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Abilene District. John A. Wallace, P. E., Feb. 6: At the annual conference in Weatherford, held November, 1888, I was appointed to take charge of the district, with fifteen pastoral charges, embracing a territory of about fifteen counties, with an aggregate membership of about 2200. We returned to Belton, November, 1889, to report a net increase of 787, which is a greater net gain than was reported by any other district in the conference. There were somegain than was reported by any other district in the conference. There were something over 900 conversions in the district and over 1000 accessions to the church. These last items will indicate the revival power that attended the preaching of the Word throughout this sparsely settled region. Our membership numbered nearly 3000 at the close of the year, so that more shepherds were required to care for the flock of Christ; therefore nineteen and a half pastoral charges exist now where we had fifteen last year. No other district reported such an increase in number reported such an increase in number of pastoral charges. Every preacher in the district reported assessments paid in full save one. A protracted spell of sickness in the latter part of the year prevented that brother from bringing up full collections, teaching a practical lesson that "idelays are dengarous." There was that "delays are dangerous." There was an excess paid on all assessments against the district except one. That of conference claimants fell short \$9, owing to \$6 being short on the sick preacher's circuit, and one absent-minded brother reporting his assessment \$15 when it should have been \$18. If this writer had been in the conference room when the report of the Joint Board was read the deficit would have been forthcoming. The printed minutes do not even approximate the amount assessed and collected on this claim. There were six new churches and four new parsonages erected in the bounds of the district last year, and nearly enough money raised for the erection of five other new churches, which are now nearly completed. Total amount of money raised for building churches and parsonages, \$14,500. No other district in the Northwest Texas Conference invested

so much money in church property last year. Gatesville district comes next,

2. That Albany station raised \$4661, or \$34.50 per capita. So if any man has whereof toglory in regard to statistics, "I more." For while Washington Monumore." For while Washington Monument and Eiffel Tower project their slender forms skyward to a great height, I would call your attention to the broad, base, massive proportions and solid masonry of the pyramids of Egypt, while the greatest one is only 480 feet high, yet its base being 764 feet in diameter, you have a cubit measurement like the work done in Abilene district last year. I only regret that we have done so little for the cause of the Master, and by the aid of the Holy One we expect to do more this year than ever. This western district has borne off the banner, I believe, at nearly every annual conference since its organization, in 1883. Even during the long every annual conference since its organization, in 1883. Even during the long drouth, while we did not have many accessions, our finances were in full, and, as "boasting is excluded," we say, "Behold what God hath wrought," not by the presiding elder, but through the zeal-moderate of the filters for the lambs of the fold and do them good. Hope he will have a good year's work. On our arrival we found him contending with la grippe, but before we left he gained the victory, and was on his feet again. Our attendants were interrupted quite often by this monster, yet we had large are glad to say prospects are favorable. Preacher and people satisfied. The good ous efforts of the fifteen faithful pastors crowds at every service. At night had not who labored with me and the generous standing room, and many went away not people whom they served. Noble band. Their work abides. In redistricting the thrifty town of about 4,000 inhabitants, thrifty town of about 4,000 inhabitants, conference at our last session we lost conference at our last session we lost 1300 members, which leaves us only 1650 members to begin with this year. Not-withstanding this heavy loss in numbers to build a new brick church right soon—to build a new bri withstanding this heavy loss in numbers our assessments are the same in all things except for missions, and that is \$100 more than last year. The first round of quarterly meetings is over, and the outlook is better than ever before in our could be settled by the same about the better for such an association. history. Several new church buildings are going up, and the preachers have made a fine start on raising the collec-tions. Bro. Raymond, of Anson circuit, reported all his assessments paid in full at the first quarterly meeting held the second Sunday in January. He is build-ing two new churches in Jones county, twelve miles apart, and keeps the road hat between them. Most of the preachers hat e all their assessments subscribed and are collecting them. Of course our collections will come up in full, and we will build eight or ten new churches; but we are working and praying to double the membership of the church this year.

Sulphur Springs District.

G. T. Nichols, P. E.: Since last com-munication have attended several quarterly conferences, and noted that Bro. Full, pastor on Campbell circuit, has made some needed improvements on the parsonage, making the house more comfort-

Bro. J. F. Sherwood will secure a good parsonage at Carolton.

Pine Forest circuit arranged to improve

their parsonage.
Winnsboro, second best in the district,

stations excepted, in support of ministry. Quitman struggling to pay small debt on their parsonage; this done and they will have one of the best in the district. Cooper is delighted at being half station, and are making arrangements for

tion, and are making arrangements for improvements on church, parsonage, and parsonage grounds. They stand fourth in support of ministry.

Commerce leads the district, in that she has paid all her foreign missionary money, secured lot for church in Commerce and had \$550 towards building; is more than pleased at having half time, and stands third in support of ministry.

third in support of ministry. ind much to encourage me in my work and no small amount to discourage. So many of our people go upon the plan of paying at the close of the year, if indeed they ever pay, passing the first of the year with little or no effort to collect their pastor's salary, forcing him to go in debt, pay large profits, and go the whole year with low spirits, that the wonder is how the man can preach. I have gone to quarterly conferences this year, and came away with feelings such as none but God and Methodist preachers know, and for of the Master. It is a fact known by the this low state of finances in some of the charges I cannot believe to be the results of the hard times. In my heart I believe to increase our salary to a hadsome sup-

the Texas Advocate, is more than I can understand. How can Methodism in the Sulphur Springs district be a light for the people to walk in when darkness is at the center? I appeal to the pastors and those who take the Texas Advocate to join with me in one continued effort to place the paper in the homes of all our official members. This done, you will see a mighty change in all departments of

church work. In some places we have joined in with some other church, and in some instances

in school-houses.

With good crops and effort at the right large place of our own.

ly hindered by their willingness to remain

Boon Prairie Mission. R. J. Fort, Feb. 4: I have made one round on my work and got eight subscribers for the Advocate. My object is to place it in every family, if possible. Have eight appointments. Have had a successful stewards' meeting. These stewards did not forget the process of pounding us about as much as two little people like us could bear. We accept all as given to the Lord, and pray God's as given to the Lord, and pray God's blessing on the pounders. Success to the

Brushy Creek.

John Helpenstell, Feb. 3: Our first quarterly conference just over. Attendance reasonably good. Bro. Philips, our expert presiding elder, was with us, though he was complaining some. Yet he did us faithful service, preaching us two good sermons, such as are much needed throughout our country. needed throughout our country. Our board of stewards made us a liberal assessso much money in church property last year. Gatesville district comes next, according to the minutes. Now, to sum up, as the lawyers say, we have these facts:

1. That Abilene district raised for all purposes last year \$35,310, or \$11.96 per

Abe Mulkey, Feb. 8: Our ten days' work here ended last night. Praise God he was with us, and that to own and bless. Many souls were made happy in the love of God, and from the testimony of the of God, and from the testimony of colder Christians, many were strengthened, and like the old negro were made to go feel it my duty to say something concerning this charge, although it somewhat ing this charge, although it somewhat the collection of the charge, although it somewhat in grant of the charge in grant standing room, and many went away not with many natural advantages, is built on May God bless them and all Orange forever. Begin in Cuero on the 7th. Good-

L. F. Palmer, Feb. 3: Friday before the fourth Sunday in January I was overtaken with the grip—and it has not let go yet. I have failed two Sundays, Wylie and Allen, to be able to fill the stand or be present. But through the kindness of the Lord, Dr. Wolford and a dear wife, we are able to sit up. The doctors tell me I must go slow, so I must obey. Just as the grip was taking hold the kind ladies of Allen made a raid on the parsonage; within hands various articles, meal, lard, soda, canned goods, etc., which made us feel truly we were in the midst of good friends. It had been coming by littles, until Saturday before the fourth Sunday the full shower came. God be praised for his goodness to us. We came to Allen circuit strangers. This people have taken and received us for Jesus' sake. The out-look for Allen circuit I think good. There is much material in our bounds to be looked after for Jesus' sake. May God

G. J. Irvin, Feb. 5: Our work on East Waco circuit has steadily progressed since conference. The Lord has been good to us in every sense. Our people are growing warmer and purer in the cause of Christ. We are only making ready for the fight. When a church becomes a unit, with the equipments and promises at hand, the enemy must surrender or fall. No church out of harmony with either pastor or people can reach the goal advised by our blessed Lord: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye should ask of the Father in my name he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another."—John xv:12-16, 17. of the hard times. In my heart I believe it to be the want of interest on the one hand and system on the other.

Again, so few of our people read the Texas Advocate. I find a large number of our official members who do not take the paper, and in some instances I fear local preachers are not reading the paper. How a man can be an intelligent steward or local preacher, respecting the doings of each but elegant bouses are being exceeded.

more connection with our bridge. Real estate has gone up in price and sells readily for double what it did six months ago. Almost every "civil bachelor" in the city is making a timely purchase of residence lots. Our public school is very excellent; church and Sabbath-school society is good. Health is very good, generally. If we have had any more of disease or contagion than has been elsewhere represented, it has not been "la grippe," which has been our most prevalent illness.

delight of everybody. A liberal assessment was made for the support of the preacher in charge and nearly one fourth paid. Our foreign missionary money was raised, and will send to treasurer at once. Spiritual condition of the circuit good.

Breckenridge. W. C. Manly, Feb. 2: Good news from our town. On last Saturday we held an election on local option, and resulted in 102 for prohibition and forty-two against prohibition, and so the saloon in Stephens county died the death at the ballot-box. A lot of small boys were furnished with whisky for a drunken spree, and a true bill found against the saloon keeper, which, doubtless, had its influence on the election, and if many towns in Texas would bring to bear all their Christian and moral electron. element, they would break up many a saloon and save many of the rising gen-eration. Success to the Advocate, and while you are encouraging Christians and warning evil-doers, give the whisky traffic its portion in due season.

Merrilltown. J. W. Harmon, Feb. 3: Our first quar-terly meeting has been held on this circuit. The presiding elder present, giving satisfaction to all in presiding over the quarterly conference, and doing us all good to listen to him preach two of his good to listen to him preach two of his big sermons. The stewards seem to have the cause of Christ at heart this year as well as they did last year, if not more, when it comes to paying their preacher. This preacher has great faith in his stewards. We will dedicate the new church, near Birdett, on Little Walnut creek, six miles from Austin, the third Sunday in February. Bro. E. S. Smith will be with us and preach the dedication sermon. All are invited to come and see sermon. All are invited to come and see our new church, and get acquainted with our clever people.

Liberty Circuit.

embarrasses me to rush out in print. These good people know full well how to make glad the heart of their pastor. I reached my work Dec. 27, 1889, and met with a most hearty welcome. I have completed my first round. I am well pleased and constrained to say in the language of the apostle, "My lines have fallen to me in pleasant places." While ungodliness is considerably in the majority we helicye that the sunshine which Preacher and people satisfied. The good sisters of this town put their hands and hearts to work and brought to our sight one of the grandest and most complete occasions ever witnessed by your humble servant. It was a success. They gave an entertainment for the purpose of getting enough money to purchase an organ for the M. E. Church at this place. I never have seen such unanimity displayed in life These good sisters were of different de-noniminations, but the Spirit of our blessed Lord was in their hearts, and their efforts were untiring; also the sis ters have manipulated every opportunity at Dever's Woods, and the consequence are they will be able to furnish their church with lights. God bless the dear ADVOCATE and those engaged in it.

How They Do in Kaufman. W. L. Clifton: It was my good fortune to be in Kaufman, Texas, the greater part of last week, and by keeping my open, I discovered that on Friday night, January 30, a storm struck the parsonage about 7 p. m. Matters were lively for about two hours. When it was over the parsonage family found so many good things they scarcely knew where to store them. The family, retiring for the night, thought that all was over. But after a night's rest, the family arose in the morning to find the storm was not yet over. Some families in the church who had not heard of the previous night's doings determined not to be deprived of the opportunity and commenced sending in good things in the morning, and thus the storm lasted all day the first day of February. It was my good fortune to arrive at the parsonage early Saturday morning to witness all that part of the storm which blew in daylight, and to remain for two days to test the excellent quality of the many good things sent to the parsonage. "It was good to be there." Saturday night came the quarterly conference, and to my delight, the preacher and presiding elder received every dollar of their quarterage, in spite of the fact that one of the stewards was at home sick, and another one absent on business. Hendrix ought to preach well or he ought to step down and out and let some other clever preacher have a chance.

Corsicana.

G. S. Wyatt, February 7: I have well entered upon my work in this station. Everything seems to be moving on most pleasantly. Both the financial and spiritual interests of the church are moving up in a way that indicate some life and vi-tality. The president of the board of stewards promptly gives me a draft for my salary at the beginning of each month. The preacher is free and easy as far as finances are concerned. We are progress-ing nicely with the collections ordered by or local preacher, respecting the doings of ed, but elegant houses are being erected his church in the State of Texas, without continually since the word "toll" has no came lifty-five members by certificate and Bastrop preacher gave us good sermons,

glorious revival, for which we are working and praying. We have not made as yet that thorough canvass in the instrong. His work here was abundant. May God bless him in his new field. My health has greatly improved and with its return my energy has also improved, so that I'll not be forced to draw upon the ADVOCATE office for that which she, perhaps, has no more than a necessary supply. God bless the Advocate.

U. J. Morton, Feb. 6: We are moving off reasonably well, as I think, on the Lipan circuit. I have met all the appointments thus far, beginning with the first Sunday in December, and from the beginning until now the people manifest a hearty sympathy and a spirit of cooperation. The greatest barrier in our way on this work is a lack of church houses of our own. Think of it: A large circuit with nine appointments and only two houses of our own. The other seven we have no house of our own to meet and worship in. Oh why will not our people wake up to a proper appreciation of the situation? If they would, it would not be long until there would be a Methodist church house at every place where there are twenty members and I las Mackey Feb 5. Pickey Feb. ever, is not living in it, as there is no well nor cistern at it and the well water in this locality is of a character that can not be used. We are raising money to put in a cistern, and I think, though we are progressing slowly, that we will succeed. I do not believe the good people of Lipan circuit are ever going to allow another paster of theirs to haul water during his entire stay with them.

Hearne and Wheelock. C. M. Keith, Feb. 5: I have been at

my post on this work every Sunday since conference, and feel gratified to say there has been some growth in interest. This which this scribe is weaving into his daily xperience. According to Bishop Duncan's theory this is one of the best works. He said the work demanding the most abor, or the work that was regarded as a hard work, was the best work. At first I demurred to his philosophy, but time for maturity of thought and enlargement of experience has led me to see the correct. ness of his proposition. In the fifth chapter of Romans, Paul teaches that faith exercised through Christ brings us into justified and peaceful relations with God, and by faith in Christ we have acess into these gracious relations wherein we now stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, says Paul, but we glory in tribulation, because it works patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. By tribulation, as used here, Paul evidently means such condition as will excite; such anxiety of thought and desire as shall superinduce the development of the foregoing virtues and blessings. This being true, the hard place should be coveted in the state of the superinduce the development of the foregoing virtues and blessings. This being true, the hard place should be coveted are hoping and praying for a great, grand help us in the work. Do not ensely human, this sort of coveting is a hard duty to perform. Here is the good of our episcopal and itinerant system of government. It sends preachers where they would not go if left to choose their own field, and where it is best for them and best for the people. At Hearne we have fifty-eight members, and some of the oluckiest women stewards I ever saw. The women are the burden-bearers of the Lord's interest in Hearne. In Wheelock we have eighty-one members, and plenty of material, with which we hope, by divine help, to bring up a grand increase during this conference year. I have such good help in the women of the church that on leaving this work I shall feel constrained to say to my successor what now say to my successor on Fairfield work: "Help those women which labored with me in the Gospel." I don't know how the church could get along without these godly women. I shall not forget the ADVOCATE.

From Smithville Circuit. Mrs. Lizzie Holmes Hill, Feb. 3: Hill's Prairie has belonged to Bastrop station for many years, but at the last session of to Bastrop. During the two years he served us (1880 and 1881) he buried our dead, baptized our babies and read the solemn words which bound some to the the annual conference. We hope to have the loving, sympathetic heart of a man. a very prosperous year. Spiritually, things No wonder there was some regret that he are going forward. The congregations are would not be our pastor now-"so near large; the prayer-meetings and class-meetings are well attended. We have regular camp-meeting times in our class-has not suffered from any pangs of mormeetings. The prayer-meeting last Wedne-day night is said to have been the best in the numbers attending since Dixon Williams was here. Our collection for the poor last Sunday was the best that he had there. We have believed ever taken in the church-so said the old for some years that this appointment

on profession of faith. We have met in fervent prayers, and such visiting and at- lines. She is a prayerful hearer. Blessed person nearly every member of the church, having made 258 visits, and prayed with nearly every family of the church. We have some true and faithful members, They are standing close to the pastor in every effort to forward the Master's cause. To us everything looks to a most glorious revival, for which we are work-glorious revival, for which we are work-glorious revival. hunted up the people, till on yesterday, his second appointment here, we had a full house, the largest congregation that been our most prevalent illness.

Gilmer.

W. J. Bludworth, Feb. 3: The first quarterly conference for Gilmer circuit is over. Our presiding elder, Rev. C. B. Fladger, was on hand, presiding, singing, praying, preaching, and collecting, to the delight of everybody. A liberal assessment was made for the support of the more described by the first that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to consider the fight man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the Smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to consider the fight man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the Smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to consider the fight man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to consider the fight man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to consider the right man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the Smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to consider the right man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to the delight of everybody. A liberal assession that thorough can be repetited in that thorough can be right man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the Smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to taking orders for the new Hymn Book and subscriptions for the Abvocate that thorough can be right man in the right place, and we expect great things this year on the Smithville circuit. He is doing good work, that Bro. G. W. Owens is on his way to taking orders for the new Hymn Book and subscriptions for the Abvocate that thorough can be right man in the right place, and we expect grea heaits of many women in Louisiana and Texas will be saddened to learn of the death of Rev. C. B. Stuart, of Marshall. The man who educates the wives and mothers of a people leaves his mark on their civilization. I do not know how Dr. Stuart was in the later years of his life, but along in the sixties he was a man of a thousand. In his system of teaching he never lost sight of the fact so beautifully expressed by Daniel Webster: "Knowledge does not comprise all that is contained in the large term of educa-tion. The feelings are to be disciplined; the passions restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and ty in December, and from the until now the people manifest sympathy and a spirit of co-The greatest barrier in our integration of the greatest barrier in our and the greatest barrier in our and his works do follow him."

Oakville and Tilden Circuit.

C. and L. M. Williamson, Jan. 24: You two houses of our own. The other seven all meet in school-houses. As a rule our church will never be characterized with permanent stability and prosperity where beanon and Tilden for the many nice and

where there are twenty members, and I do believe if this was the case, that in the next decade our membership would increase a hundred per cent. As I go over these rocks, hills, and valleys from one these rocks, hills, and valleys from one these rocks, hills, and valleys from one appointment to another and realize such a felt want of church houses of our own, and then consider the obstacles in the way of obtaining them. I am made to cry, in the language of David, "How long, O Lord, how long?" Oh that we might have a general awakening among our people along this very important line of church work. The circuit has a parsonage located here at Lipan. This scribe, however, is not living in it, as there is no left such as the property of the large College Chapel both morning and evening. In the afternom the Bisnop held a meeting with the building committee and members of the church in reference to raising five thousand dollars for the new church. I am happy to state that at this writing we have raised near the amount. We expect to begin work in a few days, so that we can get in our new church in two or three months. Rejoice with me. If you need the property of the church in reference to raising five thousand dollars for the new church. I am happy to state that at this writing we have raised near the amount. We expect to begin work in a few days, so that we can get in our new church in two or three works. can get in our new church in two or three months. Rejoice with me. If you need help send for Bishop Key. We think we could make him and his good wife happy in our city for any length of time.

J. T. Browning, Feb. 6: Am pleased with the new dress of the Advocate. It grows better with age and is anxiously looked for by us. Have started off well in this new charge. The people have been exceeding kind. We were heavily pounded on our arrival and there has not yet been a suspension and there has not yet been a suspension. Nearly everybody has had "la grippe," which has interfered with business gen-erally. Rev. B. J. Guess has been to see is a new work set off by the Bishop and us and reports that his work at Flatonia his cabinet, and in the hands of God I hope to be instrumental in bringing it up to their fullest expectations. In its bounds is well under way. Rev. E. H. Harman has been with us a week on account of the illness of his little boy, Marshall. The are enough material and possibilities in work at Brenham is moving on smoothly sight of a speculative and hopeful mind to inspire much prayer and labor, all of presiding elder of Austin district, says that the district is well manned without a single exception and the prospects fine. The board of stewards at this place raised the preacher in charge's salary \$100 above what it has been. To date the pastor has baptized three children and one adult. The debt on the parsonage has been re-

D. F. C. Timmons, Feb. 8: Rev. Sam P. Jones will begin a meeting here on Friday, the 28th of this month, at 10 a. The meeting will continue not less than ten days. My church is building an immense tabernacle that will hold 4500 people. Such is Tyler Methodism. We get help from none of the other denominations or from any outside source. My people met together and said, "Yes, we will build it, and when you want the money go to the banks and get it." The outlook is that the crowds will be immense. The railroads have promised low rates. There is a perfect buzz in all the foregoing virtues and blessings. This being true, the hard place should be coveted rather than avoided; but we are so inversal that the state of the cover and help us in the work. Do not stone. We hated to leave the circuit, and come to be entertained, but to work for souls. I am urging my people not to turn themselves into an entertaining board, but to give themselves up to soul-saving for at least ten days. The year has for at least ten days. The year has opened up well here. Bro. Adams brings in good reports from his district. The minutes of the East Texas Conference 1 suppose are about ready. I turned over the manuscript to the printer promptly.

Clarksville Circuit. Chas. H. Peele, Feb. 7: We are now

domiciled in the new parsonage, and have begun our labors for the second year on this work. Since last year this work has developed from a mission into a circuit, built a parsonage and swelled its roll of membership with a net increase of one hundred and forty-seven. The preacher, to prepare himself to utilize all the church standing-on account of its former histhe Texas Conference it was put on the Smithville circuit. Some of our people felt this rather a hardship when they learned that Bro. Wootton had been sent awkward, unpromising lads developed into men of moral and intellectual worth. Rev. J. W. P. McKenzie, or Old Master, as the college boys called him, founded this institution in an early day, and presided one of their choice, showing through it all over it until he gave Christian education in Texas an impetus which defied the powers of darkness and claimed the field for Christ. It became a factor in western civilization and Christianty. All honor to him who laid down his life for this cause! A marble stone stands at his imagination wander in delight over the grave in the oak grove on the hill near memory of martyrs who have died for us; his soul has gone to its reward. The truth. And then some little, wretched, bosom companion of Rev. J. W. P. Mc-disagreeable duty comes, which is your Kenzie still graces this life with her martyrdom, the lamp for your oil; and it pious walk and prompt response to every demand duty enjoins upon her. Her presence and prayers in the congregation prove a benediction to the writer of these out over your self-indulgent life.

pounded us most lavishly—butter, eggs, chickens, pork, beef, meal, and many other things, for which we are very thankful. God bless the generous people. The ADVOCATE is growing in the favor of my people. Four new subscriptions—a result of the sample copies sent me. I want my list multiplied by five before conference. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Eagle Pass.

F. H. C. Elliott, Feb. 6: The loved face of the dear old ADVOCATE has again made its appearance in the home of this preacher. It is indeed a true, kind, and tender friend, and brings light and gladness into every home it enters, and improves upon acquaintance. God helping me it shall be read by every Methodist family here before many days. We have only ten members in Eagle Pass, but we have the faith to believe that God will increase that number greatly if we are faithful. They are however realous will increase that number greatly if we are faithful. They are, however, zealous and devoted and form a splendid nucleous for a good church. The people appreciate Methodlsm and its preaching the truth as it is in Christ, and will give their assistance in supporting it here. We preach here the first three Sundays in each month, and in the afternoons of the same Sundays at Piedras Negras, (Mexico), and the fourth Sunday at Bracket (old Fort Clark). Also hold the Sabbathschool, having no one as yet to act as superintendent. So you see we have plenty to do to keep us busy. At our first ap-pointment at Brackett (fourth Sunday in January) we received six into the church five soldiers and the wife of a soldier. We labor under the disadvantage of having no church buildings or parsonage, but trust the Lord will open a way for us to build this year. This is an important point for Methodism, as it is an acknowl-edged fact that she is the only church that can reach the masses here; and it is necessary to build in order to establish ourselves here.

W. D. White, Feb. 8: First quarterly conference convened here last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. E. S. Smith preached us three excellent sermons. We all love him. Our work progressing very satisfactorily. factorily.

Dallas preachers' meeting met at First Church parsonage Monday, 10 a. m.; present, Allen, Pierce, Brown, Hanson, Hay. After religious services by Bro. Pierce, the meeting was open for reports. Trinity-Congregations average; usual services morning and night.

Floyd Street-Congregations good morn-

ing and night; four additions.

Oak Lawn—Had good congregations.

Bro. Hughes preached at morning service and Bro. Pierce at night; one addition.

First Church—Good congregations; church conference in morning; young folks service growing in interest. City Mission—Bro. Clark reports mission work good.

Bro. Clark preached at East Dallas in

the morning and South Dallas at night; Bro. Howell preached in the South in the

The fruitage of all Christmas trees is generally of so perishable a nature that the beneficiary finds it impossible to preserve the loving mementoes. Such was not the case with the Christmas tree at Sivel-Bend in 1889. For two months I failed to meet my friends at that place. The fourth Sunday in November I was at Greenville. The fourth Sunday in De

cember I was at quarterly conference in Marysville; but, thank God, they neither forgot nor fell out with their preacher. Miss Ella Long and Miss Lillie Gunter. two most estimable and charming young ladies of Sivels Bend, conceived the of financially assisting your humble ser-vant. They succeeded in collecting twenty-five dollars and placed it on the Christ-mas tree. On the fourth Sunday in January, 1800, I received the money and a note, saying, "That it was not to be con-sidered under any circumstances as a part

of your salary."
I honestly believe that God put it into the hearts of these young ladies to make that collection. Last July He took from us our precious baby. Wife and I have beent trying, oh so hard, to pay debts not a line or word to tell whose child lay beneath the little mound in Simpson cemetery. Now, thanks to Miss Ella and Miss Lillie, our dead will have a monu-ment suited to her childish purity, and while it proclaims the name and parent-age of the sleeping one, it will also stand as a perpetual witness of their noble generosity. I write this, not expressly to publicly thank and laud these kind hearted friends, for they must know that they have that deep, heart-felt silent gratitude, which is dearer to every pure soul than all public laudation and pane-gyrics, but I write with some hope of inciting others to go and do likewise. many preachers in the North Texas Conference have children lying in unmarked graves? These preachers and their wives loved their little ones, and would have placed a plane marble slab, with date of birth and death over each, had they been property, secured a helpmeet. The parsonage is located five miles west from Clarksville, in the McKenzie Memorial community, and is near the site of the old McKenzie college. This spot—and some of the college buildings are still many a father's and many a mother's tory, is embalmed in the memory of eyes will dim with tears as they read many Methodist preachers and other men this short note and they will sadly say,

"My child fills a nameless grave."
Will not the noble women of Texas examine their cemeteries, and if here and there a preacher's child is found under an unmarked mound, place a tombstone tearful gratitude will doubly pay you, oh, my sisters, for all the sacrifice you

You picture to yourself the beauty of bravery and steadiastness. You let your imagination wander in delight over the

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THE ETHICS OF PROPERTY.

Much has been written lately on capital and labor-on the great question between the "haves" and the "have-nots," which underlies all social and political issues. I propose to say a few words upon that question. And the reason which leads me to do so is this: that I shall approach it from a point of view usually lost sight of or ignored. A considerable number of contributions to its discussion lies before me as I write-publications in various languages, and of all sorts and kinds; from the folio to the fly-sheet, from the reasoned treatise to the rhetorical tract. As I turn them over, I find invocations of selfishness and of sentiment, pleas on behalf of civilization and on behalf of our common humanity, appeals to acts of the legislature and to the teachings of political economy. To all the considerations thus urged I cheerfully allow due weight. It is true that doctrines incompatible with the fair order of civilized life are selfcondemned. As true is it, that the common good of all mankind is an end which we are ever bound to keep in view. Both selfishness and sentiment must be reckoned with as permanent factors in our nature. Political economy cannot be put aside with a Carlylean anathema as "the dismal science." although perhaps more sad nonsense has been talked about it during the present century than about any other subject, with the possible exception of sanitation. "Some reverence for the laws ourselves have made" is an essential condition of the political freedom which we all prize so highly. But none of these things goes to the root of the matter. The first fact about man, as Aristotle taught the world two thousand years ago, is that he is a moral being. having perception of right and wrong, justice and injustice. "The law of conscience," echoes the great English philosopher of the last century, "is the law which we are born under." The moral law is the rule of economics, the life of legislation, the tutor of philanthropy, the foundation of civilization, the guardian of sentiment, and the curb of selfishness. These are not the flourishes of rhetoric; they are the words of truth and soberness. The moral law, I say, is supreme reason ruling over all rational existence like. Gradually man attains to clearer ant bishop of Liverpool, the other day; throughout the universe, either by its knowledge of himself and of his ethical mandates or by its penalties; sovereign over society, as over the individuals of whom society is composed. To obey it is the great good of nations as of men; to violate it, the chief evil. If the moral law is this-and if it is not this it is nothing-to it, in the last instance, must the appeal be made, in the great controversy concerning property now agitating the world. Why not appeal to it in the first instance?

As a matter of fact, the disputants on this momentous question very seldom do so appeal, either primarily or ulti-

"Vom Rechte, das mit uns geboren ist, Von dem ist, leider! nie die Frage.'

I doubt much whether, in the mass of printed matter concerning it which I have now before me, there is any atethical question. It is truly observed by Mazzini that

"The merely analytic and negative philosophy of the last century has inour methods of viewing all human things. God is not in the heart of the century.' ty. And there is no more significant spreading disbelief in the eternal differen e between moral good and moral evil; in the existence of a nature of things which is ethical, son to ascertain and formulate those lex. rights and those duties. Such appears, indeed, to me, the worst kind of atheism; for it means, not the rejection of this or that formula, wherein the theistic idea has found expression, necessarily imperfect, but the non recognition of e moral law, in which the theistic idea is rooted; which necessarily leads up to the divine concept; which finds in God and immortality its final end and its crown. Take an illustration of what I am saying from Professor Jevon's well-known work, "The State in Relation to Labor." "The first step," the Professor postulates, "must be to rid our minds of the idea that there are any such things in social matters as abstract rights." I do not hesitate to affirm, on the contrary, that the first step is clearly to apprehend that man's natural rights exist; and that the second is to discern clearly what those ly his."

The first question, then, is whether there is such a thing as a "natural consist? Not in bare possession. Pos right" to private property. Now the session is merely physical. There may tempts to appropriate and subdue the unconscious made by beavers, wasps, and birds. My dog has a keen sense of proprietorship in the basket which is his sitting room by day and his bed by night. We may safely assent to Mr Spencer's argment, that "if a propensity to personal acquisition be a property is in the will of the community of the world at the community of the world at the transformation of civilization into Socialism, can those miseries of the world Socialism, can those miseries of the world Socialism, can those miseries of the world Socialism Morris and Belfort Dristian of right is in the reason of things, which is ethical. But only in civil a propensity to personal acquisition be

erty.

believe, with him, that right and duty are merely "instincts raisonnes." I hold that in ethics (the rule of what should be, as distinct from what is, we must begin with the facts, not of man's animal, but of his moral nature-personality, will, consciousnes; that invisible, but most real, world that is the domain, not of the physicist, but of the son denotes the individual as capable reason. of right (rechtsfahig), and in one sense we may say that all rights are personal. They spring from personality.

Let us lay this fundamental truth

to heart, for it is of the most momentous practical importance. The princibeing of man. From this fount flow all those various natural rights that conin opposition to the "thou" does the "I" and his environment—positive rights vaise in L'Assommoir: vary. The more developed the consciousness, the greater the right. Chiltion which are infantine, nay, embry. ce grand Paris, si dore et si flambant.' onic. In the earliest historical period, knowledge of himself and of his ethical end; and the idea of right, little by little, purifies and shapes public and private life. To the valid ity of all right the recording the state of the idea of the valid ity of all right the recording the state of the idea of the of the community is essential. And Rousseauan school, is to forget this,

period, when tempt to discuss it philosophically, as an The true ideal is not man unclothed, but man clothed upon; developed and cultivated to the utmost by society; his affections, capacities, and powers all brought under the sway of reason. stilled materialism into our daily practi- And the natural rights of this ideal cal life, into our habits of thought, into have only an ideal value. The individual is a portion of the social organism. His rights exist in subordination Practical atheism is quite compatible to that whole of which he is a part with a sincere profession of Christiani They are conditioned by his duties. To which we may add that the whole manifestation of it than the widely- is before the parts of which it is composed. The preservation of the whole is the condition of the existence of the parts. And in the last resort, the whole, for its self-preservation, possesses and from which rights and duties a right to dispose of the parts, accordspring; and in the power of human realing to the dictum, "Salus populi suprema

Now all this holds good of the right of private property. Its ultimate ground is necessity, issuing from the reason of rots, he increases and multiplies. Ot things. Private property, like individual liberty—of which, indeed, it is a part—is necessary to the full idea of field drew the picture of their confield d human personality, to its due explica- tion, heightening it by a not wholly tion, its complete development. It is the instinct of self preservation which leads us to appropriate things, to convert them into lasting instruments of the will. And a thing, being void of self, has no right against a person pos-sessing self hood. Property is a specific instrument of human will and of human aims. It is realized liberty. As Locke savs:

"Every man has a property in his own person. This nobody has a right to but himself. The labor of his body and the work of his hands, we may say are proper-

rights are and how they are conditioned | Yes, we may. And we may say the To which I may add, that the third same of the labor of his mind and of step is to remember that political science the work of his brain. A man has a deals with the living, the complex, the right to be himself, to live out his own contingent; that its work is not to play life. But the most valuable part of with abstractions nor to balance proba- his life is the intellectual. He has a bilities. Let me apply these rules to the topic before us—the ethics of propmental labor is of far more account than physical.

But wherein does property really word "nature" may mean either that be property without possession, and which is, or which ought to be. Taking it in the first of these senses, we may be in the possession of a thief, but must maintain, with Mr. Herbert it is still my property. Property be-Spencer, that a desire for property is longs to the moral realm, the realm of one of the elements of man's nature. rights. And, as I have already ob-Nay, we may observe the germs of it served, it is only in the social organism in animals inferior to man in the scale that rights become valid. It is not of being. Every one has seen the at- that the original source of the right to tempts to appropriate and subdue the property is in the will of the commu-

social organism, and must, therefore, depends upon the balance. The cupidity of human nature is ever tending to destoy it.

To sum up the argument. The right It is the expression and the guarantee metaphysician. It is from personality of moral personality, and is therefore that all rights spring—all rights, not only the rights of men. For to the lower animals we may attribute at least quasi rights, in proportion as they adity. But, like all rights, it becomes the explication of personality. They wall only in the companying in which the produce of the laborer. That is (4), we have the produce of the laborer. That is (4), which the companying in which the produce of the laborer. That is (4), which the companying in which the companying in which the companying in the companying in which the companying in which the companying in the companyin vance toward personality. They are valid only in the community in which can no more exist apart than can the not strictly persons; but there is in them it is exercised. It is a moral entity, an element which is the foundation of limited by the idea of the inviolable generally, all this seems to be hidden an element which is the foundation of limited by the idea of the inviolable personality; ein Stuck Personliches, the German philosopher calls it. And laws and principles of etbics. It is said by Victor Hugo, not too strongly, here is the true ground of the legal conditioned by correlative duties vary. prohibition of cruelty to them. But ing in extent, according to the degree of the hell of the poor." That the only man, self-conscious, self-determin- of civilization and the circumstances ed, morally responsible, is, in the proper of the age. It is held in subordinasense of the word, a person. And of his personality, his liberty of volition is the essense. Therein resides human liberty. A family liberty of the supreme claims of the community. It must not be exercised arbitrarily, not abused wantonly. It and withheld from the great mass of liberty. A family liberty is likely liberty of the supreme claims of the community. It must not be exercised arbitrarily, not abused wantonly. It and withheld from the great mass of must be used for the good of the community. has an indefeasible right to live out his munity in which it is possessed, as well own life, as a man. And he has an in- as for the good of the possessor. It joint upon this vital question. The defeasible right to all that is necessary must be organized in the commonto enable him to do that The word per- wealth; that is, it must be regulated by And now, turning aside from these

the richest country in the world. For of property. ple of right, I say, is human personal-ity—the ethical idea and psychological what we see there, we may see, in greater or less degree, elsewhere. The tendency is everywhere the same. stitute his primordial, inalienable, and Think of the condition, the economical contrast exhibited by the thousands of arise. It is in civilization that the idea millionaires and the millions of pauof right unfolds itself. And according pers. Realize what the words neanto the degree of civilization-which as true of London as of Paris-which

"Ah! le crevaison des pauvres, les ensciousness, the greater the right. Children have not the same positive rights soins des betes claquant les dents et as men; and there are states of civilizations.

"I know the east end of London

kitchen middens of humanity." "Ten when in treating of man's natural thousand of our fellow creatures," rights we pass from the abstract to wrote the well-known philanthropist, the concrete, we must ever remember S. G. O., to the same journal, "are bethat those rights are conditioned by the social organism in which man is brutality, a species of human sewage, found. It is only by an effort of the imagination that we abstract the individual from the community. The pri-mary error of modern publicists of the down the streets seeking work, and finding none-that great army of the unemand to legislate for an imaginary man, ployed with no choice between imbelonging to a fabulous prehistoric prisonment in the workhouse and starsold—their pay 2 1-4d. for turning out a gross of them, and putting on the labels, and tying them up in bundles, themselves providing paste, firing, and string. Think of their hardly less wretched sisters who toil from morning to night, folding, folding, folding sheets of cheap Bi des-too happy if they can thereby earn nine shilling a week. Such, in outline which can be only too property. easily filled, are the facts which meet us in our great cities. Every year the state of things is becoming worse. Every year Dives is growing richer, his pur-ple costlier, his linen finer, his daily fare more sumptuous. And Lazarus is growing more beggarly, his sores more loathsome, his rags scantier, the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table less available for him, because there are more to share them, for as he lies and imaginary contrast:

"Remember what they once were—the freest, the bravest, the best-natured, and the best looking, the happiest and most religious race upon the surface of this globe. And think of them now with all their crimes, and all their slavish sufferings; their soured spirits and their stunted forms; their lives without enjoyment and their deaths without hope.

Am I told that this is rhetoric? Well, let us come to figures, which are more eloquent than any tropes. The total production of the Uni'ed Kingdom may be roughly estimated at £1,250,000,000. Of this sum, the share taken by landlords, capitalists. and middlemen amounts in round numbers to £800,000,000, and the share taken by skilled and unskilled laborers £450,000,000, "The reward," writes Mr. Mill, 'instead of being proportioned to the labor and abstinence of the individual, is almost in an inverse ratio to it: those who receive the least, labor and abstain the most."

Now is this condition of the community, is the distribution of wealth issuing in such a state of the social organism, reasonable? Is it right? The two questions are really one. For reason Henry George observe:

"There is a gospel of selfishness, soothing as soft flutes to those, who, having fared well themselves, think that every-

symmetrically correspond. The happiness, nay the maintainance, of the State egoism." It is what George Sand ranted when he writes:

have treated them as merely animated machines. Well, I say, unhesitatingly, egoism." It is what George Sand called "the love of money erected into dogma of public morality." The practical outcome is the declaration that we so often hear, that a man has a right to do what he will with his own. This to do what he will with his own. This compell the equal distribution of all produce. I understand a socialistic state to which everything in terms.

Table 1. It is what George Sand of the socialism as (1) denying or destroying all individual private property; and (2) as affirming that society, organized as the state, should own all wealth, direct all labor, compell the equal distribution of all produce. I understand a socialistic state to duce. I understand a socialistic state to which everything in terms. to private property is a natural right. to do what he will with his own. This rapidly as it does increase, and that its sufficient proof that the world is out of sophisms of selfishness, the platitudes of political economists, are opposed to those "moral laws of nature and of nations" that rule supreme over property, abstract considerations, let us look out commerce, industry, as elsewhere. "It into the concrete world, and see how is unjust, it cannot last," said the wise things really are in respect of Duke of Weimar when the first Napoproperty. It will suffice if we con- leon's glory was at its hight. We must

"To me, at least, it would be enough to condemn modern society as hardly an advance on slavery or seridom, if the permanent condition of industry were to be that which we behold, that ninety per imprescriptible inheritance. But the condition, of this vast city of London in cent of the actual producers of wealth have person is found only in society. Only which I am writing; of the appalling no home that they can call their own becomes the "thou does the "I" contrast exhibited by the thousands of youd the end of the week; have no bit of soil, or so much as a room that belongs to them; have nothing of value of any kind except as much old furniture as will go in to the degree of civilization—which means man's consciousness of himself as true of London as of Paris—which a cart; have the precarious chance of weekly wages which barely suffices to keep and his environment—positive rights value in L'Assommoir: part in places that no man thinks fit for his horse; are separated by so narrow a margin from destitution that a month of bad trade, sickness, or unexpected loss, brings them face to face with hunger and pauperism.... This is the normal state of the average workman in town or country.

> contemplate the present condition of the masses of the people without desiring something like a revolution for the better." What then is the true remedy?

> Socialism professes to offer one. Let us see what it amounts to. It is well worth while to do this. My lamented friend, the late Sir Henry Maine, has well observed, in his last work:

"The growth within the mass of the population of irreconcilable bodies deeply trabued with Socialism, is one of the most prisonment in the workhouse and star-vation outside. And what employment it often is if the control of the most are associations of men who hold political opinions as men once held religious opin-

> Their enthusiasm, no less than their growing numbers, entitles them to the candid attention of every publicist; for pressions of the abounding materialism enthusiasm is one of the greatest factors in the world's history. Let us see what is the means by which they seek to set the world right on this matter of

It is a very simple means. It is merely to abolish private property. And here I may be met with the objection: "You in an era of universal slavery, with a are confounding two things that are quite different; Communism is one thing, Socialism another." Well, I am quite aware that a distinction is often set up between the two things. But I confess it seems to me a distinction even if we have to seek in the gallows without much practical difference. Communism postulates—or necessarily implies if it does not actually postulate-the complete abolition of private more account than are the lives of a property, and the supply of each individual from the common store, without

over its production or distribution; the people, who are really the only organic part of society, are treated as a mere apquestions are really one. For reason pendage to capital, as a part of its ma-and right are identical. There are chinery. This must be altered from the those who, more or less explicitly, foundation; the land, the capital, the machinery, factories, workshops, stores, chinery, factories, workshops, stores, means of transit, mines, banking, all means of production and distribution of wealth, must be declared and treated as the common property of all. . . Only by such fundamental changes, only by the transformation of civilization into Socialism, can those miseries of the world

really a component of man's constitu-tion, that cannot be a right form of so-to property becomes valid in civil to buy in the cheapest and to sell in the fore us is the realization of absolute which they are capable, for the smallciety which allows it no scope."

But I would put the matter in another way, which, unfortunately, is not er way, which, unfortunately, is not er way, which, unfortunately, is not expected by the duties of property and the duties of property sole link of human society. This is that Benthamite doctrine which Mr.

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That seems to be plain enough. Sure-spring together from the idea of the link of human society. This is the realization of a society and the payment of wages the duties to civil society. The rights of the realization of the state o Carlyle denounced as a "wretched, un- strong common sense the advantage of ten that these hands are men. We

I identify Socialism with Communism. Now what are we to say to this nos-

trum, whereby the socialistic league would remedy the miseries of the world? At the outset it is open to this manifest objection, that the remedy is worse than the disease. I do not underrate the gravity of the disease, as will appear from what I have already said. But what does the socialistic proposal really mean? It means the undoing of the work of civilization. For in what does the progress of society consist? It consists in the evolution of the individual. Among our Aryan ancestors, in the earliest stages of their social organization known to us, we find neither personal liberty nor its most characteristic incident, single ownership. The unit of the public order is not the individual, but the family, whose head exercises despotic power over its members. Not fine our attention to my own country— say the same of the present distribution form in which property is held. For several, but ecmmon, possession is the long ages the unemancipated son differed nothing from a slave. The history of western civilization, whatever else it may be, is certainly the history of the growth of personal liberty and of private property. And the two things are most intimately connected, for property is but liberty realized. Socialism, as Proudhon confessed, "is apt to take its assumptions for realities, its Utopias for institutions." Its Utopias, realized, would, alas! mean barbarism. And what can be more false than some of its assumptions? Take one, for example, insisted on in the extract which I gave just now from the manifesto of the Socialistic League, that "the workers produce all the wealth of society." Does not capital then create value? Does it not render human labor more productive by promoting co-operation and by the use of improved machinery? A machine, and the men who work it, both create value; and both the labor stored up in the machine, and the men who work it, deserve reward. In the one case the reward is called interest, in the other wages. It is not true that "the workers produce all the wealth of society," or that "living labor creates all value." But it is true that the socialistic theory reduces all labor to un-skilled labor. It is true, also, that Socialism is in direct conflict with man's natural rights; and herein is its sufficient condemnation. It is fatal to human liberty, in that it is the negation of man's most sacred prerogative to be himself, to live out his own life. it often is, if they succeed in finding it.
Think of the wretched women who dent expectation of blessedness to come dent expectation of blessedness to come lated by Mr. Samuel Weller to have but a usefunctuary, a trustee. The Its method is like that of the well-inhim of squinting.

> Socialism, indeed, if we weigh the matter well, is but one of the many exdevoid of any true notion of the organic, which is essentially rational and ethical. It would reduce the public order to a machine, and would bring modicum of "pigwash" for all. Shall we barter our birthright of liberty for a mess of pottage? And such a mess? No; the realization of the socialistic and the sword the ultimate answer to its votaries. The preservation of the fair fame of civilization is of infinitely

borde of fools and fanatics. vidual from the common store, without much regard, apparently, to the contour to me to lie, not in its crude and montributions to that common store which stroug theories, but in this, that to the individual may or may not have quote certain words of the late Pro made. And so the pithy formula of Louis Blanc: "De chacun selon ses facultes; a chacun selon ses besoins." of the working classes, and the aspira-Socialism, at all events as expounded tion after a better order of things." But in England, does not, in words, go so far what is the foundation on which that as this. But it certainly denies proper better order must be reared? I anty in land and capital, and seek to swer, the moral law. Other foundation "socialize" them. Thus, Mr. Hyndman can no man lay. Aquinas goes to the desiderates "collective ownership of heart of the matter in a few pregnant land, capital, machinery and credit," words, which, though written six cenwhich certainly comes very close to the turies ago, are as applicable now as abolition of private property. Would they were then; for the truth which it not reduce the individual ownership they express is not of an age, but for to the peculium of a Roman slave? all time: "The possession of riches is But there lies before me the "Manifesto not unlawful, if the order of reason be of the Socialistic League, signed by the observed; that is to say, that a man Provisional Council at the foundation possess justly what he owns, and that he of the league, on December 30, 1884, use it in a proper manner for himself and adopted at the general conference, and others." Let us consider a little held at Farringdon Hall, London, on what this dictum involves. To render July 5, 1885"—surely an authoritative document. Take the following extract from it:

| District the following extract ful—a men must possess justly what he owns. Justly. What does that mean? Does it mean that a man is warranted "The workers, although they produce all the wealth of society, have no control by the moral law in any gain which he may make without bringing himself into the police court? That is a very common view, and is very generally acted upon. The cheapening of commodities by unrestricted competition has been the guiding idea of English manufacture and of English commerce during the last half century. To get

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an equitable price, for his work, I do in fact rob him. And this is at once the most common and the most disgraceful form of theft. The most common, for it is found in all departments of life; the most disgraceful, because it is the most cowardly. It is a duty of strict justice for the employer to give to his work people a justum pretium. The violation of this duty is reckoned by the Catholic Church among the sins that cry to heaven. And the measure of the justum pretium is the means of living a decent life, morally and materially; which includes not merely food and clothing, house and home, but leasure and spiritual cultivation; not merely, as the schoolmen speak, bona natura necessaria, but also bona statui necessaria. But the very notion of a justum pretium has well-nigh died out of the popular mind, which sums up its code of commercial morality in the maxim: "Buy in the chepest market and sell in the dearest." It may, how-ever, be said: "Everywhere throughout nature, variety and competition are the conditions of advance; the struggle for existence, the survival of the fittest, are truths, however stern, and are not to be altered by whole libraries of sentiment." I reply: The struggle for existence is, indeed, the universal rule of nature. But the business of man, who is an ethical animal, having perception of right and wrong, justice and injustice, is to moralize that struggle. Freedom of contract? Good. But to constitute freedom of contract there must be parity of condition. What parity of condition is there between the replete capitalist and his starving employe? I say, without a shadow of doubt, that to much property the saying of Proudhon is strictly applicable: "La propriete c'est le vol.

But suppose that a man's property has been justly acquired. To render his possession of it valid, according to the moral law, there lies upon him the obligation of employing it in a proper manner for himself and others. Nothing is falser than the saying that a man has a right to do what he likes with his own. A man has not a right to what he likes with his own. He has only a right to do what he ought with his own; which, after all, is his own in a very qualified sense. The only things which a man can in strictness call his own-and even here he is under the law of conscience-are his spiritual, intellectual, and physical faculties. The material object on which he exercises these faculties is subject to a higher ownership than his-to the indefeasible title of the human race, represented to him by the community in cut off his son's head, in order to cure ultimate and inamenable ownership of what Aristotle called "the bounty of nature," is in the human race. Each country belongs, in the last resort, to its inhabitants in general; each country,



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merely its land, but all that has been taken from the land, from time immemorial, and transformed into the various instruments of civilized life. The community is the overlord, not merely of the possessor of the soil, but of the manufacturer, the shopowner, the banker. Mr. Chamberlain's doctrine of ransom is truer than he deems, for he does not carry it far enough. Not only the soil of the country, but its entire accumulated wealth, natural and fabricated, is, I say, in the last resort the property of the country. The individual owner of any portion of it holds subject to that higher title. It has been well observed by Mr. Mill, that "the earth belongs, first of all, to that "the earth belongs, first of all, to to conceal the truth. Some one else has, the inhabitants of it," that "every person alive ought to have a subsistence was given us that we might say pleasant ever works at any useful thing ought to be properly fed and clothed before any one able to work is allowed to reany one able to work is allowed to reduce to be idleness." "These," which the Bible alone and other ideas which the Bible alone before any one has more;" that "whosoceive the bread of idleness." "These," he adds, "are moral axioms." Yes, these are moral axioms; and they carry us a long way. But further. Property means exclusion. But has any one the right absolutely to shut off others from the benefit of that which is his? Assuredly not. Solidarity is the law of the human race. No man liveth to ilized life gives rise to the duty that ownership must be made a common good to the community. It is worthy of notice that in the middle ages the fiduciary nature of property was em- words and you fasten it and make it your phatically recognized. Land was then almost the only form of wealth. And, as we all know, to the possession of land duties were strictly attached; and those duties were rigorously exacted. This principle must be recognized, in respect of wealth generally—recognized, and, the dead past lives again. Looking into this migror, we can see infant. almost the only form of wealth. And, as we all know, to the possession of land of wealth generally—recognized, and, if need be, legally enforced.

the observation of the order of reason, regarding this great question of property. And, as assuredly, nothing can be less re sonable than the regime of com-petition and individualism, in support Truth is beautiful. Strive to express it of which so many ponderous tomes of fully; hold it up to clear view; it needs nonsense, dignified as political economy, h ve been inflicted upon a long-suffering world That regime is passing away. Socialism means so much. And Goldsmith? "God said, let there be light the task which lies before the world is the re-organization of industry upon an ethical basis. The abuses of the old world organization were manifest. They have disappeared. But the organiza-tion has disappeared, too. The old fellowship of labor is a thing of the past. The new fellowship of labor is the hope of the future. The era is surely approaching when, in Mr. Herbert Spencer's happy words, "One man will not be suffered to enjoy without working, that which another produces without kinetic and truth will flash across the enjoying;" when what Mr. Mill justly are as it leaps from word to word. Make calls "the great social evil of a noncalls "the great social evil of a nonlaboring class" will no longer be tolerated; when the true answer to Socialalship. Lee understood military syntax, ism, with its barbarous schemes for the abolition of capital, will be given by a vast extension of co-operation, which will make every laborer a capitalist.
Co-operation! That word is the key to of all hearts and brains, fill our souls full a solution of the great problem. The of all the beauty that Virgil saw, all the struggle of the classes which practically grandeur that Homer left, and all divides England into two nations, is due, we are often told, to a change in economic conditions. The introduction of machinery and steam, it is said, has brought about the vast conflict between capital and labor. Machinery and steam! Change in economic condition! There is more than that in this disastrous and wasteful struggle. There is this: that our industrial system has been based upon competition, while it should have been based upon co-opera-

The present industrial chaos is due to the lack of organic unity. The task such unity. And the question of the day is whether, or rather, how far, the State should understant the world left rich and happy. Those truth caskets had for centuries been kicked out of the way like chunks of coal, and like the coal they is t State should undertake that task. To represent every regulation of industry by public authority, as an infringement of industria! liberty, is absurd. The State may rightly check monopolies, curb and restrain competition, prescribe hours of labor, and in a thousand other ways fulfill its duty of promoting the prosperity of all its members, and especially of the necessitous. Thus, to give one example only, the manual toiler serves not only himself and his immediate employer, but his country. He has, therefore, a right against his country for a decent provision-not imprisonment in a workhouse-when he s past toil. And in discharging its duty in such respects, the State really advances individual liberty. It pro-motes that "moral freedom" which we may agree with Professor Green in regarding as the end of political organization. But while allowing. or rather, insisting upon, all this, I cannot but think that even the more reasoned and scientific kinds of State Socialism advocated by German thinkers of no mean ability, would paralyze much that is best in human society. It seems to me not easy to overrate the disastrous effect upon national life that must result, in proportion as the State assumes the function of the father, the master, the guild, the church. I believe the new industrial organization that the world must have, will be a natural growth, not an artificial machine-a growth, not an artificial indentity and growth rooted in the essential needs of human nature, which are ethical needs; in the regulative principles of human modifiers, but the "Mother Hubbard has modifiers, but th in the regulative principles of human action, which are ethical principals; men," which are ethical principals; in "the mighty hopes that make us men," which are ethical hopes. So much, eter of the polyon into more sides and

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Miss H.'s Room-Lazguage.

"A, B, C is the key To all our after knowing." Talleyrand said language was invented

things to each other.

teaches were blotted out.

It must be terrible to be dumb. What would we do if we could not declare our love or tell our sorrow? Both are con-suming fire unless communicated. The tongue is the safety-valve to the heart. If we speak our trouble to the winds, it returns again as if thrown back from some cold wall. Like an evil spirit, it will not leave this heart unless invited to another himself. The very constitution of civ- swept and garnished. Trouble, to leave our heart, must pass through some other heart, and words are the stepping-stones

on which it passes.

Thoughts are like birds flying by. A word is a cage for thought. Put it into

Through written language we touch the ing into this mirror, we can see infant numanity as it gropes its way out of the So much, assuredly, is involved in darkness and struggles up the rugged hillside towards the light.

In expressing our thought we should seek: 1. To be accurate; 2. To be accurate; 3. Accurate. Some aim at beauty,

no ornament. "To me more dear, congenial to my heart. One native charm than all the gloss of art.

Who has written more beautifully than very dull, or some friends are not very

There are no dead words, unless you mak? them slay each other. Let every word have its proper load of thought; arrange them so that each word will be a helix to increase the force of the main current. The latent power is in the magnets; polarize them so as to complete the circuit and potential energy will become rangement—syntax, that's the word. It is a Greek military term and implies generalship. Lee understood military syntax,

melody and glory that swept the chords of David's heart. Only the scholar is the heir of all the ages. We cannot afford to lose this dear bought heritage, the mental product of six thousand years. With rude tools and flickering torch our ancestors dug deep in the mines for this hard-earned wealth; and every time they found a nugget of truth or a pearl of experience, they sealed it up in one of these cask-ets, a jewel bequeathed to posterity. Quite all the treasurers our forefathers have left us are locked up in these little

oxes we call words. How the renaissance set the world to singing and feasting. The heir had just found where his father had buried his treasures. The world had discovered the key to unlock the safe, and the world felt contained the heat, and light, and energy

of a thousand years.
Words are indexes of character, samwords are indexes of character, samples of the heart. He who speaks extravagantly, thinks extravagantly and acts extravagantly. "How are you?" is pointed, practical, explicit. "How do you carry yourself?" Of course your earriage, whether elastic or awkward, will depend upon your health and strength; but what can express more clearly that deference to proprieties, that fastidious attention to the grace of bodily movements, which characterizes the French people? "How goes it with you?" That iatal "it"; that external, undefinable something that pesters every German, that makes him love his snuall beer and delight to dwell in the gloomy pavilions of his pipe. The Roman order of pronouns, ego et tu, speaks the egotism of conquerors, the pride that is wont to rise from long success. But their word for "good-bye" sums up the whole Roman character: Vale is the key to Roman success. Vale, be strong, be valiant. Valor, courage, was their highest virtue. You can measure a man's scholarship by his language; and the number of new words they use during any century may be taken as the measure of a people's in-tellectual growth during that period. Exaggeration does not always grow out of a disposition to deceive, but is generally indicative of the speaker's small vocabulary. Fugurative speech was common when language was young, and it was due to the paucity of words.

A circle is the largest possible enclosure for a given perimeter. The observance of this truth has wrought improvement in the fashions of dress and the mode of speech. Formerly, men dressed them-selves and their thoughts in loose-fitting togas, but they have learned to save ma-

ideas. If we had some ideal of beauty, some fixed standard of health, then description could convey accurate information. Might not this accuracy be obtained approximately by expressing degrees numerically? Let a man give the state of his health as he does the value of stock. So much below or above par. His health is 60 per cent; the bonnet is 75 per cent beautiful; and so for goodness and other qualities. If some persons should still or subtract accordingly. We measure heat, light, and electricity. May not the day come when thought and feeling, men-

to the serious attention of philologists. that flowed from the lips of Jesus, a new vase for the manna of the new dispensa tion, a new bottle for the new wine? When Christ came it was a living language; he threw some pearls into this liquid mass and it crystallized; rubies, Publicans....Exteri diamonds, sapphires, in a setting of gold.

John, Matthew and Paul were Hebrews;

Science still hangs her fairest trophies in the Parthenon.

About the Lesson.

LESSON VII., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN Luke iii: 7-22.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt iii:2).

MEMORY VERSES, 16-17.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. Who was John the Baptist? The on of Zacharias and Elisabeth. 2. Where did he begin his ministry? In the wilderness of Judea. 3. Who was Emperor of Rome? Tiperins Casar.

4. Who was Governor of Judea? Pontius Pilate. 5. What prophecy did John fulfill? That mentioned in Isa x1:3-5. 6. Who came to hear John preach?

ireat multitudes. 7. For what purpose did they come? To be baptized of him. 8. What did John call them? A gene-

ration of vipers.

9. What did he mean by this? That they were very sinful.

10. What question did he ask them?

bring forth fruits worthy of repentance.

12. Against what did he warn them?

Against supposing that because they were addless of Abraham they should be saved.

14. What question did the people ask John? "What shall we do then?" ing; but the spirit of Herod so far has by no means died out from the community.

15. What did he tell them to do? "He If our practices are not in harmony with that hath two coats, let him impart to the teachings of a man of God, there are him that bath none; and he that bath two ways of trying to put an end to the

meat, let him do likewise." 17. What did he say to the soidiers?

Do violence to no man, neither accuse There is where we agree with old Herod. any falsely; and be content with your What did the people ask? If he

was the Christ.
19. What did he say? He was not.

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

He said ... to the multitudes that went out to be baptized ... Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (v:7.) If you see men running from danger, you may be men running from danger, you may be good question for every, hearer of God's pretty sure that they have learned that word to ask. Indeed, no hearer of God's there is a danger to run from. But they may have learned that fact for themselves. ready to ask that question. If the danger is that of a burning house, it is likely to show itself as a cause of to alarm to all. When, however, you see men spring up and turn away with terror from that which but a moment between the truth; and it is hardly less important to see the application of that truth to our fore they had delight in, you infer that they have been warned by some one of a danger unsuspected before. Men do not by nature fear sin, nor hate it. They need a personal warning to make them see that they ought to turn away from it. This giving of a personal warning to the endangered, is the duty of the preacher, the teacher, the parent, the friend, the neighbor. He who realizes that sin ought to be shunned, has a duty to warn sinners

of the perils of sin.

Bring forth... fruits worthy of repentance (v:8). The real thing always show itself. Whether it is love, or friendship, or generosity, or gratitude, or trust, or repentance, it will evidence its genuineness in something more than profession. There are shams and there are realities in all these spheres, and the differences between them will stand out in the long run. There is a great deal of sorrow over sin and over sinning that is not repentance.

The guilty prisoner is sorry that he got

Sand-man keeps his dreams, And gathered up whole armfuls of dreams all bright and sweet.

And started forth to peddle them a-down the and over sinning that is not repentance. The guilty prisoner is sorry that he got caught. The guilty man who hasn't got caught. The guilty man who hasn't got caught is sorry that so much of evil and trouble comes of his wrong doing. There is sorrow because of the results of sin, in every sinner's soul. But that is not repentance. Repentance is the turning away of the soul from sin as sin; it is the turning toward something better than sin. This state of mind will show itself in conduct that gives proof of sincerity. Sinful courses will be abandoned. Reparation will be made. A new course of liv-ing will be adopted. In word and in ac-tion there will be fruits worthy of the

name of true repentance.

Begin not to say ... We have Abraham to father. It was not that the Jews were to disown their descent from Abraham. but that they were not to rely on that descent as their means of salvation. There is a great deal of this looking to one's stock or to one's surroundings as a much seems to me certain. So much, and no more. "Prudens futuri temporis gave it a nearer approach to the circular form of truth. How are you to-day? "I feel better, tolerable, middling, awful, grand, immense." A new bonnet is "beautiful, lovely, superb, cute, ever so sweet." This may be slang, but slang that this church membership is a fair ground of cor idence; another, that his has its philosophy. The range of thought and feeling is widening. We are constantly reaching out after a new, and a larger word. The result is, an old word is put to new service. We are cramped by a language with only three degrees of comparison, and these giving but relative hope; and if you have begun to say it,

quit it forthwith, and find something to rest in that will stand the test to which your faith must finally be subjected.

He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none (v:11). A man doesn't need to be rich before he shows whether he is generous or not. Nor is a man's generosity to be limited to onetenth of his income. Dividing one's scantiest store with others is a duty, quite as clearly as giving out of one's abundexaggerate, might we not calculate the ance. A great many wish they were per cent of a man's aberration and add rich in order that they might be generous; but unless one gives freely while he has little, he would not give freely if he had much. Generosity often diminishes tal force, can be measured and stated with one's growing wealth; it rarely, it mathematically? Then will language become a science. I recommend the above to the serious attention of philologists. Of all the beautiful things the Greated, the most beautiful was their language. Matchless in beauty and puring the holiday giving, and the birthday giving, and the free-hearted and open-handed in this world, is to those who are every innection turned on a golden hinge, every joint was a perfect fit. Was it not in the providence of God ordained to receive the gospel of peace; prepared ceive the gospel of peace; prepared as a sonal enjoyment; but it is not in itself holy grail to catch the love and sweetness charity, not a sign of love toward God. If you would show that you are God's children, and would do your duty as in God's sight, let him that hath two coats give to him that hath none, and let him that

Publicans.... Extort no more than that which is appointed you.... Soldiers..... Do violence to no man. neither exact anywhy did they write in Greek? Jesus, the child, may be wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, but the doctrines of Christ, these messages of heaven's love and more ways they they say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways they they that they that they they will be the say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways they are the say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways they are the say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways they are the say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways they are the say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways they are the say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways the say that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways the peaven's love and more ways that John named as a test of a peaven's love and more ways the peaven's love ways the peaven's love ways the peaven's love ways the peaven's love ways the peaven doctrines of Christ, these messages of heaven's love and mercy, must have the most princely garments in the wardrobe of speech; the divine truth must dwell in the palace of thought. And to-day, when a new truth is discovered, or a great invention brought to light, we look to Athens to give it a light, we look to Athens to give it a worthy name. Art still seeks this Pierian marble on which to carve her victories. for American and English Christians of to-day. Share your clothing and your crusts with the destitute; claim nothing more than belongs to you; do no violence to anybody; neither slander nor misrepresent any human being; and be contented to earn and receive the pay you have agreed to work for. Who can say that he needs no reminder of duty in any of these lines of personal conduct?

John answered, ... There cometh he that is mightier than I (v:16). If a warning of danger were all the help that an imperiled man received, his case would be hard one. To tell one who had fallen overboard that he was in danger of drowning, or to tell one who was in the upper story of a burning house that he was liable to burn to death, would be of little practical service to him. But if the warner of danger could say to him who was in peril, "Do not despair, for one who can help you is quickly coming," there would be a promise of life in his words. Calling a sinner to repentance is but a small part of a preacher's work. Point ing to a Savior is quite as needful as that. Unless a man realizes that he is in dan-ger, he feels no need of being saved. Merely to know that he is in peril without knowing of a Savior, would bring a man to despair. Hence it is that the cry of warning and the exhibit of hope should

go together in work for sinners.

Herod being reproced by him for all the evil things which Herod had done shut up John in prison (v:19, 20). If a preacher rebukes other people for their wrong-doing, commend him; he is doing a good work faithfully. If he points out "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

11. What did he tell them to do? To can; he ought to be ashamed of himself 13. What did he say God could do? the power to shut up a preacher as soon Raise up children out of stones. neat, let him do likewise."

16. What did he say to the publicans?
Exact no more than that which is approacher. The second of these methods is usually more agreeable to us than the first, and we are glad to adopt it if we can.

It is the spirit in which we come to the performance of a religious duty, rather than the perfunctory doing of that duty, 20. Who was to come after him? A that is the true measure of worth in our greater one, who should baptize with the Holy Ghost.—Illustrated Lesson Paper.

A godly ancestry is something to be

grateful for; but a godly ancestry is not a safe reliance for an evil-doer. Unless we are ready to do our duty, it is only to our shame that we are descendants of men who were ready to do theirs. What then must we do?" That is

word has heard to his profit until he is The same truth may suggest one duty

ne man, and quite another duty to particular case. Unless good and evil were finally to be

separated, how dark the future would be! Unless good were to prove a better invest-ment to us than evil, how hard it would be to struggle against evil as we ought to in the present! Faithfulness in rebuking evil may cost us our liberty or our life. But it is better to suffer and to die for the right, than to

live on in prosperity through our failure to be faithful.—Sunday School Times. Old and Vonng.

Some tiny elves, one evening, grew mischievous, it seems, And broke into the store-room where the the village street.

Oh, you would never, never guess how queerly these dreams sold;
Why, nearly all the youngest folks bought dreams of being old;
And one wee chap in curls and kilts, a gentle little thing. Invested in a dream about an awful pirate

A maid, who thought her pretty name oldfashioned and absurd,
Bought dreams of names the longest and the
queerest ever heard;
And, strange to say a lad, who owned all
sorts of costly toys,
Bought dreams of selling papers with the
raggedest of boys.

And then a dream of summer and a barefoot boy at play Was bought up very quickly by a gentleman quite gray;
And one old lady—smiling through the grief
she tried to hide—
Bought bright and tender visions of a little girl who died.

A ragged little beggar girl, with weary, wistful gaze, Soon chose a Cinderella dream, with jewels all a-blaze— Well, it wasn't many minutes from the time they came in sight
Before the dreams were all sold out and the
elves had taken flight.

-S. Walter Norris, in St. Nicholas.

A HUNT FOR SEA-OTTER.

I wish the reader might turn to a good map of Alaska, and see the spur of islands running west, and a little south from the American continent, cutting almost entirey across the Pacific Ocean through the Berring's Sea. It was on this spur that our otter hunt occurred. The precise spot was a group of small volcanic islands, raised just above the water, the favorite breeding grounds for these much coveted

animals. And by the way, boys, all the islands, in any, and all, of the seas, are either volcanic or coral. That is, thrown up by volcanic force from beneath, or grown up from the bottom of the sea, by a substance half animal and half plant, called coral. This by a germ produces itself, the first generation becoming hard like stone, and forming the basis or foundation for the next. By this process it grows and spreads till large islands and reefs in many parts of the world are the result. Coral islands, however, are found only in the oceans and seas of the South where the water is warm; while the islands of the far North are all volcanic in origin. Don't forget that. One other thing I want to tell you.

water, thousands of miles in area, covered with volcanic islands and not a few active volcanoes. A map with every island cor-rectly marked here, would look like pepper and salt. This great basin is the breeding ground for myriads of the creatures that inhabit the great deep. Whales, grampus, sea-lions, seals, walrus, sea-otter, all, and many more of God's creatures, gather in great numbers here at the proper seasons

of the year to raise their young.

What a pity that Louis Agassiz, that eminent Christian scientist and naturalist, did not get into this, the naturalist's paradise. He spent some time at Cincinnati, Ohio, and passed through St Louis, down into the Ozark Mountains, studying nature, but he did not, unfortunately, get into the most wonderful place in the world —Alaska and the regions round about. But, here we are, wandering away from the sea-otter; and that we do not want to

The weather was not cold and the ducking I got was not a serious matter. Besides a wetting in the salt water does not penetrate the skin like it does where the water is fresh. The new gold watch presented to me by St. Paul's Church, Portland, Oregon, was in my pocket and I wondered how it had fared. Fortunately it was under water so short a time and the case fit so snug that no water got in.

The white hunters shoot the sea ofterwhen they can; but the natives take them almost exclusively in nets as they do fish. These nets, manufactured in Boston, are shipped around Cape Horn (can you tell where Cape Horn is?) to San Francisco, and thence to these hunters in Alaska. They are many fathoms deep and some of them a thousand yards long. let down, if possible, between two islands, and the otter while traveling under water, as he often does, gets tangled in the meshes of the net and drowns. When two otters get caught in the same net, if they can reach each other, they always fight. found four dead otters together with the mouth and nose of one and the whole of another's face bitten away. The animal has terrible teeth. It is impossible to ap proach an otter alive, fast in the net, till it has been knocked on the head. They are so strong that they frequently drag the net, lead and all, far away. But if two or more are caught at the same time they seem to impede each other and go to fighting. They get their paws tangled in the net and then roll up in a ball and in this way are drowned. (Now boys, again, don't pronounce that "drown-ded," as it is so often called. This pronounciation of it always shows ignorance. It should be pronounced the same as dround.)
But, my; how hard it is for me to stick to
the text today. Well, after four hours of
dodging and diving among these little rocky islands and tugging at wet nets, we had seven otters; worth at a conservative price three hundred dollars. Of course none of them belonged to me. I was along only by the courtesy of these hardy toilers of the sea. We landed on a little island some distance from camp, and I, after being untied crawled out of my "hatch.

I jumped and ran, while three of the otters were being stowed away under deck in our bidarky, and four in the other. Here I was impressed with the weird grandeur of what was spread out before me on every hand. Whales spouting in two directions, and the noisy seal lion not far away going houk, houk, houk, combined with the ceaselesss roar of the waves, brought to my mind the inspired words, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty. In wisdom hast Thou made them all."—C. E. Cline in Central Advocate

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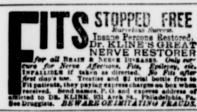
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WHY HE DID NOT BAPTIZE.

It is a fact that while Christ, our Savior, received water baptism at the hands of John, and his own followers here the question, why did he himself he would at least bray. baptize not, and the answer will perhaps Sacraments are only certain signs of the similar to theirs. grace and good will by which God doth work invisibly in us.

The answer to the above question is indicated in the statement of John that: "I Ghost." Water baptism is only a signties. He was not the administrator of the criticise, or in any way oppose the Aphe remitted sins in fact. So he is not the administrator of the means of grace, but which we think worthy of consideration. of a sacrament ever afterwards to be adfor God. Herein we differ from the sacramentarians who hold that there is a grace in the means and inseparable from it; that the means, especially the sacrament, is a neccessary vehicle in which God conveys his grace into our hearts. Our position is that there is no grace in and only operates through the mind to prepare the heart to receive the grace. The grace. The symbolic act not only helps faith as a reminder of the heavenly grace signified, but affords a means for the active expression of faith, which strengthens faith and brings man into co-opera- in every Methodist household on my tion with God. In the case of the blind work. man whose eyes the Savior anointed with clay, there was no real virtue in the clay nor in the water of the pool of Siloam, but the act of going to the pool and an expression of the man's faith. It put mind into that state of faith, or receptive which they desire to copy. state, which enables the man to receive and appropriate the divine grace. The real means of grace, then, is the faith, and not the outward symbol. The grace signified by baptism and the supper is actually received only by faith. So the in the supper is faith." The relation of of the minister of the grace signified by truth on any great question which con not accompany the use of the means : that gospel. depends upon the faith of the user.

REV. J. L. PIERCE, D. D.

Rev. J. L. Pierce, D. D., a brother of Bishop Pierce, and a superannuated member of the North Georgia Conference, died Feb. 10, at the home of his daughter, Mrs.

R. M. Powers, are members of the North suitable location for the Herald. Texas Conference. The ADVOCATE extends sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

THE COLLECTION.

Now is the time to push the ADVOCATE for subscriptions. The General Conference draweth nigh. All our people will be interested in the proceedings of that body. This paper proposes to give reports of the proceedings second to none. The editor will not only be present himself, but will be assisted by one of the ablest reporters in the church.

THE ADVOCATE cheerfully accords Judge gard the opinions of others. But after carefully and patiently listening to all its many sermons, and speeches heard in court which these articles may mislead some as to the ADVOCATE's position, viz.: that the ADVOCATE condemns the Democrats and justifies the Republicans. Now the AD-VOCATE said nothing, nor has it anything to say about Democrats or Republicans in a partisan sense, but simply spoke pated in by all parties and of a ruling of Mr. Reed as the president of a parliamentary body. Not professing to be omniscient, it does not propose to discuss or divine the motives of either party. nor can it admit as correct the Jesuitical doctrine that the end justifies the means. were baptized on becoming disciples, and Quibbling over technicalities may afford he commissioned the church after his politicians a subterfuge in the absence of resurrection to make and baptize disciples, he haself never baptized any one with water. The Jews said the "same bap- ADVOCATE feels now as before stated that tizeth" and the Pharisees heard "that the common sense of the people will than John." but St. John hastens to tell the opossum, and the Advocate thinks us that "Jesus himself baptized not, but the statesmanship of the ass even preferhis disciples." There naturally arises able, for if the ass could do nothing more,

P. S.—This is to remind our critics that explain the relation of the Lord to the the ADVOCATE has read the Constitution means of grace; for while baptism is a of the United States, and also a great sacrament it is still a means of grace. many articles in the secular papers very

LAYMAN seems to have bursted his funny valve this week and through the spray of his spoutings sees the funny side to everything, not even allowing the ADVOCATE indeed have baptized you with water, but and funerals to escape. By the way, He shall baptize you with the Holy funerals are suggestive in connection with the ADVOCATE, and since Layman seems symbolic in its nature. Jesus Christ was to be fresh, we take this occasion to renot the minister of symbols, but of realimind him that all who poke fun at, symbolic baptism, but of the real bap- vocate, die. It is only a question of time. tism. He was not the administrator of Sooner or later they will all die. Laythe figurative washing away of sins, but man, however, makes some good points, of the grace itself. If it be said that he He suggests a general board to provide administered the sacrament of the supper, for the conference claimants. This would the answer is that he instituted the sup- make that fund a connectional fund, and per-he acted not in the character of a the claimants the pensioners of the whole mere administrator, but as an institutor church, thus equalizing the burdens of the weaker with those of the stronger ministered by his servants. The use of conferences, and at the same time raising the means of grace are for men and not the question of the support of our conference claimants to greater importance, and commanding for it more attention. Under such a scheme we suppose Layman would have the general board to sustain about the same relation to the present conference boards as other general boards do to the conference auxiliaries. That the means, but that God operates upon there are some things to be said in favor the heart directly by the Holy Ghost. of a general board is evident, but that The means is only the sign of that grace, there are no objections we are not willing to affirm. But we think the subject worthy of serious consideration, and will office of the symbol by assisting faith is therefore, in order to get the opinion to condition the mind for the reception of of the brethren, arrange for a symposium on the subject.

> REV. HARRY MAY, Centerville: I Joiner case: want to put the TEXAS ADVOCATE, D. V.,

Many obituaries are received with the request to some other paper to copy. As the other papers are not likely to read the obituary column of this paper, we never washing was a test, a confirmation, and publish such requests. Those who wish other papers to copy should clip the him in co-operation with Christ and his obituary and send it direct to the papers order, and cannot be justified. If Joiner

> WE have received a copy of the minutes of the Texas Conference, for which A we are obliged to Bro. I. Z. T. Morris, the

WE print on our second page this week actually received only by faith. So the XVIII article declares: "The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten, in the of Property," to let our readers see North combined cannot join together supper, only after a heavenly and spirit- what is transpiring in current thought on ual manner. And the means whereby the great social and economic questions the body of Christ is received and eaten of the day. It will be noted how the writer argues to the principle of the the Lord, then, to all means of grace, gospel, that "no man liveth to himself." whether sacraments or otherwise, is that Whenever men start out to search for the the symbol. The means are for the use cerns the welfare of mankind, and conof men, while the grace is given by the tinue the search by whatever path they Lord through the Holy Ghost operating may choose until the question becomes not in the means, but directly upon the luminous with the truth they will find believing heart. The grace may or may themselves standing in the light of the

S. W. THOMAS, White Oaks, N. M.: The ADVOCATE is very much appreciated by all who read it. Her new dress is ele- January 27. gant and becoming.

WE have received No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Southern Advance, a Protestant Methodist journal, published at Corsicana. We hope

daughter. Two of the sons, Revs. T. R. Herald ought to be shipped with the first face. We bespeak for him a successful and J. L. Pierce, and the son-in-law, Rev. lot. The dark continent would be a most | year.

Among other things the Arkansas

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

Methodist has this to say on the demand for changing the Sixth Restrictive Rule: But why the agitation and this trend of public sentiment? O there is a surplus now and prospects of a larger one, even under the "poor management" of our Publishing House; and—and if necessary better expunge that Rule than to appropriate the produce of the House as our fathers and grandfathers truly hoped would be done in all honesty and good faith. But why deprive the conference claimants of income vouchsafed to them West and Bro. Cameron space in this issue to say that they differ. Well, this journal is not so utopian in its expectais not so utopian in its expectations as to hope that everybody, or even every lawyer, will agree with all its utterances. Not professing infallibility, it does not refuse to hear, nor propose to disregard the opinions of others. But after people to be used by them according to the dictates of their own consciences; or, critics have to say, it fails to see any fouth, increase the salaries of the bishops reason to change its opinion or modify its and House connectional officers \$1,000 former utterances; for the articles, like each, and pay the bishops' salaries from the surplus. Now we candidly think the many sermons, and speeches heard in court foregoing reasons and suggestions are rooms, assume a great deal but prove wholly insufficient to divert the suplus nothing. There is one point, however, at produce of the House from the conference which these articles may mislead some as claimants. We believe time will prove that the appropriation will increase rather than decrease the collections for them; that it will magnify the importance of this collection and encourage the church to make it becomingly liberal. We do not uary 31: "Bro. Benjamin H. Stillwell, object to any reasonably larger outlay for the improvement of our periodical publi-cations, by employing more editors and contributors. But we do seriously protest against the proposition to cheapen our publications, in order to prevent a surplus, or with the view of increasing their circulation sufficiently to cover the

> be manifestly unjust, and the latter would not secure the desired object. Here is the Northwestern Advocate's statement of the case: The struggle now going on in Congress

> reduction in price, as the former would

seat, refusing to vote, and have himself accounted as "legislatively absent." If in a vote by a yea and nay call of the House Jesus made and baptized more disciples never approve of the statesmanship of it appears on the face that there is not a quorum present, legislation may be chal-lenged as void because of the apparent non-presence of a quorum, even though ninety per cent of the whole house be actually present. In this present strug-gle the House is without formal rules, the committee to prepare rules not being ready to report. The Democrats are un-willing to proceed to business before the rules are adopted. The Republicans wish to proceed to consider contested seats. and throw out of the House those who are now improperly seated by prima facie certificates. In former times Republicans have had the benefit of the fiction that if a member does not vote he is "ab-sent." Mr. Blaine, when Speaker of the House, ruled that a member has the right to sit in his place and, though refusing to vote, may be counted absent. In this present struggle Speaker Reed declines to so rule. If the total of the yeas and nays is less than the number to make a legal quorum, he instructs the clerk to record 'present and not voting' those whose physical presence is a matter of eye-sight. That addition to the journal shows clearly that a quorum is present. The Republicans, while admitting that they have done the same thing in the past, now detive; that they will do so no more in the future, and do not propose to allow the Democrats to do so now. While there is historical reason why the Democrats may condemn the Republicans, and while the latter have been sinners in the past, it is clear that the days of such filibusters are over, and that the Congressional delays of business in the interests of political par-ties are ended. The Democrats are furious over the failure of their obstructive tactics, and declare that the Speaker is a usurper and a lawless tyrant. The latter refuses to recognize any motion that flavors of obstruction, and he is sustained by the vote of the Republicans, who are in the majority. It is said that when the House is in Democratic hands it will respond in the same terms upon the heads of the Republicans. Since the battle is determining that neither party shall obstruct public business for political aims, the people are gainers by the process. Seventeen seats are to be contested, which accounts for the eager struggle. The House has been a veritable bear garden for more than a week.

The Raleigh Advocate explains the

The "Joiner case" is eliciting a deal of comment in the papers North and South. The Northern papers are defend-ing Joiner and the Southern papers are trying to justify the mob that attacked truth is that Joiner is a headstrong Englishman who, regardless of public sentiment, tried to put his peculiar views in reference to social equality into practice and eight or ten lawless men took nim in hand and treated him badly. were to go into China and, in his headstrong way, try to mix certain elements of society, he would probably be mobbed. A similar thing might occur in New England. If Joiner had exercised a little more common sense he would not have had his trouble. Still the mob was a lawless one—as all mobs are. Joiner and what God has put asunder. The God of nature drew the color line, and no mere mortal can rub it out. The Northern Methodist Church recognized the color line when it divided itself in North Carolina into a white and a colored annual conference. Joiner was the only white minister that remained in the negro con-He ought to have gone along with the other white men into the white conference. Nearly all such troubles are the result of imprudence and folly.

SOUTHERN METHODISM. News, Views and Personals

-Rev. Stephen Noland, one of the editors of the Central Methodist, died

—Rev. Jesse Boring, M. D., D. D., a superanuated member of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Died at Dixie,

—Richmond Advocate: The Rev. J. T. Whitley has been assigned by Bishop Wilson to the pastorate of Trinity Church, Richmond, Va. Prof. Kern will act as chaplain to Randolph-Macon till confer-

-The first annual conference held in Kentucky was at Masterson's Station, near Lexington, May 15, 1790, Bishop Asbury presiding. Kentucky Methodists have determined to celebrate the centenary of that event next May 15, at or near Lexington.

-Nashville Advocate: Bishop Galloway was in Nashville last week, looking after Christian education, missionary matters, and other interests of Christ's kingdom. He was looking more robust than usual, showing that hard work is good for bishops as well as others.

-Dr. E. E. Hoss, Alabama Advocate:
By the way, Dr. Fitzgerald has a new
title—a military one. By virtue of his
chaplaincy of the First Regiment of Tennessee Militia, he is now a major. I saw him riding in the procession on Andrew Jackson's day, in his broadcloth and shoulder-straps, and he looked every inch a chaplain. Congratulations are in

-Dr. W. F. Tillett, in Alabama Advocate: There is throughout our church an increasing want of uniformity in the mode of administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It is fast coming to be the custom in some places for every pas-tor to have his own peculiar mode of administering the sacrament. Here in the city of Nashville alone there are at least a half dozen variations upon what used to be our uniform mode of administering the sacred elements.

-St. Louis Advocate: Bro. W. G. one of our superannuated preachers, has fallen. Bro. B. H. Stillwell fell asleep in Jesus at 5 o'clock a. m., January 31, 1890. He was a consecrated man and was ready to go. He passed away without a struggle or a groan. He died at his home in Humphreys, in Sullivan county, Mo. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia with influenza complication."

-Los Angeles Advocate: The Pastors' Union of this city, including all the Southern Methodist pastors, has formu-lated a plan for an immediate movement in the direction of a revival in all our churches. The plan has been carefully and prayerfully laid, and the co-operation of our people is now asked that, under God's guidance, we may realize signal success. The thought is to begin, within a fortnight, at Mateo St. Church, concen trating all our forces at that point and then moving, in the order of locality, the rounds of our five appointments, closing perhaps about the first of April, at Trin-

-The Theological Department of Vanderbilt University is in a more flourishing condition than it has been at any time since its organization. It has fifty-five students enrolled this year. College edu-cation is required as a condition of en-trance upon the theological course of Twenty-five Southern colleges and nearly all the conferences of the church, are represented among its stu-dents. The ten free scholarships, of \$100 each, are awarded this year to students from the following institutions: Randolph-Macon, Emory and Henry, Trinity, University of North Carolina, Wofford, Centenary, Southwestern University, Central, Kentucky Wesleyan and Vander-bilt University (Academic Department). Five of these scholarships are held by sons of preachers. Many of the students are looking to the foreign missionary work. Three of the present graduating class will enter the foreign field.

-Dr. E. E. Hoss, in Alabama Advoness of money-making as a business, but if in the prosecution of the legitimate endeavor to supply our people with a good and pure literature, there should be a reasonable profit, it would not be a sign of the terrible secularity that frightens the souls of some good brethren. There is an abundant lack of reason in the demand that everything be cheapened until there is no profit. Take, for example the Sunday-school publications. It strenuously insisted, in the interest of the children, that they should be sold at prime cost. The margin is now exceed-ingingly small, and it is only the immense circulation that makes them a source of revenue. If they were furnished to the church at the actual expense of their production, the saving to any particular school would be so little as not to

be noticed. -W. L. C. H., in New Orleans Advocate: What do you editors mean by proposing to rob our superannuates, widows and or hans of their yested rights? You and orphans of their vested rights? You admit that the church has been starving them, and propose that we shall continue to starve them, lest the privilege of doing so should be taken away from the church, and lest the sympathies of the people be taken from those needy ones who suffer, not for sympathy, but for lack of money. Until the yearly paid allowance of a superannuated preacher shall be, at least, half as much as he was accustomed to receive as a pastor, let the church relax no ceive as a pastor, let the church relax no honorable efforts to increase the confer-ence fund. The idea that the income from the Publishing House would tend to

TEXAS PERSONALS.

-Bro. J. P. Dent made us a call the

-Dr. Green, of Rancho, Texas, made us a pleasant call this week.

-Prof. R. O. Rounsavall reported at

this office. All things at Waco are moving

along lovely. Work on the new college is his district stewards will meet at Washington Street, Houston, February 19, at delivered from all concealed enemies 7:30 p. m.

—Bishop Key will spend the time from the 12th to the 24th of this month looking after the interests of the church in the Abilene district. -Rev. J. M. Barcus, of Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, was in to see

us the past week, and reports his charge prosperous. He is living in a new par-—G. Powledge: Four weeks ago I took the grip and have it yet. My wife and Miss Agnes, our baby daughter, have it. It is almost general in this part of the

mie Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Gross; Correspondent Secretary, Mrs. Z. B. will bless the dear editor for pleading her Moorman.

—The Rev. D. F. C. Timmons has been on the bed with catarrhal fever for a "solid week," but is now off. We con-gratulate him on having the cold fever instead of the grip. -Belton Journal: Rev. C. E. Maule is

able to be about again. He was confined to his room for thirty days, and says he had plenty of time and opportunity to study carefully the workings of la grippe. -Mrs. S. S. Munger, of Lampasas, writes: "Mrs. Thos. Blanchard, Belton, Texas, is District Secretary of George-town district, and Mrs. Mattie Shelton,

Springtown, District Secretary of Weatherford district. The auxiliaries will send their quarterly reports to them.' -Mexia Democrat: The Methodist

congregation were treated to an able discourse from the Rev. E. A. Smith on "Christian Perfection." His text was: "Heb. vi:1." The Methodist Sundayschool is moving along nicely and increasing in numbers and interest. -This note from Bro. S. G. Shaw, un-

der date February 7, will meet the response of sympathy in many hearts, and prayers will ascend to the mercy seat:

After much struggling with personal afflictions and other untoward circumstances, I succeeded in reaching the bed-side of my brother, Rev. L. D. Shaw, last Friday, leaving wife at Blanco, eighty miles distant, to get along as best she may with three little children while I nurse and care for my dear brother in his extreme, and doubtless last, affliction. In this trying situation I feel very much the need of divine support. There, eighty miles away, and far from railroad or tele-graph, is a delicate, afflicted wife, strugling with the responsibility of caring for three little ones; and here is a brother wasting away with consumption, with little prospect of ever being able to leave his room again, until carried to his last resting place. But the grace of God sustains me even in this hour. Bro. Denton, pastor of our church here, and the people of Gonzales, irrespective of denomination, have been so kind and attentive to brother and his family that we know not how to express our gratitude. Besides, many tokens of sympathy of a substantial sort are coming in from other quarters. For all of which we are profoundly thankful. But, best of all, brother is ready for the end. His skies are without a cloud. God grant that when my end shall come, my way may be as clear as his.

Rev. J. D. Hudgins, Feb. 10: Died, ebruary 7, Mrs. M. E. White, of Eylau,

Rev. R.W. Manning: Died at Carrolton, Texas, Feb. 4. Mrs. Ella Meyers, daugh-ter, of J. M. Kennedy. She was a mem-ber of our church, and a holy, good wo-

Rev. W. M. Adams, Forney, Feb. 7: We buried one of our best members last week, Sister A. T. Tillery, who died a very triumphant death.

We performed the burial service for Mr. Olive Godfrey, of Crandall, and then fell into line with our Masonic brethren and assisted in a most selemn burial service. Yesterday we buried Mr. Stephenson at his place, two or three miles north of Forney.

OBSERVATIONS OF A DAY-THREE POINTS.

REV. R. C. ARMSTRONG.

On the evening of Dec. 31, 1889, in a Texas city, youth and beauty met to keep watch-night in the home of a minister, who was doubtless the pastor of many of -Dr. E. E. Hoss, in Alabama Advo-cate: Nobody, with any sense, believes that the church ought to go into the busi-in grateful remembrance of the blessings of the year agone. holy song fell upon the midnight air, but voluptuous music's swell bade the "fan-tastic toe" trip in gleeful mirth till

"The curfew tolled the knell of the departing

The new year dawned upon the "par-son" and his youthful guests. An epi-sode of a few hours brought the length-ened shadows of the levely first, not to find smoldering coals on devotion's altar to be kindled into love by grateful remembrance of God's grace superinducing sweet recumbence of spirit; but in this same holy (?) parsonage (rectory) were assem-bled "bright-eyed beauty and chivalrous youth," with warchword ringing in clearest note, "On with the dance! are facts that confront us at this bright period of our religious history. Any com-promise along any part of the line of our holy religion must be promptly checked. When vital questions are pending who can remain silent? Aside from the fun-damental questions of divorce and Sabbath observance, this question of worldly amusements is one that challenges our thoughts and forces itself upon us. This thoughts and forces itself upon us. This worldly spirit ever and anon creeps into the church, and in some communities paralyses every effort to advance the Redeemer's kingdom. Disguise this subject as you may, but too well does experience teach us that progressive eucher, theater-going, and dancing on the part of church members paralyzes every effort made by faithful pastors and the devout few. When a minister of the gospel so far forgets his sacred calling as to open his door for a regular "german" is met by the confidant belief that it would have no such effect, but rather the contrary. Men love to help those whom others help. fore his congregation on the holy Sabbath with Bible in hand as he reads from Gal. v:19-21. Here among the things speci-fied, as the work of the flesh is reveling, which in the original is komos, which Lid-dell and Scott define as a jovial festivity with music and dancing. Here it is exus a pleasant call this week.

—The Rev. Horace Bishop and several of his family have been sick, but are now convalescent.

—The Rev. H. G. Scudday has started the publication of a monthly sheet, called Our Church News.

—Prof. R. O. Rounsavall reported at could he say upon such texts? Would not candor compel him to have his head and candor compel him to have him him to have him to have him to have him to have him candor compel him to hang his head and confess, peccavi! peccavi!! Such covert attacks—such compromises as these are Dr. H. V. Philpott announces that district stewards will meet at Wash-FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

WORN-OUT WORKERS. Who is Responsible for their Starvation What is the Remedy? LAYMAN.

THE ADVOCATE of February 6 has a well-considered article touching the mea-gre support of our worn-out workers, widows and orphans. It will afford the old superannuate at least a passing gleam of comfort to feel that the dear editor, as he R. M. Powers, in Texarkana, Texas. He was interred at McKinney on Feb. 11, where lives his son, W. F. Pierce. Dr. Pierce was superannuated at the last session of his conference, and has been in Texas about three months. He leaves a wife and five children—four sons and one trouble will have an end." Then Zion's the fire-eaters, the wife and five children—four sons and one trouble will have an end." Then Zion's the morning of January 30. Georgia, on the morning of January 30. He saturate, a Protestant Methods to tark the dear editor, as he fournal, published at Corsicana. We hope to sountry.

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cause; the orphan, who trudges to winter school in bare feet, and whose ragged clothes are the subject of mirth to other clothes are the subject of mirth to other children, may experience a thrill of hope as his mother reads to him the pathetic words of the "dear editor" of our overdear (\$2) ADVOCATE. Is there true philosophy in being able to extract amusement from calamity you cannot avert? If so, this subject partakes of the very essence of humor—at least to the laity who are not responsible for the system. What an exalted privilege to go through the wars—being privilege to go through the wars—being in the very midst of battle in every engagement—fighting thus year after year—and finally, when old age unfits you for active soldiership, to be honorably retired and "provided for!"—put upon "the roll of honor!" Did you ever notice the old Methodist veteran when the shadow of this "roll of honor" begins to cross his path? Does he manifest any great joy? On the contrary, does he not often manifest a "spryness" which ill-accords with what you know to be his condition? "Bro. what you know to be his condition? "Bro.

"you say, "you seem less robust than when I last saw you. How is your health!" Do you notice that the commisserating tone of your voice makes the old man nervous, as he hastily replies: "O, yes; my health was never better." At such times have you never thought, "Alast poor old man! The spectre of superannuation is beginning to haunt him!" He would not, to save his life, be unmanly—yet, facing this spectre so affrights him yet, facing this spectre so affrights him that he finds himself unwittingly cultivating and dreading to displease any whe have a vote as to superannuating him. Is this characteristic of men upon the threshold of promotion? Is it not rather the act of one dreading a blow? Did you ever see that blow descend upon one who thus in look, in action, if not in words, pleaded pittyingly: "O, brethren, spare me!" Is pittyingly: "O, brethren, spare me!" Is there any agony, think you, that surpasses it? Did you ever have one, after trying for several years to exist upon the munificent salary paid him, come to you and plead for something to do to keep the wolf from the door? "I am not able to demuch," he says, "but I must do something. I could stand almost anything, but it almost breaks my heart to see my but it almost breaks my heart to see my old wife suffer for the common necessities of life?" Humiliation, want, suffering, for the old veteran! What greater reproach to the church? And we call it a "roll of honor." God forgive the bur-

Yet, by drawing upon my philosophy. this question has a real funny side. The "roll of honor" is being called in an annual conference: "Now, brethren, let us have order," says the dear bishop—feeling no doubt even more mellow than the dear editor when he wrote—"let us have prefect order your that we would be a say that we have all beautiful to the say that we have all the say that we have the say that the say th perfect order, now, that we may all hear what these dear old men have to say; let the young ministers especially attend to the words of these war-worn veterans of the cross—who have borne the heat and burden of the day—have been valiant soldiers in many a hard-fought battle, but now grown gray in service, have been retired to the roll of honor!" And then the "dear old men," leaning upon their sticks, one after another, make heartmoving reports. The dear bishop—he cries! And the dear brethren—they all cry! Then the dear bishop—he wipes his eyes, blows his nose—and raises a tune! And the dear brethren—they all wipe their eyes, clear their throats, and "jine" the young ministers especially attend to their eyes, clear their throats, and "jine in." Somebody's feelings get the best of in." Somebody's feelings get the best of the situation, and a shout goes up— "hallelujah!" Then the brethren—one-half shout, "amen!" and the other half, "hallelujah!" and a big rousation follows, which suspends conference business the time!

Imagine now, just at this juncture, a call for a division of the salary fund paid by the church; wouldn't it be funny? To the bishop, \$3,000; to active preachers, from \$400 to \$5,000 each; to the veterans—the roll of honor—shame forbids the figures! But this is powerful solemn fun. Just like but a quarter of an inch of his plug hat covered with crape; the widow (third wife, young and good-looking) in deepest mourning, with her veil reaching almost to the floor. Other mourners similarly attired, and their sobs perfectly heart-rending. The minister says: "Sing hymn 899; it were a favorite with the remains;" the service follows, and the "re-mains" are planted. Six weeks later, the young widow, in response to a silly re-mark from a dude, throws her head back until three inches of her mourning veil sweeps the floor, and laughs to the echo. About the same time, the son with only a quarter inch of plug hat uncovered by crape, walks into a saloon, and with his friends enjoys the hilarity which the folly of himself and his merry friends inspires. Is not this funny? But not more so than the distance between sentiment and ac-tion as applied to our conference claimants.

The General Conference approaches. Is it not the time to look at this question as it is? Is it not the time to look at the question seriously, so as to never have its funny side reappear? Cannot action be taken so that this may become a real "roll of honor?" I would not assume to sug-gest a plan. But in the absence of a better, a general board, similar to our mission board or church extension board, would be a vast improvement on the present plan, as it would insure attention to this

great interest as a specific work, rather than as one of a number of collections. I write this as a layman, yet claim that for the present status of this question the laity is not responsible. The laymen are the stewards of the preachers in the active work, while the preachers are the stewards of the superannuates. If they discharge the duty imposed upon them in a manner to punish the claimants for their neglect of this class when they were hemselves stewards, the present is a most themselves stewards, the present is a most admirable system, and may work well as retributive justice. But as a plan to illustrate the truth of the Bible doctrines—the "laborer is worthy his hire," and "they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel," it stands out prominently as among the conspicuous absurdities. The plan should either be changed or designated: "the method of slow starvation adopted by the M. E. Church, South." I trust this question will be agitated to the trust this question will be agitated to the utmost until General Conference convenes, and be by that body solved from both a temporal and spiritual standpoint.

IS IT RIGHT TO FILIBUSTER? JUDGE ROBT. H. WEST.

The Texas Christian Advocate of Feb. 6th indorses Speaker Reed, of the National House of Representatives, and condemns the course of the Democratic minority in obstructing legislation. Mr. Reed is right in principle; the obstructionists are wrong in principle. That is the gist of the editorial. To the casual reader that might appear correct; but let us look into the underground motive that prompts the action of both parties to the issue before we declare who is right and who is wrong in principle. The constitution provides as follows: "Each house may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two-thirds expel a member." The minority is demanding that a rule of proceedure be adopted by the House before proceeding to business, and until that is done claim the right to be governed by

the previous rules of the House. Speaker Reed refuses to grant this demand, but makes rules himself for the government of makes rules himself for the government of the House. He usurps unto himself the power given to the entire membership by the constitution. The Advocate says that he is right and the minority wrong in principle. Is it wrong to fight usurpation of power in every legitimate manner possible? Say that a Methodist bishop should assume unto himself the power to change the rules governing the holding of his particular conference and make rules to suit him-elf, and the motive behind that apparent to all be personal, would the members of that conference quietly submit? How many dilatory motions—how many speeches would be made? Would it be right for the members of that conference to tamely submit under protest, although the action of the bishop be contrary to all rules of procedure of the church, and not in the interest of the church or religion, and only in the personal interest of the rules of procedure of the church, and not in the interest of the church or religion, and only in the personal interest of the bishop? My answer to that is that their duty to themselves, to their church and to Christianity would demand of each and every one of them to exhaust every effort within their power before submitting to such a desecration; and I say that the minority was right in pursuing any legitimate method known to them to prevent this usurpation of power on the part of Speaker Reed. Not only right, but that it was their duty to do so. It is the duty of all representatives of a free and liberty-loving people to fight usurpation on the part of any officer. When I say fight, I don't mean a namby-pamby fight, but I mean a die in-the-last-ditch fight. Speaker Reed assumed unto himself a power conferred upon the entire house by the constitution. That is the power to declare the rules that should govern the House. The minority has triumphed, and Speaker Reed now proposes to allow the House to adopt a code of rules before proceeding with important business. A triumph for liberty and for the constitution. Which is right—usurpation of power on the part of a speaker of filibustering on the part of the minority to prevent such a usurpation? I say the filibusterers.

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LAW AND RIGHT. REV. E. D. CAMERON.

Speaker Reed, of the House of Representatives, is receiving a great deal of abuse now on account of his ruling that members who are present in fact shall be counted. It has been the custom that when a member of the House refused to vote he was regarded as being absent. When enough, therefore, agreed together not to vote to recluee the number counted present below the number necessary to constitute a quorum the House could not proceed with its legitimate business. Mr. Reed, the present Speaker of the House, has determined to break up this custom by ruling that all members in the House shall be counted present, voling or not voting. And, notwithstanding the hard things which are being said about Mr. Reed, he is evidently right in principle. The common sense of the country will sustain his ruling. The obstructive method of legislation is wrong in principle. The Republicans are placed in the majority by the people, and they should be allowed to proceed with legislation, and then the people can hold them responsible for the government. The party in power should always be allowed to go before the people with the full responsibility of its management upon its shoulders. It is the only way to make it responsible to the country.

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Martin Gap mis... Cleburne sta..... Nolan River cir

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Big Springs and Midland, at Midland ... Feb 12, Colorado sta ...

April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3, JSO, A. WALLACE, P. E.

Snyder mis, at Snyder Budalo Gap cir, at Jim Ned

Dresden cir, at Mt. Zion ..

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Carolton 4th Sun in March
Campbell 5th Sun in March
Pine Forest 1st Sun in April
Leesburg 2d Sun in April
Winnshoro 3d Sun in April
Quitman 4th Sun in April
Cooper 1st Sun in May
Commerce 2d Sun in May
Fairlee 3d Sun in May
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EL PASO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Houlihan—Plawat a pity it is, Teddy, that a president av the United States can never be an Irishman! Rourke—Yis, it's pretty tough; but thin he can be the grandson av an Irishman, me boy!

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Laredo sta.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Indian Creek, McAnnally March 1, 2
Zephyr cir, Step's Creek March 5, 11 a m
Goldthwaite cir, Pleasant Grove March 8, 9
May cir, Mt. Zion March 15, 16
Brownwood sta, Brownwood March 19, 7:30 p m
Santa Anna cir, Thrifty March 22, 23
Coleman sta, Coleman March 27, 7:30 p m
Glen Cove mis, Content March 29, 30
Ft. Chadburn mis, Hayrick April 5, 6
Ballinger cir, Bowmans April 12, 13
Comanche and DeLeon sta, Comanche April 19, 20
Comanche cir, Gentry's Mill April 26, 27
Round Mountain cir, Sand Hill May 3, 4
Carbon cir, — May 10, 11
Sipe Springs cir, May 14, 11 a m
Cottonwood cir, — May 17, 18
Big Valley mis, May 21, 11 a m Carlton cir. ... Wednesday before 3d Sun in Feb Hico cir ... 4th Sun in Feb Walnut and Iredell ... Wednesday before 1st Sun in March Martin Gan mis May 10, 11 May 14, 11 a m May 17, 18 May 21, 11 a m SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

Cottonwood cir,

Big Valley mis,

We desire all the members of quarterly conference, on each charge, to be present. We will elect delegates to district conference.

W. T. Melugin, P. E. VERNON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Vernon sta Benjamin mis Childress and Quanah sta B HARRIS, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Post Oak cir, at Fannin Town.... Archer City mis, at Archer City... Red River mis, at Willow Springs... Bowie cir, at...

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Garrison, at Nacog-doches Feb 15, 16

JEFFERSON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Eylan eir, at Red Liek 3d Sun in Feb Mt. Pleasant, at Mt. Pleasant 4th Sun in Feb Kildare eir, at Kildare 1st Sun in March Linden cir, at Linden 2d Sun in March CHAS. B. FLADGER, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. edar Bayou .. olumbia and Brazoria March 8, 9 March 15, 16 March 22, 23 Velasco Matagorda March 22, 23

Matagorda March 22, 23

Richmond and Wharton March 22, 23

The district stewards will please meet me at Washington Street Church on Feb. 19, at 7:30 p. m. H. V. Philipott, P. E.

> 2d Sun in Feb
> 4th Sun in Feb
> 1st Sun in March
> 2d Sun in March
> 3d Sun in March
> T. R. PIERCE, P. E. Farmers Branch cir Cochran and Caruth Grapevine cir Lewisville cir Smithfield cir MARSHALL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

DALLAS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

CAMERON DISTRICT .- FIRST ROUND. Rockdale sta, at Rockdale 3d Sun in March FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Forney cir. at Forney. Mesquite cir. at Farmer's. Garland and Duck Creek. Allen cir. at St. Paul Roberts mis, at Bethel. W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

SAN SABA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND,

Mason sta Thursday before 3d Sun in Feb
Fredonia cir 3d Sun in Feb
Pontotoe cir 4th Sun in Feb
Brady cir. 1st Sun in March
Oxford cir 2d Sun in March
Junction City mis 3d Sun in March
San Angelo sta Thursday after 3d Sun in March
Garden City mis 4th Sun in March
Sinerwood mis Wednesday after 4th Sun in March
Menardy ille and Palnt Rock 5th Sun in March
Michland Springs cir. 1st Sun in April
Cherokee mis 2d Sun in April
Liano sta 3d Sun in April
San Saba Sta 4th Sun in April
Delegates to the district conference will be Scaly and San Felipe, at Scaly
Patterson cir, at Asbury
Eagle Lake cir, at Eagle Lake
Hockley cir, at Hockley
Hempstead sta, at
Independence sta, at

CALVERT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Franklin cir Centreville cir Boon's Frairie mis Millican and Wellborn

H. M. SEARS, P. E. BEAUMONT DISTRICT .- FIRST ROUND. Orange cir. at Caney Sunset cir. at Kountz Sunset cir, at Kountz. Beaumont sta, First Church Orange sta

| Crackett sta, at Crockett | Crockett sta, at Crockett | Crockett sta, at Trinity | List Sun in March | April 2, 27 May 3, 4 Palestine cir at Elikiart | 2nd Sun in March | 2nd Sun in

Dodge cir, at Black Jack Feb 15, 16
Prairie Plains cir, at Mary's Chapel Feb 22, 23
Madiscoville cir, at Mary's Chapel Feb 22, 23
Madiscoville cir, at Meh 1, 2
Zion cir, at Meh 8, 9
Bedias mis, at Round Prairie Meh 15, 16
J. C. MICKLE, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bertram and Horeb, at Mount Horeb. Feb 15, 16
faylor sta, at Taylor Review of Feb 22, 23
kound Rock eir, at Robinson's Chapel. March 1, 2
dorence cir, at Pleasant Grove. March 8, 9
Bartlett eir, at Holland. March 15, 16
North Belton cir, at Leona. r. March 22, 23
koger's cir, at Mount Vernon. March 29, 30
kelton sta, at Belton. April 5, 6
femple sta, at Temple. April 12, 13
South Belton cir, at — April 19, 20
Salado and Corn Hill, at Belle Plaine. April 29, 27
Liberty Hill and Leander, at Leander. May 3, 4
West Georgetown cir, at Connaway's May 10, 11
Marble Falls cir, at — May 17, 18
Hebace Bishor, F. E. AUSTIN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Smithville, at Smithville. Winchester, at Winchester. Flatonia sta. Flatonia cir. at Ridge Chapel Wiemar, at Weimar Columbias sta. LaGrange sta

PARIS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. GATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Gatesville sta, at Gatesville ... 2d Sun in Feb
Coryell City cir, at Osage ... 4th Sun in Feb
Crawford and Valley Mills, at
Compton ... 1stSun in March
McGregor cir, at Station Creek ... 2d Sun in March
Clifton mis, at Coon Creek ... 3d Sun in March
Meridian sta, at Meridian ... 4th Sun in March
Killeen cir ... 5th Sun in March
Killeen cir ... 5th Sun in March
Coperas Cove cir, at ... 1st Sun in April
Lampassa cir, at ... 2d Sun in April
Bee House cir, at ... 3d Sun in April
Jonesboro cir, at ... 3th Sun in April
Hamilton cir, at ... 1st Sun in May
Shive cir, at Live Oak ... 2d Sun in May
Henson Creek cir, at ... 3d Sun in May
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The pastors will please urge every member of
the quarterly conference to be present this round,
as important business is to be looked after. Delegates to the district conference will be to cleet.
E. A. Balley, P. E.
WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND BOXYR, at New York, at New Clarksville mis March 15, 16 March 22, 23 J. R. Wages, P. E. SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Sulphur Bluff 3d Sun in Feb Sulphur Springs mis Feb 19 Lone Oak 4th Sun in Feb TYLER DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Tyler City mis, at Cedar St. Lindale, at Harris' Chapel. Grand Saline cir. Canton at Cauton Lawndale mis. New York, at New York. Tyler sta Feb 13 Feb 15, 16 Feb 22, 23 March 1, 2 March 8, 9 March 18, 10 March 22, 23 JOHN ADAMS, P. E. BONHAM DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

BONHAM DISTRICT

Dodd's cir, at Providence Feb 15, 1
Gober cir, at Gober Feb 22, 2
Stephensville cir, at Lone Elm March 1
Maxey mis, at Maxey March 8

J. M. BINKLY, P. E. GAINESVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Aurora mis.
Denton cir
Mountain Springs cir
Aubrey cir
Denton sta. C. L. BALLARD, P. E. B. M. STEPHENS, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro. Feb 15, 16
Denison cir, at Shiloh Feb 22, 23
Howe cir, at Howe March 1, 2
Pilot Grove cir, at Cross Roads March 8, 9
Anna mis, at Melissa March 15, 16
W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E. CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. CUERO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Yoakum mis, at Concrete. Feb 15, 16
ROBT. J. DEETS, P. E WACO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Waco, Morrow Street Feb 15, 16
Mount Calm cir, at Dawson Feb 22, 23
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The past in light I clearly count, Judge their intent, tell their amount; But hid in clouds I cannot see The history yet awaiting me.

But knowing this, that, great or small, My Father's hand will write it all; I trust the future, and submit To what is past—what's writ is writ.

But hear this prayer, O Power Divine! That lift'st each leaf, and writ'st each line, That where my hands have left a stain Christ's blood may make all pure again.

Where the last sentence hath its end In mercy, Maker, Father, Friend, Write for the sake of thy dear Son, "Servant of Jesus Christ, well done!"

-The Rev. Charles F. Deems, D. D.

One of the historic landmarks in the church of Christ was that "upper room" in Jerusalem, where the Master instituted the sacrament which commemorates his atoning love. After he had broken the bread and given the cup to his disciples, he summoned them to "arise and go hence," and led them out toward Gethsemane. What a wonderful walk was that, and what a wonderful talk he gave them as they moved through the silent streets to the vale of Kedron! That chamber had been redolent of his redeeming love; the atmosphere was laden with its sweet fragrance. The first thing he speaks of is the vital union which he has speaks of is the vital union which he has formed between them and himself—a union as close as the parent vine to all its branches and tendrils. Then he tells them that even as the Father had loved him, so did he love them, and tenderly charges them, "Abide ye in my love." Not their love to nim, but his love for them. He had created a warm, bright, blessed atmosphere of love, and he urges blessed atmosphere of love, and he urges his little flock to continue in it.

Is it possible for all of us Christians to live steadily in this bright sunshine, where his love is falling in a constant stream of warm effulgence? It must be possible; for our Master never commands what we cannot perform. Sinless perfec-tion may not be attainable in this life. But there is one thing which all of Christ's redee ned people can do, and that is to keep themselves in the delightful atmosphere of his love. It is our fault and our shame that we spend so many days in the chilling fogs, or under the heavy clouds of unbelief, or down in the damp, dark ceilars of conformity to the world. There are three conditions which Christ enjoins upon us. If we fulfill them we shall abide in the sunshine of

1. The first one is obedience. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." A boy leaves home for school or college, and his mother packs his trunk with many a tear moistening his wardrobe. She puts a Bible there, and says to him: "Now, my dear boy, this you will read every morning and night; and while you are on your knees in prayer, your mother is with you." By and by her heart leaps with joy when he writes to her that he is doing just what she bade him; and every time that obedient, loyal son opens that book and bends on his knees before God, he is surrounded by the sweet atmosphere of his mother's love. He gains two blessings: strength to resist outside temptations, and the

unselfish mother.

In like manner we who call ourselves Christians should abide in the bright, warm atmosphere of our Master's love.

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We must be write a waster's love. We must heartily accept a whole Christ, both as Savior and Lord, and accept him without reserves or limitations. He has a right to command; it is ours simply to obey. Stephen Girard, the Philadelphia millionaire, was once called on by a poor man who wanted employment. Girard told him to go into a vacant lot near by, man who wanted employment. Girard told him to go into a vacant lot near by, and carry all the stones on one side of the lot over to the other side, and the next day to move them all back again. At the end of the week, when he came for his wages, Girard said to him: "I like you. There is no nonsense about you. You do just what you are told to do, and ask no questions; you shall work as long as I have any thing to be done." This is the kind of service which Christ wants. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The why we must leave with him. Gennine heart obedience is not a galling bur-den; it becomes the secret of perfect joy. Christ tells us that our "joy shall be full." 2. The second direction for keeping in

the bright beamings of the divine love is growth in godly character. Turn to the Epistle of Jude and read this: "Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, keep yourselves in the love of God." The construction of a Christian character is like the construction of a Christian character is like the construction of a house. There must first be a solid foundation. But some church members never get much beyond this. Up yonder, on Lafayette Avenue, are long lines of massive stonework, laid there twenty years ago. Those grass-grown stones are the foundation for a Romish cathedral, but no cathedral stands there yet. Some people start with a certain amount of faith in Christ, and Where diseases of both sexes are treated. Special stop there. They do not "add to their faith, courage, temperance, meekness, patience, godliness, love," and all the other stones that enter into a solid and beautiful Christian life. Every Sunday they come and draw away more bricks and stones in the shape of truth; but they do not build them into their character. do not build them into their character. Such self-stunted professors know but little of the sweet sunshine and joy of Christ's smile. They may be growing rich or growing popular or growing in self-esteem, but they are not growing in grace. They try to live out in another atmosphere than the love of Christ, and their piety is "winter-killed" and withering away. Such religion is a poor, joyless thing; it succeeds no better than an attempt to raise oranges among the freezing fogs of Newfoundland.

3. There is one more essential to a strong and a happy life. Keeping Christ's commandments and constructing a solid,

commandments and constructing a solid, godly character, cannot be done without divine help. Therefore the apostle adds: "Praying in the Holy Spirit, keep your-selves in the love of God," I can understand why a backslider does not pray; or, if he does, makes it a hollow formality; but every one who desires to be lifted into the sweet, warm atmosphere of com-munion with Christ, must use the wings of fervent prayer. Those who make it their business to battle down besetting sin, and to build themselves up in Bible holiness, cannot make headway without constant laying hold of the promises of divine strength. Prayer keeps us in the love of Jesus; and while keeping in that

IN THE SUNSHINE OF CHRIST'S LOVE.

to resist outside temptations, and the heart-happiness of pleasing his devoted Rev. W. T. Thornberry.

Lewis-Germany.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Forrest, Jan 28, 1800, by the Rev. W. D. Lewis, Mr. W. H. Lewis and Miss Min-nie Germany, all of Cherokee county, Texas.

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Rev. W. A. Monts was born Sept. 10, 1820, in Newburgh district, South Carolina, and was married to Mary Davis Hunter, Nov. 24, 1840. He moved from South Carolina to Mississippid, where he was licensed to preach, Oct. 8, 1850, and was ordained dearen by Bishop Andrew, Nov. 8, 1863. From Mississippid he moved to Texas, and settled near Lafayette, Upshur county, in 1867, where he died. Nov. 18, 1889.

Bro. Monts was a useful man in the days of his strong manhood, but the last years of his life he suffered much from disease, which greatly crippled his usefulness. He loved his church, and the itinerant preacher ever found a welcome in his home. Though he was denied the privilege latterly of working for the salvation of others, yet he never lost a personal abiding faith in Jesus as his Savior. And while we miss our brother from our midst, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father. Therefore, be it resolved by the quarterly conference of Coffeeville circuit—

1. That in the death of Bro. Monts we have lost a good man and a helper in the cause of Christ, who was ever ready to do what he could.

2. That we tender to the family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

J. Woonson, who was ever ready who was ever

REV. THOS. PLUELLEN.

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Rev. Thos. Fluellen was born in Warren county, Georgia, March 29, 17:90, and died at the home of his son, Joseph Fluellen, Nov. 13, 1889. The days of the years of his pilgrimage were ninety years seven months and fourteen days. Five generations followed him to the family graveyard where they laid his body to rest. He was converted at the age of eighteen and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which he was a useful member for nearly seventy-four years. He was licensed to preach in 1838, and was a faithful preacher as long as his voice would allow. He said to me one day: "I never preached from a text that I did not select while on may knees at prayer." A sister who survives him writes: "How inspiring and full of genuine religion were his sermons and exhortations in the pulpitand around the slare, And his songs, so clear and musical, still linger in my ears." He knew Bishop Capers and Bishop Pierce and his sainted father while at the maximum of their pulpit power. His last days were spent in redections on the glorious revival scenes in old Georgia. No doubt God was with this man. His last days were attended with great physical sunfering, which at times impaired his mind. His son, Joseph, and his noble, Christian wife, nursed as tenderly as a babe and wept when he was gone. He is among us no longer, but has gone to join those old heroes of the cross with whom he fought side by side more than half a century past. May the hand that guided him guide the bereaved loved ones safely to his side.

Cappwells—Mattic Cardwell, daughter of John

CARDWELL,-Mattie Cardwell, daughter of John CARDWELL.—Matthe Cardwell, daughter of John Cardwell and wife, Missouri Cardwell, was born Oct. 6, A. D. 1880, and died Jan. 13, A. D. 1880. A quiet meek, studious and an obedient child. The short life is ended. sickness "and pain gone, a vacancy in the family," but Mattie rests sweetly with the Sayior.

CLINTON, TEXAS.

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Conference, was bor i, 1856, and died at Nec Nashville as a last hope of ferevery, he is the for human hopes. He did not live to make it. He is gone and his place will be hard to fill. He was buried with Masonic honors by those who loves him well and delighted to honor him.

W. A. Moore.

praying for you a long that to leave you. Be good and kind to your sisters, and they will take my place." To her little sisters and brothers: "Pon't weep any more. Be good children and meet me in heaven." She called for a drink of water and said: "I will soon drink of the water of life and never thirs; again." Her uncle asked would she not like to get well? "O no. no! This is the sweetest hour of my life. I am so happy, so happy. Glory, glory to God." Thus her death was divested of all its horrors.

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Jack Buchanan, at Waco. Mrs. Dr.
Houston, at Sulphur Springs. Mrs. Andrew Kennedy, near Tyler. Prof. G. C.
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Stockdale, at Cuero. Mrs. J. W. Lawless,
at Waco. Hon. Felix E. Smith, near
Austin.

Nichols, at Emory. W. L. Morrison, at Kemp. G. H. White, at Rockwall. Nan-nie, daughter of W. F. Ramsey, at Cle-burne. The infant of Rev. R. W. Lewis, burne. The infant of Rev. R. W. Lewis, at Waxahachie. Mrs. Alfred T. Ford, at Waco. Mrs. Nancy McCarty, at Duffau. Dr. G. T. Trezevant, at Abilene. Rev. Mr. West, near Woodbine. Young D. McAnally, at Duffau. Walter F. Spencer, at Hillsboro. W. C. Fletcher, at Denison. Henry Robinson, at Duffau. Mrs. J. D. Peddy, at Temple. Col. O. S. W. Blount, at San Augustine. Mrs. Eva Sherrin, at Lewisville. J. W. Kendrick, at Cleburne. Capt. C. D. McKnight, at Quitman. Jno. B. Spencer, at Terrell. Mrs. Jennie Gibbons, at Waxahachie. Andrew S. Parks, at Huntsville. W. A. Salmon, at Marshall.

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Casualties of the Week.

courthouse of Dallas county was burned Friday, Feb. 8. Insured for \$40,- be reimbur-000. Records were all saved. The fire said lodge. originated from the heating furnaces. J. M. Burgin was assassinated near

Mineola as he was on his way home at night. A young man named P. L. Faulk, Burgin's brother-in-law, is under arrest, charged with the crime.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cobb, of Gainesville, upon retiring placed a bucket partially filled with drinking water on the floor by the bedside. During the night the in-fant, which was lying in front of its mother, fell out of the bed head foremost into the water and was drowned. The accident was not discovered till morning. When the mother awoke and missed the babe she cast her eyes to the floor and beheld its dead body with the head and shoulders submerged.

Henry Swann, colored, reported to Sheriff Sisk that his brother, Riley Swann, had been found dead under suspicious circumstances in his cabin, near Annetta, in Parker county. His corpse was dis-covered lying on the floor, with his nose and one eye eaten away by rats. Swann was a main witness in a horse stealing case at Granbury.

Chas, D. Kellar, brakeman, whose home is at Wichita Falls, was run over at Chillicothe by the cars and killed.

The five months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gibson, of Temple, fell into the fire and was so badly burned that it will die. The six months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, of same place, was burned fatally in a similar manner.

In the Alder Branch neighborhood, Anderson county, one day last week some young men were running horse races. The horse of a lad named Lank Ledbetter became unmanageable, and dashing its rider against a tree, killed him imme-

by a horse running away—the rope being are greatly pleased at the result.

Charlie Gaulding, a farmer living near McGregor, in a fit of jealousy, knocked down and choked his wife to death.

Wm. M. Leslie, on the way from the depot in Fort Worth to meet his wife and sister, from whom he had been some time absent, suddenly began coughing up blood, and died after reaching the home of his sister—his only spoken words being: "Give me some salt, quick."

A Mr. Deaton, near Tyler, was being drawn from a well eighty feet deep. When near the top, the rope broke, and he fell to the bottom, being instantly

A fire at Bryan, which started in F. F. Hooper's grocery store, involved a loss of \$15,000 to \$20,000: Canfield & Tabor, drugs; Dunn & Dailey, liquors, and Hooper, are the losers. Insurance light.

Mrs. Virginia Rawlins, of Hutchins, was killed by being thrown from a bugy by a runaway horse.

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Quanah gets the county site. Quanah gets the county site.

W. J. Elkins, a farmer residing four miles east of Gainesville, while boring post holes on his farm in a thick woods on the margin of a stream, bored into a long box made of oak plank, three feet below the surface, which, upon being opened, was found to contain a human skeleton. The skeleton is believed to have been that of some man who has been murdered and clandestinely buried several years ago, as the place where it was found is a secluded spot. The investigation will probably result in solving the mysterious disappearance of a young farmer of that community, which occurred some years ago.

A Beckville, Panola county, Texas,

nity, which occurred some years ago.

A Beckville, Panola county, Texas, item: New Irish potatoes are being eaten in this section, and the gardens are all well advanced. A Waxahachie, Ellis county, item: J. W. McAllister, on R. V. Sweatt's farm, exhibited Irish potatoes to day from a volunteer crop as large as hen eggs. In fact, this vegetable might have been grown in the open air all the winter. A Clarendon, Donley county, item: Farmer Taber brought in some fine sweet almond blossoms from his orchard to-day. The buds are all full and almost any freeze would now kill them. A McKinney, Collin county, item: Farmers are complaining of the ravages of a fly, which is pronounced by them to be the Hessian fly. A number of them will plow up the wheat. These roports come from various pertions of the county and the gravest results are apprehended to the wheat crop.

Which we quote: "It expresses regret that it is necessary for colored American citizens to meet in a separate body for the consideration of questions national in their character, but says they are compelled to do so because they have been made objects of attack and opposition. Attention is called to the fact that popular elections, federal and local, in many States of the South are farcical formalities. Whenever the votes of colored men are suppressed by violence or neutralized by fraud their rights are denied themselves. Their daughters, wives, mothers and sisters are special objects of unfriendly State legislation and are compelled to travel in filthy inferior cars. The address favors the Blair bill, placing of federal elections under federal control, and emphatically denounces the bill for the deportation of colored men. All we ask, says the address in conclusion, is justice, equal rights and fair play." wheat crop.

Attorney-General Hogg has been at his home in Tyler for several days. He authorizes the announcement to be made that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, and will take some suitable opportunity to disclose at length his views on State issues.

J. A. Collins, of Paris, Texas, a leading Alliance man, and at one time, if not now, connected editorially and in a business sense with the North Texas Farmer, has been made a special agent to supervise the mortgage debt of Kentucky.

H. M. Spaulding, of Denton, has been appointed national bank examiner for Texas, Mexico and Arizona.

The Odd Fellows have decided upon Dallas as the permanent headquarters for their Grand Lodge. It is said they will soon begin the erection of one the finest temples in the United States, one that will be a credit to the order and an orna-ment to Dallas.

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., in session at Dallas, adopted the following reso-

lution: Resolved, 1. That the trustees of the Resolved, 1. That the trustees of the Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, instructed and directed to proceed at once to sell for cash, or for part cash and part on credit, as by their judgment may seem best, (and if such sale is made for part cash or part credit, then the deferred payments to be secured by notes, retaining vendor's lien, such notes to draw interest at the rate of not less than eight per cent at the rate of not less than eight per cent per annum) all that certain real estate and improvements thereon, situated near the town of Corsicana, Texas, known as the Widows' and Orphans' Home, be-longing to the Grand Lodge, under its corporate limits name, and to execute a good and sufficient deed or deeds of conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, provided the same shall not be sold for less than cost, and provided that

The Evening State, Richmond, Virginia, publishes a letter received from Mrs. Jefferson Davis, dated Beauvoir, Mississippi, February 5, in which she says in reference to a biography being prepared of her late husband: In order to make the book as complete as possible. prepared of her late husband: In order to make the book as complete as possible, I should be greatly obliged if our friends whose personal recollections of Mr. Davis would throw light on any event of his life or tend to illustrate his character, will record them and forward them to me, as I shall endeavor as far as possible to tell the story of Mr. Davis' career in his own words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. I shall regard it as a real service words. words. I shall regard it as a real service to be furnished with copies of any letters of my husband relating to any public topic that his surviving friends may have preserved.

The towboat Port Eads, of the St. Louis and Mississippi Valley transportation company, sunk Feb. 10, at Memphis, at the site of the railroad bridge, two miles below the city. She carried a crew of about forty men, seven of whom were lost.

Kansas has secured another reduction of 10 per cent on corn freights. From all points to Chicago and St. Louis a maxibecame unmanageable, and dashing its rider against a tree, killed him immediately.

The twelve year old daughter of A. J. McCown, of Zephyr, was dragged to death

The railroad commissioners and citizens

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Texas Sugar Men.

The Sugar Planters' Association of Texas, met at Houston, February 8: The following were present: R. S. Willis, Ed. Cunningham, W. D. Fields, T. W. House, Cunningham, W. D. Fields, T. W. House, M. B. Dunlavy, H. Brahan, F. Martin, R. H. B. Sorrell, Campbell, W. D. Cleveland, G. A. Dumble, R. B. Baer, Miller, Gulley, McInnis. A. L. Steele, Sam Allen, James Bute, J. W. Davis, J. M. Cotton, A. Halff, Leon Haubtman. The personnel, however, is more representative of the wholesale dealers in sugar than sugar planters. The following was adopted:

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"We respectfully beg that a meeting of
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Cascarine cures constipation, regulates the liver, stomach and bowels, and promotes ligestion. experiment station in Texas be engrafted or included in the regular agricultural appropriation bill." The executive committee was appointed as follows: Col. Cunningham, W. D. Cleveland, of Hous-

ton, G. B. Miller, of Galveston, and R. H. D. Sorrell. It was moved and carried that the executive committee be authorized to confer with the directors of the Texas experi-ment station to look after building a branch station for sugar.

The Negroes-Willing and Unwilling. A Birmingham, Ala., telegram says the negroes of that State are in favor of the Congo colonization bill of Mr. Butler. The

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negroes have issued an address, from which the following is quoted: "We, the negroes, have been holding meetings favoring the separation of the races and emigration of the colored people to Congo Free State in Africa, and we hope that Senator Butler's bill will pass Congress. We want to go back to our country where we belong. We know that it will be better for the colored people, and we hope it will benefit the white people. We are a great political trouble here. We are sorry, but cannot help it. Time has brought this on us. Let knowledge now have her way and knowledge says 'go,' and we will go if the government will pass the bill."

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The Colored Men's Convention at
Washington address the people, from
which we quote: "It expresses regret
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Texas Comptroller's Report.

The annual report of the State Comptroller for the year ending August 31, 1889, contains an exhibit of the financial opperations of the State government and of the railway companies. The following statement of general revenue will be found interesting:

Table No. 1. gives receipts and disbursemeets during the year. From this table will be seen that on August 31, 1888, there was

Balance on hand.... Receipts from all sources of revenue... Total receipts during the year with balance on hand \$2,778,901 61 Total disbursements \$2,272,347 27 Transfers adjusting accounts 78,143 76

counts.

Leaving balance on hand...... \$428,410 58 26,903 68.

Supreme Court Centennial.

The celebration of the centennial of the organization of the centennial of the organization of the Supreme Court of the United States was made at New York, Feb. 4. The following is an extract from the address made by Wm. Allen Butler, LL. D., on the origin of the Supreme Court of the United States and its place in the constitution. in the constitution:

This commemorative hour sets before our view, in the retrospect, and after the lapse of a century, the structure of our national government at the moment when, for the first time, it stood complete it ellipse and the rests of the state in all its parts.

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Miscellaneous News Items.

Under the bill passed by the Virginia legislature twenty persons may demand an inspection of fresh meat killed more than 100 miles of the spot where sold. It is aimed at Chicago interests.

Congress, on the day after its organiza-tion, entered on the work of providing for the establishment of the judiciary by ap-pointing a committee, of which Oliver Ellsworth, one of the framers of the con-stitution, and afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was the chairment

the senate as promptly confirmed John Jay of New York to be chief justice of the court, and as associate justices, John Rutledge of South Carolina, William Cushing of Massachusetts, Robert H. Har-

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court, the federal hall being occupied by congress, was, as we are informed by the United States Gazette, in its issue of the next day, "uncommonly crowded." Numerous federal, state and municipal officers were present, and a great number of the members of the bar." The chief justices and associate chief justices, Cushing, Wilson and Blair took their seats on the bench, attended by the attorney gen. the bench, attended by the attorney-general of the United States, Edmund Raneral of the United States, Edmund Randolph, of Virginia; the letters patent commissioning all these officers were read by John McKesson, Esq., who acted as temporary clerk; Richard Wenman was appointed "cryer;" proclamation was made, and the Supreme Court of the United States was percent

States was opened.

By these facts, marked with true Republican simplicity, the full breath of life was breathed into the government of the United States, and it became a living organism.

Revolting Accidents.

At a wire-mill in Trenton, N. J., Feb. 6, occurred two most sickening accidents: Chas. Cheattle, a seventeen-year-old boy, whose business it was as a red-hot rod of iron leaves the furnace to catch it with tongs and guide it to a hole which reduces its size—as he attempted to seize a piece it broke, and before he had time to take hold the red-hot iron entered his right gide and possible through the large respective. side, and passing through the lung came out beneath the left armpit. As the rod passed through the body the end caught in the machinery, and for an instant the boy was suspended in the air. Mart Molesky, a wire drawer of the same mill, was piezed in the storach. was pierced in the stomach. He is a new man and did not understand how to arrange his wire, which broke, entering the pit of the stomach, and he was pushed in a corner, and before the reel could be stopped about ten feet of it had curled up in his stomach. Wm. Merchon was killed in the same mill Feb. 5th by the breaking of an electric wire. breaking of an electric wire.



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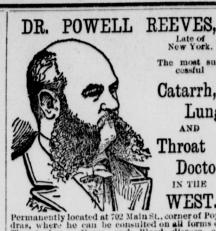
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