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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.

### Marysville Circuit.

S. W. Miller, Feb. 25: The Marysville circuit is moving on finely in the Texas Advocate, as you will see from your roll, has nearly doubled its list since I have come on the work, and I yet to follow.

### Atlanta.

S. A. Ashburn, Feb. 25: We organized an Epworth League yesterday of seven members. A. C. Smith, President; Bros. Lightfoot and Cooper and Miss Arrie Allday, First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents.

### Post Oak.

G. C. Hardy, Feb. 23: This leaves us contenting with a gripe. All my family have had it or have it, but myself, and I don't feel all right to-day. We are moving along smoothly, and I believe prosperously, with a work of ten appointments, and more places asking for preaching.

### Terrell Station.

F. A. Rosser, preacher in charge: We are moving along pleasantly at Terrell. An Epworth League organized with twenty-five members; somewhat behind, on account of sickness, in my work; a gripe had hold of wife and myself; \$25.50 sent to the treasurer on domestic mission fund.

### Lyons.

J. M. Guber, Feb. 22: We have moved into our new parsonage at this place—a neat, comfortable house. We are proud of it. We have a heroic little band here. They are trying to make our stay among them pleasant. They have been working with many good things. This is a good class. We are trying to make it first-class.

### Crawford.

J. J. Davis, Feb. 27: We have just closed a week's meeting at Crawford, resulting in a general quickening of the church and eight professions. Bro. Bond, of Whitney charge, was with me and did some faithful preaching. We all love him for his work sake. Our people are suffering much with a gripe and small-pox scare. I hope we will have nothing worse.

### Haskell.

J. N. Snow, Feb. 25: We have just closed a successful revival at Haskell, the influence of which was felt by all the town. Bro. J. H. Colvard, Jr., was the preacher and the efficient instrument in the accomplishment of the grand results we enjoy to-day. Hard old sinners were converted and joined the church. New members were lifted up to a plane of action. Our church is doing well and stepping uniformly forward to other conquests.

### McGregor.

J. D. Crockett, Feb. 26: Last night the wind came very hard from the north, blowing down a number of signs on Main street and tearing out the gable end of one vacant store and several awnings. The east end of our church was moved several inches, bursting the brick foundation. This is the second time it has been hurled by the wind. Several cabs were blown down and other damage done and yet the sky was clear. Many people were frightened.

### Fairfield.

B. J. Guess, Feb. 24: There has been some substantial improvement in our church property at Fairfield lately. New lights have been placed in the church, and a magnificent bell that can be heard eight miles away, it is said, has been presented to the church by Sister M. E. Bradley. The parsonage is receiving some needed attention and will be one of the most comfortable in the conference ere the year closes, nothing preventing. The spiritual prospects for the circuit are brightening.

### Waco.

H. A. Bourland, Feb. 23: This morning I enter upon the third week of a glorious revival in Fifth Street Methodist Church. It is demonstrated we can have a revival in cities without evangelists. The city pastor, some of them are helping. Rev. R. C. Armstrong, my presiding elder and my friend and co-laborer, gives me his time between quarterly meetings; and the valuable Dr. Burleson, of Baylor University, also helps us. There have been a good many conversions and many penitents. Rev. Dr. Morrison, Missionary Secretary, will spend second Sunday in March with us.

### Ryan.

Robt. B. Martin, Feb. 18: I trust a new era is dawning on us here. Our pastor, Bro. J. F. Follin, last Sunday issued cards to his congregation, the purport of which was: that those signing them enter into a solemn covenant to pray God to revive their souls and grant a gracious outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon the church, so that they may be well equipped for the conflict in which we are engaged. "Who untethers that are at ease in Zion." If pray we do, our prayer will be answered, and God will give the increase. Text: I Cor. vi. 11. Verily the trumpet gave forth no uncertain sound.

### Beaumont.

J. F. Henderson, Feb. 25: My first quarterly conference held on the 21st and 22d instant, at Sabine Pass, for the Sabine Pass mission, we have the Lord there with us. Bro. Browning, the presiding elder, was himself in Christ Jesus in all points. Glory to God and the Lamb. We feel the effect of the truth and sinners are under conviction. I think there will be a gracious revival all around the mission this year. We have plenty of mud and water and this way, let some of our brethren up higher ground remember, as they complain of hard works, we have down here a very soft work, but plenty of sinners to tell the story of the cross to and weep over them. Let us all fast, pray and labor at the cross, or at Jericho until the tower comes down.

### Cisco.

J. H. Wieman, Feb. 21: Work in Cisco has been greatly hindered by sickness of the preacher in charge and people. A gripe has been doing its work. Not many people confined to their beds, but a great many are just able to be about. We have been waiting for sickness to abate so that the usual congregations could be had before taking our collections, but as time waited not, waiting became a nervous business, so last Sunday we made an appeal to the congregation

on hand and Cisco, true to her record, responded readily with good subscriptions, amounting to \$175, this being 70 per cent of our assessments. Great kindness has been shown to us from the first, but last week it reached the magnitude of a pouthing, which was profitable and pleasant.

### Collinsville.

W. H. Brown, Feb. 23: Still we are having good times at this place; have had thirty-odd conversions and have enrolled thirty members since we came on the work. Our congregations are large and attentive. Our young men's prayer-meeting is still growing. Our women have a good prayer-meeting. Sunday-school is doing finely; our superintendent, Bro. Jones, who has been down with the gripe for some time, is up again and will be with us soon. The children's meeting is the best of all. We have a fine nine-pound daughter at the parsonage; born on the 22d inst.; all doing well. God bless the Advocate and all the brethren.

### Jacksonville.

J. C. Cox, Feb. 23: Jacksonville mission has not prospered her preacher, and he is glad of it. Being nothing but a boy and having no partner he regards it as a stroke of good fortune that no such calamity has befallen him. We are truly glad that the powers that be sent us to Jacksonville mission. This is a No. 1 mission. Many of our people live in the enjoyment of religion. We are doing our best to get the entire church upon this higher plane of living. Our first quarterly conference was held at Providence, February 21-22. It was a success. Bro. E. Smith, our presiding elder, was on hand; also, Rev. W. A. Sampey was with us on Saturday and preached. He literally captured the brethren. Bro. Smith held the quarterly conference and preached three good sermons. His effort Sunday was a happy success. It was good to be there, if we are competent to judge, Bro. Smith is a complete success. Our people are well pleased.

### New Boston.

H. C. Rogers, Jan. 2: The brethren at New Boston, through the kind ladies of the Parsonage Aid Society, gave you a humble writer and family most substantial token of their love and beneficence. Flour, meat, rice, sugar, coffee, fruit, oysters, soap, money, and many other articles too numerous to mention, were generously brought to and left at the parsonage. I hereby assure the ladies and friends who brought and sent these very acceptable and necessary supplies, that though I may be slow of and rude in speech, and perhaps a very poor writer, yet I have a heart, I trust, that can feel as much and appreciate such manifestations of brotherly and sisterly love and kindness as any other man upon the face of the earth. My royal Prince and beneficent King reward them as none other can, and keep them and their loved ones unto eternal life.

### Bertram and Mount Boreo.

Jas. W. Story, Feb. 23: Owing to sickness in my family I did not reach my work until some time after conference, and it was quite awhile before I was able to move my family. The 5th of February we moved into the parsonage at Bertram, and we are prepared to say that we are serving a good people, in the true sense of that term. Since our arrival we have had many tokens of appreciation and love. The good things come in just as we need them. The donors seem to have just what we need. Almost everywhere I go about my Master's business I am forced to return with my baggy filled with good things too numerous to mention. God bless these dear people! They have been kind to me. My prayer is that I may be able to minister service to their spiritual necessities. I am vigorously presenting my work and expecting success. Shall try to put the Advocate in every Methodist home in my charge.

### Palmer.

I. P. Jeffers, Feb. 23: The Rev. M. E. Hawkins on yesterday and last night preached two most excellent sermons at this place. We are all glad that the Bishop returned him to this (Bristol) circuit. He is much beloved by both saint and sinner. We are earnestly praying that God may make him a power for good, and that many precious souls may be brought into the fold of Christ. On last Sabbath evening, the 15th instant, after services at this place, having learned that Sister Jessie L. Smith, of Bristol, was thought to be rapidly nearing the port, we rode to that town for the purpose of visiting the family in their great affliction, and I write this for the information of the many friends of Brother and Sister Smith throughout Texas that I found Sister Smith very weak, but happy in the love of God. We talked, read, sang and prayed with her. She is living in sight of heaven. She told us she was ready and just waiting the Master's time to take her home. We commended her to God and took our leave, feeling that we were a better man by our visit. May God keep us humble and faithful.

### Flatonia.

Geo. Chris. Stovall, Feb. 24: It happened on the night of the 18th inst., and no mistake. It was a "summer" for Mrs. Stovall was speechless, I paralyz'd, and, for the first time in her life, Louisa was dumb. I told the Argus, our city journal, that it was a huge pouthing and definitely compounded, and that's about the size of it. We have enjoyed it immensely since our recovery—fact is, the shock has been beneficial, has helped us essentially in several ways. God bless all such good people, who love their pastors and have such helpful methods of showing it. Our first quarterly conference just held. The occasion has been one of great grace and glory, every service, from first to last, lavishly attended by the people, and God was with us, bestowing the abundance of divine blessing upon us. Bro. Smith's preaching was characteristic, full of rich thought and great spiritual power; said he was glad to observe that the church was in healthy and hopeful condition.

### Garvin.

J. E. Hightower, Feb. 16: We are getting along with our work reasonably well. Bro. Vaughan was on hand at our first quarterly meeting, which was held January 17 and 18. He preached three good sermons and captured our people. They all love him and will be glad when it falls our lot to have him with us again. The Board of Stewards made a liberal assessment for their pastor. I have met all my appointments except one. Preach'd

yesterday to a large congregation and took up a missionary collection; the result was \$275 cash and \$22 in subscription. At the close of the services, two united with the church by certificate. We have been treated very kindly since we have been on the work. The good friends have brought us meat, sausage, lard, potatoes and other good things to eat, which, of course, were very thankfully received. May the Lord help us to administer to them in spiritual things this year. I am still working for the Advocate; hope to send in several new subscribers soon.

### Springtown.

J. H. Trimble, Feb. 21: Our town is putting on new life. Our schools have resumed business and doing well, improving every day. Our people are coming back to town. Business is getting lively again. We have had but one case of typhoid fever, which was thankfully relieved. May the Lord help us to administer to them in spiritual things this year. I am still working for the Advocate; hope to send in several new subscribers soon.

### Lancaster and Ferris.

C. G. Shutt, Feb. 21: The new church at Hutchins is now being built; we will probably move into it in about thirty days. Lumber partly on the ground to build at Honey Springs. We have four cottage prayer meetings well attended. I believe our cottage prayer-meetings to be a means of grace; they promote both sociability and piety. We sing several songs, have one or two prayers and read a verse of Scripture on some subject that has been selected a week ahead, and thus an hour is spent very profitably. I have written a little tract in the shape of a circular letter which I address to each member that is in the habit of absenting himself from the public worship. I find this means tend to enlarge the congregations. However, where the people read the Advocate they generally come to church, but what can I do? I am interested enough to come to church, it is hard to get them to take the Advocate. Will send four samples of tract on "Church Going" to any preacher for two-cent stamp to pay postage.

### Deming, N. M.

B. J. H. Thomas, Feb. 23: Forasmuch as it seemed good to the kind people of Deming to poung us, I suppose I should speak likewise. On the 21st instant, about 7 p. m., there was a rush at the dining-room door. When it was opened there came an army of about twenty boys and lady-like girls I ever saw. Several of those boys had large bundles, and girls not a few, commanded by Bro. Morris, our Sunday-school superintendent, his noble daughter being the prime mover in the generous work. In the kitchen, beef, coffee, crackers, cheese, cherries, corn, condensed milk, cash, three-quarters of a pound; dress for wife (it is a good one, too, and when she goes to conference she is going to wear it), eggs, flour, honey, jam, jelly, krait, lard, butter, cats, onions, oysters, lard, peas, potatoes, soap, soap, tonatones. To say that I thank them all for such unexpected kindness does not half express it. So to those who have been so good to us I can say, peace be within their walls and prosperity within their palaces, and all who have done likewise, best wishes, and, Miss Zala Morris is the only one that I know of that reads the Texas Advocate. I send you a few names. May God bless you all in circulating such a preacher and people's friend.

### Fairfield Circuit.

B. J. Guess: The first quarterly meeting for this charge was held at Sunshine, embracing the second Sunday in February, services beginning on Friday before the observance of the quarterly fast as prescribed by the Discipline. Excepting the services Sunday morning the meeting was not largely attended, owing to sickness and other unavoidable circumstances. The financial report, taken as a whole, was not bad, while that from Fairfield and Sunshine churches was most excellent. One application for membership was reported and two losses by death. The Juvenile and Woman's Missionary societies of Sunshine Church held a pleasant and profitable public service Sunday afternoon. These societies are doing a noble work for missions. There was no great demonstration of the Spirit's presence and power at any time during the meeting, yet all the services were spiritual. Considering the adverse circumstances under which we have labored—disorganization and demoralization, caused by the want of a pastor the greater part of last year, the fearful and deadly epidemic that raged in Fairfield the latter part of December, the small-pox scare, the prevalence of sickness and other things not necessary to mention—the church has done well. We are working and praying for a prosperous year, and with the blessing and guidance of God, we expect to have it.

### Merkel.

T. G. Patterson, Feb. 24: Well, sir, we cannot tell of the dread pouthing that has been doing its work in our town, and don't need to be pounged; but we have been bounced and jolted around on a two-wheeled vehicle, commonly and properly known as the "jumper," as we've made our way through prairies and hog-holes, over rocks, hills, mountains and canyons, from one appointment to another, as junior preacher on Sweetwater circuit. But that hearty hand-shake and welcome with which we are met makes us feel like we are among a people who are awake to spirituality and have the interests of the church and welfare of their preachers at heart; and, as another evidence of these facts, a new bell rung out loud and clear in Merkel to call us to service in a new church just completed last fall, at a cost of \$1200, and another has just been built, and is nearly ready to go into, at Winters, on Sweetwater creek, twelve miles northwest from here. These are the results of faithful work on

the part of our senior brother, J. H. Chambliss, who, to say that we appreciate and express it. We all just love him; he served Sweetwater last year, and served well. But it is too much for one and the brethren asked this year for a junior and was furnished in the person of your scribe, who, by the help of God, hopes to render some service. May the Lord abundantly bless and save the people and thereby make it a profitable year's work for all.

### Sherman.

P. C. Archer, Feb. 23: We are in the midst of a glorious revival meeting, conducted by Rev. Joe Jones, brother of "Sam." He reached our city and held the first service Wednesday night, the 11th instant. Interest has increased with every service. We have not been able to accommodate people who desire to hear this wonderful man of God. Great numbers turn up every night, but there is no room. Last night the opera house was secured to give the people an opportunity of hearing his experience, but before the hour for service arrived it was packed to its utmost capacity, and hundreds returned to their homes in disappointment. Forty-three persons united with the church yesterday morning. The whole church has advanced to a higher plane of spiritual life. Scores of back-slidden members reconsecrated themselves to the service of the Lord, and all over the city, convicted men and women are inquiring how they may be saved. The meeting still goes on. I cannot now express my opinion concerning the manner and style of Bro. Jones' preaching. Suffice it to say, it is in the "demonstration of the Spirit and with power." He preaches in a robust, robust, and exhorting with all long-suffering and doctrine. He cries aloud and spares not; knowing the terrors of the Lord, he persuades men. Under his preaching the gospel trumpet gives no "uncertain sound." If the sinner hears him and dies in his iniquity, his blood will be upon his own head. Bro. Jones goes from here to Abilene, Texas.

LATER.—I will add a postscript to my notice sent you last week [which we received too late for publication.—Ed.] We have had the greatest religious awakening ever known in Sherman. On yesterday, at 11 a. m., sixty-three persons were carried into the church, thirty-two of whom were baptized. We have had some 112 additions to our church since the meeting began; quite a number have joined other churches. The meeting closed last night with a glorious service.

### Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico.

James Tafolla, Feb. 25: Miss Lilia Roberts is in charge of El Colegio Ingles (English college). We have not had a preacher since the last part of September, 1887. This young lady, with her associates, have been endeavoring to help faithfully. She tells me that yesterday she organized a Woman's Missionary Society of twelve women, the most of them Catholics, and all of them prayed. This shows the good influence she has among the Catholics. To do this in this country is to obtain a great victory. May God bless these ladies and their work. Since I have been here, a young man about twenty-five years of age has come to me asking, "What shall I do to be saved?" He is from the State of Chihuahua. His name is Tirso Valencia; he is well educated, has been without a home for some time; has read some of our books and wants to be a Christian and preach the gospel of the Son of God to his countrymen. He has been with me every day since he found me, studying the Bible, praying and hearing me preach. I will give him a home next Sunday, and the Lord being willing. But what can I do for this young man? Bro. E. G. Marsh, in charge of the Institute Fronterizo, has given notice in El Evangelista Mexicano (our church paper published in the city of Mexico) that he will not be able to give him a home next Sunday. Here is a man wanting to preach the gospel to his countrymen. If the Lord has called him, whose duty is it to help to prepare him for the work? It will only cost \$10 (Mexican money) a month, which will be \$30 (American money) for the year. I think one year will be sufficient. Who will take this opportunity and send the money to Bro. E. G. Marsh, at Monterey, Mexico? The field is ripe, the laborers are few. Help, friends, help.

### Mountain Spring.

J. S. McKee, Feb. 23: Our first quarterly meeting came off last Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22. Our beloved presiding elder was on hand, though suffering from that distressing disease called "a gripe." He preached two soul-stirring sermons. His sermon on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, from II Peter ii. 19 was a fine exposition of the two classes, the godly and the unjust. After services it was announced there was dinner on the grounds for all present. The good sisters having prepared all the good things necessary, we proceeded to—well, Mr. Editor, you should have seen this preacher denouncing his part of those virtuous. Conference at 3 p. m. was an enjoyable occasion. All the classes were represented except one. The present necessities of the preacher were met. Sunday, at 11, the elder preached to a very good congregation from Luke xli. 33, in which he showed true riches to consist in "laying up treasures in heaven." We have all kinds of dogmas on this work, such as oppose the support of the ministry, and following, viz: 1. If you seek religion you will not find it. 2. If you find it you will not know it. 3. If you know it, you haven't it. 4. If you get it, you can't lose it. 5. If you love it, you never had it. The good tokens of appreciation find their way to this parsonage continually. With our force of local preachers and such a number of lay workers, we are now working with God, to do all we can for the Master this year. Bro. G. W. McGlothlin, one of our local messengers, is very low with typhoid fever. Play for his recovery.

### Stonewall Mission.

J. A. Leeman: Our first quarterly meeting was held at Aspermont on February 7. Our account of sickness our presiding elder failed to come. The official members were all present and answered to roll-call. The assessment for the preacher was made and one-fourth of the amount was paid. The presiding elder being absent, our preacher, Bro. Rufus Davis, filled the chair with prudence and dignity. The meeting was one of harmony and good-will throughout. At 11 a. m., on Sunday following, Bro. Davis preached one of his soul-stirring sermons, at the close of which he ad-

ministered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a large and attentive audience. The next quarterly conference will be held at Jayton some time in May. The preacher expresses perfect satisfaction relative to the manner in which the stewards are managing the finances of the church. A better set of stewards are hard to find in any country—at all times vigilant, responding to every demand of the church. We are living in a desirable country. Notwithstanding the very dry winter wheat and vegetables of all kinds look well. Our town at this time is full of a gripe, though of a mild type. Prospectors are pouring into this country—some stopping in this county and some others going farther west to the plains. The people talk as much about going west as they do 500 miles east of this, and there is a constant stir among the people out here—the old and first settlers selling their claims for a little money, and going to the plains to take up vacant lands. Lands are cheap out here and can be bought at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per acre; also school lands at \$2 per acre. Poor men, especially the farming class, would do well to come out and look at Stonewall county. We have as good land as can be found in any country, mostly red, or red sandy. The range is good and plenty of stock water.

### Van Alstyne.

J. F. Archer, Feb. 21: Last week's Advocate contained a few items from our little town, by a good Methodist, but the half has not been told. These good people have carefully watched and supplied our every want. We put it strongly when we say we have never received greater kindness anywhere. When we came the parsonage was entirely without furniture, and the good ladies have placed over \$100 worth in it and are arranging to add more in a few days. God bless them; a noble band of Christian workers is seldom found. The faithful work of my predecessor, Bro. Vinson, is seen and felt in the spirituality of our social meetings (the index of the church). We are trying to hold up the standard. We have almost an epidemic of measles, but as yet no fatality has attended it in town. Bro. Lane, pastor of Howe circuit, has had a very severe attack, but is now in a fair way to recover. Our new school building, the pride of our town, is now receiving the painter's finishing touch, and Prof. Finer with his able corps of assistants, will take possession about the 1st. With such a building and such teachers, Van Alstyne feels justly proud of her school. We are happy in our work and rejoice in the work of our town. We are looking to the future, and but one thing is necessary to place Methodism in the front—a new church. For this we are working and praying. The Advocate is a welcome visitor to many of our homes.

### Orange Station.

C. H. Ellis, Feb. 23: The first quarterly conference was held February 7 and 8. The presiding elder, Bro. H. J. Browning, came in the Spirit of the Master and did us good work, both in the preaching of the Word and administering the sacraments. It was good to have him with us and his quarterly visits will be looked forward to with interest by the whole church. But for small-pox scare, which has all passed away, and the constant and excessive rains, special services could have been conducted with interest and devotion. It was good to have worship, our congregation, through the kindness of the county officials, has the use of the court-house. The building revival is beginning to burn. We expect to succeed, for "the people have a mind to work." Our subscription is growing and we are long to be able to have our report work begun. The Sunday-school is showing remarkable signs of new life. In addition to the regular Sunday-school at court house in the morning, we had the pleasure of organizing a second school in South Orange, at 3 p. m., with forty-five names enrolled. It promises well. Bro. J. H. Gates was elected an appointed superintendent and his wife assistant. They are young, active, intelligent and full of zeal for the Lord's cause. We expect a large harvest from this new mission school. In addition to this I will add, the Holy Spirit is quickening the hearts of its members to seek earnestly for a revival of spirituality among the membership and the salvation of sinners. Special prayer-meetings are being held looking to a revival. We realize, "unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it."

### Alto.

G. W. Riley, Feb. 26: I have done but little this month on Alto circuit on account of a gripe and bad weather. Have missed two Sundays again. I am now getting in good health again and met good congregations last Sunday. As the long rainy season passes away, the Sunday-school work is increasing all around the circuit. Our woman's department is working well in Alto. The Alto auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society is supporting a child in the Laredo Seminary, and has raised and forwarded to the outside of their dues, and they are greatly interested in their work. Their lady manager, Miss Fannie Harrison, is an untiring worker, and in her efforts to train the children to support foreign missions she is doing the work of a home missionary with eminent success. We are making ample preparations for both adult and juvenile programs for Easter special services for the benefit of the training-school. If the pastors throughout the South will make the effort the money for the building will doubtless all be raised before the close of March. Let us rally to this grand work with earnestness and make the coming Easter Sunday a memorable one to Southern Methodism.

### McKee Street Church, Houston.

D. H. Hotchkies: Last night, February 25, we held a pleasant and successful missionary mass-meeting in our church. Bro. J. B. Sears, President of the Conference Board of Missions, was with us and made the address. It was entertaining, edifying and eloquent in his speech, and as he proceeded our eyes were opened; we recognized that every soul has an inalienable right to the blessings of the gospel of the Lord Christ, and that it is our duty as Christians to give a knowledge of this gospel to our brothers now benighted by ignorance and superstition. Our hearts burned for shame because the Christian

world has done so little for the salvation of the heathen, and yet with joy, because God has blessed the meek efforts made and magnified the results. The assessments on this charge for missions amount to \$81 and we are pledged for \$40 on the Hendry fund. A call was made for a contribution of \$121. In a few minutes we raised in money and subscription \$100. With some money collected previously and some liberal givers yet to respond, McKee Street Church reports with joy and thanksgiving that her missionary assessments are secured. We hope our example and success will inspire other pastors and churches to early action in the matter of raising missionary money. Our work is promising for this year. Congregations large and growing. More interest in church work manifested than at any time since I have been here. We introduce our Sunday night service by fifteen minutes song and prayer service—consequences, congregations better, people wear and worship better and preacher preaches better. One forward for prayer last Sunday night. Six additions since conference and more to follow in the near future. We are hoping and praying for a revival.

### Dallas.

Sam R. Hay, Secretary pro tem: The Dallas Preachers' Meeting met at First Church, 9:30 a. m. Opened with prayer by Bro. Mulkey. Reports from the various churches were very encouraging; congregations going far west to the plains. The meeting at First Church still goes on with increasing interest, and will continue through the week. About 150 conversions and 150 applicants for membership. The meeting is deepening and widening in interest all the time. Fifteen hundred people attending the service at Church Sunday night—both the auditorium and basement were running over. The meeting will begin at Oak Cliff next Sunday. Let all the people pray for us.

### San Diego.

J. A. Wright, Feb. 20: We are in a country full of promises, having a fine climate and rich, varied soil, all the way from a light sandy loam to the black-walk land. As usual, we are the first Protestants in the field, and by wisdom in appointment of preachers and use of funds, we may continue to be the Protestant Church of this country. The present development of the country is checked by our having had a few months drouth and a few cases of small-pox. The first prevailed during last summer and fall, more or less severely from Eliden to Laredo, Groesville and from Coahuila to Laredo. However, we have had some winter rains and the outlook for this year is fair; but the rain came too late to prepare cattle for early market, and consequently we are in a financial strait. There has been a sufficient small-pox scare to prevent an attendance upon all public gatherings. At one point in my work, where they have no small-pox, I have been requested not to meet my appointment, as I live in an infected town. The stewards have continued their record for liberality in proposing to give funds to each other a good support. We hope to build a \$500 parsonage ere the year closes. We have a parsonage lot and a small fund on hand. I have some of the "magnificent distances" of the former itinerant to travel, but have a less safe vehicle, as I ride on the Mexican National and have a good support. I have once been wrecked once, but other accidents have happened when I have been on the train, so that one of the conductors says I am a veritable Jonah; but I think a Methodist preacher who goes directly to the work to which the Bishop has sent him, and tries faithfully to do the work which he finds to be done, is not a Jonah, but a faithful son in the gospel. Having thus done I would not agree to be thrown overboard.

### Palestine.

Albert Little, Feb. 18: Our first quarterly meeting is over. It embraced the third Sunday in this month. Our new presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Smith, was on hand, in good trim for preaching. He did some good work for our blessed Master. He preached Saturday, at 11 a. m., a most impressive sermon to the delight and edification of the audience. Sunday was a grand day for Palestine; after our sermon at 11 a. m. Bro. Smith offered a missionary collection, amounting in money and subscription to \$155; a good start. At 4 p. m. we held love-feast, and, oh, what a meeting we had. About three hundred people present. The spirit of the Lord was with us and many were made to rejoice, and we felt it was good to be there. Monday, 3 p. m., the Woman's Missionary Society held a very enthusiastic meeting; several new members. These noble women are doing a grand work. God bless their labors. At 7 p. m. the official members were called to order by the presiding elder and the conference opened in due form. Bro. Smith presides with ease and in a way as to infuse life into the business of the quarterly conference. The official members of Palestine station are a body of nobleness—broad-minded and liberal in their views. They made a liberal assessment for their pastor and proposed to deposit in the bank the preacher's salary in monthly installments. This preacher wants to do the best year's work of his life. I append my report to the quarterly conference, at the request of that body. The spiritual state of the church is on the up-grade. Our congregations in the main are large and the attention to the preached Word is remarkably good. Our social meetings are largely attended and they are spiritual. We have great reason to rejoice for what the Lord has done for us in bringing so many into the fold, and for the spirit of unity that prevails in the church, and among all the churches in our fair city. During the quarter we have received forty-eight members, twenty-seven by ritual and twenty-one by certificate. One hundred and ninety-two have been added to our church since the fourth quarterly conference of last year, as the result of the meeting held by Rev. Sam P. Jones. Eleven adults have been baptized during the quarter and four infants. Three have died, viz: Dr. L. A. Walker, Mrs. Emily Rutlage and Miss Jewell (deceased). Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Our prayer-meetings are largely attended. We have class-meeting every Sabbath, with an attendance of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred; all denominations take part to the edification of all. The outlook for Palestine is very encouraging. Brethren, let us make a strong effort, carry forward the good work in our midst.

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HOME CONFERENCES.

W. H. Crawford, I thought I would refrain from much writing this year, but when I came home from Grovetown last Monday a slight gripe...

Midlothian.

F. M. Winburne, Feb. 16: A great many people believe that preachers are gentlemen of leisure. Hence, for the benefit of that class, I append the following...

Gober.

J. P. Rodgers, Feb. 17: Our first quarterly conference was held at Gober, January 31. Our presiding elder did not get here on account of bad weather...

Fattonville.

M. L. Blaylock, Feb. 15: I have completed the record for the Fattonville circuit. I am well pleased with the work; it is in good condition, spiritually and otherwise...

Wesley.

W. E. Crockett, Feb. 17: Our second quarterly meeting was held last night. Our presiding elder, Bro. Black, on account of sickness in his family, could not be with us...

oring the secrecy of money. The total paid second quarter was \$78.35. We had to represent the stewards at Menardville and Mason; also had to be preacher in charge and presiding elder...

Fort Worth Notes.

Wesley, Feb. 16: Bishop Key has been in Missouri for two weeks, assisting in a number of the episcopal conferences...

Rockport.

I write from the great deep water seaport and coming metropolis of Texas, the old town of Rockport. It is located on Aransas (Goose) Bay...

Sulphur Springs.

U. B. Phillips, Feb. 1: What can be the matter with me? For ten or twelve days I have been in the clutches of that monster of all plagues, the grippe...

time concerning the niceties and conveniences of the district parsonage. "Leatwise," I put a temptation in the way of some aspirant for the office of presiding elder...

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Advertisement for ONE ENJOYS, featuring a bottle of syrup.

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Advertisement for CONSUMPTION, featuring a bottle of medicine.

DEPARTMENT OF... North Texas Female College Conservatory of Music.

SHERMAN, TEXAS... JOE JONES IN SHERMAN. C. S. BIGGAN.

For two weeks Bro. Joe Jones has been holding services in the First Methodist Church, in Sherman. Sicknes has kept the writer from regular attendance. The college has had four of his sermons in the chapel. Each talk was proper, appropriate and powerful. What do we think of him? We believe in him. Why? Because he is an honest man. A preacher must be honest. He is just. A dead man is not addressed as if alive. He is earnest yet deliberate, but neither sleeps himself nor allows his audience to do so. He is plain and pointed. If no one can honestly mistake his meaning or turn the lance on his neighbor. Yet, like any practical preacher, he cannot, in a few sermons, covering all our duties to self, fellow-man and God, give all the collateral and tangential to a truth. He has most roll up at a throw it out with him. He is edified. He says not. But any error in grammar, rhetoric or vernacular is readily pardoned, and even forgotten, because of his good sense and force of utterance. No, he does not curse in the pulpit, nor is he more incensed if the case demands, than was Christ when they wanted him to stone the woman. There are parts of the New Testament through which some of us run a pencil or mark "omit." It is too plain to read in this "polished age." All of the young ladies who were not members of the church before have joined, except six or seven. We trust there will not be one out of the fold next June. Some have come in from infidel homes. God be praised for all this. The spiritual condition of the college is excellent. Our religious programme is: Chapel services every morning, Sunday school at 9 a. m., on Sabbath, at the college. At 11 o'clock, attendance on preaching, in town. At 2 p. m., Christian Association, and preaching in the chapel at night. Brethren, pray for us, work for us, and this school will be left for God and good throughout the land.

MORAL SCIENCE.

The requisites to moral agency are, Intellect, Sensibilities, Conscience, Freedom and Light. Before a man can be a moral agent, he must have capacity to perceive relations, understand law, observe distinctions, remember facts, connect ideas and draw conclusions. All these powers are embraced in the intellect and therefore it is requisite to a moral agent. Sensibilities are necessary, for without them there could be no idea of right or wrong, praise or blameworthiness. The sensibilities are divided into 1. Appetites; 2. Propensities; 3. Affections. By investigation, it has been found that the appetites take their rise in the body, are occasional in their action, and are common to man and the lower animals. They appear to have been given for three purposes: 1. To continue the race. 2. They were implanted for enjoyment. 3. They are means of moral discipline. They are neither to be destroyed, as the Ascetics teach, nor are they to be indelicately indulged, as the Epicureans teach. They should be kept in the place where God designed them to be. In view of this, we should remember, that 1. God has graciously designed us for happiness. 2. We are to share all those scenes which vitiate the appetites. 3. We are to keep them well under control. 4. If they have gained undue ascendancy, they should be immediately subdued. The propensities are of a higher order than the appetites. They are: 1. Desire of life. 2. Desire of knowledge. 3. Desire of power. 4. Desire of property. 5. Desire of esteem. 6. Desire of society. 7. Desire of imitation. 8. Desire of happiness. Affections have reference to persons, desires to things. The affections are: 1. Parental affection; 2. Filial affection; 3. Conjugal affection; 4. Fraternal affection; 5. Social affection; 6. Theistical affection. The third requisite to moral agency is conscience. This argument is established by the following considerations: 1. The universality of moral distinctions. 2. The peculiarization of the mind in reference to moral subjects. 3. All languages have words to convey an idea of conscience. 4. Universal consciousness asserts it. 5. The scriptures affirm it. 6. The uniformity of moral distinctions proves it. Dr. Paley gives objections to it, taking the savage or infantine mind to which to refer moral questions. If he refers this question of moral agency, regarding consciousness to the same mind, he must judge all by the same standard, and would soon prove that no faculties exist. Conscience has four functions: 1. The discriminating; 2. The obligatory; 3. The impulsive; 4. The retributive. Conscience should have supreme authority among the other motive powers. This is proven by the following facts: 1. If God intended man for virtue, that faculty should be supreme which would be most certain to lead to virtue. 2. It is designed as a regulator. 3. When its rule is compared to that of other faculties, its superiority is manifest. 4. Retribution of conscience. 5. Universal consciousness. The existence of conscience proves: 1. The existence and character of God. 2. That man is designed for virtue. 3. Virtue should be the highest aim of man's existence. 4. It is a power, most powerful for good and also for evil. 5. It teaches of man as related to God's law. The will is the fourth requisite to moral agency. Will means the power of choice, which always implies an alternative. In order to be of any importance in a moral agent, the will must be free. This is proven: 1. By the nature of the promises of the Bible. 2. By the threatenings of the Bible. 3. By the feeling of remorse. 4. By the feeling of self-approbation. 5. By the existence of human laws. 6. By the nature of God's moral law. 7. By distinctions in moral actions. 8. By universal consciousness. The strength of the will is established by the following: 1. As a causative power; the will of man is second only to God's. 2. A man of strong will can endure the greatest sufferings without complaint. 3. By a strong will a man can triumph over passion and sordid appetite. 4. A strong will is essential to any great enterprise. The will should be cultivated: 1. By shunning all influences which give it a

wrong moral direction, such as, 1. Sectarian prejudices; 2. Sudden but violent gusts of passion; 3. Long-continued self-indulgence; 4. The will is to be cultivated by giving it the assistance of reason and enlightened conscience; 5. It is to be cultivated by submitting it to the will of God. There are many opinions in regard to the necessity of motives. The true one is that they are governed by the will, which is free. If the motives were involuntary, there would be no human responsibility; if the will were governed by them man could not choose, and man would be condemned for no act. The last requisite to moral science is light. There are two kinds of light: the light of nature and the light of revelation. The former enables us to judge the propriety of an action from the result of it. 1. It teaches us as duties. 2. It presents motives to virtue. These derived from natural consequences, and those derived from moral consequences of crime or virtue. This system is defective: 1. Under its influence the course of man is one of moral deterioration. 2. The heathen religions and moral systems were based on natural religion. This was defective, because: 1. The light of nature teaches only by experience. 2. There is no truth, only inferences. The revealed facts of Christianity are few, but important. They are: 1. The existence and perfections of God. 2. The creation of man. 3. The original purity of man. 4. The fall. 5. The great remedial dispensation. 6. Retribution in a future state. 7. The restoration of the body. There are three supposable methods of revealing duty: 1. A specific revelation embracing every relation into which one can enter, and every duty connected with that relation. This is too voluminous. 2. The statements of mere general principles, in the light of which duties may be learned. 3. General principles are clearly stated and illustrated by specific examples. In learning our duty from the Bible we should exclude: 1. Everything merely historical. 2. Those duties required of particular men under particular circumstances. 3. All ceremonial laws. 4. All not enjoined upon man as man. 5. Any command antagonistic to the principles of Christianity. We should include: 1. All required of man as man. 2. All specific duties not in conflict with other commands. MINNIE ARCHER.

Sunday-school Lesson.

PREPARED BY REV. CHAS. O. JONES, A. M. FIRST QUARTER, LESSON XI.—MARCH 15. STUDIES IN THE KING.

GEHAZI PUNISHED.—II Kings 7:15-27.

GOLDEN TEXT: Be sure your sin will find you out.—Num. xxxii:33. TIME: B. C. 894. PLACE: Samaria and vicinity.

OUTLINE.

- I. Naaman's Gratitude.—Verses 15-19. II. Gehazi's Sin and Punishment.—Verses 20-27.

INTRODUCTION.

The present lesson is in immediate connection with the last. Naaman, like all successful soldiers, was quick in decision and prompt in action. At first feeling outraged at Elisha's selling him to bathe in the Jordan, he ordered the march homeward. When his servants convinced him that he ought to obey the prophet he did so at once, and dipped himself full seven times. Then he bowed, he determined to show his gratitude and reward the prophet, although to do so would take him several days out of the direct route to Damascus.

7. NAAMAN'S GRATITUDE.—Verses 15-19.

15. He returned to the man of God.—The distance from the Jordan to Samaria, where Elisha dwelt, was between thirty and thirty-five miles, and to return there took Naaman far out of the direct road home, but he would not go to Damascus without visiting Elisha, to reward him, and to acknowledge the true God as the author of his cleansing. Stood before him—his pride is all gone, though he has more to be proud of now than ever before. There is no God in all the earth, but in Israel—he renounces all other gods, and publicly declares his belief in the supremacy of Jehovah. Take a blessing—accept a present.

16. I will receive none—Elisha declined the present (1) lest he should be accused of accepting pay for doing that which only God could do; (2) he would teach the Syrians that he had helped their master from disinterested motives to promote the glory of God. This was in high contrast with the avariciousness of heathen priests, and no doubt strongly impressed Naaman.

17. Two mules' burden of earth—with this earth taken from the land of Israel Naaman proposed to build an altar to God. He thought that this earth "spread over a portion of Syrian ground, would hallow and render it suitable for the worship of Jehovah."

18. In this thing the Lord pardon thy servant—he forces difficulties in serving God in an idolatrous country and asks Elisha's advice. The house of Rimmon—a Syrian deity, probably the sun. I bow myself in the house of Rimmon—he accompanied the king, who leaned on his hand, to the temple, and as the king bowed he bowed. Some scholars think that this refers to the past. The probable truth is that Naaman asks Elisha whether it would be lawful for him having renounced idolatry to attend his master in idol-worship as he had done hitherto.

19. Go in peace—Elisha does not answer the question, but throws the decision upon Naaman's conscience.

II. GEHAZI'S SIN AND PUNISHMENT. Verses 20-27.

20. Gehazi—he appeared in a bad light in his treatment of the Shunammite; now he appears in a worse. My master hath spared Naaman this Syrian—the Jews thought that it was right to spoil the heathen; much more thought Gehazi ought his master to have taken reward for so great a service done to Naaman. I will... take somewhat of him—he could not neglect this splendid chance of enriching himself and robbing the heathen.

Old and Young.

THE TWO GLASSES. There sat two glasses filled to the brim. On a rich man's table, rim to rim. One was ruddy and red as blood, And one as clear as the crystal flood.

Said the glass of wine to the paler brother: "Let us tell the fates of the past to each other. I can tell of banquet and revel and merriment, And the proudest and grandest souls on earth. Felt under my touch as though struck by lightning. Where I was king, for I ruled in might. From the heads of kings I have torn the crown. From the highest of fame I have hurried men down. I have blasted many an honored name; I have lashed virtue and given shame; I have tempted the youth with a sip, a taste, That has made his future barren waste. Greater, far greater than king am I. Or that any army beneath the sky. I have made the arm of the driver fall, And sent the train from the iron rail. I have made good ships rot down at sea. And the shrieks of the lost ones sweet to me. For they cried: "Behold, how great you are!" Fame, strength, wealth, genius before you fell. For your might and power are over all." "Ho! Ho! pale brother, laughed the wine, "Can you boast of deeds as great as mine?"

Said the glass of water: "I cannot boast Of a king dethroned or a murdered host; But I can tell of a heart once sore. Of crystal drops made light and glad; Of thirst I've quenched; of brows I've laid; Of hands I have cooled and souls I have saved. I have wept through the valley, dashed down the mountain. Flowed in the river and played in the fountain. Slept in the sunshine and dropped from the sky. And everywhere gladdened the landscape and eye. I have eased the hot forehead of fever and pain; I have made the parched meadows grow for me with grain; I can tell of the powerful wheel of the mill. That ground out the flour and turned at my will. I can tell of manhood debased by you. That I have lifted and crowned anew; I cheer, I help, I strengthen and aid; I gladden the heart of man and maid; I set the chained wine-cup free, And all are better for knowing me."

These are the tales they told each other. The glass of wine and the paler brother. As they sat together, filled to the brim. On the rich man's table, rim to rim. —Exchange.

A CHRISTIAN HERO.

The following story of the times of the Spanish Inquisition in Holland under Phillip II is given in the Quiver. It was a fiery persecution to which the Dutch Christians were subjected. Dirk Willemsoon was one of those who suffered for conscience sake. Although he was innocent of any offense beyond the reading of his Bible and attending religious meetings, he was taken prisoner, tried, and condemned to death. Dirk felt it hard to submit to this cruel injustice. He was young and life was sweet—even life such as it then was in Holland. He set his wits to work out a plan of escape. His plan succeeded. Once more he was free. Free, but not safe. He must still hide from his enemies. In this, alas! he was not so fortunate; his retreat was discovered by a Spanish soldier, and he was pursued across the country. At no great distance was a lake, now a broad sheet of frozen water. Here was a chance for Dirk. He knew that upon ice he could soon outstrip his pursuer. He was right. The Spaniard was a bold runner, but upon that slippery surface he was no match for the young Dutchman. Moreover, at this season, the lake was not to be traversed without danger. Winter was nearly over; already there had been mild spring days, and the ice was unsafe. It trembled and shook beneath the flying footsteps of the hunter and his prey. Dirk was no stranger to the lake. He knew well what parts to avoid. The soldier lacked this useful bit of knowledge. Suddenly there was a loud crack, a cry, a splash! The fugitive turned to look, and behold! his enemy was gone. A large hole in the ice surrounded by many a deep crack—that was all now visible. But as he looked the head of the drowning man reappeared above the water. He stretched out his hands and grasped the edge of the ice which he could not get out unaided. He was caught as securely as any rat in a trap. In a few minutes he must sink. Dirk was safe now. Intense gratitude for his escape filled his heart as he overflew. "The Lord hath delivered me," he cried. "It is not my work. Truly God hath fought for me; He hath overthrown my enemy like the Egyptians in the Red Sea."

But this thought was rapidly succeeded by another. "I say unto you, love your enemies; do good to them that despitefully use you and persecute you." Would he not be disobeying his Savior's command if he left this man to perish? It was a terrible moment for poor Dirk. He covered his face and fell upon his knees. A fierce battle raged within his soul, the powers of good and evil striving for mastery. God give us all grace to fight such battles on our knees! It was soon over. The Spaniard was presently amazed to see the young Dutchman returning across the ice, but the sight brought him no comfort. "He comes to slay me with his dag-

ger," thought he. "Well, 'tis more a soldier's death than drowning like a kitten in a tub."

So he resigned himself to his fate with the stoicism of one who has faced death too often to fear it. To his astonishment, however, the young man showed no desire to kill, but seemed, on the contrary, anxious to save him. He advanced cautiously along the quivering ice, then lay down, and, creeping toward the hole stretched forth his hands and drew the soldier out of the water.

There is but one way in which such a story should end. If the Spaniard had no reward to offer, he must at least grant freedom to the man who had risked his life to save him. But, alas! this tale has a far darker sequel.

Whatever his feelings may have been while in the ice hole, the soldier was no sooner safe on dry land than the instinct of the bird of prey revived. The man was in his power yet—the man he had followed through so many dangers. Should he let him go, and so lose the reward of his valor? No! The young Dutchman was his lawful captive, and back to prison he must go. Motley, from whose pages we have drawn this sketch, tells us that the Spaniard was subsequently stricken by remorse and would have released his prisoner, but was prevented by the burgmaster of Aspera, who bade him remember first his duty to his king.

We are not disposed to give the soldier much credit for tardy repentance. It was never strong enough to induce him to open the door to his captive.

Dirk's noble action met with no reward in this world. After languishing in prison for some weeks, he was led out into the market place, tied to a stake and burnt to death. Even then we may be sure that brave Dirk Willemsoon never for a moment regretted his generous self-sacrifice. He had followed his Master, for like him, he had laid down his life for his enemy; and perchance to him also was granted grace to say with that dying Master, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Exchange.

A GRACEFUL ACT.

One of the rules of good society is that when you are the hostess, and a guest has been brought by a friend, you must try and make her feel welcome.

Louise Chandler Moulton, who is authority in society matters, tells the story of a city girl who showed such grace and tact in a difficult place that she declares, "It was enough to change the climate of east-windy Boston"—to know such a one lived here.

A girl had come here to visit from the country, and had brought a letter to a very fashionable family, by whom she was soon after invited to a party. She was staying with quite old people, who did not realize the lateness of the hours at which an affair of that kind begins at present, as compared with those observed by society in their own youth.

"If I go at half-past eight, it won't be too late, will it?" the girl, with her country habits in her mind, asked of the old lady whom she was visiting. "Oh, no," the old lady said, "and I will send Jane with you."

Jane was madame's maid, as venerable and respectable and solemn as madame herself. It was about quarter to nine when the carriage deposited the old maid and the young maiden at the door of a stately house on Commonwealth Avenue. The door opened, and they went up to the dressing-room. Not a cloak, not a wrap of any sort, only a well trained person who took off our country girl's wrappings, and then disappeared.

"Oh, I dare not go down," the poor little thing said, pitifully, "I can't; I'm the very, very first." But instantly appeared a radiant, white vision—the daughter of the house.

"Christine said you had come," she cried, fluttering in as if it were the very pleasantest and most charming surprise in the world. "I am so glad. Mamma and I were wishing we had some one to help us receive. And you didn't see papa the other day. You must come right down and see him, and be one of us."

There were tears in the country girl's eyes when she told me this little story. "Don't you think it was the very loveliest thing?" she said. "There I was, half an hour before every one else; and they made it seem as if I was their special friend and belonged to them; and everybody was introduced to me; and you know I could quite fancy what it would be really to be a belle, people were so lovely."

Does it seem a little thing? I believe many shining deeds recorded in the biographies of good women have had less real sweetness in them than this fastidious Boston beauty showed to the girl whose evening she turned from a mortification into a triumph.

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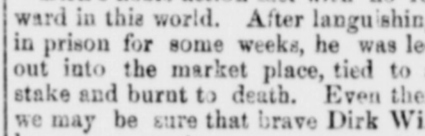
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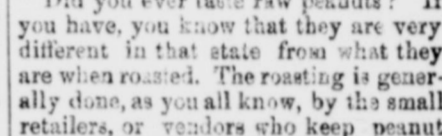
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THE LORD CHRIST APPOINTS HIS APOSTLES.

Nothing could express the importance of the apostolic ministry more forcibly than what the Saviour did just preceding the choosing (Luke) and appointment (Mark, R. V.) of the twelve. He continued all night in prayer to God, and this all-night prayer of Christ evidently connects with the appointment of the apostles, and shows how profoundly he felt its importance. Godet remarks on the passage in Luke: "Luke has already brought before us more than once the need of prayer, which so often drew Jesus away into solitude. But the expressions he makes use of here are intended to carry special weight. Diakulateruin, to pass the night in watching, is a word rarely used in Greek, and which in all the New Testament is only found here. The choice of this unusual term, as well as the analytical form (the imperfect with the participle), express the persevering energy of this vigil. The term prosekueiton Theou, literally, prayer of God, is also an unique expression in the New Testament. It does not denote any special request, but a state of rapt contemplation of God's presence, a prayer arising out of the most profound communion with him. The development of the work of Jesus having now reached a critical point, during this night he laid it before God, and took counsel with him. The choosing of the twelve apostles was the fruit of this lengthened season of prayer; in that higher light in which Jesus stood, it appeared the only measure answering to the exigencies of the present situation. \* \* \* \* \*

"In the execution, as in the choice, of this important measure, Jesus, no doubt, submitted himself to divine direction. His numerous disciples spent the night not far from the mountain-top to which he withdrew. During this lengthened communion he presented them all, one by one, to his Father: and God's finger pointed out those to whom he was to intrust the salvation of the world. When at last all had been made perfectly clear, toward morning he called them to him, and made the selection which had thus been prearranged. \* \* \* \* \*

Mr. Godet is rather graphic in this description, and, of course, as is indicated, the minutiae of detail is supplied by his fertile imagination. There is nothing obnoxious, however, in the thought that Son and Father took counsel together over the work of the former. Prayer indicates that much. But we do not believe that "the exigencies of the present situation" was the only moment of that night of prayer.

There was, no doubt, a present expectancy, but it was also a future one. It may be that men in-ghort-sightedness provide unwittingly for future exigencies by arranging for the present, but the future as well as the present was in the eye of Christ when he brought this matter before God in prayer. The "exigencies" of the then "present situation" will exist as long as there is need that Christ should have ambassadors in the world beseeching men to be reconciled to God.

The fact is, in the appointment of the apostles Christ provided for the permanent organization of the church. We believe in an organized church. The church is an expression of life—spiritual life—and life is organic. No stronger terms could be used to express organization than those used by St. Paul in his epistles. He compares the church to a living human body with the Lord Jesus Christ as the Head and the saints as members of the body all knit and joined together by love, and each member with its own functions in the system.

About the question whether the Lord Jesus Christ organized a new church we are not now particularly concerned, nor do we care especially about the question of a particular form of church government. God has always had a church in the world, and it is not necessary that it should always exist in exactly the same form in order to preserve its identity.

So far as we are able to discover the powers and laws of organic life, whether vegetable or animal, it appears that one of its strongest propensities is to multiply and perpetuate its existence. The same is true of Christianity as a spiritual life. The first thing one wants to do when converted is to get somebody else converted. For this purpose, to propagate Christianity, not as a creed merely, but as a life-giving and soul-saving power, the church as an organization exists. This is exactly in accordance with the design of a Christian ministry. The appointment of a ministry was to carry out this end of the church. Out of the body of disciples the Head chose those to go forth into the regions beyond and disciple all the nations. And whether the Lord Christ organized the church then or not he appointed a ministry in, of and for the church, through which the church and the world were to receive the word of life, and through which Christianity was to be extended into the regions beyond.

This ministry was organized on the same principles as the church. In fact, one includes the other. The value of any church, as an organ of Christianity, is determined by the principles which govern the appointment, place, and work of its ministry. Observe, Jesus himself gave the twelve the title, apostles—sent forth, messengers, or ambassadors. And whatever other powers may have been conferred on them, this title expresses the chief purpose of their appointment. It expresses that which was to be the permanent office of the ministry. Mark tells us what they were sent forth to do: "And that he might send them forth to preach." St. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, declares also that he was sent to preach, and again he declares, "We are ambassadors for Christ," and the object of the embassy was to get men reconciled to God.

Observe that Christ himself appointed and sent forth these ambassadors. They were not chosen by the disciples, nor did the Lord ask their advice on the subject. He chose them after an all-night communion with the Father in prayer. This is a right which the Lord has entirely reserved to himself. There is not one jot or tittle in the Book which indicates that he has ever conferred on church or man the authority to call men to preach. Peter got in a hurry once and persuaded the others to appoint a successor to Judas, and by lot they selected Matthias, a good man, but there is no indication that his election met with divine approval. When the Lord wanted another apostle he called Saul of Tarsus; not to succeed Judas or any one else, without any conference with Peter at all. Neither did Peter and the others ever presume to confirm this election of Christ by laying hands on Saul. It is well for the church to try the spirits—to prove those who think they are called of God to preach, but when established at that point nothing remains but submission to the divine will. This being true there is so such thing as an "apostolic succession" as is vainly taught by some. For the Lord calls whom he will and does not consult church or bishop, and if by ordaining men to preach the church means anything more than a formal recognition, after proper trial, of the divine appointment she assumes authori-

ty which the Lord has never delegated to another. The Lord Christ is always the head of his church and chooses his own apostles. The truly apostolic office is essentially the same now as when the twelve were first appointed. Mark says: "He ordained (appointed) twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils." The apostle of to-day may not have the same power over sickness and to cast out devils or work miracles, but the principle is the same, it pertains to the work of an apostle to minister to the souls, minds and bodies of men. While to be with Christ, to learn of him, is an essential qualification of an apostle now as then. The twelve were eye witnesses of the works which Christ did while here in the flesh, but the apostle of to-day must be able to testify of his own personal knowledge to the power of Christ to save from sin. The Christian minister to-day called and sent forth by the Lord Christ to preach the gospel has all that pertained to the apostolic office, save the miraculous, extraordinary and temporary gifts bestowed on the church during the age immediately succeeding the crucifixion. We say bestowed on the church because such gifts were not confined to the apostles. Others wrought miracles and spake with tongues who were not called apostles.

INDOCTRINATED WITH ARMINIANISM.

One of the greatest hindrances to the spread of the gospel is the fact that we have had so much cheap John evangelism. I mean that the people have become thoroughly indoctrinated with that God-dishonoring, soul-destroying doctrine, Arminianism. \* \* \* I give it as my candid opinion, after nearly sixteen years of labor as an evangelist, that the most difficult thing to get a sinner to believe is that salvation is of the Lord—that we are saved by grace and not by works.

The above are the words of a well-known Baptist evangelist. We seek no quarrel with our Baptist brethren, but cannot forbear to call attention to the gross ignorance which forms the background to this misrepresentation of the effects of Arminianism. We venture the assertion just here that the author of the above language cannot give a correct definition of Arminianism. We doubt whether he has read a book, distinctively Arminian, written by an Arminian author.

Arminianism God-dishonoring, indeed! It teaches the fatherhood of God, the divinity of Christ and the personality of the Holy Spirit. It teaches that all men are by nature sinful, and that the atonement in Christ provides salvation for the whole race. It teaches that we are saved "only for the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings." Indeed, Arminianism ascribes all the glory and honor of our salvation to the grace of God, through Christ our Savior. It is evident to common sense this doctrine, instead of being God-dishonoring, is God-honoring in the fullest sense of the term.

Arminianism "soul destroying!" Mirabile dictu! There can be no question that wherever this doctrine has been preached God has honored it in the salvation of men. Is it soul-destroying? Ask the millions of Methodists in this and other countries; ask the thousands of members of the Baptist Church who have been converted at Methodist meetings under the preaching of this doctrine; ask the myriads in India, China, Japan and on the islands of the seas, who have been brought out of darkness into the marvelous light by Arminian preachers, and the answer comes: "Not soul-destroying, but soul-saving." Does Arminianism teach that sinners are saved by works and not by grace? Nothing but ignorance of the grossest kind can answer in the negative without falsifying. Long ago the great champions of this doctrine, Wesley, Fletcher, etc., when this same charge was made against them, denied the charge, ably and successfully defended their position, that we are saved by faith only, and since our brother seems to be so ignorant in these matters we quote a specimen of Arminian doctrine on "free-will" from the 8th article of religion of the Methodist Church: "The condition of man after the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and works, to faith, and calling upon God; wherefore we have no power to do good works, pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing [going before] us," and "We are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings." Such statements are too plain to need comment, and if there is such a "cheap John evangelism" let it not be laid at the door of Arminianism, but put is where it belongs, at the door of that doctrine of "free-grace," so called, which is so narrow as to comprehend in its plan of salvation only the small-

est part of the human family. Our good Baptist brother, however, makes one correct statement, viz: the people are indoctrinated with Arminianism. How can they help it when the Bible is read, since it is the doctrine of that Book?

REV. WM. VAUGHAN.

Rev. William Vaughan died February 26, at 12:15 o'clock p. m., at the residence of his son, Dr. B. H. Vaughan, nine miles southwest of Hillsboro. His funeral took place on the 27th at Hillsboro, at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. William Vaughan was a pioneer preacher of the Methodist Church, was a distinguished, good man, and universally beloved.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Bro. Vaughan was an honored member of the Northwest Texas Conference, where he was held in the very highest esteem. He was universally loved as far as known. This notice will make many hearts sad but the sadness will not be unseasoned with joy, for those who knew the deceased will remember that he was ripe for heaven, and that he has entered into the joy of our Lord. We could say many things in his praise, but leave that for another. He was born in St. Clair county, Alabama, December 30, 1817; was converted September, 1834, at a Cumberland Presbyterian camp-meeting in Fayette county, Alabama; joined the M. E. Church in the autumn of 1834, in Marion county, Alabama; was licensed to exhort in 1837 by George Snaefler; to preach in 1841, Wm. Murrah being the presiding elder; was admitted on trial into the Alabama Conference at Mobile, Ala., December, 1841; was ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew at Wetumpka, Ala., February, 1845; was ordained elder by Bishop Soule January 31, 1847, at Tuscaloosa, Ala. When the Alabama Conference was divided, in 1863, into the Mobile and Montgomery Conferences he retained membership in the Mobile Conference. From thence he transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference, of which he remained a member until death. It will be seen from the dates above that Bro. V. was in his fiftieth year in the itinerancy. Nearly all of this time he was effective. In his forty-fourth year he made this record of himself: "This is my forty-fourth year in the regular itinerant work. Have always been effective. Have had a revival every year and seen a great many converted. Have encouraged to build a great many churches, parsonages, colleges (one at Granbury) and school-houses."

LATER.—At 12:25, February 26, Rev. Wm. Vaughan, a much loved and honored member of the North-west Texas Conference, died at the residence of his son, Dr. B. H. Vaughan. All of his children, except one, and several of his grandchildren, with one brother, were with him in his last moments, and followed his remains to Hillsboro, where he was buried by the side of his faithful wife, who preceded him to glory two years ago. He was conscious up to a few hours of his death, yet talked but little. He seemed to anticipate the near approach of death, although his family did not feel any special anxiety about him until Tuesday. There was no positive disease, but rather a general giving way of nature. His health had been good up to two weeks of his death, and he had been more active than usual, visiting and attending church oftener than for some time past. In the death of Father Vaughan, we, of the Abbott circuit, as well as many others who knew and loved him, feel that we sustain a personal loss; but our loss is his eternal gain. I thought, as I sat by his bed and counted his last pulsations, of the last sermon I ever heard him preach. His text was "If any man will take up his cross and follow me, he will lose himself, and will save his life." After giving his reasons for not being ashamed of the gospel, he spoke of his sainted wife, and, with his face aglow with the influence of God's Spirit, he clasped his hands and said: "It won't be long till I shall meet her, and tell her how lonely this world has been, and how I have missed her since she left me." What a meeting that must have been! May we all so live as to be ready when the summons comes. A suitable obituary will appear later. S. B. ELLIS.

REV. H. A. GRAVES.

Just as we go to press the following announcement is received from Rev. J. D. Scott, Seguin, March 1: Sunday, March 1, at 3:30 p. m., the Rev. H. A. Graves, a superannuated member of the West Texas Conference, living at this place, passed away, "at peace with God and all men."

THE COLLECTION.

The revival at First Church continues with increasing interest. Up to date there have been about one hundred and fifty conversions, and the same number have given their names for membership in our different churches, others going into various denominations. Last Sunday's services were very impressive. In the morning Bro. Burnett preached a strong sermon, which deeply impressed the congregation that filled every seat in the large auditorium. In the afternoon a jubilee meeting was held, conducted by Bro. Mulkey. Again the congregation was packed, several city officials and a squad of policemen being present. Scores gave their testimony, showing what God had done for them, and the tide of religious emotion ran high. The Sunday night meeting was the crowning one up to this time. The spacious central pews from pulpit to door were filled with young men, who are to be pillars in the church and state of the future. The side seats, kneeling

board and pulpit platform were filled with their sympathizing friends.

Bro. Burnett preached on the Prodigal Son, and at the close the vast congregation rose almost en masse in testimony of their desire to lead a better life. At the same time an overflow meeting, conducted by Bro. Mulkey, was held in the basement, which was like wise crowded, it being estimated that 1500 people were in both rooms, and even then some were turned away. The revival fire is spreading to our other churches, in which there were about fifty accessions Sunday. The meeting at Oak Cliff will commence Sunday. We seem to be at the commencement of a revival in our Methodism in this city such as has never been seen in Texas. Let our people throughout the State pray that the windows of heaven may be opened upon us here.

BISHOP HAYGOOD, in the following extract from a letter to Hon. W. L. Chambers, published in a Sheffield, Ala., paper, gives his reasons for disconnecting himself with the Sheffield college enterprise:

After long and thorough consideration of my situation and some experimental knowledge of my new duties, I have come reluctantly to the conclusion that I cannot faithfully and conscientiously do the work committed to me last May in St. Louis by the General Conference of my church and at the same time carry on my part of the educational scheme which determined my coming to Sheffield. I did not think it would turn out so; but so it is, and with profound reluctance I must relinquish the hope of doing some important part in establishing a great school for women in this city. Because it hurt me grievously to give it up, I have delayed longer than I ought this communication to carry out my part of the general plan; but I cannot, as is now clear to me, do both, and it would be morally wrong to put both in jeopardy. The gift of the Land Company, the beautiful home my family has occupied, I return to the generous givers who honored me with their confidence.

The Bishop seems to have learned by experience what we think has always been the general sentiment of the church, viz: That the episcopal office demands the whole of one's time. Besides we hold to the theory of a general superintendency, and boast that a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is a Bishop of the world over. Then our Bishops ought to sustain the same relation to all the institutions of the church. We think it very unwise for a Bishop to connect himself by some minor office to a local institution and thus give the preference of the influence of his consessional office over other institutions of similar character. This ADVOCATE, as is well known, expressed its opinion on this subject before the Bishops decided to accept trusteeship for Vanderbilt University. We feel, therefore, perfectly free to speak out in meeting now. We do not believe that Bishop Hargrove ought to sustain the relation he does to Vanderbilt; nor do we think it wise for our bishops to be trustees for that and other schools. Since they accepted the office of trustees for Vanderbilt, a crisis seems to have struck the church in other parts to have Bishops for college trustees, and if the crisis continues the time will soon come when every Bishop will have his local college, which will be known as Bishop Hargrove's School, Bishop Wilson's School, Bishop Fitzgerald's School, Bishop Galloway's School, Bishop Key's School, etc. We think Bishop Haygood would have acted wisely in disconnecting himself with the Sheffield college enterprise even if he had not decided to leave Sheffield. We hope, however, if the church needs such a school, it will be established all the same. The church will certainly be in a very sad plight when there are no other men to fill these places without imposing additional and local offices on her Bishops.

WITHIN the year I will make my residence in Los Angeles, Cal. This removal to a distant State is determined from convictions of duty as to what I ought now to do and in response, so far as is possible to me, to the unmistakable sentiment of the church that more of the Bishops should live and work west of the Mississippi river.—Bishop Haygood.

We are glad that Bishop Haygood recognizes and yields to the unmistakable sentiment of the church. How long this sentiment has prevailed in the West we cannot tell—it has prevailed for years, but was not recognized formally by the church until the last General Conference. California, with a few thousand members, will now have two resident bishops (Fitzgerald, at Santa Rosa, and Haygood, at Los Angeles), but the territory is great, and there is much work to be done. Texas, with a territory as large as six ordinary States and a membership now numbering 140,000, after years of pleading got one. We could station three or four in this State further apart than some of them now live, and there would be work enough for all. We congratulate our sister of the far West, nevertheless. The signs are hopeful, and we predict that the church will yet come to the position of this ADVOCATE and erect episcopal parsonages

and locate her Bishops where she wants them to live. There is no good reason why a Bishop should not live in a parsonage as other itinerant Methodist preachers do. We feel confident that this or something similar will be done in the future. Bishop Fitzgerald was asked if he would live in a residence owned by the church in California as an episcopal parsonage, and he replied: "Certainly; I think that the correct thing to do. I believe now, as I have always done, that a Bishop ought to be subject to the general law of the itinerancy."

PROF. JAMES STRONG, of Drew Theological Seminary, says in the New York Advocate:

That the present movement in favor of female legislation is an innovation in our Methodism—as must be admitted by all parties—is alarming enough; but that it should likewise be an offense against good taste, a transgression of conventional and ecclesiastical usage, and a violation of scriptural precedent and prescription, as the highest authorities aver, and the well-informed and candid will concede, is intolerable. Should it succeed, whether with or without its threatened results of a feminine pulpit, ordination, and pastoral, we must expect an exodus of substantial families from our pale, such as no previous agitation has caused; and this will be the wider if, as is probable, the Presbyterians change their articles of belief so as to conform more nearly to the Arminian standard. Surely, it is no time for us to depart from our well-tried record of the past, when other denominations are hastening to adapt themselves to it for the future.

When the multitudes of the conservative and scriptural begin to break away, professor, we'll come up and take them in, so they may find a home in genuine Methodism.

THE NEW YORK ADVOCATE regards the effort now being made to grant legislative power to women in the M. E. Church a real crisis in Methodism. It speaks on this wise:

This is practically the first time that the Methodist Episcopal Church has undertaken to decide by legislation the meaning of God's Word. The proposition before it is: "Shall women be made legislators?"

A large part of the church believes that God's Word explicitly forbids the investing of women with such functions. They derive their convictions from the Bible, and in them they are supported by the almost unanimous opinion of Christian scholarship. On this ground primarily many of them are opposed to their admission. The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Wesleyan connection, on the other side of the Atlantic, from their origin have acted upon the plain sense of God's Word, and have not invested women with this kind of authority. It is not as if it was with the contents involving views of the Scripture concerning slavery or of the use of intoxicating liquors. No one claimed that Christians are required by the word of God to keep slaves or that it is the duty of the disciples of Christ to use wine and spirits as a beverage. What some maintain is that the Scriptures did not prohibit these things under certain circumstances, and therefore the church should tolerate them in its members. This is different. A large part of the church believes that the investing of women with legislative power in the church is forbidden by the Bible, therefore it believes that if this measure should prevail and women should be elected to the General Conference and sit there it would be a usurpation of authority which no mere majority could violate in the light of the Scriptures. Nor is it that a general representation was enacted. No one argued that allowing laymen to participate in church government is forbidden by the Scriptures, but only that it was not authorized; that the church was not organized with it, and that it would be inexpedient.

Here, then, is a crisis wholly unlike any yet seen in our history. A multitude, opening their Bibles, believe that they find a prohibition always taught them, and they see a powerful party in the church endeavoring to violate it. We predict, a general movement prevails, within ten years a general tendency to departures from sound doctrine in the denomination, which, when it is too late, will be recognized as the fruit of the spirit and methods of the interpretation of the Scriptures on the subject. Indeed, if we cared to turn aside, we have the proof at hand that the same principles are being applied by many, and in some instances conveyed to the people through the religious press.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personalities. —Episcopal Methodist: At an enthusiastic public meeting held in Lynchburg, Va., last week, where the Randolph-Macon Woman's College is to be located, the balance of the endowment fund of \$100,000 for the same was raised by subscription. This insures the establishment of the institution, which will represent an investment of \$220,000 to start with, and be the leading school of its class in the South.

—Episcopal Methodist: Mrs. A. W. Wilson writes as follows in regard to the movements of her husband, Bishop Wilson: "He was due at Port Said, Egypt, February 14, and expects to sail from Liverpool April 15 for New York, but if the information that the annual meeting of the Bishops has been changed reaches him before he has bought his ticket, I think he will arrive April 1. He will not be at the Baltimore Conference, where he always enjoys himself."

—Our Brother in Red: The Rev. M. A. Smith writes that their new district parsonage at Atoka is nearly finished. He estimates the value of it at \$1200. If the district conference is held at Atoka we will most likely look in on the presiding elder's new home. All praise to the man that builds a comfortable parsonage. He is a benefactor to his own family and the families of those who come after him.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Judge E. C. Heath and wife, of Rockwall, made us a pleasant call this week.

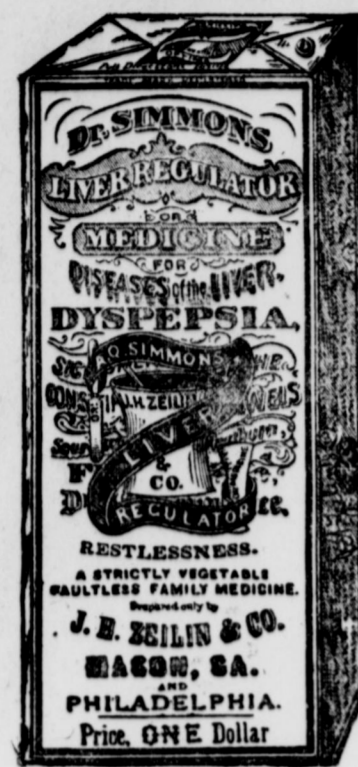
—The Rev. F. M. Winburne, of Midlothian, not being able to keep his "big" toe out of the road, had it trod upon by a horse. He fears that he is "laid up" awhile.

—Revs. Geo. S. Wyatt and J. R. Nelson made us a pleasant visit this week. They had been to Fort Worth to a meeting of the committee appointed by the Northwest Texas Conference to establish an orphan asylum, and also the meeting of





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It is not easy for us now to measure the greatness of the darkness that at one time must have rested on many of the most important events in the history of the past.

SORROW.

There are some on whom stroke follows stroke, and from whose heart the burden of grief, disappointment and care is never for a moment lightened.

Verily, the Lord does at such times "we know not now." It is all dark—utterly dark; and all that the faithful heart can do is to lift the eye from the mysteries of earth to that Presence where all is light...

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### Texas Incidents.

Three cases of small-pox are reported at Belton. A negro died with small-pox at Palestine February 27. The blockmill sheds of R. C. Storrie at Waco burned February 27. Six negroes made their escape from the jail at Columbus, the night of February 24. Prairie fires have been doing considerable damage in Carson and adjoining counties. Ab Lewis was arrested at Weatherford, February 27, for passing a counterfeit money. The residence of W. R. Marney and a portion of its contents burned at Marshall February 26. J. M. Crofford's store was burglarized at Bowie, February 25. No claw and the amount stolen is not known. Deputy U. S. Marshal Terrell lodged J. M. Belcher, of Wood county, in jail at Tyler, February 23, on a charge of bigamy. At Kildare, February 26, the store of Dr. T. W. Coney was broken into by burglars and the sale robbed of its contents. Bids for the building of 1250 feet of timber jetty at the mouth of the Trinity river have been opened. Lowest bid \$3625 and highest \$6750. A residence in Terrell, belonging to Ben Coyle, was burned February 25. A box of ashes taken up the evening before caused the fire. February 24, a trunk was thrown off a Texas and Pacific train in Dallas, when it exploded. Some loaded shotgun shells caused the explosion. February 27, at Ennis, three men were arrested by Watchman Milner, who charges them with attempting to break in the postoffice. At Denton, February 27, while W. D. Doyle was in a saloon, drunk, Frank Adams robbed him of over \$25. Adams was immediately arrested, searched and the money found on his person, identified and recovered. Adams is in jail.

A negro was arrested in Galveston, February 23, for stealing goods from the store of P. J. Willis & Bro. in broad daylight. He would go into the store, fill a sack with goods from large piles, which concealed him while in the act, then walk out.

The agent for the Santa Fe Company at San Angelo has orders for 750 stock cars, to be used between March 10 and April 1, for shipping cattle to the Indian Territory, where the stock will be kept until they are in condition to enter the Northern markets.

The narrow-gauge road running from Atlanta, Texas, twenty miles in a southeasterly direction was sold on Friday to Messrs. Grigby Bros., G. M. D. and D. J., who are among the largest saw-mill owners in East Texas. The sale was a forced one and the price paid was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The purchase was announced as they will clear the road at once and extend it toward Shreveport as soon as possible.

In the District Court at Fort Worth, February 25, T. B. Imboden was convicted of forgery and given three years in the penitentiary. February 28, Judge Stedman decided that the indictment was faulty and not complete, as the allegations therein contained would not make out a case of forgery. As soon as the Judge had finished, a deputy sheriff arrested him on a warrant issued upon an affidavit made by the county attorney, charging him with the forgery of the same note, and it is thought he will not be able to give bond.

The residence of Mr. Kilgore, six miles east of Denton, was visited at night by two men in disguise. They called for Mr. Kilgore, but as he was absent, the men dismounted, pushed their way into the house and abused the lady in a very rough manner. She was knocked down with a six-shooter and then kicked about the house. The whitesaps then "turned themselves loose" on the furniture and house fixtures. On the return home of Mr. Kilgore, the men had left. A physician was called and officers informed of the proceedings, but as yet nothing whatever has been learned as to the identity of the men.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is on the food tide of popularity, which position it has reached by its own intrinsic, undoubted merit.

### Miscellaneous.

Troops have begun the ejection of homers, from the Cherokee Strip. Messrs. Foster has been confirmed as Secretary of the United States Treasury.

A combine of the soap-makers of the Southwest was formed in Kansas City, Mo., February 23.

A snow-slide swept over Bullion King mine at Irwin, Col., February 25, carrying away two houses and burying two women and a child.

Five miners entombed in a mine at Jeanville, Pa., were taken out alive February 23, after having been in darkness eighteen days.

Above Schenectady, N. Y., February 23, two ice gorges in the Mohawk river broke, but reformed about a mile below, flooding the lower portion of the town. The damage will amount to thousands of dollars.

Louis E. Pfeifer, President of the defunct Bank of America, of Philadelphia, Penn., has pleaded guilty to a charge of rehypothecating an \$1 converting to his own private use, deposited as collateral with the Bank of America.

In the House of Representatives at Washington, February 28, Representative Bartine, of Nevada, in behalf of the minority members of the House Committee on Coinage, submitted a report in favor of passing the silver free coinage bill.

Washburn & Moen, barbed-wire manufacturers, have secured a patent to a company composed of twenty-one different firms, and known as the Columbia Patent Company. The company is organized under the laws of Kentucky.

A small party of Sioux Indians from the northern reservation have been visiting all the different reservations in the Indian Territory, holding long secret conferences with the members of each tribe. It is believed trouble will follow. The Wichita, Comanche and Keechi have resumed their ghost dance.

In the United States Senate Senator Blair reported from the Committee on Agriculture, with amendments, the bill providing for the establishment of a division of silk culture in the Agricultural Department for the purpose of encouraging the silk-worm industry in the United States.

Engineer Robt E. Peary, of the United States navy, will undertake a Polar expedition. He proposes to start about the 1st of May. His idea is to go as far north as a sailing steamer will carry him and then strike for the north pole across Greenland. The expedition is purely private. The expense will be about \$8000.

Ex-State Treasurer Woodruff was arrested at Little Rock, Ark., February 27, on a charge of violating the law in the improper use of public funds during his term of office. This action has followed the joint legislative resolution calling for his arrest. A shortage of over \$62,000 was paid last week. The special charge against ex-Treasurer Woodruff is embezzlement. He at once gave bond in \$15,000.

Advices from Los Angeles, Yuma, San Diego and San Bernardino, Cal., report that recent rains have done great damage to property, causing the streams to overflow their banks and flooding the country. Railroad travel is temporarily suspended, owing to washouts and wreckage of bridges. It is thought that but four lives have been lost.

Advices from Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, say that an anonymous letter has been printed announcing that the Queen's life is in danger. It was an open secret that the letter was written by Robert Wilcox, the revolutionist, to inaugurate a public demonstration against the Queen. It was reported that the Queen has selected a new Cabinet, with Wilcox as Premier and Minister of the Interior. The Queen has not appointed the heir-apparent to the throne.

Two thousand striking miners at the Rainey Works, near Pittsburg, Penn., February 23, made a dash at the non-union men. The latter dropped their tools in dismay and fled down the railroad and over the hills. No violence was offered, however, and the Pinkerton guards made no offensive move. The Hungarians were wild with drink, but were kept in place by the labor leaders. The strikers say that the Rainey men must quit work, as they were interfering with the success of the strike. The strike is more against a 10 per cent reduction proposed by the operators than it is for any new demands the men have made.

Rev. W. R. Covert, of Findlay, O., has retained counsel to press the claim of himself and Mrs. John C. Fremont to the ownership of Bird Island in San Francisco bay. The amount involved is estimated at over \$100,000. Gen. Fremont, when Military Governor of California, purchased the island from Mexico. The United States repudiated the purchase and declined to buy or reimburse Gen. Fremont, but took possession and erected fortifications and a light-house thereon at a cost of \$900,000. Some time before he died, being low in funds, Gen. Fremont secured financial aid from Covert, giving a half interest in the island.

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