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## HOME CONFERENCES.

Wanted for this department all the church news, sent facts—no comments, nor sermons, nor lectures, nor exhortations; but send every item of news concerning the church in your charge.

### Belton.

C. R. Wright: Our church cost \$15,000, instead of \$10,000. This, no doubt, was my mistake, but it is a big one, nevertheless.

### Gilmer.

W. J. Bindworth, Feb. 4: I send this week #40 the assessment on this circuit for domestic missions. This shows that Bro. Fladger, our presiding elder, has been with us. Our first quarterly conference over, nearly one-fourth of quarter-ages and claims of circuit raised. Spiritual condition good, but we need more subscribers for the ADVOCATE.

### Salado.

W. W. Henderson: Our Bishop (presiding elder) was promptly on hand and held the first quarterly meeting in a very business-like and satisfactory way. He preaches us for good news and the hearts of men. Our stewards made a liberal assessment for the support of the preacher in charge. Sickness, mud and water greatly interfered with the attendance on the quarterly meeting. Our Ladies' Aid Society is doing a good work in the carrying of our beautiful church. God bless them and all the work.

### Collinsville.

W. H. Brown, Feb. 3: Our first quarterly meeting was held at this place last Saturday and Sunday. Our presiding elder was present and held the conference and preached four of his great big sermons, administered the sacrament and held a love-feast. All the work was done in the Spirit of Christ, indeed the people were made to feel that they were in the presence of a man of God. I do not know how a man could make a failure at this place with W. D. Mountcastle as presiding elder and O. F. Jones as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and all these good women and men to pray for him and the good Lord to supply his grace. The stewards fixed the preacher's salary at \$300. May the richest blessing from the Lord attend the labors of all his servants this year.

### Calvert.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Feb. 5: Am able to report some progress in material interests. Item number one: My stewards have raised among themselves \$225 toward our bonus of \$250 for the location of the district parsonage. Item number two: My people have put in two nice, new cypress cisterns for the comfort of the preacher and his family. Item number three: We have just let the contract for new pews to be put in our church, at a cost of nearly \$500. I am preaching to large congregations, and serve a kind, generous, liberal people. We need a revival—one that will be thorough, that will reach those who are but nominal Christians and make them consistent and devout. Some have joined me in prayer for such a work and I believe it will come.

### Woodville.

J. M. Porter, Feb. 3: We reached here the week after conference, and have been busy ever since, meeting appointments, visiting the people, and laying plans for future operations. Am now pushing the battle, and hope to bring up a good report at conference. The people received us very kindly, gave us the "usual pounding," and we feel much at home among them. We have much to be grateful for: a good circuit, comfortable parsonage, healthy location, faithful stewards and a good, efficient presiding elder. May the Lord keep and bless these desirable things. Bro. Browning is getting along well. Sister Browning is just recovering from a two weeks' spell of a gripe and will be ready for missionary work in a few days.

### Ekhart.

T. W. Boynton, Feb. 2: We feel like we are serving a kind-hearted people, so much so that we feel home with them. I have made two rounds on this work and have received into the church eleven by profession and one by letter, with more to follow. I have had a gripe since I came to my work, but am well now. My wife has been sick for a week to-day with the measles; she has suffered a great deal during this time, but she is some better this morning. The good people of Ekhart have been very kind to us, and the good sisters especially, are very kind and attentive to my wife while she is sick, and they see to it that we want for nothing. Words cannot express our gratitude to them. I am expecting great revivals on this work this year.

### Mt. Carmel.

Superintendent, Feb. 2: Our preacher, Bro. Lemons, is the right man in the right place, both as pastor, preacher and worker. God bless him in his mission of love. He has organized a Sabbath-school at this place and will see to it day with his counsel and admonition; provision for us at 11 o'clock and baptized one little girl. Although the roads were very muddy, yet the people came to Sunday-school and to hear the Word of the Lord. This Sunday-school is just one month old, and we have one a mile from this called Old Mt. Carmel Sunday-school, with a prayer-meeting attached, which has run for seven years and is still in operation. We have in these two schools many young people that must be won for Christ, and I do hope that every Christian that reads this sketch will pray that that every one of these may be converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. God bless the ADVOCATE.

### Seguin and Mill Creek.

J. D. Scott, Feb. 4: A few days after the last session of the West Texas Conference we found ourselves comfortably housed in the parsonage at Seguin. We soon became adjusted to our new surroundings, and have been, in our way, prosecuting the work of an itinerant preacher. The good people here gave us a very hearty welcome, and have shown this in a substantial way by making such improvements to the parsonage as add to our comfort, building a new barn, raising the malar, etc. We are having much sickness and some of it is "unto death." Already four members have gone from the militant to the triumphant church. "Oh, Lord, review thy work" is our prayer and text for the year, and all our plans and efforts take this shape. Last Saturday, January 31, was the appointed time for our first quarterly conference. Because of a sick family, as well as a strict

quarantine, our presiding elder, the Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, did not come. The financial report, though not in full, was good, and the Lord was with us in the religious services to the comfort and encouragement of his children. A large percent of our connectional collections have been secured.

### Hillister.

Wm. H. Dean: Hillister is on the extreme north end of my circuit, and is noted for being one of the most godless towns north of here between DeWitt and Colmesneer. Out of a population of about 250 only thirteen ladies and one gentleman belong to our church. A few others belong to other churches. I have presented the dark side of the picture. Now let me present the bright side. God enabled me to preach here the last two nights on the wickedness of sin and the terrors of hell, and, as a result, about seventy men and women gave me their hands, while tears freely flowed from their eyes, and promised to live better lives and seek the salvation of their souls. Dead consciences were made alive and many saw the hideousness of sin and went better. Four backsliders were reclaimed. Hallelujah! God is visiting Sunnyside, and the idols of sin are falling. Sinners are seeking pardon and believers are seeking entire sanctification.

### Newlin.

T. Phillips, Feb. 1: We have organized a Methodist Church six miles south of Newlin. Bro. J. D. Terry is our preacher for this year. He preaches the first Sunday in each month. Our church is not finished. It is called Stone Chapel. Our membership consists of eleven at present. We have a good community for the West, especially the Panhandle. Bro. Grubbs is our class-leader, Bro. Bell our steward, Bro. Stone our Sunday-school superintendent. We will have a good Sunday-school in the spring and summer and fall. At present the Methodist Church is the strongest here. We expect a good outgrowth of our church in the near future. Our Baptist brethren organized with nine members. We hope they will work with us, not as a separate denomination, but as brothers in Christ, for we think much good can be done by doing so. Our community is settling very fast. In a short while our country will be as strong populated as our eastern counties. Brethren, we desire an interest in your prayers, hoping you will remember us. As our lot is cast the distance West, it seems as good faith, hoping we may grow in grace and be obedient to our Father's will.

### Eagle Pass.

F. H. C. Elliott, Feb. 4: The dread scourge, small-pox, has been raging across the river for months past, and it resulted in the death of about 900 of its people. Our own city has had about twenty-five cases and eight deaths. Business has been injured to a very large extent by the disease. However, our quarantine has now been raised, and it is expected that Conhulla will in a few days raise the quarantine against Eagle Pass, for which there never has been any good reason. The church has also felt the effects of the disease, though God has kept it from within her ranks. Sunday-school attendance and attendance upon preaching being less on account of it. We have received since conference here two by ritual, one by letter, and two by ritual and two by letter at Brackett. Effort is also being made, with prospect of success, to the erecting a neat chapel in Brackett. Our church enterprise at this place has not been dropped, but it is now as business affairs are in a more satisfactory shape, expect to push it with more zeal than ever. Our hearts were made sad at the reception of the news of Bro. Thornberry and Sister Kennedy's death, but thank God both were ripe for the kingdom.

### Hamilton Circuit.

W. E. Caperton, Feb. 4: I have made two rounds on my work since conference. This is the beginning of my third year on this circuit. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. I have been most kindly received by the most loyal people. In many ways they show their appreciation of their pastor. They gave us a real "pounding" after a business fashion—a delivery was sent to the parsonage loaded with good things. By inquiry we learned that Bro. Tommie Steen was the author of this move, to whom, with others who gave of their liberality, we extend our hearty thanks. Our congregations are usually large and attentive; class-meetings are being graciously revived; the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being duly administered at each of my four appointments, attended with unction from the Holy One; church conferences are being held as the Discipline directs; we have a Juvenile Missionary Society, which is one of the most hopeful features of our work. If we can get the missionary sentiment inculcated in the hearts of the young the future of the church is secured. Mrs. C. is using her diligence to circulate the Woman's Missionary Advocate among our sisters. THE TEXAS ADVOCATE is our junior preacher. God bless his weekly visits.

### Shive Circuit.

J. W. Hall, Jan. 30: My work is large; covers a good deal of territory; two appointments in Coryell county and seven in Hamilton county. It is located up and down the Cow-house Creek for thirty-five miles. Through the providence of God I have been able to meet all of my appointments, except one. I preach twice every Sunday and one Sabbath three times. After next Sunday I will have made two rounds on the circuit; congregations good and attentive. Our first quarterly conference was to come off the second Saturday and Sunday in January, but, owing to the amount of snow on the ground, the brethren failed to come. Bro. Bailey, our beloved and esteemed presiding elder, gave us another day, at which time we are expecting and praying for a Penticostal shower. Through the kindness of Bro. Bailey and Prof. Stallings, of Evans, a house was rented and waiting my arrival, where the good stewards had deposited corn, flour, meat, lard, eggs and butter, for all of which we are very thankful, from the fact my house was visited again this week by another one of the stewards with some corn, pork, flour, sausage, and still I am loitering for some oats, meat and lard. Besides all this, I have received money enough to meet my present demands. This is not all. One of the brethren has furnished us with two good milk cows; another brother promised to bring me a load of cotton seed, and another one still says he will let me have a shoat, and

one good ester promises us some hens. So you see that I am good for milk, butter, pork and eggs for my six children to eat. We have a Marvin in our family, and are thinking of naming our baby boy Linus Parker. I am serving a kind and generous-hearted people. We have as yet no Methodists here, but ever saw anywhere. Quite a number of my members are taking the ADVOCATE. I don't expect to let my people have any rest until the ADVOCATE is taken by every Methodist family in my charge. While my people are administering to temporal wants, God grant that I may be able to rightly divide the Word of Truth and give each one his portion in due season. Thank Bro. Melugin and Bro. Nelson for helping in the conference. Pray that I may win souls for Christ.

### Springtown.

J. H. Trimable, Feb. 6: Our town is being depopulated; such excitement I have never witnessed. We are having meningitis, or spotted fever; several deaths; buried one this morning; some more not reported. I have talked so much to see the sick and bury the dead until I am completely broken down. I am going to stay. Every family that can has left, or will leave, except a few brave hearts. Our school of 600 students has been suspended.

### Lee.

Mrs. Belle Garrison, Feb. 6: Bro. Terry has been with us and organized a class, twenty-three members enrolled on the register and several more in the neighborhood that would have joined had the weather been better. Bro. Terry seems to be the right man in the right place. He works with a will. Appointed class-meeting for the third Sabbath in each month, prayer-meeting every Sabbath evening and a regular monthly appointment for the fourth Sabbath in every month. We have been in the Panhandle nearly three years, and in the time have heard very few sermons; no religious influences thrown around us, and as a natural consequence there are very few of us as devoted as we should be. Bro. Terry said he hoped great good would be accomplished by his people.

### Waltton.

J. W. Griffin, Feb. 6: This mission is an extensive one, embracing part of three counties. Have completed second round. We have thirteen appointments; have been kindly received at every appointment. This is an appreciate people. If the admonitions of the preacher is heeded with the same care as it is listened to, we conclude, with God's help, that the gospel banner will be unfurled over this mission this year, and the sons of God will shout victory at every appointment. Bro. E. Meredith has had the parsonage ceiled since we came here. The brethren at Meredith camp-ground are looking after the welfare of the preacher and his family. We have no experience in building, but enjoy reading of the proceedings that the brethren write of. We have an experience, but it is with the creeks in Henderson county. Our first case of dipping came off last Saturday. The pony we were riding floated off a bridge and dipped the rider, but we are still a Methodist notwithstanding the experience, and praise God for salvation, though there be much water here.

### Mount Pleasant.

E. B. Thompson: The place is historically the capital of Tarrant county. Mount Pleasant circuit appears in our minutes for years. The names of Hawkins, Graham, Herner, Smith, Williams, Edwards, Whitehead and others, pasters, are household words, and their works do follow them. In evening of Mount Pleasant station was announced the first time at our last conference. A more loyal people the writer has never known. An assessment of \$700 for preacher in charge, in monthly installments; district stewards' assessment additional, in all amounting to a small fraction of \$12 per member. We are talking of a \$3000 church. The Lord put it into our hearts to build it! Amen! "Let all the people say Amen!" The blessings derived by such enterprise, liberality and devotion will not be fully known to us in our day. Prestige for the town, respect for the cause, promotion in the church, the children, salvation of souls, honoring God, etc., are some of the known results. The people continue kindness to the preacher in charge and family. Holy Spirit lead us in all things and may grant grace be upon us.

### Randolph.

A. E. Butterfield, Jan. 31: Last November, at Texarkana, Bishop Haygood read me out for the Bailey and Randolph circuit, which was the first appointment I ever had direct from the bishop. The first man we met on the work suggested that we would have to have a parsonage; and we wrote a subscription and visited, talked and worked for the parsonage. The good women and men of Randolph brought provisions to the parsonage and the Bailey people sent us a box filled with good things. We do not need to buy anything to commence house-keeping, and we will not have to buy anything for a month. We have now spent the first day and night at home in what will be one of the best parsonages on a circuit in this part. The cost has been near \$450. Last week the people at Hickory Creek paid for seats enough for their new church, so they rejoice and we gladly join in their thanksgiving. There has been no more than \$1000 quaterage paid, and the presiding elder gets his in full quarterly, instead of a percent of what he collects, so you know he will smile when he sees how many things came to us free. Our people cannot be surpassed by any; no Board of stewards can surpass the one on this work. We have adopted the assessment plan. Some of the churches have already made their assessment, not leaving out any from the least to the greatest, and the result will do us good. With so many good people and the Lord to guide and give strength, the only thing that will cause a failure is for the poor, unworthy pastor to fail in some way, and we are praying for humbleness that we may trust in God. Surely it has been the Lord who has built the house. So far that I had kept the city. Oh, that he may continue so to do.

### Milton.

E. S. Boyd, Feb. 2: I have heard preachers and others talk about first, second and third class appointments. Well, if names are not misleading I suppose I have the first-class. I am informed that our parsonage is within ten miles of "Glory," and about the same distance from "Hallelujah." But I was going

along the road the other day and was overtaken by one who said he was from "Glory," but to me he looked like he was from Africa. And so I am about to conclude that my first-class appointment is, after all, very much of the earth—earthly. But, all jokes aside, I find here a fine, good, and wholesome spirit. The people have received a hearty welcome and tokens of sympathy and appreciation. This charge is new, and while my predecessors have done much, there remains much to be done. The circuit is as able to pay the preacher \$1000 as it is \$250. But a great many in this charge know but little of Methodism. I count for this on the ground that only a few read the ADVOCATE. Many even look blank when you talk to them about their former pastor being pounded since entering his new charge; but many of these people are good and wholesome, and sympathy with the preacher and his work. The quarterly conference occasion has just passed. No presiding elder present—rain, I suppose, prevented; only three churches represented on account of rain and mud. The stewards present assessed the preacher's salary at \$1000, and had begun to talk when the present was, all of which I think are in advance of former years (I mean the salary and provision made). Received during the quarter several by certificate, one on profession of faith, baptized one adult and one infant, collected \$15 for clothing, \$8.75 for repairs on church at Milton, \$27.30 for cistern at parsonage. Next quarterly conference at Byrdtown.

### Green's Creek Circuit.

E. A. Hall: This scribe is one of the comparatively few who returned to their former charges at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference. We are still thanking the Lord and good Bishop Key for this kind act. Expressions of appreciation are abundant, not the least of which are good congregations, attendance, evening class and prayer-meetings. From a temporary view there are hopeful signs also. When a Board of Stewards composed of "men of solid piety, who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and Discipline," after conference together, say to their pastor: "We realize your needs and feel, also, our need of you; be assured, therefore, we resolve to pay you a salary which will give you a support for your family and supply your present demands for books," the earnest pastor who wants to be "a workman that needeth not to be reproved," moved upon to pray God to increase and direct his efforts. A very nice quilt has been presented us by the elect ladies of Cow Creek Church, which is prized far beyond its real value. We have ceiled the parsonage and one church and have paid \$100 on a piece of land purchased last year for a parsonage site. A small amount of money on the parsonage well, which will eventually be decorated with a wind-mill above it. First quarterly conference is past. Of course Bro. J. S. Davis was there; his business is to "get there" and make things hot, after a spiritual manner, and he is in the traces yet, but he pulls all the same, without kicking. Our special offering for foreign missions has gone to the treasurer, and we are taking the collections ordered by the conference. We are praying for, working for, and expecting revivals at every appointment.

### Washington Street Church, Houston.

J. B. Cochran, Feb. 5: Soon after the close of the conference at Caldwell we reached our appointment and met a hearty Methodist welcome. To say we were surprised and delighted to get back home on Houston is to put it mild. We found the church in good condition and entered our work thankful for the many kindnesses from new as well as old friends. At first I thought Bro. Green had been here so long the people had grown like him, and so I might as well get more and more like the people he opened-hearted and kind. We have had a series of draw-backs since conference. First, was the small-pox scare—that would not have been so bad likely, but when we read papers (out of Houston) and all the towns quarantined against us we got scared. Then we had a gripe epidemic with plague, interlude and concert. So last Sunday was the first preaching we have done since Christmas. Thirdly, the other evening we received a severe pounding; not one you read about, but one you seldom receive, because we can't get our people to open-hearted and kind. It was just like Houston—wide, long, high and deep. The parson promised to remember them three times a day in future. In some ways it was like a gripe—it holds on. A good lady called next day and said she was slighted, but she went on the parsonage and we looked at her and came to the same conclusion. After spending a pleasant hour and prayers, the preacher invited them all to return again, which was given a hearty response. It is strange how weakly preachers submit to a pounding and do not mind being called about conference, but do not want to keep up all the year. Bro. Campbell, if you know any of my friends contemplating a visit here, now is the time. We now have our work well in hand, and with health, a willing, working church and faith in God, we expect a good year.

### Jewett.

C. A. Evans, Feb. 7: The second day after the Texas Conference closed we arrived at Jewett, our field of labor for this year. We found Bro. Kelly, the preacher in charge last year, with his horse and buggy, at the depot, waiting to pilot and assist us in getting to the parsonage. We have had no special pounding occasion, but constant expressions of love and appreciation have found the way to the parsonage in pounds, needles, socks, etc., too numerous to mention, and will they count. The parsonage, which was not of sufficient size, had an addition of a neat and comfortable stove and dining-room; the whole house is being weather-boarded; three of the rooms have been ceiled overhead and will be papered some time soon. Besides, the brethren expect to paint the parsonage before the year-closes. Our first quarterly conference held at Buffalo on the first Sunday in February. It was pleasant and profitable. The presiding elder was on hand and all the interest of the charge looked after. One-fourth of the charge in charge, and the presiding elder's salary paid in full. Really, there are many encouraging features connected with the work of Christianity on Jewett and Buffalo circuit this year. We find many deeply pious and loyal Methodists on the charge who are anxious to

see Christ's kingdom built up and are willing with their efforts and means to assist in this glorious work. In fact, from several of the leading official members we have heard expressed not only a desire, but a determination on their part to make Jewett and Buffalo circuits first class in every particular, and to such expressions I have always said amen, and shall assist them in every possible way to reach this point. We have nearly seventy-five children enlisted in the missionary work on the charge, who are proving their faith by their works. We are hopeful and looking at the bright side, trusting God.

### Corpus Christi.

Abe Mulkey, Jan. 30: The new year dawned upon us from the coast, to which place we had gone afloat; had launched our boat and set our net for a draught. We were tossed and tossed, but Jesus said: "Fear not, I will make you fishers of men," and after toiling several days and finding we had no meat, we were commanded to cast on the other side. We felt somewhat like Peter, that the undertaking would be folly, that the experiment would be a wasted one, and had begun to feel that our labor was fruitless. Nevertheless, when our Lord commands, it is the disciple's business to obey and not to intrude his speculative judgments as to the wisdom of the command, nor to interpose his own experiences against his Word. Here we gave our discouragement to the wind, and again, like Peter, surrendered our will to God's Word, and let down the net in season and out of season. Always abounding in the work of the Lord, we knew that our labor was not in vain in the Lord, and when we were ordered to bring in the fishes that had been caught, the net was dragged to shore with a multitude, and for all there were so many yet was not the net broken. Our boat had numbered about fifty. We hope the whales caught will not sink the vessel, and that the minnows will keep things afloat in the church. May our fellow-fisherman, Bro. Rutledge, have a prosperous year and the times and seasons be in his favor and when the year's work is over he may view it with astonishment and account of the ingathering of souls. They have let out the contract for a new parsonage which will be built right away, in style and comfort; also contemplate building a college on or near the Chautauqua grounds, and will be quite valuable to our church and the city. The Chautauqua camp-ground is being improved and a means is being spared for the erection of a building, of an elegant hotel near the grounds, costing \$80,000 will soon be completed. I must say words are inadequate to express our appreciation of our most hospitable home. Our generous hostess, Mrs. Sidbury, entertained us in elegance and luxury and with a commendation, remembrance, bringing her work of faith and labor of love for the gospel sake, and we also find there the tracks of Bro. Fred Cox, Dr. Ditzler, Bishop Key and wife and others. May God bless and keep her and her household forever. We begin our meeting in Dallas on February 15. Amen.

### Plainville.

R. M. Morris, Jan. 31: We are still moving on. We are on the high plains, as you know this is the Llano Estacado, or Staked Plains. We about three hundred feet above sea level; so you see we are on a high plain, and we are getting up that way religiously. The Lord is with us and we expect him to do great things for us this year. I have received fifteen members into the church since my return from the annual conference. We have secured deeds for about twenty lots in Swisher and Hale counties for our church. The lots are valued now at about \$600 or \$800; have two subscription papers with a good amount subscribed to build two good church houses, one in Tulsa, Swisher county, the other in Hale City, Hale county. So you see we are at work. We have had snow here about eight inches deep, but not very cold; the mercury in the thermometer has not been below zero here this winter—it seldom ever goes above ninety-five degrees or below zero. So you see we do not have very warm summers or cold winters. We coal in Hale county. We use coal for fuel. Amarillo, on the Fort Worth and Deaver railroad, seventy-five miles from Plainville, is our nearest railroad depot. We have a daily mail from Amarillo to Plainville, back for passengers three times per week. We have a passenger station; can get it anywhere by digging from ten to sixty feet, and secure an inexhaustible supply. Windmills are used in pumping water; we have an almost constant breeze that keeps the mills running. The good wind and pump will draw water for 5000 head of stock. Stock water does well here. The soil is a dark brown (sandy), from three to five feet deep, with a yellowish clay foundation. Crops—this is a new country, so there has been but very little farming done here as yet. Corn has only been planted in two patches; the yield has been twenty-five to forty and some say sixty bushels per acre. Wheat, like corn, has only been planted in small patches, consequently cannot state what the yield would be. Millet has produced from two to three tons per acre, sorghum from three to ten tons per acre, sweet potatoes 200 to 350 bushels per acre, Irish potatoes 200 bushels, peaches from 150 to 250 bushels per acre. Turnips, beets, onions, cabbage and all vegetables grow to perfection here. Watermelons, pumpkins, and in fact everything that grow on vines do better here than any place in Texas. Better land is now being obtained, vacant land in Hale county which can be taken by those desiring homes—160 acres by married and elderly acre by single men. Persons taking up homes are required to live on them three years, pay for surveying and receive a patent from the State at a cost of \$1.00. If you want land, or railroad land, can be had at from \$2 to \$3.50 per acre; titles good. School lands can be had at \$2 per acre, with a cash payment of one-fourth, and the remainder on forty years' time, with 5 per cent interest per annum. Persons wishing good land can buy tracts of 20 to 40 acres. Plainville is the county site. The county was organized August, 1888, and now has a population of about 2500. The county is fast settling up with a good class of people. Methodist Church has a membership of sixty-eight in Plainville, eight or ten business houses, two good hotels, good school and school building, also school of high grade, good Masonic lodge with a good membership. And, in conclusion, I wish to say that I have seen the most of Texas, and to my mind this certainly is the most healthy portion of the State, and for the health of women and children I don't believe there are equal anywhere. The country is settling up very fast, and a man wanting a home is like getting religion, now is not the only time, but it certainly is the best time. I shall very soon begin to send you some news for the ADVOCATE. Looking for Bro. M. K. Little, our presiding elder. When he comes we will tell you what we think of him, whether he has the right name, etc.

### Montgomery and Conroe.

S. H. Morgan, Feb. 4: First quarterly meeting just past here. Moxie was with us in the spirit of the Master. Arrangements have been made to include Conroe mission on our work. The outlook is fair. Three Sunday-schools and two prayer-meetings; a fair assessment for preacher in charge; we are hopefully pushing on—preaching in a plain, practical, clear-cut gospel. We have no compromise to make with the devil. The whimsy devil is well entrenched in our midst. There are only seven saloons on the work, and these are fully supplied with all attendant vices. At Conroe the

### West End Mission.

A. E. Rector: This is a new work, organized at the last session of the West Texas Conference. At present there are two appointments. One is at West End, a suburban addition to the city of San Antonio. The other is in the city itself, not far from the International railway depot. At the latter point we have neither house nor lot, but rent a small building in which we hold Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., preaching every Sunday night, and a weekly prayer-meeting. Have organized a church of about thirty members. This appointment is in the midst of the small-pox district, and though the ravages of said disease have been greatly exaggerated abroad, progress in church work has been seriously impeded. Nevertheless, both pastor and people are hopeful of good results. At West End we have an elegant church, worth \$3000, situated upon lots which

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FROM DURANGO, MEXICO.

Rev. Alejandro de Leon, my new presiding elder, has just paid us his first visit. He reached the city in company with my colleague from Nombre de Dios, where we have been having wonderful success. We need a house here double the size of the present one in order to accommodate our hearers and a school to educate 100 children of our members now being trained by Romanists. At Muleces a gracious revival has begun. Bro. de Leon preached with power to as many as the house would accommodate and as many outside. As the people were not inclined to leave, Bro. Castro preached another sermon. Still they stayed; the brethren singing, praying and exhorting until they were hoarse. After the invitation to those desiring to become Christians, almost the whole audience arose. We go slowly and carefully along this line. At San Andres we held our first service in the teeth of terrible opposition, which almost terminated in a riot. In the city of Durango our congregation has increased one-fourth since November. We have had good meetings, and on Sabbath evenings as many as a dozen at the altar seeking the Savior. Our presiding elder delivered us a very earnest discourse based on Acts xiv:21-22, after which a number expressed their desire to lead a better life. On Monday morning Bros. de Leon and Castro and self left for Panuco, one of the places on our circuit, sixty-six miles from Durango. It was night before we reached the eastern range of the Madre mountains, and a heavy fog settling upon us, it was put to vote whether we ought to proceed or find some sheltered ledge in which to spend a cold, frosty night. We determined to try to reach our destination. All went well until near the end, when we lost the trail on the mountains, and the scribe and his horse would have gone headlong over a precipice in the darkness but for his presiding elder. It was "the blind leading the blind" until the track was found again, when the darkness was reached every dwelling was in darkness. Considerable waiting and knocking gained us admittance to the house of one of the brethren, and, with our saddles for pillows and our traveling blankets for covering, we laid down on the hard floor to rest. A hard long ride on a hard Mexican saddle, the severe cold of the night, and the hard bed made us feel as if every bone was out of joint next morning. When daylight streamed in at the narrow entrance—the only place for light—I discovered that the room had been occupied by ten persons. Several had coffee and dry bread taste no good as it did that morning. (Butter and bacon cost \$1 per pound here, and, of course, are very rare articles of diet.) After the report I sallied up the arroyo for a half mile, and breaking the thin ice in a second spot, I took my morning wash. Panuco is an old mining town, the houses in the mountains, but the mines being nearly exhausted it is now stagnant and lifeless. Many of our members here are miners, or engaged in extracting the ore from the quartz by a primitive process of crushing and washing. The night brought a house full and Bro. de Leon preached there a powerful sermon, and again on the following night the room was packed with earnest listeners, who sat on the bed, tables and floor (we have no benches here) while he again discoursed on the crucifixion of Christ, and afterwards administered the sacrament to our members—the house being perfectly besieged by a furious mob and a shower of stones during the sacred moments. The excellent and well lighted room we occupy here has been thoroughly renovated, calcimined and painted by Bro. Avalos, who grants us the use of it rent free, and whose services to the cause of Methodism in the interval of our semi-monthly visits well merits him a local preacher's license. Panuco is dear to me. I preached my first Spanish sermon here. Next day we rode thirty-six miles to San Juan and conducted grand services on Friday and Saturday nights. The Sabbath services were attended with spiritual power and profit to us all. At night Bro. Castro discoursed for an hour and a half to a very full house, with some at the door unable to find room inside. After the sermon a baptism, then an exhortation, and, within the benediction, brought the three hours' service to a close many still remained to hear or to sing our sweet hymns of praise. One of the girls we educated in our school at Durango has opened a day school here and is doing a good work among the children at her expense. On Monday we left for home, sixty-nine miles. Probably this was the worst day I ever experienced. I look back to equinoctial gales at sea and blizzards on land, but "my young remembrance cannot parallel a fellow to the cold, furious blast that blew for twelve grand days in our faces. At noon horses and riders were so completely exhausted that we were compelled to take shelter at a friendly ranch. On again we urged the weary beasts and at sundown reached the house of a Protestant Mexican, where we left our presiding elder for the night completely exhausted and sick. Bro. Castro and self made the best of our way to Morsillo, where we intended to preach and open a new mission, but the hour of our arrival was so late that we found the village in total darkness. We pushed over the rough mountain roads for fifteen miles more, reaching Durango late at night, tired and weary, but full of encouragement and hope. It was a happy occasion to all of us; the visit of the presiding elder—the first in nine months—was indeed welcome; his word was with power and the union of the Holy One; "the souls of the disciples" were comforted, and we were strengthened and blessed. Twenty-six were baptized on this round, several received into church connection, and before we see him again I believe that many will be "added to the church" so should be saved.

few words, analytical of a sentence or paragraph in an article from another brother, touching the subject of Campbellism, whose name is Wm. Allen. My exhortation will consist of some arguments urging Bro. Horner to go on with his companions. Not that we need them so much in New Mexico, for it is not at all probable that Campbellism will ever flourish out here, until, in the evolutions of nature, clouds shall pour forth a profusion of rain, when the dry land shall become pools, and streams of water shall abound everywhere throughout the rainless and waterless regions in the great West. There, now, why am I talking about water in pools and streams? Well, it is a watery subject. And water is so important an element in the plan that there is no possible way into the kingdom without it. This country is scarce of water, but an irrigation system is being developed, and some time in the future, through a system of reservoirs and ditches, water may become plentiful in some few localities at least. Then salvation's means may abound to the justification of immortal man. Then he who lives in sight of one of these husbanded pools may look upon its placid bosom and say, I see my Savior now. No, not until some one like unto himself shall come, endowed with authority to lave his body in its soul-cleansing waters. Like the poor man at the pool of Bethesda, he may lay at its edge with all the good wishes and intentions inspired by motives both human and divine (with salvation's limped waters challenging his moral infirmities), waiting the appearance of the prophet of Christ to help him in, and in the absence of the priest or prophet he must die in his sins. How much better to tell the man to cry mightily to God with tearful eyes, broken and contrite, believing heart, and hear him in the inner nature speak the consoling words, "Thy sins which are many are all forgiven." This may be a more difficult, but it is a shorter route into the kingdom. Millions have testified his direct saving power, and have gone on through the kingdom here to the kingdom beyond, exulting in the power of Jesus to save without the intervention of prophet, priest or sacrament. Among the numbers who came to Jesus while he tabernacled among men, diffusing life and salvation, not one sad and penitent sinner was instructed to be baptized that his sins might, through that act of obedience, be forgiven. He could never have settled this matter in the interest of baptismal pardon, but his plan was, that by direct announcement from his godlike lips made to the human soul, sin was to be pardoned and the soul redeemed. Wisdom divine, in prescient forecast, adopted his plan, on which hung millions of immortal destinies to all ages, climes, conditions and circumstances throughout the cycles of time. Go on, Bro. Horner. Let us praise God for the wisdom and grace found in the most wholesome and comforting doctrines of justification by faith only. Drive away all false and erroneous doctrines that the truth may shine, and that souls may step from darkness into the true light of personal salvation by direct contact with the Spirit of God. Now, if my peculiar exhortation has not been stretched to unlawful limits, I want to look a little after Bro. Allen's statement. Not that I desire to deal in criticism wantonly, but I think the paragraph that I quote contains a rather dangerous doctrinal concession. Here it is: Every man has a conscience, and let it be satisfied. If a man has been educated to believe that he cannot get forgiveness unless he be immersed, I cannot see how he can get it otherwise as long as he thus believes. Time and God's providence will some day make the crooked straight. As to the satisfying of a man's conscience, it depends altogether upon what sort of a conscience he has and the character of the means necessary to satisfy it. If a man is educated to believe that there is no heaven, hell, nor immortality of existence, he might not have a conscience. If he is taught to believe that he must be immersed as the condition of the forgiveness of sins, or as a condition upon which forgiveness supervenes, conscience might be so far quieted as to cease its motions altogether, and the man be yet in his sins. A conscience satisfied is not an infallible witness to the moral consciousness of an individual that he is saved from sin. In fact, conscience alone is no witness at all. Conscience may and does cease to condemn on the account of sins committed, when sins are pardoned; but more than this fact is necessary in the processes of grace to save. The conscience may become a witness through the Holy Ghost to the fact of the present pardon of past sins. But he does not become a witness to him who believes in baptismal regeneration. He comes only where he is invited, and the system rules him out. The immersion of the body in water, of one who is educated to believe in that mode of administering Christian baptism, may satisfy his conscience and still leave him in his sins. Educated in that faith he is believing in mode, as an act of obedience, by, through or because of which he obtains pardon. He is not believing in Christ's meritorious blood as the ground or procuring cause of pardon. Herein lies the deceptiveness of the system of Campbellism, at least in part. It satisfies conscience, but does not save. It claims no divine witness to the consciousness of salvation. The system virtually ignores Christ as present to save except in the ordinance of baptism. It assumes that Christ atoned for sin, that men might be saved through obedience when faith made the condition of justification in the Scriptures, and obedience a concomitant and subsequent progressive business, alw...

fruit of faith—the same faith exercised in justification moving to obedience in after life. I take Bro. Allen's paragraph as a text, believing that in its peculiar structure it might be construed as a concession, injurious in its tendency. Let us have the true light. C. H. GREGORY. FRANK LAS VEGAS, N. M. CAMPBELLISM AND CATHOLICISM COMPARED. In this third and last article on the above subject I propose to notice other two erroneous systems not mentioned before. I beg the careful attention of the reader, and hope these articles will do good in preparing the minds of the people to be on their guard and induce them to take heed to that wise injunction of the apostle, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines." Heb. xiii:9. That the doctrines of these two systems are diverse and strange, utterly at variance with the Bible, and detrimental to the welfare of the church, is perfectly obvious to all close students of theology who are at all sound in the faith. Now, the scriptures clearly teach us that "There is one mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." Tim. ii:5, 6. A mediator is thus defined by Webster: "One who mediates; especially, one who interposes between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them; intercessor." Hence, by way of eminence, Christ is the Mediator. Now, if we look closely into these two churches, or systems, we will see that, although the Bible is so explicit on this subject, yet both of these churches have mediators between Christ and the sinner—so that in order to get to Christ he must be baptized into, by a Campbellite preacher or a Catholic priest! Now, from this invincible logic there is absolutely no escape. Let no one say this is a false accusation, or that the writer is actuated by prejudice in bringing this serious charge against these two churches. Hear the following utterances of Catholic and Campbellite writers, which we place in parallel columns so that the reader may see this point clearly established: "Among all the sacraments of the church, baptism is the most necessary and most closely connected with the primary and fundamental act which justifies a sinner, the sacrament of baptism." "The change which is consummated by immersion is sometimes called 'made alive,' 'passing from death to life,' 'being born again,' 'having risen with Christ,' 'turning to the Lord,' 'being enlightened,' 'conversion,' 'reconciliation,' 'repentance into life.'" The quotation on the left is taken direct from The King's Highway, a Catholic work by Mr. Augustin F. Hewitt, page 94; and the one on the right is taken from Campbell's Christian System, page 60. Now, reader, look at the doctrine set forth in the above language! If baptism is the most necessary act that can be performed in order to the salvation of a sinner, and he cannot be saved without that act, does it not follow irresistibly that the man who performs that act is a mediator between that sinner and Christ or God? How will Catholics evade the force of this unanswerable logic? And if it be true that immersion is the act that consummates the change in the sinner, as Campbell teaches, is not the administrator of baptism really a mediator between the sinner and God? This puts Catholics and Campbellites in the same category, and there is no sort of sophistry or ecclesiastical legerdemain that can extricate them from this difficulty. Campbellites charge us with teaching popery modified, but here we see that they teach the naked thing itself, and there is absolutely no escape from the inexorable logic. No Catholic priest, Bishop or Pope stands between the sinner and God any more effectually than do Campbellite preachers and elders, and hence we conclude that there is a striking similarity between these two systems at this point. But, thank God, neither of these two systems are true. The sinner is invited to come to Christ directly, and when he comes to God by repentance and faith and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart, he finds salvation and obtains peace and pardon without a drop of water and without priest or Pope or Campbellite elder. Salvation is the gift of God and not of ourselves, not of works lest any man should boast. But there is another point to which I wish to call attention. It is a well-known fact that the Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of indulgences, and that this doctrine is exceedingly detrimental to morals and practical piety. That the reader may understand just what is taught by the Catholics on this subject, I will quote from their own writers and let them speak for themselves. Catholics accuse Protestants of misrepresenting them on this subject, and for this reason I quote their own authors. Cardinal Gibbons says: "An indulgence is simply a remission in whole or in part, through the superabundant merits of Jesus Christ and the saints, of the temporal punishment due to God on account of sin, after the guilt and eternal punishment have been remitted. That our Lord has given to the church the power of granting indulgences is clearly deduced from the sacred text: 'To the prince of the apostles he said: 'Whatever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven,' and to all the apostles assembled together he made the same declaration. By these words our Savior empowered his church to deliver her children (if properly disposed) from every obstacle that might retard them from the kingdom of heaven. Now, there are two impediments that withhold a man from the heavenly kingdom—sin and the temporal punishment incurred by it. And the church having power to remit the greater obstacle, which is sin, has power also to remove the smaller obstacle, which is the temporal punishment due on account of it." (The Faith of Our Fathers, pages 428-29). Here we see that Catholics hold that the church has power to remit both sin and the penalty due to sin! Do we not see that if people can be induced to believe this that it will give them license to sin as much as they please? They can go to a priest, make confession, pay him his fee and plunge into sin again as deep as ever! Do we not all see the danger of such doctrine as this? It has a bad effect on morals and the result is, as we see, a very low type of piety and religion among the members of the Catholic Church. It was this infamous doctrine that produced such a debased state of morals in Europe and in Germany especially. (See D'Aubigne vs. History of the Reformation.) The notorious Dr. Tetzel was selling indulgences to the people, and they were wallowing in the grossest licentiousness, while at the same time they were members of the church! It was against this infamous doctrine that Martin Luther hurled his heaviest artillery, uttering words of thunder that shook the Old World and aroused it from its long night of slumber. Now, it is true that Campbellites pretend to repudiate Catholicism and denounce it in the bitterest of terms; but while this is true, yet there is a striking similarity in the practice of many of the members of these two churches and in their morals also. If men are taught to believe that they are saved by baptism, and that this makes them sure of heaven, it is certain that they will take the liberty to indulge in sin and live as they please! And why not? If their salvation is secured by baptism, what difference does it make about how they live? It will not avail anything for Campbellites to say that they believe it is possible to apostatize and be lost, or that men can be renewed by prayer and good works; for it is certain that they place but little stress on prayer, and very few of them are noted for their prayerful, devout, consecrated lives. On the other hand, many of them ridicule prayer, and very frequently conduct services without prayer at all. I once heard one of their preachers say that Simon Magus was a saved man because he had been baptized; and yet he had indulged in sin of the deepest dye. If that is not as bad as the Roman Catholic doctrine of indulgences, what is it? One more point and I close. Campbellites both deny justification by faith and unite in ridiculing feeling or emotion in religion. Who has not heard Campbellite preachers ridicule shouting and denounce those who give vent to their feelings and shout and praise the Lord when under the influence and power of the Holy Spirit. Both of these churches are exactly together on this subject. If you doubt it, read the following utterances and be convinced: "The man who fancies that a certain feeling or state of his soul, which he calls faith, justifies him at once, completely and forever giving him a sure sign that he has been absolutely predestinated and elected to salvation, freeing him in an instant from the imputation of all past and future sin, and clothing him with a spotless robe of righteousness which he is equally incapable of staining by guilt or making more brilliant by merit, naturally and logically concludes that he has no need of anything else, and cannot profit by anything, whether in heaven or on earth." (The Way of Salvation, page 82.) Here we see that the writer ridicules justification by faith, and thinks that feeling amounts to nothing! How like a Campbellite disputer that sounds! But this man Hewitt is a devoted Catholic. Now, listen at a Campbellite oracle as he thus deposes. Speaking of persons who doubt at times, and at other times feel happy, Mr. Brents says: "Those who thus doubt are not like those to whom Paul said: 'Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.' (Heb. x:22). They can only draw near to God in full assurance of faith occasionally, if at all. Their faith is not based upon testimony, but upon their feelings, hence when they draw near to God it must be in full assurance of feeling, and only occasionally at that. We have listened attentively to many persons when detailing the testimony upon which they predicated their acceptance with God, and of that given by those who believe in the doctrines of abstract spirit-

ual influence. We remember not a sentence that was not a statement of what they had felt, imagined or dreamed." (Gospel Plan of Salvation, pages 651-2.) Here we see clearly that Catholics and Campbellites unite in making sport of feeling and spiritual influences, and that they predicate their hopes of salvation upon something that can be seen and not felt—upon outward ceremonies and rites, instead of the witness of the Holy Spirit and the internal state of the soul. It is quite a common thing for Campbellite deacons to make sport of Methodists, Baptists and others for shouting and giving vent to the sacred emotions that stir their souls. Poor deluded men, they know not what they do. We have now seen that there are many points of resemblance between these two churches; that both claim to be the only true church of Christ, and both are laboring for the avowed purpose of destroying all other churches; both teach baptismal regeneration; both practice the pernicious doctrine of indulgences, and that both have a decidedly bad effect upon morals and religion. Seeing these things as we do, we honestly believe it to be our duty to "banish these strange and erroneous doctrines from the land," and to warn our people against the insidious and hurtful influences of these two churches, and to teach the people "the truth as it is in Christ Jesus." W. W. HORNER. HELP. From my sick-room I write a short article for the ADVOCATE. I have been looking over the ADVOCATE of January 17 and reading the reports from the various circuits. "We have been victorious," gloriously "pounded," etc., say the preachers. "Our larders are full and still the good things are coming in," "families joyful," "all temporal wants provided for," "no fears as to the future," "have nice parsonages," "noble Boards of Stewards, who make liberal allowances for preachers and presiding elders." All this looks well on paper, sounds well and advertises the various circuits as among the best in the conferences; but I read on and come to the letter of James Tafola, presiding elder of the Monterey district, of the Border Mexican Conference. He mentions this fact of one of his preachers: He goes from Texas to San Francisco de Apadoca. He finds a rented house without any furniture; not a chair, table or anything; no floor to the house. It is a cold day; looks for a chimney and finds none, for they are not in use in this country yet. I think of the fine parsonages, of the various circuits of the five Texas conferences, and this poor Mexican preacher, who has no floor to his hired house, no furniture, etc., and my heart is sad, and I exclaim, "Am I my brother's keeper?" What have I to do with this Mexican preacher? Is it anything to me, or any church member, that this preacher and his faithful fellow-laborers are unhoused, uncared for? True, the Master said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," but who is my neighbor? He must certainly live nearer to me than Mexico. My requirements are nearer home than that. I hope the readers of the ADVOCATE will read and reread Bro. Tafola's letter and see if something cannot be done right away for these Mexican preachers, for whom the Board of Missions makes no provision for house rent. Men and brethren, help. L. ECKENBRACK.

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STUDIES IN THE KING.

ELIJAH TAKEN TO HEAVEN.—II Kings ii:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT: And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him.—Gen. v:24.

PLACES: Gilgal; Bethel; Jericho. RULES: Ahaziah; Jehoshaphat; Ben-hadad II.

INTRODUCTION. Ahab was slain at Ramoth-gilead in battle with the Syrians, and was succeeded by his son Ahaziah. He was no better than his parents.

I. THE FAITHFUL FRIEND.—Verses 1-5.

1. When the Lord would take up Elijah—who had so often honored God was now to be signally honored. By a whirlwind—storms heralded special manifestations of God.

II. THE CHARIOT OF FIRE.—Verses 7-11.

7. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets—they desired to witness the extraordinary event, and climbed the hills of Jericho, which commanded a view of the river for miles.

from the spiritual world of beings such as those who constitute the heavenly host, a part of whom afterward filled the mountains round about Elijah, at Dothan (chap. vi:17).

PRACTICAL.

1. When one's work is done, God takes him out of the world. Elijah felt that his usefulness was ended when he said under the juniper tree in the wilderness, 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life.'

A True Incident.

One beautiful afternoon a stranger might have been seen strolling along the seashore at D—. The path was a picturesque one, sloping banks of brushwood descending to the sands, every here and there broken in upon by rugged cliffs.

Old and Young.

THE OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN. How dear to my heart is the old-fashioned yard. Where lilacs and hollyhocks grew; Where, along by the path that led to the door.

THE MONKEY-HOUSE IN CENTRAL PARK.

The monkey-house in Central Park is the favorite resort of that half million of children who live in and around New York.

one, two-foot monkey has become the dear friend of a very small one, and so, whenever they scamper from one side of the cage to the other, the big one acts as a horse for the little one.

You cannot help laughing when a monkey looks at you. If you stare back at him he will blink and wink, then put his head on one side, with a knowing air, just as would a rude, vulgar little boy when he says: "Whom are you staring at? Hope you'll know me next time?"

CHILD-LIKE TRUST: OR, LITTLE SUSAN AND THE BRAMBLES.

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As Mr. C— walked slowly along, gazing on the sunset tints, already beginning to shed a glory over both sea and land, he was startled by the sound of many merry little voices, which made him aware of two facts—that he was not alone, and that what had seemed to him a mere bank of tangled brushwood was that child's paradise, a thicket of bramble bushes laden with their deep purple fruit.

Her deeply stained mouth and pin-fare proved that she had done her best to have a share of the spoil; but, as she said, every time she slipped her foot the berries fell.

Reaching her mother's cottage she ran in breathless to tell her story. She, poor woman, lay in bed, weary with sickness and want, and listened to her little Susan with a smile at her eagerness and impatience for to-morrow to come.

"That was very kind, Susan," she said; "but you don't know the gentleman."

"Oh, no," said Susan; "but he promised it, mother, and I'm sure he will do it."

Next evening, when the happy hour came, she ran away full of joyful expectation. "My trusting child," was her mother's thought; "she can believe the word of a stranger, while I—I have doubted the love that I have so long tried and so often proved."

When Susan returned to spread her treasures before her, it was exclaiming, "Oh, mother, I have got more than he promised; he has given me both a basket and a tinny!"

"That simple trust of her child brought a ray of light to this mother's heart, so that she who had begun the day in the midst of unbelief and doubt could rest at last on the promise, 'My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ.'"

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings had then ordained strength." —Scott's Children's Record.

TOMMY'S EXPERIENCE.

"Tommy! Tommy!" Tommy shut one eye, and with the other looked through a convenient knot-hole in the side of the wall.

Again his mother called his name, this time a little louder than before; still Tommy did not answer. To say he felt aggrieved would be giving a very mild description of his feelings at that minute.

Had he not worked all morning carrying coal and water, picking up sticks and stone from the front grass-plot and doing various other things too numerous to think of just then? And had he not been sustained and upheld through it all by the thought of having the whole afternoon to himself? Why, he had even forgotten to count how many buckets of water he had carried to wash off the porch, so interested was he in trying to calculate how many whistles he would have time to make before supper time. And now, just as he was

comfortably fixed at work, to think that he must be called for! "I know just what she wants me for," he said to himself. "I don't see any sense in two of us going to the store; just as if Tillie couldn't go by herself! I'll not let on I heard her call me."

Tommy knew that this was not a very safe course to pursue, but he was so vexed that he did not think of consequences. By this time his mother had gone into the house and closed the door, but it was again opened, and again his name echoed through the premises.

"That's Tillie," said Tommy, "and she won't stop at calling, she'll hunt me up." He looked around for a hiding-place. He could hear Tillie running down the stone walk. She would be there in a minute; so, hastily jumping down from the work-bench, he ran across the floor and climbed into an old cupboard, which shook in a threatening manner, as if resenting the intrusion. He pulled the door to just as Tillie appeared at the doorway.

"Tommy! Tommy Dawson!" she called, so that there might be no mistake as to what Tommy was wanted. Tommy held his breath lest she might discover him, and wished that his heart would not thump so heavily against his ribs; surely Tillie would hear it. But she turned toward the house, as if satisfied that he was not to be found. Tommy chuckled in high glee, and, after hearing the door shut, clambered down out of the crazy old cupboard, his face very red, his clothes covered with dust and cobwebs.

After taking observations through the knot-hole for a few seconds, he got up on the bench and began on the while, but somehow the bark seemed very hard to loosen and his knife was not so sharp as usual. He was sure he had never heard the field crickets chirp so loudly, and was it not strange they were saying, "Sneak! sneak! sneak!" just as fast as they could? Tommy had often listened to them before, but he always thought they said, "Summer's here, here, here!"

He must have been mistaken then, for nothing could be plainer than what they were now saying. "If only the road to the store was not so hot and dusty," he said half aloud; and then he whittled at a willow switch. "I do wonder if Hatton's dog would

bite? Tillie's awful 'fraid of dogs,' and then another moment of whittling. "I guess I could finish these whistles after I come back," and he shut his knife and with one bound was in the middle of the floor and with another was out on the stones.

"Whew! how hot that old woodshed is, anyway!" and, running up the stones, he burst into the kitchen, where he found Tillie flying around in wild delight.

"Why, Tommy Dawson," she exclaimed, "where have you been? we're been calling you everywhere."

"What are you polishing your best shoes for?—to wear to the store?" demanded Tommy, skillfully evading the question.

"Store?" echoed Tillie scornfully. "Why, Tommy Dawson, Uncle Tom is here; he's going to take us home with him, and he's in an awful hurry; and mother's up-stairs laying out your clothes, and I've polished your shoes. You see we thought you might come in time to get ready if everything was fixed for you to dress in a hurry. And, oh, Tommy, I was afraid I would have to go without you!" and here Tillie paused to take her breath.

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"You'd better not stand there," continued Tillie; "Uncle Tom said we must be ready in half an hour, and he's been here 'most fifteen minutes now." Tillie could not think what made Tommy so very kind and thoughtful during the next fifteen minutes, and when, after running up stairs after her parcel and handing it to her, he stopped to pick a thread from her dress, her wonder found expression in words: "Her nice you are to-day, Tommy! I just wish you'd be that way all the time."

And Tommy, as he climbed into the buggy which was to take them to the station, resolved that he would "be that way" just as often as he could think of it. I think he must have kept his resolution, for it was only the other day that I heard a lady remark: "How much Tommy Dawson seems to think of his sister! He treats her just as if she were some other boy's sister." —United Presbyterian.

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GUMBOILS AND TOOTHACHE.

Gumboils "are often caused," says Webster, "by carious teeth." Wherefore we judge this little announcement to be very often a symptomatic disease—that is, the disease of the gum is produced by and is indicative of a diseased tooth.

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ages to move it to the other side and finally, with great difficulty, in a condition to swallow. For these reasons he always prefers the gospel desserts to the strong meats.

The toothache member needs no description. He is known and read of all men. His groans and miseries are the common burden of the brethren.

Now, the pastor whose lot it is to serve a church afflicted with gumboils and toothache has no enviable position. Yet the itinerancy, in its great adaptability, can furnish men who are acceptable even in such charges.

It seems, however, that the wiser plan would be to send to such charges a good dentist with a strong pair of gospel forceps, for the tooth which cannot be mended must be extracted or it will wreck the health of the whole body.

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where they will accomplish the most for God's kingdom. In Austin Conference we have spent \$80,000. And the most of it has been spent in towns where there were from three to six evangelical churches already.

This confirms what the ADVOCATE said a short time since about the educational invasion. It will be seen that the Bishop is not in favor of retreating from the South, but only to direct his forces more wisely.

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We must consider what was the question before the church. It is a mistake to suppose that the colored people were or had been without the gospel. I find in the General Conference minutes, away back sixty years ago, that the matter was discussed.

Does the Western intend this as an explanation why "our church" separates its white and black members into white and colored conferences?

THE TRULY BRAVE OFFICER suffer in silence than parade their courage before the world.

SOUTHERN METHODISM. —Dr. J. E. Godbey in St. Louis Advocate: I will state a fact here about preachers' salaries that may furnish matter of reflection for your readers.

But they certainly are not more even so barbarous as they were before brought into slavery. Of course one of the "stocks in trade" of our Northern friends is the degradation of the negro by slavery.

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with domestic service in order to save some money, it would hardly be tolerated. If Dr. Wind-of-doctrine will keep a horse and buggy to facilitate his pastoral calls; if he and his wife go out of evenings for a ride; if he gives liberally to the various charities that may solicit aid and maintain his family in the genteel style of the people whom he serves, all will go well, except that at the end he will be penniless.

TEXAS PERSONALS. —The postoffice of the Rev. A. J. Anderson is Sealy, Texas. —The address of Rev. J. M. Gober is Lyons, Burleson county.

—We extend our sympathies to the Rev. M. A. Black and family, who writes: "I have the third case of the fever in my family. It seems to be through families here. The town is full of it. My boy is up and the little girl is getting better, but our baby is very low. Pray for us."

—The Rev. Sam'l P. Wright writes, Feb. 2: "I have been very sick with grippe, which terminated in pneumonia. For three weeks I have been out of the house, but once, and then took cold, which gave me relapse. Of all the miserable complaints grippe may take first rank by my vote. The above will explain to a large number of correspondents why their favors have not been answered."

—The Rev. Geo. W. Riley, of Alto, writes, Feb. 2: "I have been down a week with la grippe, and am now unable to leave the house. Wife has also been quite sick about same time. There have been hundreds of cases within this circuit in the past few weeks. A few cases have gone into pneumonia and resulted in death. We buried two old substantial members one week, who were brothers—Bros. John and Willis Halcomb."

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LETTER FROM JAPAN. A happy New Year to you, and a prosperous and blessed one to our country, is my earnest prayer. I thank you for your excellent paper, the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I have been intending for some time to write a few lines to you concerning our work in Japan.

WHITE AND BLACK. Dr. Hickman, president of Clark University, opened the question, "Should the colored people be admitted to the Southern branch of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society as they are now, or be related to the annual conferences, as are the colleges in the North?"

MASS-MEETING VS. MAYOR WORD. To W. D. Young, Chairman of the Citizens' Meeting at Palestine: We, your committee appointed, beg leave to report for adoption the following preamble and resolutions:

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they looked at me as if I was a strange man from the moon. We have not had a Methodist preacher from that country to come in sight of our premises but one, and he was there to get money. And while he sat in my parlor he looked like a cat in a strange guest, for fear a black man would come in.

I am not a sectionalist nor a partisan religious bigot. I am a loyal Methodist preacher, but I do not see any wisdom in pushing into corners where a waste will be made of God's mercy. There is a momentum that has been gathering for years, that is as deep as the gulf. You cannot understand it. And the poor white men are the worst men of the lot. Their general stock in trade is to stir up prejudice.

Mark Antony could harness and drive around his pleasure-ground a pair of lions. But no church can yoke these lions in the South and drive them together in peace. Do you know we tried our theory in Atlanta to our ruin? We undertook to make black and white worship together whether or no, and we pulverized our theories against the white work, but against the friction which cannot be adjusted. Talk about Christianity making hearts alike. It sometimes makes men bigots. It does not always destroy prejudice.

The Greeks dragged dead Hector's body around the walls of Troy. We have not walked. We have dragged a dead body. It has not been life and peace. Some of you will say: "You are a crank, and you have done us harm." But I must speak my honest convictions. How many of you made much headway yesterday, preaching on the white work in the South? You didn't talk a great deal about it. The white men come in and ask to share money raised on the black man's condition. I tell you on my knees, God does not like that very well.

If you look for conscience, you will turn around to a broken staff. There is no conscience, except one or two, that could take care of a common school, to say nothing of a college. Take the white conference where I am. They could not take care of Ellijay Seminary. The preachers are on the ragged edge of starvation, and so they will be as long as we have any other feel a preacher is not made of the stuff of the fathers who cannot make a support without a missionary support to back him. You cannot lean on the conference. It is a sick man.

Why could not we have a home missionary society? Call it home or domestic mission, and go to black and white alike wherever we were called and wherever we could find a job. Our sister churches are down there working night and main for the black man. We ought to be there, for we have paid more for his liberty than any other church. We do not lack good faith; unless we stick to the picket-line, stick to the children we helped set free. I believe we ought to concentrate more and more upon the sons of Ham. We have starving, struggling schools, because we have spread our feet too much. I want such methods as will do most for God's kingdom.

The war is over. As a man said who was lying in Libby prison when Grant took Richmond, "The war is over." I do not think we ought to get out of the way of the church South, or get in the way. I agree with you, Bishop Haygood. I would be glad to see you in the South, but I believe you have a very good mission-ary in the foreign field. Could you send us another missionary to Japan? Could you not send him this year? The work is urgent. It is pressing upon us upon all sides. We have calls from several parts of the field which we cannot answer for great need. The wisest have come from native Christians, who have tasted of the good word, and are struggling against the darkness of heathenism which surrounds them and the intense hatred and prejudice of multitudes who know not God. A missionary living in their midst needs inspire confidence, and from him they would be able to receive such instruction as would enable them to give a reason of the hope which is in them. Buddhist priests and Buddhist believers look upon Christians as their enemies and as intruders into their land and country, and their Christian missionaries are in producing among the people a new religion which will have the effect of destroying the peace of the inhabitants and in the end bring great calamity upon the country. The heathen everywhere are naturally superstitious and look upon the introduction among them of any new religion with great fear. The wisest are spreading evil reports as to the intention of Christians. But wherever Christianity has gained a foothold in this land and the people have been able to examine into it, and have read the Bible themselves, hundreds of thousands have forsaken idolatry and superstitions, and have embraced Christianity or have looked with much favor upon its introduction into the country. And especially has this been the case where a missionary has gone to live among the people and has circulated freely among them. We have found or five places where we need good, earnest, consecrated men of God, who will seek with all the heart the salvation of these dying millions of Japan. Surely we have here the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Cannot your Texas conferences combine their efforts and send us two more men for Japan? I pray God's richest blessing rest upon the churches of your Texas conferences this new year and produce a deeper and more wide-spread interest in the evangelization of the heathen. Ever your brother in Christ, J. W. LAMBUTH.

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Please publish the above in behalf of the citizens of Palestine.

INDOISEMENT.

To the People of the M. E. Church, South: We, the undersigned ministers and official members of the Methodist Church in Palestine, Texas, wish to say, touching the assault made on Rev. Sam P. Jones, in our city, by our Mayor on February 3:

1. That at our urgent request Bro. Jones came here last November and held a ten days' meeting, resulting in the quickening of hundreds, if not thousands, of more than three hundred people, who have joined the various churches of our town; our church receiving about two hundred of that number. That Bro. Jones, while here, as every where else he ever preached, denounced in his own peculiar way and in the strongest terms sin in high and low places, and the good results to the city and the whole country at large can never be reckoned in time; eternity alone can reveal it; and that we love Bro. Jones for his work sake among us, and do most heartily endorse him in his denunciation of sin.

2. That we regard the assault made on him yesterday as an outrage on our city and an insult to our church.

3. That we heartily indorse the action of hundreds of our male citizens who met in mass-meeting at Butler hall, last night to condemn the conduct of the Mayor and to ask him to resign.

J. T. SMITH, Presiding Elder Palestine District. ALBERT LITTLE, Pastor Palestine Station. H. B. PHILLIPS, Local Elder. W. M. SHUMATTE, P. W. EZELL, Trustees. F. W. DEXTER, F. W. DEXTER, W. D. YOUNG, LUCIUS GOUGH, H. G. EZELL, Class Leaders. C. G. WAGNER, O. A. LEOL, J. M. McMILLAN, Stewards.

The above was read before the congregation at Palestine and was unanimously indorsed.

J. T. SMITH.

"HEAR THE OTHER SIDE." This is the caption of Mr. J. B. Clark's labored article in the ADVOCATE of the 15th inst. to establish and vindicate the moral status of the State University. With sentimentality and effervescent eloquence, he hurle his polished shafts at supposed traducers of the sanctity of the faculty of this institution. The men at whom he aims his blows are fully able to take care of themselves, and I shall offer no defense for them; but I wish to call attention to the inconsistency of Mr. Clark. The purport of his article is to show that the university is moral in theory and discipline, and yet, strange to say, he gives a lengthy quotation from a paper read by Dr. Everhart at the last meeting of the State Teachers' Association, in which the author assumes that the Bible tolerates a moderate use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage. The contents of this paper, he tells us, had previously been delivered as a lecture in the university. He also quotes Dr. Everhart as saying that the drinks, when taken in moderate use of alcoholic liquor is healthy, as I am attested. I never once dreamed that the brave and noble sons of Texas who attend the State University received such instruction from learned professors—instruction that is the most dangerous because the most insidious. To my mind this is but an adroit insinuation of the principle of anti-prohibition. If the premises can be established that a temperate use of alcoholic beverage is conducive to health, and that God sanctions, either directly or indirectly, by positive statement or necessary implication, such use of alcoholic drinks, then it follows as a logical sequence that all laws prohibiting the sale of such beverages, and every instruction which has for its end the abolition of such sale, is wrong. This overthrows the safety-guard of fragile humanity and places our sons (and daughters too, as to that,) at the mercy of appetite controlled by the monster of temptation. I positively negate the premises submitted by Dr. Everhart. His position is untrue viewed from both a scientific and Biblical standpoint. No argument is necessary on my part to maintain my position, as the burden of proof is on the other side. Many have been the labored efforts to prove these unfortunate statements of Dr. Everhart; but they have all proven futile. Plenty of evidence is at hand, when the necessity shall require it, to sustain the negative of these statements. If this university is the heritage of the people of Texas, then, in the name of all who believe that drunkenness is the result of moderate drinking and who oppose a moderate use of

intoxicating stimulants because it leads to intemperance and debauchery, I enter my most solemn protest against such instruction. I enter this protest as a citizen of this State. I enter it in the interest of youth and old age. I enter my caveat against these statements because they are nefarious in the extreme. Our thanks are due Mr. Clark for the information he has given us on this subject. And, more than this, I wish here to protest against another public evil that is a blot on the escutcheon of this government. I refer to the inauguration (?) ball. There are tens of thousands of people in this State who believe it wrong to dance. These people are all citizens and supporters of this government. They have an interest in the capitol building at Austin. Their idea of right and sense of moral duty is shocked at such a perversion of the legislative hall as a public ball—a general revelry at the inauguration of a new Governor and the installation of new Representatives and Senators. There is a glaring inconsistency between the opening sentence of Gov. Hogg's message and the fact of the legislature in granting their hall for a dance. In the name of the Christians of this commonwealth, I solemnly protest against such procedure. People will dance, some one says. Be it so; but do not give such the prestige of this government and thereby approve and make the most shameful practice respectable. The Christian element of this commonwealth has its civil rights as well as others. Suppose some pious persons should take it into their heads to have an inauguration prayer-meeting, and the legislative hall be their assembly place for this purpose. Would it not be refused? Would we not hear the cry of fanaticism and religious cranks? Then, I ask, has the worldly element of this government peculiar rights? If there was less dancing, drinking, gambling, revelry and debauchery, and more praying at the seats of legislation State and national, it would be infinitely better for our country. R. C. ARMSTRONG, WACO, TEXAS.

"THE VASTNESS! THE VASTNESS!" H. O. B.

The dying words of a West Texas circuit rider, who had for twenty-five years preached the gospel in the West, in love and weather-beaten face, and he said: "The will of the Lord be done." He died in his lot, but as the spirit left the body a vast sea of glory burst upon his enraptured vision. John looked on the same scene and said he could not number the angels as they floated in the air around the dying man. He thought of old Thomas Myers, sitting for twenty years in his room at Rockport, a large portion of the time not able to see a sprig of grass or a shining star. The "vastness" broke upon his vision last year. We thought of John W. DeVillibis, toiling to reach an old saddle or dubbing a crack in the chimney, and suddenly the vision bore his spirit to the vastness above, where his face shines in the light of the Lord of glory. What seems hard and narrow here may be but the last step to the magnificence beyond. We thought of old Dr. Walker bending his aged, worn form over his dying daughter in a little obscure house, but only last year he fought his final battle and went up to mingle with the vast army of the victors. And the old lane Bro. Barton, of Rockport, now standing up without his crutch before the great assembly of the saints, we thought of James B. Dibrell, cultured, brilliant, narrowed to a death-bed, his work half done, but his freed spirit leaving all his troubles and disappointments behind, lifted up to the vastness of immortality.

"POWERS OF CHURCH TRUSTEES."

The powers and duties of church trustees do not seem to be well understood by the majority of our people. It is such for preachers and trustees to understand fully what their respective duties and powers are in the management of church-houses. Even in my short ministerial life I have met with trustees who thought they had entire control of the church and could remove any man from the pulpit in the house without so much as consulting the preacher in charge. I have also met trustees who thought they had a right to allow any stranger to preach in the church without saying a word to the preacher in charge. I have also known ignorant trustees of our churches not agree with the preacher in charge in his methods of work, to go to the trustees and try to get them to stop the preacher. So I think it important to see what the powers of church trustees are. Our church is in the nature of an aggregate corporation, and in that respect, it is not an actual person, the law provides that we can elect trustees to hold the legal title to property, while the church holds the equitable, beneficial or actual title thereto. Suits have to be brought in the name of the trustees either for or against the property in the hold, because they hold the legal title. They hold this title absolutely in trust for the church at large and have no more property interest in the church than any one else. I take it that the trustee simply holds the title to church property in trust for the church. When the property is to be sold or transferred to another church, or to be sold to the church. All of our church property belongs to and is owned by the church at large, and is under the direction and control of the General Conference. The quarterly conference, by delegated power, is the local central authority, and it is the duty of the trustee to see that the management of all property owned by our church or its respective circuits or stations. When one of our preachers reaches his appointment he has charge of the church and parsonage by virtue of his appointment, and he is to be held responsible to do with how he shall manage the property as the trustee in charge of it. The general affairs shall be managed. The preacher is "preacher in charge" of the church-house, parsonage and spiritual interest of the church. The preacher in charge is to be held responsible for the management of the pulpit in his absence or the need it for the proper thing or for a supper or an entertainment to be given in the church-house. To sum up, I would say, the trustees, simply in an inert manner, hold the property in trust, and they are absolutely under the control of the quarterly conference. They are to be held responsible for the property as the quarterly conference may direct under the Discipline. They must defend all property held by them for the church or allow their names for such defense. It is no more their business to control church-houses than it is to keep the names in respect of any party or to own property as they may see fit. A Methodist preacher has the same possession of a parsonage as long as his appointment last that any other man has of his home. He has the same charge of his church that a merchant has of his store-house; and his business is to be held responsible for God—and the preacher is responsible to his conference.

FROM GEORGIA.

Since my return from Texas have attended both of the Georgia conferences. Bishop Hargrove presided at the North Georgia. It was held in Washington, Ga. This is an old and a very historic town. It was the home of General Tombs. Here he spent most of his life dispensing a hospitality that was courtly and royal. Hotels could hardly flourish in a town where such a man as General Tombs lived. The conference session was pleasant. The Bishop presided with great capability. It has been my fortune to serve in the cabinet with him. I never knew a Bishop more courteous and painstaking. He does not claim, I believe, infallibility, but if he errs his errors, I think, are honest mistakes. I am not an apologist, however, for the Bishop. He is able to defend himself. Bishop Haygood was with us at the South Georgia Conference. Curiosity was on tip-toe to see how he would perform. If there is a man on earth who, to put it mildly, has no respect for the mere conventionalities of society, especially as they relate to class, that man is Bishop Haygood. He does, therefore, as he pleases. He is always a gentleman—born so, reared one, and made doubly so by renewing grace. But he, I think, thoroughly despises the little performances of social life. Think, if you can, of Haygood in a clerical coat, a thick hat and a pair of kid gloves. Georgia Methodists would smile at such a conception. He presided, however. He dispatched business, made wise talks, and I presume thought he was making appointments. He did make some of them, I know. He had a very difficult thing to do—that is, to station a large number of transfers, all of whom were good and strong men. He did it about as well as anybody else could, I guess. He sent Bro. Reams, who came to us from Texas, to the Bainbridge station. Bainbridge is a beautiful town in the southwest corner of the State, with a population of about 2000. They have a splendid parsonage, nicely furnished, and as clever a people as ever fell to a preacher's care. He and they ought both to do well. The complexion of this conference has changed more radically and rapidly than I know. The leaders of fifteen years ago, with few exceptions, are dead or in other places. Hence the fact of so many strong transfers. As far as I can learn they are being well received by the preachers and the people and are giving great satisfaction. I believe in making many transfers. If the bishops would make a great many. It would do two things: (1) It would do away with a foolish prejudice against transfers. (2) It would, to a large extent, do away with the flings at "giraffe stall building." Another good result would follow that can hardly be written out. I simply ask: We are not many men who, if they had new fields, would work better? And are there not many charges, if they could get new men, would breathe easier? I am writing, remember, for an Eastern latitude, so that in the East, if transfers were numerous, new life would be thrown into the churches, and new hope into the large districts and stations. Let the bishops try it awhile and see how it would work. But I am not set to write hemlines on church polity, or to volunteer advice to the bishops. When they need my wisdom they will doubtless ask for it. We are in the midst of a rainy spell; all kinds are hindered; our circuit preachers are not making much headway. Georgia sends her greetings to Texas and prays that her thousands may be increased by thousands. W. M. HAYES.

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—May I hope? She—Yes, if you will promise never to refer to the matter again.

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SANGER BROS.

Dallas, Texas.

For a month and more we have been calling attention to money-saving items and there are just as many of them today, just as good, just as low priced, but the little gleams of sunshine and piles of new goods attract us to the coming glories of the

Spring Season.

You had the first glimpse of some new things in Dress Goods and Silks last week, but new ideas in weave, new thoughts in color-blend, have heightened the attraction.

Next to the interest attaching to a new dress comes the

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Woman's Department.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL. All matter intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Florence Howell, 28 Maston street, Dallas.

EASTER MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

To the Auxiliaries of the W. M. S. Terrell District.

DEAR SISTERS—At the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, held December 5, 1890, it was resolved that Easter Sunday is appointed as a time for special services and collections for the Scarritt Bible and Training-school.

Mrs. Bennett, the agent of the board, has done wonders; but only one-half of the money needed has been yet collected.

Will some sister-worker of the East Texas Conference please answer the following questions from Sister A. A. Matthis, Conference Treasurer of the Parsonsage and Home Mission Society of that conference?

As Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Church Extension I wish to make some inquiries: Are there no pamphlets sent to your conference on the Marshall district? If so, what are they doing? I did not attend the annual conference at Tyler, but see from the minutes that no money was reported from the Woman's department.

HELP FOR LADIES' AID SOCIETIES AND OTHER SOCIETIES CONDUCTED BY OUR WOMEN.

A large number of our Ladies' Aid Societies annually dissolve more from a want of knowledge of that etiquette of the deliberative assembly, which is called parliamentary usage.

- 1. The President and general officers shall be facing the membership. 2. No member shall speak without rising, addressing the presiding officer as Madam President, and from her receiving permission to speak.

It is a pleasure to witness the modest yet thorough way the Caterine Medicine is published in the front ranks. Hurrah for Texas and Caterine!

First Hotel Runner—This way for the Grand Hotel. Only hotel in Dallas with electric lights, steam heat in every room, passenger elevator, billiard parlors, all modern improvements.

What a Change is wrought in people who suffer from rheumatism when they take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Dr. Smith, who has just left our city, told me that I was really justly ill. New Doctor—Oh, my dear sir, you must not put any reliance on anything that man says.

Columbus discovered America, and Dr. H. Robinson, of Waco, found out that Caterine would and did cure his Catarrh.

Many people, who believe in "business before pleasure," still seem to take pleasure in other folk's business.

You swallow the medicine—we do the rest. The medicine referred to is "Chestnut's Tasteless Chili Tonic and the rest."

It is harder than he who has never made the effort might imagine, silently to retort a wither on the hatred with which our love has been repaid.

FOR THE BLOOD, Weakness, biliousness, indigestion and biliousness.

It cuts quickly for all dealers in medicine. Get the genuine.

Cultivate a gentle and even temper. The man who flies into a passion is one of the most foolish of spendthrifts.

An Old and Well-tried Remedy. Mrs. Widdow's Soothing Syrup for children teething should always be used on children while teething.

I look forward to the time when the impulse to help our fellows shall be as immediate and as irresistible as that which I feel to grasp something when I am falling.

This is to certify that I have used WONDERFUL EIGHT and found it to be an immediate relief for Black Leg in my case.

The surest way to produce moral blindness is to neglect moral conviction. One who pursues his course will soon be led by his own errors, credit his own lies and take pleasure in his own wickedness.

No medicine has achieved greater success than "Caterine," or "Extract Mexican Cactus."

Tommy—Did you do much fighting during the war, pa? Pa—I did my share of it. Tommy—Did you make the enemy run? Pa—You're right, I did, Tommy. Tommy—Did they keep you, pa?

Not One in Ten Of the people who meet from day to day have perfectly pure, healthy blood.

Good health and spirits are always enjoyed by the prudent mother, who keeps in her house a bottle of that unexcelled Female Tonic and Regulator, Dr. DROUGHDA'S ENGLISH FEMALE BITTERS.

Do you frequently pen this sort of thing? asked the editor to the poetic contributor.

Do you know I feel like a man when I see your little "How do you get away from it?"

The imatism, gout, etc., are caused by uric acid in the blood. Saxe purifies the blood and effects a cure.

The optimist sees but the roses of life. The pessimist sees the thorns.

Neuritis. My wife was suffering over two weeks with a very severe attack of neuritis which several physicians failed to relieve.

shabby personage (addressing old lady)—Please, ma'am, will you give me a few cents for breakfast? Old lady (sternly)—No, sir. You've been drinking, S. P. F. F., and I am not in the mood to give you a cent.

Nothing else can equal Johnson's Anodyne Linctum for any form of sore throat. Try it once.

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It is queer about society; the minute a man gets into it he expects to get asked out.

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Chief Clerk, aside—His royal nibs ain't himself to-day. Kind of sent and said, "Wonder what's up?" Unreorganized Office Boy, sotto voce—Guess my little plan worked. "Know'd it would when I fastened the type over his tall hair on his overcoat last night. An' I'll do it every time he calls me a clump."

In a nursery wherein all is life and laugh instead of crying and fretting, there is sure to be found Dr. Hoo's baby syrup. Price only 25 cts.

Van Holstein, Jr.—What would you do, father, if I gave up my gay life, don't you know, and came to settle down quietly at home? Van Holstein, Sr.—Well, I should feel strongly inclined to kill a calf.

Influenza and Pneumonia. T. P. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish, La., writes: "Permit me to say to the public that we have tried Wonderful Eight in my practice and find it to be a good medicine in influenza and pneumonia. Nothing to equal to relieve pain."

"A single glance she gives me, when we meet, as if she shows me Her sheet and tells me that, then, The dear girl doesn't know me."

It is strange that people persist in saying when there are about forty thousand good medicines, they should pick one out of the crowd.

It is almost for granted that a country where people can't remember, is there any one in the world who would not try to go there?

Lock-Jaw. CHINA SPRINGS, TEXAS, Aug. 17, 1888. One large dose of Wonderful Eight cured you of your lock-jaw. It is truly a wonderful cure and the best seller of any preparation in the market.

I asked her heart of Winnifred, I asked her to count with me; She laughingly replied, "Dear Ned, I fear you are not in it."

Waco, the home of Caterine Medicine Co., is almost for granted that a country where people can't remember, is there any one in the world who would not try to go there?

Parrot (to Irishman)—Were did you get that hat? Fat—Ah, me, foine bhuid, yer color is all that saves ye!

A Happy Postmaster. This is to certify that I tried one bottle of Wonderful Eight for a severe attack of inflammation of the stomach, which I was subjected to and it is the first thing I ever found that did you any effect. It cured me in less than forty-eight hours.

"You married a rich wife, didn't you?" asked Harry of his erstwhile friend. "Yes," he sighed, "but she's never declared any dividends yet."

The safest and best remedy that can be found for family use is Johnson's Anodyne Linctum.

Accepting the philosopher's theory that money represents trouble, it is surprising to see how many people are willing and anxious to borrow trouble.

Mailed free to any address—"The Care and Feeding of infants"—a book issued by the proprietors of Mellin's Food, and giving much valuable advice and assistance to the mother in feeding her child. Address: Hollister-Gould Co., 41 Central Wharf, Boston, Mass.

"Suggest a motto for my new business venture, will you, Miss Agnes?" "What is the business?" "A dairy farm." "Then suppose you take 'I will warm,'"

Be wise in time. You have too many gray hairs for one so young looking. Use Hall's Gray Restorer, the best preparation out to cure them. Try it.

Two Polish peasants happen to meet; "Tell me, do you know that Nala's coat was washed in the river?" "No, but it is not going to tell him the news as blunt as that?" "No, I shall prepare him. First, I am going to tell him that his mother has died; then I can break the news about the cow."

AN EPITAPH TO HEADACHE SUFFERERS. I long have thought, my suffering friends, And much I wished you were all dead; Which would from sorrow surcease bring. When pain and anguish rend you.

I oft have tried this magic charm, When headache's pains assailed me. It soon assuaged their raging throbs, And never has it failed me.

As sold by Soda's plowman poet, "Your heart can't be so poor as waiting when the breeze fortitude and health. Erect your brow undaunted. With torturing pains of head and brain No cure will be given you, unless you have this precious boon, With benisons on the giver."

Church Notices. 1891. Jan. 1st. Sabbath School. 1891. July 1st. Sabbath School.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Beaumont sta. at Beaumont. Feb. 14, 15 Liberty Pass mts. at Liberty. Feb. 15, 16 Liberty Hill and Leander. Feb. 16, 17 Livingston cir. at Livingston. Feb. 17, 18 Moscow cir. at Moscow. Feb. 18, 19

GAINEVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Boston cir. at Forestburg. Feb. 14, 15 Mountain Springs cir. at Zion. Feb. 15, 16 Greenwood mts. at Greenwood. Feb. 16, 17 Decatur cir. at Mt. Zion. Feb. 17, 18 Aurora mts. at Walnut Creek. Feb. 18, 19 Denton mts. at Snyddale. Feb. 19, 20

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. McGregor cir. at Friendship. Feb. 14, 15 Mart mts. at Friendship. Feb. 15, 16

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Smithville circuit, at Smithville. Feb. 14, 15 Flatonia sta. at Flatonia. Feb. 15, 16 Flatonia cir. at Riggs Chapel. Feb. 16, 17 Welchville cir. at Welchville. Feb. 17, 18 Columbus sta. at Columbus. Feb. 18, 19 LaGrange sta. at LaGrange. Feb. 19, 20

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Holena, at Kiddleville. Feb. 14, 15 Wessing, Uxville. Feb. 15, 16

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Hemphill mts. at Pleasant Hill. Feb. 14, 15 Shelbyville cir. at Shelbyville. Feb. 15, 16 Mercur mts. at Marvin's Chapel. Feb. 16, 17 Denton mts. at Newbern. Feb. 17, 18

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Blue Ford cir. at Blue Ford. Feb. 14, 15 Acton cir. at Acton. Feb. 15, 16 Klose mts. at Klose. Feb. 16, 17

CAULVERT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Centerville cir. at Red Land. Feb. 14, 15 Marquez cir. at Quil Springs. Feb. 15, 16 Franklin cir. at Franklin. Feb. 16, 17

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Linden, at Douglasville. Feb. 14, 15 Kemp cir. at Kemp. Feb. 15, 16 Kelleysville cir. at Harris Chapel. Feb. 16, 17 Kildare, at Trinity. Feb. 17, 18 Texas mts. at Texas. Feb. 18, 19 Kyles mts. at Liberty. Feb. 19, 20

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Kilbuck cir. at Mt. Morris. Feb. 14, 15 Marshall mts. at Marshall. Feb. 15, 16 Marshall mts. at North Side. Feb. 16, 17 Henderson sta. at Henderson. Feb. 17, 18

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Barton Creek. Feb. 14, 15 Farmer, at Farmer. Feb. 15, 16

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Matagorda. Feb. 14, 15 Rock Lake, at Rock Lake. Feb. 15, 16 Columbia. Feb. 16, 17 Velasco. Feb. 17, 18

TERRELL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Forney cir. at Lawrence. Feb. 14, 15 Kemp cir. at Lone Oak. Feb. 15, 16 Kaufman mts. at Kaufman. Feb. 16, 17 Rosalia mts. at Rosalia. Feb. 17, 18 Robertson, at Vauclerk. Feb. 18, 19

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Wesley and Bush cir. at West Dallas. Feb. 14, 15 Italy cir. at Frost. Feb. 15, 16

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Sherman cir. at Pecos. Feb. 14, 15 Rock Lake, at Rock Lake. Feb. 15, 16 Howe cir. at Howe. Feb. 16, 17 Pilot Grove cir. at Cottage Hill. Feb. 17, 18 Anna mts. at Milton Chapel. Feb. 18, 19

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Junction City cir. at Westworth. 1st Sun in March Knoxvillle cir. at Westworth. 1st Sun in March Sutherland mts. at Sutherland. 1st Sun in March Garden City cir. at Garden City. 1st Sun in March San Angelo mts. at San Angelo. 1st Sun in March London mts. at Long Mountain. 1st Sun in March

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Palestine sta. Feb. 14, 15 Jacksonville mts. at Providence. Feb. 15, 16 Palestine mts. at Shide's Chapel. Feb. 16, 17 Grapeland cir. at Grapeland. Feb. 17, 18 Trinity cir. at Trinity. Feb. 18, 19

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Farmers' Branch cir. Feb. 14, 15 Hewitt cir. at Hewitt. Feb. 15, 16 Grapevine cir. Feb. 16, 17 Smithfield cir. Feb. 17, 18 North Fort Worth mts. Feb. 18, 19

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Goldswalde cir. at Pleasant Grove. Feb. 14, 15 Mullin cir. at Mullin. Feb. 15, 16 Grapevine cir. at Valley Grove. Feb. 16, 17 Sipe Springs mts. Feb. 17, 18 Camp Colorado mts. at Fairview. Feb. 18, 19 Fort Chadbourne mts. at Fort Chadbourne. Feb. 19, 20

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Coopers Cove charge, at Rock Creek. 3d Sun in Feb. Bee Hive charge, at Ewart. 4th Sun in Feb. Jozeph City charge, at Coryell City. 1st Sun in March

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Davilla cir. at Davilla. Feb. 14, 15 Pleasant Hill cir. at Pleasant Hill. Feb. 15, 16 Cameron sta. Feb. 16, 17 Cameron cir. at Cameron. Feb. 17, 18 Mayfield cir. at Mayfield. Feb. 18, 19

TYLER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Lindale, at Union Chapel. Feb. 14, 15 Grand Saline, at Marion Chapel. Feb. 15, 16

EDDY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Pecos. Feb. 14, 15 New Mexico, on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in February. Yours, in Christ, N. CRITCHFIELD, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Bolton sta. at Bolton. Feb. 14, 15 Jonah cir. at Jonah. Feb. 15, 16 Liberty Hill and Leander. Feb. 16, 17 Bertram and Mt. Hope, at Mt. Hope. Feb. 17, 18 Round Rock cir. at Hutto. Feb. 18, 19 Georgetown sta. at Georgetown. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19, 20 Marble Falls cir. at Spring Creek. Feb. 20, 21 Burnet sta. at Burnet. 8:30 a.m. Feb. 21, 22 South Belton cir. at Leona. Feb. 22, 23 West Georgetown, at West Georgetown. Feb. 23, 24 North Hill and Salado, at North Hill. Feb. 24, 25 Marble Falls cir. at North Georgetown. Feb. 25, 26 Florence, at sunny Lane. Feb. 26, 27 East Taylor mts. at Long Branch. Feb. 27, 28 Taylor sta. at Taylor. 8:30 a.m. Feb. 28, 29 Bartlett cir. at Bartlett. Feb. 29, 30

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. San Marcos cir. at Center Point. 3d Sun in Feb. San Marcos sta. at San Marcos. 4th Sun in Feb. Lone Star cir. at Harrison's Oak. 1st Sun in Mar. Kyle cir. at Pleasant Grove. 2d Sun in Mar. Dripping Springs mts. at Fitzhugh. 3d Sun in Mar. Riverdale mts. at Elm Grove. 4th Sun in Mar. Harwood cir. at Shiloh. 5th Sun in Mar. Bismark cir. at Kingsbury. 1st Sun in Apr. Gonzales sta. at Gonzales. 2d Sun in Apr.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Alvord and Sunset, at Sunset. Feb. 14, 15 Montague and Belcher, at Belcher. Feb. 15, 16 Illinois Bend and Bonita, at Illinois Bend. Feb. 16, 17 Saint Joe cir. at Dye Mountain. Feb. 17, 18 Bowie cir. at Mount Tabor. Feb. 18, 19 Burlington and Nocona, at Eagle Point. Feb. 19, 20

DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be elected this round. District conference will meet at Alvord, Sat. 24, at 9 a.m. We hope to have Bishop Haygood with us there. W. S. MAY, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Oakville and Tilden. Feb. 14, 15 Flovilla mts. at Flovilla. Feb. 15, 16 Rancho cir. Feb. 16, 17 Seville. Feb. 17, 18 San Diego mts. at San Diego. Feb. 18, 19 Laredo. Feb. 19, 20 Lagarto cir. Feb. 20, 21 Colorado mts. at Colorado. Feb. 21, 22 Kennedy cir. Feb. 22, 23 Helena cir. Feb. 23, 24 Corpus Christi. Feb. 24, 25 Wesley cir. Feb. 25, 26

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Woodland cir. Feb. 14, 15 Detroit cir. Feb. 15, 16 Anna mts. Feb. 16, 17 DeKalb mts. Feb. 17, 18 Clarksville mts. Feb. 18, 19 Powderly mts. Feb. 19, 20 The Springs mts. Feb. 20, 21

ABLENE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Sweetwater cir. at Dora. Feb. 14, 15 Abilene mts. at Keyser. Feb. 15, 16 Colorado sta. at Colorado. Feb. 16, 17 Albany sta. Feb. 17, 18 Hartsville mts. at Fish Creek. Feb. 18, 19 Haskell mts. at Haskell. Feb. 19, 20 Buffalo Gap cir. Feb. 20, 21 Big Spring and Midland, at Midland. Feb. 21, 22 Abilene mts. at Abilene. Feb. 22, 23 Abilene sta. Feb. 23, 24 Hixon mts. at Hixon. Wednesday, May 9, 10 Snyder mts. at Brown's. May 10, 11 Dalhart mts. at Dalhart. May 11, 12 District conference at Colorado. June 17-21. Delegates will be elected this round. Geo. A. WALLACE, P. E.

CUERO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Victoria sta. Feb. 14, 15 San Jose mts. at Morales. 1st Sun in Feb. Ballesteville cir. at Ballesteville. 1st Sun in March Wealdler and Moulton, at Wealdler. 2d Sun in March Williamsburg cir. at sweet home. 3d Sun in March Leeville cir. at Union Hill. 4th Sun in March Wealdler cir. at Bethel. 4th Sun in March Clear Creek cir. at Bellvue. 1st Sun in April Jewett cir. at Thomaston. 2d Sun in April Youkum cir. at Youkum. 3d Sun in April

SAN SABA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Llano cir. at Salien. Feb. 14, 15 San Saba mts. at San Saba. Feb. 15, 16 Richmond Springs cir. at Live Oak. Feb. 16, 17 Brady sta. Feb. 17, 18 Pecos and Camp San Saba, at Camp San Saba. Feb. 18, 19 Piedrotte cir. at Valley Springs. Feb. 19, 20 Oxford cir. at Oxford. Feb. 20, 21 Llano sta. at Llano. Feb. 21, 22 Willow City cir. at Comanche. Feb. 22, 23 Round Mountain and Rockvale cir. at Rockvale. Feb. 23, 24 Blanco sta. Feb. 24, 25 Cherokee cir. Feb. 25, 26

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

Lady (house-hunting)—Can I see the gentleman of the house? Grumpy janitor— I look after the premises, madam. Ah! Then there isn't any gen'laman of the house! So sorry! Good morning.

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FORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Granbury sta. Feb. 14, 15 Missouri Avenue. Feb. 15, 16 Cleburne mts. Feb. 16, 17 Morgan and Blum. Feb. 17, 18 Merystown cir. Feb. 18, 19 Staley Memorial. Feb. 19, 20 First Church. Feb. 20, 21 Fort Worth cir. Feb. 21, 22 Kopper mts. Feb. 22, 23 Mansfield cir. Feb. 23, 24 West End mts. Feb. 24, 25 Acton cir. Feb. 25, 26 King Rose mts. Feb. 26, 27 District conference will be held in Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, May 28th, inclusive. Let the pastors read the important notice of Barber's Circular. Circular Advocate of February 5, and respond to their suggestion at once. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Kingston cir. Feb. 14, 15 Greenville sta. Feb. 15, 16 Mount Vernon cir. Feb. 16, 17 Carrollton cir. Feb. 17, 18 Black Jack cir. Feb. 18, 19 Cooper cir. Feb. 19, 20 Tereburg cir. Feb. 20, 21 G

Devotional.

THE YEAR'S WISHES.

What will I wish thee? Treasures of earth? Songs in the spring-time? Flowers and the rainbow? Skies ever clear? Would this insure thee A "Happy New Year?"

THE PREACHING WANTED.

It has so happened that within the past few months the writer has had the opportunity of conversing with representative men and women in several churches in different cities. They have spoken with great frankness as to the kind of preaching which the churches need and wish. The testimony has been uniform that the churches desire a warm, tender, and scriptural presentation of gospel truth.

Marriages.

GREENE - WYNNE. - Near Woodland, Freestone county, Texas, December 29, 1890, at 3 p. m., Rev. G. A. Greene, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Miss Mary E. Wynne, Rev. Geo. S. Wyatt officiating.

STOCKING - PATTERSON. - At the Methodist Church, Patterson, Waller county, Texas, January 7, 1891, Mr. M. L. Stocking and Mrs. Lucy E. Patterson, Rev. G. S. Wyatt officiating.

Obituaries.

GRAVES. - On the fourth Sunday in last month, Laura Graves, a member of our Sunday-school, was in her class. That afternoon she began to bleed at the nose, and though faithful effort was made to save her life, she died Monday morning, January 15, 1891, at the residence of her father, Mr. A. A. Jordan and Miss Mary O'Kuffe, Rev. W. J. Brown officiating.

BOWMAN - HOLCOMBE. - At the residence of Mr. J. M. Teaff, Troy, Bell county, Texas, February 1, 1891, Mr. W. M. Bowman and Miss Mary Holcombe, Rev. E. R. Barcus officiating.

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BURFORD. - Addie L. Burford, daughter of Bro. J. E. and Sister M. C. Burford, was born August 31, 1885, in Lowndes county, Ala., and died January 12, 1891, in Grimes county, Texas.

GIBSON. - Mrs. Mariah Gibson was born in Alabama, February 21, 1839, moved to this State about four years ago and died January 29, 1891, near Itasca, Hill county. Sister Gibson professed religion and joined the Methodist Church early in life, lived an exemplary life and died in the faith.

MADRAY. - Thomas Oliver Madray, eldest son of O. P. and Narcisa Madray, was born in Nueces county, Texas, July 14, 1870, and died November 15, 1890, at San Antonio, Texas, just in his twenty-first year, at the home of his aunt and cousin, Mrs. Mary Mackey and Joseph Waller.

BOWTLE. - Jno. W. Bowtle was born in 1855 in Fannin county, Texas; was married to Mrs. Sella J. Cantine November 2, 1887, at the residence of his father and the Methodist Church in the summer of 1881, from which time to his death he lived a consistent Christian life.

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CREDEILLE. - The subject of this notice, Wiley D. Credeille, died near Leeburg, Camp county, Texas, January 23, 1891, aged eighty-eight years. He had for many years been a faithful member of the M. E. Church; faithful in the discharge of every duty, he proved loyal to church, home and family.

BELDIN. - After a brief illness, Bro. J. C. Beldin fell asleep in Jesus January 3, 1891. He endured great suffering with patience the while our Heavenly Father was smoothing the pathway to the tomb with the spirit of resignation.

YEATS. - My dear sister, S. J. Yeats, departed this life at her home, in Collin county, Texas, October 21, 1890. She was the daughter of Rev. A. G. and M. M. Yeats, of the same county, Texas.

DUNHAM. - Sarah C. Dunham, relict of Joseph H. Dunham, died near Courtney, Grimes county, January 26, 1891. She was born in North Carolina, April 24, 1824. She was married in Tennessee, December 12, 1847, and named her children after the prophet and grace kept the husband and children in the path of the just.

GLANCE. - Jacob Glance, the subject of this sketch, was born in Buncombe county, North Carolina, August 15, 1813; married Hannah Rogers May 11, 1837; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life; emigrated to Texas in 1848 and settled in Cooke county in December 29, 1850.

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TAYLOR. - On January 22, 1891, God called to Himself F. Taylor (nee Vaughn). "Thy work on earth is done; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Sister Taylor was born June 14, 1852, in Carroll county, Virginia, and was married to M. L. Taylor September 12, 1877, in Carroll county, Virginia; departed this life January 22, 1891, in the triumph of a Christian's faith.

HOLDER. - Martha Ann Holder was born in Buncombe county, North Carolina, August 21, 1828, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Rhodes, in Clarendon county, Texas, January 14, 1891. She was married to N. J. Holder in 1847, and they lived happily together for forty-four years. This union was blessed with ten children; three have preceded them to the good world and seven remain to mourn with their father, who is now more than seventy years old.

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Cut sweet potatoes into pieces say an inch square, make into these pieces an incision, into which drop as much common calomel as will stay on the points of a penknife;

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 4-T S Willford, sub. R M Chennault, sub. O W Graves, sub. D H Dicker, sub. Chas. Irvin, sub. A F Payne, sub. Eugene T Bates, sub. R Roberts, sub. Correction made. I Gregory, sub. L W Walters, sub. W B. Jones, sub. J Russell, sub. B A Snoddy, sub. J C Weaver, sub. B T Hayes, sub. W W Horner, sub. J C Calhoun, sub. M W Turner, sub. W B Byrum, sub. Jas S Hunter, sub. T B Vinson, sub. Jas A Hester, sub. W W Kelley, sub. T T Booth, sub. J M. H. Smith, sub. W. C. Brown, sub. J C Moore, sub. E D L. Timm, sub. J F Skinner, sub. J W Groves, sub. C. C. H. H. W. R. Roberts, sub. J. W. Holt, sub. C. J. Cray, sub. M. Leaton, sub. A. F. Smith, sub. W. R. Crockett, sub. W. F. Brinson, sub. H. B. Henry, sub. W. C. Clark, sub. H. O. Stovall, sub. W. B. White, sub. B. Harris, sub. C. H. Smith, sub. W. J. Lemon, sub. J. Z. Parker, sub. W. Clifton, sub. Feb. 5-J F Pierce, sub. Price is right. J. P. Hulse, sub. and an answer. W. G. Moore, sub. P. Price, sub. W. R. Large, sub. Jas F Galloway, sub. F. W. Solomon, sub. J. A. Biggs, sub. J. M. Porter, sub. J. C. Calhoun, sub. A. S. Ayers, sub. W. F. Clark, sub. W. F. Garvin, sub. J. D. Scott, sub. J. A. Hall, sub. This Gregory, sub. H. M. Magog, sub. H. B. Casaway, sub. W. C. Brown, sub. R. B. Averill, sub. R. S. Hester, sub. postoffice has attention. J. W. Rims, sub. W. H. Crawford, sub. J. M. Alexander, sub. W. W. Heuler, sub. Feb. 6-L Mills, sub. J. W. Harmon, sub. E. K. Denton, sub. J. W. Sims, sub. E. S. Sand. Jones, sub. D. S. St. Louis, sub. H. E. Smith, sub. J. A. Allen, sub. J. B. Cox, sub. J. F. M. Fort, sub. O. T. Hotchkiss, sub. Albert Little, sub. D. H. Hester, sub. J. M. P. Parker, sub. J. Allen, sub. S. Nelson, sub. A. K. Sellers, sub. Will stop sub. answered.

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Yoaquim Circuit.

A. G. Nolan, Feb. 1: The first quarterly conference for the Yoaquim circuit was held in the town of Yoaquim on Saturday before the first Sunday in February.

Rock Creek.

R. C. Barnett, Jan. 31: The Holder's Chapel Church Conference was held today. Charles W. Irvin was up to his full measure in the pulpit (and who can outstrip him there?) and also in the chair.

Frazier Mission.

G. S. Hardy, Feb. 3: This work, under its present name, is one year old, and the territory forming it is situated in the south end of Greer county—as fine country as can be found anywhere.

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The news from the seat of war is constantly contradictory; but so from Dr. Bull's cough syrup; every report concerning it points to the best cough syrup known. Only 25 cents a bottle.

Texas Casualties.

J. S. Woodward, a farmer living near Milford, killed his neighbor, Wash Bennett, February 2, with a single shot.

Fayette Parker, of Plano, was shot by the accident on a business day. He died February 6, after suffering great agony.

In Paris, February 7, E. Scharback, a drummer, fell from the third floor of the Hotel Peteron to the top of an awning, sixteen feet below, and received injuries from which he died the next day.

Dr. Ignacia Martinez, of Laredo, who was also an ex-general in the Mexican army, was waylaid by two unknown men, February 3, and shot to death.

The watermelon now is smiling on the vine and not far in the distance the chills are waiting victims. Cheatham's Tasteless Chili Tonic, however, is wading right along curing chills by the thousands, making happy homes, brightening faces, and bringing peace, order, and devotion were wont to reign. Try it. 7c.

Texas Incidents.

Spotted fever is ravaging the place at Springtown.

William Pointer, a prisoner confined in the county jail at Bonham on a charge of perjury, died February 4, of pneumonia.

The county court-house at Groesbeck, valued at \$30,000, was destroyed by fire February 1. All the records were in the vault, and are supposed to be safe.

The records of Coke county were destroyed by fire on the night of January 30 at Robert Lee, the new county seat. No one is known as to who perpetrated the deed. This makes the second time during the last twelve months that the Coke county records have been destroyed by fire.

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The Senate of Indiana, February 5, passed the most sweeping measure that was ever aimed against trusts in the State.

Mrs. Rachel Brombolow, Aransas Harbor, Wm. B. Smith, Sr., Austin; Robert J. Higgins, Beaumont; Mr. Wierker, near Bellville; Mrs. Margaret Mizell, near Bethany; Will McMurray, near Brandon; Capt. Wm. E. Sloan, Brenham; W. J. Butler, Chillicothe; Mr. Crawford, A. J. Redlin, Mrs. Anna Fuller, Chireno; Wm. M. Barnum, Colorado; Robert J. Gault, Corpus Christi; Miss Mattie McCloskey, Dublin; Mrs. Virginia Richardson, Flatonia; Mr. McQueen, James Boyer, Gainesville; Mrs. Angeline Boddecker, Galveston; Mrs. A. P. Quint, Garland; Thomas Davis, Grapeeland; Dr. S. J. Huff, Greenville; John M. McCurtley, Harrold; Mrs. F. W. Petty, Mr. Frizzell, Henderson; Mrs. George Custer, Hopewell; Rev. J. W. Smith, Hubbard City; Mrs. Hayden Arnold, near Kaufman; W. B. Gibbs, Kosee; James Lee, of Halleterville; at Luling; Robert Smith, Peter Hardeman, Dr. G. M. G. Cook, Mrs. Callie Hardeman, Mrs. Coan, Richardson, Miss Emma Teutsch, Melrose; J. M. D. Copeland, Midolthian; Miss Annie O'Neal, Milford; Charlie Ghalston; Moody; R. W. Stevens, Mrs. James Jenkins, Mrs. John Denny, near Moody; B. L. Price, near E. Stanley, J. A. West, near Samuel Holcomb, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Bertha Crum Lee, Nacogdoches; Mrs. Anna Ackerman, Navasota; J. P. Hardy, near Newport; Dr. L. A. Walker, Palestine; Hans Smith, Mrs. Zane Copeland, near Palmer; Mrs. Nathan Porter, Lewis Hays, Pilot Point; Mrs. J. A. West, near Pilot Point; Mrs. E. Stamps, Pittsburg; Isaac H. Kendrick, near Rising Star; Mrs. Josie Reed, Rogers; E. P. Mayrant, near Sherman; James D. Gorman, near Snyder; J. W. Butler, Terrell; C. W. Taylor, Thornton; Sam H. Sills, Waco; John Johnson, Mrs. N. M. Wauscher, Waxahatchee; Dr. G. M. Davidson, Wolf Valley; Mrs. Colman, Marble Falls; Mr. Connor, Junction City.

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## HOME CONFERENCES.

Wanted for this department all the church news. Send facts—not comments, nor sermons, nor lectures, nor exhortations; but send every item of news concerning the church in your charge.

### Belton.

C. R. Wright: Our church cost \$15,000, instead of \$1500. This, no doubt, was my mistake, but it is a big one, nevertheless.

### Gilmer.

W. J. Bindworth, Feb. 4: I send this week \$10, the assessment on this circuit for domestic missions. This shows that Bro. Flager, our presiding elder, has been with us. Our first quarterly conference over nearly one-fourth of quarter-over, nearly one-fourth of quarter-over, and claims of circuit raised. Spiritual condition good, but we need more subscribers for the Advocate.

### Salado.

W. W. Henderson: Our Bishop (presiding elder) was promptly on hand and held the first quarterly meeting in a very business-like and satisfactory way. He preached in four sermons, and his message to the hearts of many. Our stewards made a liberal assessment for the support of the preacher in charge. Sick, mud and water greatly interfered with the attendance on the quarterly meeting. Our Ladies Aid Society is doing a good work in the sewing, and our church. God bless them and all the work.

### Collinsville.

W. H. Brown, Feb. 3: Our first quarterly meeting was held at this place last Saturday and Sunday. The presiding elder was present and held the conference and preached four of his great big sermons, administered the sacrament and held a love-feast. All the work was done in the Spirit of Christ, indeed the people were made to feel that they were in the presence of a man of God. I do not know how a man could make a failure at this place with W. D. Moutcastle as presiding elder and old Father Jones as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and all these good women and men to pray for him and the good Lord to supply his grace. The stewards of the preacher's salary at \$500. May the richest blessing from the Lord attend the labors of all his servants this year.

### Calvert.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Feb. 5: An able to report some progress in material interests. Item number one: My stewards have raised among themselves \$225 toward our bonus of \$250 for the location of the district parsonage. Item number two: My people have put in two nice, new cypress cisterns for the comfort of their preacher and his family. Item number three: We have just let the contract for new pews to be put in our church, at a cost of nearly \$300. I am preaching to large congregations, and serve a kind, generous, liberal people. We need a revival—one that will be thorough, that will reach those who are but nominal Christians and make them consistent and devout. Some have joined me in prayer for such a work and I believe it will come.

### Woodville.

J. M. Porter, Feb. 3: We reached here the week after conference, and have been busy ever since, meeting appointments, visiting the people, and laying plans for future operations. Am now pushing the battle, and hope to bring up a good report at conference. The people received us very kindly, gave us the "usual pounding," and we feel much at home among them. We have much to be grateful for: a good circuit, comfortable parsonage, healthy location, faithful stewards and a good, efficient presiding elder. May the Lord keep us worthy of these desirable things. Bro. Browning is getting along well. Sister Browning is just recovering from a two weeks' spell of a gripe and will be ready for missionary work in a few days.

### Eikhardt.

T. W. Bynton, Feb. 2: We feel like we are serving a kind-hearted people, so much so that we feel at home with them. I have made two rounds on this work and have received into the church eleven by profession and one by letter, with more to follow. I have had a gripe since I came to my work, but an week now. My wife has been sick for a week-day with the measles; she has suffered a great deal during this time, but she is some better this morning. The good people of Eikhardt have been kind to us, and the good sisters, especially, are very kind and attentive to my wife while she is sick, and they see to it that we want for nothing. Words cannot express our gratitude to them. I am expecting great revivals on this work this year.

### Mt. Calm.

Superintendent, Feb. 2: Our preacher, Bro. Lemons, is the right man in the right place, both as pastor, preacher and worker. God bless him in his mission of love. He has organized a Sabbath-school at this place and was with us to-day with his counsel and admonition; preached for us at 11 o'clock and baptized one little girl. Although the roads were very muddy, yet the people came to Sunday-school and to hear the Word of the Lord. This Sunday-school is just one month old, and we have one mile from this called Old Mt. Calm Sunday-school, with a prayer-meeting attached, which has run for seven years and is still in operation. We have in these two schools many young people that must be won for Christ, and I do hope that every Christian that reads this sketch will pray that every one of these may be converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. God bless the Advocate.

### Seguin and Mill Creek.

J. D. Scott, Feb. 4: A few days after the last session of the West Texas Conference we found ourselves comfortably housed in the parsonage at Seguin. We soon became adjusted to our new surroundings, and have been, in our way, prosecuting the work of an itinerant preacher. The good people here gave us a very hearty welcome, and have shown this in a substantial way by making such improvements to the parsonage as adding to our comfort, building a new barn, raising the salary, etc. We are having much sickness and some of it is "unto death." Already four members have gone from the militant to the triumphant triumph. "Oh, Lord, review thy work" is our prayer and text for the year, and all our plans and efforts take this shape. Last Saturday, January 31, was the appointed time for our first quarterly conference. Because of a sick family, as well as a strict

quarantine, our presiding elder, the Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, did not come. The financial report, though not in full, was good, and the Lord was with us in the religious services to the comfort and encouragement of his children. A large percent of our connectional collections have been secured.

### Hillister.

Wm. H. Dean: Hillister is on the extreme north end of my circuit, and is noted for being one of the most godless and ungodly sections in the district. Out of a population of about 250 only thirteen ladies and one gentleman belong to our church. A few others belong to other churches. I have presided to the dark side of the picture. Now let me present the bright side. God enabled me to preach here the last two nights on the wickedness of sin and the terrors of hell, and, as a result, about seventy men and women gave me their hands, while tears freely flowed from their eyes, and promised to live better lives and seek the salvation of their souls. Dead consciences were revived, and many saw the hideousness of sin and wept bitterly. Four backsliders were reclaimed. Hallelujah! God is visiting Sunset circuit, and the idols of sin are falling. Sinners are seeking pardon and believers are seeking entire sanctification.

### Newlin.

T. Phillips, Feb. 1: We have organized a Methodist Church six miles south of Newlin. Bro. J. D. Terry is our preacher for this year. He preaches the first Sunday in each month. Our church is not finished. It is called Stone Chapel. Our membership consists of eleven at present. We have a good community for the West, especially the Panhandle. Bro. Grubbs is our class-leader, Bro. Bell our steward, Bro. Stone our Sunday-school superintendent. We will have a good Sunday-school in the spring and summer and fall. At present the Methodist Church is the strongest here. We expect a good outgrowth of our church in the near future. Our Baptist brethren organized with nine members. We hope they will work with us, not as a separate denomination, but as brethren in Christ, for we think much good can be done by doing so. Our community is settling very fast. In a short while our country will be as strong populated as our eastern counties. Brethren, we desire an interest in your prayers, hoping you will remember us. As our lot is cast in the distant West, the leaves of faith, hoping we may grow in grace and be obedient to our Father's will.

### Eagle Pass.

F. H. C. Elliott, Feb. 4: The dread scourge, small-pox, has been raging across the river for months past, and has resulted in the death of about 900 of our people. Our own city has had about twenty-five cases and eight deaths. Business has been injured to a very large extent by the disease. However, our quarantine has now been raised, and it is expected that Coahuila will in a few days raise the quarantine against Eagle Pass, for which there never has been any good reason. The church has also felt the effects of the disease, though God has kept it from within her ranks. Sabbath-school attendance and attendance upon preaching being less on account of it. We have received since conference here two by ritual, one by letter, and two by ritual and two by letter at Brackett. Effort is also being made, with prospect of success, to the erecting a neat chapel in Brackett. Our church enters into this place has not been dropped, but as soon as business affairs are in a more satisfactory shape, expect to push it with more zeal than ever. Our hearts were made sad at the reception of the news of Bro. Thornberry's and Sister Kennedy's death, but thank God both were ripe for the kingdom.

### Hamilton Circuit.

W. E. Caperton, Feb. 4: I have made two rounds on my work since conference. This is the beginning of my third year on this circuit. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. I have been most kindly received by a most loyal people. In many ways they show their appreciation of their pastor. They gave us a real "pounding" after a business session. A delivery was sent to the parsonage loaded with good things. By inquiry we learned that Bro. Tommie Steen was the author of this move, to whom, with others who gave of their liberality, we extend our hearty thanks. Our congregations are usual large and attentive. Sabbath-schools are being graciously revived; the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being duly administered at each of my four appointments, attended withunction from the Holy One; church conferences are being held as the Discipline directs; we have a Juvenile Missionary Society, which is one of the most hopeful features of our work. If we can get the missionary sentiment inculcated in the hearts of the young the future of the church is secured. Mrs. C. is using her diligence to circulate the Woman's Missionary Advocate among our sisters. The Texas Advocate is our "home" preacher. God bless his weekly visits.

### Shive Circuit.

J. W. Hall, Jan. 30: My work is large; covers a good deal of territory; two appointments in Coryell county and seven in Hamilton county. It is located up and down the Cow-house Creek for thirty-five miles. Through the providence of God I have been able to meet all of my appointments, except one. I preach twice every Sunday and one Sabbath three times. After next Sunday I will have made two rounds on the circuit; congregations good and attentive. Our first quarterly conference was to come off the second Saturday and Sunday in January, but, owing to the amount of snow on the ground, the brethren failed to come. So Bro. Bailey, our beloved and esteemed presiding elder, gave us another day, at which time we are expecting and praying for a Pentecostal shower. Through the kindness of Bro. Bailey and Prof. Stallings, of Evans, a house was rented and waiting my arrival, where the good stewards had deposited corn, flour, meat, lard, eggs and butter, for all of which we are very thankful, from the fact my house was visited again this week by another one of the stewards with some corn, pork, flour, sausage, and still I am lo-kick for some oats, meat and lard. Besides all this I have received money enough to meet my present demands. This is not all. One of the brethren has furnished us with two good milk cows; another brother promised to bring me a load of cotton seed, and another one still says he will let me have a shoat, and

one good sister promises us some hens. So you see that I am good for milk, butter, pork and eggs for my six children, and are taking of naming our baby boy after all, very much of the earth—earthly. But, all jokes aside, I find here a fine country, friends and kind neighbors. I have received a hearty welcome and tokens of sympathy and appreciation. This charge is new, and while my predecessors have done much, there remains much to be done. The circuit is as able to pay the preacher \$1000 as it is \$250. But a great many in this charge know but little of Methodism. I account for this on the ground that only a few read the Advocate. Many even look blank when you talk to them about their former pastor being pounded since entering his new charge; but many of these people are good and wholesome in sympathy with the preacher and his work. The quarterly conference occasion has just passed. No presiding elder present—rain, I suppose, prevented; only three churches represented on account of rain and mud. The stewards present assessed the preacher's present wants, all of which I think are in advance of former years (I mean the salary and provision made). Received during the quarter several by certificate, one on profession of faith, baptized one adult and one infant, collected for cooking stove, \$6.75 for repairs on church at Milton, \$37.90 for distern at parsonage. Next quarterly conference at Byrdtown.

### Springtown.

J. H. Trimble, Feb. 6: Our town is being depopulated; such excitement I have never witnessed. We are having meningitis, or spotted fever; several deaths; buried one this morning; some dead consciences were revived, so much so that they have come to see the sick and bury the dead until I am completely broken down. I am going to stay. Every family that can has left, or will leave, except a few brave hearts. Our school of 400 students has been suspended.

### Leec.

Mrs. Belle Garrison, Feb. 6: Bro. Terry has been with us and organized a class, twenty-three members enrolled on the register and several more in the neighborhood that would have joined had the weather been better. Bro. Terry seems to be the right man in the right place. He works with a will. Appointed class-meeting for the third Sabbath in each month, prayer-meeting every Sabbath evening and a regular monthly appointment for the fourth Sabbath in every month. We have been in the Panhandle nearly three years, and in the time have heard very few sermons; no religious influences thrown around us, and as a natural consequence there are very few of us as devoted as we should be. Bro. Terry said he hoped great good would be accomplished by this people.

### Wilton.

J. W. Griffin, Feb. 6: This mission is an extensive one, embracing part of three counties. Have completed two rounds. We have thirteen appointments; have been kindly received at every appointment. This is an appreciative people. If the admonitions of the preacher is heeded with the same care as it is listened to, we conclude, with God's help, that the gospel banner will be unfurled in Lawson's mission this year and the sons of God will about victory at every appointment. Bro. E. Meredith has had the parsonage erected since we came here. The brethren at Meredith camp-ground are looking after the welfare of the preacher and his family. We have no experience in pounding, but enjoy reading of the poundings that the brethren write of. We have an experience, but it is with the creeks in Henderson county. Our first case of dipping came off last Saturday. The pony we were riding floated off a bridge and dipped the rider, but we are still a Methodist notwithstanding the experience, and praise God for salvation, though there be much water here.

### Mount Pleasant.

E. B. Thompson: The place is historic—the capital of Tarrant county. Mount Pleasant circuit appears in our minutes for years. The names of Hawkins, Graham, Horner, Smith, Williams, Edwards, Whitehead and others, pastors, are household words, and their works do follow them. In evidence of moral, a beautiful station was announced the first time at our last conference. A more loyal people the writer has never known. An assessment of \$700 for preacher in charge, in monthly installments; district stewards' assessment additional, in all amounting to a grand fraction of \$12 per member. We are talking of a \$5000 church. The Lord put it into our hearts to build it this year. Amen! "Let all the people say amen!" The blessings derived by such enterprise, liberality and devotion will not be fully known to us in our day. Prestige of the town, respect for the cause, promotion of moral, a heritage for the children, salvation of souls, honoring God, etc., are some of the known results. The people continue kindness to the preacher in charge and family. Holy Spirit lead us in all things and may great grace be upon us.

### Randolph.

A. E. Butterfield, Jan. 31: Last November, at Texarkana, Bishop Haygood read me out for the Bailey and Randolph circuit, which was the first appointment I ever held. I immediately commenced to look for a man to meet on the work suggested that we would have to have a parsonage; and we wrote a subscription and visited, talked and worked for the parsonage. The good women and men of Randolph brought provisions to the parsonage and did things that we did not want to buy or thing to consume home-keeping, and we will not have to buy anything for a month. We have now spent the first day and night at home in what will be one of the best parsonages on a circuit in this part. The cost has been near \$150. Last week the people at Hickory Creek put seats enough for their new church, so they rejoice and we gladly join in with them. There has been more than \$1000 quartered in full, and as the presiding elder gets his in full quarterly, instead of a percent of what is collected, we know he will smile when he sees his many things have come to us free. Our people cannot be surpassed by any; no Board of Stewards can surpass the one on this work. We have adopted the assessment plan. Some of the churches have already made their assessment, not leaving out any from the least to the greatest, and the remainder will do so soon. With so many good people and the Lord to guide and give strength, the only thing that will cause a failure is for the poor, unworthy pastor to fail in some way, and we are praying for humbleness that we may trust in God. Surely it has been the Lord who has builded the house. So the he it is that hath kept the city. Oh, that he may continue so to do.

### Milton.

E. S. Boyd, Feb. 2: I have heard preachers and others talk about first, second and third class appointments. Well, if names are not misleading I suppose I have the first-class. I am informed that our parsonage is within ten miles of "Glory," and about the same distance from "Hallelujah." But I was going

along the road the other day and was overtaken by one who said he was from "Glory," but to me he looked like he was from Africa. And so I am about to conclude that my first-class appointment is, after all, very much of the earth—earthly. But, all jokes aside, I find here a fine country, friends and kind neighbors. I have received a hearty welcome and tokens of sympathy and appreciation. This charge is new, and while my predecessors have done much, there remains much to be done. The circuit is as able to pay the preacher \$1000 as it is \$250. But a great many in this charge know but little of Methodism. I account for this on the ground that only a few read the Advocate. Many even look blank when you talk to them about their former pastor being pounded since entering his new charge; but many of these people are good and wholesome in sympathy with the preacher and his work. The quarterly conference occasion has just passed. No presiding elder present—rain, I suppose, prevented; only three churches represented on account of rain and mud. The stewards present assessed the preacher's present wants, all of which I think are in advance of former years (I mean the salary and provision made). Received during the quarter several by certificate, one on profession of faith, baptized one adult and one infant, collected for cooking stove, \$6.75 for repairs on church at Milton, \$37.90 for distern at parsonage. Next quarterly conference at Byrdtown.

### Green's Creek Circuit.

R. A. Hall: This scribble is one of the comeliest few, who were ordered to bring the fishes that will be caught, and the net was dragged to shore with a multitude, and for all there were so many yet was not the net broken. Our boat had numbered about fifty. We hope the whales caught will not sink the vessel, and that the minnows will keep things awake in the church. May our fellow-fisherman, Bro. Rutledge, have a prosperous year and the times and seasons be in his favor and when the year's work is over he may view it with astonishment on account of the ingathering of souls. They have let out the contract for a new parsonage which will be built right away, in style and comfort; also contemplating building a college on or near the Chautauqua grounds, and will be quite valuable to our church and the city. The Chautauqua camp-ground is being improved and no means is being spared for its ornamentation and convenience. An elegant hotel near the grounds, costing \$80,000 will soon be completed. I must say words are inadequate to express our appreciation of our most hospitable home. Our generous hosts, Mrs. Sidbury, entertained us in elegance and luxury and worthily of commendation, and remembering her work of faith and labor of love for the gospel sake, and we also find there the tracks of Bro. Fred Cox, Dr. Ditzler, Bishop Key and wife and others. May God bless and keep her and her household forever. We begin our meeting in Dallas on February 15. Amen.

### Several Circuits.

Atticus Webb: The writer has just returned from a visit to several circuits of the West Texas Conference, and gives the following report: First in order is Randolph and Bailey circuit. This was formed by the last annual conference from parts of the Leonard and Bonham circuits. Their pastor, A. E. Butterfield, upon receiving his appointment to this work, immediately commenced to build a parsonage, and is now dwelling in it. It contains six rooms and is one of the best parsonages to be found in circuits. It will be furnished this year. Bro. B. told me that Randolph contributed in money, work, etc., nearly \$300. Two appointments having churches in the work, as well they might be. In every good work. They brought forward about \$85 as quarterage for the first quarter, and paid the presiding elder in full for same quarter. We next visited Bonham station. Their pastor, Bro. Alderson, is doing a good work. They are building a model church building at cost of \$529. Bro. A. says that a parsonage will be built also. Next in order is Leonard circuit. Bro. Little the pastor. This work, while it has had a part cut off, is still a very large work; but there are seven local preachers to help their Little pastor to spread the gospel over its territory, and they seem anxious to work. The people of the Ben Franklin circuit gave Bro. Lovett a warm reception, and are still supporting him. This young man is doing all he can for the cause of Christ and Methodism in the bounds of his work. One important thing he is circulating Methodist literature among his people. They must have it, and if they don't buy he gives it to them. They will buy a bell and paint their church this year. Lastly, we visited Dr. J. S. Hill, of Untita, from whom we learned that the Lake Creek circuit has procured a parsonage in Untita. This circuit forms what has hitherto been the eastern part of the Ben Franklin circuit. For wealth it surpasses almost any circuit of its size to be found, and under proper management this may become one of the best of circuits. The people seem to have opened their purses as well as hearts to Bro. Jenkins, Bro. Butterfield's assessed salary is \$500, Bro. Alderson's \$1000, Bro. Little's \$405, Bro. Lovett's \$325 and Bro. Jenkins' \$400, so far as I know.

### West End Mission.

A. E. Rector: This is a new work, organized at the last session of the West Texas Conference. At present there are two appointments. One is at West End, a suburban addition to the city of San Antonio, the other is in the city itself, not far from the International railway depot. At the latter point we have neither house nor lot, but rent a small building in which we hold Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m., preaching every Sunday night, and a weekly prayer-meeting. Have organized a church of about thirty members. This appointment is in the midst of the small-pox district, and though the ravages of said disease have been greatly exaggerated abroad, progress in church work has been seriously impeded. Nevertheless, both pastor and people are hopeful of good results. At West End we have an elegant church, worth \$3000, situated upon lots which

are worth \$1000 more. The West End Town Company made a liberal donation of the two lots and \$1000, our C. C. Extension Society donated \$500, and loaned \$1000 more, and the remaining \$500 has been raised since conference. We opened the church recently under encouraging circumstances, though the membership is small, only about fifteen. At this point we will have preaching every Sunday morning, with afternoon Sunday-school, and week day prayer-meeting. The population to be reached is not large as yet, but I think the enterprise is timely, and will yield substantial fruit, for West End is the only addition of San Antonio, and for unique beauty of situation is hard to equal. This is also the seat of our new female college enterprise. While this is no part of my pastoral charge, the friends of the institution will be glad to hear anything with reference thereto. A number of the enterprise have been sold since conference, but the financial panic in general, and the Maverick bank failure in particular, have had a depressing effect upon all real estate interests in and around the city. The massive foundation has been finished and paid for, and the originators of the enterprise are in no sense discouraged. Let our Methodist people rally in support along the proposed line of real estate investment, and a success will be achieved unparalleled in the educational history of our state. I will take pleasure in putting any one interested in communication with the official authorities who have been circumstantial in this first report of my work, because the new missionary departure at our last conference has intensified the interest felt in this field. For my own part of the new task, let me say that the interest has been shared by all who read these lines. Then shall the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and the work of our spiritual hands shall be established.

### Plainview.

R. M. Morris, Jan. 31: We are still moving on. We are on the high plains, as you know this is the Llano Estacado, or Staked Plains. We about two thousand feet above sea level; as you see we are on a high plain, and we are getting up that way religiously. The Lord is with us and we expect him to do great things for us this year. I have received fifteen members into the church since my return from the annual conference; have secured deeds for about twenty acres in Swisher and Hale counties for our church. The lots are valued now at about \$600 or \$800; have two subscription papers with a good amount subscribed to build two good church houses, one in Tulla, Swisher county, the other in Hale City, Hale county. So you see we are working deep, but not very cold; the mercury in the thermometer has not been below zero here this winter—it seldom ever goes above ninety-five degrees or below zero. So you see we have a very warm summers or cold winters. We live in wood in Hale county; use coal for fuel. Amarillo, on the Fort Worth and Denver railroad, seventy-five miles from Plainview; is our nearest railroad depot. We have a daily mail from Amarillo to Plainview, back for passengers three times per week. We have a coal mine, which we can get it anywhere by digging from ten to sixty feet, and secure an inexhaustible supply. Windmills are used in pumping water; we have an almost constant breeze that keeps the mills running. One good well and pump will draw water for 5000 head of stock. We have a good deal of well here. The soil is a dark brown sandy, from three to five feet deep, with a yellowish clay foundation. Crops—This is a new country, so there has been but very little farming done here as yet. Corn has only been planted in small patches; the soil is about twenty-five to forty and some say sixty bushels per acre. Wheat, like corn, has only been planted in small patches, consequently cannot state what the yield would be. Millet has produced from two to three tons per acre, sorghum from three to ten tons per acre, sweet potatoes from 100 to 140 bushels per acre, Irish potatoes 200 bushels, peanuts from 150 to 250 bushels per acre. Turnips, beets, onions, cabbage and all vegetables grow to perfection here. Watermelons, pumpkins, and in fact everything that grows on vines do well here than any place in Texas. There is about 35,000 or 40,000 acres of vacant land in Hall county which can be taken by those desiring homes—100 acres by married and eighty acres by single men. Persons taking up homes are required to live on them three years, pay for surveying and receive a patent from the state at a cost of about \$15. Water land, or railroad land, can be had from \$2 to \$5.50 per acre; titles good. School lands can be had at \$2 per acre, with a cash payment of one-fortieth, and the remainder on forty years' time, with 5 per cent interest per annum. Persons wishing school land can buy it. There are good farms, good school and school building, also school of high grade, good Masonic lodge with a good membership. And, in conclusion, I wish to say that I have seen the most of Texas, and to my mind this certainly is the most healthy portion of the state, and for the needs of women and children I don't believe it can be equaled anywhere. The country is settling up very fast, and a man wanting a home is like getting religion, now is not the only time, but it certainly is the best time. I shall very soon begin to send you some subs for the Advocate. Looking for Bro. M. K. Little, our presiding elder. When he comes we will tell you what we think of him, whether he has the right name, etc.

### Montgomery and Conroe.

S. H. Morgan, Feb. 4: First quarterly meeting just past. Bro. Mickle was wild in the spirit of the Master. Arrangements have been made to include Conroe mission on our work. The outlook is fair. Three Sunday-schools and two prayer-meetings; a fair assessment for preacher in charge; we are hopefully pushing on—preaching a plain, practical, clear-cut gospel. We have no compromises to make with the devil. The whisky devil is well entrenched in our midst. There are only seven saloons on the work, and these are fully supplied with all attendant vices. At Conroe the

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FROM DURANGO, MEXICO.

Rev. Alejandro de Leon, my new preaching elder, has just paid us his first visit. He reached the city in company with my colleague from Nombro de Dios, where we have been having wonderful success. We need a house here to accommodate our hearers and a school to educate 100 children of our members now being trained by Romanists. At Muleres a gracious revival has begun. Bro. de Leon preached with power to as many as the house would accommodate and as many as man could listen to. He was not inclined to leave. Bro. Castro preached another sermon. Still they stayed; the brethren singing, praying and exhorting until they were hoarse. After the invitation to those desiring to become Christians, almost the whole audience arose. We go slowly and carefully along this line. At San Atenejos we held our first service in the teeth of terrible opposition, which almost terminated in a riot. In the city of Durango our congregation has increased one-fourth since November. We have had good meetings and on Sabbath evenings as many as a dozen at the altar seeking the Savior. Our presiding elder delivered us a very earnest discourse based on Acts xiv:21-22, after which a number expressed their desire to lead a better life.

On Monday morning Bro. de Leon and Castro and self left for Pantuco, one of the places on our circuit, sixty-six miles from Durango. It was night before we reached the eastern range of the Madre mountains, and a heavy fog settling upon us, it was put to vote whether we ought to proceed or find some sheltered ledge in which to spend a cold, frosty night. We determined to try to reach our destination. All went well until near the end, when we lost the trail on the mountains, and the scribe and his horse would have gone heading over a precipice in the darkness but for his presiding elder. It was "the blind leading the blind" until the track was found again, and when Pantuco was reached every dwelling was in darkness. Considerable waiting and knocking gained us admittance to the house of one of the brethren, and, with our saddles for pillows and our traveling bags for coats for covering, we laid down on the hard floor to rest. The long ride in a hard Mexican saddle, the severe cold of the night, and the hard bed made us feel as if every bone was out of joint next morning. When daylight streamed in at the narrow entrance—the only place of light—I discovered that the room had been occupied by ten persons. Never did coffee and dry bread taste so good as it did that morning. (Butter and bacon cost \$1 per pound here, and of course, are very rare articles of diet.) After the rest I sallied up the arroyo for a half mile, and breaking the thin ice in a secluded spot, I took my morning wash. Pantuco is an old mining town of mud houses in the mountains, but the mines being nearly exhausted it is now stagnant and lifeless. Many of our members here are miners engaged in extracting the ore from the quartz by a primitive process of crushing and washing.

The night brought a house full and Bro. de Leon preached then a powerful sermon, and again on the following night the room was packed with earnest listeners, who sat on the bed, table and floor. (We have no benches here) while he again discoursed on the crucifixion of Christ, and afterwards administered the sacrament to our members—the house being perfectly besieged by a furious mob and a shower of stones during the sacred moments. The excitement and wall light of the room we occupy here has been thoroughly renovated, calcimined and painted by Bro. Avales, who grants us the use of it rent free, and whose services to the cause of Methodism in the interval of our semi-monthly visits well merit him a local preacher's license. Pantuco is about 15 miles from the city of Durango. Next day we rode thirty-six miles to San Lucas and conducted grand services on Friday and Saturday nights. The Sabbath services were attended with spiritual power and profit to us all. At night Bro. Castro discoursed for an hour and a half to a very full house, with some at the door unable to find room inside. After the sermon a baptism, then an exhortation, and when the benediction brought the three hours' service to a close many still remained to hear or to sing our sweet hymns of praise. One of the girls we educated in our school at Durango has opened a day school here and is doing a good work among the children at her own expense.

On Monday we left for home, sixty-nine miles. Probably this was the worst day I ever experienced. I look back to equinoctial gales at sea and blizzards on land, but "my young remembrance cannot parallel a fellow" to the cold, furious blast that blew for twelve painful hours on our faces. At noon horses and riders were so completely exhausted that we were compelled to take shelter at a friendly ranch. On again we urged the weary beasts and at sundown reached the house of a Protestant Mexican, where we left our presiding elder for the night completely exhausted and sick. Bro. Castro and self made the best of our way to Morillo, where we intended to preach and open a new mission, but the hour of our arrival was so late that we found the village in total darkness. We pushed on over the rough mountain roads for fifteen miles more, reaching Durango late at night, tired and weary, but full of encouragement and hope. It was a happy occasion to all of us; the visit of the presiding elder—the first in nine months—was indeed welcome; his word was with power and the union of the Holy One; "the souls of the disciples" were confirmed, and we were strengthened and blessed. Twenty-six were baptized on this round, several received into church connection, and before we see him again I believe that many will be "added to the church such as should be saved."

ROBERT C. ELLIOTT.

EXHORTATION AND ANALYSIS.

I want to exhort a little for Bro. Horner, who has been giving us some solid food in his article on "Romanism and Campbellism," in the ADVOCATE of the 22d inst. I have never had license to exhort, having been born into the world subsequent to the time when men were impressed with that noble and useful calling. In modern times we are all called to preach, as you know. The fashion now is to go through college halls and come out full-fledged, ready for the best city appointment in the conference territory where our lot is cast. But I am disposed to try a little exhortation, even at this late date. If in my efforts to exhort under preacher's license I should forget my business and make a transit into the realms of preacher functions, then may I be excused.

When I shall have delivered my exhortation, I want the privilege of a

few words, analytical of a sentence or paragraph in an article from another brother, touching the subject of Campbellism, whose name is Wm. Allen. My exhortation will consist of some arguments urging Bro. Horner to go on with his comparisons. Not that we need them so much in New Mexico, for it is not at all probable that Campbellism will ever flourish here, until, in the evolutions of nature, clouds shall pour forth a profusion of rain, and the dry land shall become pools, and streams of water shall abound everywhere throughout the rainless and waterless regions in the great West. There, now, why am I talking about water in pools and streams? Well, it is a watery subject. And water is so important an element in the plan that there is no possible way into the kingdom without it. This country is scarce of water, but an irrigation system is being developed, and some time in the future, through a system of reservoirs and ditches, water may become plentiful in some few localities at least. Then salvation's means may abound to the justification of immortal man. Then he who lives in sight of one of these husbanded pools may look upon its placid bosom and say, I see my Savior now. No, not until some one like unto himself shall come, endowed with authority to lave his body in its soul-cleansing waters. Like the poor man at the pool of Bethesda, he may lay at its edge with all the good wishes and intentions inspired by motives both human and divine (with salvation's limped waters challenging his moral infirmities), awaiting the appearance of the prophet of Christ to help him in, and in the absence of the priest or prophet he must die in his sins. How much better to tell the man to cry mightily to God with tearful eyes, broken and contrite, believing heart, and hear him in the inner nature speak the consoling words, "Thy sins which are many are all forgiven." This may be a more difficult, but it is a shorter route into the kingdom. Millions have testified his direct saving power, and have gone on through the kingdom here to the kingdom beyond, exulting in the power of Jesus to save without the intervention of prophet, priest or sacrament. Among the numbers who came to Jesus while he tabernacled among men, diffusing life and salvation, not one sad and penitent soul was instructed to be baptized that his sins might, through that act of obedience, be forgiven. He could forever have settled this matter in the interest of baptismal pardon, but his plan was, that by direct announcement from his godlike lips made to the human soul, sin was to be pardoned and the soul redeemed. Wisdom divine, in present forecast, adopted his plan, on which hung millions of immortal destinies to all ages, climes, conditions and circumstances throughout the cycles of time. Go on, Bro. Horner. Let us praise God for the wisdom and grace found in the most wholesome and comforting doctrines of justification by faith only.

Drive away all false and erroneous doctrines that the truth may shine, and that souls may step from darkness into the true light of personal salvation by direct contact with the Spirit of God. Now, if my peculiar exhortation has not been stretched to unlawful limits, I want to look a little after Bro. Allen's statement. Not that I desire to deal in criticism warrantably, but I think the paragraph that I quote contains a rather dangerous doctrinal concession. Here it is:

Every man has a conscience, and let it be satisfied. If a man has not been educated to believe that he cannot get forgiveness unless he be immersed, I cannot see how he can get it otherwise as long as he thus believes. Time and God's providence will some day make the crooked straight. As to the satisfying of a man's conscience, it depends altogether upon what sort of a conscience he has and the character of the means necessary to satisfy it. If a man is educated to believe that there is no heaven, hell, nor immortality of existence, he might not have a conscience. If he is taught to believe that he must be immersed as the condition of the forgiveness of sins, or as a condition upon which forgiveness supervenes, conscience might be so far quieted as to cease its admonitions altogether, and the man be yet in his sins.

A conscience satisfied is not an infallible witness to the moral consciousness of an individual that he is saved from sin. In fact, conscience alone is no witness at all. Conscience may and does cease to condemn on the account of sins committed, when sins are pardoned; but more than this fact is necessary in the processes of grace to save. The conscience may become a witness through the Holy Ghost to the fact of the present pardon of past sins. But he does not become a witness to him who believes in baptismal regeneration. He comes only where he is invited, and the system rules him out. The immersion of the body in water, of one who is educated to believe in that mode of administering Christian baptism, may satisfy his conscience and still leave him in his sins. Educated in that faith he is believing in mode, as an act of obedience, by, through or because of which he obtains pardon. He is not believing in Christ's meritorious blood as the ground or procuring cause of pardon.

Herein lies the deceptiveness of the system of Campbellism, at least in part. It satisfies conscience, but does not save. It claims no divine witness to the consciousness of salvation. The system virtually ignores Christ as present to save except in the ordinance of baptism. It assumes that Christ atoned for sin, that men might be saved through obedience when faith is made the condition of justification in the Scriptures, and obedience a concomitant and subsequent progressive business, all perpetually the

fruit of faith—the same faith exercised in justification moving to obedience in after life. I take Bro. Allen's paragraph as a text, believing that in its peculiar structure it might be construed as a concession, injurious in its tendency. Let us have the true light. C. H. GREGORY.

CAMPBELLISM AND CATHOLICISM COMPARED.

In this third and last article on the above subject I propose to notice other points of resemblance between these two erroneous systems not mentioned before. I beg the careful attention of the reader, and hope these articles will do good in preparing the minds of the people to be on their guard and induce them to take heed to that wise injunction of the apostle, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines." Heb. xiii:9.

That the doctrines of these two systems are diverse and strange, utterly at variance with the Bible, and detrimental to the welfare of the church, is perfectly obvious to all close students of theology who are at all sound in the faith. Now, the scriptures clearly teach us that "There is one mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." Tim. ii:5, 6. A mediator is thus defined by Webster: "One who mediates; especially, one who interposes between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them; intercessor." Hence, by way of eminence, Christ is the Mediator.

Now, if we look closely into these two churches, or systems, we will see that, although the Bible is so explicit on this subject, yet both of these churches have mediators between Christ and the sinner—so that in order to get to Christ he must be baptized into him, by a Campbellite preacher or a Catholic priest? Now, from this invincible logic there is absolutely no escape. Let no one say this is a false accusation, or that the writer is actuated by prejudice in bringing this serious charge against these two churches. Hear the following utterances of Catholic and Campbellite writers, which we place in parallel columns so that the reader may see this point clearly established:

"Among all the sacramental means and instruments of justification alluded to by the apostle, the first, the most necessary and the one most closely connected with the primary and fundamental act which justifies a sinner, is the sacrament of baptism."

"The change which is consummated by immersion is sometimes called in sacred style, 'being quickened,' or 'made alive,' 'rising from death to life,' 'being born again,' 'having risen with Christ,' 'turning to the Lord,' being enlightened, or a 'revelation, reconciliation, repentance unto life.'"

The quotation on the left is taken direct from The King's Highway, a Catholic work by Mr. Augustin F. Hewitt, page 94; and the one on the right is taken from Campbell's Christian System, page 60. Now, reader, look at the doctrine set forth in the above language!

If baptism is the most necessary act that can be performed in order to the salvation of a sinner, and he cannot be saved without that act, does it not follow irresistibly that the man who performs that act is a mediator between that sinner and Christ or God? How will Catholics evade the force of this unanswerable logic? And if it be true that immersion is the act that consummates the change in the sinner, as Campbell teaches, is not the administrator of baptism really a mediator between the sinner and God? This puts Catholics and Campbellites in the same category, and there is no sort of sophistry or ecclesiastical legerdemain that can extricate them from this difficulty. Campbellites charge us with teaching poppy modified, but here we see that they teach the naked thing itself, and there is absolutely no escape from the inexorable logic. No Catholic priest, Bishop or Pope stands between the sinner and God any more effectually than do Campbellite preachers and elders, and hence we conclude that there is a striking similarity between these two systems at this point. But, thank God, neither of these two systems are true. The sinner is invited to come to Christ directly, and when he comes to God by penitence and faith and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart, he finds salvation and obtains peace and pardon without a drop of water and without priest or Pope or Campbellite elder. Salvation is the gift of God and not of ourselves, not of works lest any man should boast.

But there is another point to which I wish to call attention. It is a well-known fact that the Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of indulgences, and that this doctrine is exceedingly detrimental to morals and practical piety. That the reader may understand just what is taught by the Catholics on this subject, I will quote from their own writers and let them speak for themselves.

Catholics accuse Protestants of misrepresenting them on this subject, and for this reason I quote their own authors. Cardinal Gibbons says: "An indulgence is simply a remission in whole or in part, through the superabundant merits of Jesus Christ and the saints, of the temporal punishment due to God on account of sin, after the guilt and eternal punishment have been remitted. That our Lord has given to the church the power of granting indulgences is clearly deduced from the sacred text. To the prince of the apostles he said: ' whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven;' and to all the apostles assembled together he made the same declaration. By these words our Savior empowered his church to deliver her children (if properly disposed) from every obstacle that might retard them from

the kingdom of heaven. Now, there are two impediments that withhold a man from the heavenly kingdom—sin and the temporal punishment incurred by it. And the church having power to remit the greater obstacle, which is sin, has power also to remove the smaller obstacle, which is the temporal punishment due on account of it." (The Faith of Our Fathers, pages 428-29). Here we see that Catholics hold that the church has power to remit both sin and the penalty due to sin! Do we not see that if people can be induced to believe that it will give them license to sin as much as they please? They can go to a priest, make confession, pay him his fee and plunge into sin again as deep as ever! Do we not all see the danger of such doctrine as this? It has a bad effect on morals and the result is, as we see, a very low type of piety and religion among the members of the Catholic Church.

It was this infamous doctrine that produced such a debased state of morals in Europe and in Germany especially. (See D'Abignie vs. History of the Reformation.)

The notorious Dr. Tetzel was selling indulgences to the people, and they were wallowing in the grossest licentiousness, while at the same time they were members of the church! It was against this infamous doctrine that Martin Luther hurled his heaviest artillery, uttering words of thunder that shook the Old World and aroused it from its long night of slumber.

Now, it is true that Campbellites pretend to repudiate Catholicism and denounce it in the bitterest of terms; but while this is true, yet there is a striking similarity in the practice of many of the members of these two churches and in their morals also. If men are taught to believe that they are saved by baptism, and that this makes them sure of heaven, it is certain that they will take the liberty to indulge in sin and live as they please! And why not? If their salvation is secured by baptism, what difference does it make about how they live? It will not avail anything for Campbellites to say that they believe it is possible to apostatize and be lost, or that men can be renewed by prayer and good works; for it is certain that they place but lit stress on prayer, and very few of them are noted for their prayerful, devout, consecrated lives.

On the other hand, many of them ridicule prayer, and very frequently conduct services without prayer at all. I once heard one of their preachers say that Simon Magus was a saved man because he had been baptized; and yet he had indulged in sin of the deepest dye. If that is not as bad as the Roman Catholic doctrine of indulgences, what is it?

One more point and I close. Campbellites both deny justification by faith and unite in ridiculing feeling or emotion in religion. Who has not heard Campbellite preachers ridicule shouting and denounce those who give vent to their feelings and shout and praise the Lord when under the influence and power of the Holy Spirit. Both of these churches are exactly together on this subject. If you doubt it, read the following utterances and be convinced: "The man who fancies that a certain feeling or state of his soul, which he calls faith, justifies him at once, completely and forever giving him a sure sign that he has been absolutely predestinated and elected to salvation, freeing him in an instant from the imputation of all past and future sin, and clothing him with a spotless robe of righteousness which he is equally incapable of staining by guilt or making more brilliant by merit, naturally and logically concludes that he has no need of anything else, and cannot profit by anything, whether in heaven or on earth." (The Way of Salvation, page 82.) Here we see that the writer ridicules justification by faith, and thinks that feeling amounts to nothing! How like a Campbellite disputer that sounds! But this man Hewitt is a devoted Catholic. Now, listen at a Campbellite oracle as he thus dotheth. Speaking of persons who doubt at times, and at other times feel happy, Mr. Brents says: "Those who thus doubt are not like those to whom Paul said: 'Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.' (Heb. x:22.) They can only draw near to God in full assurance of faith occasionally, if at all. Their faith is not based upon testimony, but upon their feelings, hence when they draw near to God it must be in full assurance of feeling, and only occasionally at that. We have listened attentively to many persons when detailing the testimony upon which they predicated their acceptance with God, and of that given by those who believe in the doctrines of abstract spirit-

ual influence. We remember not a sentence that was not a statement of what they had felt, imagined or dreamed." (Gesep Plan of Salvation, pages 651-2.)

Here we see clearly that Catholics and Campbellites unite in making sport of feeling and spiritual influences, and that they predicate their hopes of salvation upon something that can be seen and not felt—upon outward ceremonies and rites, instead of the witness of the Holy Spirit and the internal state of the soul.

It is quite a common thing for Campbellite de-lamers to make sport of Methodist, Baptists and others for shouting and giving vent to the sacred emotions that stir their souls. Poor deluded men, they know not what they do.

We have now seen that there are many points of resemblance between these two churches; that both claim to be the only true church of Christ, and both are laboring for the avowed purpose of destroying all other churches; both teach baptismal regeneration; both practice the pernicious doctrine of indulgences, and that both have a decidedly bad effect upon morals and religion. Seeing these things as we do, we honestly believe it to be our duty to "banish these strange and erroneous doctrines from the land," and to warn our people against the insidious and hurtful influences of these two churches, and to teach the people "the truth as it is in Christ Jesus."

W. W. HORNER.

HELP.

From my sick-room I write a short article for the ADVOCATE. I have been looking over the ADVOCATE of January 17 and reading the reports from the various circuits. "We have been cycloned," gloriously "pounded," etc., say the preachers. "Our larders are full and still the good things are coming in," "families joyful," "all temporal wants provided for," "no fears as to the future," "have nice parsonages," "noble Boards of Stewards, who make liberal allowances for preachers and presiding elders." All this looks well on paper, sounds well and advertises the various circuits as among the best in the conference; but I read on and come to the letter of James Taffola, presiding elder of the Monterey district, of the Border Mexican Conference. He mentions this fact of one of his preachers: He goes from Texas to San Francisco de Apadoca. He finds a rented house without any furniture; not a chair, table or anything; no floor to the house. It is a cold day; looks for a chimney and finds none, for they are not in use in this country yet. I think of the fine parsonages of the various circuits of the fire Texas conference, and this poor Mexican preacher, who has no floor to his hired house, no furniture, etc., and my heart is sad, and I exclaim, "Am I my brother's keeper?" What have I to do with this Mexican preacher? Is it anything to me, or any church

member, that this preacher and his faithful fellow-laborers are unhoused, uncared for? True, the Master said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," but who is my neighbor? He must certainly live nearer to me than Mexico. My requirements are nearer home than that. I hope the readers of the ADVOCATE will read and reread Bro. Taffola's letter and see if something cannot be done right away for these Mexican preachers, for whom the Board of Missions makes no provision for house rent. Men and brethren, help. L. ERKANBRACK.

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STUDIES IN THE KING.

ELIJAH TAKEN TO HEAVEN.—II Kings iii:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him.—Gen. v:24.

TIME: B. C. 896. PLACES: Gilgal; Bethel; Jericho. RULERS: Ahaziah; Jehoshaphat; Ben-hadad II.

OUTLINE.

I. The Faithful Friend.—Verses 1-6. II. The Chariot of Fire.—Verses 7-11.

INTRODUCTION.

Ahab was slain at Ramoth-gilead in battle with the Syrians, and was succeeded by his son Ahaziah. He was no better than his parents. Meeting with an accident, Ahaziah sent to inquire of Baal-zebub—the god of flies—whether he should recover. Elijah met the king's messengers and told them that he should surely die. Whereupon the king sent three companies to arrest Elijah, each of a captain and fifty men, one after the other. The first two companies were destroyed by fire from heaven which Elijah called down upon them because of their presumption. The captain of the third acting humbly and respectfully, Elijah accompanied him to the king, and, reproving Ahaziah's idolatry, announced his death, which soon took place. He was succeeded by his brother Jehoram. This, as far as we know, was Elijah's last official act.

I. THE FAITHFUL FRIEND.—Verses 1-6.

1. When the Lord would take up Elijah—he who had so often honored God by now to be signally honored. By a whirlwind—storms heralded special manifestations of God (Job xxxviii:1; Ezek. i:4). Elijah went with Elisha—from the time he was called, Elisha attended Elijah, ministering unto him and pouring water on his hands (II Kings iii:11). Gilgal—not where the Jews first encamped between Jericho and Jordan, but Gilgal in Ephraim, north of Bethel. Here was the false worship of Jehovah (Hosea iv:15), and also a school of the prophets.

2. Tarry here—Elijah insisted that Elisha should not go with him, either to try the steadfastness of his friendship, or because, in his humility he desired no witness of that great honor which God intended to put upon him. Elisha said . . . I will not leave thee—aware of his master's departure, he determined to stay with him to the last. To Bethel—twelve miles north of Jerusalem. Elijah seems to be paying a farewell visit to these places, it may be to give parting counsel to the sons of the prophets and others.

3. The sons of the prophets—schools were established at Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho and elsewhere. The young men were taught, chiefly, the law of Moses and incidentally, music, sacred poetry, and some of the mechanic arts (chap. vii, 2). Elijah may have spent his last years in reorganizing and improving these schools, and now he visits them one after the other. Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master to-day?—in some way the fact of not the method of Elijah's translation had become known. Hold your peace—it was too solemn a matter for idle speculation or conversation.

4. To Jericho—in the valley of the Jordan, about twelve miles from Bethel. Here the affecting dialogue is once more repeated, Elijah insisting that he shall be permitted to go on alone, but Elisha in the most solemn manner, attesting his resolution by an oath, refusing to leave him. It reminds us of the conversation between Naomi and Ruth.

II. THE CHARIOT OF FIRE.—Verses 7-11.

7. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets—they desired to witness the extraordinary event, and climbed the hills of Jericho, which commanded a view of the river for miles.

8. Elijah took his mantle—probably made of sheep-skin; the emblem of his office; through it the Spirit wrought a tremendous miracle, as before similar power had been transmitted through Moses' rod, thence called the rod of God (Ex. xvii:9).

9. Ask what I shall do for thee—he will reward his faithful friend and servant. He had neither silver nor gold, but that which was far better.

Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me—not a request to be greater than his master. The allusion is to the law of the first-born. He shall acknowledge . . . the first-born by giving him a double portion of all he hath (Deut. xxi:17). Elisha considers himself the first-born of Elijah, as pupils of teachers are called their children, and therefore asks that he may be heir to Elijah's prophetic office and gifts.

10. Thou hast asked a hard thing—one that belonged not to him but to God to grant; neither heresy nor adoption can transmit gifts like these. If thou see me when I am taken . . . it shall be so unto thee—the spirit probably instructed him to place upon Elisha this obligation to expectant watchfulness.

11. As they still went on—toward the plain from whence mountains Moses caught a view of the promised land; and talked—who would not like to know that conversation? A chariot of fire and horses of fire—a manifestation of transcendent glory, which appeared to the witnesses as a chariot and horses of fire. It was not a vision such as Ezekiel had (Ezek. i:5-14), but an actual appearance, a real visitation

from the spiritual world of beings such as those who constitute the heavenly host, a part of whom afterward filled the mountains round about Elisha, at Dothan (chap. vi:17). Elijah went up by a whirlwind—literally, "went up in a storm into the sky." Into heaven—without dying he was translated from earth into heaven, the abode of God, the glorious home of angels and saints. His body did not decay in death, but in the twinkling of an eye it underwent that great change which shall come upon all God's people that are alive at the second coming of our Lord I Cor. xv:51).

PRACTICAL.

1. When one's work is done, God takes him out of the world. Elijah felt that his usefulness was ended when he said under the juniper tree in the wilderness, It is enough, now, O Lord, take away my life. The Lord at once said: Elisha shall thou avoid to be a prophet in thy room. After this Elijah appears but two or three times in his prophetic character. He becomes, to use a Methodist term, superannuated, if not superannuated. He retires from active service, and ripens for heaven. We sometimes talk of premature deaths, as if the Lord who creates, is unable to protract life. No death is premature; nothing occurs out of time. When a wicked man dies young we cannot charge God with unkindness, for he would not have repented if many years had been added to his life. When a Christian dies in the maturity of his powers, and we say, "How much good he could have done if he had lived," we, in saying this, must not reflect upon God, for He is able to care for His children and His cause. We may say with David: My times are in Thy hand.

2. Some think that immortality receives scant treatment in the Old Testament. The translations of Enoch and Elijah are worth a thousand arguments. Enoch was not; for God took him. Elijah went up into heaven. Either the record is false, or it proves the case. Somewhere in an invisible world, and in a place called heaven, where Enoch and Elijah went.

Curiosity might expend itself in asking how or why these two men entered heaven without physical death. Revelation is silent as to the method by which their bodies were so changed as to become citizens of heaven. We may reverently suggest reasons why they were translated: (1) The supernaturalness of both events made men think. At both times the world had so apostatized that ordinary preaching was unheard. (2) Their translation shows that the way of death over our bodies is not eternal. It typifies the resurrection; (3) God manifested His goodness in thus brilliantly rewarding the faithfulness of His servants—Enoch, who had walked with Him three hundred years, preaching to the evil generations before the flood; Elijah, who alone upheld in public the true religion against king and queen and servile people. (4) Some may envy Elijah his translation. We may conquer that death which he escaped. He passed over the Jordan dry-shod, showing that he did not actually taste death; we shall either through the dark waters of the Jordan of death, without being overflowed, or we shall walk upon them like our Lord. Christ hath perfumed the grave and promised to be with us in the somber valley and icy river. If we are faithful to the end, that which men call death shall come upon us, but the chariot and horses of fire will await us at the gate of the grave.

Old and Young.

THE OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.

How dear to my heart is the old-fashioned garden. Where lilacs and hollyhocks grew; Where, along by the path that led to the door, Were flowers of many a hue.

Just down by the gate a syringa-tree waved Its feathery blossoms of white; On the opposite side, like a grand flaming bush, Stood a scarlet-hued salvia bright.

There tall tiger lilies, in orange and black, Looked down on the harebell so blue; There were English primroses and fragrant clove pinks, Sweet williams and candytuft, too.

There old daisies were scattered about, And daffodils were seen; There were pink ragged-robin and cocks-combs so red, And delicate ribbon grass green.

There were bachelor's buttons and Johnny-jump-ups, And plain marigolds, and the dear nigella; That's found in our gardens to-day.

There were asters and phlox and feverfew white, With bright portulacae around, Nasturtiums, lantanas, and pretty jacobines, And low-creeping myrtle were found.

A honeysuckle vine ran over the porch, And some dainty sweet peas grew quite high, Waile down in the grass, in a cool, shady nook, Were violets, blue as the sky.

There were sweet smelling shrubs of various kinds, So dear to our grandmother's heart; Southernwood, lavender, and rosemary sprigs, In every nosegay had a part.

That old-fashioned garden! I see it again, With the scenes of my childhood's dear home, Though now, in the land of the orange and the palm, Afar from its pleasures I roam.

—Vick's Magazine.

THE MONKEY-HOUSE IN CENTRAL PARK.

The monkey-house in Central Park is the favorite resort of that half million of children who live in and around New York. Here are fifty monkeys. In one big cage there are a dozen new monkeys not yet thoroughly accustomed to civilization. Their cage has to be tidied, and so, when the keeper enters with his broom, the whole lot of them squeal and scamper off to the opposite side of the cage, and huddle there. I am certain they are not really scared, but only pretend. In this lot of mon-

keys, one two-foot monkey has become the dear friend of a very small one, and so, whenever they scamper from one side of the cage to the other, the big one acts as a horse for the little one.

All the monkeys are on intimate terms with Mr. Jacob, the keeper, and some are never happy unless they get into his arms or can hang about his neck. As the keeper has to use his broom vigorously in sweeping the floor, it is funny to see him carry around a necklace of live monkeys while at his work.

That monkey-house is a scene of perpetual motion. It can only be quiet when all hands are asleep. You will see a monkey perfectly still and motionless, and you will say: "That chap is dead tired at last. No wonder! Now he is going to take a comfortable nap." Before you have said that, off is that very same monkey, swinging on the rope, and it twice as active and energetic as ever. It was only one of his tricks.

You cannot help laughing when a monkey looks at you. If you stare back at him he will blink and wink, then put his head on one side, with a knowing air, just as would a rude, vulgar little boy when he says: "Whom are you staring at? Hope you'll know me next time?" If you face him for awhile, it will end by the monkey's yawning, which means, "You make me very tired."—Harper's Young People.

CHILD-LIKE TRUST, OR, LITTLE SUSAN AND THE BRAMBLES.

A True Incident.

One beautiful afternoon a stranger might have been seen strolling along the seashore at D—. The path was a picturesque one, sloping banks of brushwood descending to the sands, every here and there broken in upon by rugged cliffs.

As Mr. C— walked slowly along, gazing on the sunset tints, already beginning to shed a glory over both sea and land, he was startled by the sound of many merry little voices, which made him aware of two facts—that he was not alone, and that what had seemed to him a mere bank of tangled brushwood was that child's paradise, a thicket of bramble bushes laden with their deep purple fruit. He stood for a little while watching the children as they rushed fearlessly into the thick tangle to secure the prize. But the time passed more quickly than he thought of, and to shorten his walk he descended one of the sloping banks, intending to return by the sands.

Passing along rather in haste, his ear caught a sound of lamentation, which contrasted strangely with the ringing laughter which he had just been listening to; it seemed the sobbing of a little breaking heart. Mr. C— hastened to the rock from which the sound came, and found a child sitting there in an agony of weeping. At first she seemed afraid of him; but when he spoke kindly and asked her to tell him what was the matter, that he might help her, she managed to sob out, amidst her tears:

"Oh, sir, they have all got 'tinnies but me!"

Her deeply stained mouth and pin-afore proved that she had done her best to have a share of the spoil; but, as she said, every time she slipped her foot the berries fell.

Mr. C— bade her dry her eyes now and go home, but meet him the following evening at the same rock, and she should have a little pitcher like the rest. With a look of wonderful delight, she dropped a courtesy and ran away.

Reaching her mother's cottage she ran in breathless to tell her story. She, poor woman, lay in bed, weary with sickness and want, and listened to her little Susan with a smile at her eagerness and impatience for to-morrow to come.

"That was very kind, Susan," she said; "but you don't know the gentleman."

"Oh, no," said Susan; "but he promised it, mother, and I'm sure he will do it."

Next evening, when the happy hour came, she ran away full of joyful expectation. "My trusting child!" was her mother's thought; "she can believe the word of a stranger, while I—I have doubted the love that I have so long tried and so often proved."

When Susan returned to spread her treasures before her, it was exclaiming, "Oh, mother, I have got more than he promised; he has given me both a basket and a tinny!" And that night the simple trust of her child brought a new light to this mother's heart, so that she who had begun the day in the midst of unbelief and doubt could rest at last on the promise, "My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ."

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hath thou ordained strength." —Scribble's Record.

TOMMY'S EXPERIENCE.

"Tommy! Tommy!" Tommy shut one eye, and with the other looked through a convenient knot-hole in the side of the wash-basin.

Again his mother called his name, this time a little louder than before; still Tommy did not answer. To say he felt aggrieved would be giving a very mild description of his feelings at that minute.

Had he not worked all morning carrying coal and water, picking up sticks and stone from the front grass-plot and doing various other things too numerous to think of just then? And had he not been sustained and upheld through it all by the thought of having the whole afternoon to himself? Why, he had even forgotten to count how many buckets of water he had carried to wash off the porches, so interested was he in trying to calculate how many whistles he would have time to make before supper time. And now, just as he was

comfortably fixed at work, to think that he must be called from it! "I know just what she wants me for," he said to himself. "I don't see any sense in two of us going to the store; just as if Tillie couldn't go by herself! I'll not let on I heard her call me."

Tommy knew that this was not a very safe course to pursue, but he was so vexed that he did not think of consequences. By this time his mother had gone into the house and closed the door, but it was again opened, and again his name echoed through the premises. "That's Tillie," said Tommy, "and she won't stop at calling, she'll hunt me up."

He looked around for a hiding-place. He could hear Tillie running down the stone walk. She would be there in a minute; so, hastily jumping down from the work-bench, he ran across the floor and climbed into an old cupboard, which shook in a threatening manner, as if resenting the intrusion. He pulled the door to just as Tillie appeared at the doorway.

"Tommy! Tommy Dawson!" she called, so that there might be no mistake as to what Tommy was wanted. Tommy held his breath lest she might discover him, and wished that his heart would not thump so heavily against his ribs; surely Tillie would hear it. But she turned toward the house, as if satisfied that he was not to be found. Tommy chuckled in high glee, and, after hearing the door shut, clambered down out of the crazy old cupboard, his face very red, his clothes covered with dust and cobwebs.

After taking observations through the knot-hole for a few seconds, he got up on the bench and began on the whistles, but somehow the bark seemed very hard to loosen and his knife was not so sharp as usual. He was sure he had never heard the field crickets chirp so loudly, and was it not strange they were just saying, "Sneak! sneak! sneak!" just as fast as they could? Tommy had often listened to them before, but he always thought they said, "Summer's here, here, here!" He must have been mistaken then, for nothing could be plainer than what they were now saying.

"If only the road to the store was not so hot and dusty," he said half aloud; and then he whistled at a willow switch. "I do wonder if Halton's dog would bite? Tillie's awful 'fraid of dogs," and then another moment of whistling. "I guess I could finish these whistles after I come back," and he shut his knife and with one bound was in the middle of the floor and with another was out on the stones.

"Who! how hot that old wood-shed is, anyway!" and, running up the stairs, he burst into the kitchen, where he found Tillie flying around in wild delight.

"Why, Tommy Dawson," she exclaimed, "where have you been? we're been calling you everywhere." "What are you polishing your best shoes for?—to wear to the store?" demanded Tommy, skillfully evading the question.

"Store?" echoed Tillie scornfully. "Why, Tommy Dawson, Uncle Tom is here; he's going to take us home with him, and he's in an awful hurry; and mother's up-stairs laying out your clothes, and I've polished your shoes. You see we thought you might come in time to get ready if everything was fixed for you to dress in a hurry. And, oh, Tommy, I was afraid I would have to go without you!" and here Tillie paused to take her breath.

Tommy may live to be very old, but he will never forget how near he felt just then.

"You'd better not stand there," continued Tillie; "Uncle Tom said we must be ready in half an hour, and he's been here 'most fifteen minutes now." Tillie could not think what made Tommy so very kind and thoughtful during the next fifteen minutes, and when, after running up stairs after her parcel and handing it to her, he stopped to pick a thread from her dress, her wonder found expression in words: "How nice you are to-day, Tommy! I just wish you'd be that way all the time."

And Tommy, as he climbed into the buggy which was to take them to the station, resolved that he would "be that way" just as often as he could think of it. I think he must have kept his resolution, for it was only the other day that I heard a lady remark: "How much Tommy Dawson seems to think of his sister! He treats her just as if she were some other boy's sister." —United Presbyterian.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

If there is or has been any consumption in your family, give your children S. S. S. It will greatly stimulate the action of the lungs, and enable nature to properly develop the child.

"Consumption is here literary in my family. My father died of it. From childhood I had a hacking cough, with frequent pains in my breast and shoulders. S. S. S. specially so when physicians' treatment without success. I took one bottle, and my cough was restored to good health, and my flesh and strength returned." —Mrs. S. S. S. and my child.

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ages to move it to the other side and finally, with great difficulty, in a condition to swallow.

The toothache member needs no description. He is known and read of all men.

His jaw is the very seat of misery. Not only so, but he projects his misery into all around him.

Now, the pastor whose lot it is to serve a church afflicted with gumboils and toothache has no enviable position.

It seems, however, that the wisest plan would be to send to such charges a good dentist with a strong pair of gospel forceps.

THE COLLECTION.

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In "Hard Times" Mr. Dickens has a character—Mr. Bonberdy—whom he calls the "bully of humility."

There are places now in the South where we ought to organize old-fashioned Methodist circuits among the whites, and carry them forward until the gospel is preached to all the people.

where they will accomplish the most for God's kingdom. In Austin Conference we have spent \$80,000.

This confirms what the ADVOCATE said a short time since about the educational invasion.

In the Nashville Advocate of November 29 there appeared an editorial in defense of the Bishop's side of this case.

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The truly brave offender suffer in silence than parade their courage before the world.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

—Dr. J. E. Godbey in St. Louis Advocate: I will state a fact here about preachers' salaries that may furnish matter of reflection for your readers.

Look at the negro when brought from the wilds of Africa by the New Englander and sold into Southern slavery.

I would that there might be some satisfactory arrangement for effecting transfers from one branch of Methodism to another.

It is always refreshing to see the light chasing away the darkness.

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

—The postoffice of the Rev. A. J. Anderson is Sealy, Texas.

—The address of Rev. J. M. Gober is Lyons, Burleson county.

—The Rev. Geo. W. Riley, of Alto, writes, Feb. 2: "I have been down a week with a gripper, and am now unable to leave the house."

—The Rev. L. C. Ellis, of Carthage, writes, Feb. 4: "Our brother and fellow-laborer, Rev. W. H. Ardis, of the East Texas Conference, has had two very severe attacks of heart trouble within the last five days and thinks, at times, his end is near."

—The Rev. B. Harris, of San Marcos, writes, Feb. 5: "To the preacher of the San Antonio district—Rev. Alanson Brown, your presiding elder, during the last few weeks, returning from the Amphion charge, he was confined to his home for days, watching and waiting upon his sick children, and just as they began to convalesce, Bro. Brown himself was taken down with the worst case of a gripper I have witnessed."

The stream rolls steadily on. Our second subscription stands thus:

Table with columns for 'Previously reported', 'Total', and 'Payments'. Lists various subscription amounts from different districts and individuals.

I am delighted with the spirit of our Sunday-schools. They did not rise up with a shout and say, "We will all subscribe," but thoughtfully, and I trust prayerfully, they are coming forward one by one.

LETTER FROM JAPAN.

A happy New Year to you, and a prosperous and blessed work through the year, is my earnest prayer.

MASS-MEETING VS. MAYOR WORD.

To W. D. Young, Chairman of the Citizens' Mass-meeting at Palestine:

they looked at me as if I was a strange man from the moon. We have not had a Methodist preacher from that country to come in sight of our premises but one, and he was there to get money.

There is a momentum that has been gathering for years, that is as deep as the grief. You cannot understand it.

Mark Antony could harness and drive around his pleasure-grounds a pair of lions.

Why could not we have a home missionary society? Call it home or domestic mission, and go to black and white alike wherever we were called and wherever we could find a job.

Our sister churches are down there working night and main for the black man. We ought to be there, for we have paid more for his liberty than any other church.

The war is over. As a man said who was lying in Libby prison when Grant took Richmond, "The war is over."

I am pleased to see the light chasing away the darkness. When the clouds of mistake and prejudice which obscures truth are removed, justice shines in her beauty, as is manifested in the following words of the Bishop:

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Woman's Department.

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EASTER MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

To the Auxiliaries of the W. M. S., Terrell District.

DEAR SISTERS-At the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, held December 5, 1890, it was resolved that Easter Sunday is appointed as a time for special services and collections for the Script Bible and Training-school.

At the twelfth annual convention of the Woman's Board of Missions, held in St. Louis on May 14, 1890, Rev. Nathan Scarritt, of Kansas City, Mo., gave to them suitable grounds and \$25,000 in money, on condition that \$25,000 be given by the board, for a Bible and training-school for missionaries and other Christian workers.

The Woman's Board of Missions will meet in Fort Worth some time in April. Let the Terrell district use the banner district, as it has always been.

MRS. R. C. GILLESPIE, Secretary Terrell District.

Will some sister-writer of the East Texas Conference please answer the following questions from Sister A. A. Mathis, Conference Treasurer of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society of that conference? The answer to her inquiries can be sent either for publication in this column or directly to her address.

A Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Church Extension I wish to make some inquiries: Are there no parsonage societies in the bounds of the conference outside the Marshall district? If so, what are they doing? I did not attend the annual conference at Tyler, but see from the minutes that no money was reported from the Woman's department, except my report as Conference Treasurer, and Mrs. Turner's as Society Treasurer at Marshall.

This is to certify that I have used WONDERFUL EIGHT and found it to be an immediate relief for Black-Leg in cattle, by giving them from 15 to 20 drops internally and applying once or twice externally to their affected parts.

HELP FOR LADIES' AID SOCIETIES AND OTHER SOCIETIES CONDUCTED BY OUR WOMEN.

A large number of our Ladies' Aid Societies annually dissolve more from a want of knowledge of that etiquette of the deliberative assembly, which is called parliamentary usage, than from any other cause.

- RULES OF ORDER FOR LADIES' MEETING. 1. The President and general officers shall be facing the membership. 2. No member shall speak without rising, addressing the presiding officer as Madam President, and from her receiving permission to speak.

How varied are the gracious chastisements of our heavenly Father—now ruing and sudden, as if to reawaken us from a yawning precipice, and now gentle and slow, to turn us gradually aside from some course which was leading smoothly to ruin.

The Survival of the Fittest. Almost any man of fifty, in our time, has led a life more crowded and full of interest than the life of Methuselah.

Gold in Our Old Fields. Considering health better than wealth, then we consider Taylor's Chokeberry Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein better than gold, for it gives health, but not health—curbing coughs, colds, croup and consumption.

First Hotel Runer—This way for the Grand Hotel, sir. Only hotel in town with electric lights, steam heat in every room, passenger elevator, billiard parlors, all modern improvements. Three dollars a day. Free bus right here, sir.

What a Change is wrought in people who suffer from rheumatism when they take Hood's Sarsaparilla. The acidity of the blood, which causes the disease, is neutralized, the blood is purified and vitalized.

Influenza and Pneumonia. T. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish, La., writes: "Permit me to say to the public that I have tried Wonderful Eight in my practice and find it to be a good medicine in influenza and pneumonia. Nothing to equal to relieve pain.

It is strange that people persist in using when there are about forty thousand patent medicines ready to yield them from the grocer. The truth is most of these medicines fail to yield when put to the test.

You swallow the medicine—we do the rest. The medicine referred to is Cheatham's Tasteless Chili Tonic and the "rest" that we propose doing is to cure the patient. It has them; to prevent their coming if not.

FOR THE BLOOD. Weakness, Nalaria, Indigestion and Biliousness, take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. It cures quickly. For sale by all dealers in medicine. Get the genuine.

Waco, the home of Catherine Medicine Co., is almost free from Catarrh. They use Catherine and get cured.

Parrot to (Irishman)—Where did you get that hat? Pat—Ah, me, fine bird, your color is all that saves you!

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I oft have tried this magic charm When headache pangs assailed me. It soon subdued their raging throbs And gave me peace and glad relief.

No more with raging pains oppress your brain and thought unnerving. Receive this latest, healing balm And use with faith, your mother has No more shall wild and reason thro' their heads, as head is throbbing.

The world is full of woe and care, From nature's laws neglected. From health's force and vigor drained, Thus gather wealth by every chance, And see no end to their career.

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Chief Clerk, aside—His royal ribs ain't himself to-day. Kind of silent and sad. Wonder how he got 'em. Guess my little plan worked. Knew it would when I fastened the typewriter's yaller hair on his overcoat last night. An' I'll do it every time he calls me a chump.

In a nursery wherein all life and laugh instead of crying and fretting, there is sure to be found Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. Price only 25 cts. This advice is cheap but good. Use Old Saut's Cathart. Cure for all nasal ailments.

Van Holstein, Jr.—Aw—what would you do, father, if I gave up my gay life, don't you know, and came to settle down quietly at home? Van Holstein, Sr.—Well, I should feel strongly inclined to kill a calf.

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It is queer about society; the minute a man gets into it he expects to get asked out.

- BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Beaufort sta. at Liberty..... Feb 28, March 1. Livingston cir. at Livingston..... March 7. Moscow cir. at Hollywood..... P. J. BROWNING, P. E.

- GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Boston cir. at Forestburg..... Feb 14, 15. Mountain Springs cir. at Zion..... Feb 22. Greenwood mts. at Greenwood..... Feb 28, March 1. Aurora mts. at Walnut Creek..... March 14, 15. Denton mts. at Sunnydale..... March 21, 22. Atney cir. at Friendship..... C. L. BALLARD, P. E.

- WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Mcgregor cir. at..... Feb 14, 15. Mart mts. at Friendship..... Feb 22. R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

- AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Smithville cir. at Smithville..... Feb 14, 15. Sabine Pass mts. at Sabine Pass..... Feb 22. Ft. Worth cir. at Ridge Chapel..... Feb 28, March 1. Weimar cir. at Weimar..... March 7. Marshall mts. at Marshall..... March 14, 15. Lagrange sta. at..... March 21, 22.

- FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Bluff Dale cir. at..... 3d Sun in Feb. Arden cir. at..... Wed before 4th Sun in Feb. Glen Rose mts. at..... W. L. NELMS, P. E.

- CALVERT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Centerville cir. at Red Land..... Feb 14, 15. Marquez cir. at Gm Springs..... Feb 21, 22. Franklin cir. at Franklin..... FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

- JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Linden, at Douglasville..... 3d Sun in Feb. Barrett, at Barrett..... 4th Sun in Feb. Kelseyville, at Harris Chapel..... 1st Sun in March. Elders, at Trinity..... 2d Sun in March. Cusseta, at..... 3d Sun in March. Beckman mts. at..... 4th Sun in March. Kylan mts. at Liberty..... 5th Sun in March. C. B. FLADORA, P. E.

- MARSHALL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Kilgore cir. at Mt. Moriah..... Feb 14, 15. Beckville cir. at Beckville..... Feb 21, 22. Henderson mts. at Henderson..... March 7, 8. Henderson sta. at Henderson..... March 14, 15. T. P. SMITH, P. E.

- WHEATFIELD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Barton Cir. at..... Feb 14, 15. Farmers, at Farmer..... Feb 22. W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

- GALVESTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Matagorda cir. at..... Feb 14, 15. Eagle Lake..... Feb 21, 22. Columbia..... Feb 28. Yalaco..... H. V. PHILPOT, P. E.

- TARRANT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Kopp cir. at Lawrence..... Feb 14, 15. Ferry cir. at Lone Oak..... Feb 21, 22. Kaufman sta. at Kaufman..... Feb 28, March 1. Mesquite sta. at Vanhook..... March 14, 15. Roberts mts. at Vanhook..... March 21, 22. W. L. CLIFFTON, P. E.

- WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Wesley and Rush cir. at West Dallas..... Feb 14, 15. Italy cir. at Frost..... E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

- SHERMAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Sherman cir. at Pecon..... Feb 14, 15. East Sherman mts. at Oak Grove..... Feb 21, 22. Howe cir. at Howe..... Feb 28, March 1. Dallas cir. at College Hill..... March 7, 8. Anna mts. at Milligan's Chapel..... March 14, 15. Mesquite mts. at..... W. D. MOUNTAIN, P. E.

- SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Junction City cir. at Wentworth 1st Sun in March. Knoxville cir. at Wentworth 1st Sun in March. Greenwood cir. at..... 3d Sun in March. Garden City cir. at..... 4th Sun in March. San Angelo sta. at..... 5th Sun in March. Gail mts. at Long Mountain 1st Sun in April. Tigua mts. at Medina City 1st Sun in April. Healds and Medina City at Medina City 1st Sun in April. Delegates to the district conference will be elected this round. M. A. BLACK, P. E.

- PALESTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Palestine mts. at Palestine..... Feb 14, 15. Jacksonville mts. at Providence..... Feb 21, 22. Palestine cir. at Cold Springs..... Feb 28, March 1. Kickapoo cir. at Neches..... March 7, 8. Grapeland cir. at Grapeland..... March 14, 15. Trinity mts. at Trinity..... March 21, 22. A word to the stewards—Dear Brethren: All the preachers in the district save two have had to leave for other places. We have a need of immediate help. Please call on you and see if you can't give him such help as will give him rest till the quarterly meeting. It is earnestly hoped that every steward, local preacher or other official member will be at the district meeting. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

- HOWTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Waverly cir. at Black Jack..... Feb 14, 15. Chicago cir. at Cold Springs..... Feb 21, 22. Huxville sta. at..... March 7, 8. Prairie Plains cir. at Macy's Chapel..... March 14, 15. Anderson cir. at Anderson..... March 21, 22. J. C. MICKLE, P. E.

- CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Davilla cir. at Davilla..... Feb 14, 15. Pleasant Hill cir. at Pleasant Hill..... Feb 21, 22. Cameron sta. at..... March 7, 8. Cannon cir. at Maysfield..... March 14, 15. Maysfield cir. at Maysfield..... March 21, 22. C. H. BROWN, P. E.

- DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Farmers Branch cir. at..... 3d Sun in Feb. Lewisville cir. at..... 4th Sun in Feb. Grapevine cir. at..... 1st Sun in March. North Fort Worth..... 2d Sun in March. T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

- BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Goldkwaile cir. at Pleasant Grove..... Feb 14, 15. Mullin cir. at Mullin..... Feb 21, 22. Winton cir. at Valley Grove..... Feb 28, March 1. Slips Springs mts. at..... March 7, 8. Camp Colorado mts. at Fairview..... March 14, 15. Fort Chadbourne mts. at Fort Chadbourne..... March 21, 22. J. P. MCCURT, P. E.

- GATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Copars Cove charge, at Rock Creek, 3d Sun in Feb. Home House charge, at Front..... 4th Sun in Feb. Correll city charge, at Correll..... 1st Sun in March. Jonesboro charge, at Jonesboro, 2d Sun in March. Lakeville charge, at Lakeville, 4th Sun in March. Walnut and Irrell charge, at Irrell, 4th Sun in March. Meridian sta. at Meridian, 4th Sun in March. Killen charge, at..... 1st Sun in April. Martin's own charge, at Lanthan, 2d Sun in April. Hanson Creek charge, at Rowland, 4th Sun in April. Brookhaven mts. at..... 3d Sun in April. Hamilton charge, at..... 1st Sun in May. Delegate to the district conference will be elected at second quarterly conference. Delegates to the district conference will be elected this round, and the cause of Christ, which demands their part will not only prove a betrayal of trust reposed in them by the church, but will seriously hinder the cause of Christ, which demands their faithfulness as the ground of success. E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

- TYLER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Lindale, at Union Chapel..... Feb 14, 15. Grand Saline, at Maroon Chapel..... Feb 21, 22. Edom, at Tunnell's Chapel..... Feb 28 and March 1. Lawdale, at Lawdale..... March 14, 15. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

- EDDY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Pecos..... 3d Sun in Feb. New Mexico, on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in February. Yours, in Christ, I. N. CHRYSTOFFEL, P. E.

- GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Belton sta. at Belton..... Feb 21, 22. Jones Hill cir. at Jones Hill..... Feb 28, March 1. Liberty Hill and Leander..... March 7, 8. Herriman and Mt. Horch, at Mt. Horch, March 14, 15. Round Rock cir. at Harff..... March 21, 22. Georgetown sta. at Georgetown, 7:30 p.m., March 28, 29. Marble Falls cir. at Spring Creek..... March 28, 29. Burnet sta. at Burnet..... 8:30 a.m., March 30. North Belton cir. at Leona..... April 4, 5. South Belton cir. at..... April 6. West Georgetown, at North Georgetown, April 11, 12. Florence, at Sunny Lane..... April 18, 19. East Taylor mts. at Long Branch..... April 25, 26. Taylor sta. at Taylor..... 8:30 a.m., April 27. Bartlett cir. at..... 8:30 a.m., April 27. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

- SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. San Marcos cir. at Center Point..... 3d Sun in Feb. San Marcos sta. at San Marcos..... 4th Sun in Mar. Syle cir. at Pleasant Grove..... 3d Sun in Mar. Lookhart cir. at Harrison's Ch'ch..... 1st Sun in Mar. Dripping Springs mts. at Fitchburg, 3d Sun in Mar. Elm Grove mts. at Elm Grove..... 4th Sun in Mar. Harwood and Belcher, at Belcher..... 5th Sun in Mar. Belmont cir. at Kingsbury..... 2d Sun in Apr. Gonzales sta. at Gonzales..... 2d Sun in Apr. Round Rock cir. at..... W. H. H. BOOKS.

- MONTAQUE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Alford and Sunset, at Sunset..... Feb 14, 15. Montague and Belcher, at Belcher..... Feb 21, 22. Bellevue cir. at Bellevue..... Feb 28, March 1. Illinois Bend and Bonita, at Illinois Bend..... March 7, 8. Saint Joe cir. at Dye Mount..... March 14, 15. Round Rock cir. at Tabon..... March 21, 22. Burlington and Nocona, at Eagle Point..... March 28, 29. Post Oak cir. at Antelope..... April 4, 5. Henrietta mts. at Willow Springs..... April 11, 12. Hennessee mts. at Willow Springs..... April 18, 19. Wichita Falls sta. at..... May 5, 6. Archer mts. at Archer..... May 12, 13. Iowa Park, at Speck's Colony..... May 19, 20. Chico cir. at..... May 26, 27. Urston cir. at..... May 26, 27. Delegates to the district conference will be elected this round. District conference will meet at Alvord, May 28, at 9 a. m. We hope to have Bishop Haygood with us there. W. S. MAY, P. E.

- CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Oakville and Tilden..... Feb 28, March 1. Floresville..... March 5, 6. Natchitoches..... March 7, 8. San Hugo..... March 14, 15. Ceres..... March 21, 22. Lagarto..... March 28, 29. Gollad..... March 28, 29. Rockport..... March 31, April 1. Helena cir. at..... April 4, 5. Atwood mts. at..... April 11, 12. Lavonia cir. at..... April 11, 12. Wesley cir. at..... April 18, 19. T. T. MORRIS, P. E.

- PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Woodland cir. at..... Feb 7, 8. Detroit..... Feb 14, 15. Blossom sta. at..... Feb 15, 16. Ansonia..... Feb 21, 22. Newell and Good Hope, at Good Hope, Feb 28, March 1. Daily Springs cir. at..... March 7, 8. Fowler mts. at..... March 14, 15. Powder mts. at..... March 21, 22. Three Springs mts. at..... March 28, 29. J. R. WALES, P. E.

- ABELINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Sweetwater cir. at Dora..... Feb 21, 22. Hallettsville cir. at Kaylor..... Feb 28, March 1. Colorado sta. at Blair..... March 7, 8. Matlock mts. at..... March 14, 15. Throckmor on cir. at Fish Creek..... March 21, 22. Haskell mts. at Wards..... March 28, 29. Haskell sta. at Haskell..... March 28, 29. Anson cir. at Spring Creek..... April 4, 5. Buffalo Gap cir. at Midland, March 11, 12. Fredericks and Midland, at Midland, March 18, 19. Colorado mts. at Westbrook..... March 25, 26. Abilene..... May 3, 4. Round Rock mts. at..... May 10, 11. Hilton mts. at..... Wednesday, May 15. Snyder mts. at morning..... May 16, 17. Stone wall mts. at..... May 23, 24. District conference at Colorado, June 17-21. Delegates will be elected this round. JNO. A. WALLACE, P. E.

- CLECK DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Victoria sta. at..... 3d Sun in Feb. Edin cir. at Moravia..... 4th Sun in Feb. Hallettsville cir. at Hallettsville, 1st Sun in March. Hallettsville and Moulton, at Waddell, 2d Sun in March. Williamsburg cir. at Sweet Home, 2d Sun in March. Lewisville cir. at Union Hill..... 4th Sun in March. Lewisville cir. at Colley..... 5th Sun in March. Clear Creek cir. at Bellevue..... 1st Sun in April. Jewett cir. at Thomaston..... 2d Sun in April. Youkum cir. at..... 3d Sun in April. JOHN S. GILBERT, P. E.

- SAN SABA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Llano cir. at Llano..... Feb 14, 15. San Saba cir. at San Saba..... Feb 21, 22. Rickland Springs cir. at Live Oak..... March 7, 8. Bradford mts. at Bradford..... March 14, 15. Fredonia and Camp San Saba, at Camp San Saba, 1st Sun in March. Pointview cir. at Valley Springs..... March 14, 15. Oxford cir. at Oxford..... March 28, 29. Llano sta. at..... April 4, 5. Round Rock cir. at Comanche..... April 11, 12. Round Mountain and Rockvale cir. at Rockvale, 1st Sun in April. Llano sta. at..... April 25, 26. Cherokee cir. at..... May 9, 10. ROBT. J. DRETS, P. E.

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

Lady (house-hunting)—Can I see the gentleman of the house? Crusty janitor—No, lady, the gentleman is out. Ah! Then there isn't a gent man of the house? So sorry! Good morning.

- SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Sabinal cir. at Hondo City..... Feb 15. Uvalde cir. at Salem..... Feb 22. Monteal mts. at Barkdale..... March 1. Valdesia, at..... March 8. Del Rio sta. at..... March 15. Eagle Pass and Brackett, at Brackett..... March 22. Rockledge Pass and Brackett, at Brackett..... March 29. Colulla and Pearsall, at Colulla..... April 5. Burnet sta. at Batesville..... April 12. Benton cir. at Rambo Valley..... April 19. Amphion cir. at Oak Valley..... April 26. Pleasanton cir. at Pleasanton..... May 3. Travis Park sta. at..... May 10. West End sta. at..... May 17. Tenth Street sta. at..... May 24. Boerne cir. at..... May 31. ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

- FORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Granbury sta. at..... Feb 22, 23. Missouri Avenue..... Feb 28, March 1. Monteal mts. at Barkdale..... March 8. Morgan and Blum..... March 14, 15. Geburne cir. at..... March 21, 22. Murytown cir. at..... March 28, 29. Minky Memorial..... April 4, 5. First Church..... April 11, 12. Arlington cir. at..... April 18, 19. Kopper mts. at..... April 25, 26. Mersfield cir. at..... May 2, 3. Bluff Dale cir. at..... May 9, 10. Fort Worth cir. at..... May 16, 17. Glen Rose mts. at..... May 23, 24. District conference will be held in Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, May 28-31. Include the pastors led in the important notice of Barbo & Smith, Agents in Advocate of February 8, and read out to their suggestion on page 10. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

- SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Kingston cir. at..... 3d Sun in March. Mount Vernon cir. at..... 4th Sun in March. Greenville sta. at..... 5th Sun in March. Carrollton cir. at..... 6th Sun in March. Black Jack cir. at..... Preach at Sunday school at night. Campbell cir. at..... 2d Sun in April. Cooper cir. at..... 3d Sun in April. Mosburn cir. at..... 4th Sun in April. Winnsboro cir. at..... 1st Sun in May. Quitan cir. at..... 2d Sun in May. Blue Hill cir. at..... 3d Sun in May. Fairlie cir. at Sulphur Springs at night. Commerce cir. at..... 4th Sun in May. Sulphur Springs mts. at..... 5th Sun in May. Sulphur Springs sta. at..... 6th Sun in May. Knobby mts. at..... 1st Sun in June. Lone Oak cir. at..... 2d Sun in June. GEO. T. STEVENS, P. E.

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Is an inflammation of the bronchial tubes—the air passages leading from the lungs. Few other complaints are so prevalent, or call for more prompt and energetic action. As neglect or delay may result seriously, effective remedies should always be at hand. Apply at once a mustard poultice to the upper part of the chest, and for internal treatment, take frequent doses of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. C. O. Lepper, Druggist, Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "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 skillful man and of large experience, pronounced it useless to give her any more medicine, saying 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 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 indisputable evidence of the great merit of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has given me unbounded confidence in the preparation, and I recommend it to my customers, knowing it cannot disprove itself."

Young Children, so that the medicine is known among them as the "cousin of the afflicted." Jaime Rufus Vidal, San Cristobal, San Domingo, writes: "A short time ago, I was taken with a severe attack of bronchitis. The remedies ordinarily used in such cases failed to give me relief. Almost in despair of ever finding anything to cure me, I bought a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was helped from the first dose. I had not finished one bottle before the disease left me, and my throat and lungs were as sound as ever." Geo. B. Hunter, Altoona, Pa.

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Church Notices.

Primum—How was Langford's book sold? By subscription? Secundus—No, auction.

Devotional.

THE YEAR'S WISHES.

What will I wish thee? Treasures of earth? Songs in the spring-time? Pleasures and mirth? Flowers on thy pathway? Sides ever clear? Would this insure thee A "Happy New Year?"

THE PREACHING WANTED.

It has so happened that within the past few months the writer has had the opportunity of conversing with representative men and women in several churches in different cities. They have spoken with great frankness as to the kind of preaching which the churches need and wish. The testimony has been uniform that the churches desire a warm, tender, and scriptural presentation of gospel truth.

The Missionary Herald tells of a Scotch woman, whose practice it was to give a penny a day for missions, to whom a visitor gave a sixpence to procure some meat, on learning that she had not lately enjoyed that luxury. She thought to herself: "I have long done very well on my porridge; so I will give the sixpence also to God."

MEN think of their work in sordid ways, and then the sordidness of the work pulls their natures down. This is almost the chief evil. We do not let the highest and best rule. Culture of mind and heart we esteem a luxury in which we may indulge, but the chief business is to get a living. The mistake is in the thought that if we live in the highest ranges of our being we shall not be able to get a living.

Marriages.

GREENE-WYNNIE. - Near Woodland, Freestone county, Texas, December 23, 1890, at 3 p. m., Rev. G. A. Greene, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Miss Mary E. Wynne, Rev. Geo. S. Wyatt officiating.

STOCKING-PATTISON. - At the Methodist Church, Patterson, Waller county, Texas, January 7, 1891, Mr. M. L. Stocking and Mrs. Lucy E. Pattison, Rev. G. S. Sandoz officiating.

EDWARDS-DOLLINS. - At the residence of the bride's father, near Evergreen, McLennan county, Texas, January 25, 1891, Mr. J. C. Edwards, son of Rev. W. H. Edwards, and Miss Annie Dollins, Rev. J. D. Crockett officiating.

FLY-ALLEN. - In the new (Noekent) Methodist Church, January 18, 1891, Mr. J. M. Fly and Miss Mollie E. Allen, Rev. L. G. Watkins officiating.

MONTGOMERY-COLEMAN. - At the residence of James Fisher, near Millen, Mills county, Texas, January 29, 1891, Mr. H. B. Montgomery and Miss Katie E. Coleman, Rev. G. W. Templein officiating.

BOWMAN-HOLOMBE. - At the residence of Mr. J. M. Teaff, Troy, Bell county, Texas, February 1, 1891, Mr. W. M. Bowman and Miss Mary Holcombe, Rev. E. R. Barcus officiating.

JORDAN-O'KUFFE. - At the residence of Mr. L. W. Diskill, five miles north of Cleburne, Johnson county, Texas, January 25, 1891, Mr. A. A. Jordan and Miss Mary O'Kuffe, Rev. W. J. Brown officiating.

BICKLEY-SHIVERS. - At the bride's father's, near Beckville, Texas, January 29, 1891, Mr. J. E. Bickley and Miss C. O. Shivers, Rev. T. B. Vinson officiating.

Obituaries.

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POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price five cents per copy.

GRAVES. - On the fourth Sunday in last month, Laura Graves, a member of our Sunday-school, was in her class. That afternoon she began to bleed at the nose, and though faithful effort was made to save her life, she died Monday morning. Laura was a sweet girl, twelve years old. She is greatly missed by all.

BROWNING. - At the parsonage in La-Grange, January 27, 1891, John Thomas, infant son of Rev. J. T. and Hattie H. Browning. For a short space only was the tiny vessel moored upon the shores of earth, then gently sailed to its heavenly home to the golden harbor of eternal peace.

GAINES. - On January 20, 1891, God said to Mattie (nee Lawson), "Thy work on earth is done, come up higher." Mattie was born March 27, 1867, joined the Baptist Church when thirteen and lived a consistent member until death. So kind and agreeable, so sweet and tender, so cheery and loving, Mattie has left her dear ones, who are grieved and sorrowed, weep not for Mattie; but prepare thyself and raise her little one that you both may meet her in that blessed rest, for the crowning day is coming by-and-by. May the Lord comfort the bereaved friends, brothers and sisters that we all, like her, be ready.

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HUMPHREYS. - Mollie E. Humphreys (nee Dewesse) was born November 6, 1870; was happily married to W. G. Humphreys March 29, 1888. She professed Christianity and joined the M. E. Church, South, last August at Stringtown, Hunt county, Texas, under the ministry of D. T. Brown, and died in the faith December 19, 1890. From the day she professed Christ to the day of her death she was a shining light, bearing the image of her blessed Lord and Master.

WATTS. - Catharine Watts was born August 13, 1824, and died January 18, 1891, at her son-in-law's, Robert Kirkley, in Beckville. Grandmother was a Christian from childhood, and of the old-time style - plain and social in her manners, loving and affectionate as a mother, true and devoted as a Christian, and ever as a friend to her Master's cause, and loved her people as her own.

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FLEMING. - Sister Fleming was born in Lamar county, Alabama, October 15, 1830, where she was raised. She was married to Reuben Fleming July 2, 1846, and removed with him to his home in Tallahatchie county, Mississippi, where she continued to reside until the close of the year 1855. She was a strict communicant of the Baptist Church, moving with her husband to Fayette county, Texas, January 1, 1870.

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TAYLOR. - On January 22, 1891, God said to Bettie F. Taylor (nee Vaughn), "Thy work on earth is done; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Sister Taylor was born June 14, 1852, in Carroll county, Virginia, and was married to M. H. Taylor September 12, 1877, in Carroll county, Virginia; departed this life January 22, 1891, in the triumph of the Christian's faith. She was sick but a few days, but her sufferings were intense; but she never lost for a moment her faith in Christ. Truly, she was a good woman. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the tenth year of her age, and was a consistent member until death. She left five children, all of whom are girls except one, and the eldest is but twelve years of age, but we believe that God will take care of her children. May the God of all comfort and grace keep the husband and children in the path of the just and ultimately bring them all to the Paradise of God, where they can meet her that has gone before, and be happy with our Savior forever. It is the prayer of his brother and pastor, J. S. RODRIGUEZ, DEXTER, TEXAS.

DUNHAM. - Sarah C. Dunham, relict of Joseph H. Dunham, died near Courtney, Grimes county, January 29, 1891. She was born in North Carolina, April 30, 1824. She was married in Tennessee, December 12, 1848, and immediately left for Texas, settling upon the Brazos river. She had embraced religion in early youth and united with the Methodist Church. In her new home she took an active interest in the church, and was large worker in securing the erection of a church edifice. Her house was ever open to the preachers of the gospel, and many a weary itinerant found welcome rest in that elegant home. Mr. Dunham died in 1884 - a sore bereavement, from the depressing effects of which she never recovered, yet she still pursued her beneficent work. Having sufficient means to enable her to gratify the benevolent impulses of her heart, the widow and the orphan, the sick and the needy, shared her benefactions. An adopted daughter and a host of relatives and friends in Texas and Tennessee mourn her death. J. M. WESSON, NAVAJO, TEXAS.

GLANCE. - Jacob Glance, the subject of this sketch, was born in Buncombe county, North Carolina, August 15, 1813; married Hannah Rogers May 11, 1837; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life; emigrated to Texas in 1855, and settled in Cooke county; died December 30, 1890. After funeral services by the writer, we laid him away to rest in the Old Station cemetery till the trumpet shall bid his dust arise. Bro. Glance was a good man. His seat in church was seldom vacant. He was a friend to the itinerant. For a long time he was a blue saint, and it was always a great pleasure to him to shoe the preacher's horse, which he always did free of charge. All this the Lord will remember and in that great day will reward his faithful servant. One of the best things to whom the King shall say: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." He leaves a wife, in age extreme, three daughters, two sons-in-law - one a local deacon in our church - several grandchildren, and many friends to mourn their loss. God grant that they may all meet him in heaven. H. P. SHREAGER, DEXTER, TEXAS.

CHEAIRS. - Mrs. Sallie Cheairs (nee Shepton) was born May 11, 1861; departed this life January 17, 1891. She was married in 1882; professed religion when quite young and joined the Methodist Church, South, in which she lived a faithful member to the day of her death. She was born in Arkansas and lived in that State until a few years ago, when she moved to Texas. Sister Cheairs was a woman of the first order of intelligence, splendidly educated under that great and good man - Gen. Lewis. She was cheerful by nature, scatter her sunshine on all her associates. No one ever met her but felt when leaving they were benefited by the association. Sister Cheairs never made an enemy, but always made friends of all. Her father said to me the day after she was buried: "Sallie was one of the best children that ever lived." May all the family meet in that blessed home. B. M. STEPHENS, WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS.

JAMES. - Sister Sarah James was born near Winchester, Tennessee, November 18, 1829, being the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd. From Tennessee she, when but a child, moved to Arkansas, where she married Mr. Aleck Mann and by whom she gave birth to four children. After moving from Arkansas to Texas she lost her first husband and subsequently married Mr. Win. James in the fall of 1864. By this union she became the mother of three nice precocious children. She was converted in 1871, since which time she has been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, to the day of her death, January 22, 1891. She has gone to her rest after proving to be a devoted wife and a tender and affectionate mother, a kind neighbor and a consistent Christian. So let us die the death of the righteous and let our last end be like hers. God comfort and console her husband and children in this hour of their bereavement. M. L. HALLENBERG, P. C. HICO, TEXAS.

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The Senate of Indiana, February 5, passed the most sweeping measure that ever aimed against trusts in the State. The bill provides that all trusts, pools, contracts, combinations, arrangements or corporations which attempt to decrease outputs, control prices or limit production, shall be considered conspirators to defraud the people, and any persons being members of such organization shall be subject to a fine of from \$1000 to \$5000 and imprisonment in the State prison for from two to five years. This provision is made to apply to any stockholders or agents or persons engaged in any way in the management or profits of a pool, contract, combination or agreement of corporations. It cases where the company is organized under the Indiana law the charter is to be forfeited in addition to the punishment prescribed in the penal section of the bill. In another section it is provided that any person who is injured by the operation of trusts or pools may sue and recover damages in double the sum of the injury which his business has suffered.

Obituary—Texas.

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Spotted fever is ravaging the place at Springtown, the children are waiting the victims.

William Pointer, a prisoner confined in the county jail at Bonham on a charge of perjury, died February 4, of pneumonia.

The records of Coke county were destroyed by fire on the night of January 30 at Robert Lee, the new county seat. No clerk is known as to who perpetrated the crime, the second time during the last twelve months that the Coke county records have been destroyed by fire.

At San Antonio, February 5, the steam drain at the power house of the San Antonio street railway exploded, badly shattering one side of the building and wrecking the entire electric plant. As a result of the explosion, which occurred on all of the lines of the company are motionless and will not run until the plant is renovated, which will require about a fortnight.

Rev. Sam P. Jones, while waiting at the depot in Palestine, February 3, was assaulted and cased by Mayor Word of that city. The cause charged hands in the struggle and the Mayor also received several blows before the bystanders parted the combatants. In a few minutes the train pulled out with Sam Jones on board. Mayor Word was arrested and is now under bond. His may was caused by Sam Jones' criticism of Mayor Word during his meeting in Palestine some months ago.

Miscellaneous.

The Koch institution in New York was opened to patients February 1.

January 31, a cyclone passed through Clay county, Miss., doing many thousands of dollars worth of damage.

The Senate of North Carolina has passed a bill incorporating a North Carolina Home for ex-Confederate soldiers and appropriating \$41,000 to support it.

The Boston Commercial-Bulletin says that a syndicate of importers has been formed under the leadership of Jordan, Marsh & Co. to test the legality of the McKinley bill. They will act in concert with the Chicago importers upon the subject.

The foundation for the monument to privates of the Confederate service, at Richmond Va., has been completed. It is designed after Pompey's pillar. The great column will be capped with a figure representing a Confederate private. It will be in thirteen sections, one for each Southern State.

A telegram from Ardmore, I. T., dated February 6, says: A colony of eighty families of negroes reached here to day and will locate on farms in the Chickasaw nation. They are from Eastern Texas. Their eagerness for statehood and a chance to vote, to the far-seeing Democrat, has some political significance.

About one hundred society women of Memphis, Tenn., have organized a committee to build a free hospital for women and children, to be known as the Woman's Hospital of Memphis. They propose to raise the money to build by subscription, and the expenses of the institution and a dispensary will be defrayed by dues. Membership in the association costs \$3 a year.

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