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THE MORAVIANS—MARRIAGE.

JEAN PAUL.

1. Methodists have always taken great interest in the Moravians since, as is well known, through the instrumentality of one of them, Peter Boehler, our own John Wesley attained to a full understanding of the scriptural plan of salvation. The Wesleyans named one of their principal places of worship in London Peter Boehler Chapel. Preaching in that chapel a few years ago, no other text would suit and serve me but "By faith are you saved, through grace."

2. The Moravians, so called from their native country, Moravia, a small province of Austria, styled themselves *Unitas Fratrum*, i. e., United Brethren. Accepting the English rendering of their name, care must be taken not to confound them with the United Brethren in Christ, the followers of Otterbein, whose headquarters are at Dayton, Ohio. The original Moravians were the disciples of Huss. Though the pope's vassals burned this reformer at the stake, his adherents could not be so readily exterminated. It is even true that the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church.

3. Though papal persecution failed to extinguish the young church, intestine dissensions, which led even to protracted war and bloody encounter, rendered not only their name a misnomer but threatened denominational annihilation. Dispersed, only in small colonies was the faith of the fathers preserved. In 1722 a young German nobleman, Count von Zinzendorf, who had been led to God through that great pietistic theologian, Dr. Spencer, invited some of the Moravians to settle on his vast estates in Saxony, Germany. The invitation was accepted. They arrived in large numbers. Soon their colony, Herrnhut, (the Lord's Protection) became a flourishing town. Thereafter the Slavonic Moravianism became identical with German pietism—a species of the French quietism.

4. It was Count Zinzendorf's design, not to organize a separate church, but to revive the state-church by calling small societies into being whose fervor and ardor could not fail to bring about a wholesome reaction. But the intolerance of Lutheran leaders rendered such procedure impossible. Thus a separate church organization was effected with governmental sanction. In great Britain the Moravians were received as an ancient Episcopal Church.

5. The Moravians have secured a firm foothold in our country. In Bethlehem, Pa.; Salem, N. C.; Hope, N. J., they have flourishing colonies. Compared with other denominations, their success is insignificant. The spirit of our age seems impervious to their exclusiveness and patriarchal tutelage. Pedilavium, that is, feetwashing, and selecting ministers and husbands or wives by lot, formerly in vogue, have been abandoned.

6. Notwithstanding its connection with the founder of Methodism, Moravianism is now exceedingly ritualistic. Elaborate litanies are arranged for all Sunday and feast-day services. Extensive prayer is a rarity. But with all this, Moravians excel as workers. Their poor, their widows and orphans, find ample support. Their missions in foreign countries are numerous and successful. Comparatively insignificant, there being, all told, only 414 Moravian ordained ministers employed, 145 of these operate as missionaries in distant, non-Christian lands.

1. When our children attain to maturity, vaguely, indefinitely entertaining thoughts looking to wedlock, parental care should be most assiduous. Guidance is now more necessary than ever before. Wisdom must be exercised, lest our children perceive the reins with which we lead them.

2. Not a few parents spend a fortune in educating their sons. The money was well spent. But lo! see those sons wedded to sickly, helpless, puny wives; their homes a hospital; nursing their chief employ. Or, may be, these sons select as partners for life, gay, extravagant, fashionable somebodies, whose inordinate demands doom them to the most abject slavery of toiling incessantly in order to provide the necessary means. Please trace some of the most noted bankruptcies to their cause.

3. In many families estrangement ensues between parents and children when the latter insist on matrimony. Too young. Insufficient means. The mother is wroth when a certain gentleman calls. The father—well, he becomes morose and sullen; concludes that he did not "strap" that boy sufficiently when younger. This is wrong. Accept the inevitable. Why should not our children do what the parents did? Only see to it that the selection of husband or wife be not contrary to the dictates of wisdom.

4. I think it is well that people marry young. If the son is able to support a wife at the age of twenty-one to twenty-five, do not object to his marriage on account of his youth. Marriages contracted in youth are usually happy. Mothers should as well sacrifice their daughters to Moloch as to give them in wedlock to men who could be their grandfathers, simply because of the vast wealth of said senile somebodies.

5. Family relations should not influence us unduly in selecting a partner for life. Many noble parents have very ignoble sons. Many a noble man is of humble parentage. The young

man marries not the young lady's family, but the young lady.

6. While I abhor and repudiate the papal doctrine of declaring marriage a sacrament, I do believe that the ceremony attending the contraction of marriage should be characterized by greater solemnity than is usually observed. The solemnization of the marriage vows should take place in the sanctuary, and not in the private residence. Extravagant attire, pomp and parade, revelry at marriage-feasts, are of heathen origin and should be avoided.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

The twenty-fourth session of the Columbia Annual Conference convened at Dallas, Oregon, in the beautiful Willamette Valley, on the 28th ultimo, Bishop Harzgrove in the chair. As the roll was called, nearly all the brethren answered to their names. Some, however, were unable to attend. The Bishop dispatched the business satisfactorily to all and made some lasting impressions both upon preachers and people.

The session was pleasant, interesting, harmonious and spiritual. The reports show that our work in the West is steadily advancing. The increase in membership during the year is about 270. Several churches and parsonages have been built during the year, and several Sunday-schools, Juvenile Mission bands and parsonages aid societies have been organized and are doing a good work. We praise God, take courage and go forward!

A memorial was presented and read, praying the General Conference to divide this conference. The part east of the Cascade mountains, containing Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, and all of Idaho, to be named the "East Columbia" Conference, and the part lying between the Pacific Ocean and Cascade mountains, which takes in Western Oregon and Washington, to retain the name of "Columbia" Conference. It is to be hoped that this division will be granted, as it will greatly lessen the expense of preachers going to and from conference. The next session of our annual conference will be at Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, and if the conference stands then, as now, some of our preachers will have to go more than 600 miles to attend.

Our presiding elders were returned to their old fields of labor.

After a very spirited, earnest, sermon by Dr. Barbee, of our Publishing House, on Sunday night, the appointments were read out, and so far as I could see all were satisfactory. I notice there were several places "to be supplied." We need more good, consecrated, holy Ghost men in our work. Our ranks are gaining strength all the time. Three young men were admitted on trial this session and we will get a few transfers, but yet the demand is not met. There is a fine opening here for the right kind of young men, and those who are able to bear their own expenses out here, and are willing to leave all ("sweet heart" included) for Christ's sake, come on. You will find a hearty welcome, and a clever, whole-souled, good people to labor among. There are lots of infidels here, but even they will treat you well when you go to their homes. Write Rev. J. Craig, Tangent, Linn county, Oregon, who will cheerfully give you any information, and a work, too, if you will come out. I have been in the west about fifteen months and am well pleased. I send greetings to all my friends and acquaintances in the Texas Conference. I often wish we could have some of them here to help us in our efforts to win souls for Christ. Brethren, pray for us. Pray for more laborers in this great harvest.

EVANS WOOD.

BUENA VISTA, OREGON.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

H. S. THRALL.

In 1867 there was organized, in connection with the Interior Department in Washington, a Bureau of Education. Its first commissioner was Henry Barnard. He was succeeded in 1870 by John Eaton; and he in turn in 1886 by the present commissioner, Nathaniel K. Dawson. This bureau issues annual reports, giving such information as is attainable of the systems of education, and the educational institutions in the various States and Territories. These reports are late in appearing, and while far from being full and accurate, contain much that is valuable, and every effort is made to obtain more full and satisfactory information.

The report for 1886-87 has just come to hand, and I have examined it with a good deal of interest. This is the first of these reports that has professed to give the higher grade of universities in the United States; that is, "statistics of foundations comprising groups of related faculties, colleges, or schools." Under this classification the number of real universities is reduced to twelve. Classified geographically eight of them are in the North, and four in what was formerly slave territory.

Eight of these institutions are marked as non-sectarian: Yale, in Connecticut, and Harvard, in Massachusetts, now reported for the first time as universities; Columbia University, Washington City, Johns-Hopkins, Baltimore, Cornell University, and Columbia College, New York; and the University of the City of New York and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Boston University, and the Vanderbilt, are Methodist; the College of New

Jersey, Princeton, is Presbyterian, and Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, is Congregational. The University of Pennsylvania, which has been in existence one hundred and forty years, is the only State institution that has reached the university grade. What significance is there in a name? Dartmouth and Princeton, reported as such enough universities, still go by the simpler name of colleges. In the Southwest we have over thirty so-called universities, and the Vanderbilt is the only one that reaches the real status. I think it was a mistake christening our institution at Georgetown a university. But what we have called it, we must absolutely make it.

In some respects Texas compares favorably with other States; especially in her large educational fund, and in her schools for training teachers. The State Normal schools, the Summer Normals, and the normal departments in our institutions for higher education, furnish an excellent class of professional teachers who are contributing largely toward the improvement of our educational facilities.

Of Kindergartens, an institution so helpful to the infant mind, we have almost none; and so of free circulating libraries. While in other States we see lists of scores and hundreds of these libraries, Texas scarcely has one. Surely to call attention to this destitute will stimulate citizens of our larger cities to bestir themselves, and furnish the masses who ought to hunger for intellectual pabulum with suitable mental food. Our Chautauqua circles ought to be foremost in this good work.

MORAL CULTURE OF CHILDREN.

MRS. MARY H. LESSENSE.

We are indebted to the German for a beautiful educational allegory: A father carries his son to a famous school. Accompanied by the overseer, or superintendent, he enters the "pedagogic province," and observes the children making the following singular gestures towards the overseer escorting the party: The youngest crossed their arms over their breasts, and looked cheerfully up to the sky. Those of middle size held their hands on their backs, and looked smilingly on the ground. The eldest stood with a frank and spirited air, hands stretched downwards, heads turned to the right, and thus they formed themselves into a line, while the other children kept separate, each where he happened to be. To the father's inquiries this explanation was given: By those gestures we inculcate a three-fold reverence, which, when formed into one whole, attains full force and effect. The first is reverence for what is above us, and little children are taught to take that posture towards parents, teachers and superiors, as their testimony that there is a God who images himself in these parents, teachers and superiors. When older, they are taught the second posture, which is a testimony of reverence for that which is under us, the all-nourishing, bountiful earth. The third is reverence for self—for human nature, as is evidenced by the pupils ranging themselves together and in combination with each other, fronting the world with confidence and frankness.

This allegory we take to be full of deep meaning for those who would rear and train children to a higher life, and fit them for the purest enjoyments of this world, and the higher seats in the world to come.

Teach the very babes that there is a God. Teach them the beautiful symbolism of reverence for God. Train the dimpled hands to fold, the eyes to close, the lips to move, the whole body to bow in reverent attitude. This training will not be lost. The vain conceits and illusions of the world may for a time overshadow the impressions of these nursery lessons, but they can not efface them from the mind. They will cling to one even as a part of his nature, and by a proper use of these symbols the mother can firmly fasten her little ones to a sure foundation. As in the illustration of the St. Nicholas bird story previously mentioned, the little fledgling falls sometimes, but only a little way. It is brought back, and oh, comforting thought! rescued by mother. Far away the mother may be from her child. She may be asleep in death, but her teachings are with that child as long as life lasts.

Then we must teach our children reverence for the earth beneath us; reverence not alone for what is above, but for all beneath. Show the child that things are ordered by God; that the decrepitude of age is as much God's work as the symmetry and comeliness of manhood; that pain and sorrow come from God as well as health and enjoyment. Teach him to disdain nothing, but in reverence accept this world as not abusing it.

Reverence for human nature must be early taught the little ones, and for self as a part of the great brotherhood. Teach them the proper regard for their bodies, the temple wherein dwells the spirit. How beautiful the world would be if we were all self-reverencing and reverent toward each other! In households where children are led to be respectful to each other, love and harmony reign. Little brothers' feelings should be as sacred to the members of the family as are the feelings of the visitor at the house, and who would be so rude as to wound a visitor? Sisters' rights should be as much regarded as those of other young ladies or little ladies. Implant a principle of honor

and self-respect in a child, and you have given him a shield against temptations and dangers. Girls and boys going out into the world from the atmosphere of such homes are bound to make the world brighter and better for their being in it.

They never ridicule appearances, or try to get fun at the expense of another's feelings. I know these thoughts—hurriedly jotted down—on reverence may be classed by some as out of date. I know there is a spirit abroad that runs in an opposite current and inculcates independence of thought in all things. Lecturers descend on this theme, and tell us that if we would have true manliness, true greatness in church and state, we must have each child to think for itself. This spirit we should be very cautious in inculcating. The tendency is not to unite but to disrupt. We are told that if every American citizen will think for himself, then will they stand together, "each a brick in the great national wall." Brick will not stand together without mortar or cement. Give the people the cement of reverence for the holy things of God, and reverence for our institutions and their founders, and the wall may become as adamant.

HOME CONFERENCES.

Dead, mon.

J. H. Law, Sept. 9: We are in the midst of a gracious revival.

ALOMA.

T. J. Lassater, Aug. 8: Our meeting close at Aloka to-day. Results: Twenty conversions and nineteen accessions. Collections to-day amounted to \$23.50. To God be all the glory.

Beckville Circuit.

L. C. Ellis, Sept. 9: My fifth meeting has been held at Allison's Chapel; a good meeting; church quickened; two converted; three accessions. Am now at Beckville. Expect a good time.

Bonham Circuit.

Wm. Hay, Sept. 11: We are still going on with our meetings; up to date 237 conversions and 215 accessions, and forty-three children baptized. Finances well up. We hope for better times.

Climer.

W. J. Bludworth, Sept. 10: We are through with our round of protracted meetings for this season. Known results: Thirty-six conversions, forty-two additions, a new organization, and a church house built and ready for dedication. Many thanks to the brethren for help rendered.

Itasca.

S. B. Ellis, Sept. 11: We have closed our protracted meeting, resulting in ninety-five conversions and seventy-four additions. Bro. J. M. Barcus left me yesterday, carrying with him the best wishes of my people and myself. He has done good work on the circuit.

West Waco.

G. J. Irvin, September 12: The ladies of my congregation here gave an ice cream supper in Mr. Turner's lawn last night and the net proceeds amounting to \$48, which are to be appropriated to church repairs. Considering the character of the entertainment and coolness of the night, it was quite a success.

Garvin.

J. M. Baker, Sept. 9: Our meeting at Walnut closed with eleven conversions, the one at Garvin with twelve, and the one at Annis Chapel with fifteen. I never saw such divine power manifested as at Annis Chapel. In all twenty-nine accessions. God has wonderfully blessed us. To him be all the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Harrold.

A. P. Smith, Sept. 13: Am holding a meeting in Harrold, a town on the railroad twelve miles below Vernon. Have had several conversions. Last night received seventeen into the church. Have no ministerial help. The church is greatly revived. Quite a number of penitents at the altar. Pray for us.

Kaufman.

A. F. Hendrix, Sept. 13: Our third quarterly meeting the seventh and eighth was a good time. Bro. Clifton was with us, in rather feeble health, but the doctrine he preached was strong and comforting to his audience. May the Lord bless him with long life and good health to tell the same old story. The worms are destroying the crops. Hard times. But we trust God.

Marvin.

S. A. Ashburn, Sept. 12: On the fourth Sunday in August I began my protracted meeting at Marvin. The church had passed through a series of unfortunate experiences, beginning with its church-life at this place. The meeting continued two weeks—two services per day. Results, thirty-five professions, twenty additions to the church and the church revived. The work was of the Lord, as I had no help at all.

Mt. Pleasant.

Wm. A. Edwards, Sept. 9: I have just closed my round of protracted meetings. We have had in all 210 conversions and 197 accessions to the church. These meetings have continued sixty days. In that time I have preached nearly 100 sermons. Received valuable aid from Bro. Flager at the quarterly meeting at Mt. Vernon. The good effect of his sermons was felt through that entire meeting, and E. S. Williams, of this conference; also from Bro. C. P. Simpson, local preacher from Delta county, at Bridge's Chapel, and Ben.

Hudgins, local on this work, at Centenary. Except eight or ten sermons, have done all the preaching myself. This circuit is in the best spiritual condition now of any work I ever knew in my life. God has been wonderfully present.

HOWS.

F. M. Sherwood, Sept. 9: I have held three meetings on the Howe circuit and Bro. Fuqua one, all resulting in fifty conversions and fifty accessions. Collected on conference claims by cash and subscription, \$100. Infants baptized fifteen. Our best camp-meeting was at Cedar. Am going to make a desperate effort to bring up all of my collections at conference. Preacher in charge and presiding elder's salary way behind, but hope the stewards and members will bring all up in due time.

NAPO SPRING.

N. B. Read, September 9: We have just closed a precious revival at Bear Springs, with the following results: Sixteen conversions, fourteen accessions to the church, and many backsliders reclaimed, and the church placed on a stronger spiritual basis than it has occupied for many years. Old differences that had existed between brethren for a long time were happily adjusted. Peace and harmony now exist where strife and discord reigned.

WACO.

H. A. Bourland, Sept. 10: Rev. Sam P. Wright has been seriously threatened with pneumonia, but is convalescent, and at the post of duty again. With clear head and warm heart, he is leading the preachers in the Waco district in the grandest onset upon the works of Satan ever waged before in its bounds. Victory is flashing all along the lines. Our tent meeting will take place on the 20th instant, and we will have Mulkey and Burnett with us, and are hoping for great things.

TRINITY.

A. J. Frick, Sept. 9: Last night we closed a very gracious meeting at Lovelady. Twenty accessions (twenty-five during the year) to the M. E. Church, South, and other churches will receive some of the converts. Church wonderfully revived. Sunday morning raised our missionary assessment, which was \$25—raised \$41. Trinity circuit in fine condition. Thank God. Rev. Leon Sonfield did the preaching, and worked otherwise faithfully. Also Rev. E. T. Brasher rendered good service. May the work go on. One more meeting on this work.

WEST CIRCUIT.

John B. Steele: Have five appointments; protracted service at each appointment; at three appointments we had gracious revivals. There was reported in all, eighty-eight converted, with forty-eight additions. Some children baptized. Conference collections taken with small degree of success. So far, finance behind on all lines about alike. We have no prophecy for what the end shall be; everything can be paid in any day that the people say it must.

LIBERTY HILL.

G. W. Graves, Sept. 10: I had hoped by announcing that our presiding elder would preach to penitents on Saturday at eleven (being the time of quarterly meeting) to beat King Cotton out of one hour; but no, cotton "licked me." Were not there. At night too tired. Sunday excursions took many off, etc. But Bro. Bishop and Bro. Sherman came, and both preached well, while Sunday's sermon of Bro. B. was a masterly effort. Our work is coming up well financially. We have a noble board of stewards. First charge in the district that has paid presiding elder in full. Liberty Hill and Leander have some noble men and women. The kindness of some of them will never be forgotten by this preacher. Bro. Vaughan, of Georgetown, came to our meeting and delighted our folks with three excellent sermons. They want him to come again.

Mt. Zion.

R. L. Hall, Sept. 5: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Bro. Roberts, our beloved pastor, closed a meeting at this place Monday night, lasting from Friday night only. Don't know the exact number of converts. Ten accessions to our church. Some will go to other churches. Bros. Tolan and Canon rendered efficient service, preaching in the demonstration of the Spirit. The Lord's presence was manifested at all the services. We trust lasting good was accomplished. The church in general was most graciously revived. The Lord is building up Jerusalem and gathering together the outcasts of Israel. We have a flourishing Sunday-school here. Superintendent, teachers and scholars all seem to take a lively interest. Several of the scholars have professed faith in Christ, and we trust the remaining ones will in the near future. Surely God is our refuge and strength.

LAWDALS MISSION.

E. R. Large, Sept. 12: I have completed my round of protracted meetings. I have held six protracted and one camp-meeting, which resulted in good revivals in the church and the salvation of sinners. There have been between fifty and sixty conversions, and forty additions to the church. The results of these meetings were not what they ought to have been, nor what was desired. But on account of sickness with some and indifference in others and the want of ministerial help, we

fell short of accomplishing what we desired. Yet we feel that a considerable degree of success has attended our labors. We were assisted in one meeting three days by Bro. R. Price; in another three sermons by Bro. A. Little, of Athens circuit. In my camp-meeting we had the assistance three days of my presiding elder, Rev. John Adams, D. D., three days by Bro. Little, and all the way through by Bro. C. B. Smith, L. D., of Larissa circuit. These brethren have our thanks.

LINDALE CIRCUIT.

S. N. Allen, Sept. 13: Just closed a gracious revival at Pleasant Grove last night—our pastor, W. H. Crawford, not with us, sickness of family being the hindering cause. Was assisted by Rev. John Lowery and W. F. Mayne; church wonderfully revived. Nineteen conversions; fourteen accessions to the church. We invoke God's blessings upon Bro. Lowery. As he grows older may his way grow brighter. He is a faithful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. To God be all the glory.

PALUXY CIRCUIT.

U. J. Morton: Our fourth quarterly conference for Paluxy circuit was held at Bluffdale, Sept. 7 and 8. B. M. Stephens, our beloved presiding elder, was with us in good trim. He magnifies his office. We reported results for the quarter as follows: Additions by covenant, twenty three; by letter, nine; adults baptized, fourteen; infants, fifteen; conversions, forty; missionary money, cash fifty dollars and about forty dollars a good subscription. The stewards reported: Money collected during the quarter for the support of the ministry, \$130.20; and they appointed a stewards' meeting for a final settlement to meet at Wesley's Chapel, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, and they all pledged themselves to use all diligence to pay off the entire assessment. They are a noble set of Christian workers, and they will succeed. It is proper to state that the appointment at Bluffdale has paid its assessment. May God bless the people of Paluxy circuit, and to his name be glory now and ever.

GOLDTHWAITE CIRCUIT.

G. W. Templin, Sept. 12: I closed a protracted meeting on the night of the 10th at Step's Creek in the bounds of Goldthwaite charge. It continued eleven days. Congregations were large and attentive up to the last night of the meeting. We have a grand revival, and the church was wonderfully built up spiritually. Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists were all baptized by one spirit into one body, and all rejoiced together. There were sixteen conversions, the most of them very bright. Twelve joined the Methodist Church. There were several earnest penitents left at the altar. Baptized fourteen children. The good results of this meeting will only be revealed in eternity. We had the efficient help of Rev. P. W. Gravis eight days. May God spare him many years to bless the church. Revs. E. P. Chisholm and W. J. Turney, local preachers, and J. H. Dameson, exhorter, all did good work. May the good Lord always be with these good brethren. We feel and know there has been great good done, for which we give God all the glory.

BALLINGER.

C. V. Oswalt: Our meeting at this place closed last night. Bro. Raymond was with us eleven days, conducting every service while here, and preaching with his usual boldness. He was in the spirit and God owned and blessed his labors. A few faithful Christians had been praying for God's spirit to come, "in sin-billing and converting power." And it has come. Like a tornado the revival seemed to sweep all before it, and for ten days scarcely anything else was talked of on the streets or in the homes. The old, the young, the rich, the poor, the high, the low, gave God their hearts and praised him from whom all blessings flow. Over 150 professions. Sixty have been received into our church, with others to follow. Prof. Cummings, of Dallas, preached three very excellent sermons after Raymond left us. Sunday afternoon we held an old-fashioned Methodist love-feast, and it was indeed a feast of love. Heaven seemed very near. Glory be to God!

Mt. Vernon Circuit.

J. L. Wyche: Our first protracted meeting was held at Mt. Vernon, assisted by Bro. A. J. Frick, who preached some excellent sermons, concluding with such earnest appeals that some very hard cases were moved, and it did seem strange that any sinner could resist. Results: Six accessions. We were also assisted by Bro. Lewis, whose sermons were spiritual indeed. Bro. G. M. Hopper, Bro. E. T. Brasher and Bro. Ed. Massam were with us and did efficient work. Second meeting was at Groveton, "counted a very hard place." Bro. Leon Sonfield did the preaching, which awakened that kind of interest which made religion so much the topic of conversation that the people exclaimed we never saw it so in Groveton before. The people were delighted with the preacher and his preaching. Results: ten accessions. Third meeting at Prairie View resulted in twenty-six professions; twelve candidates for membership; only four were received, as I could not baptize the others. Bro. Riley, of the Free Methodist Church, did some faithful preaching, and especially altar work. Bless the Lord for the good that has been done in these meetings.

COLUMN OF NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE AND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

LIZZIE SEALE, BIRDIE GREENSHAW, Editors for September.

My First Visit to North Texas Female College.

On—day of September, 188-, I telegraphed Mrs. Kidd, notifying her of my intention to visit the College with a view to entering. Arriving at the Union depot I was met by Mr. Crisler.

A walk of two blocks down Mulberry street brought us to the College. As we entered the gate I admired the beautiful hedge of arbutus, interspersed with maple and palm-Christi.

Passing through the vestibule of the brick building into a large hall, we stopped at the first room on the right, where I was introduced to Prof. Powell, who was busily engaged with his office work.

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Opening into each of these rooms are the practice rooms, over which these teachers preside.

The outside and partition walls of these rooms are decorated with saw-dust and paper, which prevents confusion of sounds and adds to the comfort of the rooms.

When it is desired to practice for concerts, by opening these folding doors the two music rooms can be converted into one large room into which the ten pianos can be easily rolled.

Leaving this department of discord and melody, we went upstairs where we met Miss McQueen, surrounded by lovers of art, busily copying the works of the masters and striving to emulate them in their love for the beautiful.

After enjoying the sight of the many beauties of the Art Hall, including the earnest, bright-faced girls, we passed to the Chapel, the upper story of the brick building already mentioned.

Miss Hill, who was presiding over the Chapel at this time, kindly invited me to a seat on the rostrum, where I sat embarrassed by the presence of a multitude of strange faces.

I needed no guide to inform me that this was the study hall. From the Chapel we descended to the first floor, and on our way out of this building we passed by Miss Hill's room, where some one was declining "bonus," and spent a few moments in Miss Watkins' room in which we were convinced that women can learn and teach mathematics.

Then I was conducted along a gallery shaded by morning glories and cypress and entered Prof. Eckhardt's music room. While we were enjoying Beethoven's Sonata Pathétique, the bell announced noon recess.

Prof. Powell escorted me to the parlor and assigned me to the care of Mrs. Kidd who showed me through the dormitories, which were comfortable and homelike.

The dinner bell shortened our stay in this interesting department. Mrs. Kidd escorted me to the dining room and gave me the seat of honor. The order and system which prevailed here showed the executive ability of the President. The first bell summoned the young ladies to the parlor and library, and at the ringing of the second bell all marched promptly and orderly into the dining room; and though there were eight large tables, each girl without confusion found her proper place.

Here the waiters in white aprons moved about quietly and served every one attentively and politely. The table etiquette was admirable, and the girls engaged in cheerful conversation while they partook heartily of the well-served meal.

After dinner I met Prof. Pickens, the violinist, and was introduced to Miss—, who invited me to take a stroll down to the playground. Passing vase after vase of rare flowers, and ro-kerics crowned with verbenas and geranium and foliage plants, others with canna and calladium, and across the clean-clipped lawn, adorned with maple, pecan, bois d'arc, sycamore, ash and haw, we entered a cosy look shaded by graceful elms and stately oaks.

Here was the tired pupils' haven of rest; here the weary mind and limb found healthful recreation in games of croquet and lawn tennis, in swings and vaults and athletic exercises, under the graceful tutelage of Miss Billiger.

I met all the teachers, inspected all the departments, and witnessed the operations of this institution, and the result was that on my return home I asked father to send me to North Texas Female College.

In reply to our letter in your ADVOCATE, soliciting fossils and mineral specimens, we received an interesting collection, accompanied by the following beautiful and encouraging note:

HUTCHINS, DALLAS, COUNTY TEXAS, AUG. 20, 1889. DEAR SISTER: To-day I send you some of my collections, gathered in Western Texas, etc., etc. I regret my inability to classify them geologically. They are for the study and pleasure of the precious pupils of North Texas Female College.

About the Lesson.

LESSON XII., SUNDAY, SEPT. 22. DEATH OF SAUL AND HIS SONS. I SAM. XXXI:1-15. GOLDEN TEXT. "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil." (Ps. xxxiv:16)

MEMOIR-VERSES, 46.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. Where is this invasion of the Philistines first mentioned? In the twentieth chapter.

2. Where are the mountains of Gilboa? Near the vale of Esdraelon, on its southern side.

3. Who were the Philistines? A nation whose land bounded Judeah on the south.

4. Where did the battle of Gilboa begin? It probably began in the valley.

5. What was the result of the battle? The men of Israel were defeated.

6. Whom did the Philistines pursue? They followed hard upon Saul and his sons.

7. How did they slay? The three sons of Saul.

8. Did they wound Saul? The battle went sore against him, and he was sore wounded by the archers.

9. What did Saul say to his armor-bearer? "Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith."

10. What did the armor-bearer do? He refused.

11. Why? Because Saul was the Lord's anointed.

12. What did Saul then do? He fell on his sword.

13. What did his armor-bearer then do? He fell on his sword also.

14. What did the Israelites do when they saw what was done? They fled from their cities.

15. What did the Philistines do to the body? They stripped it and cut off the head.

16. What did they do with Saul's armor? Put it in the house of Ashtaroth.

17. Where was Bethshan! Between Gilboa and the Jordan.

18. What did they do with his body? Fastened it to the wall of Bethshan.

19. Who took it down and burned it? The men of Jabesh-gilead.

20. What did they do with the bones? They buried them.—Illustrated Lesson Paper.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Interpreting Events.—The temporary repentance of Saul led to a truce between him and David (1 Sam. xxiv; 18:22). After this Samuel died, and David departed to the wilderness of Paran (south of Judah). The narrative gives a full account of the incident of Nabal and his wife Abigail, the churlishness of the one and the kindness of the other, who afterwards became the wife of David (chap. 25). Again the Zephtes tell Saul of David's hiding-place, and the king again pursues him; but David having penetrated Saul's camp again spares him, the result being a penitent outbreak on the part of Saul, similar to that narrated in the last lesson (chap. 26). David withdrew into the land of the Philistines, remaining there in the city of Ziklag, which was given him by Achish, king of Gath. From this place he made frequent raids against the neighboring Gathians, deceiving Achish by telling him that the raids were against Israel (chap. 27). War breaking out between the Philistines and Israel, David was invited to take part against Israel by Achish. Saul consulted the witch of Endor, and Samuel appeared to him, prophesying his utter defeat (chap. 28). The prince of the Philistines objected to having David as an ally, and he left their army (chap. 29). Returning to Ziklag, he found it destroyed by the Amalekites; but, after consulting the Lord (by the ephod), he pursued the invaders and routed them, sending part of the spoils to the elders of Judah (chap. 30). The lesson follows the day of David's return from the victory over the Amalekites (2 Sam. i:1, 2).

Places.—The scene of this lesson is Mount Gilboa, in the plain of Esdraelon, now called Jebel Fakoo'a. The Israelites were encamped at the northern base of the range, and pursued to the mountain by the Philistines, who attacked them from the north. Gideon won his victory in the same locality (Judg. vii:1). Bethshan was to the east of Gilboa, and Jabesh-gilead south-east of Bethshan, beyond Jordan. Other localities referred to are the cities east of the Jordan, and the land of the Philistines.

Time.—The time of the lesson is B. C. 1055 or 1059.

Persons.—Philistines, men of Israel, Saul, Jonathan, Abinadab, Melchishua, the archers, Saul's armor-bearer, men of Israel that were beyond Jordan, people of Philistia, Ashtaroth, people of Jabesh-gilead.

Incidents.—A battle between the Philistines and Israel; the rout of Israel; Saul's sons are slain; Saul's armor-bearer refuses to slay his king; the suicide of Saul and of his armor-bearer; the cities beyond Jordan are deserted; and the Philistines occupy them; Saul and his three sons are discovered by the Philistines among the dead; they are mutilated, and news of the achievement is sent into the land of the Philistines; the armor of the dead king is placed in the house of Ashtaroth, and his body is fastened to the wall of Bethshan; men of Jabesh-gilead make a night raid, and secure the bodies of Saul and his sons; they are buried at Jabesh, and their bones are buried under a tamarisk tree in Jabesh.

ADDED POINTS.

God's people are sometimes the sufferers at the hands of God's enemies; not because the Lord would favor his enemies, but because his people have made themselves, for the time, as if they also were God's enemies. He who would triumph over God's enemies must himself be in loving oneness with God.

Even those who themselves are true to God are unable to rescue those who have chosen to set themselves against God. A true man may decide to die with one who is false, but he cannot save him from the consequences of his falsity.

Death is not always the most terrible alternative. It is often harder to live than it would be to die. Hence it is that suicide is cowardice. Many a man who has the brute courage to kill himself, lacks the moral courage to continue to live.

The failure of a man of God to do his duty gives rejoicing to God's enemies, and sadness of heart to God's people.

Old and Young.

SUCCESSOR TO.

Little Albert was trying to spell out the new sign at the grocer's store. The breeze blowing fresh from the ocean knocked his sailor-hat over his eyes every time he got to the longest word. "S-u-e-e" spelled Albert, and over went his hat.

"Now, where was I?" thought Albert,

after he had adjusted his hat. "I'd better begin again."

But the boisterous breeze was laughing at his endeavor to read. It swung the new sign to and fro, so that the letters seemed to change places with one another.

"Get into the carriage, Albert," called his mother. "We must drive home. It is going to storm."

"Mother," said Albert, as they drove along, "did you see the new sign at the store? What does it say?"

"It says, 'Jasper Quick, successor to Samuel Shears,'" broke in the driver. "Jasper's been a risin' sence you was here, ma'am, and Sam Shears?"

"What did he do to Sam Shears?" interrupted Albert.

"Squeezed him out of town," said the driver.

Albert looked troubled. "That's not the word on the sign," he said.

"Successor, do you mean, Albert?" said his mother.

"Yes, What does that mean?" "I'll tell you, said the driver. "Suppose you was settin' in a soft new chair, and you was a-settin' and settin' a long time, and the longer you was a settin' the longer you set; and there comes along another chap, and says he, 'It's my turn to set,' and says you, 'Tain't either,' and says he, 'Tis so,' and he lifts you up, and scoops you out, and there you is spilled and he a-settin' in the chair."

"It's not fair, it's not fair!" cried Albert. "It was my chair."

"He, he!" laughed the driver. "But how long air you going to set? There's the question. How?"

"Albert, supposing you jumped up and gave your chair to the new comer," said his mother. "He would be your successor that way too, and that's a nicer way."

At this point in the conversation they reached home.

"I shall not learn to say that success-word," said Albert. "It's a horrid word."

That evening Albert sat by the side of a golden sea; for the sun while sinking had sent its light into the very heart of the waters, and had shimmered them into gold. Only the smallest wavelets crept up the sand to talk to Albert.

"Happy," they whispered and stepped back again into the sea. Every evening Albert came to sit by the sea. He wished to say good-by to the day, to tell his adventures, to consult his friends, and laugh at the sandpipers.

"There's a horrid new word," cried Albert.

"Tell us about it," said the golden sea. "It's suc—No, I shall not learn to say it. But it means somebody who gets away your seat. I'm not going to give up my seat here on the sand; nor my seat at table that the artist made, nor my seat on mamma's lap. I guess not. Hold on! You'll wet me! What are you laughing at?"

The wavelets did not answer. They whispered for a minute in the bosom of the shining water, and then, linking themselves one to another, they ran up the beach.

"Your seat is ours," they said, and they filled Albert's little nest in the sand with laughing, shining water.

Albert scrambled to his feet. "I shan't say good-by," he shouted. "You've wet me, and I shan't say good-by."

He ran away, and "Suk, suk!" laughed the golden waters after him; but the sandpipers stood bewildered.

"We cannot think," thought they. The next night the sea was gray and still when Albert came down to say good-by.

"There's a little fat boy come to our table," cried Albert.

"And he can't reach the table unless he sits in my chair, and I wouldn't let him have it," and Albert burst into tears.

"Tell us about it," said the sea. "The artist made it. It's two great soap-boxes, and the arms are clothes-pins, and the back is the artist's broken arrows, and there's a real honeysuckle vine goes around the top (only it's dead); and I keep my shells inside the soap-boxes, you know, and my string and my boats and Buffalo Bill and candy and everything. Oh, dear!"

There was silence for a minute. "He's littler than me," said Albert. "Suk, suk," sighed the sea. "Good-by," said Albert, after a while.

"I guess he can have it," he added humbly.

"Suk, suk," sobbed the great waters after Albert as he turned to go. Now the sandpipers stood bewildered. "We cannot think," thought they.

The next night the sea was rough and angry when Albert came down to say good-by.

"There's a new baby come to our house," shouted Albert above the wind. "Tell us! Tell us!" threatened the ocean. "Tell us about it."

"It has no hair, and the artist says I must be a big boy right away; and it won't stay still, nor unless mamma holds it, and she holds it; and is she going to hold it all the time?"

The ocean cried did not seem to love Albert.

"Suk!" it answered as it rushed to his feet; and "Cess!" it said, as it flamed away back; and "Awe!" it grumbled to itself.

Then "Suk!" and it fairly flew at Albert; and "Cess!" it was rattling down the sand; and "Awe!" it roared clear off through all its billows.

"Don't say that suc-word," said Albert.

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bert, stamping his little foot against the great ocean. But the wind caught Albert's hat, and as he turned to chase it, he stumbled and fell. Then the great ocean sent a billow that covered Albert as easily as if he were a little sea-shell.

"I'm drowning! I'm drowning!" screamed Albert.

On that the billow released him; and, drenched and sobbing, he ran from it up the beach. With one foot on the bank, Albert paused.

"Shall I say it now?" he said, looking back through his tears.

"Suk!" flung out the great ocean. "Cess," said Albert, timidly.

"Or," and the big-winded teacher fumed down the sand.

"Cess," said Albert humbly. "Awe!" roared the awful waters.

"Or," responded the small voice, and straightway the sun, parting each side the clouds, let out a shaft of light. Across the green waters with their white caps it came, dazzling and beautiful, to bid our little boy good-night.

"Let us love all things," said the sunbeam to Albert, and the waters turned gorgeous golden green for very joy. But the sand-pipers stood bewildered. "We cannot think," thought they.—Margaret Neece, in Sunday School Times.

There is a right and a wrong way to wash window glass, and as this operation is usually dreaded, the following method will doubtless be appreciated, as it saves both time and labor: Choose a dull day, or at least a time when the sun is not shining on the window, for when the sun shines on the window it causes it to dry streaked, no matter how much it is rubbed. Take a pointer's brush and dust wood-work inside before touching the glass.

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"Boys will be boys!" Yes! if boys may be pure, Models for men; If their thoughts may be modest, their truthfulness sure!

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THE MODESTY OF CHRIST.

The more any one feels the importance and magnitude of the work he has to do the less will he take account of himself. That is to say, nothing contributes more to a true modesty and a genuine humility of soul than a due appreciation of the responsibility of a great work.

A MOST unjustifiable and heartless case of the secular press invading and outraging the decency and private rights of the family was a report from Sherman to the Dallas News published in a recent issue. It is the report of the unfortunate circumstance of a marriage between a half-brother and sister under circumstances which concealed their relationship from each other, but which was discovered to them sometime after the marriage.

Perhaps we lose sight of the true source of the humble modesty of the Christ by looking too much on the divine side of his nature. We must look at him as truly human and yet conscious of the great work he was sent to do. In this fact we have the secret. As a man he felt the comparative helplessness of humanity in the presence of the great work to be done.

It often becomes necessary for the servant to deny himself in order to be faithful to his master. The servant who bears a gift from his master to another would be recreant to his trust were he to conceal the fact that he was merely a servant performing his master's will, unless the master himself had so ordered. He would be scarcely less criminal were he, through negligence, to allow himself to be taken as the real donor.

power of God and the human instrumentality through which the Almighty operates is not always an easy thing for the multitude to do. Men are prone to thank the hand that presents the gift rather than the real giver who sends it; to adore the manifestation rather than the real power behind it.

PERHAPS there is no class of men who know so well the force of the old proverb, "procrastination is the thief of time," as do Methodist preachers. They not only know how the "thief of time" becomes the thief of souls, but how he becomes the thief of bread, also.

THE COLLECTION. THE following is the amount of the Week of Prayer: Amount reported in former issues... \$968 79 Lagarto circuit, Jno. T. Graham... 8 00 Total... \$976 79

WE acknowledge the receipt of a ticket to Abilene District Fair, which will be open October first, second and third.

WE acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the laying of the cornerstone of the new building for the Sam Houston Normal Institute which will take place September 23, 1889, with Masonic ceremonies.

CHARLES F. FAHRER, a son of Canon Fahr, arrived in this country a few days ago on his way to Lehigh University, to perfect himself in mechanical and scientific knowledge. The time has come now when in this and

in most other departments of knowledge Europe's young men can find as great facilities in the United States for perfecting themselves in different branches of study as American young men can derive from European institutions.—New York Advocate.

THE fact is only too plain that the two races are becoming more distrustful of each other, and that the liability of conflicts between them is increasing. A negro uprising may be directly due to the influence of an unprincipled leader, but indirectly it is the result of a long train of circumstances dating back to slavery.

Now we materially differ with our conferees. We, who live in the South among the negroes and are the best judges, think that the main cause of race troubles is the meddlesomeness of Northern extremists who hate the very name South, and who seem determined to never rest until they see negro heels grinding white necks.

THE city council of New Orleans has passed the following ordinance: Be it ordained by the council of the city of New Orleans, that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to expose, circulate, offer for sale, sell or distribute or give away, or to paint, draw, print, write, make or cause to be printed, drawn, painted, written or made for the purpose of exposing, circulating or offering for sale, selling, distributing or giving away within the limits of the city of New Orleans, any obscene, scandalous, libelous book, print, newspaper, pamphlet, circular or periodical, caricature, picture, drawing, statue, or other object whatever, of any immoral or scandalous nature, or calculated to excite scandal, immorality or disturbance of the public peace or tranquility.

AND did the Cumberland Presbyterian know that a great many laymen in his own church do not believe in the tenets of Calvinism called the "final perseverance of the saints"? Now that reformation is taking a fresh start we hope it will continue until it reaches the scriptural doctrine of the free agency of man.

IF PAUL were alive now, we do not believe he would be troubled by bathys, or kept awake nights by his fears of what prophesies would lead to. If he were alive now, we believe he would say to the evolutionist: "Go on with your investigations. Prove, if you can, that my ancestor was an ape, and his ancestor a little spot of gine-like colored matter. However you may exalt your work, mine is a more important one, for I must preach Christ and him crucified, as the only salvation of a lost race."

IF Paul were living now, we believe he would say just as he did say: "Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit," and "we are the offspring of God." Oh, no. Paul would not hesitate to repudiate the fatherhood of tadpoles and apes, but would declare that God from the first made man in his own image and after his likeness, just as was declared by Moses.

THE TEXAS ADVOCATE DISCOURSES ON "The Lost of Numbers," and wisely, for it believes in saving all men and getting them in churches. The editor is happily relieved from all anxiety or fear of slandering in working for a large subscription list of paying subscribers. And the evangelical churches are not under condemnation to any great extent for gathering crowds into the Christian fold.—Central Advocate.

WE fully exculpate our brother from all blame in desiring a long and good subscription list. In fact, we would like to lengthen our own to twice its present length, and would not object to multiplication by 3.

IN the last issue of the New Orleans Advocate we find the following extract from a little volume with this title: "Some Questions of the Church Catechism, and Doctrines Involved, Briefly Explained, for the Use of Families and Parochial Schools," by the Rev. Frederick Aubert Gace, M. A., vicar of Great Barling, Essex:

WE have amongst us various sects and denominations who go by the general name of dissenters. In what light are we to consider them? A: As heretics; and in our litany we expressly pray to be delivered from the sins of false doctrine, heresy and schism.

IS, then, their worship a laudable service? A: No; because they worship God according to their own evil and corrupt imaginations, and not according to his revealed will, and, therefore, their worship is idolatrous, is dissent a great sin? A: Yes; it is direct opposition to our duty towards God. But why have not dissenters been excommunicated? A: Because the law of the land does not allow the wholesome law of the church to be acted upon; dissenters have virtually excommunicated themselves by setting up a religion of their own, and leaving the ark of God's church.

What class of dissenters should we be most upon our guard against? A: Those who imitate most nearly the true church of Christ. But are there not some dissenters who use the same forms of prayers as ourselves? A: Doubtless; but the prayers of the church being, for the most part, for the priest to offer up in behalf of the people, it must be sinful and presumptuous for those persons who are called dissenting teachers to address the throne of grace, usurping the priestly office.

IS it wicked, then, to enter a meeting-house as said? A: Most assuredly; because, as said above, it is a house where God is worshipped otherwise than he has commanded.

ed, and, therefore, it is not dedicated to his honor and glory; and, besides this, we run the risk of being led away by the wicked, enticing words; at the same time, by our presence we are witnessing our approval of their heresy, wounding the consciences of our weaker brethren, and by our exaptive teaching, to go astray.

IT is now in order to pray: From all such high church stuff, "good Lord, deliver us."

WE printed last week the premium list of the Grange Fair. This Fair is under the auspices of the State Grange. In addition to being a farmers' organization, it is always on the right side of all moral issues, and is doing great good in this direction. Its contracts with exhibitors and all privileges will, we are informed, insist on closed doors on the Sabbath. Religious service on the grounds. It has no horse-racing, and prohibits all gambling devices on its grounds. Such a fair should be encouraged. The ADVOCATE indorses it. The speakers engaged will be among its interesting features.—Hon. A. W. Terrell, Hon. Geo. Clark, Hon. R. B. Hubbard, Hon. W. W. Lang, Hon. J. H. Brigham, (Master of National Grange) Hon. J. D. Fields, (President Farmer's Alliance) Hon. Carl Johnson, Hon. H. H. Boone, and Prof. Bringham, being on the oratorical programme. Fair, October 8th to 14th.

THE Northern Methodist papers generally seem to be well pleased with the election of Dr. D. H. Moore, late Chancellor of Denver University, to the editorship of the Western Christian Advocate instead of Dr. Bayless, deceased.

Some Texas cities would do credit to themselves by doing likewise.

WHEN the Roman Catholic Bishop Keane was making his address before the National Educational Association, we noticed a ring with a costly setting flashing on one of his fingers and were told that it was an emblem of sacerdotal authority, or an official signet. We have recently noticed gold rings flashing the fingers of a number of Methodist preachers in the pulpit. What do they signify?—Nashville Advocate.

It signifies that the flashing radiates from an exterior surface located at a great distance from the brain.

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

Pity rather than indignation, says the Sunday School Times, is oftener the mark of a large soul: Pity often takes the place, in a large soul, which indignation would have in a small one. The smaller minded man grows indignant when he finds himself slighted or treated unjustly by another. The man of broader views and of higher manhood has, in such a case, real pity for the one who can bear himself so unworthily.

THE Arkansas Methodist does not believe in relying too much on cold statistics: The mute figures in the duplicate reports and the cold type in the "conference minutes of several successive years" may be helpful—in some cases very helpful—in wisely making the appointments with due regard for both the preachers and the charges they are to serve. There are, however, cases not a few in which the godly counsel of a devout and unselfish presiding elder will be worth far more than any and all duplicate statistical reports and conference minutes. These may assist the presiding elder in giving larger and more accurate information, and thus serve a good purpose in facilitating the investigation of pastors and charges; but, in some cases, such reports may be defective and misleading, and in all cases we think the deliberate, prayerful conclusions of godly presiding elders are worthy of more consideration by the bishop than any opinion based chiefly or largely upon fair and thorough investigation of statistical reports of conference minutes. In our humble opinion, to whatever extent statistical reports may be accorded importance equal to or greater than the deliberate and godly judgment of presiding elders, to that same extent will they detract from the importance and efficiency of the office and work of the presiding elder. May that never be done.

IN this paragraph the Golden rule discovers many answers to the first question of the catechism. Which is yours?

WE all put to ourselves the first question of the catechism, "What is the chief end of man?" We all answer it in our various ways. Wee unto us if we answer it wrongly! Says one man, practically: "The chief end of my life is to provide for my family; to see that my children have shoes and stockings and dresses and jackets, good food, and plenty of it." Says another: "To increase my account at the bankers, to provide for a rainy day, is my chief concern." Says still another: "To investigate the laws of nature. To study biology or chemistry or mineralogy or conchology, is my object in life." These may be important ends, but are they the chief end of life?

Let us ask a high authority "What is the chief end of man?" Paul says: "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." "Yes, verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, my Lord."

How impotent and weak would have been the great apostle's stirring appeals and exhortations had he answered this question in any other way; had he taken any other view of the relative importance of things. How puerile would his words have been had he written to Timothy: "For bodily exercise profiteth little, but to provide a good home for one's self and family is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." Suppose he had written again: "Whether we live, we live to make money, and whether we die, we die to leave money behind us; so then, whether we live or die, it is for money."

WE know not whether the Cumberland Presbyterian knows how to catch a thief, but it certainly knows how to define one:

IT is astonishing how many respectable people there are who think it no harm to cheat a railroad out of their fare when they ride on the trains. Men well able to pay their way seem to think it very "smart" if they can succeed in dodging a conductor. Many women, members of the church, too, try to avoid paying their way, and seem to think themselves unlucky if they are caught. There is a too general opinion everywhere that to cheat a corporation is no sin. To beat the government out of custom duties or to escape the clutches of an internal revenue officer is considered all right. People go abroad and bring home dutiable goods clandestinely, and have no conscience about it. They buy watches, diamonds, and other jewels, and smuggle them through the custom-houses, and if they are never found out think themselves clever.

Now, all this is nothing better than defrauding a neighbor. It is a species of theft. If the conductor does not happen to see you, call his attention to the fact that he is passing you by. Do not try to get something for nothing. Don't try to cheat a railroad because it is a soulless corporation. If it has no soul, you have.

SOUTHERN METHODISM. News, Views and Personals.

—Bishop Granbery's postoffice address from this time will be 344 Cabanne avenue, St. Louis. He reports his son clear of fever.

—Dr. W. M. Patterson, formerly our missionary to Mexico, but who has been for three years past agent for the American Bible Society in Venezuela, died August 19th at Caracas.

—We see that the bishops of the Northern Methodist Church have placed Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald's book on Class-Meeting in the course of reading prescribed for class leaders. This is quite a compliment to the doctor and to his book.

—Arkansas Methodist: Rev. E. N. Watson, presiding elder of this district, is improving slowly, but we hope surely. While he regrets exceedingly his inability to meet his quarterly meeting appointments, we are glad to know he is not worrying over it as we feared.

—A. J. Stokes in Southern Advocate: We may ordain licentiatees for a foreign field, even though he may be removed far away from under the eye of the church, with no one to instruct him, or to correct his errors, because ordained preachers are needed there. The same need is here with less risk.

—Bishop Keener, in a private letter, under date of Sept. 12, to a friend, after speaking of the other members of his various family, says: "Wife and I have the disease of old age—cheerful old age. She is quite active in doors, and out of doors. I leave for the Louisville Conference next week. My health is good."

—The Western Virginia Conference met Sept 4, at Cattlesburg, Ky. Eleven were received on trial. There was collected to help needy Sunday-schools, \$151.65; for Church Extension, \$296.25; for publication of the minutes, \$95.58. The net gain the past year was 2,208, in church membership, one of the largest for many years.

—Bishop Keener has two sons in the active ministry, and both are presiding elders. Having raised up three sons for the ministry of the gospel, no doubt contributes much sunshine to that "cheerful old age." Good health, the sweet spirit of a cheerful old age, and an interesting family devoted to the service of the Lord is a better estate than the riches of Vanderbilt.

—Nashville Advocate: A private letter from Mrs. Juliana Hayes, president of our Woman's Board of Missions, has this half-playful note, which touched us tenderly as we read it: "I am seventy-six years old, and it is not likely that your old friend will write many more long letters, but will leave the space in your columns for the obituary you have been waiting for." She will pardon the liberty we take in making

this quotation, and thousands of our readers will join us in the prayer that she may yet remain with us many days, receiving and dispensing blessings.

—Holston Methodist: Dr. D. Sullivan dedicated the new church at Dayton last Sabbath. That Dayton pastor and his people are in earnest. Since last conference they completed a beautiful, costly edifice; it was soon thereafter burned. They cast about before the ashes were cool, and now announce the completion and dedication of another.

—W. T. Bolling in Southern Advocate: The man who has never had to tackle a church debt does not know how blessed it is to be free from one. It has been my lot to meet them frequently, and I have no disposition to pursue the acquaintance any further. May I never be forced to meet another. When a pastor builds, and has a debt on the building, he should be compelled to remain until it is paid, and not be allowed to afflict his brethren in having to labor to pay it off and get rid of a nuisance.

—Emilius in Wesleyan Advocate: This has been a year of church building in the bounds of the Florida Conference. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is impressing itself on the thought, notice and respect of the people outside our borders. We are here to stay, and as an evidence, are building churches and parsonages wherever they are needed. At Titusville our people are moving in this respect, and, doubtless, ere long a neat and comfortable building will be in use by our congregation at that point.

—Bishop Galloway has been canvassing Mississippi in the interest of the proposed Methodist College, and has succeeded in raising \$30,000 of the \$50,000 required to be raised in order to secure another \$50,000 promised on that condition. Writing in the New Orleans Advocate, he says of the work: We have everything to encourage us. The two conferences acted intelligently and earnestly in the matter, and never in my life-long acquaintance with Mississippi have I seen the people respond so liberally and enthusiastically to any call of the church. We hope to open the new college next September with more than an hundred thousand dollars of endowment.

—Dr. A. W. Mangum in Nashville Advocate: Our church system is imperfect, if while it keeps up its chief work—the revivals—it has no class-meeting and no agency to take its place. We do not want a return to the probationary plan. It is not clear that that had much, if any, benefit in it. Did it make the convert safer? It was, perhaps, a temptation to get out, rather than a help to get in or stay in. What we need is some better provision for looking after young converts—for teaching, guiding, and in every possible way helping them. The members can and ought to aid in this work. They can visit and watch over the inexperienced, and give information to the pastor as to where his care is specially needed.

—A writer in New Orleans Advocate: After completing my tour through Louisiana, Seashore camp-meeting was next on my program. The camp-meeting embraced two Sundays and was good to the last. Bishop Keener's sermon on the second Sunday afternoon was worth going five hundred miles to hear; and all the sermons and services were edifying. At the invitation of Bro. Stuart I ran over and took a first look at Ocean Springs after the close of the meeting. Bishop Keener has here a summer home—a secluded spot bordered on one side by the waters of the Gulf and on another by the track of the railway, filled with shadowing trees and hanging vines and beautiful flowers; a place for rest, for study and for peace.

—Dr. R. H. Rivers in Central Methodist: One week has passed since our return to Louisville. On last Sunday we were at Twentieth and Jefferson, with Bro. Overton. The new church is nearly finished. It is a gem, and will be one of the handsomest churches in the city. It is to be dedicated by Bishop Keener, September 22. We learned while in that part of the city, that Bro. Lasley, a superannuate of our conference, is not expected to live. He belongs to an old Methodist family, and has been preaching for more than fifty years. The preachers are taking deep interest in him, and waiting upon him with tender, brotherly care. There is no hope of his recovery, and his departure is only a question of time. Bro. Brewer is slowly improving. Although not yet able to preach, he is attending his quarterly conferences, and is universally desired to be continued as the presiding elder of the Louisville district.

—A. C. Hundley in Alabama Advocate: When I speak of the professional transfer, I mean the man who has no conference ties, but is always on the lookout for himself, and who stands ready to be sacrificed on the altar of episcopal authority, provided, always, that he gets the best church in the conference. Against the man who changes his conference relations for proper reason, whose transfer is announced openly, either in the conference or in the cabinet, we have nothing to say. When this is done, the presiding elders, who are our representatives in the cabinet, have an opportunity to judge of the man and of his fitness for a particular work; but when secret negotiations have been carried on, and a bishop comes to a conference with a pet transfer hid away in his pocket and holds his episcopal hand in awful secrecy over one of the best appointments in the conference until the last cabinet session has been held, and then gently slides this transfer into that charge, it is no wonder that the honest and faithful toilers of that conference feel that they have not been properly treated.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Southwestern University. The following telegram was received from Dr. J. W. Heidt under date of Sept. 16: Southwestern University opened to day with two hundred and thirty-five students, seven more than any former opening.

Waco Female College. The Waco Female College, with a fully equipped corps of teachers, has opened with, and no better female college, we believe, is to be found in the State. There is no excuse for our people sending their sons and daughters abroad with better schools at home. H. A. BURLAND.

Huntsville Female College. Rev. A. B. Jones, president of Huntsville Female College, Huntsville, Ala., writes: "School was never better; over one hundred boarders; its pupils to date and more to come."

HOME CONFERENCES.

Personal.

—The Revs. James Collard, George Owens and W. L. Clifton came to see us this week.

—Bro. H. C. Pardon, of Alvarado, came in this week and renewed his subscription to THE ADVOCATE.

—Dr. J. H. McLean says the students are still rolling in at Southwestern University, and the prospects are growing finely.

—Sister M. E. Whitten, of Austin, was in to see us this week. She is the author of "Texas Garlands," a book of poems which has been very highly commended.

—The Rev. S. A. Ashburn has been visiting Dallas again. He called to see the ADVOCATE while here, and the ADVOCATE reciprocates the kindness by wishing him good speed in all his enterprises.

—Sister Whitten informs us that her last brother has received license to preach, and will apply for admission on trial in the Texas Conference this fall. All the Hotchkiss boys are now Methodist preachers—a good family record.

—Wesleyan Advocate: Rev. J. W. Heidt, D.D., Chancellor of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, was in Atlanta last week meeting old friends. He took advantage of his vacation to visit his father, Rev. Emanuel Heidt, who lives near Savannah, Ga., and whom he tries to see once a year. We were glad to meet him on this trip. He has done a good work in Texas.

—The Rev. D. F. Fuller, pastor of Floyd Street Methodist Church, this city, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath with Rev. T. E. Sherwood, of Whitesboro. Bro. Sherwood's wife has been in the city for some weeks under medical treatment, so that in the exchange Bro. S. had the pleasure of visiting his better half, while Bro. F. enjoyed the privilege of preaching to a former charge.

—Star Vindicator: Rev. W. L. Griffith is in feeble health and it may become necessary for him to rest from regular itinerant work for a while, and the people of his old charge at Blanco offer to present him with a home well stocked with cows and horses, if he will locate among them. Of course, he will not accept the offer, although he appreciates it highly, unless he is unable to take work at the next meeting of the annual conference, but in the event of his ill health continuing until then, he will probably return to Blanco next fall for a season of rest.

—Dallas News: A protracted meeting commences to-night in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in South Dallas under the direction of Revs. W. H. Hughes and W. H. Howell. These gentlemen are able, eloquent preachers and possess that subtle, magnetic influence that moves audiences and sways them to and fro under the magic spell of emotion, as the storm king sways the ocean when navies are wrecked and stranded. A great interest has developed in advance of this meeting, and it is expected that it will be an enthusiastic, stirring one, bringing many unrepentant to repentance.

—The following sad note is from Rev. S. J. Vaughan, of Northwest Texas Conference. The ADVOCATE tenders sympathy. May our brother find the Lord's grace sufficient: I was called home from the Duty Tank camp-meeting on account of the illness of our little boy, John Wesley. After eleven days of great suffering, on Tuesday evening, August 27, he closed his little eyes in the long sleep of death, and his little spirit went up the shining way to Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." We are sorely distressed, because we miss him so much here, but our trust is in God, who doeth all things well.

Commerce.

W. W. Horner, Sept. 12: Glorious revival in progress. Thirteen conversions and twenty-one accessions to date, with more to join.

Luling.

J. S. Gillett: I held a meeting above Luling four miles, which lasted ten days. It was well attended, and much good was done. Several professed conversion and several were restored. Six joined the church and two more applied for membership. It was at a place where there was no organization, and we had the disadvantage of a lack of workers. There is much implied in coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. God works through men and means. Men under God are mighty.

Norman, Okla.

H. H. Goode, Sept. 10: Bro. Burrow, presiding elder of Oklahoma district, preached for us on Elm Creek, the first Sunday in this month at 11 o'clock, a. m., and Bro. J. T. Lane at 3 p. m. Bro. Burrow's sermon was the first ever preached in this community. He organized a church with twenty-one members and baptized two infants. A Sabbath-school was organized. We are going to work in earnest for Christ and Methodism. I think we will be able to build some sort of a home for church and school purposes in the near future. I

made the first effort to preach at Rock Falls, on Little River, six miles east of Norman, last Sabbath at 11 a. m., from the last clause of the twenty-fifth verse of the nineteenth chapter of Matthew. Brethren, pray that the religion of Jesus Christ may find its way into every household in this new country. Your brother in Christ.

Holland Circuit.

J. W. Hutton, Sept. 13: My three protracted meetings on Holland circuit have been held. Had very good meetings, had about sixty-one conversions, twenty-eight joined M. E. Church, South, and others will join. Some will join other churches. At the meeting at Warren's Chapel, the Rev. John Carpenter preached one of the finest sermons I ever heard him preach. God bless him and his dear companion; they are near the grave.

McGregor.

Sam Morris, Sept. 13: The meeting at Eagle Springs closed last night, leaving a number of penitents at the altar. We expect to renew our efforts again at Walker schoolhouse, near by, the fourth Sunday, commencing at 3:30 p. m. Results, fifty-six conversions and reclamations, and twenty-three additions to the Methodist Church, with more to follow. Praise the Lord.

McGregor.

Sambo, Sept. 14: The committee appointed to raise money, subscriptions, etc., to build a Methodist church, are succeeding splendidly. I have heard of more than one who would subscribe \$300. The ladies have caught the building spirit, and resolved to do what they can. When ladies take hold of church work they always succeed. They will have a lunch stand during the Grange Fair to raise money. Let all friends of God and Christianity who come to the Fair inquire for the ladies' lunch stand when they want anything in that line.

Lewisville.

O. S. Thomas, Sept. 10: We closed our camp-meeting at Prairie Mound Sept. 8. The meeting was one of great power. The Lord was with us from the beginning. Forty souls were happily converted to God, to whom be glory forever and ever! Brother J. C. Reynolds, of Denton, was with us two days, and W. P. Wilson, of Fort Worth, was with us one. Their preaching was in demonstration of the Spirit, and was "as bread cast upon the waters." This makes about eighty conversions on the Lewisville circuit.

Grandview.

W. W. Henderson, Sept. 10: Our meeting at Greenbriar closed after seven days, with good results: Twenty-two conversions and twelve accessions to our church. I commenced at Roberts' Chapel Sunday night, Sept. 1, 1889, and closed on the 7th inst. Ten conversions and nine accessions. We were greatly in need of workers at the last named place, therefore short report. We most earnestly praise the Lord for his goodness and mercies in saving so many precious souls and rejoice in a church which has a mind to work.

McGregor's Circuit.

W. K. Simpson, Sept. 14: We have had forty conversions; twenty-one accessions to the M. E. Church, South; some yet to join. We were assisted at Mount Vernon by Bro. C. Rollen, of North Belton circuit; Bro. McCarver, of South Belton circuit; D. H. Dickey, of Temple station. At Rogers by Bro. Hopkins. At Centennial by Bro. L. C. Williams. Bro. J. R. Nelson, of Brownwood station. I think I will be able to bring up all of my conference assessments; three-fourths of the amount assessed now in money and subscription. We are to have a new church at Rogers. We hope to have it finished by conference. Pray for us.

Farmer.

S. J. Vaughan: Praise God for the glorious revival on Farmer circuit this year. More than sixty-five converted and eighty-two added to the church. Bro. and Sister Daniel, of Graham, have our thanks for valuable help. Those who heard Bro. D.'s sermon on Heaven will never forget it. Bro. Haralson, our faithful and much beloved presiding elder, and Bro. Henson, of Seymour, gave us a lift at Duty Tank. I think we have as good local preachers as I ever knew.

Flonita.

J. M. Armstrong, Sept. 14: Again this liberal-hearted people have brought us under obligations to renewed zeal in our labor of love for them and the Master. Last night the parsonage was besieged by a large company of ladies and young people armed with various weapons in the dry goods line, for Mrs. A. and the children; supplies for the pantry together with some cash, which though unlabelled, the preacher adjudged to be for himself, and proceeded to act accordingly. "That's just what I wanted," and similar expressions were heard to fall from the lips of Mrs. A. as package after package was examined. May the Lord bless this people and send them a better preacher another year. We are trying to get ready for the annual reckoning. Our assessments will be met. A deed of the parsonage property has been secured by the payment of \$300. So that this vexing question is at last settled and my successor will have a home unembarrassed by debt. (If there is anything I hate it is a church debt.) We have had no great ingathering of souls—have about held our own in this regard. Still we pray and hope for increased results along this line.

Campbell.

Z. Parker, Aug. 12: Closed a very successful meeting last night at Shady Grove. It was an extraordinary meeting in many respects. At the first service on Friday night all present felt the revival power. It was a service of prayer and praise, and also on Saturday morning a time of great rejoicing. At night souls were converted, and so at

every service penitents were blessed and Christians made happy. Forty additions to the church at this meeting and eight children baptized, and the church greatly revived. Bro. R. C. Hicks was with me through the battle, doing faithful work in the pulpit, at the altar and among the young people at their homes. Rev. G. M. Edwards, of Kingston, came on Tuesday and remained till Sunday night, doing good work for the Master. At the last service Sunday night the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to lovers of Jesus. It was a time of great solemnity. Up to this writing there have been about 250 conversions in the bounds of my work the present conference year. All glory to God, who has given success to his word and answered our prayers. Fourth quarterly meeting at Jones, Belton next Saturday night. The meeting will begin Friday night, and may continue through the ensuing week.

Paris.

Abe Mulkey, September 11: Last night brought to a close the Paris meeting. The dedication of the tabernacle was the last service. Each pastor in the city taking part in the ceremonies made it very impressive. An immense crowd gathered to enjoy this pleasure; it was a joyous occasion. Bro. Burnett preached from "God so loved the world." The application gladdened our hearts, and made us take courage to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The contributors were specially remembered at a throne of grace, in the many prayers that went up, and many souls who were saved are no doubt put to their credit, and as stars in their crown. Never did five city preachers stick closer together in soul saving than the past eleven days—Rev. Manton, of the Cumberland Presbyterian; Rev. Rosaman, Baptist; Rev. Skinner, Old School; Rev. Hay, Methodist Episcopal; Lamar Street, and Rev. Wages, Centenary Church. Surely did they prove our Savior's last prayer, John xviii:21, 22—one in heart. Bro. Burnett has been putting in some good preaching; never did better—and I feel like he has not told half the story yet. Sometimes he makes me feel my meanness, then makes me cry, then say amen, and shout, and before I get through shakes me up into a happy laugh. God bless him, and make him a better preacher. If Paris don't know how to treat "evangelists," nobody else need attempt it. She is a star in the North Conference and all Texas. May God's richest blessings be "showered" upon her noble people, and we do believe God has got honor and glory to his own name. Four hundred persons have given their names for membership in the different churches. God only knows how many have been converted and reclaimed. Praise God for his goodness to the children of men. We found the latch string of Bro. John Webster's happy home on the outside for us. He can not know how much he and his are appreciated. We have learned to love them well; may they be one unbroke family in God's kingdom. Also Dr. Baldwin, who so kindly and generously entertained Bro. Burnett, will be remembered with much love. Bro. Wages, our pastor here, has a fine church, a good membership, and a host to hold up his hands. He is uniting in his zeal for God. May God bless him and each pastor of Paris in the prayer of their humble servant.

J. R. Wages, Sept. 11: The great revival closed last night. It is the most wonderful meeting ever held in Paris—perhaps there never was a greater one in Texas. The first service was held on the night of the 23d of August; 1000 or 1200 present; the crowd increased until it reached at least 4000. The power of the Lord was felt from the announcement of the first hymn to the last benediction. I am safe in saying that there were from 700 to 1000 reclamations and conversions; 400 accessions to date in the different churches—200 have already gone into our church. What about the men and their methods? If you know what Methodism is, and what an old-fashioned camp-meeting means, you know exactly how these brethren manage a meeting. We had the "mourners' bench," at which men and women mourned on account of sin, some of whom were among the hardest of the hard. Some half dozen fallen women were brought to the cross. Bro. Barnett is a fine preacher—a man thoroughly imbued and moved by the Spirit of the Master, and unquestionably clothed with power from on high. Bro. Mulkey demonstrates fully the declarations, "Not by might nor power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Bro. Mulkey is a living illustration of the fact that he can rule men for God who is ruled by God for men. This man has had the will of God wrought in him by the Holy Ghost. The Lord bless his faithful Louisiana, so efficiently aids him in the work of the Lord. Brethren, get these men to help you; they will do you and your people good along every line of church work. I have never known a community so thoroughly stirred, religiously, as Paris has been by the preaching and labor of these faithful and consecrated men of God. May these men live long to honor God and bless the world, in the prayer of Paris.

NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE. By a personal request of Mrs. L. A. Kidd, president of North Texas Female College, I shall give some facts in reference to the opening exercises of the North Texas Female College.

The college is the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and under the direct control of the North Texas Annual Conference, situated in the beautiful city of Sherman, county of Grayson, State of Texas. It is desirably located in a large plain of ground in a healthful portion of the city, with every convenience to make it a home for young ladies. The buildings are substantial and thoroughly equipped and furnished with all the necessary appliances for the comfort and happiness of the young ladies. No one need send his or her daughter off to a Virginia college for a finished education.

She can have it at the North Texas Female College.

Every department is in the hands of competent teachers. The music department is any second to the best in the South. All departments of the school are equal to the demands of the times, and the advanced state of education. The accomplished president, Mrs. L. A. Kidd, is a woman of high character, and a woman of high attainments. Parents and guardians need have no misgivings about the health and comfort of their girls. The rooms are well supplied with good furniture. Every need is carefully looked after. All Texas should be proud of this grand Christian college for girls. There are ninety-four young lady boarders in attendance at the opening of the present session and more to follow. The North Texas Annual Conference has a membership of nearly 40,000, and the ladies are all members of the same. All the best and noblest of the past have, before becoming members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had to pass through a "trial" period. It is to be regretted that every one who is honest when assuming the vows of the church, so much so that they will stand in all after life, in sending their children to their own schools, when all things were equal, in preference to any other schools, thereby proving to the world that they are true to their own vows of membership, and obedient to the vows of preachers and people sometimes forget their vows. This should not be. Lovingly and respectfully request you to support each preacher should send five dollars to North Texas Female College next year. Suppose each preacher should send five dollars to North Texas Female College next year. Suppose each preacher should send five dollars to North Texas Female College next year. Suppose each preacher should send five dollars to North Texas Female College next year.

W. M. S. WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of West Texas Conference will be held in San Marcos Oct. 15-21, 1889. Auxiliaries are requested to elect delegates and send their names to Mrs. H. T. Steele, San Marcos. Every auxiliary is expected to be represented. District secretaries and all officers of the Conference Society are urged to be present. Preachers are cordially invited. Mrs. H. T. Steele, Pres. Mrs. H. T. Steele, Conf. Sec.

McGregor. Last round of appointments on McGregor charge circuit: Rev. E. F. Boone, of Minterville, will assist in a meeting at this place Saturday and Sunday of the fifth Sunday in this month. I will also work here the fourth Sunday in October. Saturday and Sunday, fifth and sixth of October, at Tank Creek; the second Sunday before next at New Hope; the third Saturday and Sunday at S on Creek; the first Sunday and Saturday previous in November quarterly meeting at Station Creek.

Dear Brethren—Please be ready to close up all church business by or before these appointments. All church conferences will be held at each of these appointments, and full reports will be expected. God bless us. SAM MORRIS, P. C.

Syrup of Figs. Produced from the laxative and nutritious juice of California figs, combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, acts directly on the kidneys, liver and bowels, effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds and headaches, and curing habitual constipation.

Deaths. [Please send notices of deaths of Methodists and other prominent people.] Died, at his home, near Reddsville, Karnes county, Tex., Sept. 2, 1889, MR. SAMUEL BROWN, of blood poison, aged fifty-seven years. Mrs. ELIZABETH HARTZELL died last night at 2 o'clock, Sept. 16, aged eighty-eight years three months and nineteen days. A member of the Methodist Church forty-four years. C. E. GALLAHER, DRESDEN, TEXAS, Sept. 16, 1889.

ANNUL CONFERENCE NOTICES. West Texas Conference. The class of the third year will meet the committee for examination at the Methodist Church in Semin, Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m. October 22, 1889. The class will furnish books.

To the Presiding Elders of the Northwest Texas Conference. You will please send me the names and postoffice of all the preachers on your respective districts, together with the local preachers who will attend the conference for ordination and delegates. Please write name and postoffice plainly, as I will write homes for all the names sent me; then I will send a card to each one, calling the name and place where they will be entertained, so on their arrival this card, handed to the hack driver, will take them to their respective homes, thereby saving the trouble of the person being appointed to receive and send them to their respective homes. I request that this be counted upon and the names sent to me by the twentieth of October. We cannot make arrangements later than that except for visiting brethren from other conferences. Preacher in charge, Belton Station. P. S.—Preachers bringing their wives will please notify me. CALVERT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

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A WORTEY APPEAL.

The South Dallas Methodist E. Church, South, Mission numbered over one hundred in actual attendance last Sunday. The small place of worship cannot accommodate the crowds that are attending. We must have a church, and a commodious one; the interest justifies it. Are not the Methodists sleeping upon their interests in this part of the city? Is it not time we were aroused from our state of lethargy, brethren? Let's put our hands to our pockets and "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty." The Lord is with us, and we are not responsible if we do not thrust in our sickles and reap the golden grain. The little membership are doing all they can, working with might and main, hearts all aflutter with the love of Jesus, but financially they cannot do much. Oh, for some Moses to lead us out of this wilderness of sin and iniquities. Let us waken to reality among the flesh and blood of the bodies of the Trinity, of some like, and let us be fishers of men. ONE WHO WILL DO AS MUCH AS ANY ONE ELSE.

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McGregor. Last round of appointments on McGregor charge circuit: Rev. E. F. Boone, of Minterville, will assist in a meeting at this place Saturday and Sunday of the fifth Sunday in this month. I will also work here the fourth Sunday in October. Saturday and Sunday, fifth and sixth of October, at Tank Creek; the second Sunday before next at New Hope; the third Saturday and Sunday at S on Creek; the first Sunday and Saturday previous in November quarterly meeting at Station Creek.

Dear Brethren—Please be ready to close up all church business by or before these appointments. All church conferences will be held at each of these appointments, and full reports will be expected. God bless us. SAM MORRIS, P. C.

Syrup of Figs. Produced from the laxative and nutritious juice of California figs, combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, acts directly on the kidneys, liver and bowels, effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds and headaches, and curing habitual constipation.

Deaths. [Please send notices of deaths of Methodists and other prominent people.] Died, at his home, near Reddsville, Karnes county, Tex., Sept. 2, 1889, MR. SAMUEL BROWN, of blood poison, aged fifty-seven years. Mrs. ELIZABETH HARTZELL died last night at 2 o'clock, Sept. 16, aged eighty-eight years three months and nineteen days. A member of the Methodist Church forty-four years. C. E. GALLAHER, DRESDEN, TEXAS, Sept. 16, 1889.

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We have received a copy of "A Girl's Journey Through Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land," by Miss Louisa Green, who accompanied Dr. R. A. Young on the trip. Miss Green tells her story and as what she saw and felt, the feeling of it will interest other girls. The book is published by the Lord at Nashville.

"The Lord's Supper," compiled and edited by John L. Brandt, is a book of 43 pages. It is composed of articles on all phases of the Lord's Supper by writers from all denominations. It gives also the views of the different churches on the subject. In such a variety the reader will find many things which he agrees and many with which he disagrees.

"The Great Evil and Its Remedy," by Rev. Samuel W. Cope, of the Missouri Conference, is a little book of 106 pages published for the Author by our House at Nashville. It is a good book for the family.

A fever patient can be made cool by sponging off with water.

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"Wall" said the Vermont farmer, on weighing his pork, "I knowed all the time that spotted hog wasn't as heavy as I thought he was."

Beware of douches, snuff, etc. Try Dr. Thurmond's Long Star Catarrh Cure, used by inhalation, being a volatile liquid, so very effective the most skeptical cannot object to it.

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Don't disgrace your friends with that horridly offensive breath when one bottle of Dr. Thurmond's Long Star Catarrh Cure will make it as sweet as a babe's in less than a week.

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It rests you when sewing to change your position frequently.

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You can take spots from wash goods by rubbing them with the yolk of an egg before washing.

Hair's Hair Renewer eradicates and prevents the formation of dandruff, thickens the growth, and beautifies the hair as no other preparation will.

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

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Marriages. WILLIAMS—JACKSON.—At the Methodist Church, Springfield, Aug. 27, 1889.

BLAYLOCK—ROBINSON.—Near Blossom Prairie, Lamar county, Texas, Aug. 29, 1889.

Obituaries. The space allotted obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 to 180 words.

REV. T. C. LEWIS. Whereas, it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our

DALLAS.—Alma May Dallas, only child of Bro. W. L. and E. F. Dallas, was born December 5th, 1877, and died July 27th, 1889.

SELLERS.—Mrs. E. J. Sellers (nee Burke) was born in Butler county, Alabama, February 19, 1840; married to D. T. Sellers March 3, 1859.

KNIGHT.—Mrs. Ella Knight, daughter of U. C. and Olivia Turbeyville, was born Nov. 13, 1861, near Nashville, Tennessee.

ABERNATHY.—Ethel, the only child of J. C. and Lizzie Abernathy, died at her home near Denison, Texas, August 13, 1889.

WALLACE.—Little Miles Mathew, son of G. B. and L. V. Wallace, was born January 4, 1859, and fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday evening, August 27, 1889.

FINCH.—Sister Mary Jane Finch was born in Germany, Aug. 15, 1814; died in Houston county, Texas, July 13, 1889.

TEMPLETON.—Little Barney, son of J. L. and M. A. Templeton, was born December 18, 1858, and died August 29, 1889.

GOUGH.—Sister Rebecca L. Gough was born in Tennessee the 11th of Sept., 1842; died at her home in Seymour, Aug. 21, 1889.

DUKANT.—The following was adopted at their quarterly conference of Alvin circuit, Texas District, August 1st, 1889.

WOOSTER.—Eugene, infant son of D. C. and Mary A. Wooster, was born March 9, 1888, and died August 29, 1889.

HINLEY.—Virginia C. Hinley, the subject of this notice, was the daughter of S. R. and Victoria Clinton, and was born in Franklin county, Texas, February 12, 1870.

BURKE.—Little Johnny was born Dec. 1st, 1887, and died July 31, 1889, aged only two days, but suffered intensely.

BOYD.—Little Lillian Boyd, son of W. H. and Lizzie Boyd, aged ten months and nine days, died July 31, 1889.

PHILLIPS.—The subject of this sketch, Sister Eliza C. Phillips (nee Nails), was to be born in Georgia, March 16, 1834.

MOSS.—My son, Linnus Parker, died here on August 24, about 9 a. m. He was born in De Soto parish, Louisiana, Oct. 4, 1859.

TURNER.—Sarah E. Turner (her maiden name was Strayhan) was born in Butts county, Ga., March the 6th, 1829.

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PICKETT.—Mrs. Charly P. Pickett was born in Holly district, S. C., Jan. 7, 1825.

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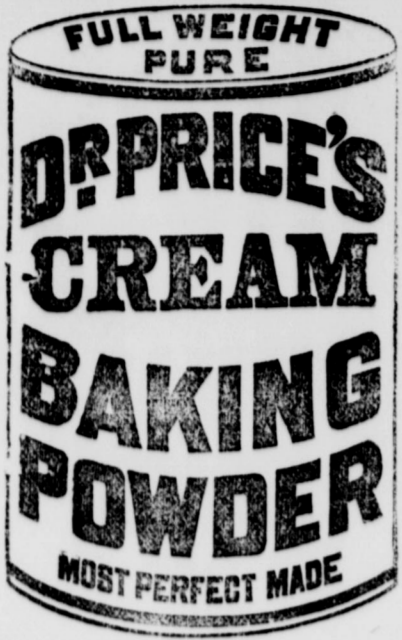
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At Ocean City, Md., the recent storm of the eleventh was fearful. The columns supporting the hotels were washed away; doors, windows and floating furniture covered the beach.

A young lady in Louisiana county, Va., was robbed of \$200 which she was keeping for her wedding day, \$200 of which had been given her by her affianced.

A deputy sheriff in Lusk, W. T., Frank Watson by name, and five others, were arrested for stealing horses. Nearly 3000 horses have been stolen by them.

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Texas Casualties. Several houses in Pearsall were struck by lightning September 9.

Caterpillars are damaging crops in Limestone county.

The bridge over Choctaw Creek, near Sherman, on the Houston and Texas Central railroad was swept away September 10; also most of the material with which they are building a new iron bridge.

The most destructive forest fire in Montana yet reported broke out Sunday night, Sept. 8, in Strecker District, Missouri county. Cokely ranch was destroyed in thirty minutes.

Cokely and the hostess of the ranch barely escaped by mounting horses and galloping to a river a quarter of a mile away.

The rain, September 9, did great damage to bridges and other property in Weatherford and vicinity.

A boy named Paris near Koss, September 9, was lifting a gun from the floor when it went off, and lodged a load of bird shot in his left shoulder, which proved fatal.

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In commemoration of the event Col. James Newcomb presented a twenty-foot United States flag, with forty-two stars, which was immediately run up.

Nine thousand acres of land, sixteen miles from Marshall, were sold last week for \$23,750. The indications are that it contains paying quantities of coal.

The population of Abilene has increased 500 since Jan. 1, 1889.

A cotton seed oil company has built a house in Bailey, and will buy a large amount of seed this season.

Gov. Ross and wife went to Waco Sept. 14 to witness the death of Capt. Shapley P. Ross, the governor's father.

Galveston is preparing to send a full delegation to the deep water convention, which will meet in Topeka, Kan., Oct. 1st. They are entitled to six delegates, one to every 10,000 inhabitants.

Odessa has the best two-year-old ten-acre orchard and vineyard in the State.

Tyler is preparing for the entertainment of delegates to the East Texas Immigration Convention, to meet at Tyler.

The canning season at Terrell is about closed. 1,000,000 cans were put up during the season, and all is spoken for.

Several car-loads of granular limestone for the foundation of the new half-million-dollar hotel in Dallas arrived Sept. 14.

Cotton seed has been selling for \$3 1/2 to \$4 1/2 cents per bushel. Some have sold for as much as fifteen cents in trade in Williamson county.

Peach trees in some localities are blooming for the second crop.

The farmers along the river near Texarkana are herding their stock, ready to move, fearing danger from the rapid rise in Red River, which is higher than it has been in many years and still rising.

Economy and strength are peculiar to Hood's Sarsaparilla, the only medicine of which "100 Doses One Dollar" is true.

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catching him by the neck. He gave a shout and the passerby saw a man actually burning alive. Blue light shot from the wire when it touched the skin, and the wire burned into the flesh with a crackling sound.

Several lives were lost in a serious collision, September 13, in the Baltimore and Potomac tunnel in Southeast Washington, D. C.

At Buena Vista, six miles from Lexington, Va., on the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, two freight trains collided September 13, killing James Collier, of Roanoke.

The mayor of every city west of the Missisippi is called to represent his section at the deep water convention to be held at Topeka, Kan., in October.

Samuel Sullivan (Sunset) Cox, United States Congressman, died peacefully in New York city, Sept. 10, 1889, of heart failure, and peritonitis.

A bridge gave way and wrecked a Mormon emigrant train, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad four miles below Lynchburg, Va.

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From North Carolina. NORTH CAROLINA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 14, 1889— There will be a grand reunion of native North Carolinians, now resident in other States, at the State capital, Raleigh, Oct. 14-19, at the Southern Industrial Display and Annual State Fair.

Cotton Reports. Cuero, 9/8; Houston, 8/11; Galveston, 8/11; Springtown, 10/1; Granbury, 10/1; Fort Worth, 10/1; Wylie, 9/10; Wolfe City, 9/10; DeKalb, first bale, 10/10; Taylor, 9/10; Galveston, 10/10; Winstboro, first bale, 10/10; Gainesville, 9/10; Aurora, first bale, 10/10; Georgetown, 9/10; Garland, 9/10; Rockdale, 9/10; 9/4; Ennis, two bales, sold for \$129; Detroit, 10/10; Gatesville, 10/10.

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