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CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

My suggestion is this: On Christmas morning let every Methodist family in Texas make an offering to the Southwestern University.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY.

JACKSON, MISS.

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL.

From the parable of the rich fool and its contents several important lessons are to be learned.

1. The parable is introduced by a historical event which was the occasion of its utterance. While the Savior is yet teaching the people "one of the company" approaches him with the request that he settle a matter of inheritance between him and his brother.

2. But there was another phase of that inheritance matter which came within the scope of the ministry of the Savior. It touched the young man's soul (we will suppose him to have been a young man).

However the judge of the law should settle the dispute between this man and his brother about the estate, He saw that the desire of its possession was a greater injury to the young man's

soul than the injustice of his brother could be. His brother might rob him of a few shekels, but covetousness was robbing him of his soul. Covetousness, which makes the possession of wealth the chief object of life as the means by which the soul is to find its supreme happiness, was the real defrauder which was cheating the young man out of his life.

3. But what is it to be rich toward God? And what does it mean to lay up treasure in heaven? Does it mean to have great faith, and peace of mind, and a feeling of love to God? Does it mean to ignore the material things of this world, and to lay up spiritual treasure by cultivating what are called the spiritual states? Nay, verily. Let the Lord explain his own words: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

The logic of covetousness is the carnalizing of the spiritual by the material; but the true philosophy of life is to spiritualize the material. It is the use of the material thing for spiritual ends, or, as the servants of the spirit. The man who seeks not the happiness of the soul in material wealth, but who uses material wealth simply as a means to carry out the highest moral purposes of the soul, lays up treasure in heaven; he is rich toward God; he has an everlasting possession in the kingdom of God; he has nothing to leave in this world, having transferred all his treasure to the kingdom above; his heart is there; and he is ready to go as one who watcheth for the coming of his Lord.

4. The church has taught some good precepts on the use of riches, but practically we have been weak at this point. We have had good theory in part, but too little practice in fact. Many a rich preacher and member too has excused his errors in practice with that deceiving "old saw" of covetousness, "it is no harm to be rich, provided you do not set your heart on your riches."

The question is not so much about what a man has, but as to the use he makes of it. He who makes money for its possession is covetous, but he who makes it to use in helping man

and making the world better glorifies God. A man may make money and invest it in a way to be helpful to the fellow man, and at the same time his motive for investing may be only to increase his possessions. Such an one can not plead the good results in justification of a mercenary motive. You must make and invest with a benevolent motive.

As has been said in these columns before, the church has cultivated the spiritual to the exclusion of the material too much, or rather, we have separated the spiritual too far from the material. There is no better way to serve God spiritually than to use our material wealth in carrying out his purposes. We cannot do his will if we do not serve him with our money as well as praise him with our lips.

Wherefore, dearly beloved brethren, "Lay not up treasure" for yourselves as did the rich fool, but "Sell that ye have and give alms to the poor," make money and do good with it, and thereby "lay up treasure in heaven" and become "rich toward God."

WHY IS ROME SILENT?

Time and again our missionaries who are American citizens have been interfered with in their worship by Roman Catholics in Mexico. The case reported from Durango is not the first one of the kind. Yet we have never heard of interdict or reproof from the Roman Catholic Church. Why does not the pope interdict such proceedings? Why do not the high authorities of that church in more enlightened countries remonstrate against these murderous attacks of their ignorant and superstitious members upon Christians of other churches? This persecution can not be laid entirely at the door of the ignorant and superstitious Mexican. Every one knows that a mandate from the proper authorities in that church would be obeyed. The fact is the priests are generally at the bottom of the trouble. They incite the ignorant populace to these murderous deeds. Then the silence of the whole church is a tacit endorsement of this method of dealing with those who differ from them in religious opinion. It only shows what the heart of the Roman Catholic Church is and what it would do in any country if it only had the power. These things should remind the Protestantism of this country that every advance of Roman Catholic influence in this nation is a menacing danger to our government and people.

THE COLLECTION.

We had this week a very pleasant visit from Prof. Wall of Franklin, Tennessee. We showed Bro. Wall a little part of Dallas, and he went away scarcely recovered from his surprise at finding such a large and live city as the metropolis of Texas.

The Rev. W. H. Vaughan writes: Brownwood District Conference gave me for the Orphan's Home \$625.

The Rev. Horace Bishop sends us the following "disclaimer": I learn from various sources that I am credited with the current series in the Advocate of the hypothetical "Elder Brother; therefore I may be excused for this disclaimer. The other Horace protests his case well, but I am not prepared to accept all of his conclusions.

H. G. H.: Bishop Haygood says the late session of the Mission Board at Wilmington was "an agony." Dr. Hoos, in Advocate, says the financial pressure has "abridged the comforts" of some of our ministers with big salaries. Secretary Moron's frame was seen to "quiver with emotion." Dr. John was "visibly agitated." The picket line brother was "pinched." The hearts of the members of the board were "thrilled" by certain recitals. Outstanding obligations of the

board \$118,000. The work increasing and the debt piling up. A lively condition of things all round. A dead church could not be so stirred up. Away out on the picket line a domestic scene: Supper time—cold bread and cheap sorghum—papa just got in—no money—to repress rising discontent, tells how the "comforts" of some of the \$3000 and \$5000 salaried preachers in the rich East are actually "abridged." A laugh all round, they say prayers, and go to bed happy.

A PRESS dispatch of July 16 is as follows:

A letter from Durango, capital of the State of Durango, Mex., says that on Sunday, July 6, the cornerstone of the new Methodist Church was laid in the presence of the American residents and a throng of Mexican converts. The American consul was present. Revs. S. A. Kilgore, A. Delon and Corbett officiated. Several Catholic priests were among the spectators who crowded the streets. Suddenly, while a hymn was in progress, some dusky fanatic threw a stone. It seemed to set the Catholic peasantry crazy, and in a moment the air was full of missiles. It was impossible to avoid them. There was no shelter. Mr. Viggers, an American, was hit and spun half around. The Rev. Kilgore faced the crowd and said in Spanish: "My friends, you know what to do; we ask but the liberty to worship God in our own way; for the sake of that gentle Christ, in whom we all believe, suffer us to proceed in peace." A pebble grazed his cheek, and the shouting of the crowd drowned anything further that he would say, so he stood and faced them. A stone weighing a pound struck him on the head and he fell senseless. A detachment of police dispersed the crowd before further damage was done. The American residents of Durango will call upon their government for protection. There has been no further disturbance, but the more ignorant of the Roman Catholics are much to be feared and a service shall be held in the new church.

We hope Bro. Kilgore was not seriously injured. Such an onslaught on American citizens, one of whom was the American consul, makes a case, it seems to us, too serious for this government to overlook. A satisfactory answer should be demanded.

H. G. H.: A Christian Temperance Union woman complains through the Houston Post that when she applied to one of the pastors of San Antonio for the use of his church, she was only offered the use of the basement. She becomes sternly self-pious and proceeds to read said pastor a lecture on the importance of humility and keeping the ten commandments—wanting to know of him if he has ever heard of such commandments. She does not say what pastor or what church. If it was the M. E. Church, South, she was offered the finest, most commodious and well-ventilated church basements in West Texas. It is the place where our annual conferences convene in San Antonio, and from the platform of which our most distinguished men have preached the gospel. If this was the church, our good sister had better be called home from her western "outing" to attend to her babies.

CONCERNING the other suggestion that one of the new bishops should be a colored man, we are as yet prepared to say, Amen! If we could be assured that our colored brethren really had the "material," we would heartily advocate its utilization. But we are not so assured. If a colored man is elected bishop at all, it should be on account of his manhood, scholarship, and other accomplishments, and not on account of the accident to his skin. He must be the peer of a Foster or Fitzgerald to command our assent. He must be equal to the task of presiding over the Michigan or the New York East Conference with equal acceptability with other bishops. We have no prejudice against a colored man as far as the general superintendency is concerned, but his possessions in his favor. This is a serious question, and should be wisely handled. Dr. Albert should make haste very slowly in creating any expectation along this line. To elect a negro to this high office simply to gratify a claim would be equally silly.—Michigan Advocate.

No colored man has the "manhood, scholarship," nor "other accomplishments," to preside over a conference of white preachers in Michigan or New York! Yes, "Dr. Albert should make haste very slowly in creating any expectation along this line," for with all the moral and intellectual training, combined with the refining touches of social influences the Northern Methodist has been able to bestow upon the colored brother these twenty five years, not a single one of them has arisen to the "manhood, scholarship, or other accomplishments" to qualify him for the pastorate of the most insignificant white charge in the Northern Methodist Church. Then with that rare of incline upward, when will the colored brethren ever reach the lofty heights on which the "material" for bishops grows? Never. Of course the little "accident to his skin" has nothing whatever to do with all this. Yet they do say that in those churches which have colored members only there is some right good material for bishops.

THERE are four surviving members of the General Conference of 1844—Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter, of the Little Rock Conference; Rev. J. C. Berryman, of the St. Louis Conference; Rev. Freeborn G. Hubbard, of the Genesee Conference, and Rev. J. M. Jameson, of Los Angeles, Cal. The first two are ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; the

last two are ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North. By a strange coincidence the four surviving members of that noted, historic conference are equally divided between the two churches which they helped to form by the division of the one Methodist Church into two separate jurisdictions. They have lived in a stirring period of the church's history, and witnessed unparalleled growth and prosperity.—Central Methodist.

As the Louisiana lottery question is to be submitted to the people of that State, it is becoming a topic of exciting interest. The lottery men, of course, depend upon the power of their money to carry the election. The result depends upon the number of purchasable votes. It will, therefore, be quite a blot upon the fair name of that State if the lottery men succeed. The New Delta, now one of the leading dailies of the State, and a strong anti-lottery paper, thinks there are enough honest people in Louisiana to defeat this monster of evil. So may it be. The New Delta says:

But the lion is aroused. The foul insult to their State has aroused the people, and they are flocking to the standard raised by the men who are unpurchasable, and are gathering at the call of the sentinels who could not be corrupted. The men of Louisiana, thank God, have not lost their manhood, and needed but a leader to arouse them to repel the assault upon their honor. As every bullet and stone and bunch of leather in the highlands gave forth an armed man when the fiery cross sped o'er the hills of Scotland, so from hill and dale, from farm and from hamlet, from town and city, from the workshop and the store and office, eye, from the pulpit itself, come forth the people of Louisiana in their might to do battle for the honor of their State, the prosperity of themselves and the liberties of their children.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

—Pacific Methodist Advocate: June 21 was a great day for our church in Lincoln, made memorable by the dedication of McVeyre Memorial Church. This is one of the prettiest churches in the State, costing about \$7,000 and almost entirely out of debt. It seats about 400 people.

—J. L. Futrell, writing from Oregon, in New Orleans Advocate: What of the church? There are large sections of country in which the destitution is fearful. At our district conference it was developed that we could form from eight to twelve new pastoral charges, and most of it is where there is now no preaching by any church. There are two whole counties in which we have one preacher, and there are two Baptist preachers "who preach occasionally," and there are 14,000 or 15,000 people; "and," said a lay brother, "it is settling up very rapidly, and there is room enough and work enough for a presiding elder and a whole district of preachers."

—C. Y. Rankin, in Nashville Advocate: The Epworth League movement is of God. It is timely, providential. It furnishes another evidence of the progressive spirit and vitality of Methodism. Its aim is manifest, its advantages many; its plans are wise, its methods simple. It furnishes to the young people a stimulus, an inspiration and a guide to their pious activities. Whoever looks narrowly into this matter will find that there is everywhere a painful need of order and system among our young people in the selection and reading of good books, especially such as set forth the doctrines and usages of the church. It is the aim of our Epworth Leagues to supply help and encouragement in this direction.

—New Orleans Advocate: Rev. J. J. Wheat, D. D., presiding elder of the Sardis District, North Mississippi Conference, has about fully recovered his health, and he is filling all his appointments and performing all his work with great acceptability and power, since April last. He looks to be as stout, and claims to be about as well as for some years past. A church costing \$2000 was dedicated at Subota, Miss., and followed by a revival. The Meridian District Conference was followed by a revival at State Line, Miss. Rev. F. H. G. Taylor reports nine additional at Lake Providence. W. D. Bass reports good meeting at Pantocoe, and H. H. Andrews good meeting at Franklin.

—Nashville Advocate: A letter from Dr. Daniel Atkins informs us that the legal case recently published in the regular papers concerning the result of the suit in the case of Corvallis College are largely erroneous. The decision of Judge Southwick actually covers property to the worth of about \$50,000. Another suit will be necessary in order to enable the college to secure control of the proceeds of the agricultural fund according to the terms of the original contract with the State. We do not doubt, however, that the courts will settle the whole matter in a just and honest way. Prof. W. B. Bonnell, treasurer of our China mission, passed through Nashville on the 9th instant, en route for Georgia. He left Shanghai on June 12, and had a smooth voyage across the Pacific. Dr. W. M. Lettwich, of the East Nashville District, has been in poor health for several weeks, and is now absent in Virginia, in hope of improvement. His many friends will be solicitous to hear of his recovery.

—St. Louis Advocate: Bishop Fitzgerald, with Mrs. Fitzgerald and their daughter, Miss Lillian Fitzgerald, spent last Tuesday, July 7, in St. Louis on their way to their new-old home on the Pacific Coast. The Bishop was in fine health and spirits, and goes to the field of labor followed by the loving prayers of his usagers. Revs. T. B. Reano and E. F. Butts, students in the Vanderbilt University the past year, have been employed by the presiding elder of the Poplar Bluff district, the elder to take charge of Canton circuit, made vacant by the death of Bro. E. E. Fro, and the latter to take charge of Poplar Bluff station, made vacant by the transfer of Bro. Taylor to the Western North Carolina Conference. The lot for Marvin Chapel, at the corner of Twelfth and Sidney, has been purchased and the design for the church agreed upon. Work on the building will soon commence. Plans have been agreed upon for the new church for the Eden congregation on North Market street. It will be a handsome and eighty edifices and will cost about \$10,000. Rev. A. E. Sreier, the pastor, is pushing the enterprise forward as rapidly as possible. Good meetings reported at Arcadia and on Kennett circuit. The Gallatin district reports five new churches and 900 accessions. The new M. E. Church, South, at Sedalia, was dedicated Sunday, July 5, by Bishop Hendrix. The sum of

\$1300, which was all the debt remaining on the church, was promptly raised, and the beautiful building was solemnly set apart for the worship of God. The trustees of the St. Charles College have purchased what is known as "Park's Grove," comprising several acres near St. Charles, and have begun the erection of a \$10,000 building, which they expect to complete by October 14.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—The Rev. W. S. Turner, financial agent of Southwestern University, made us a visit this week. He feels hopeful of success in his work.

—The Rev. J. P. Mussett writes that in his district they are just entering upon the revival campaign. May the Lord of Hosts lead them to great success.

—The Rev. H. Twomey came into this office the past week hunting a scalp, but fortunately the scalp was not in, and the old man went away hoping for better success another day.

Fort Worth Gazette: The many friends of Bishop Joseph S. Key and his excellent wife will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Key is quite sick at Eureka Springs, Ark. She began to decline over a month ago, and the Bishop carried her to Sunset, on the Fort Worth and Denver road, hoping that the rest and quiet, combined with the mineral waters there, would restore her. She gradually grew worse, however, and the Bishop then decided to take her to Eureka Springs and see if the fine climate there, coupled with the pure water, would not woe her back to health. So far there has been no improvement, and fears of the worst are entertained. If she rallies enough to take the trip the Bishop will carry her back to Georgia, to the home of his son, Rev. Dr. W. H. Key, Columbus, Ga., where she can be ministered to by loving children and kind friends who have known her for many years. The friends of Bishop and Mrs. Key are numbered by the hundreds in this city and throughout the State, and to them this notice will bring genuine sorrow.

THUS SAITH THE TRIPPOD.

Richmond Advocate: A more innocent pugnacity, though not without bad effects, is the leaning toward a denunciatory and violent attitude concerning what we condemn. We have often noticed this in very excellent preachers. When they deal with an evil of any kind, it assumes in their eyes such a disagreeable aspect that they fall to denouncing it. Christ's denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees are sometimes quoted as justifying such manner of speech on our part; but apart from our lack of His wisdom, because of which we may mistake the real nature of things as He would not and could not, we must bear in mind that this was not His ordinary method of dealing with wrong. In many of His reproofs there is an ineffable tenderness and pity. Good men ought to study to be gentle and sweet. Especially should a man, as he grows older, strive to improve in this respect; get the dregs of bitterness and acidity out of him, and give forth a sweet savor of "life unto life" in the manifold temper with which he deals with the sins and corruptions of mankind.

New York Advocate: The paper proposes to send the clergyman getting the largest number of votes on a tour of Europe and the Holy Land; the next highest will go on a tour of Europe. The paper has succeeded in getting a committee of eight citizens of different denominations to count the votes. That ministers consent to take part in such a contest—an advertising dodge on the part of the paper—and that prominent citizens of different religious denominations lend themselves to the proceedings, we conceive to be a gross violation of good taste; adapted, like votes for the "prettiest girl in the Sunday-school," to contribute to the general irreverence, rapidly grading down toward contempt for religious institutions, in which the United States bids fair to surpass every other country in the world but France. A minister of genuine dignity of character, and a proper sense of his position and responsibility as a minister of God to call men from vanity and sin to a life of piety, would prefer to live and die in his native land to traveling abroad under such circumstances.

Northwestern Advocate: That modern Sabbath observance no question begets wider differences of opinion. No issue requires the exercise of broader charity in debate. It is easy to take high ground and insist upon the rigid observance of a literal "Puritan Sabbath;" but it is not so easy to carry out in detail that theory which was established more than two hundred years ago in rural communities when there were no great cities, no railroads, no daily papers, world's fairs or Sunday camp-meetings. Shall we abandon the Christian Sabbath because of the difficulty of maintaining it? No. The loss of that divinely ordained institution would be followed by the early decay of religion and civilization.

Central Methodist: A writer in the Western Christian Advocate lets out the fact that the University of America, the great Methodist institution to be established at Washington City, "will raise no question about receiving an American—a fact of tremendous significance. When the colored post-graduate student has made himself at home on that mountain, then, nous verrons." Just so. And this is the institution that Southern Methodists are asked to help establish, and some of our chief men are already on its board of management.

Nashville Advocate: Our dear friends who have their habitations toward the north pole are fond of lecturing us poor sinners in the South on the subject of "caste" and related topics; but they have themselves drawn "the color line" through and through their church with absolute precision. It is possible that here and there they may have a heroic white preacher imitating the noble example of such men as Wil-



A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Latest U. S. Government Food Report.

Liam Cajers, James O. Andrew and James E. Evans, and personally claiming the gospel to the black people; but in all their widely extended connection they can not produce the solitary instance of a black preacher—however intelligent, cultivated and upright he may be—whom they have dared to appoint to the pastorate of a white congregation. This is not hypocrisy; it is simply unconscious inconsistency.

Tennessee Methodist: We close by affirming that religion is first a doctrine, then a profound and vital experience and then a life of obedience and morality. We need a revival of doctrinal preaching. Let it come.

Alabama Advocate: Why is it that you will search every column of your secular paper and throw aside your church paper? It is folly to say that it does not contain as good matter as the average daily. The fact is you do not know what it contains, for you have not read it. There are some so unreasonable as to criticize unfavorably, and in the most sweeping wholesale style, the organ of their church and conference, who have not taken the pains to read an article in it.

New Orleans Advocate: In a monthly magazine we find this: There are some things that I can not understand. One is this, that people can stand to lose a large sum, and can not stand it to give the same large sum. I once asked a man for \$25,000 for a college. He said it was utterly impossible. Two weeks later he, by accident, lost \$250,000, a round quarter of a million. When I met him and offered him my sympathy he said: "Our house is a very strong one and it will not affect us." I asked another and he said \$60,000, and his wife said it would beggar them. He told a friend one year afterward that he wished he had given it to me, for as I talked he thought of the money it would take if he did it, and that he had put it elsewhere and lost it all, and more than an equal sum to get it out, but he would not feel it much! Can't you understand it, brother?

Holston Methodist: A school taught by members of other churches is not a Methodist school, any more than a pulpit filled by a preacher of another denomination is a Methodist pulpit or a Sunday-school filled with the literature of other denominations is a Methodist Sunday-school. Methodist schools are established not simply to teach letters, science and philosophy, but to teach religion as well and that of the Methodist type. Other forms of Christianity may be better for other people, but Methodists want Methodist religion. They want their children to grow up not only with a knowledge of the doctrines and polity of their church but filled with its spirit and in love with its history and traditions and loyal to its peculiar character and work. They want the atmosphere of their schools to be a Methodist atmosphere. If the alternative were presented they would prefer that their children should be imperfectly taught some of the sciences rather than they should be educated away from the church of their fathers either in letter or spirit. But no such alternative is presented, for the Methodist churches of the United States are furnishing more competent teachers than any other church.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY. The collections go steadily forward, averaging about \$1000 per week. Even at this rate it would require two years to raise the requisite amount for the proposed buildings. Our faith has been wonderfully quickened and hope brightened by the assurance, recently, of a bequest of \$35,000 or \$40,000. This may not materialize for a year or two, and yet it may come sooner. The signs are propitious, the university is in favor with the people, and they seem willing to aid in the needed improvements. Let all assist, work, pray and give, and the desired end will soon be assured. Will not our consecrated rich consider the claims of this prosperous, worthy institution? Because of its very prosperity, in the way of growing numbers, are additional and better buildings needed. Will the pastors kindly present the claims of the university to the people, securing all possible aid and reporting to us probable sources of help? Constant, prayerful effort will bring the needed results. Help the financial agent, Rev. S. W. Turner, formerly of the East Texas Conference, a man true and tried. Since our last we have received about \$700 from the Bonham district and

private sources. Some other points yet to be heard from. Work and pray. JNO. H. MCLEAN.

[This communication was accidentally delayed one week.—ED.]

THE TROUBLES IN CHINA.

You will doubtless have heard long since, by telegrams to the secular press, of the disturbed condition of this part of China, and of the imminent perils in which all our missionary operations, etc., are placed. The incensed clipping from the North China Daily News will sufficiently set forth the origin and objects of the malcontents, and also serve to show you how it is that the missions are the chief sufferers. There is no doubt everywhere a more or less intense feeling of opposition to foreigners, and it is upon this sentiment that the present movement depends largely for justification; but it is at the same time plain that the ulterior objects of the movement are more against the Tarar government than the foreigners. Meanwhile, however, as the readiness to divert attention from from their real purpose, and also weaken the hands of the imperial government, the attack is made upon the missionaries—both Catholic and Protestant—which it is thought will embroil the Chinese authorities with foreign governments, and thus complete the cover under which rebellion is seeking to achieve the overthrow of the present dynasty.

The prime movers in this revolution are a number of secret societies, the chief of which is called the *Kolao hwei*. Many of these have existed ever since the present Tartar dynasty came into power, and have never ceased to anticipate the day when China would be redeemed from the thralldom of a foreign yoke. China for the Chinese may mean, therefore, somewhat more than opposition to Europeans or Americans.

The *Kolao hwei* had its origin during the long protracted Tai-ping rebellion, and originally was of the nature of a mutual benefit or protective society, formed among the soldiers of that time—say thirty odd years ago—and included both rank and file of many of the imperial armies. After the war, China having no pension system, the members of this brotherhood now discharged from active service have continued to follow such of their former leaders as were promoted to high office, and by one means or another secured an interest in the payroll. They are both a numerous and a turbulent set of fellows, a terror alike to the officers and to the country. And as the great generals of the imperial armies which were successful in suppressing the Tai-pings have successively held the viceregency of Nankin since the return of peace, it thereby comes to pass that Nankin is the head center of the present disaffection, the disaffection arising from an imperial order to the effect that the provincial expenses should be curtailed, which involved a revision of the viceregency pay-roll and the cutting off of the names of a large number of this formidable brotherhood.

How far the movement will be allowed to go it is impossible to forecast. Meanwhile, however, no time is being lost by the emissaries of the movement in carrying out their threats against our mission stations. Many places have been threatened, and some of them actually attacked and destroyed, the missionaries for the most part fleeing to Shanghai. Just now, as I write, all of our missionaries from Szechow are on their way to Shanghai; and all the others have been advised to come in, our consular and vice-consular being particularly solicitous that all should come to a place of safety. As many of the places threatened are on the banks of the Yang-tz, men-of-war are available for refuge or protection; and so it has happened that only two lives are reported lost up to the present; one that of a missionary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, stationed at Wu-sueh, above Nankin; the other, of an American, stationed at the custom-house at the same place.

The foreign ministers at Peking have notified the authorities that unless the government takes immediate steps for our protection, foreign governments will step in and do it. It is hoped, therefore, that the telegraph will now for the first time in the history of this country prove its untold value in the promotion of peace. Yours faithfully, YOUNG J. ALLEN. SHANGHAI, CHINA, June 11, 1891. —Nashville Advocate.

HAMBLING NOTES.

Here I am 1500 miles from my work. I talked too much or too loudly and contracted an obstinate hoarseness. Had to quit for awhile, so said the learned doctors, to give my throat a chance to get well. So I decided to take a trip that would combine the benefits of recreation and education. I hurried to Missouri first, whither my wife had already gone with the children, to visit her parents. One of my stewards was mean enough to say he knew I would get hoarse when she left; that, in fact, he had known me to have a severe attack on a similar occasion once before. It is needless, I trust, for me to undertake to defend myself against this grave charge.

My first stop was at Caledonia, Mo., where I enjoyed a delightful reunion with loved ones and a few days of pleasant rest. Tender and sacred memories are always awakened by my visits to this quiet little village. Here I first met and here I wooed and won the young woman who has since become my helpmeet, the dear companion of my labors, and joys, and sorrows. Here we were married and began life together. It seems only a little while ago. I do not feel old, and the brave woman who walks by my side appears more charming to me now than ever before. But the bright-eyed children that call us papa and mamma force upon me the thought that years have come and gone. I am reminded forcefully of the flight of time, and a voice from the eternities says, "What thou doest do quickly."

that some one will permit at least her and the baby to sit down.

An arrogant looking man with a blue cap on left his seat and went to the smoker. A negro woman came in with a small babe in her arms and took the only seat vacant, the one which the wearer of the blue cap had left. Returning after a time, he ordered her coarsely to vacate, and sat composedly reading a novel while she stood with the baby in her arms. I was glad when a well-dressed gentleman with a benignant face got up and said kindly, "Take my seat." I was glad, for I want to think the best of humanity, and I was about to be forced to the conclusion that it shows off to great disadvantage on a railroad train.

NORTHWARD AGAIN.

After the reunion and the rest, I resumed my journey to the northward. At St. Louis I met among other brethren the indomitable and successful presiding elder, Dr. Finney. He is laying his plans and marshaling his forces for new conquests in that metropolis. The rapid expansion of our work there in recent years, and the prospect of still greater growth in the near future fill him with hope and enthusiasm. You may be sure he will wisely direct the great forces he controls.

I attended prayer-meeting at Centenary, and saw and heard much that pleased me. First there were three or four hundred people present, and that looked much cheering than the average fifty. They had short, voluntary prayers and talks, much more edifying than the old orthodox prayers that run through all the dispensations and the talks that begin with conversion under an oak tree at a camp-meeting forty years ago and hardly end at all.

Then there were many people whose humble dress indicated that they were from the ranks of the poor, and there were others from the ranks of the well-to-do who mingled freely and pleasantly with them. After the meeting closed there seemed to be a kind of voluntary social reunion. The people shook hands and introduced friends to each other, and many went to the front to speak for a moment with the pastor.

Last of all, quite a number of ladies and gentlemen came up and introduced themselves to a stranger that waited in the aisle. Yes, sir; even ladies did a thing so brazen and impudent! And what must seem quite strange to many of our city Methodists, that stranger didn't seem to be at all offended at their rudeness.

A ride of twenty-four hours from St. Louis brought me to this delightful summer retreat, where I have listened to lectures and sermons and musical recitals, and blustered my hands rowing on Lake Chautauque. I am afraid to gossip too much, but I must confess that I have not been carried away by the startling brilliancy of those who have spoken. But still I find it good to be here. There is a degree of culture and earnestness that one seldom meets at a great summer gathering. The dude is conspicuously absent. I have met only two young men who tied a band of black cloth about the waist. The school-ma'am, on the other hand, is omnipresent. This means that there are many intelligent, earnest people here, and that fools are comparatively scarce. E. B. CHAPPELL. LAKE CHAUTAUQUE, N. Y.

GLIMPSES OF CHAUTAUQUE.

"Beautiful for situation" might be justly quoted in reference to the chautauque grounds. The management are gradually improving and beautifying, and if permanent crowns the enterprise the day is not distant when all of Texas will be proud of Georgetown, Chautauque. The work to be accomplished is a grand one, as the motto indicates: "We study the Word and the Works of God." "Let us keep our Heavenly Father in the midst." Lifting up the people intellectually, morally. Oh! that we had more chautauque assemblies.

The Sunday school Normal, the C. L. S. C. department, the Teachers' summer Normal, with the lectures and concerts, fill up the hours most delightfully. On the 15th the Rev. Sam Jones began his series of lectures to large congregations. Commenced, as he usually does, by peppering and salting right and left, and capturing all as he goes along. O, o, o! he said, boldly hurled a criticism at him in this style: "Bro. Jones, you preach more foolishness than any man I ever heard of." He asked her, "What is foolishness?" and answering the question himself, said: "It's stuff to put on foos, and it takes a mighty sight of it to go around."

He has perhaps not had a single hearer that he has not once, or twice, lifted on his scalpel to public gaze when he detects individual characteristics in the body politic. Great good, I think, will be accomplished by his work here. From the daily increasing attendance we feel assured this session will prove a financial success. Of one thing I felt proud, though personally disappointed by it, I arrived at Georgetown on Saturday night, and a crowd desired to be on the chautauque grounds the next day; but no, the grounds were closed.

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were closed except to those who had reason to think, or had purchased the day before. No tickets sold on the Sabbath. A blessed precedent, isn't it? In conversation with Dr. Pinson I was told that in this matter they had followed the example of the mother chautauque in New York. Sabbath observance is one of the corner-stones of our Christian nationality. How securely the Sabbath arrests for the time the great rush in the mart for greed and gain! How it quiets the restless national brain, and lays a cooling finger on the bounding, fevered pulse of humanity! "Let us keep our Heavenly Father in the midst." MARY R. LEBESSER. GROESBECK, TEXAS.

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A CORRECTION.

In an article on statistics in a late ADVOCATE I find this sentence: "I have served a number of those charges that now pay the highest salaries at from \$1000 to \$600 a year." It should have been from \$100 to \$600 a year. I never received anything like \$1000 from any pastoral charge or presiding elder's district in my life. When I was stationed in Austin my claim as a single man was only \$100. In the fifty-two years that I have been in the ministry I have not received from the charges I served an average of \$400 a year, and have never complained on account of meager support. H. S. THRALL.

"MY VISITOR."

In my house has been sojourning a few days a dear old man, one of nature's noblemen. For more than three-score-years-and-ten he has been making the world better because he has been living in it. Added to a well cultivated mind is a most gentle, Christian spirit. It is a very joy to live in his presence. Seven sons and three lovely daughters have made his home happy; seven cultivated, liberal Christian gentlemen, two of them faithful ministers of our Savior's calling in the Methodist Church, and the other five filling responsible positions in the world. All of that household of noble men and women are sweetly devoted to their aged father. The good that my dear old friend has done for the world is incalculable. In giving to the world such priceless treasures as his noble Christian children, he has finished a most glorious life-work for which, at the end, he will be hailed with glad anthems of rejoicing and a calling up higher.

He is rightly cognizant of the fact that his children are more than an average, taking them as one whole family, but he is fully aware of each one's weakness, for there is fallibility in every son of an earthly sire; but he speaks so modestly of them and their different characters and callings. When in the mistake that so many parents make in the rearing of large families of children? No seldom do we see one whole household without a "spot or blemish," so to speak. Have they been carried to the mount of dedication, and there trained by precept upon precept and line upon line, by those to whom God has lent them? My dear old friend, with his halo of white hair and soft, speaking eyes, can tell you. "THE ELKS," TEXAS.

"What makes you so late coming to school this morning?" asked Mr. Leonard, a teacher in one of the New York public schools, to a tardy pupil. "I arrested a burglar in Fifth street, and had to send me to the station-house to see if it was pa," was the reply.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS. July 14—J. O. Jordan, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. Walker Morris, sub. John A. Gardner, sub. G. J. Irwin, sub. E. T. Brasher, has attention. J. R. Nelson, sub. July 15—C. S. Field, sub. Giles J. Leath, sub. correction in account made. W. W. Dickinson, sub. J. M. Smith, sub. L. W. Harrison, sub. S. W. Miller, sub. M. A. Turner, sub. Jas. W. Story, sub. J. O. Jordan, sub. C. G. Slitt, sub. July 16—E. W. Simms, sub. H. G. Horton, sub. J. C. Box, trial sub. T. S. Garrison, sub. J. J. Box, sub. G. J. Oxley, address corrected. R. M. Leaton, sub. July 18—R. S. Helzer, sub. R. S. Finley, sub. V. A. Gidley, sub. G. A. Lettice, sub. J. D. Burke, sub. Jos. P. Rodgers, sub. D. H. Hotchkiss, sub. J. L. Wythe, sub. N. Kelley, change. R. A. Thomas, sub. W. F. Garrett, sub. Jas. A. Kerr, sub. J. L. Whitecarver, sub. T. R. Taylor, sub. July 20—W. S. McCarver, sub. Jos. P. Rodgers, sub. E. G. Hicks, sub. G. M. Kirby, sub. J. G. Miller, sub. G. W. Riley, sub. W. M. Adams, sub. July 21—Jno. C. Burgandy, sub. C. M. Keith, change. Jas. E. Lavender, sub. J. J. Davis, sub. J. J. Canfield, sub. Jas. McQuig, sub. Abe Long, postoffice of sub. B. F. Haddett, sub.

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Devotional.

THE HOUSE OF MY PILGRIMAGE

'Tis "The House Beautiful" its frescoed ceiling, Studded with stars of light, Is ever to my little gaze revealing...

PATIENCE.

"Ye have need of patience." As we sufferers read these words we are sometimes inclined to say, "Ah, small need to tell us that; in our inmost spirit we feel it every day and hour of our lives."

"Ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." The will of God! Yes, to the Christian, affliction is the will of God.

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vine force in silence. Drop the thing that worries, that excites, that interests, that thwarts you; let it fall like a sediment to the bottom, until the soul is no longer turbid, and say, secretly, "Grant, I beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful servant pardon and peace, that I may be cleansed from all my sins and serve thee with a quiet mind."

Marriages.

WHITLEY-FORT-At the residence of Rev. C. D. Whitley, July 5, 1891, at 9 p. m., Mr. J. F. Whitley and Miss D. J. Fort, Rev. W. B. McKeown officiating.

Obituaries.

The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 120 to 150 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written, should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: at the rate of ONE CENT per word. Money should accompany all orders.

BANKS-Sweet little Dixie, daughter of H. C. and M. A. Banks, was born May 1885; departed this life June 24, 1891, she has gone to join her grandparents, papa and several brothers and sisters.

BAILEY-Henry I. Bailey, son of J. L. and G. J. Bailey, was born July 23, 1889, and died July 3, 1891. He was a sweet little child while in this life and is a bright and shining light in heaven.

DIXON-Mrs. Sarah M. Dixon, wife of Bro. James B. Dixon and daughter of Lawson and Eveline Wilson, was born July 24, 1838, and died July 4, 1891. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when she was twenty-five years old and led a faithful Christian life for twenty-eight years.

WEBB-The angel of death has come again and called our midst Sister Mary Etta Webb, daughter of James B. and Sarah M. Dixon. She was born February 8, 1868, and died July 6, 1891. Her mother preceded her only two days.

DENT-James Buchanan Dent was born March 9, 1859, in the State of Iowa, Monroe county; professed faith in Christ at the age of fourteen years in Arkansas.

BRAME-Isabell Brame (nee Morgan), wife of W. R. Brame, was born in Webster county, Kentucky, March 29, 1847; was born of the Spirit at the early age of thirteen years; lived a happy, consistent Christian all her life, and as a consequence of such a life, when death came, May 3, 1891, it found her ready to meet it as the Christian alone could do.

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The mind wants steady and setting right many times a day. It resembles a compass placed on a rickety table, the least stir makes the needle swing around the point untrue. Let it settle, then, till it points aright. Be perfectly silent for a few moments, thinking of Jesus; there is almost a di-

KELLY-James Thomas Kelly was born February 3, 1872, and was baptized by Bro. Winfield, Mills 13, 1872, and died at Goldthwaite, March county, Texas, on April 23, 1891, at 6 o'clock in the morning. Three days before the above date he was thrown from his engine, caused by a flaw in the coupling of the rails, the engine running over him and causing his death in three days afterward.

McMAHAN-Maud McMaham, daughter of D. R. and Martha McMaham, living near Behrins school-house, four and a half miles north of Mason, Middlesex county, Texas, departed this life July 4, 1891, at 4 o'clock a. m. She was buried by the side of her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Cain, in the Gooch cemetery, Mason, Texas, at 5 o'clock p. m. the same day.

McMAHAN-Died near Mason July 4, 1891, Maud, daughter of D. R. and Martha McMaham; born January 14, 1878, near Arlington, Tarrant county, Texas; moved to Mason, Middlesex county, Texas, to Mason with her parents October, 1890. About one month and ten days ago her grandma (Sister Cain) passed away, and to-day, perhaps, grandma and Maud meet to part no more forever.

GAMBRELL-Milton, son of Wm. and Amanda Gambrell, was born March 25, 1891, and died June 6, 1891, after an illness of twenty-eight hours. Though his life was short, like some of his brothers, that did not matter as they breathe their fragrance on the morning air-ne do not feel like he has lived his short life in vain.

CAMPBELL-John Campbell was born in County Donnegal, Ireland, 1811, and died at his home near Seguin, Texas, June 27, 1891; came to America, sixty years ago; was married to Miss Mary Ann Campbell, a native of Texas in 1837; lived on the Brazos near Washington; thence came to Seguin in early days, where he was married to Miss Calzada Favara, whose ancestors were among the earliest settlers of Virginia.

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FALKNER-Ruth, daughter of F. and Suddie Falkner, was born in Texas, August 10, 1887, and died June 4, 1891. Little Ruth arose from her bed June 4, 1891, and joined the angels' band. During a thunder storm on this sad day, Sister Falkner had her children to go into the basement of the house. They had been there but a short while, when by some means she was discharged, taking place in little Ruth's bed, cutting it off up close to her body. Everything was done by the skill of the physician that could be done to save her life, but the Lord saw fit to take this little lamb to himself, and after about four hours suffering her gentle life the spirit quit its house of clay and mounted upon high to be with Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," etc. We sympathize with the bereaved parents, and we rejoice with them, because little Ruth no longer "laments after the reapers," but is in the King's palace.

CARROLL-Little Linnie Sue Carroll, daughter of Dr. C. A. and Mrs. Jennie Carroll, was born July 11, 1889, died July 2, 1891, aged one year eleven months and twenty-one days. Little Linnie's death was a beautiful thirteen-year-old girl. O may the good Lord help us to remember the certainty of death and prepare us to live and die in peace. Oh how happy we will be when we meet father, mother, sister, brother, wife, husband, parents, children and friends that world of joy and peace, to live with God and his angels forever and forever. Glory be to God.

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GORRICK-Little Katie Adella, infant daughter of W. W. and Mary A. Gordon, was born October 13, 1889, and died at the home of her grandfather, Mr. Ed. Terrell, June 28, 1891. Her death was caused from eating matches. Little Katie was a bright child and loved by all who knew her, but God saw best to take her away. We know that it is hard to give her up, but we must bow with submission to the will of God. Dear parents, weep not for the little flower, for she is free from all pain. Little Katie can't come back to you, but if you will have faith and put your trust in Jesus you can meet her beyond the river at the beautiful gate, where she will be waiting and watching for you. Little brothers, love one another and try to meet little sister in heaven. May God bless you and help you to steer your bark to that bright and golden shore, is the prayer of your

PHILLIPS-Edwin Fayette Phillips was born in Lee county, Mississippi, October 30, 1809. His parents came to Ellis county, Texas, November, 1870; came to this (Hall) county in 1888. Fayette professed the Methodist Episcopal faith in the South, when about thirteen years old; he was truly converted and lived a consistent Christian life until they came to this county, and there being no church here, Fayette became careless and backslidden, but for some time before he was taken sick he told his mother that he was ashamed of the life he was living. He was taken sick Sunday, May 17, and grew worse until Friday night, May 22, at 11 o'clock p. m., he died. He told his father and mother that he was going to die; said he was sorry he had not lived the life he should have done; told his mother to tell his brothers, who were away from home, to live right, and meet him in heaven. May the Lord bless his father, mother, brothers and sisters in this their sad bereavement, and sanctify it to their good, and at last bring them, one by one, to the home of the good and the pure.

BARTON-Mrs. Lou May Barton (nee McDowell) was born at Long Point, Ill., May 19, 1865; sought and found the pardoning love of Christ in 1887, united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Seymour, Mo., and came to Texas in November, 1888, and was received by certificate into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Royce City, Texas. Rockwell and Royce charge, in May, 1890, and remained an nonbeliever, but although she had been a member of the church, she was called by her friends, and was happily married to Dr. W. P. Barton, December 21, 1891. As you will observe, she only lived six months after marriage, but was truly devoted to her bereaved husband.

JONES-Russell B. Jones was born in Arkansas, November 4, 1838; was married some time after the war; professed religion, joined the church some time in the latter part of the '50's; came to Texas, settled in the southwest corner of Sumner county, where he died June 11, 1891. Bro. Jones served the church as chorister and Sunday-school superintendent, and through the power of song and exemplary Christian life he led many souls to Christ.

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SIMPSON-Burton McCercal, son of C. P. and Maggie Simpson, was born August 8, 1877; was born of the Spirit in 1888 at a camp-meeting held by Bro. E. G. Roberts, near Ben Franklin, Texas.

REGGOS-Olive Eliza, daughter of Rev. B. W. and Mattie Rodgers, was born near Taylor, Williamson county, Texas, May 22, 1882, and died April 15, 1891, near Granger, Texas; was buried at Connolly graveyard, in Milam county, with that part of the family who have passed away from the shores of time.

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JOHNSON-W. D. Johnson, son of W. D. and L. D. Johnson, and later stepson of F. H. Johnson, was born October 30, 1877, and died June 3, 1891. No event in the history of this community has cast a deeper gloom over its homes and business life than the announcement of the sudden and unexpected death of Willie Johnson.

PHYSICALLY-Willie was never strong or robust, his frame being of a more delicate and sensile structure in keeping with the finer nature he had inherited. To these he was devoted, the labors of the school-room being scarcely more than pleasant recreation for him. Bending industriously to the task of study hours no boy better relished the pleasures of relaxation nor entered more heartily into the sports of his companions.

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Miscellaneous. Lynn, Mass., had a fire July 17, causing a loss of \$200,000. A destructive storm occurred in the vicinity of Little Rock, Ark., July 15.

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TEXAS CASUALTIES. Wm. Wron, a preacher, in Mason county, was shot and killed July 16.

At Austin, July 19, a Mexican known as Loukeno Gonzales was killed at a dance.

Near San Augustine, July 19, a negro killed one and badly wounded another negro.

Near Estacado, Crosby county, a man named Jones was accidentally shot and killed, July 18.

At Annona, July 18, three negroes, Dan Williams, Phillip Williams and Albert Martin, had a difficulty resulting in the severe if not fatal wounding of Dan Williams.

Near Memphis, July 17, while some of John Summers' children were playing in a barn it was caught in a whirlwind and blown about forty feet, carrying with it one of the children, who was bruised, cut severely about the face and head, and also received a fracture of the lower jaw.

Two miles west of Joshua, Johnson county, July 14, George Newberry's three children were taken three, five and seven years, were murdered by having their throats cut. The throat of Mrs. Newberry, aged sixty-five, the grandmother of the murdered children, was cut, but she was not fatally wounded.

TEXAS INCIDENTS. J. C. Carlin's dwelling at Fort Worth was burned July 19.

The old Mavorick homestead at San Antonio burned July 17.

The St. George school-house, two miles from Dublin, was burned July 16. John Farthing's residence at Gainsville was burned July 15. Loss, \$800.

The Knights of Labor of Galveston passed resolutions, July 17, protesting against the use of convicts in building the jetties there.

The West Texas Press Association met at Baird, July 14. After adjournment, July 16, the members started on an excursion to Eddy, N. M.

The store of Louis Barlow, at Cannon, Grayson county, was burned July 18. Barlow, who was sleeping in the store, barely escaped being burned.

July 19 the first through train from Fort Worth to Brownwood over the Fort Worth and Rio Grande road left the union depot at Fort Worth.

The contractor who was building the Dallas county court house gave up his contract July 20, the county retaining 15 per cent of the amount estimated due the contractor.

Ennis has recently been made new division headquarters of the Houston and Texas Central railway. A new freight depot, three miles of new side track and a new brick round-house with fifteen stalls, to cost about \$20,000, are in course of construction.

A cyclone at West Superior, Wis., July 16, killed five persons, wounded many others and did great damage to property.

July 15, at Briceville, Tenn., coal miners overpowered the guards and forced them to carry convicts, who had been brought there to work in the mines, on to Knoxville. Governor Buchanan took troops to the scene of trouble.

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