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#### HOME CONFERENCES.

Geo. T. Nichols, P. E.: Bro. R. C. Hicks is succeeding finely on the Fairlie circuit; has succeeded in organizing a Sunday-school in the town of Fairlie of more than 100 scholars, and will soon commence the work of church building at that place. We are suffering at several points in that circuit by having to divide time with others in small school-houses. At our quarterly meeting not to exceed half of the congregation could be accommodated with seats Sunday at 11 o'clock, and the service scarcely closed when an appointment for a Campbellite to preach was announced for the following Thursten was announced for the services and seat of the seat of day night. This was in a small school-house in the fine black land country of Texas, where the people called Method-ists live in their own houses and have their distinctive features of family government, and suffer the fearful results

attendant upon school-house worship.

Bro. Shelton is arranging for a special Bro. Shelton is arranging for a special effort in Sulphur Springs, and we shall hope for good results.

The prospects in the Sulphur Bluff circuit, S. W. Jones, pastor, are more incouraging than for years past. Sixty-two years old, as he is, he had, up to his quarterly conference, visited seventy families, with most of whom he read the Bible and prayed.

This circuit embraces a part of the best territory in the district; has seven ap-pointments and one church-house. At most of the appointments we are dividing time in school-houses. At one point, once one of the strongholds in the circuit, we have been almost ruined, while the divided state of the community shows the fruits of school-house worship; while still in another neignborhood the people were having the full benefits of a debate between a Seventh Day Adventest and a Campbellite in their district school-house. The outlook is favorable for two new church-houses, this year, in that cir-cuit; and let it be known they are much

Bro. Dunn, in the Sulphur Springs mission, reported two organized societies, two Sunday-schools, \$6.50 spent for literature, and \$10.50 raised on collections, as the work of the first quarter.

Bro. Hunter visited sixty families, received members, improved the parsonage, increased the circulation of the ADVOCATE, and raised money to paint the church, and built a beliry on the church in Lone Oak, during the quarter. We have collected in full the assessment for Paine Institute, and will forward to-day. And from the way the preachers are respond-ing we will be able in a few days to send Dr. Barbee the \$63 for General Conference purposes asked from the district. The first quarter is now passed, and in the few years of district work I have never known such universal acceptability of preachers as in the Sulphur Springs dispreachers as in the Sulphur Springs district the present year; and as your presiding elder, to you and the stewards of the district, I present my quarterly report, showing the full amount assessed for the support of the ministry for 1889-90, for the support of the support of the support of port, showing the full amount assessed for the support of the ministry for 1889-90, the amount due, amount paid, etc. Please clip and preserve that you may compare with other quarterly reports. Will you see that each steward has a copy? Will see that each steward has a copy? Will other quarterly reports. Seven members were received into the church, and the morning service was it not be well to get extra Advocates and place them in the hands of parties who need information on this line? This reports a control of the dedication followed, after the dedica need information on this line? This report will show the true state of finances in the district at the time of the several quarterly conferences:

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Assessed	Due.	Paid.	Deficit.	Amount p
Black Jack e.	\$ 540.00	\$ 135,00	\$ 15.50	\$119.50	134e
Kingston c		167.50	160.70	675.00	5736
Greenville s	1,130.00	282.50	282.50		69
Campbell c	670.00	167.50	68,12		
Carroliton c		162.50	27.00	135,50	7
Pine Forest c.			52 00	*****	11
Leesburg c	460.00	115.00	18.85		4
Winsboro e		150.00	121.00	29.00	37
Quitman c		90.00	21.70	68.30	6
Cooper e	625.00	156.00		42.00	18%
Commerce c.	550.00	137.50	118.30	19.20	29
Fairlie c	400.00	100.00	32.26	67.70	14
S. Springs s	1,130.00	282 50	282.50	123723	70
8. Bluff c	480.00	120.00	73.05	46.95	17
Lone Oak c	460.00	115.00	74.52	40.48	23/3
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In this report we take one-half of the membership in the Fairlie circuit from the reports of Cooper and Commerce each, and on that basis make our calculations. In the totals, for assessment, Pine Forest circuit is not counted, as they have not yet made an assessment for their pastor's

Brownwood District. W. T. Melugin, presiding elder, Feb. 25: I have closed my first round of ap-pointments on Brownwood district. We have seventeen charges. The work is progressing finely. Our congregations have been large, attentive, with favorable omens for a gracious revival of religion in omens for a gracious revival of religion in every charge. The preachers are at their post of duty, and making full proof of their ministry. The people appreciate the men sent by the chief shepherd. They welcome them to their hearts and homes. The people, as well as the church members, have promised to pay liberal salaries, believing the workman is worthy of a good support. They are not only proposing to pay, but to hold up their hands in prayer for spiritual prosperity. We are trying to secure half of salary and conference assessments during our second quarter, which, we believe, will be effected. We are glad to say a number have been added to the church by ritual and certificate during the past quarter. I do not design to spend time rehearsing former reports and contrasting Brownwood district with older, richer or newer districts in the conference. I am silently contrasting with our former years on this work, marking the steady growth in spirituality and material support of the gospel, and the building of churches and parsonages for the comfort of the families of our preachers. Permit me to say, we express gratitute to God and the people for the addition of four new parsonage houses since conference and the prospect of a nice church in the near future in Coleman City; also for a genuine spirit of building churches at many other places on our We have a nice church at Rising Star, built under guidance of Bro. Ray-mond. It would have been dedicated at at our first quarterly meeting, but \$500 of cost of house, which had been reported at Belton, had not been collected. So Bro. cost of house, which had been reported at Belton, had not been collected. So Bro.

Rascoe will collect and report under his pastoral charge at the ensuing conference at Abilene. Our church at missions. Outlook good on all lines. Re-

any church in appearance, commodiousness, architectural style in the entire conference. We expect Bishop Key on the third Sunday of March to preach the opening sermon in the magnificent auditorium, which will be finished to order by that time. Come up, Mr. Editor, and see it, and hear our Bishop on the occasion; will give you a seat next to the Bishop. Now, in conclusion, I call upon our stewards and membership to make a faithful effort to bring up to second quarterly conference half of the salary for each pastor, and half of conference collections or-dered. In measuring up to this important engagement, our district will make many hearts glad and give a sure token of per

manent prosperity. Bishop Key Visits Abilene District. John A. Wallace, P. E.: Some time since I invited Bishop Key to visit this district in the early spring and dedicate six new churches. Previous engagements forced him to give us two weeks in February, so that only two of the new churches were ready. I met him at Cisco, Feb. 12th, where we stayed two days. It was a gracious time in spite of the snow, mud and slush. The new church, which had cost Bro. Ragsdale so much anxiety and prayers, and his people so much self-denial and labor, was dedicated by the Bishop Feb. 13th. It is a commodious and substantial edifice. We pray that "the glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former." On the 14th we went to Midland, which is 200 miles west of Cisco, on the Staked Plains, and called of Cisco, on the Staked Plains, and called by some "the perimeter" of our conference. There we found Bro. Annis and his people awaiting us at the depot, though it was 11 o'clock at night. We awoke next morning to look out on those broad expanses of prairie lands—nearly level-our eyes being holden only by the horizon coming down to the earth. A thrifty, busy population live in Midland, and their hospitality is as broad as the plains upon which they live. It was a busy day with them, especially in Methodist circles. For months, men, women and children had labored and denied themselves to get the house ready for dedication. Now, the Bishop was here, and the pews and pulpit had just arrived that morning. Every mechanic in town came to the church and began putting up those pews. Merchants quit their stores, and visiting brethren from Big Springs laid off their coats and went to work. The quarterly conference was held in the school-house at 3 p.m. to be out of the way. By sundown every piece of furni-ture was in place. The lamps shone with extra brilliancy on that happy congrega-tion at night while this writer tried to preach to them on consecration. Sunday was a grand day. The Lord gave us the most delightful weather. Our Bishop seemed to be at his best. The inspiration of the occasion was not complete till a special train from Big Springs arrived, and the people it brought crowded into the

reached Abilene on the 20th. He re-mained here four days, and left for home on the 24th. In all his puipit ministrations, Bishop Key rose to the full stat-ure of a bishop. All the preachers ex-cept two, and many laymen, joined us on general superintendents, who has always been a field hand in the church, they have gone back carrying inspiration to every part of the district. We cannot estimate the good the Bishop's visit has done. One thing is certain, he appreciates the thrift and enterprise of our

Totals ..... \$8,725.00 \$2,181.00 \$1,459.09 \$621.91 26c support.

> Cliffton. G. W. Harris: I will hold a protracted neeting at Cliffton, beginning Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in March, and run over to the fifth Sunday. Bros. B. F. Gassawayan I W. L. Harris will be present and assist in the meeting.

people, as well as their refinement and

be densely populated with an active, en-

hope that Bishop Key will be returned

by the College of Bishops to hold our con-ference which meets in this city next fall.

His saintly wife was with him, and left impressions which will abide. Blessing on

Crafton. J. R. Randle, Feb. 28: We are now in | Crockett, and others. Brethren, will you our new parsonage, which we have built come? since conference -a very neat box, with five rooms. We are getting along very well on this work, all things considered. We have had a severe spell of weather— snow and ice—the coldest spell of the

Lamar Avenue Methodist Church, Paris. Thales B. Reams: Congregations large at every service, often a full house. Large attendance at Wednesday evening prayer service. Sabbath-school has inforty new members received since conferof the church is advancing. These are good people. Happy the pastor that serves Lamar Avenue Church.

Pilot Point.

conference last night the superintendent of the Sunday-school reported that the school was in better condition to the fact that the charge is up in finances, and fair in spirituality. school was in better condition than it had been in five years, a very gratifying state-ment and a splendid prelude to a revival for which we are all working and praying. report so early.

Spanish Fort.

preach two years ordain him deacon. When he has been deacon four years ordain him elder. Let no man be received on trial till he is ordained deacon.

Palo Pinto and Mineral Wells.

W. L. Harris, March 1: Our new stone church at Mineral Wells will soon be completed. Then a revival is in order. The good people of Palo Pinto pounded me, and notwith-standing I was just getting over the "grip," I took the pounding like a man, and say, just pound me some more.

Barton's Creek Mission.

J. L. Havins, Feb. 26: I have just returned from prayer-meeting. The Lord was with us in power, blessed our souls, and now the Lord is pouring out the rain upon our thirsty land. The Lord is good unto us. We are moving along very well on our work. I have a good people to serve. I am praying for one hundred con-versions this year. I have been talking about a revival on my work, and I will

Blanco Mission.

W. H. Kiilough, Feb. 25: This is to say something of the appreciation words cannot express for a purse of \$20 to buy a suit of clothes and six or eight dollars' mind to work.

The First Fruits of Valley Mills.

ship was greatly revived, and strengthened spiritually. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bro. J. M. Lane, of Cisco, was with me, and did most of the preaching. It is geommittee suffer. No, never. Nor the cause suffer by having other say you had better kept within your means. Now, brethren, think, pray and act at once and come to the rescue. me, and did most of the preaching. He is a faithful, fearless, godly man; fully consecrated to the work. We are now at Crawford. Pray for us.

Independence

Springs people; not waiting for introductions, they literally captured them. The services that night and the following day issued in a revival. Bro. Annis has already described that beautiful church in the people. A good many will subscribe your columns. The Bishop came with me this year who have never taken it. May to Colorado, where we spent one day, and after spending one day in Sweetwater we give us a good paper.

Pontotoc.

R. M. Leaton, Feb. 24: Just closed our second quarterly meeting. The presiding elder was there in good health and spirits. Congregations good, and very attentive to the route, and being brought into personal contact and communion with one of our general superintendents, who has always cirtificate. One infant baptized. Very good communion service. Arrangement made to put a yard fence around the parsonage-hope the plan will succeed. There is some general and specific toning up on take courage. One subscriber to our Ap-VOCATE, and as the ice is broken now, calture. This fine, fertile region will soon hope to succeed better. ergetic people. The negative man does not move west. We must provide them with pastors of like impulses. We all

T. W. Boynton, Feb. 25: Our first quarterly meeting was held on the Crockett circuit on the 23d and 24th. Our presiding elder came to us clothed with the Spirit of our Master. He preached three sermons. May God bless him as he goes ministering the word of iternal life to others. I must say that this preacher and wife have been warmly received into the homes of this people. May God bless them. We are endeavorfng to place the ADVOCATE in every home. Our camp-meeting at Shiloh will begin Friday before the third Sunday in July. We want our presiding elder with us; then we want Bolton, of Rusk; Scruggs, of Alto; Smith, of Crockett; Archer, of

Whitesboro.

J. A. Wyatt, Feb. 26; Well, the storm struck Whitesboro parsonage last night, but it was not a wind storm-something more solid, but not a hail storm. Anothe feature was that while it came surging and rolling and filled the house, lasting for several hours, it did not demolish the building. Still another feature was displayed in the fact that this storm, like all of its sort, brought exceedingly pleasant reased seventy-five. Between thirty and forty new members received since conference, and still they come. Every interest freighted with provisions of almost every conceivable sort and in sufficient quantity to supply this porsonage for three months May God abundantly bless the component factors of this cloud-burst of cheerful-ness and goodness! What a delight it is

Hallettsvile.

T. S. Armstrong, Feb. 23: We moved into the new church yesterday and had been some time past, was a grand success. The verdict of all is that Brother Deets,

Some la grippe and lung fevers. As many changes are wanted, I will mention one: When a man has been licensed to begets the other.

> Dallas. Dallas preachers' meeting met at 10 a.

m., at First Church parsonage. Religious service conducted by Bro. Clark. Pres-ent: Allen, Hanson, Clark, Hay. Floyd Street.—Congregations morning and night splendid. Three additions.

Oak Lawn.—Services morning and night; congregations good. Bro. Jas. Campbell preached in the morning and the pastor at night. Two additions.

City Mission.—Bro. Clark preached in
East in morning and South at night, to good congregations. One accession. Bro. Blackburn preached South in the morn-ing and East at night, and also at Hughes'

Chapel at 3 p. m.
First Church.—Services morning and evening pleasant. One accession.

N. Allen, Feb. 25: Our first quarterly conference has passed. We had a good time in the Lord. Our beloved about a revival on my work, and I will talk and pray and sing and preach until it comes, the Lord being my helper.

Denison.

W. F. Hodnett, Feb. 26: Bro. Mount-castle was well at himself at the quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday, and did us fine service. Our Sunday he swung loose and became indeed eloquent, and, I dare say, was equal to any of our North Texas presiding elders, doctors of divinity, and even a good average bishop. He showed himself a "workman that needth not to be ashamed." Long may he live to do such work for the church.

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The lord. Our beloved elder, dour beloved the Lord. Our beloved the Lord. God bless Bro. Adams, All points represented us two work is looking up spiritually and financially. Over one-quarter of presiding elder and preacher in charge assessment points represented the good control our second ficial board. My people at Oakland know exactly how to entertain a quarterly conference. Our stewards were very liberal in their assessment in the Lord. With renewed zeal we start on our second quarter, trusting in the Lord. We serve a good people, and are expecting great things of the Lord this writer and family were reminded by a liberal donation that they were among friends. Last Wednesday night another agreeable surprise of like nature came to the lock of the lo

Church Extension

R. R. Raymond, Feb. 20: I was much pleased with Bishop Key's talk at the Northwest Texas Conference in reference to preachers meeting their obligations, but I am exceedingly afraid lest some of worth of other presents to myself, wife and our little Pearl, presented by the people of Kendalia, Curry's Creek and Cedar Grove, which constitute one society by December 25, 1889, and forward same to Treasurer board. How many have done of Blanco mission. We thank God and take courage. These people are poor, but liberal and thoughtful, and have a you into the light or darkness as the case may be. At Anson we began to build a church on your resolution, and our church J. J. Davis: We began a meeting at is nearly completed, and the building Valley Mills the 15th and closed the 23d. committee are to receive same, but what to the end; indeed the best wine was kept for the last. There were about thirty professed faith in Christ, and twenty-five accessions to the church. Some will join the Baptist Church. The membership was greatly revived, and strength.

Cochran and Caruth.

C. I. McWhirter, Feb. 28: Our first quarterly conference for the current year etabraced last Saturday and Sunday at Cochran Chaplin. Bro. T. R. Pierce, preone of the pioneer preachers of this State preached us a good sermon on Sunday night. He is about eighty years old, and has been preaching in Texas for fifty-three years. The preacher on this work has not passed the ordeal of a pounding, but a few nice eatables at different times have reached the parsonage and were appreciated. The great kindness shown him and family during the sickness of his wife, especially by Bros. Howell and Harvey and families, will ever be remembered with the deepest feeling of gratitude.

Colorado.

J. H. Wiseman, Feb. 25: Our second quarterly conference was held by Bro. Wallace on the 18th. Bishop and Sister Key spent one day with us, to the pleasure and profit of all. Though our quarterly conference was not on Saturday Sunday, yet we had good congregations. The church was full at night, and we had a good sermon by Bishop Key. Bro. Wallace preached in the morning in his usual earnest manner. It was a good day for our people. One pleasant feature of the occasion may be mentioned and that s the feast of good things that we had in the quiet hours spent in the parsonage by these servants of the Lord. This preacher may forget Bishop Key, but scarcely will the gently influence of his Christian wife, as it was exerted over heart and home pass from his mind. Since we have had the Bishop to pass through our territory, will be better known. We are in a meeting this week; services of prayer are now being held. Bro. Ragsdale, of Cisco, will be with us.

One of the Flock, Feb. 26: Only those who know Bro. Law as pastor can fully appreciate our feelings. It is true that has been with us but a short time, yet I believe that I express the language of every heart when I say that we love him. For every one with whom he meets, both old and young, he has a pleasant word and smile, whether they be Christians or those who profess no knowledge of the love of Jesus. And then he shows a willingness to adapt himself to any and all circumstances, that we cannot fail to appreciate, and feel that he is indeed ssessed "of the mind that was in the neek and lowly Savior," and filled with a Godly wisdom. Our first quarterly con-ference just closed; Bro. Brooks with us, and although having already passed his three-score years, "his eye is not dim nor his natural force abated." In other words, he is truly a man of fine intellect, a man of the deepest research and most thorough comprehension of Bible truths and facts that we have ever met. He left us, I trust, a wiser and better people, with strength and determination to 'buckle on our armor and fight the fight

our assessment for foreign missions of the treasurer at Nashville; the first time in all these years that I have been able to make a full report so early.

The discrete and the several and had several and h this place, had the misfortune to lose his

his house insured, and there will be no McTeer, Charles W. Snow-of whom I trouble about the insurance being paid, wrote you last week—Samuel Shaw and yet it will not cover his loss by a consid-J. R. Deets, rendered us much help. erable amount. I write this card to let Bro. Deets, rendered us much help bis friends know of his loss. If any one bis J. B. Hall, Kilgore, Gregg county, Texas. and effectuality. He is very much be-If you send money, send money order. If loved here in his former home, and re-

Centerville.

Harry May, Feb. 27: Our first quarterly meeting is over, and God was with us, giving the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer. Our presiding elder, Bro. H. M. Sears, was with us in power and unction of the Holy Ghost. He won the hearts of the people, and gave them good spiritual food. Our conference assessment is \$170. We have raised in cash and subscription \$200. We have paid to Bro. Chappell \$45, and to Bro. Sears, our

agreeable surprise of like nature came to the parsonage. This time the gifts were not only eatables for the table, but included apparel for the wife and babes and silverware for the table. Last Sunday we raised our assessment for foreign missions and church extension, amounting to \$121, all of which inspires us with gratitude and makes us feel like making some sine promises, the only bar being we were already doing our best. This writer bears cheerful testimony to the fact that no advance movement looking to the good of man or the glory of God has been made but that it has met with a ready response from this church. Thinking of how the "lines have fallen to us in pleasant places," memory reverts to the time when Duff, Blackburn, Ashburn, Rosser, Aider son, Archer, Hill, and others, toiled and wrought here for God. Them comes the thought "other men labored and ye are entered into their labors." Even so. Yet in the fear of God and in the love of

preciative. The churches have been somewhat delinquent in financial matters on account of our straitened and disorganized condition during the drouth. The mount our 700-pound bell. To my brethsiderately tendered me at different places on my work. I have had money paid to me during conference intervals, and have received some presents. There are only two ADVOCATES taken in my charge. I am disigently distributing sample copies and soliciting subscribers. I have hopes of surpassing the limit of conference collections. One of my stewards, who has been successful in the past, has promised his aid in raising my conference collections. We are aiming to unite Bauner's school-house, Union Point, and Hick's Sunday-school, and build a nice church house. One man offers \$50. I am hoping and prayer for the time when neat church cheerfulness.

Bouham Circuit.

me here, that there was no water at the parsonage. We now have finished up in good order a well cemented cistern, with plenty of water in it. Its capacity is thirty-seven thousand gallons. All cost paid and money left in the treasury. The brick to build a chimney have been put on the ground and will soon be built. Permit me to tender thanks for myself and all pastors who may come after me, to Bros. E. H. Adams and E. Wise Adams, father and son, nurserymen, four miles north of Bonham, for a bundle of fifty nine select fruit trees, consisting of peaches, apples, pears, crabs, cherries, plums, and best quality of grapes and blackberries, etc. Also shrubbery for front yard. All have been planted and will be cultivated this year for the benefit of my successors. Bro. Adams prays that the fruit may be a luxury to the preachers an itinerant was the Roswell mission and their families long after he has gone lying in New Mexico along the Pecos to his reward. Query: What preachers have planted fruits and flowers at the parsonage where they live this year? And plains," traveling in all about five hunnow let me say to all who want fruit trees that will succeed best in North reached Roswell. My team worked down, honorable, Christian gentlemen. The cents in money and not a vacant house in Advocate, with its new dress, is popular. town. After making myself known to a Keep me supplied with sample and we will send you a fine list during shelter was a widow woman. We then the year. More anon.

Gonzales.

E. K. Denton, Feb. 24: Our protracted tion of three weeks and a half. While the meeting stops we want and expect the superintendent of a Methodist Sunday-revival to continue. The interest was school at Roswell. Her school had jurismanifestly deep last night, the house packed with people, and our beloved presiding elder, Dr. R. J. Deets, preached with power and in the Spirit. A number of young men and ladies came forward G. W. Langley, Feb. 25: On the second day of this month the Rev. J. B. Hall, an for prayers and promising to be at the salary, and with the exception of a few prayer-meeting on Wednesday night. dollars, not exceeding \$10, all that he re-There have been about thirty public professions of conversions and twenty-five shape of two poundings. One was gotten additions to our church, with two or three up by a woman, and the other was footed for other churches. Our members have up by one woman. At Seven Rivers, my Belton, had not been collected. So Bro.
Riscoe will collect and report under his pastoral charge at the ensuing conference at Abilene. Our church at Brownwood will be an ornament to our conference; will compare favorably with

his friends know of his loss. If any one wishes to contribute anything to him in this his hour of misfortune, send to Rev. He preached with ability, acceptability, goods are sent, send by express. I am sure it will be thankfully received and highly appreciated.

ports his district in good condition. Bros. J. F. Gillett, T. S. Armstrong and a Bro. Stephens, of the North Texas Conference, stopped in at our meeting and scotched for us kindly. Bros. Gillett and Stephens preached once each. This pastor desires all his families to take the Texas Advo-cate. Several money orders have been sent in to us for Bro. L. D. Shaw, for which, thanks.

Burnet.

David Crockett, Feb. 27: After being read out by Bishop Key at Belton to Burnet station, we immediately made ar-rangements and moved over to our "hired bishops' and general delegates' assessment. The presiding elder had no
"money" to preach, as all claims met.
We are pushing the Advocate. When
we visit families we push the paper. Our ished and painted, with two galleries, on one-half acre, nicely pailed in, located on Main street, in the prettiest part of town. It cost \$1,000. As la grippe was no respecter of persons, it has seized upon me.

F. H. C. Elliott: Our people are anxiously talking of building us a church at once, everyone seeming to realize the dis-J. L. Pierce: Soon after reaching here this writer and family were reminded by sponse to my call in the Advocate for \$1 from every Methodist preacher in Texas, I have received the following, for which the donors will accept my heartiest thanks: Bro. New Harris, Uvalde, \$1; Bro. Oxley, Laredo, \$1; Bro. J. A. King, Alpine, \$1; Sister J. A. King, Alpine, \$1. This shows how well our dear Advocate is read; and it ought to be, for it is certainly an admirable paper, and grows better all the time. If every traveling preacher of our church will respond to the appeal, we can buy us a lot at once, and ere many days have a church. Brethren, a dollar is not much, but it will help us build if all respond.

Lone Oak.

Jas. N. Hunter, Feb. 25: The first quarterly meeting for the Lone Oak charge, Sulphur Springs district, was held last Saturday and Sunday, Rev. Geo. T. Nichols, presiding elder, in the chair. There was a good attendance of the offi-cial members, and all the interests of the charge were carefully looked after. Ow-Jesus Christ and in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we, too, are endeavoring to build for eternity on the broad and deep portant points in the pastor's report defoundation we found made to our hand.

Vineyard City.

J. E. McCleskey: You can publish me well pleased with my appointment. I came here to love and serve my people to the best of my ability. I love my charge and my affection has proved reciprocal.

My people are generous-hearted and appreciative. The churches have been preciative. The churches have been provided in the pastor's report described in the pastor's report describ present pastor is being kindly cared for.

Corn has been sent in for my horse. whom I have labored in other days, I ask Homes have been most kindly and con- an interest in your prayers, that God may give us a gracious revival this year.

In-doors-Reading the Advocate.

L. C. Williams, Feb. 27: The weather is inclement, keeping this scribe indoors, but with the ADVOCATE for a companion the confinement is not unpleasant. We have just been going through the preachers' letters, and have been impressed with the variety of style, matter, personality, etc., contained in these brief epistles. The ability to read one's character from his chirography is claimed by some, but whether truthfully claimed we do not know. But that a man's character is largely mirrored in his writings, is a truth houses shall adorn this land, the ADVO-CATE in every family and all departments and accepted. What does these gladsome, of church work supported with exuberant cheering, ringing words, coming up from up those toilers indicate? That they are having a good, jolly, easy time? Any one at all acquainted with the lot of the Z. Parker, Ector, Feb. 28: For the information of former pastors of this circuit and those that may follow me, I want to letters clearly reveals the heroic character of the men who have forsaken all for the count not their lives. dear unto them, so they may but win imperishable souls as jewels for his crown. These letters tell not of the hardships and toils endured, the heart-aches, the Jabbok struggles, the desert marches, the contests with Apollyon, but they are bugle notes of victory, snatches of song that arise from the dusty march, or signal lights flashing up from the midnight try. God bless our preachers, and help us as laymen to do our full duty towards them, and may he lead the host on to

> West Texas, New Mexico and Their Women J. W. Sims, Feb. 25: "And I entreat thee, also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel." Philippians iv: 3.

The first work I ever had charge of as river. A. J. Potter was then melder. After I had crossed the Texas, you will find in Adams & Son everybody strangers to me, and only five copies number of men, the only one to offer us welcomed to spend the night with a kind Christian family, the doors being thrown open by the mother. The next service closed last night, after a continua- invited us to spend the year at her house, which we did. This same woman was other schools being closer than sixty-five miles. She was there every Sunday. If ceived at that appointment was in the

## Texas Christian Advocate.

REV. J. W. HEARN'S PROTEST. REV. HORACE BISHOP,

President Board of Missions of Northwest Texas Conference.

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priated by the board to the support of the presiding elder.

Bro. Hearn's next complaint against the board is anent the appropriation to Clebarne district. He says: "The district stewards assessed the presiding elder's claim at \$1200, and doubtless expect to get it. I pray that they may realize their expectations. If they base them on the records of the past they are surely groundless. I once knew a presiding elder with an assessment of \$1000, who received on the same \$88, which is below Bro. Hearn's estimated average. If assessment always ment full collection, then indeed would the Board of Missions rejoice. Last year, however, the charges now in that district paid the presiding elder, all told, \$721. It is a new district, with a new presiding elder, who has a growing family and himself a frail man. The district has to be traveled much by private conveyance, and involves a very heavy outlay. The board thought in view of these facts it was not too much to supplement the salary of that presiding elder with an appropriation of \$200. If an error was committed here it is easy to mend it by that district thowing a couple of hundred extra into the treasury of the board. Doubtless the good men who do not believe that the Cleburne district is missionary will without doubt see that this is doubtlessly done.

But the cream of Bro. Hearn's whole article is reserved for the last. He is utterly horror-stricken at the thought of an appropriation of \$500 to Mulkey Memorial Church. To show the injustice of this, he contrasts it with Haskell mission, which paid last year (so he says) \$205 and received this year an appropriation of only \$100 from the naughty board. That makes a salary to the Haskell pastor of \$335.

Mulkey Memorial Church, where "civilization, luxury and convenience abound." Pray tell us in what school of political economy, or from what statistical tables, did 170. Hearn learn that civilization, luxury and convenience abound." Pray tell us in what school of political economy, or from what statistical tables, did

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PRESIDING ELDER'S SALARY.

Doubtless it has been true elsewhere, but of my district I can speak more advisedly, and say there has been more or less of disstification with some ever since the district was formed about the "presiding elder's salary." I confess to the experience of considerable annoyance, along this line. When zealous and honest stewards, into whose hands is committed the support of the pastor in charge, comes and makes the plea that the largeness of the "presiding elder's salary" demands such a large per cent, of the funds collected for the support of the ministry, that it reduces the pastor's pay to such meagerness as to be embarrassing to him the year through, he makes it a "meat and bread question," and being intensely human, as we all are, especially along this line, the pastor will more than likely yield the point. I have been sure all the while that something was wrong, and that the dissatisfaction was not without foundation, therefore I could tolerate its honest advocates without much effort. Now, what and where the wrong is is the question. It certainly can't be that the "presiding elder's salary" is too large, for we have not a district in the Texas Conference whose presiding elder's salary does not fall below some station preacher's salary who is on the same district, and all must admit that this does not look right. The presiding elder ranks all the preachers on his district, and for this reason, if there was no other, he should be paid a salary equal to, if not better, than the highest salary received by any of his preachers. This nonor is adjudged just and right as regards our bishops and connectional officers, and why not our presiding elder has his traveling expenses and house rent to pay besides this.

Now we will look at figures for a moment just to see if they don't he army the pastors would put a quictus on the whole matter. Well, the total amount paid parlors on the district. Well, the total amount paid parlors on the whole matter. Well the total amount paid parlors on the who

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the questions that were asked by the chairman, Mr. Lowis compromised his position, and was followed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Herrick Johnson, of the Collowed soon after by Dr. Agentleman of the Seventh Day Adventist, who is agent for the "National Religious Libert and asked me to sign a petition to Congress and the Mascociation," on last Saturday presented me with and asked me to sign a petition to Congress and the Seonate of the United States assembled at the Seonate of the United States assemb

many one, two, three, four hundred, or even less?

Let all bear a part in a work which Bishop Key pronounces one of the grandest ever undertaken by the church. Consult your best impulses, my brethren, and whether your contribution be large or small, hasten it forward, or write me when we start the start of bonds,

F. T. MITCHELL.

In the Daily Democrat and Reporter the editor writes up the theater as exhibited at the grand opera, in Tyler, on the evening of the 17th of the E. He gives us the presentation of "Faust," by Lewis Morrison, which presents some of the large of the devil, who transformed an old doctor into a beautiful young man and shows him a vision of a beautiful and virtuous young lady of eighteen years for a lover. The young doctor wrecked her virtue, poisoned her mother, killed her borber in a duel. The girl died in prison, the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross. This awful tragary twated the foor of the cross that the moral sentiment is greatly visited to the foor of the cross of the development of the cross of the cross of the development of the cross of the development of t

TO THE FRIENDS OF CORONAL IN-

STITUTE. At about 3 a. m., February 17th, Coronal Institute at San Marcos was destroyed by fire, with a total loss of all furniture, apparatus and fixtures, the occupants numbering about fifty barely escaping with their lives. in spite of this calamity, the progress of the school was scarcely checked. The churches and private buildings of the town were thrown open, and school work was resumed on the following day. While yet the building was burning, its friends determined that it should be rebuilt, and at a mass meeting of citizens, held on Tuesday tollowing a subscription was started for that purpose, and it was further decided to push the work so that the building should be ready for occupancy at the fall term. But to accomplish this purpose, and rebuild the institute on a plan that its importance demands, will tax its friends in San Marcos more than they are able to bear.

The old building had cost about \$25,000. About



A CHANGE WANTED.

REV. W. H. H. BIGGS.

while it is in order to suggest change; in our book of Discipline, let me call attention to a change or two for the consideration of those concerned:

In the business of the quarterly conference the fifteenth question is as follows: "is there a church register and a record of church conferences, and have they been faithfully kept?" I suppose that the framers of that sentence were station preachers and not circuit preachers; for if they had had their minds on circuit work they would most likely have written it: Is there a church register and a record of church conferences "for each church," and have they been faithfully kept? And had it been written thus, we would have been saved all that confusion about "circuit registers"—a thing unknown to the book of Discipline—and all that controversy about who should keep the register. Amend by supplying the words, "For each church," and there would be no confusion.

Discipline, page 102, answer 3: "When any traveling preacher is located he shall be amenable to the quarterly conference of the charge last filled by him until he presents his certificate of location to some other quarterly conference. "That is a supernumerary clause, and has led to confusion, and may do so again; therefore, it is best to strike it out. When a preacher locates, he is a local preacher; and the law providing for and regulating local preacher; and the law providing for and regulating local preacher; and the law providing for and regulating local preacher; and the law providing for and regulating local preacher; and the law providing for and regulating local preacher; and the located preacher, to be filed away with his parchments; and no matter where he may reside in future, he has in his possession the necessary proof of his former connection. Ti is would be valuable to him, if, at some distant conference, he should desire readmission.

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Extracts from Examination Papers in En

glish Literature. MARY OGBURN AND LIZZIE RATZELL. I. What are the dates of the period of the Restoration? The Augustan age? The sovereigns of England during both

II. Who was William of Orange, and what was the occasion of his being called

to the English throne. II. Into what different classes are the writers of the Restoration divided? The

different classes were the outgrowth of what political conditions? IV. A brief criticism of the represen-

tative man of each class. V. Into what three division are Milton's VI. What is the relationship existing between L'Allegro and Il Penseroso?

Give the four divisions and a synopsis of VII. What of the character of the poets of the Augustan age? Wherein do they differ from the poets of the Eliza-

bethan age? VIII. What new departure in literature characterized that period and what effect

IX. Who were the leading writers of the period and what were the leading characteristics of each? X. What style of poem is the "Rape of

1. The Restoration period dates from 1660 to 1702. The Augustan age from 1702 to 1727. The Restoration embraces the reign of Charlas II, Janmes II, and William and Mary. The Augustan age, Queen Anne and George I. II. William of Orange was the leader

of the Protestant cause on the continent. He had married the daughter of James II, and when the latter would no longer be tolerated by the people on account of his religious and political opinion, Wil-liam and Mary were invited to accept the

crown as joint sovereigns.

111. The writers of the period of the Restoration are divided into: Metaphysical poets, theological writers, corrupt drama and philosophers and theologians of Locke's time. The intense political and religious animation of the days of the commonwealth gave a religious sentiment more or less to the literature that followed. The return of the royalist exiles from the court of Louis XIV of France, on the accession of Charles II, introduced into England the corrupt drama, modeled after the French dramatists. The spirit of inquiry that pervaded the age revived the interest in natural science that Bacon

had aroused during a previous age.

IV. Abraham Cowley is the best representative of the metaphysical school. His writings show the sparkle of wit rather than the fervid glow of genius. Jeremy Taylor represents the religious writers. His works force his own convictions on his reader. John Bunyan is the master of allegory. His language is simple and biblical. Like Shakespeare, he has the power of making his character real. William Congreve represents the corrupt dramatists. His scenes are one incessant sparkle of the richest wit and humor. Dryden is called the first of the moderns, and was the master of a school of poets who followed him. He excelled in his ability to adapt logical reasoning to the heroic couplet. Milton, though belonging chronologically to this period, possessed all the characteristics of the previous age, all the characteristics of the previous age.

V. Milton's works are divided into three classes: those shorter poems written in his youth, the political writings of his mature manhood, and the sublime epics of his old

VI. L'Allegro and Il Penseroso, to be as they are antithetical. They are intended to show how differently the same scenes and circumstances would affect a melancholy and mirthful nature. The divisions of each are four-the abjuration, the invocation, the subject matter and peroration. A synopsis of L'Allegro:
Melancholy having been banished, Mirth is invited to come forth with her train of spirits, imps, cranks, toads, becks, smiles and particularly, "The Mountain nymph, Sweet Liberty." Then are described the Sweet Liberty." Then are described the scenes that delight him-first, rural pleasure and the larks soaring upward, and then "toward cities," but the chief pleas-ure is found in music. Above all he de-sires to be lulled by "soft Lydian meas-

Il Penseroso is after the same style. "Vain deluding joy" is banished, and Melancholy with her train are invited to come. He would have perfect silence, "lest Philomel will deign a song." He takes great pleasure in walking on moor light nights or dreaming in his study. He would always have it night, but since it must end, let day be ushered in with a shower, and when the sun shines he would be hid from "day's garish eye," and lulled to sleep by murmuring waters. In this, as in L'Allegro, the final pleasure

VII. They are mostly cynical and satirical. The Elizabethan poets had great earnestness and idealism, while the Augustan poets put prose sentiments in poetic form and had great regard for "sense." The dramatists did not study nature as Shakspeare did, but merely reflected the social, political and religious sentiments of their day. The poetry is didactic and

VIII. Magazine literature was introduced during this period. "The Tattler" and "Rambier," edited by Addison & Steele, was the most popular literature of the times. They consisted of short essays setting forth, somewhat in the form of a story, the social evils of the day. They were for the purpose of reforming the public taste and educating the masses to an appreciation of literature and general

IX. Of this age Pope, Swift and Addison are the principal writers. Pope took Dryden for his master and paid more attention to the construction and finish of his verse than to the subject matter. His poems are critical, didactic and satirical. The circumstances of his life, his physical infirmities, and the influence of the times turned him to satire. Instead of writing of the beauties of nature, he sat in his chair and satirized the falsity and affectation of his acquaintances. Swift, though a preacher, rather disgraced than honored his calling. He used the bitterest, keen-est satire in the English language. Addison, on the other hand, was a bright, good-natured critic and reformer. He was a fearless politician, ever ready to do his the home of those dear to him, or heeding

ed upon the stealing of a curl by Lord Petre from the head of Arabell Fennor, Jesus gave release and comfort to the enfair maid of honor at the court of Queen Anne. The young lady and her family became very much incensed at the indig nity, and quite a quarrel ensued between the two families. Pope wrote this humor-ous poem, hoping by making the affair ridiculous to dispell all unpleasant feel-ings. He did not succeed in that, however, but left a poem abounding in humor and fancy. It was first written without and who concalling to their assistance supernatural loving trust. beings, but in revising it Pope very happily introduced the sylphs, gnomes, de mons, etc., thus carrying out more success fully the idea of a burlesque epic.

#### About the Lesson.

LESSON X., SUNDAY, MARCH 9.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

Luke iv: 33, 44.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"He cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick." (Matt. viii. 16.)

MEMORY VERSES, 38, 39.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. Where was Jesus now? In Caper-2. Where was Capernaum? On the

Sea of Galilee.
3. Where did he go on the Sabbath? To the synagogue.
4. What afflicted man was there? One

possessed of an unclean devil. 5. What did the devil say? "Let us alone; . . art thou come to destroy

6. What did Jesus say? "Hold thy peace, and come out of him."
7. What did the devil do? Threw the man down, and came out of him.

Did he hurt him? No. 9. Where did Jesus now go? To the house of Simon Peter.

10. Who was sick? Simon's mother-in-11. What did Jesus do? He rebuked

the fever, and it left her.

12. What did the people do when the sun was setting? Brought out their sick.

13. Why did they wait till sundown?
Because their Sabbath ended then.

14. What did Jesus do? He healed them all. 15. What did the devils say? "Thou art Christ the Son of God."

16. Did they know he was Christ?

17. What did he do? He made them be 18. Where did he go when it was day?

To a desert place.

19. Who sought him? The people, and

#### LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—After passing from the midst of his townspeople of Nazareth, Jesus went to the city of Capernaum. On the seashore near that city the calling of Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, and the miraculous draught of fishes, took place. According to Mark (Mark i:16-23), the call of the four fishermen occurred immediately before the Sabbath day referred to in this lesson. It is very probable that the miraculous draught o fishes was (Luke v.1-11) at the time of this call; hence that incident should be placed before the last clause of Luke iv :31. No other incidents are recorded.

all the characteristics of the previous age, and stands alone as the grandest of epic posed that at this time the Lord's mother and brethren were residing there. Andrews maintains, however, that it is more probable that Capernaum was selected chiefly on account of its local position and relations. The city lay upon the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and the VI. L'Allegro and Il Penseroso, to be great international roads from Egypt to fully appreciated, should be read together. Syria ran through it. It was also in the fellow-men as the more secluded little Nazareth, among the hills, could not offer visit all parts of Galilee, and by means of the sea he also had ready access to the regions of the east, and to towns in the Jordan valley both north and south. He could easily make circuits into Galilee on the west, Trachonitis on the north, and Decapolis and Perea on the east and south. The city was also but a little way from Bethsaida, the home of Philip, and was itself the home of Simon and Andrew.

> The site of Capernaum has long been a subject of dispute. The gospels declare that it was on the Sea of Galilee; but the discussion is as to the exact place, as has previously been stated. Neither the evangelists nor Josephus are definite enough to make the determining of the particular spot an easy task. Modern students of facts who have examined carefully the probable sites along the seashore, differ in their conclusions.

The last verse refers to a circuit in Galireading is the only hint given of an early ministry in Judea by any of the synop-tists (Matthew, Mark and Luke).

Time.—Immediately after the removal to Capernaum. If the Galilean ministry began before the second passover, this occurrence took place a few weeks, at most, before that feast—probably in March, 781 (A. D. 28). Andrews places it about six weeks later-in April. The length of time covered by the lesson is not stated. The withdrawal occurred the

day after the Sabbath.

Persons.—Our Lord and a demoniac, with the assembly in the synagogue; the mother-in-law of Simon, with the four fishermen disciples (Mark); the multitudes of Capernaum, with their sick; the multitudes that sought him when he withdrew, Peter being the spokesman

(Mark).

Incidents.—The healing of the demoniac in the synagogue; the wonder of the peo-ple; the healing of Simon's mother-in-law; the cure of many in the evening; the withdrawal, and the search for Jesus; his answer: the (first) circuit in Galilee. Parallel Passages.—Matthew iv:23, 24 (in part); Mark i:23-39).

#### LESSON SUMMARY.

The title of this lesson suggests the main teaching of the lesson. Jesus is The Great Physician. He ministers with loving sympathy and with power to those who are diseased in body, disordered in

duty, always honest and upright. His style is a stately, flowing English, and is considered a model for young writers.

X. "The Rape of the Lock" is a mockheroic poem written by Pope. It is found-heroic poem written by Pope. It is found-

thralled one by a single word of authority. Realizing the spiritual lack of those in other places than his home, Jesus went from city to city, telling the glad news of salvation to the lost.

What Jesus was, Jesus is. The Great Physician of those days is the Great Physician of to-day. He is ready now, as then, to minister to those who need him, and who come or are brought to him in

"They that are whole have no need of a physician: but they that are sick''-do. If, indeed, there be any person who has no disease—of body, of mind, or of spirit no need of help or sympathy, the loving power of Jesus would seem to have no special desirability to him. Rut wherever there is a weary body, an oppressed mind, or a sin-sick soul, the presence of Jesus ought to be welcomed, and his readiness and ability to give cure accordingly ought to be counted on confidently.

Do you know of any one to whom this lesson ought to bring hope? Do you know of any one to whom its truths are not suited?

ADDED POINTS.

The question of the demon-possessed man in the synagogue, is a question of importance to every person: "What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Naza-On the answer to that question

depends our eternal destiny.

A great many are amazed at the power of Jesus, who never get beyond their amazement. They wonder at what they see of his work in the world, but they do not trust themselves to him in loving confidence.

Being a disciple of Jesus does not guard one against sickness. Ill health is no sign of God's displeasure. Its mission may be only to give a fresh opportunity of the display of God's restoring or sus-

taining grace.
If a follower of Jesus has strength, that strength ought to be used in doing good to others. It would have been a sorry comment on the healing of Peter's s mother, if the record had stood: 'And when she was cured she looked out for herself, and let them look out for themselves."

It is not enough that we go to Jesus seeking his help for ourselves. We ought to see to it that others who have need of nothing; but he had learned how to do him are pointed to him, or are brought into his presence.

him. A mere knowledge of the truth is not in itself a sufficient preparation for the work of preaching. He who preaches must have a love of the truth, in order to said the fo be effective as a preacher.

Communion with God is essential to the doing of good work for God. He who would rightly represent God before men, besought him to stay with them.

20. Would he do so? No, he said he must find opportunity, at times, of being with God, away from men.—Sunday School Times.

Old and Young. A SPRAY OF APPLE BLOSSOMS.

They lay on the broad, low window ledge, Where the hand of a little child Had placed them — dewy and fresh and

And the grandmother had smiled And softly stroked with her wrinkled hand The curly tumbled head; And the needles bright were still; Unrolled the snowy thread;

For, borne on the breath of the apple bloom, She lived in the golden past; She saw an orchard where blossom snows Were falling thick and fast— Falling upon the fair, bent head Of a maiden, in girl's hood prime,

Reading a letter worn and creased From folding many a time. When the apple blossoms are here once I shall come back, Allaire-

shall come for my answer." The scented wind. Which ruffled the maiden's hair Brought to her ears a well-known voice She turned in a startied way-I have come for my answer, what is it

What could she do but lay Her hands in the eager, outstretched ones? Ah, life is sweet in June.

When hearts keep time to the liquid flow
Of life and light and tune;
And when in her snowy, floating veil
She stood on her bridal mora,
She would have but the tiated apple bloom
Her white robe to ador?

Her white robe to adorn. Through the open window the western wind Blew soft on the wrinsled face. When a smile shone, sweet as that could be

Which had let her girlhood grace, A little voice called her truant thoughts; If you knew that the clock has been striking

And he wants you to pour his tea!" -Good Housekeeping.

#### HOW TO EAT AN ORANGE.

I see an article copied into your last ADVOCATE from the Ladies' Home Journal, and written by Allen Norman, on the subject of "How to eat an orange." Here, in the land of oranges and sunshine, of sanitation and wealth, they have perhaps tried all the methods he indicates, with many others. When a native here, who is termed a cracker, wishes to eat an orange, he takes up one with as thin skin as possible, takes a sharp knife and peals it just as you Texans do a peach or an apple. He only cuts off the rough outside part, leaving the white skin inside lee, though very many ancient authorities read "Judgea" (Rev. Ver., margin). This lips and mouth, and yet leaves a substance around the fruit. The next operation is to cut the orange at the equator, into halves. When this is done he does not wait for slicing, nor yet does he take the pains to use a speon. He simply takes it up and sips the lucious nectarine directly from the half orange, turning it round as he does so. Very soon all the juice is taken and the pulp and part not desirable to take into the stomach are left in the semi-rind.

The winter has been very mild. We seldom ever have frost here, but this winter we have not had enough cold to be comfortable. All sorts of vegetables are here now and have been all winter, and in the grove on Osceola Truck Farm are more than a thousand boxes of oranges to ship yet. We are shipping rapidly, however. A gentleman near by has just finished shipping his bean crop. He realized from three to seven dollars a crate for them. Cucumbers, radisses, lettuce, peas, tomatoes and other produce is being shipped.

Florida is suddenly awakened to great try affame with excitement, and phos-phate lands are held at enormous figures. It has been analyzed and pronounced of the finest grade, while there is little limit

in quantity.
Dr. Josephus Anderson, of the Florida Advocate, is a strong man. He preached for us a Sabbath since and made a fine impression. He is a holy, consecrated

them in the salvation of an abundant harvest for the Master. M. B. Johnson.

[This article contains a good "ad." for the Truck Farm and the only charge we make is a box of nice oranges, prepaid, upon the reception of which we propose to try the "cracker" fashion of eating them.-ED.]

#### GREAT MEN AS BOYS.

JOHN ADAMS.

John Adams, the second president of the United States, used to relate the following anecdote:

When I was a boy I used to study the Latin grammar, but it was dull, and I hated it. My father was anxious to send me to college, and therefore I studied the grammar till I could bear it no longer, and going to my father I told him I did not like study, and asked for some other employment.

"It was opposing his wishes and he was quick in his answer: 'Well, John, if Latin grammar does not suit you, you may try ditching; perhaps that will. My meadow yonder needs a ditch, and you may put by Latin and try that.'

This seemed a delightful change, and to the meadow I went. But I soon found ditching harder than Latin, and the first forenoon was the longest I had ever experienced. That day I ate the bread of labor, and right glad was I when night came on

That night I made some comparisons between Latin and ditching, but said net a word about it. I dug next forenoon, and wanted to return to Latin at dinner; but it was humiliating, and I could not do it. At night toil conquered pride, and, though it was one of the severest trials of my life, I told my father that, if he chose, I would go back to Latin grammar. He was glad of it; and if I have since gained any distinction it has been owing to two days' labor in that abominable ditch."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. About the year 1725 an American boy some nineteen years old, found himself in London, where he was under the

necessity of earning his bread. He was not like many young men in these days, who wander around seeking work, and who are "willing to do any because they know how to de something, and knew just where to go to find something to do; so he went straight Jesus does not care for the testimony in to a printing office and inquired if he his benalf of those who are hostile to could get employment.

"Where are you from?" inquired the said the foreman, "from America! A lad from America seeking employment as a printer! Well, do you really understand the art of printing? Can you set type?" The young man stepped to one of the

lowing passage from the first chapter of "Nathanael saith unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. It was done so quickly, so accurately, and administered a delicate reproof so

cases and in a brief space set up the fol-

appropriate and powerful, that it at once gave him influence and standing with all in the office.
He worked diligently at his trade, re fused to drink beer and strong drink, saved his money, returned to America became a printer, publisher, author, postmaster-general, member of Congress, signer of the Declaration of Independence, ambassador to royal courts, and finally died in Philadelphia, April 17, 1790, at hundred and fifty counties, towns, and ing and showing his teeth if any

#### GLADSTONE.

premier of Great Britain, trained his hung about his neck. This was his way William E. Gladstone was early trained

ladder, and stood irresolute while the argument progressed; but as Mary would not yield William gallantly ceased from speech, though unconvinced, of course The servant then hung up the picture where the young lady ordered; but when he had done this he crossed the room and hammered a nail into the opposite wall. He was asked why he did this. 'Aweel, miss, that will do to hang the picture on when ye'll have come around to Master Willie's opinion." The family to Master Willie's opinion." The family no violence occurred for some months generally did come around to William's and the general vigilance was accordingly straight thrust, never failed to encourage him by saying: "Hear, hear! Well put, Willie!" if the young debater bore himself well in the encounter.

MARCUS AURELIUS.

Marcus Annius Verus, afterward to be known as the great Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, was in all respects a model boy. Not the namby-pamby model that all human boys detest, but a rightminded, right-mannered, healthy, wealthy and wise young Roman of the second century. At that time there flourished race of teachers and philosophers known as Stoics; wise old pagans who held that the perfect man must be free from passion, unmoved by either joy or grief, tak-ing everything just as it came, with supreme and utter indifference. A hard rule, that, but this lad's teachers had been mainly of the "School of the Stoics as it was called, and their wise sayings had made so deep an impression on the little Marcus that, when only twelve years old, he set up for a full-fledged Stoic. He put on the coarse mantle that was the peculiar dress of the sect, practiced all their severe rules of self-denial, and even slept on the hard floor or the bare ground, denying himself the comfort of a bed, until his good mother, who knew what was best for her little fellow, even though they were Stoics, persuaded him to compro-mise on a quilt. He loved exercise and manly sports, but he was, above all, a wonderful student; too much of a student, in fact; for, as the old record states, "his excess in study was the only fault of his youth."—Mary Bingham Meyers, in New a man fell overboard, and they had to pick York Advocate.

#### A BOY WHO BECAME FAMOUS.

A boy, only six years old, was sailing with his father down the Danube. All day long they had been sailing past crumbling ruins, frowning castles, cloisters hid wealth. Since 1883 it has been known that pho-phate existed in paying quantities on the Pease river. But recently the find near Ocaola put the whole coun opened back from the gliding river, its hollow distance blue with fathomless shadow, and its loneliness and stillness stirring the boy's heart like some dim and vast cathedral. They stopped at night at a cloister, and the father took little Wolf-gang into the chapel to see the organ. It was the first large organ he had ever seen, and his face lit up with delight, and every motion and attitude of his figure express-

lows, the elfin orgainst stood upon the pedals. How the deep tones woke the sombre stillness of the old church! The organ seemed some great uncouth creature roaring for very joy at the caresses of the

marvelous child. The monks, eating their supper in the refectory heard it and dropped knife and fork in astonishment. The organist of the broth erhood was among them, but never had he played with such power. They listened; some crossed themselves, till the prior rose up and hastened into the chapel. The others followed; but when they looked up into the organ loft, lo! there was no organist to be seen, though the deep tones still massed themselves in new harmonies and made the stone arches thrill with their power. "It is the devil," cried one of the monks, drawing closer to his companions, and giving a sacred look over his

shoulder at the darkness of the aisle. "It is a miracle," said another. But, when the boldest of them mounted the stairs to the organ-loft, he stood as if petrified with amazement. There was the tiny figure, treading from pedal to pedal, and at the same time clutching at the keys above with his little hands, gathering handfuls of those wonderful chords as if they were violets, and flinging them out in to the solemn gloom behind him. He heard nothing, saw nothing besides; his eyes beamed, and his whole face lighted up with impassioned joy. Louder and fuller rose the harmonies, streaming forth in swelling billows, till at last they seemed to reach a sunny shore, on which they broke; and then a whispering ripple faintest melody lingered a moment in the air, like the last murmur of a wind harp, and all was still. The boy was John Wolfgang Mozart .- Anon.

Modie was perfectly happy. She had reached grandpapa's at last. As she sat

before the fire, munching an apple, she heard a soft, purring sound behind her. "Oh Kittie!" she said, turning hastily, for she and the great white cat were old friends. But, instead of the cat, there stood beside her a creature so strange that Modie cried, "Oh!" very loud. "What is the matter?" asked grandma,

coming into the room just then. Modiesaid nothing but pointed to the funny creature beside her.

"That is a raccoon," said grandma, laughing. "He will not hurt you. He's kind and gentle. Give him some of your

apple. His name is 'Coonie.'"

Modie held toward Coonie a tempting piece of the fruit. He took it in his funny little paws, which looked as though they were covered with fine black gloves. He then sat upon his hind legs, like a squirrel, until the apple was eaten. Then he jumped into Modie's lap, purring softly while she smoothed his soft black fur.

Later in the day Modie found him in the kitchen, standing on his hind legs before the milk-safe. He was turning the button on the door with his naughty black paws. He meant to have a fine feast of

He was a sad thief. Modie soon found that, if she watched all Coonie's pickings. she would have enough to do. One day he climbed upon a chair and snatched a loaf of bread from the table. Modie saw him backing down the steps of the kitchen porch, with the loaf hugged up to him under one of his fore-legs.

Another time Modie found him carry ing off in the same way a large and sharp butcher knife. One day he followed he to one of the neighbors. The lady took down the box to give him a cake. As she died in Philadelphia, April 17, 1790, at the age of eighty-four, full of years and honors; and there are now more than a Seating himself in it, he ate his fill, growlvillages in America named after that same even Modie, came near him. After that

printer-boy, Benjamin Franklin, the Coonie was left at home.

author of Poor Richard's Almanac.

But he had one excellent trait. He would sit on the doorstep and make him-John Gladstone, father of the ex-head and rattle the little silver bell which children to give a reason for every opinion they offered. It was in this way that Modie would open the door. If it was evening, "Coonie" would curl up in a litto debate. On one occasion William and his sister Mary disputed as to where a certain picture ought to be hung.

An old Scotch servant came in with a ladder, and stood irresolute, while the

#### PLAYING A RETREAT.

In the year 1812, when English cruisers ere plentiful in Massachusetts Bay, the launches of an English frigate did so much damage to the vessels in Scituate Harbo that a home-guard was formed in that town for the purpose of resisting furthur outrages. After the first alarm, however, opinion, for the resources of his tongue-fencing were wonderful, and his father, who admired a clever feint as much as a girl of eighteen, spied an English ship-ofwar quite near at hand, and in the act of

"I knew the ship at a glance," she said afterward. "It was the La Hogue."
"'Oh,' says 1 to my sister, 'the La
Hogue is off again! What shall we do? They'll burn up our vessel just as they

did afore.' "You see, there were two vessels at the wharf, loaded with flour, and we couldn't afford to lose that in those times. There were the muskets of the guard, and I had a good mind to take them out beyond the light house and fire them at the barges. It might have killed one or two, but it would have done no good, for they would have turned round and fired the

village."
"I'll tell you what we'll do,' says I to
my sister. 'You take the drum and I'll
take the fife." "I was fond of military music, and I could play four tunes, 'Yankee Doodle,

was my masterpiece. " 'What good will it do?' says my sister.
" 'Scare them,' says I. 'All you've got
to do is to call the roll! I'll scream the fife. We must keep out of sight; if they see us they'll surely laugh us to scorn.'

"We ran down to the cedar wood and began to play. Pretty soon I could see the men resting on their oars and listening. When I looked again, I saw a flag flying from the mast-head of the ship. Then my sister began to speak, and I said, 'Don't make a noise! You make me laugh, and I can't pucker my mouth.

"When I looked again, they had seen him up by the back of his neck and hau him in

When they went off I played 'Yankee Doodle.' "-Christian Adro

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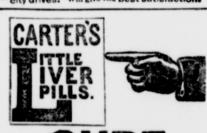
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"My little sister, four years of age, was so ill from bronchitis that we had almost given up hope of her recovery. Our family physician, a skilful man and of large experience, pronounced it useless to give her any more medicine; saying that he had done all it was possible to do, and we must prepare for the worst. As a last resort, we determined to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and I can truly say, with the most happy results. After taking a few doses she seemed to breathe easier, and, within a week, was out of danger. We continued giving the Pectoral until satisfied she was entirely well. This has given me unbounded faith in the preparation, and I recommend it confidently to my customers."—C. O. confidently to my customers."—C. Lepper, Druggist, Fort Wayne, Ind. For Colds and Coughs, take

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CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SOCIAL TIES.

are a few church members who refuse to no presiding elders-to save expense. clusively.

better salaries by far than are received by of cost and profit. the home missionaries. Yet the home board has all the advantages of conference ties and social relations. The money the conference board raises and appropriates is to give the gospel to home territory. The salaries the home boards pay are to their own conference brethrenmen whom they know and love, and whose necessities are known. The money contributed by the people is to support those who have been or may be their own pastors. All the influence of personal acquaintance and near relation is present to the contributors, and yet they contribute, generally, more to support the stranger in the foreign field than the well-known brother in the home field.

Is not the reason at hand? The idea which predominates in foreign missionary work does not include natural and social relations so much as the broad Christian idea that Christ commissioned the church to preach the gospel to the whole world. The idea is the salvation of souls rather is raised, but to save the benighted some of our church papers are in favor of week.

heathen. The love of Christ constraineth. To extend his kindom, to glorify his name, to make effectual the gospel of his Lord in all hearts-these are the things which move hearts and empty hands into the missionary treasury. There is no stronger appeal to Christian men than duty and love to Christ. That love tral Methodist. which makes all brethren in the same Lord is a stronger tie than any attachment growing out of the associations of personal acquaintance. And that cause which appeals to Christian love will always succeed better than that which appeals to Christian men from any lower motive.

COST AND PROFIT.

There are two classes of men who fail to secomplish anything great in life through failure to make proper estimates of their undertakings.

to count the cost, but exaggerate the profits. The great Teacher illustrates this class with a man who undertook to build a house, but who, after he had commenced to build, was not able to finish; and again by a general rushing with only a handful of men into battle with a large army. They considered only the glory to count the cost, and so became a byword and derision on account of failures which might have been easily foreseen. These examples represent a large class in the world. Men look at the profit side, but failing to consider the the expense side, they picture to themselves a lucrative business with great fortunes only a little removed in the future. They do not discriminate between proceeds and produce. The enterprise is undertaken and the glorious vision of accumulated fortunes becomes the real burden of accumulated debt and crushing collapse of failure. Churches burdened with debt, unfinished and uninhabited college walls, mark the failures of these visionaries in ecclesiastical matters. A more serious mistake at this point, however, is made by those who only look at the sunshine of religion, but fail to take account of the clouds. They count the pleasures, but fail to consider the sacrifices and persecutions, and

when these come they fall away.

There is another class, and perhaps

more numerous than the first, who overrate the cost while they underrate the profit. Unlike Moses, they do not conmoney order, or express money order, express or sider the "recompense of reward." The cost to them is an insurmountable obstacle which precludes all enterprise. Like the young man who came running to the Savior to know what to do to be saved and who was told to sell all, distribute to the poor, follow Christ, and gain treas-The assumption is sometimes made in ure in heaven, they turn away sorrowful, occlesiastical circles that home ties are it may be, because the cost is too great. stronger than the broader ties of a Chris- Such men see but one way open to tian brotherhood. That is to say, we feel gain, which is to make by saving or by a much stronger attachment for those avoiding expenses. Whenever any new brethren within the immediate circle of our enterprise is proposed the expense is not acquaintance than for those beyond that only the first thing considered, but about circle. This is, perhaps, nothing more the only thing considered. To them than the old hackneyed saying that "char- there is perhaps a mole-hill of profit beity begins at home." At first thought, yond a mountain of cost. Such as these and without due consideration, the state- build no churchs, have no great revivals, ment seems to be a true one. At least it come up behind with the collections, enis the conclusion any one must come to ter not into those heavenly experiences when only the natural relations of life are which come only to those who pass considered. But considered from the through the fires of great sacrifices, and higher standpoint of Christian love, is are obstructionists generally. The burthe statement true either in principle or den of their song is that the outlay is too practically? The great Teacher himself great. This class would have opposed settled the principle when he said: Marvin's missionary tour around the "Whosover docth the will of my Father world on the ground of expense. They who is in heaven, the same is my mother, never could have looked over that mounsister and brother." Christian love, of tain of cost into the rich fields of golden course, sanctifies and deepens all legiti- grain of missionary zeal and consecrated mate family and social relations, but con- wealth which resulted from that tour. sidered as distinct principles there are no They would have opposed the organizaties which bind men together so strong as tion of a missionary society on the ground that which binds them in one common of saving the salaries of the necessary Savior-Lord. Neither is the assumption officers. The salary of Morton is a at the top of this article practically true. greater sum wasted in their estimation Take for example the missionary work of than the gain of all the funds accumuthe church, about which all the changes lated for church extension through his have been rung on the "charity-at-home" tireless energy and skillful business mandoctrine. The facts are that while there agement. They want few bishops and

pay to the support of foreign missions and | They want cheap literature in order to yet pay something to home support, for- keep money in the pockets of the people. eign missions are generally as popular, if In short, both in church and State, this not more so than home missions. It is class have a perfect horror of fat salaries also true that those who contribute readily (when paid others) and always feel and cheerfully to foreign missions, pay to crushed by the great burden of taxation. home missions even more readily than The saddest of all is, that the great majorithose who pay to the home fund ex- ty of this class choose rather to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season than to suf-Again, we have a parent or general fer affliction with the people of God, not board and a home board to provide for having respect unto the recompense of the support of missions. With only a the reward. But happy is it both for the few exceptions, if any, the general board world and the church that there is a collects a larger sum from the con- mean between extremes and the resulferences for foreign missions than tant of the operation of two opposing the domestic board for home mis- forces is generally motion in the mean sions. The general board pays the mis- direction. The question is not what is sionaries operating under its direction the cost so much as what the proportion

#### THE COLLECTION.

WE have sent to a number of brethren a question of great interest to be discussed in a symposium in the ADVOCATE and with the request to send in their papers by the 1st of march. Several have replied, but as we expect others, we have deferred the symposium one week. No paper written after the publication has begun can be admitted as a part of the symposium.

In naming the papers which oppose giving the "produce" of the Publishing House to the conference claimants, we overlooked the Central Methodist and the Raleigh Advocate, both strong papers.

J. T. BROWNING: The ADVOCATE is growing in favor more and more with the people. I like it better. Success to you. will do the best I can for its circulation.

THE Book Committee of the Methodist than the support of men. The appeal is Episcopal Church has appropriated the to love for Christ rather than to the per- sum of \$110,000 to the relief of the supersonal attachments of friends. It is not annuated ministers, widows, and orphans, for Allen and Lambuth, and Parker and for the current year. What a God-send Hendry, that foreign missionary money to these deserving claimants! And yet

turning our house into a purely secular business, by using the profits upon itself instead of as the law of the church directs. love, to obey his will, and to crown him | Had this thing been foreseen Dr. Mc-Ferrin's appeals for the house would have been in vain. It was saved in the interest of the superannuated preachers; also let them not be denied its benefits .- Cen-

Our traveling man while in Sherman called to see the Works Bros.; was gratified to see them prosperous, which, however, he thinks not remarkable, as he three copies of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN AD-VOCATE are also taken in the house.

WE are much obliged to the Woman's There is a class of visionaries who fail

services Saturday morning with a congregation of twenty-five hundred. Much ininterest has already been manifested and the people are flocking there from all and advantages of success while failing parts of the country. We predict a "big very hard to get interested any more; meeting."

> J. W. VEST: Bro. F. S. Jackson, of Goliad thinks the "ADVOCATE is getting better all the time, and that it ought to have twenty thousand subscribers. That will make Blaylock happy and kill Shaw;" and says he will wouch for forty. To aid in this desirable work I will vouch for sixty. I have just sent you five more names, making fifty-two since conference.

THERE are three things we have all been advised not to do, to-wit: Never dispute a hotel bill; never quarrel with a woman, and never hold a controversy with an editor in his own paper.—Dr. Jno. E. Edwards, in Wesleyan Advocate.

That is good advice, though it is getting to be a "fad" in some quarters to commit the latter blunder.

A MAN with a dyspeptic conscience torments himself and pesters people. He eructates in the face of everybody. What nourishes healthy men upsets him. Put a soft hat and not a pastboard cylinder on his head, and he shudders at following the fashion of the sons of Belial. A cigar in another man's mouth gives him the fidgets and a fear of the sky falling on the nation and mashing mankind flat as pancakes. Jeremy Taylor compares such a diseased soul to a fellow with a gravel in his sock, cutting the flesh at every step. One of these weak creatures asked Dr. Peck, "Is it wrong to skate?" "Yes-if the ice is thin !"-Richmond Advocate.

VIRGINIA and Georgia differ on the conditions of church membership, and we should not be surprised if it should be discovered that the differences in practice along that line are not confined to the of their house, and for over a year have Methodists of those two States. The Wesleyan Advocate explains as follows:

Before the probationary system was abrogated the Virginia preachers used the term of probation to find out if the applicant was converted and willing to make a profession of conversion; and if he was not, according to Dr. Edwards, they would not receive him. At that time the Georgia preachers used the term of probation to find out the applidiscipline, and to test the sincerity of his desire to be saved. No one in Georgia, we feel safe in saying, was ever rejected from full membership at the end of his probation because of a failure to profess saving faith or conscious pardon. of the best people now living in this State were received into full membership before they professed to have found peace They may have been converted, the pastor may have thought them converted, but they themselves did not claim to be and the pastor did not re-ceive them on the ground of such a profession. They were received because, after six months' trial, they showed themselves to be sincere in their efforts to be religious and to be willing to conform to the rules of the Discipline and to declare their faith as expressed in the baptismal covenant.

#### SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals

-Arkansas Methodist: Rev. Dr. An drew Hunter gave us a delightful call Monday afternoon on his return from Bee-be, where he had preached twice daily for nine consecutive days. Our church there was very much revived; many were seekers of religion, and some were happily converted. The meeting continues this week with encouraging prospects.

-Arkansas Methodist: We were de lighted with the privilege of hearing Bishop Galloway last Sabbath morning and night. His sermon was eloquent profound, inspiring and comforting; and his lecture at night on "Christian Education" demonstrated not only his great ability as a logical reasoner, but his thoughtful investigation of the educational, social and religious problems of our nation.

-Raleigh Advocate: Some years ago Emory and Henry College borrowed a sum of money from the State of Virginia. Interest and principal, it now amounts to \$62,354.94. Last week the Virginia Legislature passed an act donating this debt to the college. This lifts a load from one of our noble institutions of learning. We congratulate Dr. James Atkins, the ex-cellent president, whose hands, no doubt, wrought this good work, and we greatly rejoice with our Holston brethren in this good fortune that favors their college.

-A Courier representative visited the rapidly growing town of Wynnewood last week, and was pleased to see business lively. Prof. W. G. McNeese has built up a splendid school there and is meeting with success beyond his most sanguine expectations. We had the pleasure of visiting his school room, which is doubtless the best equipped of any institution in the territory. The walls are covered with fine charts and maps, a fine globe adorns a handsome center table, and everything

#### HOME CONFERENCES.

(Continued from first page.) she would ride in on horseback Saturday, conduct the school on Sunday, and back to the ranch Monday. All the money that the preacher received at Seven Rivers was presented to him by two women. I also preached at Fort Sumner that year, also preached at Fort Sumner that year, eighty miles above Roswell, it being the first sermon ever preached at that place, (and the town was the same age of the preacher), the congregation being worked up by a Methodist woman. My next field of labor was the Pecos mission, same district, same presiding elder. At Midland we had a few faithful men, but the saw in the house a well-used Bible, and three copies of the Texas Christian Address done by the women. Stop. Think. One aid society with thirty-five members in three years time raising \$1,000 for the erection of a church. Now, bless God, they have a \$4,000 church house. We WE are much obliged to the Woman's Missionary Society of Washington Street Church, Houston, for an invitation to a reception at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Melvin, 40 Lubbock street, at 3 p. m., March 4th. Would enjoy the visit, but other duties forbid.

The coldest day of the present winter did not prevent the people from flocking to hear Sam James at Tyler. He begun services Saturday morning with a congresion of the Woman. Here at Junction City our ladies are organized and are raising the money to fence and complete the parsonmoney to fence and complete the parsonage. God bless the good women of the west. Our men further east, I suppose, work well, but when they come west they seem to lose all interest in church work, and are but the women are different, they have got the death grip on their religion and will hold it till death turns them loose. The women, yes they are our wives, daughters, mothers, sisters and neigh-bors, doing the principal part of the work that is being done, but who gets the praise? The presiding elder gives a write up of his district, or makes his report at conference, or the preacher in charge in doing the same, gives all the praise to the preacher in charge, when if the matter was sifted, those maternal hearts and hands at home have been the prime movers in that enterprise. Now, brethren, lets give our women a chance and try and pitch our men's enthusiasm to equal that of the women, and we will have a gloriously equiped Zion, and that right J. Frick, as pastor. A large saw-mill, a

S. N. Richardson, Feb. 21: Ten years S. N. Richardson, Feb. 21: Ten years ago this writer settled at this place, which is on the G., C. & S. F. R. R., twenty-nine miles from Galveston and twenty-four from Houston. This coast country was then in bad repute and immigration shunned it entirely. It was thought to be a fit abode only for negroes, alligators and mosquitoes. Now this delusion has been dispelled and a fine class of immigration is coming in. To-day the population of Alvin is four hundred—all white—with a scholastic census of nearly one hundred, and as good a school as can be found of its class in the State. From a found of its class in the State. From a mission gradually we grew into a circuit and now have a very desirable little work of five appointments, under charge of Rev. W. R. Campbell, a converted cowboy who is much beloved and esteemed by people of all denominations on his work. This is his second year, and by his energy we have the lumber on the ground for a church 30x50, and had the misfortune to have the frame of the church blown down a few days since, but in a few months we expect to have it finished. Through the kindness of the members of the "Christian" Church we have free use held our services there, as our congrega-tion had outgrown the first church built here. We number about forty members, and have a Sunday-school of which we are proud. It has been running for over seven years without intermission, and now under the superintendency of Bro. Robert Shirley, who, by the way, is a son of Rev. J. J. Shirley—a chip of the old block, only seventeen years old, but every inch a man, and will some day be a pillar in our church—is progressing finely with nearly one hundred average attendance. nearly one hundred average attendance. We also have a Wednesday night prayermeeting, as old as the Sunday-school, and it has never died. Can any country neighborhood excel this? Our people are engaged mostly in dairying, gardening, pear and strawberry culture. These two latter industries are what have brought this country into notice, as the remuneration far excels any other farming, from \$500 to \$1000 per acre being the yield. Population is rapidly increasing, and of a class that will build up a country. By actual proof this is the healthiest portion of Texas. Very little malaria and its consequent evils. By the way, I must say that we have a regular old-fashioned classmeeting twice per month, and well at-tended under the leadership of Rev. W. J. Bloodworth, a local preacher, a good man full of years, experience and religion. Our first quarterly meeting convened here Saturday, 22d, presided over by Dr. H. V. Philpott, who preached several powerful and effective sermons, greatly appreciated by crowded houses. The Doctor was taken suddenly ill and was forced to cut short his stay amongst us. Truly, he is a pillar in our church, so plain and unassuming, pleasant and agree-able in manner, but full of information, and no one can be in Dr. Philpott's company half an hour and not feel that they have been edified. There is a magnetism about the man after you get under the crust that is drawing, and you can not know him but to love him. Several of our preachers have made investments here. Dr. H. V. Philpott has bought a home which he wishes to improve; also both the Bro. Sears and Bro. Seth Ward, and several others looking forward to a

forces them into rest.

day when old age, adversity or necessity

C. J. Oxley, Feb. 21: This letter is written from, perhaps, the most progressive city in Texas to-day. People who knew Laredo two years ago would be astounded at her phenomenal growth. Hundreds are pouring in here monthly; handsome business blocks and numberless residences are going up in every direction, and street travel is made luxurious and convenient by the Sprague Electric Motor Line; manufacturing establishments are springing up on every hand, and Laredo bids fair to become hand, and Laredo blus lair to become a very large city in a few years. Already the population on the Texas side of the Rio Grande is about 16,000. But enough in reference to Laredo's material prosperity; now let me say a few words as to her spiritual condition. Bishops and connectional men sometimes get to Laredo, but it is only occasionally that a Texas Methodist preacher drops in here. When they do, the first thing is to cross the Rio Grande, so as to be able to say they have been out of the United States; next thing is a visit to the Laredo Seminary—a much more interesting visit than the other. The "Woman's Board of Missions" of

Under his faithful and earnest pre and appeals, the reaping of years of seed-sowing commenced with the above most glorious result. I was never in a more spiritual meeting in my life, and one that promises more for the future. This meetpromises more for the future. This meeting set in motion a wave of salvation that will be felt throughout Mexico. I had had in contemplation a meeting at our church in town, so at the close of the Seminary meeting I commenced, with Bro. Sutherland helping me the first week. God was with us and a great work was begun. After conferring upon us in-calculable benefits by his deeply spiritual preaching and exhortations, Bro. Suther-land left us, and, disappointed in other help, I continued the meeting two weeks longer. Thanks be to God, a most blessed work was accomplished! The rains from heaven descended, filled up the thirsty channels and overflowed upon the world; hardened sinners and backsliders were turned unto the Lord, and young men and women and children converted, and the church had an up-lift that has brought clearer skies and a healthier atmosphere. Our presiding elder, Bro. Brown, came on to his quarterly meeting just about the close. Unfortunately, however, he was in the hands of one who held him with a fierce "grippe." However, he rejoiced with us as much as he was able. We love him so much here that we want to see him come untrammeled next time.
As a result of the meeting twenty have united with the church, with, we hope, more to follow. Brethren, therefore, will be glad to hear that Laredo is prosperous spiritually as well as materially.

A Worthy Example—"The Little Chapel." Neleh, Feb. 20: On the first Sunday in January of this new year, I had the pleasure of attending church in a little school-house at Willard station, on the Texas and Sabine railroad. It is in the dry goods and grocery store, a postoffice, and probably ten or twelve families of white people, with a good many negroes, make up Willard station. There is no church organizations, there being only five or six Methodists in the place, with all the root sincers.

all the rest sinners.
On this particular Sunday of which I speak, a very good congregation assem-bled at the little school-house to hear preaching at 11 o'clock. Bro. Frick preached a good sermon; the Lord was there in power and we all felt that good there in power and we all felt that good was done. After services were over and the preacher said: "Let us receive the benediction," a young man arose in the rear of the house and said, "Hold on," and came walking up on the rostrum, talking as he walked. He said, "We promised to pay Bro. Frick a hundred dollars this year; now I want all who are willing to help, give us your names and the amount you will give; I don't want any one to give over twenty dollars, nor less than two and a half, and we are going to pay him fifty dollars now and the rest after awhile." He took his seat by the little table, with paper and pencil in the little table, with paper and pencil in hand, and the responses came fast, so that within the space of five minutes the hundred dallars was made up. The preacher told them he had just enough money to pay his fare back home, and that was the second time the Lord had sent him money when he was needing it very much, and it came when he wasn't expecting it, too. O, how a Methodist preacher can appreciate such kindness! This young man, one of the firm who own the saw-mill, is a wicked man. Now, Mr. Editor, don't you think this an ex-ample worthy of imitation? Let us all pray for the conversion of that young man. I think he would make a good steward. He set an example that our stewards would do well to follow, that of paying the preacher at the beginning of the year—some people think a preacher can live till fall without their help. This is the case at a good many places in the country; and then he does not need much; he wears good clothes and travels about; 'm not going to pay him much, if any know a preacher who owns a farm and a few stock, who was sent to —— circuit. His farm being convenient to his circuit, and there being no parsonage on the work, he lived at his home-place. There were six in family. He had no children large enough to work on the farm, had part of his land rented, and he spent all his time on the circuit, and at the close of that year he had received thirty-nine dollars for his support!
What about the "Little chapel?" It is

situated on a very pretty lot, on South Tenth street, in the city of Waco, and was built by Uncle Jimmie Graves, who collected every cent of more paid, and had the work done as he had means; everything that has been done is paid for. was there the second Sunday in January. The weather-boarding all painted, covered, windows and doors all in, and a stove inside, some plank were laid on boxes for seats, and on that evening they met and organized a Sunday-school with fifty scholars and teachers and now they are preaching twice on Sunday. God bless Uncle Jimmie, and spare him long to enjoy the fruit of his labor. In a recent letter from him, he tells me the lady teachers of the Sundayschool formed themselves into a band and resolved, by the help of the Lord, and Uncle Jimmie's consent, to take the chapel as it was, and finish and furnish it. Bro. Graves readily consented, and at last account they were succeeding finely. Bro. Graves being an old man, his brethren and friends tried to make him think he did not have the physical strength to take hold of such a "big" job as building a church, but he would not give it up; and when he would not stop for that, they tried every way to dissuade him, but his faith in God was strong, and he couldn't be satisfied to be idle, so amid all these discouragements the church is there to speak for itself, and Mr. Editor, any time you will go to Waco, you can have a chance to preach in the "little chapel."

Green's Creek. R. A. Hall, March 1: The first quar-

terly conference for Green's Creek circuit convened February 15th. Bishop Key's "new issue" into the presiding elder's "new issue" into the presiding elder's office (Rev. W. L. Nelms), was there on time, and conducted the business just like a Methodist presiding elder. The officials, with few exceptions, were present, there being twenty-two who answered to roll call. The board of stewards raised the salary of this scribe from \$550—the assessment made at a meeting of the stewards at the beginning of the year—to \$650. How grateful the true pastor to God and his brethren, whose wants are so carefully looked to and supplied. A good finacial report was made by the stewards; the best, they say, they have ever made at any first quarterly conference. Steps is a visit to the Laredo Seminary—a much more interesting visit than the other. Miss Mollie Thompson has a large more interesting visit than the other. The "Woman's Board of Missions" of our church have a splendid property her admirably appointed in every way, with as fine a corps of teachers and missionaries as can be found anywhere. Wisitors are taken completely by surprise and his school at Wynnewood is under the auspices of our church. His many fellowstudents will be glad to hear from him. A revival was in progress at Wynnewood last week.

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this, will be to hear that the indefatigable labors of Miss N. E. Holding and the corps of consecrated ladies under her charge, have been wonderfully blessed of God. A gracious revival, resulting in the conversion of almost every child in the school, has taken place. Bro. Sutherland arrived at the Seminary and preached, as is customary, and the interest was so marked that he determined to go on. Under his faithful and earnest preaching ploy all his time, but for a pasture for the stock necessary to be kept at the parsonage. We hope to hold service in our new church at Lingleville, on the second Sunday in this month. The presiding elder stayed several days on the work visiting three appointments, and his verdict is, "I like your people." (Sub voce). Hope he "won't" like them too much.

Bristol.

M. E. Hawkins, Feb. 28: When the bishop read me out for old "heelstring" my heart rose within so I could hardly swallow; but lo! on my arrival I found the lion tied. I don't think a more appreciative people was ever served. We found at Bristol a prayer-meeting and Sabbathschool in infancy. They are being led and conducted by men who have the cause at heart, and are growing in numbers and conducted by hen who have the cause at heart, and are growing in numbers and interest. We have inaugurated a prayer-meeting at Hines Chapel; think in the near future we will be able to organize Sabbathchools there and at Kirkpatrick. We are harmonized and working for one grand end, harmonized and working for one grand end, to-wit: a general revival, knowing that hearts full of love will accomplish the Master's work. We are trying to place the Advocate in every family. We have the Advocate in every family. We have a copy for every eight members now; think we will get more. These people are hard run, having failed the past two years on cotton; but we are well cared for. We will not be able to do much on collection only by absentiation before collection, only by subscription, before fall. We need a church at Palmer. Will send Dr. Shutt here next here.

W. W. McAnally, Feb. 28: The first quarterly conference of Church Hill cir-cuit convened at Oakland, February 22, with a large attendance—every church represented. Bro. J. S. Mathis preached a good sermon on holiness, at 11 o'clock, to a large congregation, after which our presiding elder, T. P. Smith, held the business session, which was pleasant and profitable. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the preacher, and paid in assessment for the preacher, and paid in \$113. Sunday was a pleasant day—had two good sermons by the presiding elder, the sacrament administered, five received into the church, and four babies baptized. This is a good work, a refined, clever and appreciative people. The stewards have not failed to come around and learn our needs from the first day until now. Congregations are good and attentive, hence we are encouraged to look for a good year. Our pounding is to come after the debt is paid.

Comanche

Sam J. Franks, Feb. 28: We are moving on very well in our double-barrel station (so-called by Bishop Key). Have just closed quite an interesting meeting at Comanche. The faithful and earnest B. F. Gassaway, of Bosqueville circuit, was with us and did most of the preaching. Our people will not soon forget his faithful work. He preaches a free and full salvation. God bless him and his work. We had eleven accessions during the meeting.

Liberty Hill. J. S. McCarver, Feb. 26: Have been unwell and confined to my room for some time. First day I have been up all day. Trust to be able soon to meet my obliga-tions. Church interests are hopeful here. Every omen is for success. Social meetings are in favor and services spiritual. Christians are in love, and ready to co-operate. God's blessing and onward move-ments are expected.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

-Rev. H. C. Jolly, of the Northwest Texas Conference, made us a picasant visit this week.

-The Rev. Wm. Monk, of Silver City. New Mexico, has been contending with a serious spell of the grip and convalesces

-H. A. Bourtand writes: Rev. N. Cravens, a superannuated member of the Texas Annual Conference, now in his 83d year, and very feeble, will remove this week from Waco to Willis, Texas, and make his home with his son. Judge Mic Cravens, and desires to notify his friends who may wish to write to him to address him there. He is full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and waiting the call of the Master.

DEATHS.

S. N. Richardson, Alvin, Feb. 21: We were called to mourn the death of one of our most zealous members a few days since. Walter H. Cox, a young man, twenty-two years old, was attacked with la grippe. It settled on his lungs, and death was the result. He was in the first bloom of manhood, full of high aspirations for future usefulness and a zealous worker in the Master's cause; but in a few short days, from robust health, was suddenly called up higher, and a life of usefulness was cut off.

C. I. McWhirter, Caruth, Feb. 26 Nicholas T. Houx, a good citizen and kind neighbor, died yesterday in his forty-third year of typhoid pneumonia at his residence, about four miles south of Richardson. A wife and two small children survive him.

NINE BIG BARGES ARE MOORED ALONGSIDE OUR SHEFFIELD WHARF.

REV. ATTICUS HAYGOOD, D. D.

Our people have looked upon a stirring scene never witnessed in the South l fore. A week or two since a Pittsburgh firm of iron men bought in New York, in open market, 5000 tons of Sheffield pig iron. Sheffield has the field in prices and freights, and to-day nine big barges from Pittsburg, Pa., are loading up. We are not "carrying coals to Newcastle," but we are sending pig iron to Pittsburg. The secular papers have given prominence to this new departure. Bradstreet and Dun have made comments intelligent

and Dun have made comments, intelligent and prophetic. They have not mistaken the significance of this movement. It means revolution. It concerns the entire South. It is the peculiar fortune of Sheffield to have the Tennessee river below Muscle Shoals. In this one shipment there is a saving in freights of about \$12,000. Five thousand tons of pig iron is more than ten million pounds of iron, for a ton of pig is more than two thousand pounds. It would take 250 cars, carrying each 40,000 pounds, to move what taken the significance of this movement. pounds. It would take 200 cars, carrying each 40,000 pounds, to move what these nine plain, rough barges easily bear northward with the compliments and best wishes of the New South. Some say, "There is no New South." There is a somewhat that is new hereabouts. In old times cotton, not iron, moved down this most beautiful of Southern rivers. It

There are in this young iron city (practically what has been done here is a mat-ter of three years) five big blast furnaces

stone, fire-brick clay, sand and water; also the best labor. Major Doud, a Northern man, superintendent of the Ensley Furnaces, said to me: "The best furnace man is the negro."

They are pushing along arrangements to put the other two of the Cole trio in blast, and then we will have an out-put of seven hundred tons daily—requiring, if there were only our three railroads, a train of thirty-five heavily loaded cars daily.

They do not stop Sunday (I am not now discussing the Sabbath question, but only cyphering a little concerning pig iron). If nothing happens it means seven but. cyphering a little concerning pig iron). If nothing happens it means seven hundred tons of pig iron three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Suppose we allow for each furnace—a large margin—sixty-five days lost by accident, and we still have seven hundred tons daily for three hundred days yearly. This would yield two hundred and ten thousand tons. Moved at once, by rail, it would take a train of ten thousand five hundred cars, each carrying twenty tons. But these each carrying twenty tons. But these nine barges can take it all in forty-two trips, and at a saving in freights—so much is due the river—of five hundred and four thousand dollars upon the product of these five furnaces each year—a big interest on more than fifty millions of money. No wonder that people made an ado over the coming of the barges from Pittsburg.

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No amount of misjudging, no bitterness of speech, no recklessness of misstatement, no partisanism in legislation, can keep the New South from coming into the kingdom prepard for it "from before the foundation of the world."

The energy of this movement is typified to me by the titanic forces that throb in these great furnaces. There is Southern money, brain and muscle in nearly all of it. What comes from England or the North is welcomed and assimilated. So are the people who come to work.

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Very great is the responsibility that rests upon the church now. If the church falls behind in breadth of view and energy of movement, in boldness of plans and liberality of investments for "the Kingdom," twenty-five years of this amazing material progress will bring us paganism, little, if any better, for having its roots in the soil of Christian civilization. Looking at these barges loaded with Southern iron for Pittsburg, looking forward just a few years in the revealing light of these tremendous expressions of business genius and courage, remembering that what is going on in Sheffield is but a small part of the revolution (there is no other word for the underlying fact), I then consider a great church, of twelve hundred thousand members, framing resolutions about the great church, of twelve hundred thousand members, framing resolutions about the conversion of the heathen world and sending, at long intervals, a lone man or woman across the seas to join battle with the hoary idolatries of great heathen nations, and seemingly content with plans inadequate forty years ago, with our one secretary as aforetime, while every other business, corporation, or association of men for really doing something worth while, broadens its plans to meet growing demands, while we stick fast in the ruts of ancient days—when I see these things my heart sinks.

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It was the Master who said—not approving but reproving—"The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light."

Will it always be so?

OLD PREACHERS, ETC.

REV. C. C. ARMSTRONG.

I am much obliged to Judge Thomas or whoever wrote that article on "worn out workers" in the last week's Advocate. I always felt that there was something funny about that business, but I knew it would take a Orkscrew to get the fun out of it. Now I just thank the Judge for his corkscrew. Solemn fun is better than no fun. I saw all that business at Belton and cried some and felt good, but when I looked in the glass next morning and saw the crow tracks about my eyes and the gray beard on my jaw and began to hunt my specs to read my morning lesson, I felt a sort of superannuaty sensation, and I thought of the difference between \$1,200 and \$137.45. Somehow a man as he gets over the top of the hill will think about these fool things. It seemed to me that my limbs were getting just a little griff, but when I look and soul, to the Lord's work, and that the gap, and do what I can, though it is but little. Our church here. Suchow station, has a membership of some seventy members, and an excellent Sunday-school. Last year there was a good number gathered into the fold. I do not remember the number. Our minutes will soon be out, and I will send you a copy, so that you may see what the Lord has wrought among this people.

How we need men here in this vast field, and both of our presiding elders, Bros. Anderson and Ried, are constantly pressing this need upon the church. I, for one, do not believe that our lack of workers in the mission fields is caused by a want of consecration among our brethren at home. No, no, I believe that our preachers are fully given, body, mind and soul, to the Lord's work, and that the gap, and do what I can, though it is but little. Our church here. Suchows tation, has a membership of some seventy members, and an excellent Sunday-school. Last year there was a good number gathered into the fold. I do not remember the number. Our minutes will soon be out, and I will send you a copy, so that you may see what the Lord has wrought among this people.

How we need men here in this vast field, and both o the "roll of honor." These veterans on the "roll of honor" must be very happy for they are generally men of sense and feeling, and there is much for them to think about and much to feel for. I once attended a camp-meeting and witnessed the "taking up" of the collection for the "old preachers." After a jeremiad of an hour's length the preacher said: "Now, brethren, I am going to take a collection for the old worn-out preachers. The conference has imposed it on us. I know you are poor and I do think the assessment is mighty heavy, but these poor old men must be fed, I reckon, so if you will just give me ten cents or a quarter, I think it will be enough." He got \$2.35 from more than three hundred people. At the next conference claimants—assessed \$20; collected \$4.60," and the Board of Finance paid a poor old infirm man \$64. and a widow with two children \$76.45, upon which they were to live and grow fat for a whole year! Of course they were happy."

Were they not on the "roll of honor," and whole year! Of course they were happy. Were they not on the "roll of honor," and what more did they want?

system, but they are often to blame for their stinginess. The preachers are to blame not so much for the system as for vocate that is all right. not carrying out its provisions. First, in not making assessments, and, second, in not presenting the claims to the people.

Many prefer to take out insurance poli-

cies and create aid boards, endowment funds, and what not, when if they would assess for a superannuate an average sala-ry for a preacher, and make ministerial standing responsible for its collection, things would be different. If I knew that failure to collect the amounts assessed things would be different. If I knew that failure to collect the amounts assessed against my charge would consign me to the "roll of honor" without pay, I promise you it would come. But that would take all the fun out of it, and the old preacher would cease to be the butt of a joke, and his anxieties would disappear, and he might live like people and feel that he had not squandered his strength on a set of worthless ingrates. If a board will help the matter any let the General Conference make a board just like the one that counted Tilden out of the White House. One that can do its will, and let it hurry up to do its will, for I may have to superannuate some of these days, and I want things better before the time comes, for I would certainly cry some if a conference were to begin to say hallelujah over my old humped back and seedy coat. If nothing can be done, then let Caleb and Sterling come on with 899 and Sam with the "Problem of Human Life" and let us have a first-class funeral. Selah.

FOR DYSPEPSIA Use Brown's Iron Bitters.
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as trade-mark and crossed red lines. LETTER FROM CHINA.

To-day is the first day of the Chinese "New Year," and it is the one universal holiday for all China. It is, with few exceptions a day of rest for all these millions. The exceptions include the keepers of restaurants, confectioneries, hotels and a few drug stores, for the most of them are closed. Every Chinaman looks forward to this day and endeavors to arrange his affairs so as to be off duty. Several days ago the government officers and banks were closed. This time is given up to social and religious (idolatrous) pastime; and, I may add, gambling, for as I walked the streets to-day I saw numbers of the men engaged in throwing dice. The boys in America need not think that "John Chinaman" sends them all of the fire-crackers to "pop" and "pops" none himself; for I can assure them that for some days these quarters have been, both day and night, resounding with the familiar report of fire-crackers and menue of the himself; constants.

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This is the season of the year when all debts are settled, and woe bettled the many of does not satisfy his creditors. All business must be settled before the oldy year closes, and custom has well night made this a law. The man who cannot of will not pay his debts is annoyed by his creditors in many ways. I mention the properties of the pays of the America. I know of no two missionaries that have endeared themselves more, both to foreigners and natives, than have Bro. and Sister Parker. In both the pastorate and the school work they have proven themselves workmen that need not be ashamed. And what of Dr. Parker's work, now that he is gone? Well, my brother, I am trying by God's help, to stand in the gap, and do what I can, though it is but little. Our church here,

things. It seemed to me that my limbs were getting just a little stiff, but my back is still straight. Ah! may be something will be someth be that there are some whose hearts are inclined to mission work, and to foreign back is still straight. Ah! may be something will happen in the next few years before I come to the "roll of honor." I really believe I would rather Judge Fisher would sing 899, Caleb Spencer give my war history, and Sam Littlepage preach me a Wilford Hall funeral than to go on the "roll of honor." These veterans on the "roll of honor." These veterans on the "roll of honor" must be very happy, for they are generally men of sense and feeling, and there is much for them to think about and much to feel for. I once attended a camp-meeting and witnessed that that, but who are awaiting an especial call to some special field. Here whose whole had that, but who are awaiting an especial call to some special field. Here whose a mistake may be made, for while some men may be so called, and doubtless are, there are others whose call comes from God through the church. That brother whose whole heart was aroused when he read in the Missionary Reporter the church's earnest call for more men, let him stop and consider whether this is not God's voice. Oh!

Vere they not on the "roll of honor," and that more did they want?

No, the laity are not to blame for the in China—that is, the little things that

J. L. HENDRY.

a whole Pharmac peia within it-self." FRED-ERIC E. FINCE.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

MR. EDITOR: All that has been said about my taking charge of the transportation of Texas delegates and visitors to St. Louis in May, even adding your friendly nomination, does not elect me in such a way, as to warrant my contracting with railroads. Hence I adopt this plan: I will secure best rates and best accom-modations for all who will write me by the 20th inst., at latest, that they wish me to to do so. Let them inform me whether they prefer a sleeper at \$10 the berth, round trip, (it may be less), to chair or reclining chairs free.

SAM'L P. WRIGHT.

LORENA, TEXAS.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MATTERS.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the North Texas Conference will meet at Paris, Texas, in Centenary Church, on Monday, the 17th of March, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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Texas, and among these it is perhaps not necessary to add the Texas Christian Advocate is given the prominence to which its merits entitle it.

Mr. Bluepill—I am in favor of any move-ment that will shorten the hours of labor. I think no man should be compelled to work more than eighteen hours a day. Labor Agitator—You mean eight hours? Mr. Blue-pill—No, I mean eighteen. I am a drug clerk.

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

[This paper will only select from the books sent us for notice such as we think the interests of our readers demand. We will, however, publish promptly an acknowledgement of all books received.] The Rev. Dr. Deems contributed an article entitled, "Discoursing on the Humanities" to the number of Harper's Bazar of February 28th. The same number contained a story by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, and a poem by the Virginian poet, Charles Washington Coleman.

Scribner's Magazine for March. Leader "Footprints of Charles Lamb," by Benja-min Ellis Martin.

Harper's New Monthly Magazine for March. Leader: "The Army of the United States," by Gen. Wesley Merritt, U. S. A.

The Arena for March: "Reminiscencies," by Helena Modjeska, and "Rum and the Rum Power," by Rev. Howard Crosby, in this number. The Century Magazine for March. Leader: "The Autobiography of Joseph Jefferson."

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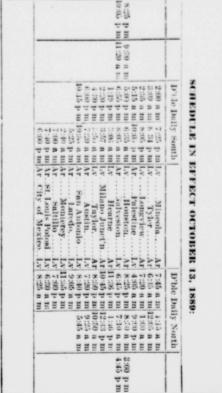
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The Democrats of the West Virginia House of Delegates put themselves on record recently by passing the Australian ballot-reform bill. It was afterward sent to the Senate, but the Republican majority in that body refused to take it up.

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	PARIS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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	Lamar Avenue sta
	Emberson cir
	Centenary staApril 6
	Rexton cir
2	Fattonville cir
~	Blossom sta
- 1	Malton rais
	Rosalie cir May 8
	Woodland cir May 10,
	Detroit cir May 24,
. 1	Annona cir May 31, June
e	Dalby Springs cirJune 7
1	Ingersoil mis June 14.
8	New Boston cirJune 15.
	Ciarksville misJune 21.
	Clarksville staJune 22.
. 1	District conference will convene In Paris, Lam
1	Avenue, Thursday, 9 a. m., June 26.
y	J. R. WAGES, P. E.
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TERRELL DISTRICT-SECO	OND ROUND.
Merritt cir. at Blue Ridge	March 2
Floyd cir, at Hendrix	March 22
Nevada cir, at Josephine	
McClendon cir. at Castleberry's	March 2
Poetry cir, at College Mound	March 2
Farmersville sta	Mare
Terrell sta	Marc
Kaufman sta	
Wills Point sta	April
Kemp cir, at Kemp	April 1
Forney cir. at Laurance	April 1
Mesquite cir, at	
Rockwall cir, at Royce	Mar
Garland sta	Man
Allen cir, at-	May I
Roberts' Mission, at-	May 2
W. L.	CLIFTON, P.
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П	W. M. OMPTON, I. D.
1	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
	Florence cir, at Pleasant Grove. March 8, 1 Bartlett cir, at Holland. March 15, 16
	North Belton cir, at Leona March 22, 2 Roger's cir, at Mount Vernon March 29, 3
	Belton sta, at Belton April 5, 6 Salado and Corn Hill, at Belle Plaine. April 12, 13
	South Belton cir, at—— April 19, 2 Temple sta, at Temple April 26, 2
	Marble Falis cir, at————————————————————————————————————
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	CUERO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
ı	Edna cir. at Ganado March 8.
	Boxville mis, at Moralis
1	Hallettsville cir. at Yoakum March 22. 2
	Williamsburg cir, at Finney chapel March 29, 3
	Waelder cir, at Moulton April 5,
	Clear Creek cir, at April 26, 2
	DeWitt cir. at — May 3. ROBT. J. DEETS, P. E.
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	GATESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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ROBT. J. DEETS, P. E.
GATESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
McGregor cir, at Station Creek2d Sun in March Clifton mis, at Coon Creek3d Sun in March
Meridian sta, at Meridian 4th Sun in March Killeen cir 5th Sun in March
Coperas Cove cir, at——
Bee House cir, at————————————————————————————————————
Hamilton cir, at
Shive cir, at Live Oak
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

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STRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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GAINESVILI	LE DIST	TRICT-S	ECOND R	DUND.	BROWNW
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ainesville cir.				April 5, 6	Santa Anna c
laryville cir			AT	ril 12, 13	Coleman sta.
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SHERMAN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.	TYLER DISTRICT.—SECON
Alstyne sta March 22, 23	
man sta March 29,30	Tyler, at Ebell
esboro sta	Edom. at Asbury chapel
nsville cir, at Collinsville April 12, 13	Athens, at Malakoff
son sta	Mineola, at Mineola
and Savoy, at Savoy	Larissa, at Earl's chapel
Point sta May 2 4	Larissa, at Earl's chapel. Tyler City mis, at Liberty Hill
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man cir, at Pecan	Јон:
ewright May 24, 25	-
boro and Preston, at Georgetown	MARSHALL DISTRICT-FIR
May 31, June 1	Hallville cir, at Summerfield
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e cirJune 7, 8	Henderson sta, at Henderson
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W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.	SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-
	Carthage cir. at Clayton
EFFERSON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.	Sexton cir, at Myrtle Springs
rson sta	Beckville cir, at Beckville
yville cir. at Harris chapel. 4th Sun in March	Hemphill mis, at Center View
burg sta 5th Sun in March	Shelbyville cir, at Shelbyville

	Queen City cir, at Forest House1st Sun in Apri Coffeeville cir, at Cox's school-house
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	Atlanta sta
	Daingerfield cir, at Bradfield's church
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	Linden cir, at 3d Sun in Ma
	Eylan cir. at Liberty
	Mount Pleasant cir, at——2d sun in June
	C. B. FLADGER, P. E.
	WACO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
	Thornton eir, at Big Hill
ı	Groesbeck cir, at Horn Hill March 10, 11 a. m Cotton Gin cir, at Point Enterprise March 15, 1
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- 1	Inormion cir, at big Hill
1	Groesbeck cir, at Horn Hill March 10, 11 a.
1	Cotton Gin eir, at Point Enterprise March 15,
	Kerens cir. at Kerens March 22,
	Wortham cir. at Richland March 24, 7:30 p. n
	Mexia sta March 16, Kerens cir, at Kerens March 22, Wortham cir, at Richland March 24, 7:30 p. n Bosqueyille cir, at Mt. Zion March 25,
	Waco, Morrow StreetApril 5.
	Waco, Fifth Street
	East Waco cir, at Brushy Tank April 19, 2 Mt. Calm cir April 21, 7:30 p. n
	Mt. Calm cir
	Bruceville cir, at Bruceville
	Oenaville cir. at Shiloh
	Lorena cir. at Stanford
	Lorena cir, at Stanford Sam't P. WRIGHT, P. E.
	PI DAGO DISTRICT SECOND POUND
	EL PASO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Silver City
	Silver City

	Silver Cityd Sun in March
	Penasco, at Prather's S. H 4th Sun in March
	Bonito, at Coes' S. H. at Nogal 5th Sun in March
	White Oak 1st Sun in April
	Roswell
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	Pecos
	Fort Davis 1st Sun in Max
	Fort Davis
	J. M. SIMPHEASON, I. B.
	CLEBURNE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
	Cleburne sta
	Nolan River cir3d Sun in March
	Granbury sta 4th Sun in March
	Manager sole
	Morgan mis
	Morgan mis
	stephenville cir. wednesday before 2d sun in April
1	Paluxy cir
	Acton cir 8d Sun in April

G	reen Creek cir. 4th Sun in Apri rmstrong cir Tuesday after 4th Sun in Apri W. L. NELMS, P. E.
	SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
11	evine cir, at Longview 2d Sun in Marc leasanton cir, at Fairview 3d Sun in Marc
D	otulla and Pearsall, at Pearsall 4th Sun in Marci valde
A	agle Pass and Brackett
M	in Antonio, Tenth Street. April 2 ontel mis. April 1
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Carizzo Springs B HARRIS, P. E.
WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
Lipan cir, at Mt. Pisgah
Barton's Creek, at Barton's Creek. March 18, 1 Breekenridge cir. at Wayland. March 22, 2
Eastland cir. at Pleasant Grove. March 25.; Whitt and Jacksboro sta, at Jacksboro, March 25.;
Vineyard City mis. at April 1. Boonville cir. at Boonville April 5.
Finis cir. at April 12. Graham sta April 19.
Crystial Falls mis. at— April 26, : Palo Pinto and Mineral Wells — May 3,
Garvin cir, at
B. M. CIEFRESS, F. D.

	B. M. STEPHENS, P. E.
SAN MARCOS DIS	TRICT-SECOND ROUND.
Harwood eir, at Harw Elm Grove mis, at Cla	ood2d Sun in March
	3d Sun in March
	sant Ridge.4th Sun in March art5th Sun in March
Kyle cir. at Pleasant	Frovelst Sun in April
Blanco sta, at Blanco	at Fitzhugh.2d Sun in April
Thursday, 10 a. !	m., after 2d Sunday n April
Blanco mis, at Aten's	W. H. H. Broos, P. E.

	FORT WORTH DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
	Grandview eir, at Green Brier 2d Sun in March
	Fort Worth cir. at Trinity 3d Sun in March
١	Mansfield cir. at Kennedale 4th Sun in March
ı	Ariington and Village Creek, at Handley
	5th Sun in March
	Marystown cir. at Fairview 1st sun in April
	Alvarado sta Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., 9th of April
	Itasea cir
ı	West cir
1	Whitney cir4th Sun in April
	Hillsboro sta. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., 30th of April
	Fort Worth, Mulkey Memorial 1st sun in May
i	J. FRED COX, P. E.

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en l	WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND
23	Lancaster and Ferris cir. at Ferris March
13	Rice and Chatfield cir. at Sessions March
13	Irene cir, at Midway
13	Bristol cir. at Palmer March 22
14	Red Oak cir. at Cedar HillMarch 29
5	Oak Cliff sta, at St. MarksApril
10	Reagor cir, at Reagor April 12
6	Avalon cir, at Byrd
3	Sims and Glenwood, at Glenwood April 26
20	Wesley and Rush May
27	Waxahachie May 10
4	Delegates to the district conference will
i	elected on this round. Let every member be pr
8	ent. Now is the time to work for your past
25	Let the stewards make a strong effort now.

-	E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.
	MONTAGUE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
9.6	Bowle sta March 15,7 p
0	Henrietia sta March 29, 7 p Wichita Falls sta April 5, 7 p
3 0 6 3	Montague and Belcher, at Montague, April 12, 7 p St. Jo cir, at Mount Zion
0	Burlington cir. at Illinois Bend April 26.
07418	Sunset and Crafton cir, at Crafton May: Chico cir, at Pleasant Grove May 10.
1	Alvord cir. at Lone Mound
8	Post Oak cir, at Antelope May 24. Archer City mis, at— May 31 June 3. Red River mis, at— June 3.
	Bowie cir, at June 14. W. S. May, P. E
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6	ABILENE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
68068074	Albany sta
8	Baird eir, at Putnam March 15. Haskell mis, at Haskell March 22.
ö	Anson cir, at Prairie View March 29.
7	Roby misApril
•	Sweetwater cir April 12. Abiline mis April 19.
	Abilene sta
	Stonewall mis
h	JNO. A. WALLACE, P. E.
Anna	VERNON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
1	Amarillo mis
1	Plainview mis
3	Clarendon mis Variab (2)

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VERNON	DIS	TRI	CT-	SEC	OND	ROUND.
Amarillo mis						March
Plainview mis.						March 15
Clarendon mis.						March 22
Chillicothe cir.						March 28
Frazier mis						April
Mangum mis						Amril 19
Seymour sta						April 19
Farmer cir						April 26
Seymour sta Farmer cir Throckmorton n	nis					May
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Rancho cir, at Bundick
Goliad sta
Beeville and Rockport cir, at Rockport
Kenedy cir, at San Domingo
Helena cir, at Runge
Lavernia cir, at Stockdale
Weslev cir, at Selma
Lagarto cir, at Skidmore
Corpus Christi sta

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OOD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. cfr, Pleasant Grove March 8, 9
Zion March 15, 16
sta, Brownwood March 19, 7:30 p m
cir, Thrifty March 22, 23
, Coleman March 27, 7:30 p m
tis, Content March 29, 30
n mis, Hayrick April 16, 6
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r, Bowmans
ndDeLeon sta, Comanche
ir, Gentry's Mill
ntain cir, Sand Hill ... May 14, 11 a m May 17, 18 ... May 21, 11 a m MELUGIN, P. E. ND ROUND.

RST ROUND. ......March 8, 9 .....March 15, 16 .....March 22, 23 P. SMITH, P. E.

yville......April 5, 6 J. W. Johnson, P. E. GALVESTON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Velasco March 8, 9
Matagorda March 15, 16
Richmond and Wharton March 22, 23
H. V. PHILPOTT, P. E. DALLAS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Lewisville cir... Smithfield cir... .....2d Sun in March
.....3d Sun in March
T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

CAMERON DISTRICT .- FIRST ROUND. Deanville cir, at Porter's Chapel
2nd Sun in March
Rockdale sta, at Rockdale .......3d Sun in March
FRED L. ALLEN, P. E. CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

March 8, 9
March 15, 16
March 22, 23
C. H. Brooks, P. E. CALVERT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Millican and Wellborn Bryan mis Roger's Prairie mis

BEAUMONT DISTRICT .- FIRST ROUND. Orange sta.
Sabine Pass mis, at Sabine Pass. March 15, 16
Liberty cir, at Liberty March 22, 2
Livingston cir, at Livingston March 29, 3
Moscow cir, at Hollywood April 5,
F. J. Browning, P. E.

PAMESTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Palestine cir at Elkhart. 2nd Sun in March Jacksonville mis, at Providence. 3d Sun in March Palestine sta, at Palestine 4th Sun in March U. B. PHILIPS, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. 

AUSTIN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Flatonia cir. at kidge Chapel . . . . . Wiemar, at Weimar LaGrange sta . E. S. SMITH, P. E. BONHAM DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

Maxey mis, at Maxey ....

Cotton Seed Linter.

A New Orleans telegram of Feb. says: Various attempts have been made to devise an apparatus that would effectually separate the lint from the cotton seed, but heretofore all efforts have failed, and the cotton seed, as it came from the gin, has gone to the oil mill, and after crushing the oil from it the hulls, lint and all, were generally used for fuel.

It has remained, however, for Mr. J.

Howard McCormick, a young man of this city, to attain success in the invention of a decorticator, which was exhibited at 114 Camp street yesterday, in the pres-ence of a number of cotton dealers, capi-talists and others, and which gave entire satisfaction in the work performed.

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The lint, after being decorticated from the seed, is passed directly through small holes in a grater and is met by suction from a fan, which carries it out of a

spout. The seed descends to the byttom of the grater and passes out of a spout in an op-posite direction from that through which the lint passes. Any surplus lint that might come down with the seed is caught by the suction of the fan and carried back into an air chamber and delivered out with the balance of the lint, leaving the seed to come out of another spout perfeetly clean and brown. The capacity of the delinter, or decorti-

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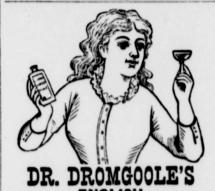
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D. B. Keiper, Dallas, in the News: As Texas is to have a day set apart for tree planting, I would like to make a few prac-tical suggestions. I have always made it a rule to plant fruit or nut trees when they will answer both purposes—shade and fruit. For a front yard for shade or ornamental purposes I would advise to plant the Kieffer pear. In foliage it re-sembles the magnolia, is a rapid grower of symmetrical proportions and hears of symmetrical proportions and bears fruit at four years of age. The fruit is a beautiful large yellow, often weighs one pound each, makes the best of preserves and eats well. The fruit ripens in September and the tree so far as known is blight proof and grows well in Texas. I believe I was the first to introduce it here. I got a tree from New Jersey in 1878. I got a tree from New Jersey in 1878. The tree is now two feet around, and about twenty-five feet high. Last year from the original and a younger tree I got about seven bushels of pears. In fact, it was the only fruit that we could handle

and said to be blight proof, but there have been some cases of its blighting, though not serious. The fruit is large and ripens butterry.

In planting nut trees always plant the best nuts you can get early in the fall and they will produce what you plant. It is best to plant the nuts where you want them to grow, so that the tap root is not destroyed in setting out. The pear trees mentioned above can be procured at any of the nurseries in the State. Don't let old age deter you from planting trees for fear you wont reap from them, but plant and run the risk. Plant now.



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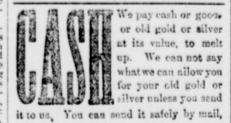






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#### Devotional.

THE TRUE SHEPHERD. FREDERICK W. FABER, D.D.

I was wandering and weary I was wandering and weary
When my Savior came unto me;
For the ways of sin grew dreary,
And the world had ceased to woo me.
And I thought I heard him say,
As he came along his way,
'O silly souls! come near me;
My sheep should never fear me.
I am the Shepherd true."

At first I would not hearken, At first I would not hearken,
And put off till the morrow;
But life began to darken,
And I was sick with sorrow.
And I thought I heard him say,
As he came along his way,
"O silly souls! come near me;
My sneep should never fear me.
I am the Shepherd true."

At last I stopped to listen, His voice could not deceive me. I saw his kind eyes glisten— So anxious to relieve me. And I thought I heard him say, As he came along his way,
"O silly souls! come near me;
My sheep should never fear me.
I am the Shepherd true."

He took me on his shoulder, And tenderly he kissed me; He bade my love be bolder, And said how he had missed me. And I'm sure I heard him say, As he went along his way, "O silly souls! come near me; My sheep should never fear me. I am the Shepherd true."

Strange gladness seemed to move him Whenever I did better;
And he coaxed me so to love him,
As if he was my debtor.
And I always heard him say,
As he went along his way,
"O silly souls! come near me;
My sheep should never fear me.
I am the Shepherd true."

I thought his love would weaken, As more and more he knew me; But it burneth like a beacon, And its light and heat go through me. And I ever hear him say. As he goes along his way,
"O silly souls! come near me;
My sheep should never fear me.
I am the Shepherd true."

Let us do, then, dearest brothers! What will best and longest please us; Follow not the ways of others, But trust ourselves to Jesus. We shall ever hear him say, As he goes along his way,
"O silly souls! come near me;
My sheep should never fear me.
I am the Shepherd true."

#### THE MESSAGE OF A POEM.

The May sunshine danced among the fresh leaves of the trees in Washington Park, and fell in flecks upon the velvety turf, the birds sang blithely overhead, but there was no responsive gleam in the eyes or on the face of the lady who sat listlessly on one of the rustic benches of the little park.

'How can I bear it? how can I bear ?" she said, wringing her hand in agony. Philadelphia is the city of churches, and the chimes of bells, some near at hand and some far distant, echoed and re-echoed their sweet invitations on that sunny

Sunday morning. But to all the gentle wooing she shook her head, saying:
"I cannot! oh, I cannot go into the church! How can I think of aught but my own burden?"

A genuine child of God was she; but her health had failed, and with it came great agony of mind. On that very afternoon she was to submit to a severe surgical operation, and the physician had sent her out for the fresh air, hoping it would re-vive her spirits. She had walked across the park, meaning to go to the great church on the other side, whose doors were so hospitably open. But her heart failed her. She could not go, and, instead, sat in solitude, thinking of her own troubles, until a strain of music caught her ear, and the words were wafted by the

#### "All this I bore for thee. What hast thou borne for me?"

"My Savior and my God!" she mur-'The cross thou bore for me. other message for me there."

Just as she entered, the minister arose and took his text, which was the Twentythird Psalm. As, verse by verse, he went through that matchless lyric of the ages, so dear to the hearts of all God's children, she felt as if every word were addressed to her personally, so piercing was the look that the minister seemed to fix upon her from under his heavy, overhanging brows. Her heart rebuked her for her faithfulness. Yea, though I walk through the valley

of the shadow," she said to herself "how can I fear aught of ill-for has ae not said, 'I will be with thee, and with my rod and my staff will comfort thee'?" Spell-bound sne listened. Almost in-

spired, it seemed to her, that sermon was. And when the speaker closed with one of the most exquisite poems she had ever heard in her life, she tired to repeat every word as it fell from his lips, to fix it in her memory. But when it was done, only the refrain could she succeed in recalling; but it sang in her heart all the

When the service was over, she turned to the gentleman next to her, and said:
"Can you tell me, sir, who it is that
preached to-day?"

No," was the answer; "I am sorry I cannot. He is a member of the General Assembly, and is, I think, from the South; but I did not catch his name." 'Oh, I must find out!" she said, with

In five minutes he returned with the Several days after, in his box in the extemporized postoffice at Horticultural Hall, where the General Assembly was in session, Dr. Y—— found a note. It was written in pencil, evidently by a weak, trembling hand, on the whity-brown paper of the Polycinic Hospital, and dated from Room 19.

"Dear sir," the note ran, "would it be possible for you to come here to see me for a little while? Since I listened to your sermon last Sunday morning I have been through a severe surgical operation, and am too weak to write; but I must tell you how much you have helped me to undergo it, for as I sank into the unconsciousness

of anæsthesia, "'I am sure I heard him say am sure I neard him say As my senses passed away: "O silly soul! come near me; My sheep should never fear me, I am the Shepherd true.";

I hope it is not asking too much, but it would be a very great pleasure to me to look into your face. If you can not come, will you let me know where I can find those beautiful verses? They will ever be associated in my mind with this fiery furnace through which I have been called to walk, and the help that through you has been given to enable me to bear it. I am not out of danger yet, and to-morrow I will be better here or-there; but either

way it is all right." The note had been delayed, and was two days old before it was received. Dr. Y-

was engaged for an important committee meeting. But, needless to say, such an appeal was not passed unheeded. He handed me the note with a request that I should go at once and see Miss Eames, and tell her he would come.

When I reached the hospital, however, I was told that the lady had been removed to a boarding-house, and was doing well. There were more delays before I could obtain the address; and when at length I found the place, it was only to learn that she had leit for her home in a distant city. With much difficulty I obtained that address also; and Dr. Y—— wrote, enclosing a copy of the poem, which was one written by that sweetest among singers, Frederick W. Faber.

ten by that sweetest among singers, Frederick W. Faber.

The letter reached its destination in safety, and now the lady writes me that the poem is pasted in her Bible with Dr. Y—'s name, a marginal reference to Psalm 23, and the date when she heard his sermon written underneath. It is one of her precious treasures, to be looked at in all times of sorrow and distress, and

in all times of sorrow and distress, and a never-failing spring of comfort.

"Never," said Dr. Y——, "have I repeated that poem in a sermon—and it is one of my favorites—but that at least one request, and frequently more, has come to me, from persons whom I had never met, for copies of 'The True Shepherd.'"—Leigh Younge, in Sunday School Times.

#### LIKENESS TO GOD COMES BY PRAYER.

olution of the world, rests righteous and inexorable law. We must all yield to its imperial sway. Even the atheist must build his walfs according to the dietates of the plumb-line, or they will inevitably crumble to ruin. But law is under love. The golden mercy-seat exactly covered and hid the tables of the law. An ark and hid the tables of the law. An ark without a covering, and from which tables of stony law looked out on one, would be terrible, indeed. But there need be no dread to those who know that God will commune with them from off a mercy-seat, which completely meets the case, and is sprinkled with blood. "God hath set forth Christ Jesus as a mercy-seat, through faith in his blood" (Rom. iii :24, 25). Jesus has met the demands of law by his golden life and his death of blood. The head of the case has been deed: "I am at the river."

Then, reaching up, laughing, and looking the said to meak ready to meet him in peace. While those around him sung and persyed he was able, through faith in Christ, to real-25). Jesus has met the demands of law by his golden life and his death of blood, and we may meet God's righteousness in him. Our own righteousness would be an side of the river. insufficient covering, too narrow or too short, but our Substitute has met every possible demand. "Who is he that con-

Jesus is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." I got a sweet thought lately connecting this voice with the three appearings in Heb. ix: yesterday, The peared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself;" to-day, He "appears in the presence of God for us;" to-morrow, for-presence o pearings in Heb. ix : yesterday, He "apever, He shall "appear without sin unto salvation," so that the cross is the measure of His love to-day and forever. Compare this again with Psa. xxii, xxiii, xxiv. The xxii Psalm is yesterday—the cross; the xxiii is to-day—our present rest and blessing with our good Shepherd; Psa. xxiv is the glory that will follow .- C. S.

O SAVIOR, thou hadst reason to be an gry with this kiss; the scourges, the thorns, the nails, the spear of thy murderers were not so painful, so piercing, as this touch of Judas—all these were in this one alone. The stabs of an enemy can not be so grievous as the skin-deep wounds of a disciple.-Bishop Hall.

Hy that is habituated to deceptions and artificialities in trifles will try in vain to be true in matters of importance; for truth is a thing of habit rather than of will. You cannot n any given case by

tears in her eyes. ,
"If you will wait a few moments,
madam," he said kindly, "I will ascertain for you."

Where Christ brings his cross he brings
his presence; and where he is none are
desolate, and there is no room for despair.

As he knows his own, so he knows how to As he knows his own, so he knows how to name written on a slip of paper, and gave it to her. Thanking him heartily, she turned and slowly left the church.

As he knows his own, so he knows how to comfort them, using sometimes the very grief itself, and straining it to a sweetness of peace unattainable by those ignorant

#### Marriages.

HUPFMAN—REDIFER—At the residence of the bride's mother, Feb. 24, 1890, by Rev. W. F. Clark, Mr. Wm. O. Huffman and Miss Sallie Redifer; all Dallas city, Texas.

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SMITH—CARROLL—At Mr. Fuller's residence, the home of the bride, Feb. 20, 1890, by Rev. S. N. Allen, Mr. S. A. Smith and Miss Ida Carroll.

CARROLL—WEST—At the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 20, 1870, by Rev. S. N. Allen, Mr. Jesse Carroll and Miss Ross West.

STEWART-MCWHIRTER-At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. C. McWhirter, at Lampasas, Texas, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1890, at 8 p m., by Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, Mr. C. C. Stewart and Miss Lula McWhirter.

VICKERS-WALKER-At the residence of Mrs. A. C. Walker, Feb. 20, 1890, by Rev. Geo. S. Wyatt, Mr. J. H. Vickers and Mrs. A. C. Walker, all of Limestone county, Texas.

HUGHEY-LEPPS-On Feb. 20, 1890, near Hemp stead, Texas, by Rev. J. M. Wesson, Mr. J. E. Hughey, of Grimes county, and Mrs. Augusta M. Lepps, of Waller county.

QUAID-MOORE-At the residence of the bride, Feb. 19, 1890, by Rev. E. R. Large, Mr. J. S. Quaid and Mrs. L. V. Moore; all of Rusk county, Texas. RIDGWAY—PARK—At the residence of the bride's father, in DeWitt county, Texas, Feb. 19, 1896, by Rev. A. G. Nolen, Mr. John P. Ridgway and Miss Edena Park; all of DeWitt county, Texas.

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wise providence has seen it to gather in another jewel to join the heavenly throng.

"Tis hard to part with her, but who knoweth but her absence will prove a greater blessing to her loved ones than her presence, by placing their affections on heavenly things and not upon this world which is all fading and fleeting.

Mrs. Bettie Rogers.

Prayer sets the soul particularly near to God in Jesus Christ. It is then in his presence, and being much with God in this way, it is powerfully assimilated to him by converse with him; as we readily contract their habits with whom we have much intercourse, especially if they be such as we singularly love and respect. Thus the soul is molded further to the likeness of God, is stamped with a clearer character of him by being much with him, becomes more like God, more holy and spiritual, and, like Moses, brings back a bright shining from the Mount.—Archbishop Leighton.

Remember this—let us all remember it: No crowned queen, no general leading great armies, could do more than be faithful, and every little child even can do faithful, and every little child even can do so much as that. You are not asked to fight any enemies except those that are the Lord bless the grief-stricken family.

Herop.—Georgia Herod, nee Roach, was born in Mississippi October 2, 1870; died in Limestone county, Texas, October 25, 1889. She professed religion on her death-bed. Two days before she died she found the pearl of great price, though she had belonged to the M. E. Church the last four years. Oh, thank God, for dying grace. She exhorted her husband. Brown's, nine miles southwest of Cisco.

demneth? It is Christ that died." Grace moved to the State of Mississippi in 1845; Shall I not bear this for thee? I will go reigns through righteousness unto eternal into the church; perhaps I shall find an life.—The Rev. F. B. Myer. professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1854, in which he lived and enjoyed religion until January 5, 1890, when God took him from his home on earth, near Files Valley, Hill earth. He dearly loved camp and protracted meetings, and was always near where the work was to be done. He was ever ready to defend his Master's cause. Bro. Winn was confined to his bed a long time, but with Christian patience bore his sufferings, conscious until the last, and fully realizing that he was grandly triumphing over the last enemy. Bro. Winn leaves a wife and several children. May their end

be as peaceful as was his.

J. W. SANSOM. ITASCA TRXAS.

NORTON.-The subject of this notice, Texas in Angust, 1865, and settled in Cal-lahan county, where she died November 3, 1889. The writer had been her paster will. You cannot n any given case by any sudden and single effort will to be true, if the habit of your life has been insincere.—F. W. Robertson.

In other days, and can testify that she was a faithful, cross-bearing Christian. For more than twenty years on the frontier of Texas she aided the struggling church to maintain its existence. She was the friend of the preacher, and at her home many a way-worn itinerant has found a home. Her last illness was long and severe, but she bore it all with a patience that was truly heroic, and when the messenger, death, came she met him without fear, and died shouting victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus passed away one of God's elect women. May he comfort them while they live and at last bring them to the home where the wife and mother has gone.
D. C. STARK.

> Rogers.-Many hearts will beat with a strange, sad joy as they read the following lines: "Our dear Bro. Will T. Rogers is lines: "Our dear Bro. Will T. Rogers is dead." He was born December 12, 1834; moved to Waxahachie, Texas, in an early day with his father, Major E. W. Rogers; was united in marriage to Miss Sallie A. Malone August 3, 1856, to whom were born a numerous and interesting family of boys and girls, most of whom remain of boys and girls, most of whom remain to mourn their loss; was married a second time to Mrs. Ann Billups August 29, 1886, with whom he lived happily until he died, December 30, 1889, at his home near Reagor Chapel, in Ellis county, Texas. He was buried by the side of loved ones in the cemetery at Waxahachie. He left behind a faithful Christian wife, a num-ber of children, and many relatives and ber of children, and many relatives and friends to weep over his departure, but to rejoice over his destiny; for he was a good man and true in all of life's relations. It was my pleasure to know him for some thirty years, and to be his pastor in 1884 and 1885. In all these years a sense of his worth grew on me. May God bless the bereaved ones and bring all to a happy meeting again.
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> J. FRED Cox. meeting again.

PLASTER.-W. H. Plaster was born in PLASTER.—W. H. Plaster was born in Franklin county, Pa., in 1833; was married to Miss Sarah Rhodes in 1853. He moved to Texas in 1877; died at his home in Milano, Milam county, Texas, Feb. 13, 1890. Bro. Plaster was a member of the United Brethren in Christ, but joined the M. E. Church, South, when he came to Texas, and was a faithful member when he died. He had covenanted with his pastor to stand by him, and work in any capacity that he thought best. But the Lord has called him to rest from his labors.

E. G. Hocutt.

E. G. HOCUTT.

MILANO, TEXAS. Lewis.—James Ransom Lewis was born in Bradly county, Ark.. February 29, 1869; moved with his parents the same year to Panola county, Texas; professed religion and joined the M. E. church. South, in the year 1883; died January 7, 1890. Bro. Ransom leaves and aged and enfeebled mother and several sisters to mourn the death of a last son and brother, but he gave them assurance that the change he was about making was far better for him than to remain with them. May his death be sanctified of the Lord to the ultimate and eternal good of the bereaved.

L. C. ELLIS, P. C.

BATES.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bates, the subject of this sketch, was born in South 1818; married John M. Bates in 1824; moved to Texas in 1867, and died December 16, 1889, at her home in Upshur county. Such a life would seem to require more than a mere notice. For over sixty years a member of the Methodist Church, she reased a large family who are all religious.

NAUGLE.—Lilla Hellen, infant daughter of W. C. and M. R. Naugle, was born May 14, 1889, died February 3, 1890. The Lord, who doeth all things well, in his wise providence has seen fit to gather in another jewel to join the heavenly throng. ferred from the church militant to the church triumphant. O that the Lord would bless her memory and make her life to shine among the children of men. P. R. EAGLEBARGER.

REYNOLDS.—Mrs. Lucy M. Reynolds was born Feb. 13, 1815, in Fairfield, S. C., and died near Seguin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1890; married to M. H. Reynolds, Jan. 1, 1839; moved to Troup county, Ga., and thence to Mississippi and Texas; became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church when she was eighteen years of age, and lived and died a devout member of that church. She leaves an aged husband, eight living children and fiftysix grand and great-grandchildren. She and her husband lived together fifty-one years. Her death was sudden—up at 12 years. Her death was sudden—up at 12 o'clock and dead at 2 o'clock. Her health had been declining for years. This venerable grandmother was followed to the crable grandmother was followed to the crable grandmother weeping of her weeping to the control of the co children and grandchildren. Precious memories and great grief filled the hearts of dear ones as we laid away her body, in

faithful, and every little child er out asked to so much as that. You are not asked to fight any enemies except those that are right before you. If you resist and conquer them, then some other battles may be given you to wage by and by; but if you do not fight the good fight as it is, then you ought not to be given any battle of more importance. Christ wants the children to come into his kingdom, and he gives the children a part in the warfare. Be brave; do the right thing; obey him; resist temptation; don't give each of the given and, above all, trust in Christ, love him, be loyal to him, and follow where he leads. So not only in the good fight of faith, and to prove of sat yourself a true soldier of the cross.—The Rev. P. T. Farwell.

The law can never go. It is holy, just, and good. Not one jot or tittle can pass away from it. It is at the heart of all things. away from it. It is at the heart of all things. away from it. It is at the heart of all things. away from it. It is at the heart of all things.

Georgia Herod, nee Roach, and the heavenly treasures. May the grace of the core and new fight the good fight as it is, the learn of the great residence of the cross.—The Rev. P. T. Farwell.

Gray, died at Alum Creek Feb. 2, 1890. She joined the Presbyterian Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Presbyterian Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Presbyterian Church in 1877; joined the Presbyterian Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Presbyterian Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Presbyterian Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 1877; joined the Methodist Church in 18

at different ones, breathed her last. May God help us all to meet her on the other side of the river.

Her Mamma. was able, through faith in Christ, to realize his acceptance with God. Then he gave vent to his feelings in language like Winn.—Alexander Finley Winn was orn in South Carolina August 12, 1818; this. "Bless the Lord Jesus, who payed it all! Meet me in Heaven!" while he would ask those around him if they were coming, seeming to dwell on the beautiful expression, "There's room enough for ill." O. how heart-moving it was to hear him speak of his mother, though she had been in heaven sixteen years. He seemed as susceptible to the endearing name as if he were a little child and she here on

WHITE .- Green H. White, of Rockwall county, Texas, died peacefully in the bosom of his family at his late residence, near Fate, Feb. 5, 1890, aged fifty-nine years and eight days, leaving a heart-broken companion and six children, who mourn with bitter tears the loss of a kind and indulgent husband and father. Bro. White was born in Lebanon, Wilson county, Tennessee, January 28, 1831; professed faith in Christ at old Union Camp Ground September 1846, when fifteen years of age; was married to Miss Fannie A. Peyton January 24, 1855, after a successful trip to California of eighteen months, and settled down on a farm near the place of his birth, where he remained until the fall of 1870, when he came with sister Mary A. Norton, was born in Georgia his family to Texas, where, after three on the 13th of April, 1837; embraced reveals, he settled the place now owned ligion at an early age and joined the M. and occupied by his surviving wife and E. Church, South. She was married to children. As to his Christian life it was E. M. Norton October 11, 1857; moved to unspotted. He helped to build the first church house ever built at Mt. Zion, where he held his membership, serving his church officially in various capacities

and always acceptably.
BEN. H. BOUNDS, P. C. NEVADA, TEXAS.

McJimsey.-Mrs. Donnie McJimsey was born May 25, 1858; died January 31, 1890. The subject of this obituary was one of the pure, good women of our church on this charge. It was my privilege to visit her during her last illness. She talked calmly of death—said she had no fears. Throughout her sickness she suffered patiently, and I never knew anyone more entirely resigned to the will of God. was asked if her way was clear? Lifting her hands and eyes heavenward, said: "There is not a cloud between me and my God." She was c ascious to the last moment of her mortal existence, and asked loved ones not to weep for her. Bidding all "good-by," she fell asleep in Jesus. "Blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep." She is now free from sorrow and pain. On the other side of death's dark river, in the realms of li and peace, she is watching and waiting for those she loved in this life. Praise God for the hope of reunion in a deathless clime. She leaves a hushand, three children, other relatives and many friends who mourn her death. May God sustain J. A. SMITH. and comfort all.

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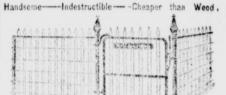
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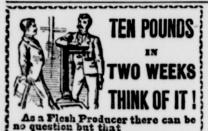
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Casualties of the Week.

J. G. Engli died last week in a boarding house in Dallas, kept by one J. Brunk.
Brunk and others say he died from injuries received by falling out of bed. Physicians testify that the injuries from which he died could not have been so received. The conclusion is palpable that the man was murdered, but it looks as if the mystery will not be solved. On a previous occasion a man was found dead in a house kept by Brunk.

Geo. W. Blasdell, a hotel runner aged seventy-two, committed suicide in Dallas. Dr. F. J. Bailey, a veterenary surgeon, was fatally shot at Pearsall, Texas, by Earl Reagan.

Hugo Solomon, a sixteen-year old boy, was found dead in his bed at Brenham. Annona, was accidentally killed February will be much larger. The cotton receipts for the season make a fine showing for hands of I. S. Owens.

An old negro named Sharpe was killed at Farmersville by the accidental dis-charge of a gun in the hands of Jeff Hines, a saloon-keeper.

street, owned by Sweeney & Coombs.
Leverson, Jones & Co., clothiers; Frank
Dunn, pawnbroker; and W. J. Hancock,
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Texas Incidents.

The total sales of Texas school lands in February amounted to 80,800 acres. Waco has organized her water festival by the election of Jas. B. Andrews presi-dent, and J. F. Brinkerhoff secretary.

Gainesville is helping Henrietta to raise the bonus for the extension of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas from Seymour. Decatur is putting in electric lights.

At a meeting of the directors at the Commercial Union club at Weatherford. President R. H. Foat submitted the proposition of A. T. Schmid to establish cotton seed oil mill here. It is proposed to put in a plant to cost about \$40,000, of which the farmers will be asked to take

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\$18,000 of the stock, to be paid for in seed at a fixed price. The object is to interest the farmers so as to be assured of seed. A committee was appointed to confer with the leaders of the Parker County Alliance and secure united action upon the part of the farmers. he part of the farmers.

Marshall has raised \$8,500 of the necessary \$10,000 for a canning factory, and the balance will be forthcoming. A box factory also is in prospect. East Texas is humping itself to keep pace with West

The commissioners' court of McLennan county has purchased a full outfit of teams and roadworking machines and employed a competent overseer.

John F. Anderson, a leading colored politician of Tyler, Texas, addressed the colored citizens of Mineolia, February 27, on the subject of the emigration of the colored race of the United States to Africa. He advised his hearers to go to Africa if the national government will furnish them transportation. He painted a glowing picture of the country and the future of the negro race when removed to that land of "peace and plenty." About one hundred and fifty colored men were present and a large majority of them were in full sympathy with the speaker and said they will be ready and willing to go if the government will furnish transportation.

From the comptroller's report the fol-

From the comptroller's report the following counties have the highest average tax value per acre on lands of any in Texas, viz: Rockwall, \$12.41; Dallas, \$12; Ellis, \$11.10; Grayson, \$9.22; McLennan, \$9.07; Collin, \$8.66; Lamar, \$8.47; Hunt, \$8.32. Red River county's average tax value per acre is only \$3.32 and Hopkins, \$4.09.

The following taxes have been levied by the following taxes fixee been levied by the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green county: District school, 20 cents ad valorem, 25 cents; courthouse and jail, 25 cents; road and bridge, 15 cents, and State, 32½ cents. Two cars of cattle were shipped from here to St. Louis last night to Hammons Bros. of Sonors. Tenn to Hammons Bros., of Sonora, Tenn.

The Austin artesian well at a depth of 1450 feet reach a flow of water of 3000 gallons; but they are going deeper, in hopes of better results.

A ten-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs.

Bob Anglin, residing some three miles east of Gainesville, while sitting on the during the month of February will amount the arth fell backward into the fireplace. The mother was in another room, and, hearing the child's screams, ran to the rescue. Before reaching the child the back of its head had been burned to a crisp. The little one was alive at last recounts.

Henrietta makes railroad connections through Mineral Wells with Waco and taps the Missouri, Kansas and Texas at

through Mineral Wells with Waco and taps the Missouri, Kansas and Texas at Seymour.

A Palestine, Texas, dispatch says: Messrs. S. H. Spangler and L. Lowenthal, of this city, have perfected an invention for extracting essences from wood. They obtained a patent for their invention. December 24 last, and since then have been continually testing its merits. A number of citizens were witnesses of a practical test of the efficiency of the invention. The machinery used for the purpose was an iron cylinder eight inches in diameter and three feet long. In this was put forty pounds of rich pine wood, and the cylinder, after being closed air tight, was covered with a sheet iron furnace. The cylinder or retort was then connected by a pipe to an ordinary worm Died.—David Chambers, Thos. Chambers, and Mrs. David Chambers, members of the same family, died near Palestine within three weeks. F. H. Ogilvie died at Melissa. Mrs. Kate B. Miller, at Weatherford. Mr. Jep Kennedy, at Montague. Mrs. L. A. Knight, at Gainesville. Mrs. Roger T. Boyle, at Bryan. Mrs. Martha J. Cranfill, at Gatesville. Capt. J. E. Richardson, at Killeen. Ed. Pendleton, at Thurber. Thos. L. Williams, at Mayfield. J. W. Hubbard, at Daingerfield. Dr. Robt. Middleton, at Alexander. The infant of Tony Hudzeitz, at Cleburne. Capt. Jas. Hill, near Honey Grove. J. L. Angel, at Van Alstyne. Emma Glover, at Orphan Home. J. C. Weaver, at Celeste. Jas. A. Davis, at Taylor. Riley Loop, at Chatfield. J. P. Hopkins, at Pittsburg. Miss Sallie Mutt, at Granbury. F. M. Lee, at Honey Grove. Martin Payne, at St. Jo. Master John M. Vinson, at Jefferson.

In diameter and three feet long. In this was put forty pounds of rich pine wood, and the cylinder, after being closed air tight, was covered wich a sheet iron furnace. The cylinder or retort was then connected by a pipe to an ordinary worm of menced streaming out from the "worm," and continued until thirteen quarts had been obtained. The liquid thus obtained is composed of tar, turpentine, tar oil and creosote, the first named two largely predominating. The residue left in the retort is charcoal of the purest carbon and of great commercial value. The experiment was pronounced a great success by all who witnessed it. They intend to experiment with other woods beside pine, among them sweet grun will be put to the test, and from its output chewing gum will be manufactured for the million. Mr. G. M. Dilley will have samples of their work analyzed at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan, as soon it can be cal College at Bryan, as soon it can be done so that the true number of ingredients derived from the process may be

The following statement is taken from the I. and G. N. Railway receivers' annual report, showing gross earnings from Feb. 21, 1889, to Feb. 20, 1890:

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The cotton receipts to date at Weather-ford have reached the grand total of 25,-I. R. Collins, an estimable citizen of 004 bales. The acreage for next season

The Democratic Executive Committee meets at Lampasas Tuesday, the first day of April next, for the purpose of fixing the time and place of holding the next A fire in Houston, burned a three-story brick store, corner Congress and Main street, owned by Sweeney & Coombs. By request of N. W. Finley, Chair-Every committeeman is urged to be ent. man State Democratic Executive Committee.

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Miscellaneous News Items

Drs. J. S. Blackburn and W. E. Grant, at Louisville, Ky., are arrested for grave robbing. They are professors in a school of medicine. A negro assistant was killed.

Secretary Windom has directed a lease to be made with the North American Commercial Company, of New York and San Francisco, J. Lieber, president, for the exclusive privilege of taking fur seals upon the islands of St. Paul and St. George, Alaska, for a period of twenty years from May 1.

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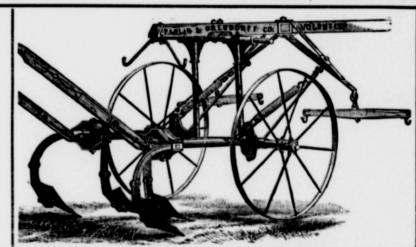
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