danger in this line as in any other.

The end is not yet (v. 7). There is as much need for us to realize that the end of our path of duty or trial is not yet reached as for us to understand that the end will surely come by and by.

When they . . . deliver you up, be not anxious beforehand what ye shall speak (v. 11). The Lord's people are not to worry in the present over what they shall do in some possible emergency of the future. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

"A grasshopper, filled with dew, was merrily singing under a shade; a whangam, that eats grasshoppers, had marked it for its prey, and was just stretching forth to devour it; a serpent, that had for a long time fed only on whangams, was coiled up to fasten on the whangam; a yellow bird was just upon the wing to dart upon the serpent; a hawk had just swooped from above to seize the yellow bird; all were intent on their prey, and unmindful of their danger; so the whangam ate the grasshopper, the serpent ate the whangam, the yellow bird the serpent, and the hawk the yellow bird; when, sousing from on high, a culture gobbled up the hawk, grasshopper, whangam, and all, in a moment."

Old and Young.

LAW SUITS.

I had some intentions lately of going to visit Bedlam, the place where those who go mad are confined. I went to wait upon the man in black to be my conductor, but I found him preparing to go to Westminster Hall, where the English hold their courts of justice.

led forward with victory ever in my view, but ever out of reach; however, at present, I fancy we have hampered our antagonist in such a manner that, without some unforeseen demur, we shall this very day lay him fairly on his back.

"If things be so situated," said I, "I don't care if I attend you to the courts, and partake in the pleasure of your success. But prithee," continued I, as we set forward, "what reasons have you to think an affair at last concluded, which has given you so many former disappointments?"

"I understand," said I, "those are two of your judges who have already declared their opinions." "Pardon me," replied my friend; "Salkeld and Ventris are lawyers, who some hundred years ago gave their opinions on cases similar to mine; these opinions which make for me my lawyer is to cite; and those opinions which look another way are cited by the lawyer employed by my antagonist: as I observed, I have Salkeld and Ventris in my favor, he has Coke and Hale for him; and he that has most opinions is most likely to carry his case."

While he was enjoying this sport, Mr. Mercer drove up in his carriage, and passed Charley on his way into the store. The boy released the cat, and, following the gentleman in, respectfully presented his references.

THE ANTI DIME SOCIETY.

There were ten of them, notwithstanding the name. A dime of boys, you might call them, reading dime novels, and pledged themselves to at least a half-hour's useful reading a day. "For a half-hour," said "the Hermit," a quiet, studious boy of fourteen, to whom the fellows had given this sobriquet, "isn't much when a chap's playing ball; but take one a day, and there are three hundred and sixty-five half-hours (including Sunday reading) saved from otherwise wasted time."

"I had scarcely finished my fable when the lawyer came to inform my friend that his case was put off till another term, and that all the world was of opinion that the very next hearing would bring him off victorious."

WEY CHARLEY LOST HIS PLACE.

Charley was whistling a merry tune as he came down the road, with his hands in his pockets, his cap pushed back on his head, and a general air of good-fellowship with the world. He was on his way to apply for a position in a stationer's store that he was very anxious to obtain, and in his pocket were the best of references concerning his character for willingness and honesty.

the little sister under its shelter in a many fashion.

Charley was a great tease, and, like most boys who indulge in teasing or rough practical jokes, he always took care to select for his victim some one weaker or younger than himself.

"I'll have some fun with those children," he said to himself; "and before they had gone very far down the road he crept up behind them, and snatched the umbrella out of the boy's hands."

In vain the little fellow pleaded with him to return it. Charley took a malicious delight in pretending that he was going to break it or throw it over the fence; and as the rain had stopped, he amused himself in this way for some distance, making the children run after him and plead with him tearfully for their umbrella.

Mr. Mercer was not in, so Charley sat down on the steps to wait for him. An old grey cat was basking in the sun, and Charley amused himself by pinching the poor animal's tail till she mewled pitifully and struggled to escape.

"These do very well," Mr. Mercer said, returning the papers to Charley. "If I had not seen some of your other references, I might have engaged you."

As Charley turned away, crestfallen over his disappointment, he determined that wanton cruelty, even though it seemed to him to be only "fun," should not cost him another good place.

THE LAST GOOD NIGHT.

Clad in their night-gowns, clean and white, The children come to say good-night; Father, good night, says Marjory, Climbing for kisses on my knee.

"I hear them call when late up-stairs, As I sit down to read or write, 'Father, we want to say good night!'"

"I book or pen is laid aside; I find them lying open-eyed— Five rosy rebels, girls and boys, Who greet me with tumultuous noise."

Can I be stern with such as these? Can charming ways and looks dispense? They hold and scarce will let me go, And all because they love me so.

Then in a vision, suddenly The future seems unveiled to me: It is my turn, though all in vain, To long to say good night again.

And b, his fireside desolate, An old man sits, resigned to wait, Recalling joys that used to be, And faces that he may not see.

Therefore, what bliss is mine that now I still can smooth each fair young brow! And feel the arms that clasp me tight, The lips that kiss the last good-night!

-J R Eastwood, in the Quiver

pally, grubbing away at the gnarly roots, Roman history was his delight; and he rose "to his feet and the occasion," as the punster said (thereby incurring two whacks on the back for his poor wit), and read a short paper entitled: "THE FEAST OF ROSES."

In the "brave days of old," Heliogabalus, the Emperor of the Eternal City, being weary of possessing power only through his senators, conceived a plan which was, at least, novel and original by which he might gain freedom to act at his royal pleasure.

Suddenly a trap in the ceiling opened, and the emperor was heard to say in a loud voice: "You were never satisfied with your power and glory; you were always aspiring after new laurels; this noble thirst shall now be gratified!"

"I drove past you this morning when you were on your way here, and saw you diverting yourself by teasing two little children. A little later a dog passed you, and you cut him with the switch you had in your hand. You snatched a stone at a bird, and just now you were delighting yourself in tormenting another defenseless animal. These are the references that have decided me to have nothing to do with you. I don't want a cruel boy about me."

Already the walls grew higher and higher. They were not only crowded, but crushed, by the coveted laurels which their ambitious hands had so long striven to grasp. Their voices grew fainter. No longer were they heard pleading for pity. They were buried in flowers; roses formed their graves, and laurels waved above them in triumph. Not a breath was heard. The last rose had fallen; not even a leaf stirred; a stern, unrelenting hand had given them a grave of the laurels they had so much coveted.

Such was the poetical plan of a Roman emperor to dispose of his enemies.

Loud applause followed at the close of this paper—and "I thought Roman history was no good" came from one; while another one said, "Not so bad, after all. I like it better than 'Left hand Luke, the Lion-hearted Dad Left on Labrador'; for it is just as exciting and true beside." The cheers which followed the statement were suddenly interrupted by the opening of the folding-doors, revealing a dainty supper provided by kind friends of the boys, who rejoiced in the "new departure."

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MISSION SCHOOLS AT HOME.

In the work of foreign missions the school has become an indispensable arm. The church which would undertake foreign missionary work at the present time without supplementing the preaching of the gospel with the mission school would be considered very ignorant of the best methods of Christianizing the heathen.

Since, then, the day-school is acknowledged to be an indispensable means in accomplishing the purposes of the foreign mission, why not use it in the home work? The Roman Catholics have found the school to be an indispensable complement to the priest and the church.

We note with pleasure that so many district conferences meet early this year. This is an improvement in the right direction. It prevents interference with the pastors in their work on the circuits when they are most needed there.

The ADVOCATE urges and prays that there be a full attendance and an outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon all our district conferences this year.

THE DOG THAT GETS HIT.

"The dog that hollows is the one hit," has almost passed into a proverb. As the expression is more frequently used in connection with certain phases of preaching, or what passes for it, it seems to have originated to express the peculiar effect that that class of preaching has upon a certain class of hearers.

Take an illustration: A bunch of dogs are seen standing on the street. Presently two or three idle boys appear on the scene, when one of them hurls a stone at the dogs.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The district conference has come to be really the CONFERENCE in our church. The extent of routine business at the annual convocation is so great that but little time is left for conference.

for where there is much conference there should be much religion. The condition of each pastoral charge is to be inquired into and conferred about as to plans, etc., within specified limits. The nature and work of the district conference calls especially for the presence of laymen. They are almost as essential to this as the quarterly conference; that is, they are only less essential to this because this is less important than the quarterly conference.

Now why cannot these brethren go where the church and duty appoints? Because they make light of the matter and one goeth to his farm, and one to his merchandise, and one to his shop, and one to his patients, and another to his court.

THE COLLECTION. THE READERS OF THE ADVOCATE are under lasting obligations to the Rev. H. S. Thrall, D. D., for the interesting items of information he has been furnishing our columns.

THE REV. A. P. SMITH writes that the Vernon District Conference will meet at Vernon May 15, instead of 10, as formerly stated by him.

ELIAS ROBERTSON: You have changed my ADVOCATE from San Antonio to Boerne, Texas. Thanks. But you need not have changed my name. You have it "Chas." on the paper. My name is still "Elias."

R. ABBEY: In speaking of children as such, or a child, without reference to any particular child, or to sex, the masculine pronoun is always used.

DR. CHAFFIN is in the field again, as publisher of the Texas Advance at Waco. It is characterized by the Cranflitan pith and point.

OUR interesting correspondent, Mrs. Sue F. Mooney, sends us much sympathy on account of the failure in the fishing expedition. We are greatly obliged, and knowing our correspondent to be good natured, will take the liberty to divide with Bro. Owens. Sister M. says she knows the failure was on account of not having the right kind of bait, and sends some information on that subject furnished by her father, the Hon. John E. Drumgoole, who is a skilled fisherman, which we will divide with our readers next week.

WHEN the conference sends a man to a mission with a promise of an appropriation every member of the conference stands pledged to pay him the appropriation.

R. ABBEY: You say Bishop Goodsell in his official visit to Paris, Texas, had a right to take lodgings in a negro family when the usual courtesy was offered him in a respectable white family. I think that depends upon what kind of right you mean.

feel that he would rather be the hollowing dog than the stoning boy. To stone a dog in order to prevent serious mischief would excite a feeling of regret, because of the necessity in the heart of the humane, but to strike the animal simply to hear him hollow is a contemptible offense.

It may be quite necessary to thunder the law from Sinai, but the minister should be very careful to temper the tones of thunder with the love of the gospel. He should remember that the Heavenly Father who is the author of the law, takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

THE ADVOCATE is again called upon to weep with those that weep. Mr. B. D. Harrison, the father of H. T. Harrison, one of our printers, died suddenly under a stroke of paralysis, at Homer, La., the 13th inst., at 11:35 a. m.

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mighty dirth in certain kinds of business. The saloons did a small trade, for instance. No doubt the News knows from whence to look for business, and too much reformation might cause Othello to lose his occupation.

Mrs. SUE F. MOONEY: I see that some of our Southern papers are reporting protests from old Confederates against the begging expeditions sent to the North from some of the Southern States--among them Texas--to ask aid for helpless survivors of the "lost cause."

THE cultivation of a more cordial fraternity between town and country Methodists would be a great improvement for the better in many places. The well known prejudice between country and town which too frequently finds way into the church should be eradicated.

THE appropriations to home missions are generally very small, but the missionaries need the money none the less on that account. It requires these small amounts to make tongue and buckle meet.

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upon his pale, worn, and haggard cheek, while the cloud upon his forehead will be indicative of the tempest of grief raging within. His new conference suit will hang about his emaciated frame like so many yards of cloth on a clothes rack.

THE following is a showing of the receipts by the Church Extension Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1889:

Table with columns for 'ON GENERAL ACCOUNT' and 'ON LOAN FUND ACCOUNT'. Includes items like 'From assessments', 'From special donations', 'From sale of tracts, plans, etc.', 'Total receipts on General Account', 'Total receipts on Loan Fund Account'.

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Table with columns for 'Both Boards helped this year' and 'Showing an increase of 52 churches and inc'd pym't'. Includes items like '37 Churches, paying them \$23,64 03', '295 Churches, paying them \$1,381 91', 'Showing an increase of 15 parsonages and inc'd pym't', 'Your brother very truly, DAVID MORTON, Cor. Sec'y.'

A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS.

What the Papers Think and Say. The Pacific Methodist wants schools which teach the Bible and religion:

The question we are most concerned in is not, is the public school a good thing? but are we giving our children that little education that is necessary to make them Protestants and Christians? No amount of public school training can do this.

The Methodist, however, thinks the family a good Bible school: The family is the only efficient Bible school, and it is the best school of theology.

The Sunday School Times in the following describes the delicate, difficult and responsible office of repeating another's thought:

Repeating the statements of one man to another, we take upon ourselves a responsibility which is frequently quite overlooked. Many of the misunderstandings and difficulties between people, arising constantly in all departments of life, are to be traced to the forgetting of this responsibility.

transmitting it are by no means beyond question. They certainly do not handle another's transcendental goods, his purposes, intentions, hopes, fears, relations, ideas, and all his personal possessions, as carefully as they do their own.

The New Orleans Advocate thinks preachers could save time by the elimination of useless words: There is a phrase coming in vogue among preachers, and by some often used in the pulpit, to which we desire to call attention.

There are various ways and means of opposing the church. Every now and then some one with a pet theory of his own can see no other way to support it but to abuse the church.

But where is the proof that the church approves of an industrial system which oppresses the poor or antagonizes the interests of the workman? It is easy to show that thousands of ungodly men hate the church and the ministry; but this spirit of hatred prevails among the rich as largely as among the poor.

The Pittsburg Advocate does not favor discrimination in favor of saloons under the Sunday law. Discussing a bill presented before the legislature of Pennsylvania to repeal the Sunday law, it says:

Why saloons, drug stores, tobacco stores and confectioneries should have permission to do business on Sunday just as on other days, while all other kinds of business are forbidden, we cannot see. Yet those engaged in these trades seem to think they should not be interfered with, and are very restless under restraint.

The Southwestern Methodist illustrates a certain kind of preaching. See if it is yours:

It is told of Father Hersey that when it was proposed to send him as a missionary to Africa, one of the brethren objected that Hersey would have nothing to preach about there, as he was always preaching about dress here, and the Africans wore no clothes.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

The new hymn book is said to be out at last, but we have not laid eyes upon any of its pages yet. The editor of the Southern Advocate, together with his whole family, is still sick, but we are glad to say, improving.

lity, and those who are not too deficient will have still three months to make up what they lack.

Nashville Advocate: Dr. W. H. Millburn, the blind preacher who sees more than other people who have their eyesight, and tells it better, is expected to lecture in the principal towns of Texas.

M. R. Church, South: Number of traveling preachers, 6,284—Increase, 154; local preachers, 3,209—Increase, 117; white members, 1,133,498—Increase, 32,753; colored members, 644—decrease, 105; Indian members, 4,068—decrease, 288; total preachers and members, 1,140,693—net increase, 33,537; adult baptisms, 31,692—decrease, 1,881; infant baptisms, 53,363—decrease, 1,190; collected for Church Extension, \$51,341.50—Increase, \$4,278.68; for Conference Claimants, \$116,713.63—Increase, \$14,591.47; for Foreign Missions, \$235,593.16—Increase, \$8,307.71; for Domestic Missions, \$104,473.31—Increase, \$12,143.75; total for Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$339,325.47—total increase, \$18,253.56.

Rev. H. L. Crumley, Douglasville, Ga., in St. Louis Advocate: I notice the organization of a new mission in South Atlanta on Capitol avenue. W. S. Stevens, the missionary, reports over 125 in Sunday school. Rev. M. D. Smith has had about fifty additions to the Marietta Street Mission Church, which was formerly known as the Bishop Hendrix mission. This is a remarkable growth, as the church has not yet been organized quite a year, and now they have over 350 members.

Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, Santa Rosa, Cal., in St. Louis Advocate: This lesson was taught me: That the pastorate is the hope of the church; that stronger emphasis must be put upon the ordinary services of the house of God, such as the preaching of the word, the prayer and class meetings, and the pastoral instruction of the children. No doubt evangelism has been done in the hands of a few men; but as a rule the church that admits to pulpits all sorts and sizes will have all kinds of heresies sown in its pews. Antinomianism, latitudinarianism, and indeed all the "isms" will flourish where most of the modern evangelists go.

Bishops J. C. Keener, A. W. Wilson, J. C. Granbery, R. K. Hargrove, W. W. Duncan, C. B. Galloway, E. R. Hendrix, J. S. Key, in Nashville Advocate: In accordance with the recommendation of the president of the United States in his proclamation of April 4, whereby he calls the people of the entire country to assemble in their respective places of worship at 9 o'clock a. m., April 30, to commemorate by thanksgiving and prayer the inauguration, one hundred years before that day, of George Washington as first president of the Republic; recognizing, now, our ecclesiastical predecessors, and fathers in God were prompt and first formally to do them, the hand of God in the elevation of that eminent man to exalted station; we, the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, urge the members of our church, ministers and laymen, to meet at the time designated for the worship of the God of nations, who hath granted us civil and religious freedom, and to pray his continued blessings on our country, its institutions, and its people.

This national event is a re-affirmation and reminder that "there is no power but of God." He hath ordained both governments and rulers, and rules over them in righteousness. This man whose heroic virtues and exalted character have made illustrations alike the land of his birth, the office he filled, and the nation over which he was called first to preside, in his first official act, and on the very day we commemorate, made a fervent supplication to that Almighty Being who rules over this universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aid supplies every human defect; for national blessings; thereby recognizing at the dawn of our national existence the same great truth that now calls the people of the entire country to assemble for thanksgiving and prayer to God.

THE HOME CONFERENCES.

Personal.—The Rev. Jno. A. Wallace reports everything prosperous on the Abilene district.

The Rev. R. H. Burnett, our Texas evangelist, is somewhere in the Trinity bottom, resting up. He says there is one thing to be regretted in connection with fishing, viz: an end.

The Rev. Horace Bishop, presiding elder of the Georgetown district, is assisting Bro. K. M. Shelton in a protracted meeting at Beiton. Considerable interest is said to be manifested in the meeting.

We note with pleasure the marriage of Rev. J. C. Casar, of the Northwest Texas Conference, to Miss F. C. Franzer, of Jackson, Texas. The Rev. John Powell performed the ceremony April 14.

Rev. J. A. Savage, Independence: I never wrote you. I had ten local preachers. It was two—that is, one and then one more, and that makes two. If I had ten like the two I have, I could turn the world upside down.

The Pittsburg Gazette: The new Methodist church at this place is to be formally dedicated by Bishop Key on Tuesday, May 21. The dedication sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock on that day. The occasion will be one of unusual interest.

Mrs. M. A. Alford, whose death is announced elsewhere, was the daughter of T. S. Garrison, a prominent member of our church, and generally a lay delegate to the East Texas Conference. Bro. Garrison will have the sympathy of his brethren.

Our church at Waxahachie can present a fine congregation to the messengers of the gospel. A crowded house is the rule. The Rev. M. K. Little, the preacher in charge, has a well-trained and appreciative charge, up in all departments of church work.

R. Abbey: Mrs. Mary R. Lessee writes prettily and sensibly about "reverence." If she will use her sensible pen more largely in directing attention to the very important and generally neglected subject of religious education in the nursery among the prattling imps, she will most probably do more for the church than many a minister who preaches solely to those generally called sinners.

Sister Bruce, is in ashes. It took fire from a few minutes. Perhaps half of the furniture was saved, though damaged. No insurance. I think Bro. and Sister Bruce are bearing their loss well—Sister Bruce remarkably well. God bless them.

The ADVOCATE congratulates the Rev. W. W. Hornor on his success as a fisherman. Fishing is apostolic, you know, and the apostles, like other fishermen, sometimes had success and sometimes none. Bro. H. says: "I, too, have been on a piscatorial excursion, but had better luck than you boys of the ADVOCATE did. Wish I could have seen B. when he was on that trip. Well, fishing is fine sport these beautiful spring days. Of course this is strictly private. Success to the ADVOCATE."

We have received the following sad note and tender our sympathies to all the sorrowing parties: J. M. Gillett, Lockhart, April 19: Robert H. Floyd, the husband of our eldest daughter died on the 10th inst., at his home in Grant county, New Mexico. He went to that new country for his health nearly two years ago, but instead of health, found his last resting place. A good man has gone, and we are sad, but amid the sorrow we rejoice, as we know he rests with God.

Rosalie Circuit. Miss Loula Evans, April 17: Just closed a meeting; had eight conversions, one reclaimed, and the church greatly revived. The Lord is still on the helping hand. We all like Bro. Fisher and wife very much. May the Lord bless them, in my prayer.

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M. G. Jenkins: We were recently favored with the presence and ministry of Rev. Leon Sonefeld, whose soul-stirring sermons seem to have aroused the entire populace, and we are assured that much good has been done by his mission here. He is a bold and faithful preacher.

Gilmer. W. J. Bludworth, April 15: Our second quarterly conference over. Good success. Foreign missionary assessment, \$48.00, about all raised in advance. Seven new subscribers to TEXAS ADVOCATE. Our presiding elder, Rev. C. B. Fladger, fills the chair in every particular. Family prayer stressed by him, besides all other interests looked after. Our meeting of a week duration goes on—good awakening.

Headville. Henry Jones, April 15: The first quarterly meeting for Headville circuit is past. Brother Morris, our no w presiding elder, was present, looking after every interest of the church. The verdict of everyone is: we like him. He preached two good sermons from appropriate texts, and the subjects were ably handled. As a preacher, he is plain and practical; as a presiding elder, kind and courteous, yet firm, and we are glad that our next quarterly comes in two months. Finances are well up—presiding elder paid in full for the quarter. The spiritual feeling on the circuit is good, and we are looking for a good work this year here. Received nine members up to date.

DeBerry. S. M. Thompson, April 17: Our second quarterly conference convened at Walnut Springs, April the 6th. Bro. Smith, our presiding elder, was present, and as usual added much to the interest of the occasion. I am serving a kind and good people. While a "pounding" has never been known on this circuit, yet this preacher and his wife have been royally received at the homes of the people, and have not been entirely forgotten at the parsonage. The church is progressing spiritually. The following brethren were elected delegates to the district conference: L. P. Griffin, Dr. G. G. Vincent, A. McJines, and W. T. Longshore. All things considered, DeBerry circuit is doing well. Our camp-meeting at Bethel will embrace the third Sunday in August.

Giddings. J. P. Childers, April 15: Revival in full blast, according to God's word. "Ask and ye shall receive." We commenced a meeting at this place on the 7th of this month, conducted by Bro. Harry May, the converted Jew. Up to last night between forty and fifty souls have been saved. The house will not hold the people. More than fifty knelt at the altar for prayer last night. The meeting is conducted according to Methodist—gospel repentance on your knees. The lukewarm professors find no quarters. Brother May gives "thus saith the Lord," for what he says. He preaches the truth. People get mad and say he is a crank, but that does not turn him. Dancing, theatres, circus, gambling, euchre parties, he denounces with terms of the gospel. All the Christian people of Giddings are in this meeting, and all of the churches will share in the benefits.

Dallas Preachers' Meeting. D. P. Brown, Secretary: Dallas preachers assembled Monday morning at Floyd Street church. Present—Allen, Ruckman, Manning, A. W. Clark, Brown, Brazelton, Shurt, present pro tem. Religious service by Bro. Ruckman.

First Church—A profitable easter service; good Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting; three additions. Trinity and Oak Lawn—Bro. W. F. Clark preached in the morning and Bro. Manning at night. Both services well attended and profitable. The services at Oak Lawn were spiritual; congregation good.

East Dallas—Sunday school and church service well attended. Bro. Manning preached in the morning and Bro. W. F. Clark at night. Bro. Ruckman reported the "Santa Fe Sabbath school and Church" organized; seventy-five scholars were enrolled in the Sunday-school, twelve members in the church organization.

Oak Cliff—Small congregation at morning service. Bro. Howell preached at night to good congregation. West Dallas—Easter service at night; house decorated; fine congregation. Dr. Gibbs preached at Rush chapel.

Floyd Street—One baptism; services good; house filled; Parsonage and Young Ladies' Aid Societies organized.

Palmore Institute. S. G. Kilgore, Chihuahua, Mexico, April 16: Chihuahua needs a library and reading room for our American as well as our Spanish speaking people. Who will send us a good periodical, religious or secular, in English or Spanish? Many hours have I spent in prayer and thought as to what I should do and how I should go about reaching and saving our Americans who come to this country and our young Mexicans whom we fail to reach by regular church service. How can we encourage them to spend their leisure hours

profitably? A year ago I tried to enlist some of the Y. M. C. A.'s of Texas in an endeavor to establish a reading-room, but failed to secure the desired help. So the young men, American and Mexican, have only the theater, casino, saloon, bull-pen, cock-pit, etc., as places of public diversion to while away the time.

March 25th the Lord answered my prayers. Bro. W. B. Palmore, of Independence, Mo., had been sent by the Lord to visit Mexico. Homebound he spent two days with us. Taking in the situation, he gave me a liberal sum to start a small plant at Chihuahua—a public library and reading room for Americans and Mexicans, to be called "Palmore Institute."

Who will help to enlarge the plant? All who may read this are earnestly requested to send a good religious or secular book or periodical, in Spanish or English, to S. G. Kilgore for Palmore Institute, Chihuahua, Mexico. No more postage is required to send us a book or paper than to send same to any part of the United States of America. There is no duty on books in ordinary binding. They come through the Mexican mail safely.

The friends wishing to send us a good book or price in Spanish can secure catalogue and list of religious Spanish publications by writing to American Tract Society, 150 Nassau street, New York, and for good useful secular books in Spanish to D. Appleton & Co., 1, 3 and 5 Bond street, New York, and to Jno. W. Butler, Mexico City. (Other church papers please copy.)

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Agents wanted, both ladies and gentlemen. Enclose stamp for particulars. E. Arnold Co., 605 Elm street, Dallas, Texas.

On to Oklahoma. The innate folly of man and the ease with which he can be worked into a frenzy by the modern boom process are now being illustrated by the Oklahoma craze, anywhere between 75,000 and 300,000 people being reported en route. The authorities are having a lively time to keep out the raiders until the date for the opening. A fight last week between a deputy marshal posse and a raiding crowd resulted in the wounding of one of the posse, and seven raiders, and thirty prisoners of the latter. Among the wounded are: Martin Fallon, of Gainesville, Texas, received a ball in his left thigh; John T. White, of Fort Worth, was struck in the shoulder; Samuel Dodd, of North Carolina, has a deep gash in his forehead; Howard Frabachy, of Texas, suffers with a shattered arm; John Young, of Louisiana, was shot through the shoulder.

Mrs. Brief (who has been reading an article about a healthful John) is best to lie on the right side or the left? John (a lawyer): If you are on the right side it usually isn't necessary to lie at all.

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"What were you thrashing your boy for last night?" asked a neighbor of Mr. Caution. "Wild oats," was the old man's reply.

PETTY, TEXAS, May 5, 1888. A. B. Richards, M.D., Sherman, Texas: I was a sufferer for a number of years with itching Piles, and in looking for relief had several physicians and spent considerable money.

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The following explains itself: Received from Manhattan Life Insurance Company through its general state agents, Sondheim & Reinhardt, the sum of Ten thousand One Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars in settlement of claim under policy No. 61,266 on the life of Joseph Lahnstein, deceased.

BENEFICIARY under above policy: Mr. Lahnstein applied for a policy of insurance in the Manhattan Life on the 31st of December last. His policy was duly issued on the 4th of January, 1889. May premium was paid on the 18th day of February, 1889. Mr. Joseph Lahnstein died suddenly on the morning of March 16 from supposed spinal trouble.

On the 8th day of April, 1889, claimant's proofs were forwarded to the company, reaching New York on the 10th of April. On the same day the Manhattan Life Insurance Company forwarded its check to its general agent, Sondheim & Reinhardt, payable to Miss Eugenia A. Lahnstein, the widow of the deceased and Thirteenth Dollars, being not only amount of \$10,000 insurance, but the \$137 that had been paid as premium under the new survivorship return dividend plan of the company.

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M. H. WELLS. Pastor Walnut Street station, Louisville Conference.

Bi-Centennial of Paper Making. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 19.—In September, 1890, two centuries will have passed since the first paper mill was erected in America, in Roxborough, Philadelphia county, and it is proposed that the bi-centennial anniversary of the event be fittingly celebrated. George W. Childs and ex-State Senator Horatio Gates Jones, who has written a full history of the mill, desires paper makers and printers to correspond with them as to the best plan for such celebration. Senator Jones has prepared circulars on the subject which will soon be forwarded by him to newspapers throughout the country.

AUSTIN DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The Austin District Conference will convene in Austin on the 23rd of May. It will facilitate the work of the committee very much if all the members who expect to attend will notify the pastor when they will arrive, and how. If by private conveyance, that provision may be made for their stock. If they are not met at the depot, let them report on arriving at the Methodist church, when they will be assigned to their homes. The above request is respectfully made also of the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the district.

S. C. LITTLEPAGE, P. C.

Deaths. [Please send notices of deaths of Methodists and other prominent people.] On last Sunday, the 15th, we buried Sister Bell Crider at Methodist Church, at seven o'clock, at that place during the last month.

U. J. MORTON. PALUXY CIRCUIT. Yesterday morning, April 22, at 1:30 o'clock, Mrs. MARY L. MCCURTAIN, wife of Rev. Noah McCurtain, died in Ireland, Texas. Sister McCurtain was a solid Methodist and an energetic Christian worker.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS. April 17.—Z. Parker, sub and paper stopped. W. J. Joyce, o. J. S. Davis, sub. R. W. Thompson, sub. J. C. Calhoun, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. C. L. Ballard, sub. J. R. Bard, sub. J. M. H. Lavin, sub. E. B. Chappell, sub. P. J. Smith, thanks for prompt answer. J. O. Hamilton, has attention. G. A. LeClere, subs; change made. J. P. Hudson, sub. W. J. Bludworth, sub. M. G. Jenkins, sub. J. R. Wages, sub. W. Wood, sub. Jno. F. Sullivan, sub. H. C. Jolly, sub. R. A. Hall, sub. J. F. Skinner, sub. M. Harman, sub. J. H. Gillett, subs. Jas. R. Rogers, sub. John S. Rogers, sub. J. W. Rogers, sub; correction made. G. S. Sander, sub; will see that only one paper goes to party named. W. J. Joyce, sub for perpetual list. H. B. Henry, sub. M. J. Allen, o. k. T. Booth, sub. J. M. Carter, subs; 2 cards; one sub. at half price. T. B. Lane, sub. L. F. Smith, sub. F. J. Ewing, sub. H. C. Horton, sub. C. Williamson, sub. J. H. White, correction made. Jno. M. Sweeten, subs; 2 cards; change made.

April 19.—Chas. H. Peete, subs. Ben H. Bounds, the light will be turned on. D. J. Martin, looking for him in Dallas every day. J. Woodson, sub; paper stopped. W. L. Gattis, sub. E. B. Thompson, has attention. W. L. Pate, o. k. J. B. Wittman, sub. W. O. Sluigar, sub. E. G. Hout, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. G. A. LeClere, 2 cards, subs. H. H. Hart, has attention. Jno. Hester, has attention. J. B. Denton, sub.

April 20.—E. M. Leason, sub. G. Powledge, sub. Jno. R. Steele, sub. J. L. Yelton, sub. J. D. Crockett, sub. S. M. Thompson, sub. J. M. Shuford, subs. W. J. Sims, sub. W. A. Coppedge, sub. J. F. Starling, sub; correction made. W. W. Horner, sub. Jno. S. Mathis, sub. B. H. Webster, sub. J. S. Ashburn, sub. April 22.—Chas. H. Peete, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. S. A. Moore, subs. W. H. Perry, sub. A. P. Payne, subs; one at half price. C. V. Oswald, sub. S. W. Jones, has attention. J. B. Denton, sub. H. M. Hawkins, sub. J. B. Hawkins, sub.

April 23.—J. G. Miller, sub. Tom C. Hazard, sub. H. A. Boatman, has attention. Chas. H. Peete, subs. W. H. LeFevre, sub. Sam'l. Morris, subs.

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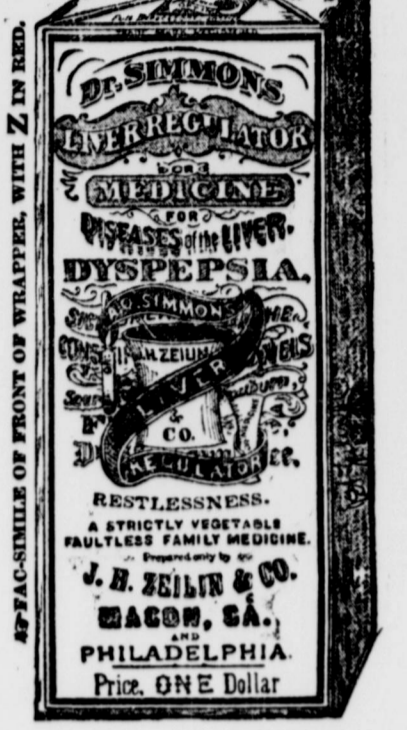
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"Five Little Peppers and How They Grew" is the title of a most interesting book for children by Margaret Sidney.

The Quarterly Review of the M. E. Church, South, has been on our table for some time.

Improvement in Building Barb Wire Fences - In building barb wire fence some put the top wires on the outside and the bottom wires on the inside of the inclosure.

Don't Get Caught This spring with your blood full of impurities, your digestion impaired, your appetite poor...

When the garden gets as much attention as the swine lot, and the fruit trees as much feed and care as the cattle, there will be good health and good humor on the farm, and just as much money.

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Malden - Are you the fellow that stole my umbrella? - Sure - Yes, you? Do you want my Malden (caption) - Yes, keep it, and I'll send over the cover to day.

The rosy freshness, and a velvety softness of the skin is invariably the result of those who use Puzosin's Complexion Powder.

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A little girl who was enjoying broiled partridge for breakfast remarked that she did not think it at all strange that Esau sold his birthright for a mess of partridge; it was certainly delicious!

LIVE OAK, Ala., Dec. 15th, 1888. Messrs. A. T. SHALLENBERGER & Co., Rochester, Pa., Gentl. - Last spring I received by mail a bottle of your Antidote for Malaria for my brother, who had chills for more than six months. He frequently broke through his Quinine, but they would soon return. I gave him the Antidote and he has not had a chill since. It has made a permanent cure. Yours truly, W. W. FERDUE.

Edgar - I know Elsie is not a pretty girl, but she is a pure girl. She was the first man that ever kissed her. Oscar - Gracious! Is she as homely as that?

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Dr. Miles, Lincoln Parish, La. Write Bradford Reg. Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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Church Notices.

Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June) and years (1889, 1890), listing church events and dates.

VERNON DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Benjamin mis., at Center Point, April 27, 28. Batacota mis., at Center Point, May 4, 5.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Ingram mis., at Goat Creek, 4th Sun in April. San Antonio, Travis Park, 1st Sun in May.

TYLER DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Mincola, at Hawkins, April 27, 28. Tyler, at Starrville, May 4, 5.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST. - SECOND ROUND. Winthorn mis., at Sulphur Springs, 4th Sun in April. Quitman mis., at Sulphur Springs, 1st Sun in May.

CAMEROB DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Mayfield mis., at Port Sullivan, April 27, 28. Levee mis., at Wimbler, May 4, 5.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Lagarto mis., at Williams' School-house, April 28. Laredo mis., at Westley's Chapel, May 5.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Kyle cir., at Pleasant Grove, 4th Sun in April. Blythe Springs, at Wimbler, 1st Sun in May.

SAN SABA DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Liano sta., at Center Point, 4th Sun in May. Cherokee mis., at Center Point, 1st Sun in May.

VICTORIA DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Hallettsville cir., at county line, April 27, 28. DeWitt cir., at Terryville, May 4, 5.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Beaumont sta., at Beaumont, April 27, 28. Orange mis., at Blain's, May 4, 5.

ARLBERG DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Cicco sta., at Cicco, April 27, 28. Ft. Chaubourne mis., at Cicco, May 4, 5.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Bristol cir., at Cicco, April 27, 28. Avion cir., at Center, May 4, 5.

FT. WORTH DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. West cir., at Lebanon, 4th Sun in April. Nostrand River cir., at Ft. Worth, 1st Sun in May.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Kinloch, at Lufkin, 4th Sun in April. Kinloch, at Lufkin, 4th Sun in April.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Rosston cir., at Rosston, 4th Sun in April. Denton cir., at Denton, 1st Sun in May.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Coffeyville cir., at Coffeyville, 4th Sun in April. Kildare cir., at Kildare, 1st Sun in May.

MONTAGE DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Red River mis., at Red River, April 27, 28. Denton Creek mis., at Denton, May 4, 5.

MARSHALL DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Troupe and Overton cir., at Overton, April 27, 28. Marshall mis., at Marshall, Wednesday, May 8.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Lampasas cir., at Lometa, April 27, 28. Coleman and Ballinger sta., at Coleman, May 11, 12.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Patterson cir., at Patterson, April 27, 28. Richmond sta., at Richmond, May 4, 5.

MUNTSVILLE DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Conroe, Danville, Montgomery, Collins' Mill, April 27, 28.

AUSTIN DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Webbville, at Hornsby's Bend, April 27, 28. West Point, at Red Rock, May 4, 5.

EL PASO DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Deming mis., at Deming, 4th Sun in April. Lugo mis., at Lugo, 24 Sun in May.

BONHAM DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Dodds cir., at Providence, April 27, 28. Ben Franklin cir., at Brushy Mound, May 4, 5.

PARIS DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Ambia mis., at Ambia, April 27, 28. Milton mis., at Milton, May 4, 5.

PERFECT health depends upon a perfect condition of the blood. Pure blood conquers every disease and gives new life to every decayed or affected part.

By keeping the cattle off the pasture one day in the spring you may keep them upon it two days longer in the fall.

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DALLAS DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Trinity at Oak Lawn, 4th Sun in April. Granite cir., at Granite, 1st Sun in May.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Rogers cir., at Rogers, April 27, 28. Killen cir., at Killen, May 4, 5.

WACO DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Thornton, at Hill Hill, April 27, 28. Groesbeck, at Horn Hill, May 4, 5.

TERRELL DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Poetry cir., at Bright Star, April 27, 28. Roberts mis., at Roberts, May 4, 5.

GALVESTON DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Columbia, at Galveston, April 27, 28. Alvan, at Alvan, April 30, May 1.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT - THIRD ROUND. Whit cir., at Central, May 4, 5. Pa o Pinto and Mineral Wells, at Mineral Wells, May 11, 12.

VERNON DISTRICT - THIRD ROUND. Vernon sta., at Vernon, May 11, 12. Childress mis., at Childress, June 15, 16.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. McGregor cir., at McGregor, 4th Sun in April. Clinton cir., at Clinton, 1st Sun in May.

SHERMAN DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Pilot Point sta., at Pilot Point, April 27, 28. Gordonville cir., at Gordonville, May 4, 5.

CALVERT DISTRICT - SECOND ROUND. Pearsonville cir., at Round Prairie, April 27, 28. Mill Creek, at Mill Creek, April 27, 28.

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A FAMOUS INSTITUTION. A correspondent of the Fairfield (Me.) Journal writes as follows, from Buffalo, N. Y.:

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Making Cream Churn Easily. A lady friend, an experienced and successful butter-maker, thus explains how she makes the butter come quickly as cold weather approaches.

There is probably only a very small increase of butter that comes directly from the heated sweet milk. Possibly this furnishes no butter; but it does separate the butter particles more perfectly from the cream than is possible otherwise.

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Jno. Hanson, at Houston.  
Wm. Fulton, at Houston.  
S. H. Snyder, at Navasota.  
Walter Terry, at Jefferson.  
Chas. H. Suterland, Austin.  
Dr. L. B. Johnson, Austin.  
Dr. D. W. Dies, at Fairfield.  
Mrs. Mary Scott, at Marshall.  
Mrs. Annie Hill, Nechesville.  
Mrs. M. M. Armstrong, Rus-k.  
J. D. Mayfield, at Midlothian.  
Dr. J. C. Cuthbertson, at Waco.  
J. Y. Laughlin, at Midlothian.  
Mrs. Geo. Carter, at Granbury.  
Mrs. Sallie Lyon, at Jefferson.  
Henry Cameron, Wichita Falls.  
E. K. Washburn, at Midlothian.  
Jeff Blankenship, at Bentonville.  
Mrs. Cynthia Daniels, at Alletton.  
Mrs. Mollie A. Aford, at Thompson.  
Mrs. Dr. A. C. Martin, at Marshall.  
Infant of Mrs. J. M. Talley, at Mesquite.  
Joseph M. Nolan, U. S. deputy marshal, at Mexia.

Old and young revel in the innocent pleasure—chewing Colgan's Tiffy-Tolu Gum.

**Texas Incidents.**  
Henrietta is improving rapidly. Burglars are at work at Denison. Fruit seed and leaves are good fertilizers. Good crops are reported all over the State. Austin celebrated April 21, San Jacinto Day. Decoration Day, April 17, was celebrated in Goliad. Galveston is wild with excitement over Oklahoma. Dallas is to have a grain elevator at a cost of \$175,000. A heavy hail storm damaged the crops seriously around Overton. Tyler Baptist ladies gave a successful spelling bee last week. San Antonio has appropriated \$250,000 for street improvement. Galveston has organized its cotton mill and elected its board of directors. A water spout which flooded the whole country was seen near Valley Mills. Austin is making preparations for the State Sangerfest. Exercises to be held April 22. Easter was observed throughout the State by special religious services in the churches. The sixteenth session of the Grand Lodge of Texas, K. of P., met in Houston the past week. Wichita Falls sent in a cargo of literature to Oklahoma relating to Wichita county's resources. Twenty-three business houses are in process of erection in the new town of East Amarillo. Gen. Sam Houston lies in an unmarked grave in Huntsville. A suitable monument to his memory should be erected. A railroad mass meeting was held in Dublin, April 19, and over half the amount subscribed to secure the crossing of Fort Worth and Rio Grande roads at Dublin. Mr. E. L. McCrary, a farmer three miles east of Waco, was kicked by a horse, and the surgeons state that the wound will prove fatal, as the skull is badly crushed.

Why are there so few cotton factors or grain commission merchants in Dallas who advertise to advance on consignments of either cotton or grain, and hold same in store? Cotton seed, breaded, belled, made into a puttee and applied along the spine, as hot as it can be borne. So says a lady correspondent of a daily paper.

Goliad, rejoicing in the completion of the railroad to Victoria, will celebrate with a barbecue, and invites the State. Hon. A. C. Jones will be suitably entertained, thus showing the appreciation Goliad feels for his services in putting the railroad through. A Frost item says: Nearly every farmer wants to buy hoes to make his next this fall; that is, parties who have not got them. They say they are tired of using Kansas as their smokehouse, so long as corn sells from twenty to thirty cents per bushel.

A regiment (about) of Eastern capitalists are touring Texas. Denison was their point of entrance to the State and Denison gave them a hearty reception last week, calculated to impress them that Texas is the identical spot where Adam and Eve had everything they wanted, and yet just not being satisfied. The enterprise of Galveston has bought up and reorganized the Gulf railroad, the charter of which originally called for a road through the richest counties of the coast, and if we are not mistaken, on to some point in Mexico. A more important movement to Galveston than the completion of this road could not be imagined. At Texarkana an organization is completed for the immediate erection of a cotton and woolen mill. The capital stock is \$30,000 divided into shares of \$50 each, mostly taken by home capitalists. Good authority states that work will begin within fifteen days and that the mills will certainly be in operation not later than Sept. 1. The Walter County Melon Growers' Association has planted several hundred acres of watermelons, and expects to reap fine profits this summer. The Kolb Gem is the variety planted. The association is composed of Hempstead farmers who have organized for the purpose of co-operation in shipping and selling.

April 16 a quiet assembly of bankers and leading merchants was held in Ennis for the purpose of organizing a flouring mill company. Subscriptions of stock were taken and in a half hour's time \$12,000 stock, payable on call, was subscribed. The Ennis Cementing and Evaporating Company has signed a contract for \$5,500 worth of machinery. They have purchased a lot and begun work on their building.

Mr. James I. Moore, of Waco, struck artesian water in his well at a depth of 1800 feet. The water flows out at a five and five-eighths-inch pipe at the rate of over 500,000 gallons per day. Although the well is half a mile from the Bell well, the waters are identically alike in temperature and softness. The two wells are together pouring out 1,500,000 gallons per day, and the distance between them demonstrates the fact that the artesian basin at the depth of 1800 feet is limitless.

The Denison Land Company has sold landed interest to a New England syndicate for \$500,000. A stock company was formed with a capital of \$1,250,000 for improving the property and establishing smelting works, iron foundry, rail rolling foundry, steel manufacturing and other institutions, paying interest on the money invested. Real estate is changing hands and in some instances a speculator makes from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in a day. April 16 was a gala day for Georgetown. The laying of the corner-stone of the Texas State Chautauqua Assembly was finished under the finest auspices ever had for this city. A special train from Austin brought in some hundred visitors, together with the Colorado Commandery Knights Templar and some forty Masons belonging to the lodges of Austin and Round Rock. Those gathering in from the different places swelled the crowd to over

five thousand, the largest ever gathered in the city. April 20 the Texas Veteran Association met in the Hall of Representatives at Austin. There were about 120 veterans and a few widows present. Gen. Walter P. Lane presided, with Col. S. F. Blount as Vice-President, Col. Darden, Secretary, and Capt. Deffenbaugh, assistant. Under the head of new business there was a lively pass at the railroads. One speaker said they had applied to the roads for reduced rates, but had been met by conditions tending to their ruin. These figures are for Jefferson, Texas. The merchants pay an average of about \$80,000 per annum to one road only on incoming freights, and in ten years this amounts to \$800,000; say she saves by having navigation one-half, that makes \$400,000 saved in ten years. The average cotton receipts are about 12,000 bales per annum; that would make in ten years 120,000 bales; say she saves by reason of navigation \$1.50 per bale, that would amount to \$180,000 in ten years. Add the two amounts saved in ten years and the starting amount of \$500,000 or \$5,000 per annum is seen.

The record in last week's paper of the shooting of Banker Lockwood, of San Antonio, will be remembered. Subsequently several arrests were made and the parties released. Finally the police arrested a young married man by the name of Albert Harry Newton from Mississippi, whom Mr. Lockwood positively identified as his assailant. The hack-man also identified him as the party he had carried to the banker's residence. On the other hand, Newton proved by a number of ladies and gentlemen his presence at his boarding house at the time the shooting was claimed to have been done. The case is creating a great deal of interest. The Crystal Ice Company, on the corner of Eighth and Avenue B, San Antonio, struck artesian water at a depth of 700 feet. The same company recently struck natural gas and moved their drill but a few feet to its present location. In going down the vein of natural gas was again struck at 500 feet, but was capped and boring continued. When water was struck the rope slackened and fifteen feet of rope coiled upon the ground. The pressure was so tremendous the drill weighed 4600 pounds was forced up that distance. When it was withdrawn water gushed out of it in a stream eight inches thick and ten feet high. The flow is 1,500,000 gallons daily, making it twice the size of any well in Texas. It furnishes enough power to run an electric light plant in addition to supplying the neighborhood with water and furnishing more than enough for manufacturing purposes. Another well will be sunk immediately.

In speaking of the Texas beef refrigerator, among other things, the Fort Worth Mail remarks: Two very important features connected with the Texas beef refrigerator prospect are not generally known at this time, but the Mail can assert upon good authority that the establishment at Galveston of cold storage for this business is assured. Further, we can say positively that no matter what the fate of the English contract may be—and it is signed, sealed and almost delivered—the stockmen who signed that contract and their associates at Galveston have agreed that shipments of refrigerated meat via Galveston to London shall be perpetuated, even if the entire capital necessary for ocean vessels has to be forthcoming from Texas sources. Recently at Texarkana a Mr. Lyman was engaged in running a line for a tence down to Red River, on the Chappell plantation. When he had reached the river, on turning around he was astounded to behold the skeleton of a large man standing upright and embedded in the bank of the river, exposed by the constant erosion of the river. Upon approaching the skeleton he discovered that it was in a perfect state of preservation, all the bones intact, and proceeded to extricate it from the embankment by the use of a knife in cutting away the clay. In doing so he came across a number of crude Indian relics in pottery, executed with more art, however, than was possessed by the Indian predecessors of the white man, and evincing a civilization more suggestive of the Aztecs than the Indian. Near the perfect skeleton was also found the remains of the body of a youth, half the size of the first, but in such an advanced state of decay that the bones could not be maintained in place. The farm has been in cultivation for more than forty years. For some time the reported finding of a cave in the country, a few miles east of Denison, has been eliciting much comment among the people living in that community. Sunday evening a party composed of Charley Chapman, L. V. Jack, Mike Cochran and the Dallas News correspondent concluded to visit the cave and make a personal examination of its subterranean mysteries. The cave is located south of Clear creek, on a tract of land known as the Payne place, whose present owners are Messrs. G. H. and J. E. Howard. It opens in a cleft of rock, and extends back under the hill two or three hundred feet. The door leading into the cave is only large enough to admit one person at a time, and appears to have been chiseled out of the sandstone. On the inside a peculiar scene presents itself. Curiously shaped specimens of mineral formations are hanging along the walls and lying along the floor. On one of the walls far under the ground, carved in plain Roman letters, appears the following: "J. H. Hemsens, 1852." On either side of the opening of the cave are many carvings, but only a few letters are now legible. A cliff and deep quarry extends along the side in front of the cave, and it is with much difficulty that it is reached. All sorts of strange stories are told of this strange place, and it is asserted by the people living in that community that large pots filled with gold and silver are hidden away among the rocks in that vicinity. The farm on which the cave is located was settled over forty years ago, and the old log buildings present a weird and dilapidated appearance.

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**Texas Casualties.**  
There was a severe hail storm near Rice, April 20. Julius Wilhelm, a young German, committed suicide at Brenham. James Benson, a cowboy, was killed by lightning near Tascosa, April 18. The Free Presbyterian church at Arlington was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Mrs. Henry Pikel, of Hubbard City, committed suicide by taking a dose of "Rough on Rats."

A hurricane passed through Wexlar, Saturday, destroying churches and other buildings. Richard Holbrecht, a German, in jail at Gonzalez, charged with a heinous crime, hanged himself. Ike Arnold waylaid and killed a young man named Young near Blooming Grove. They had quarreled previously, both being admirers of the same young lady. Arnold's reputation is very bad, while Young bore a good name.

The son of Mr. Joe Carnahan, a farmer of Parker county, went fishing, and falling into the creek, was drowned. W. F. Beard's house near Waxahachie, was struck by lightning. Mr. Beard was knocked down but not injured. Mrs. McDonald, of San Antonio, was burned in her house April 16. Her husband was found dead near the building. Dr. S. D. Hower, of Aubrey, while crossing the railroad track, was thrown some distance by the train and injured seriously.

Tom Murillo, of Waco, was found dead at the foot of the stairs of the Cotton Belt hotel. His skull was fractured and his neck broken. Icey Austin, (colored) while building a fire at Van Alstyne with kerosene, was burned to death through the explosion of the can. Joe McKendrick, at Marble Falls works, had his arm caught in a "splitter" machine and cut and crushed to elbow, necessitating amputation. Mrs. Carrie L. Cox, of Granbury, was thrown from a horse, had three ribs, collar bone and nose broken and received also serious internal injuries. A house, near Rice, occupied by a family named Leat, was struck by lightning, April 20th. Mrs. T. and her children were scorched and the clothing torn off.

El Trizgas, a Dallas boy, sat down on the railroad track near Ceburne, went to sleep, and was run over and killed by a passing train. Jos. Hastings, a section hand, was killed by lightning near the Cole Fair grounds, Dallas, last week. Chas. L. Smith was being shaved by a barber at Texarkana, and it is supposed went to sleep. He woke up suddenly and moved his head with a jerk that buried the razor in his throat, almost severing the wind-pipe. The man is out of danger, but had a close call. Query: If he had been killed without being able to testify, would not circumstantial evidence have hanged the barber?

**To the Teachers of Texas.**  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS, April 10.—The next session of the Texas State Teachers' Association will be held in Galveston, June 27, 28 and 29, 1889. The educational exhibit should be a valuable feature, and it is hoped that all really progressive teachers will give the matter the attention which its importance demands. The exhibit has been organized into the following departments:  
1. Department of higher education, including the work of literary universities, colleges and normal schools. In charge of Miss Lula McCoy, Huntsville.  
2. Department of city public graded schools, including all schools in the order below colleges. In charge of Mr. T. J. Patisio, Houston.  
3. Department of country schools and private institutions, including seminaries and all other schools, the work of which does not extend beyond that of the ordinary high school course. In charge of Miss Florence Z. Bright, Austin.  
4. Department of industrial education, including the products of all technical and manual training schools. In charge of Mr. A. L. Banks, Bryan.  
5. Art department, including special exhibits of drawing, crayon work, water colors, and all forms of decorative art. In charge of Miss Imogen Walker, Dallas.  
6. Department of bound pedagogical literature, school journals, etc. In charge of Mr. Wirt Mann, Fort Worth.

You are invited to exhibit specimens of drawings, paintings, needlework, wood carving, map drawing, kindergarten work, examination papers, bookkeeping sets, specimens in geology, zoology, botany, etc., your catalogues, photographs of school buildings and of teachers, gings and in groups. You are invited to exhibit anything of interest connected with your school work. For any information, write to the manager of the department in which you wish to place an exhibit. Please notify the manager of the exhibit at an early date as possible, and state what you wish to present. All materials for exhibit should be consigned to Wirt Mann, care of Superintendent Jacob Bickler, Galveston, Texas. Persons making an exhibit should be present at least one day previous to the meeting of the association, and make the necessary arrangements for the proper display of the same. Very truly,  
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**Miscellaneous.**  
Gen Longstreet's residence in Gainesville, Ga., was burned. Loss \$10,000. The Standard Oil Co. has bought several thousand more acres of oil territory. The Missouri Court of Appeals has decided that it is illegal to play base ball on Sunday. Don Sebastian Lerdo de Tejada, ex-president of Mexico, died at 1:45 o'clock, April 22. Shreveport, La., wants to build a court house by direct taxation instead of by the issuance of bonds. The Michigan House of Representatives has passed a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigars.

Fifteen thousand persons were rendered homeless by a great fire at Surat. Cholera has broken out there. Thirty-eight Kansas cowboys have been employed to go to Minneapolis to take the place of the strikers on the street car lines. At the church services in Washington, attended by the president's family, the Korean gentlemen and ladies were the chief attraction. Easter Monday, known as children's day at the White House, was celebrated by the little ones going in crowds to the White House and rolling brilliantly colored eggs.

The Minnesota Legislature has passed a law against the importation of dressed beef, in the interest of the local butchers to exclude the products of the Chicago packing house. Secretary Rusk is investigating the subject of importing polish salts for fertilizers. All fertilizers can be imported free of duty. Polish was imported for chemical purposes. The secretary of the treasury made a decision in 1870 that fertilizers containing over 30 per cent of free potash would be subject to duty. The secretary of the treasury informed Secretary Row that he would be glad to consider any recommendation the latter would make to him in behalf of the farmers, looking to the importation of salts free of duty. provided the Treasury Department could be assured that they would be used for fertilizing. Secretary Rusk suggested to the Treasury Department that it would be of greater benefit to the farmers if the ruling of the Department could be modified so that these high grade potash salts could be admitted free in this country and used for the manufacture of fertilizers, the Treasury Department instituting proper regulations to secure their use for that purpose. Secretary Rusk thinks it necessary for

the manufacture of fertilizers to give bond to the Treasury, that the potash salts so imported be used exclusively for manure purposes. These suggestions, if acted on, will be of inestimable value to the farmers' interests through cheaper fertilizers.

**Mormon Elders Stripped and Flogged Till they Paint Under Fanishment.**  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 19.—Advices from Dale county, Ala., say that five Mormon elders who have been proselyting in that region for some time past and who had organized a colony for Utah, were taken from the house of Gid Irons last Monday night by forty citizens of the county, stripped to the waist and each one of them received one blow on his back from each of the regulators, given with a hickory switch. Two of the Mormons fainted under the punishment and the others were wet with blood. After whipping, the men's legs were tarred and feathered and they were warned to leave the country at once on pain of death.

**A Professional Beggar's Wealth.**  
NEW ORLEANS, La., April 18.—Felix Viart, aged ninety-two, a professional beggar, died here two days ago of debility and neglect, in an old shanty in the rear of the town. She had lived there for over twenty years in the most abject poverty, supporting herself by begging, which she followed as a regular profession. The coroner, in inspecting the circumstances of her death, discovered hidden around the shanty \$38,000, of which \$25,000 was gold, secured in an old flower pot, \$10,000 in gold bonds, stocks and securities in the walls. She was believed to be in destitute circumstances. She came here from France, and her only heir lives in Paris.

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