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Editorial.

CHURCH UNITY.

There is a good deal said and written at this time about the federation or the organic union of Christendom, especially of Protestantism. Most of these writers are Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. The first named denomination has submitted a "Basis of Union," which they seem to consider wonderfully liberal, and which some others—especially Prof. Shields, of the Presbyterian Church—indorse and urge the members of other communions to accept. That "basis" consists of four articles, to which all Christians are required to subscribe as to the minimum formula upon which all could unite. These articles are: The Bible, the Apostles' Creed, the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the "historic episcopate." This last is the straw which must necessarily break the back of the camel of unification, for no intelligent body of Christians will accept that hoary fiction of apostolical succession, especially through the channel of the English Church. Furthermore the Romanish hierarchy and the Baptist sect make the same foolish claims as the Episcopalians. Who is right? Let these three "only Churches" of Christ settle the question as to which is the "only" before they throw out a proposition for union with other and larger bodies upon a mere assumption that never has and never will be sustained.

In the meantime Methodism will persevere the even tenor of her way, preaching a free and full salvation from all sin, both original and actual, and giving the world an opportunity to judge of the authority by which she does these things in the fruits her labors produce.

"LODGING HOUSE CONTROLLERS."

Congressman Edward J. Dunphy, of the Tammany General Committee, has resigned his place. He gives reasons for this resignation and unexpected action. Chief among these is the alleged abuses practiced by that society of electing methods. He speaks right out in meeting and tells the public that the heavy majorities returned in the "banter district" are due to a regular and systematic practice of buying votes. Tramps are voted. They are carried from box to box and voted again and again. "Lodging-house controllers" are engaged to furnish certain tales or numbers of votes. It is this last item that strikes us especially. We have understood for a long time that Tammany was practically in the hands of the saloon-keepers. We knew that many of its leading members were such. We had been credibly informed that quite a number of those actively working for Tammany were ex-convicts who were specially useful to the organization because they were now bartenders. "Lodging-house controllers"? What does that phrase mean? Why did not Mr. Dunphy go further and tell the whole truth? Why, instead of saying lodging-house controllers, did he not say saloon-keepers? He knows, and it can be proved, that the men who deliver votes by the wholesale to Tammany are the New York liquor dealers. We shall insist that the truth be told. It is hard on the anti-prohibitionists, it is hard on the politicians, but it is the truth, nevertheless, that the bottom of all the political support given to the liquor traffic in this country is for and in consideration of the votes it can put up.

Of course there are many people who oppose prohibition who have no interest in politics, personally. These are cats-paws used by the bosses and rabble rousers who stir up these poor, ignorant masses with the slogan of "personal liberty." The poor old farmer throws up his hat and shouts for liberty when these hirelings speak against prohibition, and then goes and votes for whisky in order to "save the country" or "the party." In the North it is to save the Republican party which the Democrats are trying to run over with the blind calf of prohibition; in the South the tune is changed, and it is the Republicans who are trying to get into power by cracking the solid South with the prohibition wedge. In either, and in both cases, it is the saloon-keeper who stands behind the "liberty" orator and pays him for his wind and his lies by delivering him so many votes.

When will our people wake up to this fact? When will the masses come to know that these personal liberty howlers are either the dupes or the paid and pliant tools of the saloon?

It will be remembered that when prohibition had been defeated in this State in 1887, the beer men of St. Louis and other places telegraphed their congratulations to the Dallas and other liquor men, on the victory of Democracy. The same congratulations were sent North on the victory of Republicanism! The satirical orators who fought for liquor under the mask of Democracy in Texas must have felt mean when they read these telegrams in the Dallas News—that is, if such tools could be made to feel. "Lodging House Controllers," indeed! But Mr. Dunphy has done a good turn for prohibition by telling these tales out of school, and though he is likely to pay dearly for it in the future, we predict that his turning "State's evidence" will

embolden others whose conscience is not entirely dead to step to the front and show their deeds. The saloon must go.

NOW IS THE TIME.

Let us make our people acquainted with the Orphans' Home in Waco. Nothing will do that so well as—

1. A talk in Sunday-school and a collection.
2. A talk at public worship and a collection.
3. A talk to the Epworth League and a collection.

No collection will be easier taken than this one. No Church enterprise is more universally commended than this one. No Church in circuit, station or mission should be left out of this collection. If the preachers will give the people a chance they will give the money, and do it liberally.

THE CITY HALL SHOOTING.

Perhaps we would be remiss in our duty to the public were we to pass in silence the sensational episode which occurred in the City Hall a few nights since. While a Mr. Hile was lecturing in the interests of the "American Protective Association" some one in the hall drew a revolver and fired four shots at him. He was not hurt, but stood his ground with commendable nerve, it is said, but one of the audience was wounded. The guilty party has been arrested and is under bond to answer at the proper tribunal for his conduct. A man must be either crazy or demon to fire into a crowd in that style. It is to be hoped that the offender will receive the proper punishment according to the law of the land. It behooves the Roman Catholics to look into the matter and assist to that end. Unless crazy—and we have not heard that suggested—there was no apparent reason for his action, except a return to the old principles of his Church in the Dark Ages to answer argument against his faith with corporal punishment. We do not assert that the body of Roman Catholics in this country would approve of this man's conduct, but we do not believe that Protestant Christianity would furnish a man who would defend his faith by a similar course.

Neither do we believe that Romanism has ever changed her principles and purposes as to the temporal power of the Church over the nations of the earth, and therefore the acquirement of the controlling influence in any civil government by members of that sect would be dangerous to the State.

But on the other hand we do not know what the American Protective Association is. Many things have been published about it, to the effect that it is an oath-bound secret political organization, and that its object is to keep Roman Catholics out of all political offices. Whether these things be true we can not say.

But let others do as they may, we advise our people to be wary about uniting with or aiding in any way secret political organizations.

We do not hold to the doctrine that "the only way to fight the devil is with fire." If Jesuitism is bad for Romanists, it is also bad for Protestants. We believe that the principle of secret organization for political purposes is dangerous whether Roman Catholic or Protestant. Let Protestant Christians beware of the temptation to enter these organizations. With the example of one such society organized against the right of Roman Catholics to enjoy full citizenship in this country, how long will it be before the devil will suggest that no church man whosoever shall hold political office? There are elements of society, not small by any means, who would be glad to see all religious people ostracised in the same way. As a free people, as Americans and as Christians opposing intolerant sectarianism and ecclesiastical assumptions of political control, we can not afford to patronize any secret, oath-bound society of intolerance. If we be children of the light, let us walk in the light as the Master walked. If Roman Catholics are making dangerous encroachments upon our civil institutions, let them be opposed openly and above board. "The truth is mighty and will prevail." The remedy is, it seems to us, to make all officers directly responsible to the people, and an enlightened public sentiment will guide the ship of State aright; without such a sentiment she will be wrecked anyhow, either on Scylla or Charybdis.

Although we believe in the unchanging purpose of Romanism, we are not among those alarmists who believe that our Government is in imminent danger of being overturned and made a province of an ecclesiastical sovereign sitting on the banks of the Tiber. We believe the throne which began to crumble under the reformation of which Martin Luther was the leader is still crumbling and will never be again set up on this earth. We have got too much faith in the power of the truth and the wisdom and care of the Head of the Church to believe that Roman ecclesiasticalism will ever be crowned with temporal power again.

This of course will be no fault of Rome. The power and opportunity is all she wants to put her principles into effect, and given the power she will make the opportunity. We need therefore to be diligent to co-operate with the

The General Conference.

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE goes this week to hundreds of people not subscribers. We have a reason for this, and it is a good one. We are confident that no intelligent Methodist can see and read a copy of the paper without being convinced that it is his duty to himself and to his family to become a subscriber.

We do not ask for subscriptions on the ground of loyalty. That argument savors too much of a whim. We say—and a perusal of the paper will attest the truth of what we say—that the subscribers to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE get the worth of their money. No loyalty about it; we just simply give them a first-class paper; and if that is the style of literature they wish to read and to have their children read, then we can and will supply the demand.

ONE BIG ITEM: The General Conference, soon to meet in Memphis, is the great law-making body of our Church. An accurate and exact account of all that is done and said at that Conference is well worth the price of the paper, and we propose to give a full and complete report.

Give your name to the preacher at once, or send \$2.00 direct to this office, and fall into the procession of those intelligent Methodists who are keeping up with the times and the triumphs of the Church as recorded in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Head of the Church to give the light of his wisdom as revealed to us in his words to the pulling down of strongholds and the overthrow of the powers of darkness.

With a burning love for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, with an open Bible and diligent watchfulness, we feel quite sure we can stand against all emissaries without the aid of secret political societies.

IMITATE A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The Baptist Church raised \$65,000 last year in Texas and paid off the debt of their university. They have just inaugurated an effort to pay off a debt of \$45,000 on their Female College at Belton, and one gentleman at Austin has given \$10,000, another in East Texas has given \$8000, while others are contributing so liberally that they expect very soon to cancel their whole debt of \$110,000. Will not our people save our property by a liberal response to the call from Waco?

CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION.

We have always maintained the impossibility of the Roman Church to furnish the best grades of general scholarship, for the reason that her "Congress of the Index" reserved the right to black list any book which it deemed unfriendly to the superstitions of that hierarchy, and because the great masters of learning, whose works are the standard text-books in the most enlightened countries, were not only Protestants, but their works reflect directly or indirectly upon the vagaries of the Romish Church.

In a recent article in the New York Independent one W. H. Manly, professedly a Romanist, takes the ground we do, in writing about the Catholic University at Washington, D. C.

In the next issue of the same paper (March 1) Rev. Professor Sheehan, a French gentleman from Cork, a professor in said school, comes back at our brother Catholic (?) with a long array of mostly unpronounceable French, Spanish and Italian names, showing, if numbers alone are to be counted, that Protestantism is nowhere when it comes to authors in the several departments of human learning. In the same issue the editor reviews Mr. Sheehan, and though the review entire is too long to copy here, we are persuaded the following excerpt will be both pleasing and profitable to the readers of this ADVOCATE:

Not merely to the ordinary reader, but we may say to the professional and scholarly, such a list as is given by Professor Sheehan is hardly satisfactory, for the reason that very few men are able to recognize the names given or to assign their comparative scholarly rank. What is needed is an impartial list of the leading scholars in the several departments, with a designation of them as Protestant or Catholic, so that one can see to which side the balance inclines. The Catholic Church is considerably larger than the Protestant, and it ought, other things equal, to produce more scholars. It is not an easy thing, perhaps, to select the most distinguished scholars in a department; but we will attempt, as fairly and impartially as we know how, to give the names of importance as they are known to us in just two departments, the history of the Church—Professor Sheehan's own department—and the other of biology.

We take these two because they would be specially amenable to any such malign influences as Mr. Manly asserted to exist. We would mention the following as the more distinguished Church historians of the present century: Neander, Giesler, Baur, Hase, Niedner, Rothe, Hagenbach, Kurtz, Schaff, Harnack, Moller, Milman, Stanley, Robertson, Overbeck, Zahn, Hilgenfeld, Weissacker, Lipsius, Lightfoot, Von Harnack, Caspari, Ritschl, Hatch, Keener, Pfeiderer, and K. Müller—all,

we believe, Protestants. Against these names the only Catholic ones which we know as worthy to be mentioned with them are Mohler, Dollinger, Alzog, Hergenrother, Hefele, Montalembert, Jaussen, and Renan—eight against twenty-seven. We include both Dollinger and Renan among Roman Catholics, although both withdrew from the Church. Montalembert was a rebellious Gallican; Mohler was hated by the Jesuits; both Alzog and Hefele were under suspicion, and only Jaussen and Hergenrother can be said to be in good odor. We think there is no unfairness in this list. It is evident there is no such school of ecclesiastical historians in France, or Italy, or Austria, or Spain, or in the Catholic countries of America, as can be compared with the active school of Church historians to be found in Germany and England; and we are not afraid to risk contradiction when we say that among living students of Church history no Catholic can be found to compare with Harnack.

Now let us turn to one department of biology, that of botany, and confining ourselves to men no longer living that have made their mark in this department during the present century, we may mention the following: Bonpland, Brogniart, Desfontaines and Michaux, who were of French birth and presumably Catholic; and to these should be added the Italian Parlatore and the Spaniard Cavanilles, although the latter of them is the only one whom we definitely know to have been a Catholic. On the other side among Protestants should be named DeCandolle, by birth a Hollander, the Englishman R. Brown, Lindley, Hooker, and Bentham; the Germans Regel, Kuntz, Link, Martins, Sprengel, and Reichenbach; the DeCandolles from Switzerland, and from America, Torrey, Gray, Engelmann and Nutt—seventeen against five. This list, we think, gives a fair ground of comparison as to the encouragement which the two Churches have given to this department of biology.

It is impossible in our space to attempt to go over the entire list of sciences in this way; but we have no doubt that the result would be the same. It has not been the Roman Catholic Church, but the Protestant Church, which has led since the Reformation in the department of learning. Still more marked, we think, would be the contrast on that point brought up by Mr. Manly when he spoke of the great modern leaders in philosophy from Locke to Emerson. That "apostolic succession" has been entirely outside of that Church; and it is these thinkers that have given inspiration to investigation in every field of labor. It is yet true that there have been many learned men and students of philosophy who have done valuable thinking in that Church. Modern philosophy is and has ever been the most stimulating, influencing and fertilizing not only the realms of pure thought, but those of other sciences, physical and historical as well. And yet all the great leaders in philosophy have been received with suspicion, if not with hatred, by the Catholic Church authorities; and when one like Rosmini has risen among them he has had to meet not only opposition but condemnation.

Any one familiar with the physical sciences will know at a glance that the list of Great Catholics distinguished in these is pitifully small in proportion to the imposing array of great modern scholars in this line who are outside the Church. Professor Sheehan has two or three really first-class names, Pasteur being one of them, while the remainder are mere respectabilities. Still less encouraging is his paragraph on the social sciences. The plain truth in this matter is that not one authority in this branch is a Catholic; and when we come to general history, the great modern school, indicated by such names as Ranke, Mommsen and Taine, we count scarce one Catholic in its ranks.

We wish Prof. Sheehan had not attempted a list of distinguished Catholic names in English literature. Among the poets he mentions, the one who stands highest is Moore, who died outside the Church, and had his children brought up Protestants. Some of the other names are respectable or of fair rank, although some, like Mangan and Callanan, are entirely unknown to the general literary public. The three novelists mentioned by him are Gerald Griffin, who wrote one novel which is popular in drama; the Banims, who

wrote some scarcely known Irish stories; and Carleton, of whom Maurice F. Egan says that his stories are coarse and vulgar, and no credit to the Catholic name.

We do not like to write these things; but we fully believe that the policy of the Catholic Church has been much more one of intellectual repression than that of the Protestant Church, and that the fruits have come and could not but come. Yet we do not regard this as a reason why the Catholic University should not hope for success; for we believe that this policy of repression is one that is hateful to a growing party in the Church, a party represented by this university, which was established because its founders could not endure the repressive policy represented by the neighboring Jesuit University of Georgetown. When we use the term "liberal Catholics" we mean this party; and we are glad to believe it has a future which we hope may yet dominate in its Church. But it appears to us the plainest fact that the repressive and restrictive methods represented by the Congregation of the Index in its treatment of Rosmini and Mivart, and by the methods of Jesuit education, have done nothing and can do nothing but dwarf the scholarship of those who are subjected to it.

THE EDITOR IN COURT.

It will be remembered that this ADVOCATE commented on a lecture delivered to a jury by the Judge in a murder trial in this county some time since. For this exercise of the right of free speech he was called to account by the leading counsel for the defense in the case under a summons to appear as a witness for the defense. Some attorneys have a convenient way to vent their spleen on men, under the protection of the court, in this way. As far as any attack made on us personally is concerned we care nothing, for we have lived to little purpose all these years if our character were not able to stand this class of petit persecution. But the attorney went out of his way to sneer at the "gentlemen of the cloth." When a defender of murderers is ordered to modify the heinousness of crime undertakes to brow-beat and belittle those men who stand for the opposition of and to all kinds of crime, it shows the weakness of his cause and the greater weakness of his sense of right and decency.

The same man, asking a question of a witness, unwittingly discloses his ideas of the ruling classes in this country. The question before the court was whether the common sentiment was sufficiently against the accused as to make it impossible for him to get a fair trial in Dallas County. The attorney for the defense asked:

Haven't you heard that the newspapers, the saloon-keepers, the gamblers and the preachers were against this defendant?

This question mentions four classes of moulders of public sentiment. The gentleman could have sneered at the editor, the saloon-keeper, the gambler; he chose to sneer at the preachers. We insist that his action in the premises was, to say the least of it, cowardly! He seems to have avoided giving offense to the first three classes, but presumed upon the non-combative character of the preachers, fearing no resentment.

THE WATCHTOWER.

Our Postal Business. The report of the House postal Committee furnishes some facts not generally known. It is commonly understood that our postoffice department is being conducted at a sacrifice, but such is not the case:

The estimated postal revenue for 1895 are \$84,427,748, the appropriations \$90,399,485. This shows an apparent deficit of \$5,971,737. As a matter of fact, however, there is carried for the Government \$7,000,000 pounds of mail free, which had been paid for at regular rates, would have yielded \$7,173,364. It would be much better, enabling the Government to balance its accounts properly, if each department paid its postage. If this were done it would show a net profit on the year's business of \$1,201,527. This fact is always kept in the dark whenever a proposition is made to improve the service, attention being then called to the apparent deficit as a reason why nothing should be done; whereas the Government has actually gone on, year after year, making money out of the postoffice.

Mr. Wanamaker's idea of extending the free delivery system until it should ultimately reach all the country is not concurred in by Mr. Bissell. He is in favor of doing away with it in those small places where it has been at work as an experiment because that service shows a deficit of \$68,560. This is a small amount and would be more than covered if the Government would balance its books on business principles.

By the way the delivery system needs to be strengthened. The salaries of postmen ought to be raised. Their work, through rain and shine, cold and heat, merits better pay than they are getting at present.

Mississippi River Floods.

The lands lying along the Mississippi River and near enough to be flooded by it are the richest on the continent, but the breaks in the levees, which occur year after year, not only destroy the crops upon thousands and hundreds of thousands of these acres, but for that

reason keep the land down in price—purchasers being afraid of such a precarious investment. The Government has been fooling along from year to year, as Bishop Haygood says, "shovelling sand" in the vain effort to protect these lands, but until this day no man whose interests are in those parts can feel safe at any time.

We are glad to learn, however, that the danger of an overflow this spring is less than for many years.

The Times-Democrat of New Orleans says that the result depended largely upon the rainfall in February:

This has, fortunately, been light throughout the greater portion of the valley and allowed the river to discharge its flood. We are now able to stand a very heavy rainfall without great danger, and need not be alarmed over the storms in Illinois, which have raised the Illinois and other streams out of their beds and entailed much local damage. There is nothing now in sight to cause any fear of a repetition of last season's flood. Very high water is always possible, but there is at present nothing to indicate that we will have it.

The German Silver Commission.

It will be remembered that in his message to the special session of Congress Mr. Cleveland suggested that the question of the status of silver be left to an international congress. Three such congresses have already been held, first and last, but little was done at either calculated to inspire any confidence in the future of the white metal.

Recently, however, Germany has appointed a commission, consisting chiefly of bimetalists, to inquire into the silver question, and it is hoped by the friends of silver that this step may lead to an international understanding which shall give both mental and an equal show before the commercial world.

Parliament Reassembles.

The British Parliament reassembled on March 12. The Queen's speech from the throne was short, but replete with encouragement for the Liberal party and the friends of disestablishment in Wales and of Home rule for Ireland. Lord Rosebery, in his speech to the Commons, took very advanced ground. He questioned the propriety of keeping an Upper House, or House of Lords, as a check to democratic legislation. He is a peer himself, it will be remembered, and had nothing to say against a man because he happened to be born in a certain relation to the State, but as a wheel in the machinery of English legislation he regarded the House of Lords as expetive and unnecessary.

Rt. Hon. John Morely will be continued as Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the policy for the Government will remain unchanged.

The Brazilian War.

Perhaps the more proper designation would be insurrection, as no Government has yet acknowledged the revolutionists as belligerents. But be that as it may, the strife is reported (Tuesday) to be at an end. Da Gama, according to report, having taken asylum on a Portuguese war vessel, sent to Pixoto a proposition to surrender on condition of full protection for himself and followers.

The order had gone out for a battle of the naval forces. The neutral powers had been notified by the Government that attack on the insurgent vessels would be made within forty-eight hours, but twenty-four hours before the time set Da Gama sent his offer of surrender, which, it is thought, will end the hostilities.

To Certain Expenses.

An Associated Press dispatch says: A most important proposition for change in governmental methods will be presented to the House of Representatives early this week. It contemplates the abolition of the coast and geodetic survey. It is proposed to absorb the coast survey by the Navy Department. It further contemplates the termination of the geodetic survey with its extensive bureau under the direction of Superintendent Mendenhall and the absorption of this bureau by the Interior Department.

Chairman Sayers of the Committee does not think the changes will be made, as he thinks they should not complicate an appropriation bill. It is understood that Mr. Endicott's purpose is to make the geodetic department of the present bureau an adjunct to the geological bureau, besides field parties and coast survey boats throughout the country. The office force receives \$143,000 annually and those in the field \$119,000.

CURRENT THOUGHT.

In the Hands of Her Friends.

The man who surrenders one job or title of his manhood or self-respect to secure office or promotion, ecclesiastical or political, is unworthy the simplest trust.—*Pacific Methodist Advocate.*

The Bottom Fact.

If there is any fact which the Christian Church needs at this hour to domesticate in the very holy of holies of its most practical convictions, it is that in all the range of human pursuits there is no work so godlike as that which seeks the salvation of men for whom Christ died—all men, whoever they may be, and wherever found.—*Evangelical Christian Advocate.*

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 12.—
EASTER.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.—Mark 16:1-8

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Now is Christ risen from the dead*—I Cor. 15:20.

The doctrine of the resurrection should be a matter of our faith, for, if we doubt that Jesus rose from the dead, our faith is vain, and all the promises of the gospel can give us no comfort.

We can not understand the mysteries of the resurrection, but this should be no hindrance to our faith in its reality. We can not comprehend how light comes to us from the sun, but we know that light exists, and that the sun is its source.

We do not understand how vegetable and animal life gets into matter, and molds and fashions it into living, growing forms, but we believe it, because we have seen it. Nothing is too mysterious for our faith, if the facts are given on sufficient evidence.

There are mysteries connected with our every day life as great as the resurrection of the human body. The same power that formed these curiously wrought bodies can raise them to life again. It is as easy to analyze the processes of a resurrection as to explain how our bodies were brought into being, and to discover to the mind the power and wisdom that molded these symmetrical forms from the material elements.

Nature teaches us that no life becomes extinct, but is continually clothing itself from the material world. The plant withers and decays, but the seed drops into the decayed matter and a new body just like the former springs into life. Wherever life enters matter takes form, and yields itself to this life force.

If we, therefore, believe that Jesus rose from the dead, the question is forever settled that the dead shall rise.

Farmers plant seed because they know that seed, like these, have germinated and produced living vegetation.

Jesus was a man in every sense except sin. If he arose from the dead the same power that raised his body can raise our bodies.

The fact of the resurrection of Jesus is established by over 500 eye-witnesses, who saw and identified him after the resurrection.

That he died is proven by the testimony of the Roman centurion, who assured Pilate that he was dead. The blood and water that flowed from the wound in his side is sufficient evidence of his death.

He was in the hands of his enemies for two days and nights, who would have used any evidence of life as an argument against his resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus was the exact fulfillment of prophecy, uttered not only by those who wrote before Jesus was born, but by himself, having appointed a meeting in Galilee with his disciples to take place after his resurrection.

The facts of his resurrection have never been denied. The soldiers acknowledged that they had his body in the tomb, and that on the third day it was missing, and they failed to account for this fact.

The Comforter whom Jesus sent into the world has been telling the fruits of his resurrection for over 1800 years, and millions have testified to the satisfactory evidence obtained by the Holy Ghost.

1. This was the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday), which ended at sunset, and they bought the *sweet spices* either Friday or after sunset Saturday, for they would not violate the Sabbath day. Mary Magdalene was the woman "out of whom he had cast seven devils," but who was now full of good works, and showed by her conduct that she had faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

2. That they came on the third morning *very early* may indicate that they looked for some manifestations of the promises he had given concerning his resurrection. They delayed coming until the third day, and on that day they were there at sunrise. That they should be surprised at the appearance of the angel is natural.

We are often surprised at the appearance of things for which we are looking. Our expectations do not come up to the realization; the angelic appearance and the announcement of the resurrection were enough to startle these women.

The first day in the week witnesses more startling transactions than that day on which God rested from all his works. It brings to our understanding the real object of creation and reveals the higher plans and more profound wisdom of God in developing an order of being which creation had failed to produce. The seventh day commemorated the work of God's hands in displaying his wisdom in the creation of worlds curiously wrought

and mysteriously framed. It witnessed man in the embryonic image of God, but the purposes and designs of all this were yet secrets unrevealed. The first day of the week saw the developed manhood of Christ having all power in heaven and earth, and from whose face shone the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Creation declares God's wisdom and power, the resurrection revealed his love and mercy; creation put us under physical laws, and placed us in the midst of blind forces, the resurrection disclosed the fact that we are to become, like him, superior to physical laws, even kings and priests unto God.

Let this day be sacred to holy meditations, and when the sun rises in the east, let us be *early* to pay our homage to the risen Lord.

The Jews were wedded to the customs of the old Jewish Church. They were slow to give up circumcision, or to part with any custom of their fathers. If the seventh day was not changed to the first day by the direction of Christ and his apostles, how can we account for the fact that the believing Jews adopted the first as the Sabbath day? The apostles observed it, and all civilized people to this day observe it. Without some unquestioned authority there never could have been so general consent to so radical a change.

3. The stone was large and these women had not learned that the body of Jesus was in the hands of the Government and under the immediate eye of the soldiers, and that the seal of the Government had been placed on the stone.

4. No human could have taken the body from the sepulcher, for the Roman soldiers were there to prevent this very thing. But these women found the stone rolled away, the soldiers were gone, and the body of Jesus was also gone, and an angel announced to them that he had risen from the dead.

5. They were not mistaken, for they entered into the sepulchre and saw the angel, and also (6) heard him speak, and beheld the place where they laid him.

7. Jesus had told his disciples that he would meet them in Galilee after the resurrection (Matt. 26:32), and now the angel calls the minds of these women to the promise, and tells them to tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee, as he said unto you.

8. Matthew says: "They departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy."—Matt. 28:8. If they had had no faith in the resurrection, they would have been afraid, but there could have been no joy. They found the fulfillment of his promise and the expectation of their faith.

These witnesses and others who saw him after the resurrection, and identified him as the Lord, were good witnesses; they had known him by association, and recognized him as the same man who worked miracles in their presence. They had the evidence of sight and hearing, and some of them touched him.

The writer of this lesson is also a witness of the resurrection; he did not see the Savior with his natural eyes, he was not present when the Lord arose from Joseph's new tomb, nor was he in the company who saw him go up in the bright cloud, but he has often entertained the same Jesus in his heart, has talked with him, as did the brethren on the road to Emmaus, and his heart has burned while Jesus has sweetly spoken of the resurrection. If the reader is not a witness, he may be, if he will go down to Gethsamane where the bloody sweat on the face of Jesus can be seen, and then to the cross where his dying groans can be heard (dead to sin), then faith will introduce him to this same Jesus who will abide with him forever.

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Topics for Prayer-Meeting.

MARCH.

25. The First Easter Sunday.—Luke 24:13-38; Mark 16:1-11.

TOPIC FOR MARCH 18.

Peter's Confession.—Matt. 16:13-19; John 14:8-11.

Our first text has caused a great deal of unnecessary controversy. The Lord asks Peter "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" The answer was that some said Elias; some, Jeremiah; and some, John the Baptist. This was the world's idea. He was a great prophet that was settled.

"But whom sayest thou that I am?" Here the disciples are called upon to state their idea of him. Peter confesses that He is the Son of God.

Here are the ideas of Jesus as they have always prevailed in the world: Outsiders call Jesus a great, good man—perhaps one of the prophets—but the Christian—the disciple—confesses him to be the Son of God. A great man—not a Christian—recently said in a lecture: "The question is not what was the color of Balaam's ass nor the size of Jonah's whale, but the question of all questions is, 'What think ye of Christ?'"

The Christian alone is able to answer this question. And he can not answer of himself. Christ said to Peter: "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my Father which is in heaven." This accords with what the great apostle said afterward: "No man can say that Jesus is the Christ except by the Holy Ghost." The Father speaks through the Holy Ghost, and he who has not heard that still small voice is undecided as to whom Jesus was.

Here is the corner-stone of the Church; Peter knows Jesus and Jesus knows Peter. "Thou art the Christ" and "thou art Peter"—upon this rock—on this mutual acquaintance of Master and disciple depends the stability of the kingdom of God. It is the Methodist—Bible—doctrine of assurance. "We know in whom we have believed," says the apostle. This knowledge can be had and must be had if men are to settle the great question of whom the Son of man is.

The keys of the kingdom are hereby given. He who knows God through Christ has "the mind that was in Christ." He thinks as Christ thinks. He judges as Christ judges. What Christ would bind he binds. What Christ would loose he looses. "He that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judge of no man."

Our last text shows the unity of the Father and the Son. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." "He is the likeness of the Father's glory and the express image of his person." Looking on Jesus we see God. But we can not look on him except by the Holy Ghost. Hence the need that we seek this calcium light of life that by and through it we may behold the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

OLD AND YOUNG.

A PLAIN LITTLE GIRL.

Once I knew a little girl,
Very plain;
You might try her hair to curl,
All in vain;
On her cheek no tinge of rose,
Or faded and blushed, or sought repose—
She was plain.

But the thoughts that through her brain
Came and went,
As a recompense for pain,
Angels sent,
So full man's a beautiful thing,
In the young soul blossoming,
Gave content.

Every thought was full of grace,
Pure and true;
And in time the homely face
Lovelier grew;
With a heavenly radiance bright
From the soul's reflected light
Shining through.

Shall I tell you, little child,
Plain or poor,
If your thoughts are undented,
You are sure
Of the loveliness of worth;
And this beauty, not of earth,
Will endure.—*St. Nicholas.*

KILLING A GIANT.

"I have killed a giant to-day," whispered Bab, as she bestowed her dripping umbrella by mine in the corner allotted, and made another about the stove in the comfortable church room where we held our prayer-meetings on wet nights like this. My eyes surely asked "How?" but she only nodded her head knowingly as we hastened to our places upon the entrance of the good pastor.

He couldn't help looking at her more than once during the service, thinking it another of Bab's freaks, yet not able quite to make it out after all. But it all came out of itself down at the corner, where we stood for a moment ere we parted for the evening.

"You see, I had that charming story of 'H. H.'—'Ramona,' I have been wanting so long, and only three days in which to read it. You can imagine the temptation between the rain and the book to stay at home and make myself comfortable for once; especially as no one would be coming up our way, and I must go entirely alone to-night. But I killed the giant, after all, and am not one bit sorry after that lecture we had to-night."

And Bab betook herself off in the darkness of the wet night to her book and her cozy fireside, while I wended my own way homeward, reflectively.

Merry Bab had, after all, taught me a lesson not soon to be forgotten, and I thought of the times without number when my own peculiar giant, irresolution, had slain me, rather than I him. That there were many more such victims I did not doubt, as the thin ranks of our faithful Church membership could well testify.

You have your giant, I mine. What, then, is yours, faithful Church member? Is it indifference, slothfulness, or the petty conceit that you are not

well used in the Church, that is keeping you away? Whatever it is, look you well to it, that you are not slain by it, instead of being yourself the victor. Will it hold fast as a motive commendable before that awful bar of God, before which we must all stand?

Here is the giant stingsine, which is keeping some at home. It is far cheaper to stay away from where there is a demand for money at almost every service, and money is so much needed at home! That giant is of rapid growth, and will keep away many, it is to be feared.

But whatever it is, whether it is the care of your household, and the dinner which is to crown this "day of rest," or the evil which is within you of adverse inclination, or the indifference which is worse still, or yet the lack of the new garment which would have led you, had it been ready, up to the house of the Lord to partake of his services—take care of that giant, lest he slay you, instead of you him.

It is for us to know whether we are able to overcome, even to the uttermost, the evil tendencies which lurk within us, more often than about us, and, setting aside every weight, run the race set before us.—*Selected.*

A BLIND HORSE IN A BIG CITY.

Daniel is a jet black gelding, seven years old, and he is as blind as a bat; but makes four night runs on the Broadway Railroad every alternate night. It is doubtful if any one on the line knows every turn in the road and every switch along the route any better than Daniel. From Fifty-ninth Street to the Battery, Daniel never makes a mistake. His driver says he is the easiest horse to handle in the stables, and that he can tell when he is approaching any of the little iron platforms which act as levers to move the switches on the road as well as if blessed with the keenest eye-sight. He is the off horse of the team; and as the off horse has to step on the switch platforms when necessary to shove them over, the value of Daniel's sagacity can be seen at once.

Night or day is all the same to Daniel. He can travel the route as well as if the city was in darkness as he could in broad daylight. Moreover, he knows his own stall, and he will walk down the line of horses occupying other stalls till he comes to his own; and he was never known to enter the wrong stall.

Daniel has been on the road five years, and he has been blind all that time. He can make as good time as any horse on the line, and he always travels slightly in advance of his mate.—*New York Herald.*

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

In entering the robing room I passed through a small antechamber, with presses around the walls, where the judges' gowns are kept, and a mirror conveniently for them to put the finishing touches to their toilets. An old darky stood bowing and smiling at the door, and the marshal presently called out to him, "Archie, can't you show us one of the judges' gowns?"

In a few minutes he appeared with a rustling mass of black silk, which he proceeded to show off like a shop-girl shows a jacket—by putting her hands in the armholes and presenting the back of the garment for your inspection. "How long have you been taking care of the robing-room, Archie?" I ask, looking at his gray head and wrinkled face. "Ever since the 10th day of October, 1849," he answered, with much pride and another flourishing bow. "This here is Judge Sairas's gown, presented to him by his claudmates when he was appointed. Feel how soft and rich the silk is. But it won't last long. They never does, on account of the Judge's twistin' round so in their chairs. Yes, it takes a heap 'o' silk to make 'em. Fifteen yards, and they cost from \$60 to \$90, accordin' to the quality."

Saturday is conference day at the court. The Judges meet in a large room on the floor below the court to discuss the business of the tribunal. It is a bright, cheerful library, lined with law-books from floor to ceiling, and looks very cozy and attractive. Like the robing room, it is entered through an antechamber, which is also piled with law-books, for they are very much pressed for space. Noticing this, I was surprised to see one entire wall sacrificed to a wash-stand, with an old-fashioned mirror hanging over it. "Why don't you move those and use that space for more shelves?" I asked the marshal. "What is the use of that wash-stand when you have such a nice lavatory adjoining?"

"Well, we are very conservative in the Supreme court," he said. "I thought myself what a pity it was not to utilize all that space, so one day I had the wash-stand and a mirror moved away. Presently Judge Field came in and walked slowly through to the conference room. From force of habit he raised his eyes, expecting to see his face reflected in the mirror as usual. Missing it instantly, he stopped short and demanded of the servant why it had been taken away. When the reason was explained to him he made no further comment, except to say to himself, half aloud, 'I've looked at myself in that mirror for more than twenty-five years, and now it is gone.' He really seemed to feel as if an old friend had deserted him, so while the conference was going on I had everything put back just as it was before, and

when the Judge again passed through on his way out, and turned to look at the vacant wall, he stared hard for a moment, and then said in a dazed sort of way, 'Well! I would have sworn that mirror wasn't there this morning!'"

Judge Lamar, who died last winter, was one of the characters of the court. A gentleman of the old school, he was always making fine speeches to women, and there are no end of stories told about him. On one occasion he was taken to task by a lady at Bar Harbor, who thought he did not recognize her. "Ah, Judge," she said, "I am afraid you don't remember me; I met you here two years ago." "Remember you, madam?" was his quick reply, with one of his courtly bows; "why, I've been trying ever since to forget you." And she laughingly exclaimed, "Oh, go away, you dear, delightful old Southern humbug!"—*Harper's Weekly.*

DOGS GUARDING SHEEP.

On approaching at sunset the homestead of an Arizona sheep owner, I noticed that a monger a recently corralled flock of sheep there were two collie dogs lying down with them as if they belonged to the owner of the singularity of the sight, he told me that when the dogs were puppies he put them in the corral and kept them day and night with the sheep. Except to be fed, he said, they never left the flock. In the morning the dogs drove out the sheep leisurely, feeding as they went along, and without any prompting brought them back at the proper evening hour.

If a coyote appeared during the day both dogs chased him away. The ewes and lambs did not fear the dogs, for they were always gentle with them. If wild beasts approached by night, the dogs made so much noise that human aid was secured. The only enjoyment, he added, which came to the dogs was when they came to the house for supper. Then his boy Willie had often a half hour's romp with them; but just as it was getting dark they went back to the corral of their own accord, and were on guard for the night.—*Emery.*

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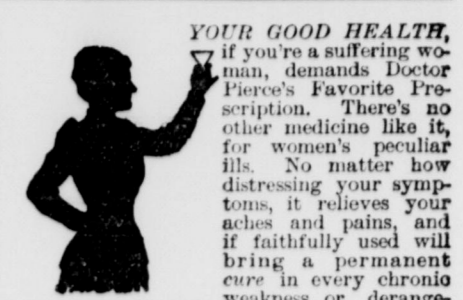
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writing from Albuquerque, N. M., indorses very
warmly our recent editorial on "Posture in Prayer,"
and then makes some strong points against
the use of "opera chairs" in the Church. This
manner of seating is not only unchurch-like,
he contends, but prevents the people from
kneeling at prayer—a strong objection if
there were no other.

By invitation Hon. Heber Stone, of
Brenham, addressed the class in "Political
Economy," of Southwestern University, on
the evening of the 8th inst. The address
appears elsewhere in this issue, and, we are
informed, was well received by the class and
the appreciative audience to whom it was
delivered. Mr. Stone is a trustee of the University,
a lay delegate to our ensuing General
Conference, and has been mentioned
as a gubernatorial possibility.

A WORTHY MOVE.
A move is on foot among the friends
and acquaintances of the late Rev. J. S.
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a home. This is a worthy cause and we
hope that the many who have been
blessed by the friendship and ministrations
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acres of tomatoes last year.

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1200, and they are a live, progressive
people—equal in snap and energy to any
in the West. There is a fine school
here under the superintendency of Prof.
Adamson, who, by the way, married the
beautiful daughter of Rev. B. H. Webster,
of the North Texas Conference. That
they take TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
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off on the right line.

Alvord has three churches—Methodist,
Baptist and Campbellite. Methodism
is flourishing here, and I have not
preached to a more intelligent-looking,
large and attentive audience than that
which greeted me morning and evening
last Sunday. The Sunday-school, under
the efficient management of Bro. Hamilton,
is just simply superb. They have
an interesting Woman's Parsonage and
Home Mission Society which is doing a
grand work. Sister Purcell was on
hand and addressed a large meeting of
women and men at 4 p. m. Sunday. The
ladies expressed themselves as much
encouraged by Sister Purcell's visit.

My home was at the residence of Bro.
Noah Hatfield, one of the pastors of the
Church in Alvord. He de

they must make that appointment a
"station" next year, and I think him
quite right. They have need of aid and
pay for the entire service of a pastor.

Bro. Ayers is doing well here. Ayers
is a good man and gave me the greet-
ing and welcome of a brother. He is
not red headed, but he shaves it so
nearly as to suggest great caution when
you come to tread on the tail of his coat.

I lectured at the Opera House on
Saturday evening at 8 o'clock for the
benefit of the parsonage. The house be-
longed to the Beyett Brothers, and they
not only furnished it free of charge, but
came and paid their admission fee at
the door. They are not members of the
Church, but are favorable to our cause,
and Bro. Ayers represents them as
broad-minded liberal gentlemen, and I
am prepared to believe it. Taken all in
all, my visit to Alvord was very pleasant,
and to me especially quite profitable,
and when the time comes—if it ever
does—for me to visit that good people
again I shall be glad. J. W. H.

THE CHURCH PRESS.
The Michigan Advocate says that
complaint comes to that office ever now
and then about long sermons. The editor
thinks that the length of the sermon
ought to be in accordance with its thick-
ness, but that pastors who speak to the
same people two or three times a week
should be brief. The following is recom-
mended:

Study brevity. Use the telegraph
style of composition. Put thought in
and leave words out. Plunge at once
into the heart of your subject. Preach
with power. Quit quick.

This brings to our mind the language
of the late Bishop McTear on the occa-
sion of Bishop Kavanaugh's funeral:
"This is an age of short sermons and—
shall I say it?—of small men."

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readers.

It seems to us we have heard of that
institution somewhere before. The Central
further says:
"○No editor, who understands and re-
gards the amenities of the craft, will
accept and publish a duplicate, if he
knows it at the time. This, of course,
does not apply to mere Church news,
but to articles discussing any general or
special issue.

Bro. Meek, who are you after now?
Dr. Hoss and the Nashville Advocate
are overrun with communications dis-
cussing matters which the General
Conference, it is contended, ought to
look into. Dr. H. can publish some;
others must go down into the capacious
stomach of the W. B. This he feels
sure will make the writers mad, but
consoles himself by the reflection: "After
May 31 a more competent man may be
in our place."

The Cumberland Presbyterian says:
We fully accept the doctrine taught
in the Cumberland Presbyterian Con-
fession of Faith that "those whom God
hath justified he will also glorify; conse-
quently the truly regenerated soul
will not totally fall away from a state of
grace, but will be preserved unto ever-
lasting life."

So he will, if he remains "faithful
unto the end." But, as Peter says: "He
that lacketh these things"—the Chris-
tian graces—"is blind, and can not see
after it and hath forgotten that he was
purged from his old sins." "Let him
that thinketh he standeth take heed
lest he fall."

In its issue of March 8 the New Or-
leans Advocate furnishes a sketch of the
faculty of Millsap College, accompanied
by a wood cut of each. The names are:
Rev. Dr. B. W. Murrab, A. M. Mucken-
fuss, W. L. Weber, Geo. C. Swearingen,
N. A. Pattilo, Rev. M. M. Block, Mrs.
Annie D. Smith and Col. W. H. Trib-
ette.

The cuts are after the regulation pat-
tern, being equally useful in represent-
ing a horse doctor or a doctor of divinity.
The picture of Mrs. Smith, however,
shows her to be a pretty woman in spite
of the artist. To the credit of the Advo-
cate it is just to state that the Picyune
is responsible for these cartoons.

The Southwestern Christian Advocate
says of the American University at
Washington, which is under the aus-
pices of the M. E. Church:

In addition to the \$100,000 from a gen-
tleman in Ohio, announced in December
last, a lady of New York City, who is a
member of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, has just given to the American
University \$100,750.

Hurrah for the university! We hope
it may be able to accomplish the most
anguine expectations of its warmest
supporters.

The Alabama Advocate gets a little
nervous over the wranglings of those
self-appointed advisers of the General
Conference delegates:

Our papers are now teeming with con-
troversial matter, and some of it is not
credible to those engaged in the battle.

Predicting an increase of these con-
troversies and fearing that bad blood
was engendered thereby, the Ala-
bama protests:

Let us hope and pray that in the ap-
proaching conference we may have none
of it. Let every delegate leave his vine-
gar bottle and sulphuric acid at home,
and carry an olive branch and a bottle
of soothing syrup.

This ADVOCATE has no "vinegar bot-
tle" nor any "sulphuric acid," but it
will be at Memphis (D. V.) dressed in
store clothes, and with plenty of lard
on its hair.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate
says:

Bishop Gallows is to canvass the

State of Alabama during the month of
March, with the agent, the Rev. Jas. O.
Andrew, in the interest of the Southern
University. We predict golden returns
from that effort.

Would it not be well—as it seems to
be in order—for the Southwestern Uni-
versity to harness up some member of
the Episcopal College and race him
round over Texas a bit?

The Holston Methodist says:
A good brother who worked all day,
at a ward election, for his candidate,
was asked by his preacher why he
couldn't use some influence over men
to get them to a penitent's altar. He
blushed, and then eluded out of it by
saying that he had influence only over
"niggers."

We don't know so well about that.
It depends on the character of the can-
didate and the principles he represents.
The matter of electing our officers has
been too long turned over to the rag-
tag and bob-tailed elements of the country.

The Holston shoots a well-feathered
arrow in the following:

Have the critics of preachers ever stop-
ped to consider their own imperfections
in Church work? Dear brother, suppose
the "parson" should do as little, in
as poor a way, as you? Hadn't thought
about that, had you?

The Tennessee Methodist is non-par-
tisan in politics, but is pronounced on
the saloon and its attendant evils:

We have never seen the day since we
drew the breath of life that we would
not have spoken and voted against com-
mitting the Church to any political
party. We have never seen the day
since we had a ballot that we felt au-
thorized to cast it in favor of the licens-
ing of saloons, gambling or prostitu-
tion.

The Wesleyan Advocate mentions a
fact in connection with Atlanta, Ga.,
which will apply in many other towns
and cities, especially in the South:

In the Methodist Churches in Atlanta
there are 7896 members. What a re-
sponsibility rests on these Churches. If
the solid influence of the men and
women of this large membership could
only be left on the earth, good men
and other evils in the city, what a
change would be brought about. With
the assistance of all the other evangeli-
cal Churches, voting as citizens, whis-
key could be banished from our city.

In the same paper, speaking of the
late Gen. J. A. Early, Bishop Haygood
says:

He and Gen. Beauregard have not
failed to be honored by their Confedera-
te commands for their valor and de-
votion to the "Lost Cause." But while
honors is left on the earth, good men
can not forget that these men, for
money, sold the influence of their
names to promote the interest of the
most stupendous gambling scheme that
ever cursed America.

The Western Christian Advocate was
a little "too previous" in announcing
the death of Dr. Moses Hill, of Kalama-
zoo, Mich., in a recent issue. Under
date of March 7 it takes it all back:

We translated him to everlasting life
last week. We are sorry and we are
not sorry that we were mistaken.
Sorry that the joys into which we sup-
posed he had entered are deferred; not
sorry that the Church is still to have
the inspiration of his presence and the
help of his labors.

It is a fact that when we make up
our mind for a friend to die we suffer a
kind of disgust and disappointment
when he persists in staying here.

The Pacific Methodist Advocate
crawls down off of Parnassus and ex-
claims:

The pastor who falls into a state of
impatience and evil forebodings because
of the discouragements which he hap-
pens to meet in his work, will neces-
sarily impart his spirit to his Church
and official board. Like priest, like people.
A sunny-hearted pastor makes a people
with sunny hearts; while dejection and
discontent in the preacher will defeat
the progress and good intentions of the
best body of lay people that ever ex-
isted.

PERSONALS.

—Rev. A. F. Hendricks and Bro. W.
H. Marshall, pastor and high official at
Whitesboro, called at this office one day
last week.

—Dr. Gross Alexander says he has
some fine boys from Texas in the Van-
derbilt University, and he wants 100
more like them.

—Rev. Harry May, the converted Jew
and evangelist of Galveston, called on
us last Friday. He was on his way to
St. Louis to visit his brother.

—We have received the sad intelli-
gence of the death of the wife of the
Rev. J. C. Moore, of Era, Texas. She
died March 6. We tender our heart-
felt sympathy to our brother in his great
sorrow. The Lord be gracious to him.

—Bro. M. S. Gardner, of Laredo, sends
us the sad intelligence of the death of
Sister Annie E. Dickson, daughter of
Dr. J. H. Tucker, of that city. She
leaves three little children. Bro. Gar-
den says she was ready to die. The Ad-
vocate extends its condolence.

—The Rev. M. A. Black writes, March
8: We are having a tilt with fever, li-
grippe, and in addition missing quar-
terly meetings and feeling torn up gen-
erally, but the brethren know that this
is a cause for failure to attend appoint-
ments. Hope to meet my preachers in
the field soon.

—Rev. W. H. C. Elliott writes: Our
pastor, Bro. M. M. Dunn, has been con-
fined to his room for twenty days with
shingles. I am filling his appointment.
Will the brethren, especially of the
North Texas Conference, remember him
at a throne of grace that he may be re-
stored to wonted health.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

—Nashville is being blessed by the
great revival wave. Scores and hun-
dreds are being converted and added
to the several Churches in that city.
The Tennessee Methodist says that
"this year will go down in history as
a year of great revivals in Nashville."

—The Tennessee Methodist says: The
death of Mrs. Harriet Hargrove, wife
of Bishop R. K. Hargrove, which oc-
curred in this city on Tuesday, Feb-
ruary 27, was quite sudden, and a
shock to her many friends. A lady of
rare culture, distinguished for hospi-
tality, benevolence, unselfishness, sym-
pathy, and devotion to the Church,
she was eminently qualified to fill
with signal beauty and success the im-
portant position of preacher's wife
which she occupied for so many years.
Her funeral in McKendree Church

was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J.
W. Cherry, assisted by Revs. H. S.
McBride, G. W. Winn, J. A. Orman,
T. L. Moody and J. D. Barbee. The
burial occurred at Mt. Olivet. [This
ADVOCATE adds its condolence and
tenders its sympathy to the bereaved
and especially to our beloved Bishop
in this dark hour of sorrow and dis-
tress.]

—Joseph Jamison, Oklahoma Ter-
ritory: Ladies' Aid Society is at work
making pulpits airtight of velvet and
gold, fixing rostrum for splendid choir,
and carpeting whole front of the pret-
tified church of its size west of the big
river! Friends are donating lovely
set of pulpit chairs. We are going to
cover our house with yellow pine and
hang a \$100 bell, all before Annual
Conference. With a depleted treasury,
and thoroughly disheartened member-
ship, we paid off last quarter \$132 of
local and other indebtedness, and
raised \$41 50 for ministerial support,
and that on a membership of about
fifty and only three men in the number!
Bishop Key is expected to hold our
District Conference at Oklahoma City
in April. We have a devoted band of
preachers out here, hale, hearty, hap-
py fellows; soldier metal in them, and
the true spirit of comradeship; true to
God, and true to the principles of
Southern Methodism.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.
Trinity Parish, New York, has prop-
erty to manage worth \$150,000,000.

Trinity Church, Chicago, has given
\$1000 as a collection to the Freedman's
Aid Society.

There was dedicated in Chicago re-
cently the first Bohemian Methodist
church ever built. It cost \$9000 and
will seat 550.

The Chicago Local Church Extension
Society helped build seven new Churches
last year, and now has three others un-
der way, using \$25,824 for this purpose.

The Methodist Ministers' Relief Asso-
ciation of Boston paid \$20,000 to bene-
fit the Roman Catholic Churches. Of the
lowest priced insurance ministers of our
Church can obtain.

Philadelphia Methodists are prepar-
ing for a "forward movement." Two
laymen canvassed a few of the wealthier
members in that city and secured sub-
scriptions amounting to \$3000 to be
used in the work.

In 1880 there was one theological
(Protestant) student for each 15,146 of
the population, in 1883 there was one
to each 13,739. The country is not suffer-
ing from a shortage of pulpiti supply
just yet.

The Board of Home Missions of the
Presbyterian Church will secure some
\$20,000 from the estate of the late Dr.
C. S. Porter, of Coldwater, Michigan.
The property, with the exception of a
few hundred dollars, was all left to this
board.

The sales of the New York Book Con-
cern last year were \$930,888 37, and not
\$472 651, as reported last week. Yet the
Western Concern leads the Eastern, its
sales amounting to \$1,040,355 30. It is a
remarkable showing all round.

The Lutheran Church, according to a
late table in the Lutheran Observer, has
7,212,500 baptized members in the United
States and Canada, with a total throu-
out the world of 53,600,000. They have
30,346 ministers, 42,577 church houses,
and 94,917 parochial schools. Its great-
est strength is in Germany, where the
German people of the United States.

The Salvation Army has secured a
sight for new headquarters in New
York for \$200,000. A four-story fire-
proof iron building will be erected. On
the ground floor there will be an audi-
torium which will seat 30,000 people, and
other rooms will be used for offices
for the army. A large farm has been
offered Ballington Booth on Staten
Island, upon which to establish a colony
for those rescued from the slums who
are willing to do farm work.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.
The Canadian Methodist Church has
adopted a wise rule. Hereafter all mis-
sionary candidates and their families,
before being sent to foreign missions,
must undergo a thorough medical ex-
amination as to their physical adapta-
tion to the country of their prospective
work. This is a measure of caution
which is demanded by experience.

The Secretary of the M. E. Church
says the proposition has been accepted
for the entire missionary property in
Chili estimated to be worth \$200,000,
to the Missionary Society of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, on condition that
said Missionary Society would conduct
the mission in Chili on the self-support-
ing plan on which they had been
beginning.

Speaking of the one-cent-a-day plan
of collection for missions the Mission-
ary Herald says: "By our last reports,
all the Churches in the United States
contributed \$5,176,661 for foreign mis-
sions within the preceding twelve
months. According to the last census
there are a little over 14,300,000 com-
municants in Protestant Churches of
our country. Were these communicants
to give a cent a day the aggregate
would be over \$52,000,000, or more than
ten times what is now contributed in all
the land for foreign missions. Mr. Wil-
kinson has been successful in securing
the "Extra-Cent-a-Day Band" scheme, shows that were
the 32,000,000 Protestant Christians in
the world to adopt the plan the magnifi-
cent sum of \$116,800,000 would be an-
nually secured, over and beyond what
is now received." This plan is especial-
ly commendable to our Sunday-schools.
If it were carried out the result would
be marvelous.

Hood's and Oaty Hood's.
Are you weak and weary, overworked
and tired? Hood's Sarsaparilla is just the medicine
you need to purify and quicken your blood and
to give you appetite and strength. If you de-
cide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be
indecisive to buy any other. Any effort to sub-
stitute another remedy is proof of the merit of
Hood's.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner Pills,
assist digestion, cure headache. Try a box.

It doesn't make a lie any whiter to
put it on a tombstone.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Germany has 21 universities, 1920 pro-
fessors, and 29,700 students.

Austria in 1889 had 55,718 schools, 99,-
200 teachers, and 4,933,000 pupils.

Great Britain has 11 universities, with
344 professors, and 4,400 students.

Germany had in 1881 57,000 schools,
120,000 teachers, and 7,100,000 pupils.

France had in 1887 85,544 schools,
136,000 teachers and 6,308,000 scholars.

The first medical school in the United
States was founded in Philadelphia in
1764.

Great Britain had in 1888 30,522
schools, 85,000 teachers, and 4,905,000
pupils.

Bishop Hendrix announces that G. T.
Hoagland, of St. Joseph, Mo., has given
\$20,000 to the endowment fund of Cen-
tral College.

The Manual Training Teachers' Asso-
ciation of America has been organized
to secure co-operation in the develop-
ment of manual training. George Rob-
bins, of Frankfort, Ky., is Secretary and
Treasurer of the association.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, General Agent
of Education in Alaska, furnishes the
Department of the Interior with a full
report of his work and of the work and
workers under him in Alaska, in which
we find some of the most interesting
reading anywhere to be found. Alaska
is terra incognita to nearly all the people
of this nation, and an itemized account
of what is going on there in the educa-
tional and religious world is like read-
ing a letter from the man in the moon.

At several points the mails are received
only once a year, and in some places
where the missions and schools are in
active operation two or three months in
the year there is no sun. Mr. Jackson
says: "There is in Alaska a school popu-
lation of from 8000 to 10,000. Of these
1847 were enrolled in the 31 schools in
operation during the year closing June
30, 1891. Thirteen day schools, with an
enrollment of 745 pupils, were supported
entirely by the Government at the ex-
pense of \$20,639 39, and 12 contract
schools, with an enrollment of 1102,
were supported jointly by the Govern-
ment and the missionary societies of the
Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational,
Episcopal, Moravian, Lutheran and
Roman Catholic Churches. Of the pu-
pils in the contract schools, 510 were day
pupils and 292 industrial pupils. These
latter were clothed, housed, fed and
taught. The boys were taught shoe-
making, house-building, furniture-mak-
ing, coopering, baking, gardening and
the care of cattle; the girls were taught
cooking, baking, washing, ironing, sew-
ing, dressmaking and housekeeping.
Towards the support of these contract
schools the Government contributed
\$29,360 61, and the missionary societies
\$74,494 29."

THE GRAB HOOKS.
A vein of mineral wax which resembles
pure butter has been discovered by
peat diggers in Ireland.

There are two mountains in Lower
California that are estimated to contain
10,000,000 tons of pure alum.

Over seventy children are being cared
for in the Fred Finch Orphanage, and
others are kept out for lack of room.

A Chicago layman has provided in
his will for a bequest of \$5000 to the
Methodist Home Missionary Society of
city.

Three years ago there were twelve
pensioners of the war of 1812; now a
red line has been drawn through the
last name, and the book has been finally
closed.

A lady, formerly Flint District Sec-
retary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary
Society, has given the society \$2000 on
the annuity plan, her husband fully
concurring in the benefaction.

The largest advertising sign in the
world is on the side of a hill back of
Ardenee, Scotland. The words, "Glasgow
News," are cut in the shape of
flower beds and can be distinctly seen
and read at a distance of four miles.

A generous fund has, by decision of
the court, been placed in the hands of
Dr. Parkhurst and his zealous associates
of the New York Society for the Pre-
vention of Vice. The fund is from a
bequest of \$1,000,000.

A TIMELY WARNING.
Matt. 25:10: "And while they went
to buy, the bridegroom came, and they
that were ready went in with him to the
marriage and the door was shut."

THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE regrets
that it can not continue its phenomenal
offer of supplying the great Encyclopaedia
Britannica at its introductory rates.
Great has been the interest and enthu-
siasm shown by our readers over this
enterprise, but yet there are many pro-
crastinating people who will fail to re-
ceive this great benefit, because they will
hesitate until the limited time has ex-
pired and the "door will be shut" upon
them.

Avail yourself to-day of this great
offer, whereby you can receive this
celebrated library at the outlay of only
10 cents a day.

It is an acknowledged prime neces-
sity of every library, and he who would
keep abreast of the times must have it.

Don't hesitate. Subscribe at once, for
next week this offer must be with-
drawn.

A PREACHER IN DISTRESS.
Rev. S. G. Shaw, of Center Point,
Texas, is in a very bad condition. He
has been in the traveling connection for
years, and for several years has been
unwell, and for quite awhile absolutely
sick. He has a wife and several chil-
dren (his wife the daughter of an old
and honored Methodist preacher, and a
betrie woman never lived in Texas) and
they are in want. We have both been
the presiding elder of Bro. Shaw in
Texas and know that he did faithful
work. As a sick man he has tried to
make an honest living for his family.
We are forced to say to the West Texas
Conference, and to Methodism in Texas,
this brother needs help, and unless it is
given this family will suffer. Can we
stand by and see a brother minister's
family suffer who has broken down by
the way? Have we this in our heart?
Infinite God, forbid it! If any one has
it in heart to help, send to Rev. S. G.
Shaw, Centre Point, Kerr County, Texas.
This is written upon our own motion,
and at our own option. But from a hu-
mane standpoint, and in the name of
Christ.

M. A. BLACK,
R. J. DEETS.

Love never complains that its bur-
den is too heavy.

WARTSHORNS SELF-ACTING
PILLS FOR THE
NOTICE
MADE WITH
THE GENUINE
WARTSHORN'S
PILLS

Wanted.
A handsome complexion is one of the greatest
 charms a woman can possess. Possessor
 of complexion POWERS gives it.

George A. Thompson, of Keosauha, Ia.,
wants to know the postoffice address of
Robt. Vincent, an uncle of his.

20 CENTS.

COUPON No. 7.
MARCH 15.
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COUPON No. 8.
MARCH 15.
MAGIC CITY.

Cut out BOTH THE ABOVE COUPONS
and send 20 cents in Silver and
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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Coriaca.
A. T. Culbertson, March 5: Coriaca Circuit closed to the front. Yesterday, at Zion's Rest, two miles north of town, we completed the organization of a class of forty-five members.

Sims and Glenwood.

James D. Odum, Feb. 8: Our second Quarterly Conference convened yesterday. The attendance was large; reports very good; our passage is being improved; moving along very well with work. My health is very much improved; have gained twenty-one pounds within the past six months.

Mobeetie.

C. V. Bailey, March 7: Preached morning and afternoon at Clear Creek. Baptized and received a young lady. Congregation good and the Spirit present. Preached in Canadian at night last Sunday. The church is in a most encouraging circumstances. Rev. Abe Mulkey will hold in Mobeetie March 16 to 25.

Cresson.

W. N. Curry, March 5: Our second Quarterly Conference over. It was a success. Preaching by presiding elder was very logical, eloquent and spiritual. Every place represented; finances good; paid pastor and presiding elder \$114. Have received 13 into the Church this quarter.

Coriaca.

Dallas News: The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. Horace Bishop pastor, raised \$9800 yesterday (March 11) to build a new house of worship. C. W. Jester led the subscription with \$1500. Geo. T. Jester followed with \$1000. Wm. F. Gum, next with \$1000. And Messrs. L. L. Fowell, P. M. Lee, Fred Fleming, R. M. Collins and Dr. S. W. Johnson each gave \$500. The sum wanted is \$20,000.

Irene.

J. W. Sansom, March 6: Sunday last we had a good day at Mertens; not a very large congregation, but took up a collection and got \$64 subscribed on general collection. At night held Church Conference; gave a talk for our Advocate; received one new subscriber. We received five members into the Church by certificate.

Lorens.

J. H. Wiseman, March 5: Our meeting at Lorens was a good one, on a small scale. It embraced the week of north, mud and snow. Bro. C. N. N. Ferguson was with me. The meeting resulted in two conversions, seven accessions, a woman's prayer-meeting, an Epworth League and the Church revived.

Fairfield.

W. F. Brinson, March 7: Our first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held on March 4. Bro. Allen, the presiding elder, was on hand and preached two good sermons, and good communion service Sunday. Report: Ten officials present, ten absent; one-fourth of salary paid preacher and presiding elder, and Bishop's fund paid in full; \$25 on Sabbath school, some in subscription; raised \$11.30 for foreign missions Sunday; received 2 members during the quarter; dismissed 1; last, but not least, the Ladies' Aid Society of Fairfield have had this day a \$25 cook stove put in the parsonage.

Port Worth, Malley Memorial.

T. S. Armstrong, March 5: We have finished the basement of our church, and made some external improvements. The basement is beautiful and commodious. It is the work of the Epworth League, and Sunday-school. Each have been holding their meetings in the basement for four Sundays. We have built the altar, we will now try to offer proper sacrifices thereon. Bishop Key preached for us Sunday night. His sermon was a real treat, and his presence a delight to all. We hope to have him in Fort Worth again soon.

Intero.

L. W. Dennis, March 6: Our second Quarterly Conference over; presiding elder on hand in the spirit of the Master, though suffering with throat trouble, preached a good discourse, but had to quit before he got through. Though the wind was howling and the air full of sand, the people came from ten miles around to hear him preach, but his presence made us feel glad. We are strong in spirit but very weak financially. May the entire Church join us in prayer to God that he will send rain on our drouth-stricken country.

Wray.

S. C. Littlepage, March 12: Epworth League organized at Pleasant View on the third Sabbath in February with fourteen members, since increased to twenty. Prof. H. K. Orgain, President; Dr. B. T. Welch, First Vice-President; E. J. Boaze, Second Vice-President; Miss Georgia Welch, Third Vice-President; W. O. Green, Treasurer; Oscar Lusk, Secretary. Our Sabbath-school at this place is in the most prosperous condition of its history. The brethren at Pleasant View insist that they have the best Sabbath-school they ever saw. Good service yesterday. Received 4 members into the Church.

Morgan.

D. C. Ellis, March 12: On March 12 we closed a very successful thirteen day's meeting at this place. Most of the work done was on the inside of the Church. Two or three conversions and a number of recommitments, with 2 accessions by ritual and 4 by certificate. Bro. A. P. Taylor, of Cleburne, was with us seven days, and Bro. S. B. Ellis, of Whitney Circuit, five days. Both did good preaching. It was good to be there. The Church has taken higher ground. On the 10th inst. this voting precinct went dry by 21 majority. On the same day the Ladies' Aid Society, which was organized a week before, gave a dinner and supper and cleared between \$50 and \$55. We have the most zealous and faithful set of young ladies here it has ever been my privilege to serve as pastor.

Clarendon.

B. M. Stephens, March 4: Abe Mulkey and Louisa filled their appointment at this place, beginning February 16, continuing for ten days and nights, and what a time we had of weather and religion—snow, blizzards, wind after wind, yes, cold as the arctic highlands—but in the face of such crowds, night and day, was just wonderful, filling the

people are much pleased with Bro. Fladger, and are anxious for him to soon return to Mesquite. The Board of Stewards last Saturday night, for the support of the preacher in charge. The general state of this charge is good. We are encouraged.

Amery.

C. C. Davis, March 5: We are moving off very well. Our congregations are large and attentive. Our second Quarterly Conference is over. We have had three Quarterly Conferences inside of four months. We were not "trayed under," but almost snowed out at our last. Bro. Powers was on hand and preached for us Sunday to the edification of all present. Good seed were sown. Only about 20 per cent of salary paid. Foreign mission assessment paid in full.

Mt. Vernon.

J. N. Hunter, March 7: The first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at this place Sunday for ritual state reported very good: \$118.65 paid on quarterly; pastor's salary assessed at \$550; added the past quarter, 15; dismissed, 11; two died in the faith. Bro. Clifton preached two excellent practical sermons. Bro. S. W. Jones preached for us Saturday. These sermons were spiritual and edifying. We have just moved into our new parsonage. Many thanks to the brethren who built it. The prospects for us are hopeful.

Queen City.

J. B. Turrentine, March 6: Meeting closed with a grand spiritual service Sunday night. All say the best we ever had. About 125 conversions and 85 accessions. All home work except four strong sermons from Bro. Milam, preacher in charge of Atlanta Station. Now for something else. Am going to push the claims of our Advocate. God help me to place it in every Methodist home. We are just entering upon a local option contest for us Saturday. These are our brethren. God help us to crush this giant octopus out of our fair land.

Belleve.

L. P. Smith, March 5: We held a series of meetings, beginning the third Sunday in January and continuing nearly three weeks. Our first quarterly meeting embraced the fourth Sunday, so Bro. Mountcastle, our presiding elder, was with us at that time and remained for the love, but certainly this town and community have been stirred from center to circumference. Tell Shutt, the ex-saloon keeper, of "Burr Patch" fame, has been happily converted, and is a great leader in the work here. A quotation from his prayer on yesterday: "Oh, Lord! this is my first Sunday in thy service, and I'm so thankful for the prayers of these good people that led me into the light. They have never fought me, but, thank God, they have always fought my business."

Van Alstyne.

J. A. Wyatt, March 9: After a thirty days' run we closed on last Monday night one of the most glorious meetings it was ever my privilege to hold or even attend. The key-note was struck at a high pitch on the first Sunday in February by the junior editor of the Advocate and maintained by Morris and Rippey as sermonizers and Brown as a scotcher throughout. We never missed a service from beginning to end, not even on the Sabbath. There was a sleet and bitter cold that prevailed for a good portion of the time. Our house is warmed with the hot air furnace system, and although for a good portion of the time the thermometer registered only a few degrees above zero, we were comfortable in the church as if we had been around the fireside at home. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." The visible results are a general religious awakening in the whole community, 107 conversions, 72 additions to our Church and a key-note was struck at a higher plane of religious experience and to greater activity than ever before here.

Dallas Preachers' Meeting.

C. M. Threadgill, Secretary: Preachers met at parsonage of First Church on Monday morning, March 12: W. F. Clark in the chair. Present: E. W. Alderson, E. L. Spragins, W. F. Clark, C. M. Threadgill, T. M. Rogers, L. A. Hanson. Devotional exercises by Bro. Rogers. First Church—Usual services; two infants baptized in morning service; very large congregation in morning service. Floyd Street—Bro. Thompson preached for us yesterday, morning service; very fine sermon; 6 accessions; 16 conversions during the week. The union church meeting and service yesterday afternoon was a grand success. South Dallas—Usual week services. Good day yesterday. Work progressing at Church building. East Dallas—The presiding elder was with us yesterday; small congregation at morning service; larger at night. I preached at Fairland last night. Trinity—We had a good day yesterday; one accession; took our collections ordered by conference, which was a success. Presiding elder offered a resolution to have a union alternate love-feast once a month, in our church, which was adopted; next meeting at Trinity second Sunday in next month, 3 o'clock. P. M. Benediction by Bro. Rogers.

East Texas Conference.

Also.
Jno. Hestlin, March 12: The first Quarterly Conference for Alto charge was held by the presiding elder on last Saturday. We had a good time. Bro. Fowler did some fine preaching, and by his kind and genial manners in the Quarterly Conference he won the hearts of all the brethren. Our Board of Stewards showed their pluck and made the assessment for the preacher in charge.

Livingston.

Geo. W. Riley, March 9: Our protracted meeting at Livingston has been somewhat by bad weather, but has been resumed as the weather would permit and continued for a month. Moral sentiment has been awakened and elevated, the Church strengthened and sinners convicted. Will continue over Sunday. May the Holy Spirit work in great power. Those who have worked in Livingston the last few years know how hard it has been to accomplish any good here. Bro. J. P. Childers and son have rendered me valuable help.

Grand Saline.

E. R. Large, March 5: First Quarterly Conference for this circuit is now past. Our presiding elder, T. P. Smith, was on hand in due time to the delight of all. Six appointments out of eight represented. The Board of Stewards assessed for preacher in charge \$425, which they say they mean to pay. We had a good religious time. Bro. Smith

preached Sunday at 11 o'clock on the line of missions and took a collection and got \$15 in cash and subscriptions for missions. The results of this quarter are six received and eleven dismissed by letter, death, withdrawal and expulsion.

Livingston.

Geo. W. Riley, March 9: The good people of Livingston visited the parsonage last Wednesday evening with a most generous offering. Many donations had already found their way in privately from whole-souled individuals; but this time they came in concert of action on their way to Church. We are grateful.

Woodville.

W. G. Davis, March 6: On, I believe, the 9th of November last we had a local option election; carried by 2 votes. Election contested, set aside and another ordered. In accordance with which another election was had on the 3d inst. at three places. Result: Chester 36, Emilee 9, Woodville 6 majority for prohibition. With Spurger we have four local option precincts. The antis say they will contest even to the constitutionality of the law. If the constitution is adverse to it they will be an amendment thereto, or all such elections will be of no avail.

Athens.

J. C. Calhoun, March 10: We are having a fine meeting in Athens. This is our fourth annual meeting during our stay at this place, and I believe it is by far the best. The work is mainly inside of the Church; but if we get our Church right with God we can take the town for Christ. We are having conversions inside of the Church. Bro. A. Little and A. A. Kidd have done excellent work in the meeting, and Bro. Hayes, of Tyler, is still with us doing a great work. Local option was carried at Malakoff to-day by twenty-four majority, but was defeated in Athens by fifty-six majority. We got a good majority of the white vote, but the poor deluded negro voted nearly solid for whisky.

Kilgore Preachers' Meeting.

J. H. McMahon, Secretary, March 10: Services conducted by Prof. Nunn. Prayer by Bro. Par. Prof. Nunn said he had assisted in several services, and held the funeral services of Bro. Dickson. He also said his throat was improving and he was looking forward to the time in the near future when he should be able to return to his loved employ.

J. W. Downs, preacher in charge, said, on account of the inclemency of the weather and ill health, he had not preached but once. Had one accession and raised \$94 at Kilgore Sunday at 1. a. m. on conference collections.

Bro. Pardo preached once; good services. Bro. Cummings preached once. Congregation large and good services. McMahon conducted prayer-meeting since last meeting.

Bro. Pollard was not with us to report his work, having been called home to the bedside of his sick mother.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Mayfield.
J. W. Kelley, March 12: Our first quarterly meeting passed off pleasantly. Bro. Harman made a good impression on preacher and people. Through the efforts of the ladies two rooms have been added to the parsonage, with other much-needed improvements about the premises; also some improvements to the church, which have added much to its appearance. Our congregations are good. We have two real good Sunday-schools, and many things indicate that our work is on the up grade.

Clatera.

Mrs. C. W. Robbins: Have had a very successful protracted meeting in our town. With God all things are possible. He heard our humble prayers for help and sent into our midst one of his best workers and most loved disciples, Bro. Harmon, from Winchester, assisted by our talented, if youthful, junior preacher, Bro. Garrett. The meeting began on Wednesday night, March 28, and closed the following Sunday night. During this time Bro. Harmon delivered six and Bro. Garrett three sermons. Both spoke with great Scripturalness and Holy Ghost power. We received two members into our Church; several others were truly converted, but could not join. A number came to be prayed for, and expressed the desire of a better life. From now on we will have Sabbath-school every Sunday, preaching once a month, in the afternoon of every first Sunday, and choir meeting the Saturday before.

Bastrop.

D. J. O., March 10: With the coming of the new year there seems to have sprung up in the hearts of our people a stronger desire and more earnest hope for usefulness, which gives greater devotion to our Sabbath services as well as enthusiasm to our weekly meetings. We have observed with gratitude not

only a larger attendance, but a more serious and respectful attention to the service and a profounder reverence for God's house. Our communion services are especially delightful. We have a faithful, godly pastor and a zealous, able presiding elder, and expect good results from this year's work. The prayer service is well attended and the Epworth League is struggling bravely to do a good work among the young people. The various societies—Woman's Missionary Aid, the Juvenile Missionary, and the Ladies' Aid—meet regularly, and while they have much work laid off for the year they look forward to it with hopefulness, feeling that it is a good work, and God will help us in fulfilling all plans that will glorify him and help our fellowmen.

Houston.

G. C. Rankin, March 8: Methodism in Houston is in fairly good shape. In Shearn Church, we began a meeting something over two weeks ago, and it is still in progress at this writing. Dr. W. M. Leftwich, of Nashville, has up to date been with me, doing the preaching. On Sunday morning last I received into the Church on profession of faith some fourteen members. I have several candidates for membership next Sunday. The meeting is still going on. Rev. J. L. Massey, of Galveston, is helping me. The meeting has been a great blessing to the Church. The membership has been quietly stimulated in life and character. Many cold members have been reclaimed, and the zeal of many has been quickened. Bro. Green is holding special services at the Tabernacle Church. Bro. Taylor, of Cleburne, is helping him. Bro. D. H. Hotchkiss is starting off well in the mission work of the city. Bro. Hooper has a strong hold on his people, and has a good outlook for a year of fine work. Our church edifice at shearn needs enlarging. Our room is uncomfortably crowded. The building is so constructed that it will be an easy matter to make such addition as will meet the emergency for some years to come.

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TALKS WITH MOTHERS.—No. 3.

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H. G. Williams, sub. M. J. Allen, change. G. A. Marvin, has attention. W. A. Gilliland, sub. T. W. Boynton, sub. S. L. Ball, sub. J. Woodcock, sub. J. M. Sweetser, change for information; will stop the paper. S. N. Allen, sub. stopped. J. M. Arneson, sub. J. H. Rogers, sub. G. S. Wrat, sub. W. J. Harty, sub. Geo. S. Clark, sub. and lots of them. Jno. Heilman, change sub. H. T. Hart, sub. J. B. Elder, sub. J. C. DeWitt, sub. J. H. Trimbly, sub. H. S. Newby, sub. J. G. Putman, sub. L. H. Medice, change. P. H. Hensch, paper stopped. H. B. Fosmire, sub. J. W. S. Smith, sub. K. Kerr, sub. W. J. Sims, sub. S. F. Firtle, sub. J. P. Skinner, sub. J. T. Hildworth, sub. C. M. Stauffer, sub.

MARCH 8.
J. T. Bloodworth, o. k. I. B. Gordon, has attention; 2 cards. S. J. Drake, sub. S. P. Brown, sub. J. T. Smith, correction in name made. J. J. Canaff, sub. J. W. Dickinson, sub. J. P. Mussett, sub. W. A. Coppedge, sub. N. B. Benson, sub. W. A. Allen, sub. G. C. Harty, sub. W. N. Bonner, sub. T. B. Hilliard, sub. J. S. Cash, o. k. A. G. Nelson, sub. J. A. W. Nelson, sub. C. H. Maloy, has attention. T. B. Vinson, o. k. R. W. Harmon, sub. J. M. Clifton, sub. and change. F. A. Edwards, sub. H. P. Strider, sub. C. M. Harniss, sub.

MARCH 9.
H. O. Moore, sub. W. N. Bonner, paper stopped. V. A. Gilliland, o. k. M. K. Fein, sub. M. Calhoun, sub. G. C. Stovall, o. k. Jas. D. Odum, sub. J. B. Gobar, sub. J. Sam. Barcus, sub. E. A. Ed. sub. J. W. Sims, sub. J. J. Perrin, sub. T. K. Clendenen, change in name made. S. H. Morgan, sub. R. M. Chenault, sub.

MARCH 10.
Jno. A. Gardner, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. J. E. Stephens, sub. E. V. Cox, o. k. Sam. R. Hay, sub. A. B. Roberts, sub. A. C. Eason, sub. H. W. Williams, sub. J. E. Harty, sub. D. L. Cain, sub. 2 cards. J. H. Stewart, sub. T. Booth, sub. W. J. Davis, sub. I. J. Coppedge, paper stopped. R. M. Stewart, sub. T. B. Vinson, sub. T. C. DeWitt, sub. W. T. Melugin, sub. R. M. Stewart, sub. C. S. Osawa, sub. J. A. Grant, sub. C. Fryor, sub. E. K. D. Norton, sub. and change.

MARCH 12.
Horace Bishop, sub. J. C. Weaver, paper stopped. Dr. T. H. Hill, sub. Jno. W. Stovall, sub. L. W. Cain, sub. 2 cards. Wm. P. Vepe Fielder, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. J. A. W. Nelson, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. C. E. Lindsey, sub. H. S. Anglin, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. W. S. May, sub. T. J. Backham, sub. T. B. Vinson, sub. C. Ellis, sub. J. A. King, sub. Wm. Hay, sub.

MARCH 13.
W. T. Ayers, sub. A. R. Sellers, sub. Jas. A. Walker, sub. C. E. Mann, sub. W. H. Stephenson, sub. Banks for information. A. E. Carraway, sub. S. W. Miller, sub. C. I. McWhirter, sub. W. B. Hildworth, sub. J. A. W. Nelson, sub. E. C. DeJernett, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. J. C. Mickle, sub. E. M. Sherwood, sub. J. M. Allen, sub. B. Elder, sub. J. M. Hillard, sub. A. S. Whitehurst, sub. Jno. Heilpinstill, sub. T. R. Reno, sub. J. J. Coppedge, sub. 2 cards. Jas. M. Sherman, sub.

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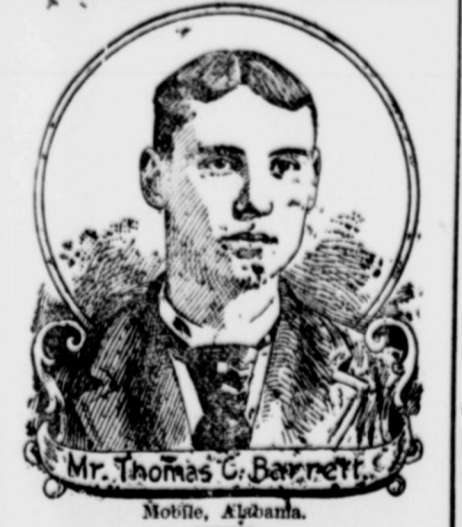
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SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL

A Card From the Board of Managers.

In appreciation of the fact that straitened finances are troubling Church and State so that but few are exempt from their pressure, the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, although authorized by the Woman's Board of Missions last June, have, by unanimous vote, decided not to ask for a general observance of Easter Sunday this year, as has been our custom for several successive years.

This must not be taken as an indication that the school does not stand in need of aid. On the contrary, the financial stringency has lessened its income without reducing its expense; but gratefully recognizing our indebtedness to our Church for phenomenal liberality in the past, and being in touch with her present depleted condition, we wish to relieve burdened societies and Churches from obligation to observe the day in our interest, remembering as we do the great need of our General Board, the claims of our Parsonage and Home Mission Workers, the anxieties of our pastors and those in authority in the Church and the distressing decrease in the collections of our Woman's Missionary Society. In view of their great demands we waive our claim on Easter Sunday, and will not publish Easter programs for distribution, that we may leave the Church and the friends of the school free to follow their individual promptings. Some societies have already made arrangements for completing at that time their lectureship and scholarship funds and hastening the endowment of the Belle Bennett chair, for which they have long been planning.

Our action imposes no restraint whatever on any society or Church that desires or has planned to hold a service. Offerings thus gathered from societies and individuals will be the more highly prized, inasmuch as they will indeed be "free-will offerings."

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL

RICHMOND, KY., Feb. 21, 1894.

My Dear Sisters of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Texas Conference:

Your Corresponding Secretary has granted me the privilege of writing you a personal letter with regard to the Training School and the observance of the Easter service in its interest. Most of you, probably all of you, know how, sixteen years ago, the faithful, praying women of Southern Methodism heard the voice of the great Head of the Church, saying, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door;" "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

You know how the General Conference authorized the organization of our "Woman's Work for Woman," and how it has gone steadily forward, increasing in faith and numbers until, from our midst, even from our very households, loved ones have gone forth to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to those who sit in the darkness of heathen lands, how God's rich blessings have been poured out alike upon those who have gone and those who have labored and prayed to send them. A great spiritual awakening has come to our Church, and to-day she stands equipped for service with such an army of loyal, consecrated women and children as the world has rarely seen. But as these noble women have moved forward in their work, asking for the promise of wisdom to guide, and opening their hearts more and more to that divine light which grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day, they have learned that it is not the Father's will that his children shall be sent out untried and untrained to battle with the powers and principalities of darkness, but that they shall shut upon the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:13-17), and thus be enabled to make known with boldness, the mystery of the gospel. To this end, as you also know, we began, four years ago, to build and equip our Scarritt Bible and Training School; located through the generous gift of Dr. Nathan Scarritt, in Kansas City, Missouri. In this institution, the women of any denomination desiring to qualify themselves for the best service in the Master's vineyard, either at home or abroad, in the mission stations of foreign lands, Sunday-schools, kindergartens, or the wretched tenement houses and city slums of our own land, can, under good and wise instructions, obtain a broad and intelligent knowledge of God's work—an increase in faith, and make themselves familiar with the great need, with all departments of home and foreign mission work—receive a good course of training in elementary medicine and hospital nursing, and last, but not least, by work among the sick and afflicted, the poor and the outcasts of Kansas City, test their own ability and fitness for entering into this work in foreign or in home lands. My sisters, are there not some among you, in your society, your Church, or your neighborhood, whose hearts go out with such a longing to be true and faithful co-laborers with Christ that they will enter the training school at once and qualify themselves for the best service with him? If you desire further information on this point, the principal, Miss Maria L. Gibson, of Kansas City, will gladly give it to you. The expense is not heavy, and to make it lighter, to put the opportunity within the reach of all our women, we are striving, by God's help, to build up a good endowment fund. For three years we have asked the Church to keep the Easter Sunday as a

day of special prayer and offerings for the Training School. Her response has been generous; but this year, because of the great financial stringency and the large falling off in the Church collections, we have thought best not to ask for a formal observance of the day; but to call upon our missionary women and all those who love the cause to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and with grateful, loving hearts present to him a "free-will offering." My sisters of the Missionary Society, this Training School is your work, your institution, the result of your prayers and your labors. It remains for you to make it a perpetual memorial of the Lord's goodness and mercy to his children. Will you not use this opportunity? Freely we have received, freely let us give. He gave himself for us, and shall we withhold our gifts from him and from his cause? Not if we would have the blessing poured out upon us according to the promise so that there shall not be room to contain it. To-day in the midst of all this financial depression the world is spending thousands, yes, millions, of dollars in worldly pleasures and the indulgence of selfish desires. Neither the saloon nor the theater closes its door. Great pugilistic shows and wickedness in all its grosser forms draw their support alike from the rich and the poor and revel in abundance of wealth. Shall our economies begin at the house of the Lord? Surely we who have named the name of Christ, will not, can not, draw back or refuse to give that which is his. We have prepared no literature for the Easter service; but I beg you to let me urge that, if your pastor does not object, you prepare your children for a special meeting, and in your own society and Church, if possible, hold a praise and prayer service, give information with regard to the school and gather the "free will offerings" from all who will make them. Your sister and co-laborer, BELLE H. BENNETT, Agent and Treasurer Scarritt Bible and Training School.

EASTER SUNDAY—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

We trust every member of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference is looking forward to Easter Sunday with unusual interest, and that arrangements are already being made which will insure the largest gain to our missionary cause.

We understand that the Woman's Board, in consequence of the financial depression of the country, has decided not to send out Easter programs, or require collections to be taken on that day. It is thought best, however, that our Conference Society, in view of the effort now being made to raise funds to endow a scholarship in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, observe Easter again this year in a manner similar to that of the past two years. Miss M. L. Gibson, principal of this worthy school, which has for its object the training of women for both foreign and home mission work, says: "An increase of endowment is necessary. Well endowed, the possibilities before this school are measureless; without adequate endowment its progress will be impeded, its usefulness lessened; it can not realize the object for which it was created." These are weighty words from an intelligent, far-seeing woman. May we realize their full import, and with a purpose that knows no defeat enter anew upon the work in hand.

Of the \$2500 which constitute a scholarship in the Training School, nearly \$1700 have been raised, the larger portion of which is drawing 10 per cent interest. We desire very much that the balance be raised this fiscal year. Would it not rejoice the heart of every Methodist in North Texas to see this accomplished? Then let all rally to our help.

Our brethren in the ministry have been kind and helpful in the past; may we not hope to have their aid at this time, also? If not by their offerings, by their co-operation, especially on Easter Sunday.

May the many Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues of North Texas Conference kindly remember us by a remittance to our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Cockrell, Terrell, Texas.

There are so many sources from whence we might expect help, if our cause was rightly understood and appreciated. May God help us all do our duty. We know that the times are hard and the future outlook to many is dark and cheerless, but not the majority in this God-favored land blessed with plenty of wholesome food and comfortable clothing? Then we in the North Texas Conference owe a debt of gratitude to God. Let us go forward and prove ourselves by our Easter offerings.

MRS. ABBIE ALLEN, Pres. N. T. Conference Missionary Society, ROCK HILL, TEXAS.

To the Auxiliaries of the W. M. S. of Dallas District, North Texas Conference: DEAR SISTERS: Our Woman's Board have published no programs for Easter Sunday as heretofore, so I hope each auxiliary will make some special effort to raise some money for our scholarship fund during the ensuing quarter. Our scholarship ought to be completed this conference year, and if we will all make an extra effort we can accomplish it. We ought to be up and doing. Let us awake from our long sleep. We are, comparatively speaking, doing nothing for the missions that ought to weigh heavily upon our hearts. What does the pitiful little sum of our dues amount to for one year when compared to the enormity of the work that is to be done in foreign fields? Oh, my sisters, how prone we are to want to keep our money at home! We will give entertainments and suppers and work in order to get funds to build and improve with at home in our own loved Church, but when it comes to working to send the money away to

the heathen in distant lands we are so often found counting it out grudgingly. May God help us to shut out of our hearts and let Christ in, and as his still, small voice whispers peace to our tempest tossed souls, we will hear the echo, "Go ye into all the world." The voice of the heathen will reach our ears and we will be ready to do whatever the blessed Master would have us do.

Dear sisters, let's put our shoulders to the wheel, and may this be the best year our Woman's Missionary Society has ever known in this district.

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN, Sec. W. M. S., Dallas District, PLANO, TEXAS.

AN APPEAL

To the Parsonage and Home Mission Workers of Texas:

I place before you the following letter containing a call for help, to which I hope each auxiliary will readily respond with at least a few dollars. We as a conference society of the Northwest Texas Conference have not yet reached the end of our first quarter, consequently have no money in the treasury, as we have received no reports from the auxiliaries which we have organized. The auxiliaries in Fort Worth have already responded to two or three such calls on our Conference Society.

This letter is only one of many such received. It is to be hoped that this urgent appeal will so touch the hearts of the Parsonage and Home Mission Workers as to receive prompt and liberal response. MRS. J. W. A., Vice-President Conference Society.

Mrs. J. W. Addison, Vice-President Conference Society, N. W. T. C.

DEAR SISTER—As this is the week of prayer, and special effort is being made to help the needy, I write you, hoping through your influence we may receive help. We have a lot on which is a parsonage, consisting of two unheated rooms, at least four square. It is very uncomfortable to live in an open house, especially in this country, where the wind is so constant and penetrating. Our floors are bare and the furniture (second-hand) is ancient and a reflection on Methodism. Remember this is the place which has suffered with a flood first, then a cyclone and a drouth. We are trying to help ourselves, and many who respond to the calls of the Church are denying themselves the necessities of life. My husband (R. A. Ellis) is the pastor. He has ten appointments, and at each has tried to raise money to finish these rooms, but has failed to even get subscriptions to buy the material. We are trying to get the ladies organized into societies, but can't succeed until spring, as but few have conveyances, and it is impossible for them to walk. I hope you will consider our great need and lend a helping hand to this needy place in aiding them to get a house comfortable for their minister and family, that he may with more freedom give his time and influence to advance the cause of Christ. My heart is with you in your noble work. May God's richest blessings be with you and yours. Truly, MRS. R. A. ELLIS, ALTON, OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

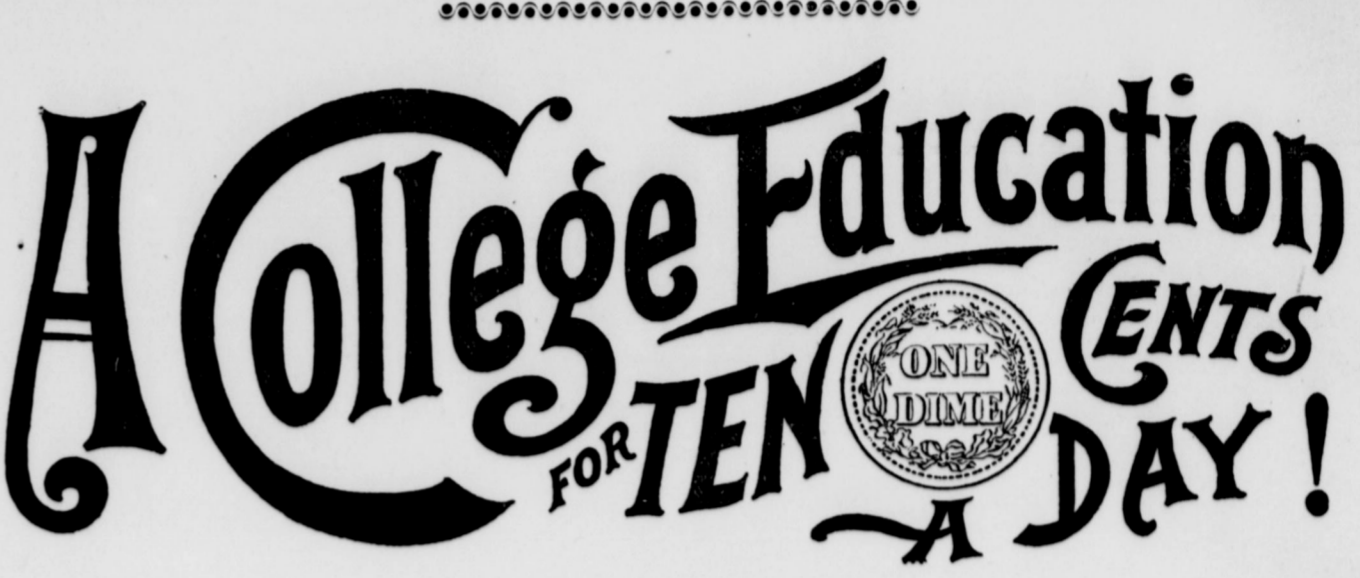
Church Notices.

Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June) and days of the week, listing church services and events.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

Table listing church districts and their respective members, including Georgetown, Fort Worth, Gatsville, Brownwood, Waxahachie, and Abilene.

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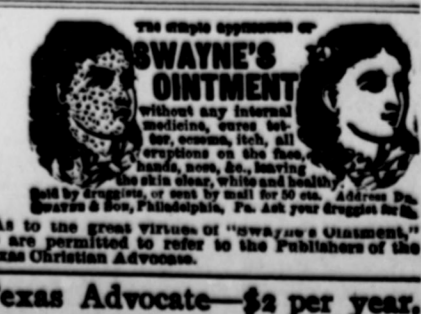
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(From the Philadelphia Times)

Many survivors of our late war left the ranks maimed and with broken constitutions. In instance in point, is Lewis D. Blundin, a resident of Humbleville, Bucks County, Pa. In relating his experiences and what he had suffered in consequence of the hardships he had encountered, Mr. Blundin said:

"I was born at Bridgewater, Penna., in 1841, and went through the war as private, sergeant and hospital steward in Company C, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers. My service was active and while in Georgia I had an attack of typhoid fever, which left me weak and a ready victim for future disease. My kidneys were then affected and this finally developed into spinal trouble which lasted through my army service. In 1866 I was mustered out with an honorable discharge and entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia as a student. I graduated two years later with a diploma but did not practice. At that time I was living in Manayunk. One day, after I had graduated, I was lying on a sofa at my home in Manayunk, when I felt a cold sensation in my lower limbs though the blood had suddenly left them. When I tried to move them I was horrified at the discovery that I was paralyzed from my hips to my toes. The paralysis was complete, and a pin or a pinch of the flesh caused no pain. I could not move a muscle. I called in Dr. William C. Todd, of Philadelphia. He made a careful and exhaustive examination of my case, sounding and testing, and finally announced that my trouble was caused by inflammation of the spinal cord, and that I would likely have another stroke of paralysis. I consulted Dr. L. W. Gross and Dr. Pancost, of Jefferson College, Philadelphia, with the same result. I called in Dr. Morehouse, of Philadelphia, who said that no amount of medicine would ever prove of the slightest benefit to me.

"One day last September I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I sent for some. I had always been troubled with a sort of vertigo after my first stroke of paralysis to such an extent that when I got out of my bed my head would swim and I had difficulty in saving myself from falling. My appetite was bad, digestive organs ruined and no assimilation of food. In addition to my many other ailments, rheumatism held a prominent place. By the time I had finished the first box of Pink Pills I was comparatively free from these minor troubles. Relief followed upon relief with astonishing rapidity. First one ailment would disappear; then another until the pills got to work upon the foundation-stones of my trouble—paralysis. Before I had taken the six boxes of pills, I was sitting in my chair one afternoon when I felt an unusual sensation in my left foot. Upon investigation I found it had flexed, or, in other words, become movable, and I could move it. From that time on my improvement was steady and it was not long before I was walking around in my room with little or no discomfort. It was three years before taking the Pink pills that I had been able to use the crutches at any time. My health is daily improving and I feel sure that Pink Pills have done me more good than all the doctors and all the medicines in the country and as they are not costly I can easily afford the treatment."

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MARRIAGES.

TURNER-NAYLOR.—Sunday, February 25, 1894, at the residence of Mr. S. F. Naylor, the bride's father, Mr. James A. Turner and Miss Maud Naylor, both of Denton County, Texas, Rev. C. C. Davis officiating.

SMITH-BICE.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Bice, in Milton County, Texas, February 25, 1894, Mr. J. H. Smith and Mrs. Ethel C. Bice, Rev. J. F. Cummings officiating.

PHILLIPS-FRIEND.—At Jimmed Church, on the evening of December 24, 1893, Mr. Haden Phillips and Miss Annie L. Friend, Rev. T. H. Davis (L. D.) officiating.

POLK-AINSWORTH.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Kosse, Texas, on March 1, 1894, Mr. R. C. L. Polk and Miss Maud G. Ainsworth, Rev. J. C. Mickie officiating.

WOFFORD-CARPENTER.—At the residence of the bride's father, five miles west of Corsicana, Texas, at 4 o'clock p. m., March 4, 1894, Mr. W. H. Wofford, of Athens, Texas, and Miss Sallie Carpenter, Rev. J. C. Calhoun officiating.

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REV. HUGH GRIFFING.

Rev. Hugh Griffing was born February 22, 1807, died December 3, 1893. He was born in Mississippi, but his parents moved to Texas when he was very small. He was baptized in infancy; reared in the Church; professed faith in Christ when very young; lived a devoted life; commenced when very young to seek an education, and through many hardships and difficulties, he obtained sufficiently to make him a successful school teacher, but the Lord had a greater work than this for him to do. In 1891 he proffered a call to preach the gospel. He at once responded; was heartily recommended by the Church at Fairview of which Bro. M. B. Johnson was pastor; was examined at the Quarterly Conference at Prairie Hill by Bro. G. S. Wyatt; was granted license to preach. He was strong in faith; full of zeal. It looked like his greatest usefulness was all in the future, but he died a promising young man, but he that maketh no mistakes, but doeth all things well, saw different. Bro. Hugh is gone, but not forgotten. He leaves a young widow, father and mother, five brothers and four sisters and many relatives and a host of friends to watch and wait for the summons to come up and meet Bro. Hugh where parting will be no more. We can't help weeping some, but not like those who have no hope. We heartily say thy will be done.

T. H. DAVIS, L. D.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Margie E. Crawford, born December 13, 1870; died November 10, 1893. My acquaintance with the subject of this sketch began some years ago when I stopped at the comfortable and hospitable home of her father. Her life at her father's home was happy and beautiful. After her school days at Columbus, Tenn., were ended she was happily married to Robert T. Crawford. Soon after their marriage the dread disease, consumption, began to develop. It must be a great satisfaction to all who have been bereaved by her death to remember that no office of joy, which might mitigate her pain, divert her mind or restore her to health, was omitted. The service of the best physicians, the dry, bracing air of West Texas and the higher altitude of Colorado were sought in hope of relief, but all in vain; the disease, with awful recalculation, held on its course. It was to me a wonder of grace to witness the patience and resignation of the beautiful and gentle sufferer. Knowing that each day she was certainly nearing the time of leaving this earthly life, and her loving husband, and with everything before her to make her stay here desirable, she loosened her hold on earthly things, and fixing her eye on the things that are above, she plumed her wings for the upward flight and left us with words of hope and love upon her lips. "I thank thee, O God, who has made me as I am, and I thank thee for all that thou hast done for me." "That God will take me in his arms like a mother takes a sick, tired baby." On the day of her death the writer spent some hours in the chamber. We read to her the sweet words of inspiration. Many of the sweet songs of Zion were recited for her comfort and ever and anon some passage or sentiment of peculiar beauty fell upon the ears so soon to be deaf to things of this world, she would say, "so sweet," "so true," "so beautiful!" We spoke to her of heaven as a city. She said: "Heaven does not seem to me like a city, but I seem to see a beautiful, clear stream, and on either side there are green palm trees, and beneath the trees a happy, bright company, and I'll soon join them. And so it was, for on the morning of November 10, 1893, at 2 a. m., ere she had closed her eyes, she was in the glory of the heavenly land, and she was surrounded by a bright company of angels and holding converse with the sainted Father! May God bless the aged mother, the kind sisters, the devoted husband, and the bright little girl. We shall think of her and of them often through life; we shall not forget the sacred charge. At last we meet by the side of the river of life and rest under the shade of the trees.

CHARLES S. FIELD.

HENDERSON.—Sister Lizzie Henderson (nee McReynolds) was born in Denton County, Texas, April 9, 1867, and connected in early girlhood with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was married to Jas. Henderson in 1887; and died at Sanger, Texas, November 28, 1893. Sister Henderson was one of the best and kindest of women; she was patient in every condition of life—forgiving toward every one. No body heard an unkind criticism of anybody escape her lips. As a neighbor, she was beloved by all, and was kind and obliging to every one. Such a woman as she was is a blessing to any community. As a wife, she was indeed the helpmeet of her husband, and she entered into all the duties and interests of her husband's life with a helpful sympathy. As a mother, there was no more loving, gentle, self-sacrificing for her children than she. As a daughter, having lost her mother at an early age, she was indeed the light of her father's household; her filial affection and sisterly regard for brothers and sister could not have been surpassed. In truth, her character was a beautiful and a fragrant blossom, shedding its delights on all with whom she came in contact. Gentleness was a marked trait of her daily life. The law of kindness was in her heart, voiced itself in her words and shone out of her eyes. May God enable the husband to train up the sweet little girl and boy she left to meet her in heaven. JOHN W. MURPHY.

ROBB.—On the morning of the 2d of February, 1894, at 3:30 o'clock, Mrs. E. Robb peacefully passed away from the fulfilment of life to the quiet and undisturbed repose of the tomb. Mrs. Robb was born on the 12th day of August, 1826, at Fountain Head, Tenn., where she resided until 1857. From thence she moved with her family to Corsicana, Texas; thence in 1857 to Fayetteville; thence in 1859 to Hallettville, and in 1859 to this county, which has been her residence ever since. She was married to Col. S. T. Robb on the 31st day of December, 1848. She joined the Methodist Church before she was married and was a member of same until she was called away. Sympathy is hereby extended to her husband and two sons who remain, together with the sincere wish that they may so order their lives that they may meet beyond the blue. W. A. GODFREY.

WILEY.—HART.—HENDERSON.—We have lost by death three of our oldest and most valued friends. Bro. W. W. Wiley (Lockhart) Church, Bro. J. G. Wiley was a good and true man and a model Christian. His house was the home of the preacher; he was the friend of the poor; he loved his Church; he was ready in every good word and work; he lived well, and when death came he was ready. So he only bade farewell to the loved ones here to go and meet the loved ones gone before. He suffered much, but it is all over now and he is in heaven. The next to go was Sister Anna Hart. She, too, was a true Christian and a kind mother, wife and neighbor. She was faithful and true in every duty of life. Those who knew her best loved her most—gentle and kind, full of faith and good works. She suffered much, but bore it patiently. She said to her children and friends frequently, "I am going to the Lord, and she would soon be at home, and exhorted them to meet her in heaven. So she left the earth to go and live in heaven with the pure and the good. The next was Sister Susan E. Henderson, wife of Samuel Henderson. She was confined to her bed for two months, and her suffering was great, but with patience and fortitude she bore it all and was happy. Frequently during her sickness she would praise the Lord. She prayed to be submissive to the will of God, and gained victory, so she could say the will of God was her will, and she was not only willing to do, but suffer the will of God. She started when eleven years of age to build a Christian character. So, with faith and trust in Jesus, she raised a monument to her memory by her Christian life. She was a faithful mother to her husband, children and friends, and her husband, children and friends to her husband, children and friends to the heaven where she has gone. Her labor is over and she is at rest. May the lives of those good Christian people lead their loved ones all to the cross and to heaven. J. A. BRIGGS.

PROCTER.—Robert D. Procter was born in Gallatin County, Ill., January 3, 1809, and departed this life at the home of his parents, in Montague County, Texas, January 14, 1894. Robert was the only son of his devoted parents, the only brother of his loving sisters. Words are inadequate to express the tenderness of such relations. He was a devoted son and a noble, affectionate brother; being twenty-five years old he still lived with the family of his father, and he was a faithful servant to his mother, and a faithful friend to his brothers and sisters. He was a man of God while in health; but as he lingered long in his last illness was enabled to discover his folly, and to heartily repent of his sins; so that he could ere his leaving assure his heart-broken parents of the great and merciful long-suffering mercy of God had found favor and the pardon of his sins. Calling for his comrades, to whom he was greatly devoted, he warned them not to put off their return to God as he had done, stating that he came in the hands of the Lord, and that he was going into hell, and had suffered unexpressed pangs of regret for past neglect.

Talking and trying to sing and pray at times, he passed his last hours in the spirit indicated by the foregoing facts, and on the above date fell on sleep. To the surviving parents, it is heartily wished, "Look up through the tears which will come, and see that the cloud is lifted, the light of an endless day bursts through, and a happy reunion is not far distant!" And, oh! "how sweet it will be in that beautiful world beyond," to meet and love and live forever. J. D. SCOTT.

MITCHEM.—W. F. Mitchem is no more among the walks of men. He left us and went to his reward in the skies on the 24th of January, 1894, being about sixty-nine years of age. He was twice married; first to Miss Mary Ann Jackson, to which union was born nine children—four boys and five girls—of which two boys and one girl survive him—George Mitchem, of Erath County; Sister Ward, of Jones County; and John Mitchem, a prominent citizen and Methodist of Malakoff, Texas. He was married the second time to Miss Margie Jackson, and to them were born two boys, who, with their mother, still live. "Uncle Fletcher," as we all called him, was converted in early manhood and joined the Methodist Church in Sumner County, Texas. To-day that lady would be to say that he was not human; as he said to me one day with tears in his eyes: "I am a weak old man. I have my failures. I am conscious of that, but the grace of God sustains me, and I am a happy neighbor. His house was the home of the preachers. I don't think I ever enjoyed more courteous and liberal hospitality in any home than his. His death did not come unexpectedly. For months he had been in bed, and he was waiting and waiting for the message. Finally he passed calmly over the river suddenly from heart failure. We shall miss him. Many hearts were made sad by the sad news of his demise. J. C. CALHOUN.

PATTEN.—Mr. James T. Patten, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Patten, and only brother of Miss Emma Patten (now Mrs. Cogdale), was born in Claiborne Parish, La. in 1866, and died at the sister's, in Mineral Wells, Texas, February 1, 1894. He was left an orphan when only eight years old, and consequently he had neither religious nor educational advantages. The writer visited him often in his last illness, and in a prudent way tried to direct his mind to the Savior. The day before he died he sent for me to pray for him. We sang and prayed with him and he prayed very earnestly, and expressed some hope. Sunday (the day he died) he sent again for me. I found him much better satisfied in reference to the future, but much weaker. The doctor was called in to see him, and when he came he told him that his end was near, and asked him if he was ready, and he said he thought he would be saved. He then asked us to sing, "How firm a foundation" to the old tune, and pray again with him, which we did, and while we were kneeling by his bedside in prayer he fell asleep, we trust in Jesus. J. J. DAVIS.

HUDSPETH.—Mrs. Mary Hudspeth was born May 15, 1838; died January 27, 1894, in Brazos County, Texas. She was a devoted wife and mother, a true and true Christian, and member of the M. E. Church, South. She was the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Graves, an able and distinguished Methodist preacher who was lost on the Nautilus in 1856. Ministers of the gospel always met a cordial welcome and found a comfortable home at her house. The whole community was made sad by her death. Her husband, one of our most thrifty and highly esteemed farmers, one son and several step-children and step-grandchildren live the most modestly, but have good hope that all is well with her, and grant them all grace so to live that when this life ends they may enter into rest with her, where death can never come. W. S. SOUTH.

CALVERT.—George Calvert was born in England March 27, 1828; came to America and settled in Waxahatchee, Texas, in 1852; converted and joined the Church in 1855; moved to Texas in 1859; came to Leeville January, 1863, where he died January 11, 1894, aged sixty-six years, nine months and sixteen days, beloved by all who knew him, as was manifested by the large concourse of weeping friends that attended the funeral. Bro. Calvert was one of God's noblemen. True to his Maker, his Church, family and friends; true in all his relations to life; a leader and an exhorter in the Church; a worker in the Sabbath-school, as was shown by the school in the passage of preamble and resolutions—a beautiful tribute to his memory. How we miss him! He was the preachers' friend; a safe counselor and a willing worker. But his work on earth is done. He is gone to his reward on high, leaving behind his faithful and loving wife with six affectionate children, with several grand-children, to mourn their loss. Weep not, loved ones, but follow him as he followed Christ and he will be at the beautiful gate waiting and watching for you. JAS. A. KING.

FOUST.—Sister Mollie C. Foust, daughter of John and S. E. Winfield, was born June 22, 1864, and departed this life December 5, 1893. She was married to Mr. J. N. Foust November 24, 1881. Their union was blessed with five children. Eight hours after the birth of the fifth child the death angel came for her. The little babe lived four weeks, and the Lord took it to be with its mother. Sister Foust was born in Arkansas; moved to Texas with her parents in her thirteenth year. She joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of sixteen, but was not soundly converted until 1890. From that time until death her daily conversation and prayer had been for the Church and for the advancement of the cause of our Redeemer. Her heart was in the mission work. She prayed much for the missionaries. She was a good sufferer for a long time, but never murmured. She was resigned to God's will. She leaves husband and four children to mourn their loss; but their loss is a eternal gain. E. E. WILSON.

PATTERSON.—The mortal remains of Mrs. E. Patterson (nee Sarah J. Frady) were committed to their last resting-place in God's Acre, at Hillsboro, Texas, January 28, 1894. Deceased was an orphan girl, and adopted by Bro. and Sister J. T. Hudson, to whom she was as their own child, loving and beloved. She was married to Bro. E. Patterson, and two children were born to them; but each has crossed over the river, and is waiting to greet mother at the beautiful gate. At the early age of twelve she gave her heart to God and joined the Methodist Church, and though a quiet, modest girl, yet she was the lowly Nazarene, yet her life was devoted to her Master. She was twenty-three years, six months and twenty-two days old, when January 27th, her spirit sought its heavenly home. A life devoted to God is full of sweetest assurance of a glorious reward in the land of the living. We shall see her again. May God bless and comfort the bereaved husband and sorrowing friends. M. S. HOTCHKISS.

HARRIS.—Jesse Leroy, infant son of Marshal and E. M. Harris and grandson of Rev. W. L. Harris of the North-Texas Conference was born August 1, 1883, at Cataline, Hemphill County, Texas, and departed this life October 25, 1893, at Waldon, Chickasaw Nation, I. T. Leroy was a sweet, smiling little child that we all loved as soon as we saw him, but he was only permitted to live on earth for ten days, and he was twice around him, and then God took him to bloom in heaven. Little did father think when he told mother and babe good-bye for a short visit with relatives in the Territory that it would be the last time he would see his sweet child on earth, but Jesus said, "I will bring the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He was only sick about twenty-four hours. His disease was congestion of the liver. We can not call him back to us, but thank God, he has gone to his Father's mother. Let us bow humbly to God's divine will, and say by God's grace we will meet our loved one where we will part no more. A. M. LISK.

PICKET.—Dr. Charles Pickett was born in Chester District, South Carolina, February 27, 1823; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in Sumner County, Ga., in 1842. He graduated in medicine in 1846, and practiced medicine for forty years; was married to Miss Charity P. Norton, daughter of the Rev. John H. Norton, in Harbour County, Ala., in 1851; moved to Texas in 1852, and died in Burleson County, Texas, February 3, 1894. We thus briefly give the record of a faithful Christian life. For several years prior to his death his mind had suffered detriment from bodily affliction, but for an hour just previous to his departure for the other shore the clouds drifted away from the brain, and he rejoiced greatly, quoting numerous passages on the resurrection, and praising God for the hope thereof, and then with a song of triumph on his lips he left his dying testimony to the power of God in the salvation of his soul, and the cross to join the blood-washed throng. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. F. Dabney, and one son, Dr. James Pickett, to mourn his loss. A. P. TAYLOR.

HOWARD.—Barton Curtis, eldest child of J. B. and Mrs. M. Howard, of DeSoto, Texas, was born January 27, 1857; died November 9, 1893. His sickness was of short duration and death unexpected. How hard it was to give him up! But he is not, for God has taken him. May grace and mercy rest upon the parents and other children. B. A. THOMASSON.

WHEATLAND, TEXAS.

DEARMON.—Amanda Haywood was born in Griffin County, Ga., July 26, 1832. She moved to Alabama with her parents in 1843, and in 1850 was married to J. C. DeArmon. In 1856 they moved to Texas and stopped in Navarro County, and two years later came to Hamilton County, where they bought a pleasant little home. Sister DeArmon had an attack of la grippe with which she struggled for several weeks. A relapse brought on pleurisy which was too much for her already weakened frame, and on February 1, 1891, she heard the call and passed quietly out. On February 2 we laid her remains away in the Howard Cemetery, at Hamilton, to await the next call. For many years she was an earnest seeker of salvation, and in 1867 professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South. She was never demonstrative, but always lived a consistent Christian life. Weeping children and husband will sorrow not as those who have no hope. We expect to meet her in that glorified state. W. B. MCKEOWN, Pastor.

SMITH.—Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Charles A. Smith, M. D., and Mrs. Elizabeth Bonner Smith, was born January 19, 1894, and died February 8, 1894. She was a beautiful little child. Her stay was of but short duration—only twenty days. Parents and friends did all they could to protract life, but she is not, "for the Lord took her to himself." A little three-year-old cousin said: "Her soul is in heaven, but her body lies in the ground." After the usual religious services she was laid away in Tyler cemetery, near the grave of her grandpa, Judge M. H. Bonner, who preceded her to the better land November 28, 1883. She was dedicated to God in holy baptism by her great-grandpa, who conducted the funeral services in the presence of a goodly number of relatives and friends. She was my thirty-ninth living great-grandchild. W. N. BONNER.

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