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LUTHERANISM .- JUDAS ISCARIOT.

JEAN PAUL

1. The great Macedonean, Alexander, was not greater as a military chieftain than Luther was great as a theologian. See him on his knees ascending "Pilate's Staircase" in Rome, on each step repeating twelve Pater Nosters, when suddenly the meaning of, "The just shall live by faith," flashed full of heart and hope. through his mind, causing him instantly to rise to his feet, a new man in Christ Jesus. When, subsequently, he was warned against compliance with before the church diet, he valiantly remarked, "If at Worms there are more

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Wittenberg." I sometimes fear that reading law. He was a polite, genial, this esteem borders on idolatry. Per-cordial gentleman up to twenty minutes this esteem borders on idolatry. Per-tinaciously his followers hold on to his interpretations of Holy Scripture, even wrote a note to his friends, shaved himpreve it to have been erroneous. The mains unaltered to this day. A quotation from Luther settles all disputes, even though that quotation be at variance with utterances of Christ and the different denominations; but only one is our Master, even Christ.

3. The fifty million Lutherans scattered throughout the world are Sacramentarians, the same as our High but had not the courage to try to pull Church Episcopalians. Baptismal re-generation is a cardinal tenet. Con-God offered him in the new birth. He of baptism. In confirmation the child, that the Holy Ghost could restore the at the age of twelve to fifteen years, power lost by a life of sin. This was assumes personally the baptismal vows. the one incredible thing to him. Strange During baptism in infancy so-called god-parents assumed those vows by proxy. Being confirmed the Christian ville Advocate for years. He had not s complete, with title clear to mansions been a professor of religion. No one in the sky.

tion, was indeed discarded by the great reformer; but the substitute for same, attended. This poor man, low as he According to this doctrine the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are not changed into body and blood of Chrst; but owing to Christ's corporeal ubiquity, so far as his resurrection body is conso far as his resurrection body is con- his burial. He was alone in the world; cerned, that body, together with the blood, are mysteriously superadded to he had often stood sadly in need of huthe bread and wine. To the visible

Lutherans have accepted the arrogant As soon as I got here and found my claim of being the only true church of old time friend, and learned his condi-God. Their ministry only is authorized to officiate in holy things. The preachers of the "sects" are pretenders. Exchange of pulpit with them would be exchanged an unperdunable sin. Of the Abvocate itself is no small thing did time friend, and learned his condition and habits, I at once prevailed on the older ladies of my charge to speak to the manner of the growth; and it for the price. If you do not take it you without pretending to accuracy I refer to the manner of the growth; and it for the price. If you do not take it you was engaged in the older ladies of my charge to speak to him every opportunity, and to show him every opportunity, and to show him every kindness, hoping in this way him every kindness hoping in this way him every hoping him every kindness hoping him every hoping him every kindness hoping him every kindness hoping h be considered an unpardonable sin. Of to fling a halter of love over his head commenced services three days in adlate years subdivided into hostile fac. and thus to rein him back towards the vance of the time set for the quarterly tions, warring with each other, the weaker factions seem inclined to become more tolerant to other denominations.

understood when it is remembered that He is now a traveling Methodist on the occasion of Mary's anointing preacher. I had rather lay one of my the feet of Jesus he is called a thief. He was dishonest. The chief aim of yard than to see him set up a bachelor's his life was to acquire money. Fair hall on a large prairie farm to be cultimeans failing, foul ones were employed. vated by freed labor. I know of no The man who unmans himself by becoming a slave of money is but a will- ruin and to hell than this. ing tool of Satan, prepared for darkest on the eve of the betrayal means no am glad they marry good women as more than that the betrayer, the tool of Satan, was now fully determined and ready to commit the director details as it should be, as God intended ready to commit the dire deed.

it to be. A young man of good character, good habits, good health and fair of his sin because he sought it not. The return of the money to the chief priests care of himself and a wife. Most boys was well; but the confession of his sin and young men waste or spend foolishly should have been made to God. The twice as much as a wife would cost. Inrepentance of his sin seemed genuine, deed, few men save any mone until they but he failed to come to Him who alone hath power on earth to forgive sins. Had he meekly asked for mercy, mercy more, ten times over, than it takes to keep would not have been withheld. Christ's her. If she is worth anything she is worth everything. It is not what a

5. I see in Judas Iscariot a wretch who by long persistence in sin and resistance to the overtures of grace had ble to each other. Aside from economy, sunk down to the quicksand of reprobacy. The heart callous. For three years he had worn the livery of heaven to serve the devil in. A habitual dissembler, he doubted the existence of way for good young men and women to now endeavors to attain to the Rock of They will be as they come to years. Ages? He could not. Mortification and women married than single. God and unbelief prevented. He recognized his guilt, but protracted duplicity had bereft him of the elements which necessarily enter into saving into faith.

LETTER FROM GILDEROY.

What a splendid winter we have had and what a delightful spring is now upon us. Such a fine season for farming operations I never remember to have seen before. Everything is well ad- of perdition. vanced. The fields are in good tilth and as clean of weeds and grass as a garden need be. The farmers are brim-

appearing before that august assembly."

2. No other church dignitary is held in higher esteem than the "Monk of known him when he was a young man from ear to ear with a razor. I had tal relation. wept bitter tears over his enslavement,

suspected any dethronement of reason. 4. That monstrosity, transubstantia- His funeral was the saddest, most solemn and most impressive of any I ever no family, no near kin, and, doubtless, man sympathy and tenderness-particbread and wine the invisible body and blood of Christ are sacramentally added. who made man and knew him best, said: 5. From the Roman Catholies our "It is not good for man to be alone."

sons (I have six) away in the grave-

surer way for a young man to go to

I am delighted to see my sons pas

sionately fond of ladies' society, and I

industry is abundantly able to take

banker a man can have. She saves

man or woman has, but what they are,

that makes them valuable, indispensa-

marriage is a great moralizer, civilizer

and Christianizer of men. As things

now are in this Christian land of civil

and religious liberty, it is best every

They will be happier and better men

* * * 1. The transgression of the various to be cornered. This caused hope to on the bay and in the bayou. I heard civil enactments is not deemed of equal die out of my own heart. In my time the conclusion of the morning sermon turpitude in every case. Our courts I have had much to do with lost and which was preached to a fine audience. discriminate between murder and man- ruined men, and I have good hope of An appointment for love-feast at slaughter, between perjury and false reclaiming them as long as they seek o'clock was made to yield to the exhoed, grand and petit larceny. This and enjoy the society of nice, Christian pressed wish of the people to hear does not apply to the transgression of ladies; but when they avoid the society preaching. The elder preached again the moral law. All sins are equally of good women and run from them the at night and called for penitents, and a heinous. The least sin, unforgiven, element of hope dies out of my heart. precipitates the sinner into hell. If in Ninety-nine out of every hundred men hell, are there degrees in the punish- who undertake to live to themselves, ment of the wicked? May be so. To room alone in an office, or some out-of- at night by the elder. Penitents flocked

rant be found for ascribing especially term includes women-"to be alone;" damnable characteristics to the crime to live by themselves and for themof Judas Iscariot? He betrayed a selves. friend and benefactor. Others did more. In this prairie country, immediately He allowed his love of money to do after the war, I knew several hundred to be right certain, probably six or what conscience disapproved. Is not young men who undertook to live alone this an every-day occurrence? His on these large farms with no one but eight, and of the number some who had conception of the Master's messiahship negroes about them, and I knew but was very indistinct—the same as in the case of the other disciples who hurriedly fled when Jesus suffered himself to be this because of the only one of light to be this because of the only one of light to be this because of the only one of light to be this because of the only one of light to be this because of the only one of light to be this because of the only one of light to be this because of the only one of light to be this because of the only one of light to be the on fled when Jesus suffered himself to be this large number who maintained a made a prisoner. character for virtue, honesty, so-3. The recreant apostle's character is briety and earnest Christian living.

crimes. That Satan entered into him

4. The betrayer found no forgiveness blood can make the foulest clean.

the summons of Charles V. to appear one death from disease, and only three what they are, they go up in flame

The schemes advocated would fill the sordid kind.

evil habit. He lamented his loss and the virtue of our innocent, fair girls. nity and is succeeding grandly. This crop of nettles should, if possible, be stamped out before we reap a

> has been inverted in some places-the gelical churches, and its object is to prolow is high and the high low.

THE DISTRICT-GALVESTON.

The end of the second round is close

at hand, and while I do not feel much

you have heard briefly. There has been unusual interest in other charges, more I believe in Share of the state of the stat way of life; but his sense of loss and unworthiness was so great that he soon be- est, and several persons came forward gan to avoid meeting ladies on the street for prayers. I did not arrive until and actually ran from them when about after 11 o'clock Sunday, being detained number came. Six professed to find the pearl of great price. Preaching Monday by the preacher in charge and be cast into hell is punishment sufficient.

2. This admitted, where can the wardevil. "It is not good for man"—this six professions. The doors of the church were opened and ten joined, three of whom were baptized, all of the rest having been baptized. Tuesday, program just as on Monday, and a numunited with the church. There was a little shouting of the better sort, and not a little religious, joyful weeping. It was a time of power, and I felt sure the meeting would go right on. I disliked exceedingly to leave, but the claims of other charges could not be set aside. Besides, I did not think it necessary that I should stay, and when Brother Davis spoke of help I discouraged sending for help. The evident strength of the meeting was such that nothing except some unlooked for blunder on the part of the preacher could have caused failure. And it did go on, and the results are thrilling. Praise the Lord.

At this writing Bro. Ward has gone to Bro. Davis, who is not a deacon, to baptize for him, that he may gather the converts into the church; and may-beso to marry a few couples. That just the thing for those young men who have been bacheloring about on the get married. A good wife is the best bleak, barren mountains of sin, to marry and establish Christian homes and be happy all round.

We are looking for great things on the district. Finances good where due attention is given and bad where neglected, as is likely to be the case any where. Pray for us.

H. V. PHILPOTT.

PEOPLE AND THINGS IN TEXAS.

magazines are trying to magnify a state of celibacy as the best, wisest, happiest and most independent and economical LeClere has a good hold on his work and most independent and economical conditions. for both sexes. This is contrary to and it has a good hold on him. Ged is with them. After a fortnight spent at the force of new Christian principles is reason, to nature and to divine rev- with the church at Palestine. I preached this place they again sailed. They had felt, and the divine truths of the gospel elation and smells strongly of the pit morning and night for him, partakof perdition.

not been long at sea when the chief informed Mr. W. that he had no doubt character of the people. Young people In some sections the country has been ily (Sister LeClere is in poor health), but that the chief and people would be in Samoa are better acquainted with flooded with books through the mails and left Palestine Monday morning, induced to receive them kindly and listed than the average Sundayteaching these infidel and free-love feeling on good terms with myself and ten to their instructions; but he feared school scholars in England, and the views and directly and indirectly ridiculing the Bible and the religion of our the train in Tyler, and went straight to Tamafaings, in whom it was believed very many cases, has changed the heart The health of the country is remarkably fine. Indeed, during my stay here, sixteen months, in a town of over twelve hundred inhabitants, we have had only hundred inhabitants, we have had only three labels and the spot. As soon as I know hundred inhabitants, we have had only three labels and the spot. As soon as I know hundred inhabitants, we have had only three labels and indirectly ride the train in Tyler, and went straight to the train in Tyler, and went straight to the spirit of the gods dwelt, and who sent to me, but my rule is to cremate the mean the parameters and only three labels and indirectly ride the train in Tyler, and went straight to the spirit of the deaths all told. One of these was a brilliant and very gifted man who had brilliant and very gifted man who had vocate in glowing colors what they are quaintance. He immediately felt well struction. After a long voyage they tations of foreigners, German or Engdevils than there are tiles on the roofs of the houses, I would not shrink from appearing before that august assembly."

If at worms there are tiles are tiles on the roofs thrown himself away, and lost hope and pleased to call "the higher spiritual enough to get up; so after breakfast saw at length the beautiful island of Savaii. When the vessel neared the contact of the sexes," infinitely above and prayer, we went together to a savaii. When the vessel neared the low and sordid plane of the maripreachers' meeting at the Baptist shore, some of the natives came off in Church, where the Lord's artillery was canoes, and recognizing the chief, welmassed, but unloaded, for it was Mon- comed him back to his native land. world with lust of the lowest and most day morning, and Monday always finds After some conversation with them he These books so far have fallen main
a clerical gun empty—still, though inquired, "Where is Tamafainga?"

empty, it is best not to fool with them. "Oh," they replied, "he is dead. He ly into the hands of men and not with- The report showed a healthy state of af- was killed ten or twelve days ago." The though subsequent research should self nicely, washed and powdered his out effect either. The seed has found fairs in the churches in Tyler. Timface and stood before the glass and took a congenial soil, and has begun to mons reported several accessions and lighted with these tidings that he leaped church polity which he introduced re- his own life, as stated above. I had not sprout and grow, and some men are crowded houses. Speaking of houses his own life, as stated above. I had not seen him for twenty-five years when I met him here. I had hoped to win him media between open libidinousness and any that is worth speaking of, but then done." On the first Sabbath after their days and American support, finally gave back to sobriety and to the honored poback to sobriety and to the honored po-sition in society he once held, but the state. The victims of this foul scheme and when they do it will no doubt be a board desiring to trade, but Fauca in-taken to Western Africa, and afterthe apostles. Respect the founders of main-spring of manhood, the will, had of hell are numerous enough in some creditable structure. Timmons serves lost its elasticity and power. He was quarters to awaken alarm, and with a good people in a thrifty, prosperous the abject slave of an over-mastering their boasted higher views, to imperil town, and is fully alive to his opportu-

> I left Tyler and am at the State Sunday-school convention at Dallas. This I did not intend to digress into this They have nothing to do with it. It is mote the work, improve the methods and increase the facilities of the Sundayschools of the churches and to organize schools by the church-workers in districts where none exist. The expression of the convention was : denominational schools where possible, and union

more, I believe, in Shearn Church than Dallas is a great big city, full of snap, elsewhere, unless St. James is an exception. There have been perhaps fifty thing in Dallas that I saw was the accessions to the membership of Shearn, coming by twos and threes at a time and long and high; is built of brick and brought to them, when she stood up The former appears to be a more intelquite frequently. There was a larger isla beauty. The next biggest thing and asked the divine blessing before all ligent, civilized and Christian man accession on, at least, one occasion. But is the editor of the ADVOCATE. The present. street cars. The Grand Windsor hotel, his life. He gave them a building for many and the United States. The where I staid, reports two hundred and a church and school house and four good greedy policy of the European powers, such as only the west ever sees, but Rarotonga to make a second visit to the Zeland and the Fijii Islands, has stimuamong them all is not Georgetown the Samoas. The first island they arrived lated France to seize Tahiti and the hub? and does it not revolve around at was Manua, after six days' delight. New Hebrides, and Germany to take verily. Is there a better place to educate boys or girls than the Southwestern sons of the Word." Mr. M. was surments with England to divide between cate boys or girls than the Southwestern University at Georgetown? Nay, verily. prised at this, for this place was 250 them the unclaimed lands or islands in It is the best, and you can get all neces-Georgetown; for am I not the agent of great numbers of the people of Savaii asked protection of the United States. the Southwestern University? For the present I am C. C. Armstrong.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE SAMOAN ISLANDS. REV. GEO, POLLARD.

The Samoan or Navigators' Islands lie between 131 and 141 degrees south fighting. of the equator, and between the meridians 169 and 173 degrees west. The purpose of introducing the gospel group, and 177 native pastors.

among the inhabitants. He was obliged There is an institution for training

to build a vessel for making the voyage. native pastors, a theological seminary, for the work, three of the four goats on reports, there were ninety-nine students. the island were killed, that their skins In order that the institution may be from taking Malietoa prisoner and forcmight be used for its construction. Af- largely self-supporting, each of the ing him into exile. ter the bellows had been constructed students has a portion of land to cultiwith difficulty, the rats destroyed the vate and raise his own provisions. skins, so that it was useless, and Mr. There are institutions of learning on men-of-war sent out by our government Williams was obliged to invent an ap- other islands also, and the pupils, both to Samoa a short time since had been paratus which served as a substitute. male and female, show great enthusiasm A stone had to be used as an anvil, and in their studies. On Savaii there are lu, having been driven on a reef in a They had no saw, very little iron, no don Missionary Society sent last year including four officers; and that three oakum, cordage or sail cloth; and yet a special deputation to these islands to German men-of-war had been wrecked succeeded in launching a vessel 60 feet examine the condition of its mission, at the same time and place, with a loss of in length, 18 in breadth, of 70 or 80 A gentleman from London and two ninety-six men, including nine officers. tons burden. The trees were split with clergymen from Australia were sent for wedges instead of saws; and for adzes this purpose. They report very fathey used small hatchets. The ropes vorably respecting what they saw temper of peace, thankfulness, love, and were made of the bark of the hibiscus and heard. They say: "We have affection is much more the proper frame and the sails of native mats. Three no hesitation in saying that a very great for prayer than that of terror and dismonths were spent in its construction, change has been wrought, and a change composure; and that under the dread and on the 24th of May, 1830, Mr. as great as we have any right to expect of mischief impending a man is no more Williams and Mr. Barff, with seven na- We have met and addressed large as lift for a comforting performance of the tive helpers or teachers, sailed from semblies of native Christians; we have duty of praying to God than he is for Raiatia for the Samoan Islands. They met in conference more than two hun- repentance on a sick-bed, for these disstopped first at Tongataboo, one of the dred native pastors; we have attended composutes affect the mind as the oth-Friendly Islands, where they found a meetings at the college where more than ers do the body, and the discomposure Railroads are good things to travel chief of one of the Samoan Islands, one hundred students were present; we of the mind must necessarily be as great on. The Land G. N. is a good road, no who was related to influential families have had quiet talks with individuals; a disability as that of the body, and matter who runs it. Palestine is on this there, had been eleven years absent we have talked with missionaries and much greater, prayer to God being road, and G. A. LeClere is the pastor of from his home, and was desirous to re- foreigners about the converts and un-

"Oh," they replied, "he is dead. He chief, whose name was Fauca, was so deformed them that this was a praying ship, and that it was a sacred day, and dignant at this action, chose Mataafa in surprise, collected around him, when Germans continued to support the rebel he informed them of the object these chief. men had in coming to them; and that It is hoped the German Government is no part of the Sunday-school union. the people of some other islands had will repudiate the action of her officials received Christianity, and told the adthings I see in what are said to be "high the International to the State, county "Can the religion of these foreigners be States will unite in supporting the places," but they look exceedingly low and precinct. It is composed of Sun- anything but wise and good? Look at rightful native rulers. to me. The fact is the order of things day-school workers from all the evan- them and then at ourselves. Their heads are covered, while ours are exposed to the heat of the sun and the ing message to his people: "To all wet of the rain. Their bodies are clothed Samoa-On account of my great love with beautiful cloth, while we have noth- to my country, and my great affection ing but a covering around our waists. to all Samoa, that is the reason that I They have clothes upon their very feet, deliver up my body to the German while ours are like the dog's. Look at government. That government may their axes, their seissors and their other do all they wish with me. The meanproperty. How rich they are!" This ing of this is that I do not desire that address was listened to with great inter-est by the people who crowded around for me. But I do not know what is

> gone on shore with the teachers and Farewell. May you be blessed.' their wives, described to the natives In the Christian Herald for Febru-

The missionary work, begun here by Sohn Williams in 1830, has been carried rival chiefs, and for a long time disprincipal are four, Savaii, Upolu, Tutui- on by the London Missionary Society order prevailed. The commercial ineight, and of the number some who had not attended the altar of prayer, and to be from 30,000 to 35,000. The though incomplete, gives the number of hands of England, the United States islands were visited by a French vessel church members as 3,714 and the ad- and Germany, the latter having the in 1787, when several of the party were herents as 15,734. Native helpers, larger share. A treaty was made bemurdered by the natives. After this preachers and teachers have gone from tween the three powers in respect to for many years they were not visited the Samoan Islands to the Gilbert these interests and these islands. by vessels from civilized countries. Mr. Islands and other groups and from these Williams, the English missionary of one there is reported a membership of 2,260. of the Society Islands, formed the plan | There are now eight English missionof visiting these islands in 1824, for the aries on the islands of the Samoan

A pair of smith's bellows being needed on the Island of Upolu, where, at last pair of carpenter's pincers for tongs. six schools with 1332 pupils. The Lon-violent storm, and fifty men drowned, says so, and experience and observation confirm the truth of the divine word.

Some foolish, and generally infidel, men and women, papers, books and says so, and experience and observation the Methodist Church at that place. He has a large, comfortable church, lighted with electricity, and on last Sunday of Peace) was built, and the purpose of this voyage, promised to use his influ-

character of the people. Young people

were unwilling to labor on the planthority of the Samoan king, but ruled by the Germans, has caused trouble.

The King Malietoa, grandson of the Malietoa in Mr. Williams' time, was an excellent Christian man, but the Germans favored the cause of an insurgent chief named Tamasese.

In 1887 the king, after concealing wards to Germany. The Samoans, inthey could not trade with them. They, as king in place of Malietoa, while the

in Samoa, and that her representatives firmation constitutes the consummation could not be made to believe, or see, line, but my heart is sad over some simply a system of conventions from vantages they derived from it. Said he: and those of England and the United

The King Malietoa, on giving himself up to the Germans, sent the followmy offense which has caused their an-In the meantime his wife, who had ger to arise to me and my country.

assembled there the wonders she had ary 27,1889, there are copies of the porseen and the value of the religion that traits of the King Malietoa and of his than the latter; and one might easily forty rooms and works about seventy people. That is a big house keeping.

Dallas is one of many cities in Texas in October, 1832, Mr. W. sailed from England's possession of Australia, New the Southwestern University? Yea, ful voyage. The first islanders who possession of New Guinea. And it miles distant from the teacher's resi- those regions. Samoa, fearing for his sary information by writing to me at dence. He was pleased to learn that own safety and independence, in 1873 and Upolu had received the truth. At Though compliance with the expressed Savaii the teachers welcomed him with wishes of the people in this respect tears and shouts of joy. At first war would be contrary to the policy of our had raged between the islands, but the government, yet it was deemed proper teachers had always been well cared and wise to give encouragement and for, and one chief after another had make certain promises, and in 1878 renounced his superstitions and ceased their independence was recognized more fully by our government. King Malietoa had much trouble, caused by

> When in 1887 the united efforts of these powers to secure peace and order by the election of a chief failed, Germany separated from the other powers and favored the cause of the usurper, Tamasese, declaring him to be King. Though the English and American Consuls protested against such proceedings, the German soldiers were not prevented

On Saturday, March 30, the country was startled by the news that the three wrecked at Apia on the Island of Upo-

I MUST testify from experience that a

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CACTUS TO BRO. BLLIOTI.

Bro. F. H. C. Elliott writes some things in the ADVOCATE that I most heartily endorse, and to which I agree. He is a "candidate for a deeper work of grace, for a more complete consecration, for the prayers of the brethren, for the influence of the Holy Ghost, and for the city not made with hands." I hereby announce myself a candidate for the same. He is "satisfied with Methodism" in its present machinery. So am I. The "problem of Methodism is how to bring the world to Christ." Amen. I will agree to that. But now, my brother-I suppose you are a brother, though you disclaim kinship with Uncle Henry—you grew a little rash when you threatened to "locate" because the "private in rear ranks" professed to know something of how the battle should go on. Do not get jealous, brother; there are many privates that are capable of giving good advice in this great warfare that we are waging againt sin. I wish that we could get more of the privates to speak out in our papers, and in our conferenceseven if it should cause some of our wise generals to resign. These same privates may be better qualified to see and correct some of the faults of the officers than officers themselves. They mingle more with the common people, and know more of the criticisms passed upon these grand generals than the officers do. If these generals only knew what some of the "privates in the rear ranks" thought of some of their conduct, they would doubtless correct some errors that need correcting. I think it rather ungenerous in you to want to hush a private because he is a private. If the private is loyal, and speaks for the good of his country, you might afford to hear him courteously even if you should not see fit to adopt his advice. It may be that from your exalted position you may be disqualified for seeing some little things that the "private in the rear ranks" may see. To illustrate, you see Cactus with his "little hatchet" at work on the hull of our grand old "Methodist ship;" and you imagine that he is trying to make a leak in the vessel, and you order him to stop his work. O my brother, do not be so suspicious! Cactus is not trying to make a leak in the vessel but he is a leak in the vessel, and you order him to make a leak in the vessel, but he is working to caulk it to prevent a leak. his effort to raise his missionary collecbecause it is little. No other sort of plea that "charity begins at home" is I would not make choice of cannon to shoot sparrows. Uncle Henry knew what sort of material I had to work on, hence he gave me a little hatchet. I confess I do not know what you

mean by the "gnat on the ox's horn." mean by the "gnat on the ox's horn." this duty in all its scriptural light. I do not know why you should call me Has the church such on hand? If so, an ox. You have a high appreciation of Methodist preachers. So have I. hatchet.'

Now, my brother, I am done with the as our whole craft, rank and file, behave themselves all right.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR PASTOR. JUNIUS.

DEAR BROTHER: You have lately begun your work among us, and have sought to enlist our sympathy, prayers and assistance in its due performance. These we are prepared to render, and hope that our joint efforts will be blessed to our mutual benefit, and to the up-building of the church. As a faithful pastor you have told

us of some of our faults and short-comings, for which we are thankful, and hope to profit by it; and as you have not yet reached perfection's height, I trust you will receive in the same spirit the few suggestions I propose to offer for your own improvement.

The sacred office of pastor is not one to be lightly assumed, or indifferently for three years, and my book has regregarded. Called to it of God, and the ularly gone to the district conference sanction of the church, it requires both wisdom and grace to meet its obligations. It may be considered axiomatic ords is appointed and they pass sentence that the spiritual guide or leader of the flock should not only be an example of piety, but of all else that tends to refine and elevate humanity. As you will, doubtless, concur in this statement, allow me to ask how, as our pastor, you can consent to recommend and encourage the unclean and offensive habits of chewing and smoking tobacco by a personal indulgence in the filthy practice?

If I, wishing to raise my children free from the taint of tobacco, by teaching them its pernicious influence, what uniformity in keeping the records is the Angels of God, where were ye encamp. hand with Christianity and science, shall hope have I that my counsel and warning will be accepted when our pastor, ences, that this committee should be inwhom they are taught to respect and honor, chews and smokes the vile weed mands, I try to guard my children against the formation of bad habits, is course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear; what a scene bursts upon the course is pursued it will not be long till and desolate must have been old earth lear.

wrong. Don't attempt to shield yourself by pleading the number, respectsonally responsible for your influence on this line, and are called on to "quit your meanness." Do so at once; make the sacrifice for Christ's sake, for your thing.'

FREE LITERATURE. REV. C M. KEITH.

I believe it is generally admitted and taught by the best talent among us that earth-is the truest test of the genuineness of our holy Christianity, and of in-dividual Christ-likeness. The Methodist Church, with many others, has long since been striving to measure up to the standard of perfection in this particular, but measurably fails because of too much friction in the machinery-to many of our members are opposed to missions. This difficulty is being lessened by a liberal distribution of lit erature from both our Missionary and Church Extension Boards, and it serves as a thumb-screw by which the church turns light into the minds of her membership that has so long been darkened with the selfish pretext, "charity begins at home." This is good as far as it goes, and I hope it will be operated more extensively. But there is a work lying behind all this, the accomplishment of which would do more for missions than all other movements combined, and that is the establishing of the habit of family prayer. It is ast onishing how universally this all-important means of grace is neglected, and that, too, right in the face of obligations assumed by all the heads of families that are members of the Methodist Church to discharge this duty in particular. And what is the result? A warped, in many particulars, and especially in hatchet would be suitable for that work. true with this class-charity meaning in this connection dispensing the gospel to the needy. It should begin with them afresh. Now, there is no better way of remedying this than by a free distribution of literature that sets forth let us have it, and if not, I hope some of the fathers will prepare it at once.

hull of the craft. I will take your word on account of lack of money, and the for it, but it is not the best sign to see ladies of Santa Anna are making special one coming up to show his tongue to efforts to assist in raising the required prove that he had not been bootlicking, amount of 8450. The following plan when he had not been personally ac- has been suggested as one means of accused. I will not say that you have complishing the desired end: They rebeen guilty of fulsome eulogy. If you quest you to return this letter to Mrs. S. have never known anything of the sort, H. Chiles, Santa Anna, Texas, with I am not surprised that you did not twenty-five cents inclosed, which will know what I was doing with my "little be faithfully applied to the purpose named, and your name enrolled among the friends of the church. They also on each of them, the number next higher than the one at the head of this, and send to two special friends, who you think would take an interest in a laudable and needy cause, and help to the ex-tent asked. When the number shall have reached ten, begin at one again. Now please do not treat this matter indifferently. To you it is only twentyfive cents, to them it is a house of worship. If from any cause you can not comply with this request, will you not kindly return this to Mrs. S. H. Chiles, so that they may know where the chain was broken. Please do not be the first to break it. Sincerely, Mrs. S. H. Chiles.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REC-ORDS AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

A RECORDING STEWARD. I have been a recording steward now for examination and correction. A committee on Quarterly Conference Recon the same, which is read before the conference then in session, and is then forever, as far as any practical benefit is concerned, hidden from view of men. Now I feel that the designs of this procedure are void of practical results. As stated above, my book has been present at each session of the conference, and that fatal hill. We hear the thud of don't know yet whether it is "neatly flesh. Even at this distance of time and faithfully kept" or not, because I and space a feeling of horror creeps have never heard from that committee over us at the bare thought. "Eternal mighty circle of its orbit, that man, object of this procedure in our conferstructed to furnish each recording stew-

not innocently neutralize your influence peace and prosperity, unfortunately bewith your children by doing in their came involved in petty spites, until they presence what you taught them to be grew to such proportions that all the influence of the conservative element ability and piety of those who chew amicable adjustment of prevailing dif-and smoke. You cannot lose your identity in this crowd. You are perthan a man's hand," grew until the spiritual sky became overcast with portentous gloom. To settle the difficulty seemed a hopeless task, and as a last resort a letter was addressed to an old tial lustre has thrown its rainbow own sake, and for the sake of the flock of which you are pastor. If others and his aid was invoked. In reply to transient human habitation with its of which you are pastor. If others and his aid was invoked. In reply to transient human habitation with its continue to indulge, "come out from this solicitous appeal, he wrote a letter radiant corruscations. In Judea's hills among them, and be ye separate, saith to the church, and at the same time of sacred song the Star of Bethlethe Lord, and touch not the unclean wrote one to his overseer. Getting his hem first threw its flaming shutdirections a little mixed, he backed the tle, and with slow but steady one designed for the overseer to the purpose began its westward course. church. In due time the letter came, Since the dawn of Christianity the church was called together, and the nothing has spread so universally and seal broken with due solemnity in an- with such rapidity. In the land of clasticipation of conservative and sage-like advice. It read as follows: "Turn the of life, and sent it throbbing into hopeless the missionary spirit—a disposition of heart to spread the gospel of saving grace to the uttermost ends of the announced that it was a hyperbolical liberty and of song, beheld a new lustre once more reigned in Zion.
G. V. RIDLEY.

BEAUMONT. CHRISTIANITY YESTERDAY, TO DAY AND FOREVER.

SAM'L B THOMAS. thought and feeling, the hmman mind, the soul of man, will release itself from the low and perishable around it, and attest its own eternity. Whither shall it turn for light and guidance? Hope and fear in advance of all statement or reasoning, despite all opposing theories, at once direct it to the revelation of Christianity as alone able to solve the

awful mystery. Hundreds of years ago when earth was rocked in the cradle of infancy, paganism, that dreadful harbinger of vice and crime, had spread its direful woes athwart the then known world. heathenism was nursed at every fireside where man had fixed his habitation and his home. By its influence the home-life was made impure, and the most infamous immoralities were committed. Vice and crime ran lawless through the streets of the cities, and

tire country. The birth of that Judean peasant in

tion. He came in the hour when palaces and thrones were stained with human gore; when the storm-cloud of superstition and ignorance swept the face of the earth, and like the lightning's night, He awoke the dreaming thousands from their sleep of sin and slumbers of crime. In three short, broken years, "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrow and acquainted with

grief," treading the wine press alone, will be the theme of innumerable millions long after this old earth shall be dissolved into burning embers, and this star-spangled system "worn with time's relentless reign" shall be draped in the midnight of chaos. Although hatred, vice and crime, in every amenable shape, joined in one solid phalanx to crush the Son of Mary, nevertheless He, amid their torments and persecutions, pointed them to a home far above the sweep of sorrow's wing. A splendid aureola of virtue and love threw its rainbow radiance around his stormy sky, and like the lamb at the slaughter, the meek and lowly Savior stemmed every flood without a murmur. The ruthless solwith infuriated frenzy upon bim in the garden of Gethsemane imagined that at last they had within their grasp the power to crush this new religion. But no! It was destined to live on through the "lapse of ages and waste of worlds." Let us turn for a moment to the horrible scene which eventuated in the eman-

Let us see what Christianity has done IMPATIENCE WITH REGULARITY. for the world. Where are the nations of barbaric splendor that once had dominion over all earth? It is needless could avail nothing in bringing about an to say that the influence of that "once buried and dishonored king" caused them to sink into an untimely grave. premacy. All along down the dreary lrift of ages this divine light of celessic Greece, it stirred the mighty pulse from the million bones of her uncoffined onic blossom ready to expand its budding petals under the genial warmth and light of Christianity. When he turns his attention to himself, and enters its only one elements the base of his revelation and the hope of life, like the phænix, rises from the ashes of her Bastile. From every vine-clad hill and smooth valley of sunny there is only one elements that the base of her based of sunny the base of her based of his revelation and the hope of life, like the phænix, rises from the ashes of her Bastile. From every vine-clad hill and smooth valley of sunny the based of his revelation and the hope of life, like the phænix, rises from the ashes of her Bastile. there is only one element that forms the keystone to all developments of humanity. Ever and anon amid the scenes and vicissitudes engrees altar whose incense of liberty and law and the uniformed formalism which reaches from ocean to ocean. Here the pure spirit of Christianity culminates its Great Britain. "Mr. Wesley was irregwanton zenith. The glorious flag of Columbia is kissed by its radiant light, and reflects the color of coming years; while the stars glitter with the splendor of a glorious destiny. However assailed by the rivaled powers of force and intellect, Christianity has met and resisted every shock, and lined the shores of time with wrecks; and with the same

undecaying freshness she rises from the ruins of her enemies with a multiplied splendor; like the visioned war tower of some primeval world unmoved and unaffected by the changes of time or the chances of doom, Christianity, amid all the mutations and transmutations of Mrs. George M. Hamlin" preaching the time and men, has ever been the same throughout all ages. Progressive science hath never taken the lead, but ever followed this revelation; while the latter hath energized this great spirit of huvirtue and justice were not known. hath energized this great spirit of hu-Upon this gloom-draped horizon, ere man progress, it ever remaineth the Upon this gloom-draped horizon, ere science had plumed her starry wing, or midnight melted into dewy morn, the moral midnight of the human mind, the sun of Christian revelation, with heal- this glorious land of ours is the same these are the convulsions of the unusual of Methodist preachers. So have I. My father and two brothers are Methodist preachers, and I have been so much with preachers I love them as I love no other class of men, but I am not blind to their faults—and I have known preachers who were not entirely free from faults—and I thought a few little at least knock a few barnacles off the last knock a few barnacles off the care. I will take your word at least knock a few barnacles off the care. I will take your word a love them as I aglorious sunbeam it permeated the entired to complete the consequences.

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OF Christianity that smiled over Grecian plong over Roman ruin. The day spring from heaven that warms of sacred memory the first song of sacred memory the first song of peace on earth good will to man broke upon the raptured shepherds, and alone, unheralded, the star of Bethlehem arose amid the wickedness and degratory or wept over Roman ruin. The day spring from heaven that warms of wars saddened souls is the same that warms of sacred memory the first song of time. In Judea's hills day spring from heaven that warms of sacred memory the first song of the emptyrean of time. In Judea's hills day spring from heaven that warms of sacred memory the first song of the emptyrean of time. In Judea's hills day spring from heaven that warms of the emptyrean of time. In Judea's hills day spring from heaven that warms of the emptyrean of time. In Judea's hills day spring from heaven that ings on his wings, rose in a flood of Christianity that smiled over Grecian tined to conquer the entire world, quences which threaten to accompany for the victories are still being multithe "Bethlehem cattle shed," opened the way for fallen man's redemption. Alone with a corrupted, enraged and madinary many for fallen man's redemption and madinary many for fallen man's redemption. Alone with a corrupted, enraged and madinary many forms of the box reals are considered in the final conquests burn along the sky. The laurels of many corresponding to the sky. The laurels of this day with those among whom it is dened world, this homeless wanderer glory shall form a coronet for her radi-proposed to make incessant employment offered peace and mercy to fallen crea-ant brow, and the shadow of her glory of novelties and sensational methods. will extend from sunrise to the farthest ocean of the west. Under the light of the round of all the leading preachers Christianity the dying mortal does not of London, in the earlier part of the shiver with dread as he approaches that reign of George III., and declared that dark midnight between the sunset of he heard not a single sermon which had promise not to take it up again as long this letter, signing your own name and significantly the letter, signing your own name and significantly the letter of the gospel in it than the written of the gospel in it the written of the gosp ings of Cicero, and that it would have unseen precincts, and when lost to mor- been impossible to know from what he tal view, throws back a radiance upon heard whether the preacher was a folhis pathway that beamed from the cold lower of Confucius, of Mohammed, or of brow of his former temple, like "aurora Christ. When Wesley was ten years from its boreal icicle." But for the old Bishop Burnet described the candi-He established a religion whose refrain glorious light of Christianity, a great dates for orders as men who "seem never portion of the world's history would to have read the Scriptures, and many have been lost. In her keeping we are could not give a tolerable account even to look for the most valuable treasuries of the catechism itself." And of some of human lore. She has rescued from who had been ordained, he said, "They oblivion's grasp spoils that belong to eternity. When nations had, for ages without number, trod a moral waste since they were ordained." The profiwithout number, trod a moral waste and wandered on in darkness, the Star of Bethlehem arose like a lovely vision and cast its radiance over the desolated seribable; nor has any picture of their seribable; nor has any picture of their world, and lit the wanderer's way to a home of glory. A few more redeeming justice to "the deep damnation" under triumphs and all nations will become one which they lay; while with men of culvast congress of peace and justice. The conquests and trophies of this revealed | ler's words) "it was taken for granted Christianity are untold and unknown. that Christianity was not so much as a The annals of eternity alone will record diery and heartless mob that rushed their magnificence and extent, where the history of man shall be merged in the archives of angels, and the "dew drops of time shall be lost in the ocean of eternity." It is chronicled in the pages body pretend that we are living now in of revelation that universal man while yet on earth shall surely emerge from or preacher of our time look out upon his long night; that a bright morning a Dead Sea in our population similar shall encircle him in its rosy pinions; to that above described? And as he cipation of the world. We behold the that science, the "birthright of wisdom," of love, light and life shall shed a halo of radiance around his brow-a fitting souls, cry out, "Come over and help us," was examined by the committee, and I the rugged nail as it tears the quivering prelude to his eventful destiny. And the time may come when the Star of verted and equipped ministers now in Bethlehem hath made complete the the church in vain? We "trow not."

An unmistakable tendency of the resent age is to go out of the usual

invention and novelty. We are surprised at nothing. When it is announced that from sending messages by nounced that from sending messages by electricity to points thousands of miles houses and even railway cars and steamers by the same wonderful agent, we are so little astonished that we pro-ceed forthwith to run street cars by it as a motive power. And so we have presently a large element of enthusiastic men who dispise any way of doing things which has been long in use and grown a little tame by usage and smooth working. They are ever on the lookout for some startling and before unknown methods.

This element is in the church as well as in society, and the world of commerce and business. Plain, straightforward preaching and going to church, worship and doing good not of a sensational sort, is at a discount with such men. letter, and moved its adoption as the wisest plan. It was done, and peace in her cerulean sky. It robed in light "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye wisest plan. It was done, and peace Bretania's ocean isle, and she became will not believe," said our Lord to men vocal with the melodies of salvation; of his day who undervalued plain truth and uneventful days marked by no sensoldiers that were piled into yawning sation, no great prodigy. If men no ditches, and leveled by the tramp of the longer expect to witness miracles, or see warrior's steed, shall spring the spirit of signs appearing in the heavens, "blood peace to still the clamor of war. France, and fire, vapor and smoke," they are, in church and great spiritual results only by means of irregular and often fantastical means and measures.

A favorite way with this tribe of propitiating favor among our people, and of protecting themselves from unfavorable criticism, is to refer to the early history of Methodism, and claim that all that mighty work of God was done by despising starched and stiff regularity ular and unusual and startling through out," and under the impulse of true Christian liberty refused to let the world perish because it could not be saved by the established clergy and their formalities, and so used lay preachers, and organized "The United Society," and went out and preached on commo and in woods and graveyards and wher ever there were hearers. And, therefore we are to do the like in our day. If he winked at Miss Bosanquet's holding meetings, we are to be unamazed to see, as in a recent issue of Zion's Herald, the announcement of "Rev. and one in the morning and the other in the evening, at a church in New Bedford: "occupied the pulpit" there. And with the advent of so many "evangelists," and the introduction of so many new ways of holding meetings and working

condition, however fearful, ever done ture and education (to use Bishop Butsubject for inquiry, but was at length discovered to be fictitious." Had there been long standing upon ceremony in such an age, "the very stones" would have begun to "cry out." Does anysuch a time? Does any observer, reader would, from any Macedonian point among us, pressed with the burden of does he appeal to the vast host of con-A recent enumeration of these among in regard to these matters. I think if justice, where were thy thunderbolts? climbing higher and higher, hand in Southern Methodists alone makes them exceed four thousand itinerants, not

ed, or how restrained?" A shadowy develop the destinies ordained by his counting local preachers, many of whom are men of culture and pious ability. the trembling followers of Christ as May not this be the millenium when What a reproach to these, if with such ard a statement in writing on the man- they saw his mangled body lifted from revelation has accomplished its mis- an army we must put our main reliance in their presence? If, as my duty de ner in which his book is kept, and of the cruel cross and carried to the bor- sion? Then for the resurrection-what for the work of God upon irregulars it fair, is it honorable, is it Christian, there will be uniformity "in deed and in to them as they caught the last dying raptured vision of fancy! Father, mon means used by ordinary ministers! for you, our pastor, to spurt out in their presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, think is the end desired.

| Gasp—the last sigh, from his pallid presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, think is the end desired. | Gasp—the last sigh, from his pallid presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, think is the end desired. | Gasp—the last sigh, from his pallid presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, think is the end desired. | Gasp—the last sigh, from his pallid presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, think is the end desired. | Gasp—the last sigh, from his pallid presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, think is the end desired. | Gasp—the last sigh, from his pallid presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, the presence your tobacco-burdened your tobacco-burdene presence your tobacco-burdened saliva, or puff the sickening fumes of the burning weed in their faces?

I put these questions plainly, and you cannot dodge the answer. If we were to change places you could easily perceive that I, as your pastor, could which had been distinguished for its

and Every Sunday. When "the usual service" shall in no case be dull or humdrum, there will be fewer "itching ears" paths in everything. It is the era of turned to listen to strange people and

York said: "After I was settled over distant, we are advanced to lighting my church, for about fifteen years, we used to receive into the church, on their profession of faith, from twelve to twenty persons every year. But we had no revival. Then there was a great revival among us, and we received in six months more than all we had received before in three years. After that we had no more gradual admissions, or only a very few, for six or seven years. And so it has been ever since for a period of twenty years. Every few years we have a revival and after it a dearth, and then another revival." He avows his preference for the former state of things, declares that conversions were more stable and satisfactory. We give the testimony without even impliedly saying anything against revivals, and especially deep and wide-spread revivals. But it may encourage plain and earnest workers who have een having steady though not great fruit of their labors, and around whose pulpits rise the wishes for "an evangelist," and into whose ears come suggespeace to still the clamor of war. France, and fire, vapor and smoke," they are, in tions of this and that expedient far rein the bleak December of her destiny, many cases, expecting progress in the viving the church." "Stick to the main channel." Go on in "the old paths" of gospel simplicity. Set not your sails to every new wind of method and fanciful performance. You may sail a little slowly according to the reckoning of some navigators, but, all the same, you will make the port of solid and durable success.—[Richmond Advocate.



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LESSON V., SUNDAY, MAY 5. THE COMMAND TO WATCH. Mark xiii:24 37.

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GOLDEN TEXT. "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." (Verse 33.) MEMORY-VERSES, 35-37.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What do these verses describe? The signs of Christ's coming.

2. What did he tell his disciples to do? To "flee to the mountains.

3. When were they to flee? When the Romans came. (See verse 14.)
4. Did they do so? Tradition says

they did.
5. What should happen after those days? The sun should be darkened, and the moon should give no light. 6. What else should happen? The

stars should fall, and the heavens be 7. Who should then come? "Then

shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds." 8. How should he come? With

great power and glory.

9. Whom will he send into all the world? The angels.

10. What will the angels do? Gather together his elect.
11. Who are the elect? The true servants of God.

12. What parable does our Lord use here? The parable of the fig tree.

13. What were the disciples to learn by it? That the Lord was nigh.

14. What did he say should not pass away until all was fulfilled? This gen-

eration. 15. What did Jesus say of his words?

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 16. Does any man know when the

world will come to an end? No man, and no angel; only the Father. 17. What did Jesus tell them to do?

18. What figure does he use? Of a man taking a journey, who left his servants, gave each his work to do, and commanded the porter to watch.

19. How will Jesus come? Suddenly.

20. What must we do? "What I say unto you I say unto all, watch."—[II-

lustrated Lesson Paper. LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The present lesson contains the conclusion of Mark's report of the discourse of which the beginning formed the last lesson. That portion evidently referred to the destruction of Jerusalem, and the intervening portion seems to point to the same event. But a wider reference, still future, is accepted by many, as indicated in the opening words of this lesson, "In those days, after that tribulation;" especially in view of the application of the latter part of the discourse, and of the more explicit state-ments and the added parables in Mat-

The place is still the Mount of Olives. The time, Tuesday evening, 12th of Nisan (perhaps after the 13th had begun) April 5, year of Rome 783-A. D. 30. Parallel passages: Matthew xxiv:29-44; Luke xxi:25-36.

LESSON SUMMARY.

The one plain and unmistakable

It mattered little to the apostles how or epicurean than I profess to be to much time, if any, would intervene bedraw a line between them.

Mrs. Morton, again, "if you should catch one of those poor little boys stealtween the first of these events and the other two. Their duty was to be ready for the first of them, and to watch for it have mentioned, and I have caught ness has made me great,' and if you are expectantly. If they were ready for that, them frequently in the depth of win- gentle and kind it may cure those poor, they were ready for the others. It mat- ter-when the line would freeze when dear little boys of their naughty ways." they were ready for the others. It may taken from the water. At this season shall intervene between the second of they are caught in deep waters, by fish-Our duty is to be ready for the next

thought of his Master, that he will have his Master's approach or delay, nor be common angle worm, or in Western room in the morning his face wore so in any danger of surprise if his Master vernacular, the "fishing worm." I have singular an expression that his wife appears at the instant. "The expectation of the Lord's return," says Dr. Godet, "is not a matter of the intellectual life, as if we should be engaged with the number of days, months, and years hever seen a histor such refined of exquisite taste as to refuse a nicely prepared and temptingly suspended red worm; and they will take them as a kind of dessert after refusing the most inwhich could still pass away before that geniously prepared minnow, though event. This expectation is a matter of never so dextrously offered by the most the moral life; it is a state of soul, an skillful piscatorian. I have seen stur-

always planning and doing, in view of the fact that our Lord may appear at the next moment, there is little danger that we shall be far astray in our spirit, our speech, or our conduct. There are those who live in this state of constant expectancy. There ought to be more.

In geighty pounds, who did not scruple to lay down his life for a worm two inches long. I have known jack, of full size, to be so fascinated by a small red worm as to exchange his native element and risk his safety, his life in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives the lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives the lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman lives for one him at a suspended and lives in the hands of a compassionate fisherman li

sight. But there is never a time when the Savior is shut from the sight of those who look to him by faith.

It is "the elect" who are to be gathered together by our Lord at his coming. We may puzzle ourselves hopelessly over the various suggested meanings of that term, if we set ourselves at that puzzle. But if we trust ourselves to the Savior as our Savior, we may be sure that we are thereby of "the elect," to be welcomed by him as he comes and finds us watching for him.

There are signs in the natural world that we accept as sure. The signs in the spiritual world are even surer than those in the world of nature.

If Jesus Christ did not hesitate to say that there was a necessary limit to his knowledge of the future while here in the flesh, why should we wonder that so many things are concealed from our knowledge in our present state?

There is no command in the Bible more explicit and positive than the command to us to be in a state of constant watchfulness in expectation of our Lord's return.

We cannot now know what will be the gain to those who are on the watch, or the loss to those who are not watching, when our Lord appears; but we can be sure that our Lord has a very good reason for emphasizing the duty of our being on the watch for his coming.—[Sunday School Times.

Old and Joung.

GIRLS WHO ARE IN DEMAND.

The girls that are wanted are good girls-Good from the heart to the lips; Pure as the hily is white and pure, From its heart to its sweet leaf tips. The girls that are wanted are home girls-Girls that are mother's right hand, That fathers and brothers can trust to,

And the little ones understand. Girls that are fair on the hearthstone, And pleasant when nobody sees; Kind and sweet to their own folks, Ready and anxious to please.

The girls that are w. nted are wise girls, That know what to do or say, That drive with a smile or soft work

The wrath of the household away.

The girls that are wanted are girls of sense Whom fashion can never deceive; Who can follow whatever is pretty, And dare what is silly to leave. The girls that are wanted are careful girls, Who count what a thing will cost; Who use with a prudent, generous hand,

The girls that are wanted are girls with hearts: They are wanted for mothers and wives, Wanted to cradle in loving arms The strongest and frallest lives. The clever, the witty, the brilliant girls, There are few who can uncerstand: But O! for the wise, loving home girl,

But see that nothing is lost.

There's a constant, steady demand. - Anor

SOME FIRE TALK. for the last twenty years in the waters had homes of their own, and he had no of Middle Tennessee, mostly-once or daughters, it became apparent that oth- can tell Squire Morton I am sick of of Middle Tennessee, mostly—once or daughters, it became apparent that other twice in Reelfoot Lake. Our excursions, ers outside the squire's household were Squire Morton received the two fine, one in the spring and one in the fall, al making rather too free with his choic teaching of this lesson is, that our Lord ways of two weeks' duration. With fruits. and Master is coming again to this baited hook and line, our operations world, and that all who love him have extended from Battle Creek, near Jas- "it's some of those half-starved little a duty of watching for his coming. per, to the mouth of White Oak, near beggars down on Pitts street, who can't Whatever differences of opinion there Danville (Houston county), in the Tenmay be about the time or the manner nessee and its tributaries. The fish such easy reach; but still the little creaof his second coming, there would seem you call bass is known by us as trout, tures ought not to steal." to be no room for doubt that he is to and in Virginia and Eastern North come, and that we ought to be on the Carolina as the jumping chub. There passed. The other two are yet to come. diet, it would be more of a connisseur "Well, now, father," began motherly

I have always found them ready to ing, don't be hard on them; you know bite at a live minnow, at the seasons I how it says in the Bible, 'Thy gentle-Now, as regards the size of the Middle pectancy. Every believer ought to be seen one that was heavier or longerin a state of expectant readiness for other parties may have caught larger one would suppose could easily be imhis life. Watching does not involve a Buffalo and Caney Forks are clear, ent signs of the times. But watching through about the same quality of soil, merciful.

does involve an unfailing readiness for bordered by the same timbers, and the The next morning it was evident

never seen a fish of such refined or exattitude of heart."

What a power over our lives such watching as this would be! If we are of the worm. I have seen sturgeon, six feet long, bound from ten feet below the surface, from his native love of the worm. I have seen a cat, weighing eighty pounds, who did not scruple

temporary but exquisite indulgence of a scanty feast on red worms. It would be a waste of words to record the risks be a waste of words to record the risks and actual dangers old fish of less note for mercy's sake let their parents know it! Why, it would just about kill Mrs. So on through street after street in a circuit which it took him months to complete.

No amount of petting, no offer of He who has no stronger confidence than that which rests on the unfailing permanency of the forces of nature, will be disappointed in his trust. Only he whose confidence is in the personal God whose confidence is in the personal God whose confidence is he personal God whose confidence is in the personal God whose confiden who controls nature, is beyond all danger of a change in the object of his conon the worm, and will not be warned until the last of the school is landed on terra firma. Not only so, but I have known the ungainly, plodding mudturtle to stop suddenly and take a morning meal of a good fat red worm.

Crawfish, eels and water-dogs are all fond of worms, and the smallest minnow that can make a shine, all pay marked respect to this delectable dainty. Is it not a universal favorite with the inhabitants of the water? and the Morton, smiling blandly, into Henry's

supply is inexhaustible. not read any further.

well baited for three or four days with a liberal quantity of corn bread or dumplings; then go early before they(the you; I know boys like pears." fish I mean), have had their morning meal (and they breakfast quite early), and be sure it is a cold frosty morning. Have small but strong lines, two hooks of it? to each line, hooks not too large, not too small—have the hooks about twelve grimly. "I think he's found us out." inches apart and a good, live worm on each hook; it does not matter how large the worm may be, it will not frighten a and a similar one with a hook to hold the extreme end of the pole. Now cast out into the deep so as to have the line taut—no float is required; the hooks must be on the bottom. As a wick was a sumilar one with a hook to hold "Here, my boy, I thought perhaps you'd like some of our Concords; brought them myself, so's to be sure you got them."

dinning-place, where he saw that he was supplied with a bountiful repast; and from that day the animals were inseparable.

"Lazarus," as the Newfoundless of the Newfoundless of the pole. must be on the bottom. As quick now is no danger of his abandoning the work, and by giving time you may possibly his old Bartletts and Concords, I wish meant three good meals each day. etrating below the lip, and he starts unnothing to do but hold on to the pole and let 'em rip; they never pull the same way at the same time and will ley anxiously, half expecting it would, Poor Bode! He st floated to the shore. These directions, Morton again! if closely followed, will insure remunerlet patience have her perfect work—[J. Then in a moment Charlie Getchell was L. Drumgoole, in Abingdon Virginian. The mortified recipient of the same gift, from starvation and a broken heart.

THE EQUIRE'S PRESCRIPTION.

Old Squire Morton was suspicious that his Bartlett pears disappeared the "off limbs," as he called themthose nearest the Prospect-street fence. And then, the Concord grapes, which bordering on Prospect street. As Squire Our club of eight persons have fished Morton's sons were all grown men and

"I suppose," said kindly Mrs. Morton,

"No; and I don't mean they shall." replied the squire. "Now if I find more atch for him.

Three things were foretold by our the speckled and the other as the black ing, I'm just going to watch to-morrow Lord-the destruction of Jerusalem, his trout, their habits, location, choice of night and catch them at it, though I second coming, and the end of the food and dexterity in shaking off the doubt it the little rascals will try it world. The first of these events has hook are identical. As an article of these moonlight nights."

these foretold events and the third. ing at the bottom and without a float. hungry, even if they did steal;" and anyone who could have seen Squire Morton coming of these events, and to watch for it expectantly. If we are ready for that, we are ready for all which follows it.

We this despectantly in the second have seen squire shorten and the would indeed have wanted to laugh at the idea of his being hard on even some little thieving tramps. He was a very four pounds. Our club always carried tall, large man, with fat rosy cheeks Watching does not involve inaction. balances and weighed the catch of each that had dimples in them, and a double We are to work while we watch. But man, and, though we have caught and chin that shook all over when he watching does involve a state of ex- weighed perhaps thousands, I have not laughed. His little gray eyes were full of twinkling good humor, the very man his Master's coming, every moment of and longer-we have not. Elk river, posed upon or taken advantage of; but Squire Morton was as shrewd as he was constant state of guessing over the pres- swift mountain streams, and run good-humored, and as just as he was

As a universal bait, for any and all the midst of a tall mass of shrubbery no time for calculating the chances of kinds of fish, I would say give me the and watched. When he entered his wondered what revelations the night independence and pluck that made him watches had brought, for her husband's friends among the pioneers of that day. face was both puzzled and troubled.

"Well, husband," she asked, "did anyone come?"

"Yes, dear."

"Could you see who they were?" "Yes, wife."

"Did you catch them?" "No, mother."

"How many were there?"

ADDED POINTS.

Even in our day there are times when sun, moon, and stars, are shut from sun, moon, and

earthly (or watery) existence for the in a different tone. "Oh, father, don't per at the third; then going on to the temporary but exquisite indulgence of for mercy's sake let their parents know fourth, fifth and sixth the next day, and

"No, mother; I'm going to cure them some other way."

"Well how, now?" "Oh, I'll tell you after they're all cured."

"Squire Morton, you certainly would

the inhabitants of the water? and the Morton, smiling blandly into Henry's face. "Here's some Bartlett pears I Now if you went a lesson on buffalo and red horse fishing you may read on, but if a graduate in that line, you need and took the pears immediately to his long a stranger in a strange city, the

You will, if you expect sport, find you a deep eddy in Duck river, somewhere near Paint Rock, and have it face with the genial squire. A few minutes later a ring at Dr. the wharf and games of the Getchell's door brought Charlie face to upon the blue bay.

For two days the faithful animal thus food and only walk-

"Good evening, Charlie," he said, "here are some Bartlett pears I brought

"Say, Hen,' said Charlie Getchell that evening, "Squire Morton brought me some pears to-night; what do you think

The next night about supper time Deacon Perley's bell rang again, and a fashion, the two left the wharf together, paper bag of Concord grapes was hand- Bode guiding his new friend to his own ed the perturbed Henry with the affa-ble squire's pleasantest smile.

| Bode guiding his new friend to his own dining-place, where he saw that he was supplied with a bountiful repast; and

hang two at once. Now it scares a buf- I'd never seen them. What would you

soon tire each other down, and can be went nervously to the door. Squire friend and defended his cold body from

"Good evening, Henry. Here are ating sport, provided always that you some Bartletts and Concords. Hope then as the end approached, he curled have a full supply of worms and will you will find them nice and ripe." and heard the same presentation speech.

having darted across the street to Charlie's house, "that old Persecution placed above them a neat head-board rather faster than they ought to from the "off limbs," as he called them—

or chartes house, that the frequency of them a heat head-solution on which was written: "Lazarus and night, and hoped I'd find them nice Bode, Faithful Friends."—[F. E. Hamand ripe."

"The very thing he said to me," re were hardly ripe enough to eat, were thinned out on the lower grapery trellis bordering on Proposition 1. The very thing he said to me," replied Charlie, dejectedly; "say, I can't stand it any longer." "Would you rather go and confess?"
"Yes," said Charlie, "I'd rather have

out, and have done with it; and I

manly-looking little fellows who called to see him that evening with genial cordiality, and in a few moments had heard their story. "What will your father say, Henry?"

he said in distressed tones, "a good man like him, and a deacon in the church, for, of course, I ought to tell him." "I don't know, sir," said Henry, look-

ng down. "And your father, Charlie, a physiian whom everyone respects!" Charlie didn't know either, but, like Henry, ould only stand looking down in shame nd regret.

"Well, now, boys," said the squire a ittle more brightly, "suppose I don't ell your parents this time. "We shall never be likely to do it

gain, sir, we promise you that!" The ys had spoken in concert. "Well, now, we'll all three 'promise not to tell,'" said the kind old squire; only remember you've given me your

word as men that you won't steal again." And they never did. "Grand old fellow! Kind old felow," ejaculated the boys, as they tripped lightly off. "I won't touch so much as a grape leaf of Squire Morton's again

r the world, nor anybody else's." And that night there was a tear in ne eye and a smile in the other on Mrs. Morton's dear old face when father" told how he cured them .-Golden Rule.

TWO CALIFORNIAN DOGS.

An old Californian was telling me reently of a dog who lived in the early whatever the day may bring forth. If sh in these stream are identical (I Every believer ought to be so busy at his Master's work, and so full of loving jack and black perch.

The next morning it was evident days at San Francisco, and who respectively both pear tree and grape vine had again been tampered with; and at night, true joiced in the strange name of "Bode." to his resolve, the squire hid himself in When or how or by whom he had been to his resolve, the squire hid himself in When or how or by whom he had been christened, no one knew, but every one vas fond of "Bode '

He was a mongrel with rough, shaggy air, and no points of beauty, but with an He did not own a single master, but half the city claimed him, and he was the affectionate friend of hundreds.

Such an unsettled condition of affairs would have made an outcast and a straggler of an Eastern dog, but not so with Bode. While he was known to so many and had no particular home, yet he had a habit which amounted to a settled custom as to his daily actions and which gave him a recognized place in the bustling town.

He followed a regular route of visits, calling for his breakfast at one house, for his dinner at the next, and for his sup

No amount of petting, no offer of tempting food could change his habit, and for some years Bode continued it without deviation. His temper was good, but occasionally he was driven to fight by other dogs, and when he did the battle was a severe one. It was his reputation that he had never been

whipped. One morning in November as the China steamer left her dock and before she was fairly under way, a magnificent Newfoundland came racing down Montgomery street, and rushed out to the extreme edge of the dock, looking after the steamer and barking wildly.

His master was on board, and the great handsome Newfourdland sat upon

remained, taking no food, and only walking about a little and moaning. The dock men were becoming afraid that he was sick, or that grief might drive him mad, when Bode appeared on the scene. He made the acquaintance of the Newfoundland and seemed at once to thoroughly understand his case.

After a few moments of trotting up and down, doubtless talking in dog-

The same gift and the same speech Bode, nor indeed the pluck, for if atas possible kindly up a fire to warm reached Charlie Getchell a little later. tacked he generally ran away, leaving your digits, and by this time you will "Say, Hen," began Charlie as soon Bode to settle the dispute; but he was your digits, and by this time you will see your line gently moving up and down; but don't be in a hurry, for there do? The squire's going to torment us lacked he generally ran away, leaving Bode to settle the dispute; but he was handsome and good-natured, and read-do? The squire's going to torment us ily adapted himself to the customs of his

Both dogs became as well known as falo nearly to death to find a hook pen- do about it? Father'll find it out if he any of the prominent buiness men of comes many times more, and then the town, and for nearly three years der a full head of steam to leave that locality, and if there is a weak place in there'll be a pretty how-d'ye-do!"

there'll be a pretty how-d'ye-do!"

they were always to be seen together, Bode evidently the leading spirit, carring the line you will hear it pop, but if you happen to hang two at a time, you have see."

Henry. "At any rate, let's wait and for and protecting his companion. Then came a change." after moping for a few days crouched

Poor Bode! He stood near his dead any intruder, canine or human, for almost a week, refusing all food himself; beside his old companion and quietly

The rough miners and frontiersmen "O fury!" exclaimed Henry Perley, who made that far-away city their home, buried the two in one grave and ilton, in March Wide Awake.





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THE FLIGHT.

What is man that the Lord should fear him, or that the Almighty should flee before him? Could be not with one breath sweep the earth clean of men? Yet we behold him who was in the beginning, and was with God, and was God, fleeing from the wrath of the king of a petty province. The angel said: "Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." This picture is so entirely human (with the exception of the warning of the angel) that we almost forget that the young child was divine. No uninspired writer could have fabricated such an account. No merely human myth would kingdom of Christ-and whether they have had the Son of God flying to save do not lose their children to Christ that his life from the murderous purposes of a they may reign in the world. man. This is an evidence of the authenticity of the record. God is all-powerful and could have driven Herod, as he did Nebuchadnezzar, to eat grass along with the ox, but God is not all power. He is wisdom, and love as well. To overcome all opposition by the direct use of power is not always the wisest thing to do. Neither is retreat always the evidence of fear or of cowardice. The general who would go to war with the determination never to retreat would be a fool, and he who would sacrifice his army by fighting when he might have easily won by a retreat, would be unworthy to command. Some of the best ries won by skillfully retreating. The flight of Joseph and Mary with the young child into Egypt was directed by that unerring wisdom which never makes a mistake. It was in harmony with the manifest plans of the divine wisdom never to ignore ordinary means in the unnecessary use of the extraordinary; for the ordinary are devised by Omniscience even as the extraordinary.

The flight into Egypt served to withdraw public attention, and bury in oblivion for the time being all the circumstances of the birth of Jesus. All, except the few to whom the facts of the birth had been committed for safe keeping, thought with Herod that the "young child" had been destroyed.

Thus vile suspicion and unpleasant talk about Mary and the young child was carefully warded off by the wisdom of the All-merciful. The particulars of the birth seem never to have been thought of, nor even generally known, during the ministry of our Lord upon earth. There is no evidence that the apostles even knew all the facts before the crucifixion, but it remained for Matthew and Luke to bring them to light long after the Divinity of Christ had been demonstrated. This was all no doubt a part of the divine plan in which the wrath of Herod was made to praise him. The purposes of God were accomplished by the flight better than could have been done by the death of Herod under a stroke of lightning.

HERODISM.

Next to Judas Iscariot the most despicable name known to Christendom is Herod. Perhaps the annals of history have never been darkened with more brutal cruelties than those of the Her-

forces. As in the case of Herod, selfishness is always blind to its best interests. spiritual things and imagines that the kingdom of Christ means always to dethrone him, whereas the truth is that no man is ever enthroned in his true place of dominion until Christ the King reigns in his heart. No human government can ever fill the largest, highest, dom. All that opposition upon the more than Herodism. But Herodism shows its most hideous form in the murder of children. Herod slew not only the innocents of Bethlehem, but he sacous lusts can only be satiated in the destruction of souls. Poisonous literathe young. But more insidious and thorough consecration of the ministry daily sacrificed. The lust of gain which eaten. Let a revival throughout every dethrones Christ in the heart murders charge be the motto. son and daughter in childhood. If the children of such parents were only murdered under the hand of the butcher as were the children of Bethlehem, their souls would escape the murderer's power, them. We hope the presiding elders will enbut alas! too many escape death in the able us to complete the list. body to die in the soul. Let those who

ARE WE DECLINING!

In a private letter not intended for publication one of our staunchest, wide- a tour of visits in the interest of the Univerawake and observant laymen calls our attention to several points which open gladness and lend the helping hand. Exceptfields for fruitful thought along the line important to Methodism in our State than our of the question at the top of this article. He savs :

In the course of private correspondence

with an old friend I referred him to the fact

that, our statistics being the guide, Method-

ism was on the decline. * * * I will, at

the risk of being considered pragmatical, call

your attention to the same question. You

doubtless have seen Dr. Harrison's figures

quoted in one of our Advocates which give tighting is done and the greatest victo- since we had an increase of 75,000; thus showing a downward tendency for a succes years. Again, you will remember that the New York Advocate gave some statistics pre pared by Dr. Dorchester, who seems to be an expert in that line. Whilst his figures show Methodism to be in the lead of the Baptists by about 700 000, at the same time the Methodists (all who hold the name) show up an in crease of only 175,000 in the United States, against that of the Baptists of 225,000. At this yearly rate it will be but a short time till we are left behind. Now, admitting these figures to be correct, and I have no doubt about that, what ought we to do about it? . * * To the old friend I referred to at the beginning I intimated that as a church we were lacking in a more stalwart denemina tionalism. We put ourselves too frequently in an attitude for other denominations, more arrogant in their pretentions, to invite us to join them. The fact is the Methodist Church is a general recruiting ground for all other de nominations. Instead of the aggressive policy of twenty five years ago, of taking in new appointments, the tendency is in the direction of dropping off appointments, especially if they are financially weak. The confer ences are right in pronouncing against the preaching in school-houses and union churches where there is real ability to build for ourselves, but I do not think that field just because it is new and crude, should be turned over to Baptists and Campbellites, as is the case in larger portions of the West. tion was warmly approved, and the two It is common to charge everything said or written in this line to account of croaking, pessimism, etc. I admit that hypochondria sometimes simulates disease so perfectly that the most skillful physician is perplexed to distinguish from the real malady, but at the same time my convictions are strong that I am right. Am sorry it is so. Bishop Pierce told his audience at an anniversary in Paris once, that Texas would have to "pay more

Our correspondent is no doubt a care ful observer and does not offer these suggestions in the spirit of croaking, but from a pure desire for the advancement of Methodism. His points are intelligently, and, some of them, well taken. But confining the discussion of His Holy Spirit, that he may enable you to the present article to the decline or fill your important station to his glory, the progress of the Methodist Episcopal good of his church, the happiness and prosperity of the United States, and the welfare ods. The lowest depth of murderous Church, South, we are not prepared to of mankind." cruelty was reached in the slaughter coincide in the opinion that it is on the SENATOR COLQUITT, of Georgia, who was of the children of Bethlehem. From decline. Taking the figures given presented to the New England Conference, the selfish motives of ambition to pre- above, the increase last year is only 900 is one of the finest specimens of physical serve his throne, Herod attempted to de-less than it was the year before. This es above the average man, and his face is as stroy an imaginary rival in the infant fact taken alone shows of course a de- strong intellectually as his body is in blood child Jesus. If he had been wise to cline in the rate of increase the last year. and sinew. He dresses neatly, in a rather clerical fashion, and his cleanly shaven face see that the kingdom of the young Child But the progress of a church cannot be has a ministerial appearance. He is about 60 was to be in an entirely different sphere measured by the increase or decrease of vears of sge.-Zion's Herald. from his own, and that the two might one or two years. The history of THE Thirteenth Summer School of Chris-

that we pray more and boast less.

throne instead of dethroning him, his years than others. In order to get the course would doubtless have been very real decline or growth it is necessary to different. In Herod's case, however, get the average for a number of years. Mackay-Smith of New York, Dr. Stafford, we have a typical case of wicked selfish- There are years in the history of every of Toronto, Canada, Rev. John Quincy Adams, ness and worldly blindness. In Herod country which in productiveness fall we only see to what extremes selfishness below or rise above the average. One will go when not restrained by other year there is a great drouth, another may be noted for extraordinarily good seasons. The same may be true in a The selfish man has no eye to discern spiritual sense of the church. Last year may have been the 'drouth, while the year of 75,000 increase the year of

extraordinary fullness. If we are not altogether mistaken in the signs of the times, this year will far exceed last year in the number of additions to the church. The revival seaand best offices of government except it son has opened earlier than usual. All reign by the principles of Christ's king- through the winter the church papers in it. It is generally believed that we could have been reporting and are still repart of politicians and States to the porting revivals. This, we trust, is only Los Angeles Advocate suggests that some principles of Christianity is nothing the foretaste of what is to follow. The small increase of last year is cause for sorrow and repentance in that it was so small, but there is still encourage- them to appoint each bishop to a residence ment in the fact that there was an in- to be occupied by him for the next four rificed upon the altar of his murderous crease. An increase of 32,000 in itself selfishness wife, brother and sons. His is cause for great joy, but we should name to-day is the synonym of infamy, not be satisfied with that. The prosbut Herodism still lives. There are those pects for the present year are encouragwho are not content to destroy the bodies ing and should stimulate us to the very of innocent children, but their murder- greatest diligence. This year's work should not meet our expectation in results unless the increase is above anyture, obscene jokes and vilest profanity thing in our past history. And that are administered with devil's greed to means much hard work. It means a dangerous than all is that worldly-blind and church. The victory is not won selfishness upon which thousands of the yet. There is still much hard fighting fairest and brightest children are being to be done. No idle bread must be

THE COLLECTION.

WE have gathered from the files of the ADVOCATE as far as able a list of the district conferences with the times of holding

J. H. WHITE: The first Sunday in this month heap infamy upon the name of Herod an elderly widow from Arkansas joined the church at this place by certificate. It was ask themselves whether they do not prefer the kingdom of the world to the handed me ten dollars for foreign missions. Arkansas is no bad place to come from.

WHEN will our friends yonder learn that Southern things are no better than Northern? Michigan Advocate. When it becomes a fact.

THE Rev. C. C. Armstrong, financial agent of Southwestern University, is now making sity. Let all our people receive him with educational interests. We need one well endowed institution representing the whole Methodism in the State. Let us endow the University like good and brave Methodists

IT may be that many of our readers do not know that at Austin there is a large free school for the blind children of Texas, where they can pursue all studies of the ordinary school, and besides, if they have talent for it, only 32,000 increase for the last year, against | can study all branches of music. They may 41 0.0 the year previous, and but a few years also learn how to make brooms, mattresses and pillows, and to bottom chairs with cane machine, and do crotchet and bead work. The buildings are large, roomy, and well furnished. No charge will be made for board, tuition, washing, or use of books and instruments-everything is free. Clothing and railroad fare will be furnished for those who are unable to furnish money for those items. With such facilities there should be no blind children in our State without an education. Let all who read this notice and know of such unfortunates remind them of these facts. For further information address Dr. Frank Rainey, superintendent, Austin, Texas.

THE indispensable condition of successful pastoral work is that it be a service to God. The pastor who goes from house to house simply to gratify his social disposition will fail of the higher ends of pastoral visiting. A social disposition sanctified to the service of the Lord is a great power for good, otherwise it may be a hindrance. The best service we can do for man is to make it a service to God. The only love to man worthy the name is that which has its roots in the love of God.

GEORGE WASHINGTON was inaugurated first president of the United States in New York during the the session of the Methodist conference in that place, and Bishop Ashbury suggested the propriety of a congcatulatory address to the new president. The suggesbishops, Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke, were appointed to prepare and present the address. The address contained the follow-

"We have received the most grateful satisfaction from the humble and entire dependence on the great Governor of the universe which you have repeatly expressed, acknowledging Him the source of every blessing and particularly of the most excellent constituand brag less." I will close by suggesting tion of these States, which is at present the admiration of the world, and may in future become the great exemplar for imitation, and hence we enjoy a holy expectation that you will always prove a faithful and impartial patron of genuine vital religion, the grand end of our creation and present probationary existence. And we promise you our fervent prayers to the throne of grace, that God Almighty may endue you with all the graces of

Rev. Bishop Fallows, of Chicago, George Sexton, LL. D., of London, President Magill, of Swarthmore College, Rev. Archde of San Francisco, Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, President Deems, of the Institute of Christian Philosophy, Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston, Austin Abbott, Esq., of New York, Rev. Dr. Rankin, of Orange, N. J., and Prof. Charles F. Himes, of Dickinson College, a brilliant array of able men.

UNDER our present system of the electora college 21,000,000 people can out vote 28,000, 000. A comparison of the proportion of population for each electoral vote in the differ ent States varies from 13,000 in Montana to 142 000 in Pennsylvania. That is, in a choice for presidents, 13,000 men in Montana count just as much as 142,000 in Pennsylvania .-

Among our many wants on the coast is an episcopal residence and a bishop to reside get the residence if we could only persuade some bishop to live in it. Our brother of the preacher who is already a resident of this coast be chosen to the episcopacy by the next General Conference. If we are to advise the General Conference at all, why not advise years .- Pacific Methodist

The wheel is revolving. The time may come yet when our bishops will not work by invitations, but will take an episcopal district for a year's work, plan the campaign and publish their appointments as regularly and as systematically as the presiding elder. That will not be diocesan episcopacy either.

It has not been an easy matter for the opponents of prohibition in Pennsylvania to decide on a plan for the campaign. To determine what arguments will be safest and most effective, and to arrange their forces so as to strike with hope of success, has required all the ingenuity the liquor dealers are able to muster.-New York Advocate.

If they pursue the same course that the liquor men of other States generally do, they will not rely on arguments at all. Sophistry, money, and the appetite for liquor, mainly the latter, are their weapons.

Our worthy contemporary, the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, has given us a new name. In quoting from our paper last week it credits the Rocky Mountain Methodist. The Rocky Mountain Methodist is an entirely separete institution from the Rocky Mountain Christian Advocate. - Rocky Mountain Ad-

Beloved, with such corrections as that you spoil the very axioms on which mathematical emonstrations depend. Are not things equal to the same thing equal to each other? The Rocky Mountain Methodist is a good Methodist weekly journal, and the Rocky Mountain Advocate is a good Methodist weekly journal. Therefore the Rocky Mountain Advocate is a Rocky Mountain Methodist. Will our confrere deny the conclusion?

THE last item of news from the laboratory is that the deadliest of bacteria live and multiply on the bank notes that we handle. Probably there is not a viler article that we ver touch than a bank note. Carried in the pockets of the most leprous and loathsome, t passes through the pocket of the refined We would not think of taking a pocket-handkerchief that had made any such round with out washing and fumigating. We could not be induced to put on the shirt of a tramp, but the money of the diseased and contaminating goes without a thought into our inner pockets. What disease we hug we do not think or care .- Current Literature.

If any of our readers who have greenbacks seeing the above, become frightened, and wish to dispose of "the vile articles," we suggest that they need not burn, but send them immediately to this office. We have a process by which to prevent contamination in

EDITING a paper is somewhat like preaching a sermon. Sometimes you have "liberty," and make a success, and sometimes you get wofully "in the brush."-New Orleans Advocutc. Just so. But there seems to be more "brush" about the sanctum than about the pulpit. The preacher has this advantage over the editor: the inspiration of the living presence of his congregation. Many a pulpit effort has been rescued from failure by the moistened eye and quivering lip of some interested hearer. - Southern Advocate.

All true, but while the preacher has the advantage of the inspiration of a congrega tion, he has no ditch in which to bury the brush. The editor of the New Orleans Adrocate boasts of several editorials in the W. B.

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

To differ with the preacher in opinion does not necessarily involve "criticism." The pulpit is not infallible, and say his people were opposed to this work and those in the pews may hear many things with which they cannot agree, but sensible Christians will not engage in faultfinding criticism. On this subject the Apostolic Guide says:

The Central Baptist is right in saying that in a majority of cases the brother who criticises the sermons and finds fault with the preacher, is neither "a close attendant upon the service nor an active worker in the church." A man whose conscience is not the hands of an accredited committee, and reeasy over his own course, is always on the ceived the official sanction of the Bishops lookout for any fancied dereliction of the Mr. D. M. Smith, the manager of the Publish preacher upon which to vent the upbraiding ing House, tells me that he has orders on file which properly belongs to his own derelic- for 40,000 copies. Inside of a year it is likely tions. Human nature often pounces upon that as many as 250,000 copies will be sold. the short-comings of others in order to dim the consciousness of its own. The good of income to the Publishing House. What listener is never a critic, and the useful church member is seldom a fault finder.

The world over the liquor trade is opposed to Sunday laws and moral leg- tion ought to be appropriated to the end proislation in general. This is from the London Methodist Times:

The passage of the second reading of a bill for the entire closing of public houses in England on Sunday is an encouraging sign of the times. This is one of those moral issues church extention for the Conference year on which the average Englishman is greatly in 1889-90: Alabama Conference, \$4,000; Aradvance of the average member of Parliament | kapsas Conference, \$1,950; Baltimore Confer and immeasurably in advance of the average London editor. To carry the second reading even by a small majority is a welcome sign that the constituencies are at last beginning to secure representatives of a higher type of moral civilization. John Bright always predicted that this would be the result ot reducing the franchise. Mr. Cavendish Bentick is destined to have very few happy days in the remainder of his public career. The golden age of the Contagions Diseases exist in harmony, and that the allegiance of his kingdom to that of Christ
more fruithful in additions than others—
would have established him upon his just as a country is more productive some

The Interest State of Christ
In Philosophy is to be held at Key East, N.

J., beginning Thursday, 18th July, and closing Friday, 26th. Among those who are to deliver addresses or contribute papers are Rt.

Acts and Sunday drinking, and other similar institutions, is evidently fading away before the growing power of the new social forces which are saturated with Biblical morality. institutions, is evidently fading away before Mississippi Conference, \$2,400; Missouri Con-

The Parliamentary slaves of the Liquor I'rade will make desperate efforts to mutilate, and even to destroy, the Sunday Closing Bill in committee. Our readers should write again to their representatives in Parliament, and spare no effort to prevent the wholesale encouragement of lust, crime and pauperism, at least on the Lord's day.

It is a good thing always to stir up the pure minds of Christians by way of remembrance. They need all the available means of grace. This, from Sunday School Times, will perhaps do good in that way: The non-professional world is always more

exacting of the professions that the members of a profession are likely to be of each other. It is the professional man who feels most keenly the limits of his own science and his own power. The average patient expects more of the average physician than the physican himself would expect of the most accomplished and distinguished member of his profession. So, too, the world is more exacting in its expectations of what a Christian should be, and how a Christian should appear, than Christians themselves are likely to Not that the world has a higher standard of Christ-likeness than the Christian has, or ought to have, but that the professing Christian, knowing the incessant struggle and toil and warfare of the Christ-ward life, is more likely to condone the failures of his brothers in Christ. Just because the world is so exacting, it thereby offers to the Christian an increased opportunity to show himself a witness for Christ And because of its exactions, the Christian should be doubly guarded of his actions in the presence of non-Christians. And yet it is in the presence of the world that the Christian is least likely to manifest himself as a Christian. The Christian is most likely to appear at his worst in the presence of the world; it is there that he is least likely to seem Christ-like. The world may care little for his professed principles as Christian principles, but the world expects and demand that he shall live up to those principles. It is not in the sanctuary, not at the prayer-meet ing or the Lenten service, that the Christian has the best opportunity of witnessing for Christ; but it is in the presence of the unsympathizing, but the no less critical and ex-

The Northwestern Advocate has opinions as to the true motives of the Romanist in his cry that the public school and nether mill-stones formerly used by some

s godless. It says: Never has the Romanist Church rung the changes on the point that our "public schools are godless" more than at this present moment. At the same time the organs of that wily church insist that it does not aim to "obtain control of the public schools." Of course it does not aim at that control, for its tactics point in another direction. After removing its children from public schools on the plea that the latter are "godless," and after establishing parochial schools under the plea that they are necessary, an attempt will be made to divide the school funds as a mere matter of asserted justice. That is the rea aim. That is an outline of a campaign which must be resisted now and forever. There is no more justice in such division than there would be in dividing the posteffice fund for the support of a Romanist postal system un der the plea that the present system is "godess," or what not,

The Nashville Advocate does no favor extending the pension list.

The judges of the supreme court and rethed army and navy officers now on the list may perhaps be properly allowed to remain, but there should be no further advance on that line. In a free republic, where every man has a chance in life, and where every man is supposed to be politically the peer of every other, the fewer there are of these pensioners the more it will accord with the ius of our republican form of governnent. But it is the ethical question involved that conceres us most. The European system of hereditary non-producers, pensioned idiers and uniformed soldiers, who are at once the in struments for plundering and for holding the people in subjugation, is totally out of place among us. It breeds corruption as surely as cause follows effect. It is an evil that is selfperpetuating, because every beneficiary of it becomes its advocate and defender, because one abuse paves the way for another, and be cause the partisans of profitable oppression make common cause everywhere.

SOUTHERN METHODISM. News, Views, and Personals.

-Dr. J. M. Boland's book, "The Problem o sin," has reached the fourth edition. -C. N. Goulder, in Pacific Methodist: I have long since found out that if a preacher began intimating to his members that the claims were too heavy, or the year too short, many purses were closed, and he was to be blamed for it, and then he would go to conference and that they were not as liberal as they should be, not knowing that he was the cause of the

-Dr. E. E. Hoss, in Pacific Methodist: The new hymn-book is out at last. It is to be hoped that it will prove to be so popular as to supplant the multitude of unauthorized publica tions that have made their way in to our congregations. In many places the people have ceased to sing the Methodist hymns. Let us now return to our old usage, and supply ourselves with the book that has passed through An incidental result will be a large increase shall be done with these accruing profits? A part will, of course, have to be expended in extending the business; but the major porvided in the Discipline, namely: The support of superannuated preachers. It would be a wise stroke upon the part of the Book Committee to set apart this year the sum of \$25,-000 for this purpose.

The following are the assessments for euce, \$3,500; Central Mexican Mission Con. ference, \$250; Columbia Conference \$250; Denver Conference, \$350; East Texas Conference, \$1 325; Florida Conference, \$900; German Mission Conference, \$500; Holston Conference, \$3 100; Illinois Conference, \$250; Indian Mission Conference, \$375; Kentucky Conference, \$2 450; Little Rock Conference \$1 950; Los Augeles Conference. \$400; Lousi ana Conference, \$2,100; Louisville Conference, \$3,60; Memphis Conference, \$3 275; for work. The prospects seem favorable for Mexican Border Mission Conference, \$250; a sweeping revival. Bro. Crawford, the pasference, \$3.125; Montana Conference, \$100; In sympathy with him. This is surely a God North Alabama Conference, \$3,500; North honoring town. The mode' church, the large

Carolina Conference, \$5,225; North Georg gia Conference, \$5,800; North Mississippi Conference, \$2,650; North Texas Conference, \$2,200; Northwest Texas Conference, \$2,500; Pacific Conference, \$1,000; South Carolina Conference, \$3 750; South Georgia Conference, \$3,750; Southwest Missouri Conference, \$1,050; St. Louis Conference, \$1,576; Tennessee Conference, \$5 450; Texas Conference, \$1,350; Virginia Conference, \$5 000; Western Conference, \$375; Western Virginia Conference, \$900; West Texas Conference, \$850; White River Conference, \$775. Total, \$85,500.

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-The Rev. E. D. L. Tims, of Manstield, made us a pleasant call this week.

-The Rev. W. F. Cummings has been doing some forcible preaching at San Saba.

-Rev. J. R. Wages and J. M. Fulton have been attending Bro. C. O. Jones' meeting at Honey Grove.

-The Rev. J. P. Mussett, of Eanis, is happy and prays blessings on the ADVOCATE. This is quite natural. When a man gets happy he thinks of his best friend. -The Rev. Inc. E. Green, of the Texas

Conference, goes to Rome, Ga., on account of his wife's health. We trust and pray that Sister Green will find the health she seeks. The friends will, during the month of May, ddress Bro. Green at that place. -Belton Journal: Rev. J. M. Barcus, of

hear him gladly. There is also a morning neeting at half past nine o'clock. Much good is being accomplished. -We are indebted to the following brethren for pleasant visits this week. They were in attendance upon the State Sunday School convention. Revs. L. A. Burke, H. G. Scudday, C. C. Armstrong, A. C. Benson, and Y.

Alvarado, is preaching at the Methodist

Church each night, and large congregations

M. McNeil, A. M. Dechman, D. E. Emerson, Dr. Jas. Laf Lesley, G. M. Smith. -- Rev. M. H. Wells, in Nashville Advocate: Rev. M. H. Neeley, D. D., of Texas, preached for us at night a sermon of much thought and unction. Texas bore away the palm in that the daily press gave a synopsis only of Neely's sermon. But that is a mighty big State, and capable of some remarkable

things and men. -Rev. T. F. Dimmitt is now in possession of an Indiam mill, composed of the upper roving bands of Indians, who infested this country. He picked them up near Barnet Springs. Whether Bro. Dimmitt expects to go into the flouring business or use the mill to grind out sermons, our informant did not

-J. M. Smith: A. D. Parks, a supernumerary preacher, a member of the East Texas Conference, is still confined to his bed and room in a critical condition. He was taken sick last November, the 13th, but has borne his sickness with Christian fortitude and resignation. I have been to see him frequently, finding his faith in God is strong. Brethren, remember him in your prayers at a throne of grace.

Baird.

R. F. Dunn, April 27: W. H. Parvin, of Baird, will give \$100 on the proposition I started in my communication in the last week's ADVOCATE to pay the debt on the Belle Plaine College. Who will be next? Send us your name and the amount you are willing to give by the first of July, to pay this debt. We just want your name and promise now. Send to my address or to B. R. Webb, Baird, Texas.

Franklin. J. W. Horn, April 22: Our revival meeting closed here last night after running twen ty-five days. The church was greatly revived, and Metodism strengthened. Eleven toined the church, and perhaps others will join yet. Bros. W. Wootton, J. H. Chambliss and C. H. Buchanan were with us and preached the gospel in great power, and sinners were con-

H. A. Bourland, April 25: Six conversions last night. Work taking deep hold upon Waco. The church is geting to work and the unconverted are flocking to God's house. We use the old methods, and God is honoring his word and the altar of prayer. I am alone as far as pulpit work is concerned: am expecting R. H. H. Burnett next Saturday. Some twenty five conversions to date.

Dade City, Fla.

J. F. Moody, April 24: Bro. Ledbetter is our pastor this year, and he is working earnestly for the Master, and the people are well pleased with him. The first quarterly meeting was held at Enterprise last Saturday, and Bro. Norton, the presiding elder, preached a very interesting sermon on Sunday, full of the Holy Ghost. Thee hurch in Dade City is trying to build a house. They thave part of the material on the ground. Work has begun on a house for a graded school at this place. This is a local option town. Since I left Texas I miss the weekly visits of the dear old ADVOCATE. Success to the ADVOCATE and the church.

Cedar Buyou.

L. P. Davis, April 22: Our meeting is still in progress. The power is so great that it draws people for five and ten miles. Fiftysix to date, and still they come. Praise God, O my soul! The people far and near are under conviction. Mourners crying for mercy, and saints shouting for joy. I am by myself so far, but then we don't need much preaching from man. God is doing to suit himself. Praise God!

Cedar Buyou.

L. P. Davis, April 27: Our meeting closed after two weeks' work. The Lord was with us from the beginning through the whole meeting. Old and young fell at his feet and confessed their sins, and rose rejoicing, while mothers were made to rejoice over the wandering children coming home. It is said never was the power felt so strong before. Big, little, old and young were crying for mercy. It didn't take much preaching, as the church was alive and ready for work, and as fast as they were converted, the young converts were after some of their friends. Pen nor tongue can tell the good it did. Sixty-two were added to our church, and more to follow. Bro. Philpott was with us long enough to preach four stirring sermons; also Bro. Seth Ward preached two which told on the people, but God did the work, which did more than all. Cedar Bayou work is now in good working order. We intend having a camp-meeting in July if the Lord is willing, and expect grand times

Pilot Point W. F. Clark, April 25: We have a meeting in progres: here. This is the 4th day; seven conversions to date. Quite a number of penitents at the altar last night. The church has been wonderfully blessed and is now ready tor, is doing a fine work, has the church fully ing we not the ment ing a ally ho'clow was host to in meet and horse the hard of the the meet and horse the hard of the the meet and horse the hard from were siding full to mont the L To eveni specii gan throu came ceasis was t

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congregation and the attention, go to prove it. to our own church, eight or ten to the Bap This is one town in Texas in which the devil's tist. Several are yet to join. I am indebted troops can't break up a meeting. I will re- to many of the local brethren and to my whole main here next week. Will go to Bowie on main here next week. Will go to Bowie on congregation for faithful service. I am es-monday after the third Sunday in May; to pecially indebted to Bro. J. M. Lane for con-Campbell Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in June; to Roxton first day of July; illness, and for untiring and effectual labor to Plano second Sunday in July.

South Bend. Mrs. Laura Irvin, April 24: Our second quarterly meeting just over. Bro. Haralson, presiding elder, was with us. We had just closed a good meeting at Cedar Springs, which resulted in five conversions and five accessions, and the church graciously revived. When we came up to Caddo to hold our quar terly meeting, we found a number of the official brethren present. The quarterly conference was an enjoyable occasion. Finances very well up. We organized a Methodist Sunday-school with a membership of 35. We then came up to South Bend, where Bro. H. spent two nights with us, preaching excellent sermons to large congregations. Our charge is growing better, and we are expecting good things this year. The Lord greatly bless the dear ADVOCATE. It is a great comfort to this preacher's wife.

Emberson.

I. F. Palmer, April 25: The second quarterly conference for Emberson circuit embraced April 20-21. Rev. J. C. Weaver was on hand, doing fine work. He gave our people three sermons on The Church. We have nine organizations on this circuit; about 400 members. Seven places made report to the amount of \$92 15. Our purpose is to get all the claims ordered by the annual conference We are quite on the way by subscription During the past quarter lost some by death and withdrawal. We are looking and praying and hoping and trusting in the Lord that in the pear future the tide of evil will give way and we will have a successful year. Improvements are on the way at the parsonage in the way of a barn. Our garden prospects are good; also chickens are growing finely. Let us hold to November time for conference. Woods.

George R. Hughes, April 22: The second quarterly conference of Tennaha circuit over. Bro. Johnson, our presiding elder, owing to a very sick child, was not with us. We had a good and very interesting meeting. Finances behind some, owing to the farmers being so

meeting such engagements as they have for cuit, and the Holy Ghost fell on us, and we this, year expecting when conference meets to had a pentecost. A number was made shout ty which we are determined to have. In the

North Texas Conference. Jacksonville.

J. F. Archer, April 22: Our second quar ter'y meeting is just over. Bro. Pailips was on hand promptly and discharged faithfully all the duties of a presiding elder. His preaching was scriptural and spiritual, and I doubt not the effects will be lasting. The sacramental service on Sunday was truly refresh ing and the number of communicants unusually large. One infant was baptized at 11 o'clock service Sunday, and so impressive was the service that a good brother who does not believe in it said that scene was to him the strongest argument for infant baptism. A rain came up in the afternson just in time when we were about ready to say good-bye to interfere somewhat with our children's Bro. Caiahan said drive around to the store. meeting, but we had a very good audience | Well, I will not say how many good things and all seemed pleased with the exercises, were placed in our buggy, but will say that The principal feature was the "jug break-ing." Bro. Philips said, "he had seen a Bro. Black has come and gone again. He great many jugs-and some broken ones-but preached us some good sermons. I think we he had never seen such liquid flow from any will be living in the parsonage soon. Part the 11 o'clock service we had no sermon, but of them." One jug turned out \$9.60 and bore of the lumber is on the ground now and the the name of Miss Josie Douglas. But the chil- rest will be here soon. We are pushing the dren had all worked well, and the net receipts | ADVOCATE; have eighteen subs. to the Texwere \$34.35. The preacher's salary and pre- As and three to the Nashville. The people siding elder's assessment were reported in all like the dear old TEXAS ADVOCATE. full to date. We contemplate holding protracted services about the middle of next mouth. Brethren, pray for us that it may be the Lord's "set time" to favor Zion.

Tom C. Ragsdale, April 24: On Wednesday evening, the third inst., we began to put forth special efforts for a harvest of souls. We began with a good interest, which continued a better pastor. I was obliged to close the good subscriptions was raised. So we are able services on the 21st on account of failure in to pay up our domestic missionary assessment my own health. We did not, therefore, ac at once. Sherwood mission is on rising complish all we expected, but are thankful. ground. Pray for us. brethren. As to the final results, while we kept no count of conversions, so far as we know there

ducting the services several days during my during all the meeting. May the Great Shepherd of souls assist us in keeping all those so the "Spirit of God that quickeneth," visit the charges of all our pastors, so that they may receive "showers of blessings."

Dallas.

D. P. Brown, secretary: Dallas preachers ssembled Monday at Floyd Street Church. Present-Allen, president, pro. tem; Man-ning, Brazleton, A. W. Clark, Brown. Trinty and Oak Lawn-Quarterly conferpreached. Services at Trinity, morning and

night, by Bros. Reynolds and Gibbs. Mission-At Santa Fe, Bro. Manning preached to a good congregation. One adult baptized. At East Dallas services were held in the morning by Bro. Dixon. At night by Bro. Manning. Bro. Brazleton held services morning at Simon, and evening at Riley's Prairie. Bro. Clark preached at Wesley in the morn- revivalist could do a good work by coming ing and in West Dallas at night.

First Church-Four additions; pleasant services throughout the day. Good congregations.

ly local on this circuit, preached in the evening and had a still more profitable hour. The the same day donations were a fraction over brethren in this neighborhood are conducting prayer-meetings on Sunday morning at the church and on Thursday and Saturday nights at the different houses in the neighborhood. Week before last, on Thursday night, the brethren tell me, the Lord was with them in saving power; two persons were brought back into the fold who had backslidden. They call for mourners at their prayer-meetings and are thus rewarded. Preached again at at night at Cap Mountain; large congregation; good interest, and about twenty came

prove a permanent benefit to the church and be there. Yesterday I baptized the five (four Parsonage And Society as auxiliary to the mmunity. I am glad to say that these good daughters and one son) and received them | church extension work; also a Juvenile Misbrethren are not professionalists, needing all into the church. Happy occasion. In the afthe puffs that they can get. They are only ternoon I preached in another part of the cir- membership, and we are moving now to the take work as common "field hands" in the ing happy, and some inquired for the way of meantime, the ADVOCATE—God bless it, it is life. To God he all the praise. Glory to his worthy of its publishers and editor-is not be name.

Junction City. W. J. Sims, April 22: This mission is moving along very well. Our prayer-meeting is improving all the time. Eight came forward for prayers last Wednesday night. I have just returned home from a trip to Sonora, which is in Suttan county. There 1 found twenty members of our church whom I will organize when I go back. While there I preached to the people in Bro. Calaban's house, it being the first sermon that was ever preached in the county. On the morning of the 16th we harnessed up to drive home, and

Sherwood Mission. W. E. Rector, April 24: Have just closed a meeting at Sherwood. Results: twenty-five | women came forward and with tears spark conversions and fourteen accessions to the ling in their eyes bid the little lambs welcome church. The reason why the number of ac. to the communion of saints. In that mornent cessions was so small in proportion to the the Spirit came down and glory crowned the number of conversions is that all the denomi- mercy seat. This was followed by a collecnations united in the meeting and a number tion for fereign missions. We asked for sevwill go to the Baptist and Presbyterian enty five dollars, which was more than our throughout the services, and offtimes be Churches. We proved how good and pleasant assessment, and secured seventy-seven dol came intense. "Prayer was made without ceasing" by the church, and "do something" am indebted to my brother, A. E. Rector, for Missionary Treasurer to-day. We preached in was the order of the day. Backsliders were help in the meeting, who did most of the reclaimed, and every one whom I had been preaching. Dr. Carleton, local preacher, in town, and though it had rained and the arged to expel were happily reinstated in o Bro. Hodge, Cumberland Presbyterian, and streets muddy, the house was full. Last night God's favor. A number of the members of Dr. Lovelace, Baptist, also rendered service. (Monday) we had our Easter service with the the church profess an experience they never It was a time of rejoicing, and all the churches erjoyed before. Old church letters were I think are on a more solid basis. On the brought to light, and many whose religion had last Sunday of the meeting my brother vestibule and round the doors and windows been beretofore negative, took a positive posi-tion and declared boldly for the Lord. The tion. We asked for fifty dollars (Sherwood's apportionment of the entire assessment, time. I have a happier and more consecrated people which is about ninety-five dollars), but in a than before our meeting, and that they have little while seventy-five dollars in cash and

were about sixty professions; forty accessions delight, a box of Colgan's Taffy-Tolu Gum.

S. W. Rogers, April 25: We had an Easter egg-breaking concert for the benefit of our Sunday school in Wolfe City, on the Monday night succeeding Easter. The amount brought by the eggs was about \$28. As the infant chorus, taking their places on the stage of the opera hall, sang with clear voices, "Crown the Risen Savior," the audience felt a thrill of joy at the old though gladsome story of W. H. H. Biggs, D. S. We want to begin work on the disrecently led by him into his fold, and may of joy at the old though gladsome stery of of joy at the old though gladsome story of the resurrection. Other Easter songs and recitations blended their strains on this joy. ful occasion, until the clang of the hammer broke the twenty-five eggs and scattered their broke the twenty-five eggs and scattered their broke the twenty-five eggs and scattered their broke. silver on the table. Our new church is being rapidly completed, and we intend to have preaching in it before another month. My time is fully occupied attending to the needs of Mount Carmel church and those of Wolfe City church. The two churches have a membership of nearly two hundred, and are only a mile and a half apart. I attend tour services each Sunday, conduct two prayer meetings during the week, and visit my flock. In the convents at Sealy June 12, at Sealy June 13, at Sealy June 14, at Sealy Jun rapidly completed, and we intend to have ence occasion at Oak Lawn. Bro. Pierce bership of nearly two hundred, and are only

> a fraction over eight cents. At Edgewood torty-two cents per member. The difference in the collections is doubtless due to the fact that at the last place more of our members read the ADVOCATE, and are up on missions, as taught in the New Testament Scriptures; while at the former place we have a larger membership, and so few read the ADVOCATE and keep posted on missions. One lady who keeps well up on our missionary enterprizes in foreign fields cheerfully gave us \$5. O, when will Methodist people wake up and take our church papers, Missionary Reporters,

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Deaths.

good subscriptions was raised. So we are able to pay up our domestic missionary assessment at once. Sherwood mission is on rising ground. Pray for us, brethren.

A PRESENT so cheap—yet carries such delight 2 box of Colgan's Taffy-Tolu Gum.

I Please send notices of deaths of Methodists and other prominent people.]

HENRY ADEN, death son of Rev Wm. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, died at Center Texas, April 25th, 1889 Little Aden was eight months and twenty five days old.

W. L. PATE.

Wolfe City church we hold cottage prayer meetings each week, transferring them from one part of the town to another. Our collections are small; our assessments large. Both churches need a revival, and some successful revivalist could do a good work by coming among us. Very few in these churches take the Texas Advocate, our church paper, as much as the pastor has urged them to do so.

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PROGRAM FOR S. S. CONFERENCE. This is to be regretted. Methodism has now Find Street—In the absence of Bro. Fuller, Bro. Hawkes preached in the morning and Bro. Benson at night.

Adjourned.

Oxford.

Jackson B. Cox, April 17: Preached at Mocre's Chapel last Sunday at 11 o'clock; had a sweet service. Bro. C. Crownover, my on-Opening with music, Scripture reading and

Weatherford District

The following is the program for the Sun-day-school Convention of the Weatherford District Conference, to be held at Graham, District Conference, to be held at Graham, Saturday, June 29, 1889;

1. Necessity of denominational Sunday-schools—Bro. James Mackey.

2. Reasons why we should use our own literature—J. M. Lane and G. W. Swefford.

3. Best method of conducting Sunday-schools—B. J. H. Thomas.

4. Importance of training the children to sing—W. L. Harris.

5. How can parents best promote the interests of Sunday-schools?—J. H. Trimble.

B. M. STEVENS, P. E.

PROGRAM DISTRICT CONFERENCES

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Sherman District. The Sherman District.

The Sherman District Conference will meet at Van Alstyne, June 20, at 9 a. m. Bishop Key will preside. Opening sermon preached by Rev. A. T. Cramford. Due attention will be given to the Sunday-school interest. The pastors will please bring the full amount assessed for bishops.

W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Our district conference convenes here June Our district conference convenes here June 27 and 30. All who expect to bring their wives will notify me at once or take the chances. All who expect to visit us on that occasion should make it known right away. Brethren, I pray you come in the spirit of Jesus, and let us have a genume revival at Lindale. It needs stirring from center to circumference. In the name of Jesus let's storm it.

W. H. Crawford.

them.

Home and a good time for every one that will come.

J. R. NELSON, Sec'y.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, April 26, 1889.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conforence will convene in Waxahachie June 14. 1889 Each auxiliary is urged to appoint delegates to the same, and report to the corresponding secretary as early as possible.

MISS MOLLIE BRIGGS, Cor. See'y.

BECRETARY.

Mrs. J. T. Browning has been appointed District Secretary Woman's Missionary Society for Galv-ston District, Texas Conference. Her address is Columbia, Brazona county, Texas.

Pres. Texas Conf. Weman's Missionary Society.

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NOTICE.

The Exacutive Committee for the Board of Missions for Texas Conterence have arranged the following program and selected the following speakers for missionary mass meetings to be held at the respective district conferences on Friday night of the session: After the opening preliminaries of prayer and music there will be two addresses. The first address will be upon the following subject: "Missions in all lands; what they have accomplished, and what they are now doing." Cameron District Conference: First address by Rev. E. H. Harmon. Second address by Rev. J. B. Sears.

Note.—The pastors at the places where the conferences meet will please prepare a liberal fund of missionary music for the missionary mass meeting.

A POPULAR LECTURE.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES San Antonio, at San Antonio Vernon, at Vernon Jefferson, at Jefferson Ferrell, at Farmersville..... Fort Worth, at Alvarado

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Paris at New Boston.
Waxahachie, at Ennis. Waxabachie at Ennis
Gatesville at Oublin,
Tyler, at Lindale
Abilene, at Sweetwater
San Augustine, at Nacogdoches
Huntsville, at Montgomery
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Marshall, at Longview.
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MISSIONARY MASS MEETINGS.

Semi annual meeting of the Mission Board of the Northwest Texas Conference at Brown-wood, May 15.

This will be an occasion. Already a great number of preachers, presiding elders, preachers in charge, and mission board men, have written that they would be in attendance.

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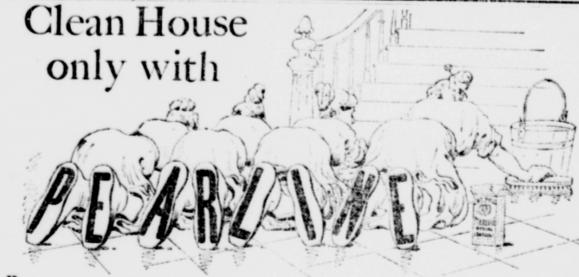
Friscoe School HouseJune 1
Mt. Taborlung 2s
West Point School houseJuly 12
Forest Chapel
Camp meeting, Dodd's Springs Aug 2
Bethel Aug 10
HopewellAug 22
Hinckley School House Aug 31
PalestineSept 7
Each meeting to begin the day above speci-
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Ministerial help is hereby respectfully invited to each and all of the above meetings.

The camp meeting to begin on Aug. 2, will be on the self supporting order. The place is eleven miles north of Paris on the Bosgy Road.

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MINISTER'S POCKET RITUAL

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the home of every Methodist family in Texas; especially should its weekly visits cheer the households of those who are unable to pay for it. The names of several such persons are now in hand. To this end, an account has been opened, and contributions are solicited. All donations will be acknowledged in the Advocate.

Texas Christian Advocate.

BOOK TABLE.

Kathleen Douglas. Mrs. Julia Truitt Bishop's story, "Kath-leen Douglas," is now in press, and purcha-sers or agents will address Holloway & Co., 112 N. Sixth street, St. Louis, Mo. Price, handsomely bound in cloth, \$2 00.

The May Missionary neview of the World appears in advance of all other mon'biles. Its leading article is by Dr. Pierson, entitled The Mission and Commission of the Church. It is a clear and forcible exposition of Scripture teaching on these two fundamental subjects. The Marvels of Mormon Missions by Prof. Leonard will be read with keen zest. Pastor Harms and his Work tells a story of sacrifice and enterprise that cannot fair to thrill the heart. The Story of Siam, by Dr. Pierson, is another of the Miracles of Missions that excite wonder. Dr. Brockett gives the first part of a comprehensive history of Madagascar from a missionary standpoint. Dr. Starbuck's translations from foreign missionary periodicals are valuable. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Piace, New York. 82 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubts of ten, \$1.50.

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Wheat and other autumn-sown grain will often give a sufficiently increased yield to pay for a top dressing of some quick-acting fertilizer.

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Mrs. Brooklyn Bridge (in Boston)—"Chicago is becoming a great literary centre, is it not?" Mrs. Boulevard—"Well, we are very modest in our literary pretensions. In what way did you mean?" Mrs. Brooklyn Bridge—"Why, I understand that we receive quotations from Chicago every day by telegtaph. You know we are somewhat crudite ourselves."

A great many people feel themselves gradually failing. They don't know just what is the matter, but they suffer from a combination of indescribable aches and pains, which each mon'th seem to grow worse. The only sure remedy known that will counteract this feeling and restore perfect health is Brown's Iron Bitters. By rapid assimilation it purifies the blood, drives out disease, gives health and strength to every portion reached by the circulatory system, renewes was ed tissues and restores robust health and strength.

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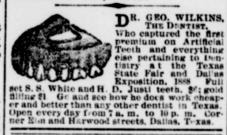
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	JOHN ADAMS, P. B. NGS DIST.—SECOND ROUND. Let Sun in May 24 Sun in May

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Wilderville cir, at Ward Chapel June 1, 2
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San Diego mis, at Collins May 12
Laredo sta May 17
Corpus Christi sta May 19
ALANSOS BROWN, P. B.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

SAN SABA DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

DeWitt cir, at Terryville May 4 5
Leceville cir, at Bethel May 11, 12
Clear Creek cir at Salt Creek May 18, 19
Middletown cir May 25, 20
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Delegates to the district conference will be elected this round, ROBT. J. DERTS, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. PALESTINE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

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Pine Hill cir, at Bethel May 18, 19
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Sexton cir, at Patroon June 2, 21
Linn Flat cir, at Richardson's S. H. June 26
District conference will convene at Nacogdoches, June 27th, at 9 o'clock a. m.
J. W. JOHNSON, P. R.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT-SPOOND ROUND.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Texarkana mis..... ..2d Sun in Jun

C. B. FLADGER, P. E. MONTAGUE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

MARSHALL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

T. P. SMITH, P. E. BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND

Glen Cove mis, Atoka May 4, 5
Coleman and Ballinger sta, Coleman City
May 11, 1:
Santa Anna cir, Santa Anna May 18, 1:
Pecan cir, verbena May 25, 2: Santa Anna cir, Santa Anna May 11, 12

Pecan cir, verbena May 25, 22

Round Mountain mis Big Vailey June 1, 2

Comanche and DeLeon sta, at DeLeon June 8, 3

Comanche cir W. T. MELUGIN, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

MUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. MUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUSD.

Montgomery, Collin's Mill May 4.5
Plantersville and Couriney, Courtney, May 11, 12
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Co d Springs, Johnson's 'I hapel May 15, 16
Shepherd, Farley's Chapel June 1, 3
Huntsville sta June 1, 1
Huntsville sta June 15, 16
Auderson, Roan's Prairie June 22, 2
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Live 6, 1 The district conference will be held at Mon gomery, June 27-30. Opening sermon by G. w Briggs. B. S. SMITH, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. West Point, at Red Rock May 4, 5
Merrillown, at Burdert's S. H. May 11, 12
Austin, Twenty-fourth Street May 12, 13
Winchester at Winchester May 18, 19
The District Conference will be held at Bastrop. May 23-27. I amounce it thus early that all the preachers and delegates may make their arrangements to come and stay to the close.

J. F. FOLLIN, P. B.

EL PASO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Roswell mis, at Seven Rivers. Let Sun in May Penssco tais 2d Sun in May La Luce mis 3d Sun in May Penito mis 4th Sun in May White Oaks mis 1st Sun in June A. J. POTTER, P. E.

BONHAM DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

CALVERT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

GALVESTON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Alvan April 30, May 1
Wharton May 4.5
Mategorda May 11.12
H. V. PHILPOIT, P. E.

Mrs. Lugsby: "Old Mrs. Grumsby, the doctor savs, is suffering from elephantiasis."
Mrs. Bagsby: "Caught it at the show, I suppose. Hereafter no boy of mine shall go to see the elephant without having been vaccinated. Yout can't tell exactly what the elephants fetch over here in their trunks."

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WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E. DALLAS DISTRICT .- SECOND ROUND. Grapevine cir. Ist Sun in May
Plano 2d Sun in May
Plano 3d Sun in May
Cochran and Caruth 4th Sun in May
Smithfield cir Ist Sun in June
Dallas mis 2d Sun in June
T. R. PIERCE, P. E. GEORGE FOWN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND Killeen eir May 4.5
Burnet eir Siay 7
North Belton eir May 11, 12
South Belton jir May 18, 19
O'Enaville eir May 23
District Conference at Temple, May 23.
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. WACO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Groesbeeck, at Horn Hill May 4, 5
Bo-queville, at Greenwood May 7-11 o'c'ock
Lorena, at Lorena May 11, 12
Corsicana cir, at Mills Grove May 18, 19
Rast Waco, at Rast Waco May 25, 26
Mt. Calm, at Bowman's Grove June 1, 2
Wortham, at Wortham June 8, 9
Dresden June 15, 16

SAM'L P. WRIGHT, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Vills Point sta May
Allen cir, at Pleasant Valley May 11
Roberts mis May 18
Cemp cir, at June Roberts mis . Kemp cir, at -Kaufman sta Kaufman sta June 1.

Mesquite cir, at June 8.

District Conference will meet at Farmersville,
May 22-25 at 7 p. m. Bishop Key is expected to
preside. W. L. CLIPTON, P. B.

VERNON DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. Vernon sta May 11,
Margaret cir. May 25.
Vane 1.
Childress mis June 15. Margaret cir May 25, 26
Vernon cir June 1, 2
Childress mis June 15, 16
Mangum mis June 22, 23
Canadian City mis July 6, 7
Clarendoe mis July 13, 14
Seymour sta Ju v 20, 21
Benjamin mis July 27, 28
Estacado mis Aug 3, 4
Farmer cir Aug 10, 11
Throckmorton cir Aug 17, 18
District conference at Vernon May 15-19.

JEROME HARALSON, P. E.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

SHERMAN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Gordonville cir, at Gordonville ... May 4.
Pot sboro cir, at Preston ... May 11, 12
Denison cir, at Oak Ridge ... May 18, 17
Howe cir ... May 25, 2
Pilot Grove cir ... June 1,
Collinsville cir ... June 8,
W. D. Mountcastle, P. R.

ABILENE DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

Cottonwood cir at Cross Plains. July 23, 21
Sipe Springs cir, at July 23, 22
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Haskeil mis, at Spring Creek. Aug 3 4
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Ab lene sta Aug 17, 18
F. Chadbourne mis Aug 24 25
Hope preachers will be prepared to make satisfactory answers to questions 12, 14 and 15, on this round. District Conference at Sweeiwater, June 27, 30. Jao A. Wallace, P. E. SAN SABA DISTRICT-THERE ROUND.

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WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-THIRD ROUSE. BONHAM DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Ben Frandlin eir, Brushy Mound. May 4, 5
Gober eir at Gober May 11, 12
Honey Grove eir. May 11, 12
Maxey m.s. May 25, 25
Stephen sville eir. June 1, 2
The delegrates to district conference will be elected this round. Let all the official members attend if possible.

J. M. BINKLEY, P. B.

PARIS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Milton mis. May 1, 12
Moodand eir. May 11, 12
Rosalie eir. May 11, 12
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Pattonville eir May 25, 26
Detroit eir June 1, 2
Daiby Springs eir. June 15, 16
Boston eir. June 18, 16
Boston eir. Sunday School Conference will be convened June 25, at 9a, m. Hope the preacters will have their Courch Registers and Records at the Third Quarterly Meeting Conference as the law directs.

May 8, 19
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Boonsville and Jacksboro, at Carrol's Creek
May 13, 20
Springtown and Goalen, at Agnes June 1, 2

Mr. Keliy: "An' how are ye this mornin', Misthress Flynn? Is yer rheumatiz bether?" Mrs. Flynn: "Well, yis, 1 think it is; 1 thank ye koindly. The new decthor's thratement is doin' me a worl' av good. I belave. He advoises me to take brandy an' Queen Ann etarnally, an' to rub anarchy on me j'lints. So I'm doin' it, an' 1 ihink it's helpin' me wondherfully."

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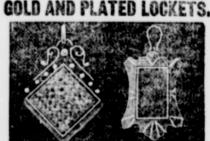
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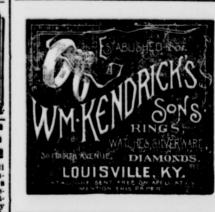
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I heard her sing so low and sweet-"His loving kindness, O how great!" Turning, beheld the saintly face, So full of trust and patient grace.

Scripturally, as well as forcibly, does Spurgeon say: "The greatest of all marvels is the marvel of grace. When God would make for himself a palace in heaven, of living stones, he did not go to the quarries of perfection to bring forth the richest and purest marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say, she is not dead but completely and marble would say. therefrom; but he went to the sloughs of corruption and brough forth exceedingly base material, concerning which he says: 'Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.' So far from being stoxes that were white with purity, all thus digged were black with defilement, seeming to be utterly unfit to be stones in the spiritual temple which should be the dwelling-place of the Most Hight. Goldsmiths make exquisite forms from precious material; they fashion the bracelet and the ring from gold. God makes his precious from gold. God makes his precious things out of base material; and from the black pebbles of the defiling brooks he has taken up stones which he has set in the gold ring of his immutable love, to make them gems to sparkle on his finger forever. He has not selected the best, but apparently the worst, of men to be monuments of his grace; and san anchor to the soul—both sure and stead stead. men to be monuments of his grace; and when he would have a choir in heaven, he sent mercy to earth to find out the dumb and teach them to sing."

Perhaps there is no teaching of the Bible that is more offensive to the pride of the human heart than that relating the indispensableness of grace in order to gain an entrance into heaven. The late Dr. William S Plummer, speaking of being in a state of salvation, said:

On the human heart than that relating Reberson,—I. M. Ecrerson, the sulject of this notice, died Dec. 24 1888. Bro. Roberson, was born in Morgan county, Ala. Oct. 13, 1845, and his father, Litzy Eoberson, in Marshall county, probably as early as 1850 of the marshall county, probably as early as 1850 of the marshall county, probably as early as 1850 of the marshall county, probably as early as 1850 of the marshall county, probably as early as 1850 of the marshall county, probably as early as 1850 of the marshall county, probably as early as 1850 of the marshall county. of being in a state of salvation, said:
"We naturally desire to come into this relation in some other way than by grace alone. This is forcibly illustrated by what is related of a benevolent rich man who had a very poor neighbor, to whom he sent this message: 'I wish to make you a gift of a farm.' The poor man was pleased with the idea of having a farm, but was too proud at once

or 51, and remained there until after the war. He them started west and spent some years in Mississippt. While there Bro. Roberson was married to wiss T. J. Simmons on the 6 h day of Feb 1867, by Rav. J. Smith. They then moved to Erath county, Texas, and settled in the bounds of the Palmys circuit, and was converted and joined the M. E. Charch. South. He lived a faithful and consistent member until his death. May the Lord bless of the property ing a farm, but was too proud at once

have nothing to pay. Will you give me the farm?" "The rich man replied: 'Yes, that

accept it on such terms?' "With humility, but with eagerness, the poor man said: 'Yes, a thousand blessings on you for your kindness."-The Watchman.

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patiently run the race that is set before them and meet the loved one in eternity. HENRY JONES, P. C.

would say, she is not dead but gone before; left eath but blooms in heaven; has left father and mother and loved ones here, but she has gone to him who said "suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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Ergs.—Caivin alor zo, the bright and promising little boy of two years, six months and one day, and son of John and Katle ligh, living five miles south of Canton Texas, died April 22, 1889 Don't weep, dear parents, but temember that God doeth all things well, and in this sad providence Jesus tas only claimed another j-wei to take its place in the "kingdom of God." May God's grace be sufficient, and may you realize that 'earth bath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

J. C. Calinoun.

Ariwise Providence, and with a nope that is an anchor to the soul—both sure and stead fast—look forward to a happy reunion beyord this world of affliction and disappointment. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed by the name of the Lord."

J. M. BAKER.

GARVIN, TEXAS. GARVIN, TEXAS.

ing a farm, but was too proud at once to receive it as a gift. So he thought of the matter much and anxiously. His desire to have a home of his own was daily growing stronger, but his pride was great. At length he determined to visit him who had made the offer. A strange delusion about this time seized him, for he imagined that he had a bag of gold, so he came with his bag and said to the rich man:

"I have received your message, and have come to see you. I wish to own the farm, but I wish to pay for it. I will give you a bag of gold for it."

"Let us see your gold, said the owner of the farm. 'Look again; I do not think it is even silver.'

"The poor man looked; tears stood in his eyes, and his delusion seemed to be gone, and he said:

"Alas! I am undone; it is not even copper; it is but ashes. How poor I am! I wish to own that farm, but I wish to looked; the same of the same. He craved much to live with his family. Medical skill and a loving family the gone, and he said:

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was my first and only offer. Will you

all that medical selected and willing hands propelled by loving hearts cound do, could not arrest the onward march of the disease-acute pneumonia—that continued its progress in it the victory was complete and the southat ario atcd the little lump of humanity was called to the little lump of humanity was called to the bone of the pure and good, thus forming another link in the chain that binds them to the bounding hand of the deaventy Father bind up the wounds he has in mercy made in the parents' hearts. They know where to find their little ones. May they be ready to join them when the Master calls.

J. G. BOLTON.

him to the better world several years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He was a brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed and sweet singer in our Israel, who passed away in great peace a few years also. He and seven the same brother of Samuel P Brown, that gifted and sweet singer in our Israe

BELVIN — Mrs. Caroline W. Belvin was born in Velasco, Texas Sep. 4 1825, and mar-ried the Rev. R. H. Belvin, January 27, 1848, she gave her heart and life to God, and join-ed the Methodist Episcopal Church state-time in 1847. Bro. Belvin traveled and lased the Methodist Episcopal Church states upon in 1847. Bro. Belvin traveled and laterated many years in Southwestern Texas as a missionary, on circuits, in stations, as presiding elder, Bible agent and tracher. In all these labors aboutant. Sister Belvin with her love, and giving such sympathy and help as can only come from one in whose heart Christ reigns supreme. As a Christian wife and mother she was of the 'good old type,' possessing those elements of character and manifesting that spirit which go to make up the purest and the best. As friend and pelghbor, she was no less worthly and true. From the time that Bro. Belvin went up, which was about a year before, she seemed to have a strong "desire to depart and be with Christ." Having finished lite's work, her soul yearned for that 'rest that remained he for the children of God." She lived the life of the righteous, and departed in peace with God and man. Having been faithful to the end, she has gone to wear the crown of lighteousness. Her last words to her pastor were: "I am ail right. I am ready. I am happy." A few hours there after, (March 28,) her redeemed spirit west home. There engaged in God 8 praises, she will wait and watch the coming of those left behind.

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ALFORD. — Mrs. Molite Avery Alford, daughter of T. S. Gardson, was born in Bowden, Ga., April II. Isold immigrated with her nacousts to Texas in 1867; professed feligion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1872; married K. S. Alford, Spril 6, 1887, and died April 12, 1889, at her house in Timpson, Texas. The above few wirds live the statistical outline of a very noble Christian woman. What it alive below is mostly from personal knowledge. Sister Alford's life exemplifies in a most remarkable manner the importance of accepting Christian and barrent from the would have to be deather the remains such a bright, shifting light. Owing to her parental training, and her early religious precivities, she knew nothing personalty of the vices of this world. Her poly was of no spassification to the world movement in the kinedom of our G. d. Her altendance at courch was remarkable in poner sality, in close affection to the preached word, and in joyind acceptance of the truth. In a very high degree she exempted the injunction, "Children, obey your parans in the fore". A none dutiful and obedient child than molling Garison wond have been hard to find. The wever surpassed her in devotion to preachers and their families. Being kind and obliging, she was a general faveries with all her relatives, and nuch loved by all who knew her. Her energy was relog bind and oblights, the was a general favories with all her relatives, and nuch loved by all who knew her. Her energy was remerbable; in fact, she had more energy than her physical strength could sustain. As a child at home with her parerts, she was ever ready to send a helping hand; as a wife carring for her own home, to the extent of and even beyond her strength, she was at work, it high to make home a bappy place. Those who would like to see her portrait drawn by hispired hands, would do well to read Prov. xxxi:10-31. Her sickness was painful, and lasted but a few days. She being unconscious, left no dying testimony; but who that knew her could have any doubts of her safely landing on Canaan's happy shore? She leaves a husband and babe and many relatives and friends to mourn for her.

Timpson, Texas.

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to him who died for us. May the grace of God enable the parents to so live and train their little daughter that they may make one unbroken family in heaven. We deeply sympathize with the parents and sister, the ones he loved so much, in their bereavement over their little departed son and brother. O remember that he cannot come back to you, but you can, by the grace and help of God, go to him.

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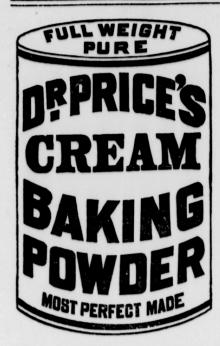
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Texas Incidents. Austin county has no delinquent tax payers. Hempstead wants a city hall and market-

Dallas covers more ground than any city in The Texas Press Association met in El Pas on the 29th ult.

State Medical Association met in San Antonio April 22.

Marlin barbers will do no more shaving on Sundays. The Alliance Convention is in session at Sulphur Springs.

Texas crops, owing to the fine rains, will be worth this year \$200 000,000 Waco has two artesian wells with a daily flow of over a million and a quarter gallons.

Sherman celebrated the centennial of Washington's inauguration April 3). The Odd Fellows celebrated with a grand pic nic at Plano April 26.

The Texas Medical Association wants the insane asylum located at Corpus Christi. The public schools of Paris, Texas, have just closed with a very satisfactory exhi-

bition. A hall storm, April 26, passed over Honey Grove. Lightning struck Mr. B. F. Barnum's residence. Burglars visited the house of J. D. Rey-

nolds and secured \$175 in money and jewelry at Atlanta. Mrs. Mary Davenport, of Sherman, who lost

her mind from sickness, has been taken to the insane asylum at Terrell. At Waco, April 25th, the county commis sioners' court awarded contracts for building

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ville road, and the other over the Bosque, on the Waco and Bosqueville road. The Bosque bridge will cost nearly \$4000.

Deputy United States Marshal came into taken to his home in Dubuque, Iowa. Paris with two prisoners and lodged them in

Territory. 1st, after which all vessels will be boarded

Hughes Springs, owned by Mrs. R. N. Womack. The goods invoiced \$550. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Texas held its seventh annual convention at Denison May 1 and 2. Miss Willard, national president, Miss Gordon, Miss W's.

private, secretary, Mrs. Chapin, president of Southern work, and Mrs. Hellen Duncan, of lows, delivered addresses. The meeting was a very profitable and an interesting one Everything which belongs to pure, health

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Texas Casualties.

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ter at Hico, has been declared insane before

One of the saddest occurrences of the week

was the death of Miss Ethel Hogg, of Denton, caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp. She was the daughter of the late Judge Hogg, and niece of the Attorney-General. Aged 13, died April 25.

A terrible railroad disaster occurred near Houston, Sunday morning, on the Southern Pacific. Thirty-two cars crushed. The noise was heard through the city. Cause of disaster unknown. Engineer Ragsdale is doing well: Johnnie Dehone, fireman, also. Conductor Steph Yates is suffering from injuries, but is not much hurt. H. F. Willard, head brakeman, killed, and the body buried by Knights of Pythias.

Miscellaneous.

The Oklahoma excitement continues. Strawberry crops in Arkansas very fine. Train robbing in Arizona is a capital crime A slight earthquake shock has been felt at

New Orleans has a training school for nurses Laredo is trying to get an International Exposition.

The charter of the Louisiana Lottery will expire in a few years. The daughter of Edward Rath was buried alive in Syracuse, N. Y.

Decoration Day, April 28, New York city was crowded as never before. Five Mormon elders were whipped in Dale unty, Ala., and ordered to leave.

At Wahepeton, Dakota, two children of Mr. Swenmoe were burned to death. It is probable that Idaho Territory will e admitted into the Union as a State. Georgia has in a few days raised for the

Confederate Home, to be located at Atlanta,

\$40,000. John Jackson, the grain elevator man who committed suicide lately, left an estate valued at \$800,000

Jay Gould has been elected president of the Texas & Pacific railroad in place of Gov.

Brown, resigned. F. A. Van Husen, a wholesale tobacco dealer in Denver, says he was knocked down and robbed of \$1,500.

Eastern capitalists representing \$500,000,000 are making a tour of Texas with a view to Col. D. H. Dyer, newly elected mayor of

Guthrie, has ordered all gamblers to leave within twelve hours. R. E. Ricker, General Manager of the Iron Mountain, will be appointed to the same posi-

tion on the Texas and Parific. Mrs. Jennie Kirkham, wife of Rev. F. M. Kirkham, of Chicago, was arrested and imrisoned for stealing from a store.

Ex-President Cleveland has rented his prop erty in Washington for three years to a good tenant. His home is now in New York. The Breweries of St. Louis and East St Louis, eighteen in number, have been consolidated, representing an investment of \$5,000,

The American ship Richard P. Buck, from Philadelphia for San Francisco, was burned to the water's edge April 27. Cargo worth 3500,000.

A convict in the Indiana State Prison falls heir to \$75,000, but cannot touch a dollar of it till the expiration of his term ten years

Rev. Dr. Pearson, the evangelist, at the close of his revival services in Shreveport, received from the people he benefited a purse containing \$1 500.

Two young men, Chas. C. Reid and J. L. Lucas, were imprisoned and probably will go to the penitentiary for interfering with elec tion officers at Plumerville, Ark. Postmaster General Wannamaker has grant

ed the requests of the postmasters at Savannah and Atlanta, Ga., for permission to close their offices on April 26, Confederate memorial day.

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W. V. Harancourt, special artist for Harper's Weekly, dropped dead in front of his tent in Guthrie April 28. The remains were

Capt. Herbert Beecher, son of Henry Ward jail for introducing whisky into the Indian Beecher, was appointed by President Cleveland special agent of the treasury depart-Gov. Ross has issued a proclamation ment at Port Townsend, W. T., and he has against all infected places to take effect May been indicted for robbing the government.

South Carolina has a colored Alliance, and examined before being allowed to land. called Colored Farmers Alliance and Co-oper-At Daingerfield, April 24, an execution in ative Union. Its object is to teach them to favor of Carter Bros., Louisville, Ky., for love their homes and country and care for the 5750 was levied on the stock of goods at destitute of their race. An engine and eight cars, one an oil tank

filled with oil, went through a trestle on Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania railtoad, five miles from Riverside, April 25. The oil tank caught fire and all the cars and engine destroyed. Two men badly injured. Raifroad accident on the Grand Trunk near Hamilton, Ont. Eighteen lives lost. R. S. Gurney, of Brooklyn, the only body identified. Twenty persons injured, two seriously. Seven coaches burned. This is the most horrible accident that has occurred for years. Most of the victims were en route for the Centennnial in New York.

"What's In a Name?"

A young man, James Thompson Duff, hung himself, near Paris, April 27.

Tom Madigan was killed by the wires of the electric light at the Grand Windsor hotel, Dallas.

Fire in the engine room of the penitentiary at Huntsville burnt through to paintshop and erecting room. Loss \$200.

"What's In a Name?"

Shakspeare said there was nothing, but there is. Would Casar have had such notoriety if his name had been Caleb W. Pickers gill? Think of Patti drawing \$7,000 a night if the bill-boards announced her as Jane Brown! The idea is absurd. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets is a name that has made a record. These tiny, sugar coated pills cure sick and billous headache, bowel complaints, internal fever and costiveness.

John A. Eakin, for several years postmaster at Hico, has been declared insane before the county court, presided over by Judge Cotton.

J. L. Moore, constable at Ladonia, had a horse shot from under him last week, but it is not known whether the shot was accidental or an attempt on his life.

A. M. Johnson, of Tyler, shot himself on the 27th, because he had promised his wife to quit drinking and failed to do it. He was in the railroad employ. He left a wife and four children.

April 20 Mr. Elias Page, of Longview, met with a serious accident while he was hunting. A shell exploded, striking him over the eye and penetrating an inch into his skull. He walked home and nay possibly recover.

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District conference will conference at Columbia, Wednesday, June 19, at 9 o'clock a. m. Let all who should be present plan to attend from the beginning of the session. A program will be announced.

H. V. Philipott, P. E. Two strangers were talking on the cars, and one was a portrait painter. After some time the other inquired the painter's business. "I am an artist," he replied, modestly. "Ah," said the other, "what do you draw?" "Faces." "And I am an artist," continued the other. "Ah," excialmed the painter, with a smile of interest, "and pray, may I ask, what do you draw?" "Feeth," said the other: "I am a dentist." Then the artist got up and left the dentist." Then the artist got up and left the



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April 24—Jas A King, sub. J B Denton, sub; address changed J C Calhoun, sub. Albert Little, sub. L CEllis, sub. J G Walker, sub. S G Shaw, sub. J A. Garison, subs; will stop one paper. S H Brewer, subs. WA Coppedge, sub. Geo C Stovall, sub at half price. P L Smith, subs. A G Scruggs, sub. U J Morton, sub. E S Boyd, subs. Wm Price sub. S J Vaughan, subs. C C Williams, subs. C V Oswait. sub. Felix A Knox, change made. J W Sansom, sub; paper discontinued. G D Wilson, subs. W L Griffith, sub. I N Reeves, subs. J T Stanley, sub. J T Williams, sub. E H Harmon, sub. J T Williams, sub. E H Harmon, sub. W N Bonner, subs. W J Joyce, has attention.

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April 25—R W Wellborn, sub. Jas R Jones, subs J L Lemons, sub. M G Jenkins, subs. H M Glass, change name. Jno F Sullivan, subs Dan'l Morgan, sub. W K Simpson, sub. M W Shearer, sub for perpetual 11st. J S McKinley, subs. J T Gillett, subs. E M Clark, o. k. Jno F B udworth, subs. J H White, subs at half price. Jas P Rogers, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub.

April 26—R S Gorsline, sub. W M Robbins, has attention. G R Hughes, subs; one at half price. M S Hotchkiss, change made. J P Childers, sub. R H Simp-on, sub. Jno Helpenstell, change made. I M Woodward, sub. J J Canafax, sub. C Rowland, subs. J Woodson, subs. H C Regers, subs. E F Boone, sub; yes the two names from Brue-ville were received and renewed. Jno. E Green, sub. John S Gillett, sub; let them bui'd, 'twill be a feast for you. W W Pinson, sub J M Smith, sub. C H Smith, subs. T J Milam, subs.

April 27—I-sac L Mills, sub. A B Trimble, sub. J W Sims, correction made. C W Godwin, subs. R V Gallaway, subs. W H Lessen, subs. B C A Evans, subs. L F Smith, subs. J E Vinson, has attention W A Derrick, subs; 2 cards. H M Haynie, sub. H M Sears, sub. C A Evans, subs. G A LeClere, subs. B B Scoggins, sub. J F Archer, subs.

April 29—JE Walker, sub. M L Blaylock, change made. B A Thomasson, sub. J W Sansom, sub. J W Porter, subs; change made. H E Smith, sub. W R D Stockton, sub. M M Dunn, subs. W R D Stockton, sub. M M Dunn, subs. W B J Guess, sub. Jas R Jones, sub.

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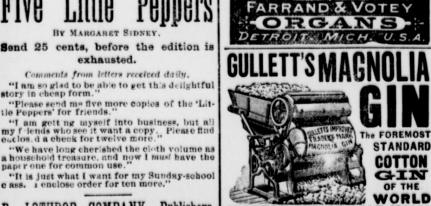
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