TO PREACHERS, \$1.00.

lation be known to all men. We read

that the Lord "opened his mouth" when he would teach the multitude.

But a great many preachers fail to do

this. They speak through their teeth,

or with flabby, inert lips that do not form the words distinctly, and then

wonder that the people do not take in what they have roared out with

wholly unnecessary and altogether

deafening noise.
It is true of too many ministers

that what singers value they resign. No person has more eccasion to pay

strict attention, in a common-sense,

every-day sort of way, to voice culti-

vation than the preacher. Regular reading aloud is good practice to give

thexibility and vigor to the vocal chords. Habitual deep breathing, by which the chest is expanded and every square inch of the lung surface

aerated, is invaluable to the public

speaker. One who wishes to build up an adequate and efficient voice

should pay close attention to it in

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Editorial. LETTER FROM THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday night the representatives of the ADVOCATE boarded the Texas and Pacific for Texarkana, the seat of the East Texas Conference.

The splendid train, drawn by a magnificent engine, rolled into Texarkana on time. We had a swift and smooth run, without accident or mishap. The conference opened promptly at 9 o'clock, Bishop J. C. Keener in the thair. The Bishop's introductory prayer lifted all our hearts into a sweet, devotional atmosphere and prepared the members of the conference for the difficult and delicate duties imposed upon them. The prelimipary business was done with extraorordinary dispatch, and the regular conference work was turned out from day to day with unprecedented expedition. To be delivered f om a vexatious, fussy session is a great deliverance. We were spared this evil in Texarkana. The preachers were in good health, well dressed, and uniformly cheerful. It was a means of upon an Annual Conference is a upon an Annual Conference is a great privilege. Texarkana handled the conference finely, and the brethren were greatly pleased with the elegant hospitality accorded them.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

M. I. Brown, P. R. White, R. J. Birdwell, J. T. McClure, J. L. Williams, W. M. Zimmerman, W. T. Burch, S. E. Wilson, H. L. Hare. the elegant hospitality accorded them. It was a very enjoyable time. Texarkana was a courteous and bountiful host. The publisher and the edi-Mr. J. W. Harris. We can never F. Pace, C.-A. Tower. forget the thoughtful and lavish kindness bestowed upon us by this gentleman and his noble wife. Never, in all our wanderings, have we receiv- Wagnon, S. S. Holloday, W. T. ed better entertainment. We count such association and fare a special faand religious inspiration upon their Ellis Smith, J. T. Kirkpatrick, S. M. hearts, and we predict for the East Texas Conference a year of enlargement and prosperity. The East Texas Conference will take care of this portion of the State and will do its providential work with unsurpassed fidelity and efficiency. Rev. J. W. Johnson, both willing and able to take the very best care of the conference. There were several breezy occasions during the conference, and it was a elected elders? None. matter of profound regret that several brethren were compelled to locate because they had rendered themselves unacceptable to the Church. The East Texas Conference has perhaps a larger amount of poor and thinly settled territory than any other conference in the State. The Conference Board of Missions is heavily taxed to meet these demands, but is earnestly and industriously striving to do so. - Bishop Keener bore the strain of conference work finely. He made a grand speech to the class for admission into full connection and preached a capital and edifying sermon on Sunday morning. His occasional addresses, suggested by conference incidents, were always wise and charming and always sufficiently pungent to meet all demands. The appointments were read out Sunday night. Some of the brethren were a little disposed

he did not know anything more re-

ligious than announcing appoint-

ments on that day and receiving ap-

pointments on that day, especially if

they were hard ones. In a good

humored way he overcame the scru-

ples of such as were disposed to mur-

mur; and on Sunday night, after an

able sermon by Rev. H. M. DuBose, he

made known the contents of his port-

folio. A vast, expectant throng had

assembled to hear the result, and on

early trains for their respective homes.

They came up from the toils and per-

plexities of the previous year to re-

port, confer and to strengthen each

orated and refreshed, and with a new

field of labor providentially assigned,

they go forth to the labors and em-

barrassments of another year strong

the conference, and we devoutly trust that the incoming year will be the greatest and happiest in the history

Number of charges, 92; number of parsonages, 71; value, \$41,380.

Ques. 38. What is the number and greatest and happiest in the history of this body. Texarkana is a splendid town, growing every day, and it seems to us that it is bound to become one of the leading, if not the leading, cities of East Texas. We noted many improvements since our for publishing minutes, \$139.40; for last visit, and feel confident that this other objects, \$6637.55.

progressive development will not Ques. 40. Where shall the next se progressive development will not the State, a railroad center, and these facts, combined with other considera- stationed this year? See appointtions which we may not detail, will ments. make it one of the most prosperous places in the State.

After five weeks of wandering we are at home again, thankful to our friends for many courtesies and favors, and deeply grateful to God for his ever-watchful and unceasing providential care.

THE MINUTE BUSINESS.

Minutes of the East Texas Annual Con-Held at Texarkana, Texas, Beginning December 18, 1895, Ending December dent; A. J. Frick, Secretary,

grace to associate with so many strong and happy men. Attendance w. F. Hardy, Gus. Garrison.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? I. C. Williams, J. R. Ritchie.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into

Ques. 5. Who are re-admitted? Ques. 6. Who are received by trans-

Ayers. Ques. 7. Who are deacons vor of Providence, and are grateful accordingly. The brethren will leave Texarkana with a delightful social

> Thompson.
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> Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? D. L. Cain, H. B. Smith, A. Methvin, W. F. Davis. Ques. 9. What traveling preachers H. B. Smith, A. Methvin, W. F. Davis.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are our pastor at Texarkana, endeared elected deacons? C. T. Cummings, the prophet was full of the tornado stitution must rejoice to know that Troupe and Overton-S. M. Allen. John A. Harvey, J. J. Rape, J. M. of the great sea. He preached as the building fund has been so greatly New York-A. A. Kidd.

> are elected elders? Ellis Smith Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Ellis Smith.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? J. W. Lively, W. R. Manning, J. N. Warren. Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. B. Hall, John Helpinstill.

Ques, 18. Who are superannuated? W. N. Bonner, M. Donegan, R. S. Finley, R. W. Thompson, J. A. Smith, A. D. Parks, R. H. Kimball. Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None. Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official ad-

ministration? Yes. Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 208; members, 32,806,

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 679. Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1078. Ques. 24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues?

Ques. 25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1074. to demur to this. The Bishop told Ques. 26. What is the number of them that he thought that the Lord Sunday-schools? 228. sent out the twelve and the seventy Ques. 27. What is the number

on Sunday, that he ascended and gave Sunday-school teachers? 1518, Ques. 28. What is the number of the great commission on Sunday, that Sunday-school scholars? 12,886,

Ques. 29. What amount is neces sary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2100 00,

Ques. 30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1713 00. Ques. 31. What has been contrib-

domestic, \$2114.25. Ques. 32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$1074.80. Ques. 33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$117.95. Ques. 34. What has been contrib-Monday morning the brethren took the uted for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$5798.15; preachers in

charge, \$37,431.00. Ques. 35. What has been contribother's hands in God, and now inviguted for the support of Bishops?

Ques. 36. What is the number of societies, and the number and es-timated value of church edifices?

value of district parsonages? Number district parsonages, 4; value \$3800. Ques. 39. What are the educational

satistics? Money collected for Alex-ander Collegiate Institutute, \$403.52; for Southwestern University, \$403.52: for Paine and Lane Institutes \$176.10;

cease. It is one of the gateways of shall. Ques. 41. Where are the preachers

PASSAGES FROM THE BISHOP'S SERMON.

The Bishop preached from the book of Jonah. We append some of the striking passages.

Speaking of the throwing of Jonah overboard, he said: "They cast raised on the strong arms of the limest moments in the history of the deep. It has been the scene of many And he did it. No wonder that this was a type of Christ's descent into Texas must do better. the grave."

Speaking of the preservation of Jonah: "But God had prepared a ful host. The publisher and the edition full connection? D. L. Cain, H. B. where many Armadas have gone independent lines. The East Texas Reckville—J. R. Hughes. tor were domiciled in the family of Smith, A. Methvin, W. F. Davis, I. down, many huge navies, costly Conference has fully made up its mind full recognition. of the dead: "The earth with her itinerancy. bars was about me forever, yet hast ruption, O Lord, my God."

Noting the effect of Jonah's preach-Ezekiel, nor St. Peter, nor St. Paul, nor John the Baptist has ever so prevailed by the power of speech the King to the beggar. They went down in repentings and prayer. No thought of stern decree checked their plea. They were in the court of God against the prophet. They demonstrated forever that the purposes of God can be changed by man. Meanwhile the death-storm was at hand. All the mighty resources of the Judge, electric fire, throbbing earth, and pitchy cloud doubtless gave monition of the wrath which hung above thecity. But prayer is stronger than the wind and wifter than the lightning. Among forces it is the greatest. Joined with reformation and repentance it can hold back the curse of God; nay, it moves freely among all elements as their superior."

"God repented. God is not adamant. He is a father and he can turn from his purpose when we turn from our sins."

"Upon a huge scale the efficacy of repentance is demonstrated in the history of Nineveh, and freely among all elements we find the providence of God moving to its grand purpose of instructing, blessing and saving men. The wind, the sea and its monsters, the plants, even the worms of earth-all nature is tributary to uted for missions? Foreign, \$3808.40; the purpos:s of the moral welfare of

THE BISHOP'S REMARKS.

No man in the Methodist Church can preach what he wants to unless he wants to preach what he ought to. Before an angel would make the

professions which some men make he would balance himself on both wings. The pulpit is the key of the posi-

in faith and hope. We enjoyed our visit to Texarkana and our deepest sympathy goes out to every man in value of parsonages owned by them?

The rose-water almosphere and the fine music of the Sunday-school may he preached in one of the city churches. The church was filled to tucky Conference; J. C. Fowler, to Indian Mission.

tion. Unless you guard that you

lose all.

Mr. Wesley had to get rid of the Methodism.

Texas ought to be a reservoir of drawn on for the benefit of foreign missions. The great lakes of Africa are the sources of the Nile, and their serious thing. The devil himself bear abundant fruit. Question 1. Who are admitted on and great agonies. One man to com- laughs over this thing. The devils pose that boundless horizon of storm! in hell hold a jubilee when the cause of foreign missions is burlesqued.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Several brethren located and were living sepulcher which by its walls located on account of making a hobby should protect the life of Jonah deep of certain doctrines and strenuously down in that burial place of a world; persisting in working along certain where many Armadas have gone independent lines. The East Texas down, many huge navies, costly argosies and richly freighted caracks since and before the flood. In the sea monster the prophet still breathed, yea prayed. As he was borne to the opinion, the brethren in Texas who larger than the superficiency of thing. We do not care to discuss the issue, but only wish to aftern that, in our opinion, the brethren in Texas who larger than the superficiency of thing. Hally ille—D. P. Cullen. Church Hill—C. P. Cummings. North Side—W. W. McAnally. Jefferson—G. V. Ridley. Conference Missionary Secretary—J. T. bottom of the mountains he could continue to preach one doctrine only say with the Redeemer in the region will be compelled to retire from the

Rev. W. M. Hayes, the Agent of thou brought up my life from cor- the Southwestern University, presented the claims of that institution. Referring to Jonah's deliverance: He announced that a layman within Wills Point—L. A. Webb. "Jonah went to his objective point as a bolt out of God's catapult. The pace of his mission put him a full ready contributed \$1000. The brethren then, in response to an earnest Wills Point—P. R. White. Emory Mission—John W. Goodwyn. Canton—D. W. Towns. Walton Mission—E. R. Large. as a bolt out of God's catapult. The ready contributed \$1000. The brethday's journey in the heart of Nine- appeal, subscribed \$1000. We have Grand Saline-R. J. Birdwell. are ordained deacons? D. L. Cain, veh. As Elijah drew strength from made it a point to announce the veh. As Elijah drew strength from made it a point to announce the Athens—W. P. Pledger. the storm on Horeb and the Baptist amounts contributed at the different Malakoff—M. I. Brown. from the sterile wastes of Perea, so conferences. Every friend of the intelligent and unremitting devotion to their interests. The next conference will go to Marshall, and Brother J. T. Smith and his hospitable people are Smith and his hospitable people are Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are out respite was the sermon."

Of the great sea. He preached as the building fund has been so greatly the building fund has been so greatly the building fund has been so greatly enlarged. Our great school is more popular and prosperous than ever.

John A. Harvey, Henry M. Nixon.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers there, and that this out respite was the sermon."

The fact that we have sixty-two young preachers there, and that this Winfield—L. H. McGee. young preachers there, and that this Winfield-L. H. McGee. ing: "No man, neither Moses, her ministry, ought to stir our laymen to Texarkana, State Line-J. W. Samuel, nor Elijah, nor the rapt give in the largest possible measure.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals spoke in appreciative terms of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. over hardened criminal masses; from In connection with the report Dr. I. Alexander said some very complimentary things about the paper, and made the point that Christian journalism was the only agency which could counteract the evil done by the secular press. This was finely said, and he begged the preachers to circulate the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVO-CATE in order that we might have the means of molding public opin- Holcombe-C. B. Smith. ion and breaking down the evil influence of a prostituted journalism. All Crockett Circuit—J. T. Kirkpatrick. Trinity and Groveton—J. B. Turrentine. spoke very highly of the ADVOCATE, Alto-W. L. Pate. and the publisher and and editor are profoundly grateful and beg leave to express their obligations to all concern- Jacksonville Station-I. Alexander. ed. There are many things which Jacksonville Circuit-J. B. Luker. indicate that the incoming year will Wells Mission-D. Burk, supply. be one of marked prosperity for the

ADVOCATE. of the conference, was not present at the session in Texarkana. He sent a very interesting communication to Hemphill-H. L. Hare. the brethren, which was listened to with deep and sympathetic attention.

Dr. Finley will be eighty years old Carthage—W. F. Davis. His brethren regard him with profound veneration and affection. The Bishop referred to him in exceedingly Linn Flatt—J. S. Wilson, supply. remaining terms, and requested Tenaha—J. W. Bridges. complimentary terms, and requested his presiding elder to take him his best and warmest love. The evening of the venerable preacher's life is ra- Beaumont and Sabine Pass-Jas. M. diant with happy memories and precious hopes.

On Thursday morning Bishop Lane, of the Colored Methodist Church, addressed the conference and took a col- Colmesueil-W. D. Lum. lection for the Lane Institute, located in Jackson, Tenn. The brethren enjoyed the speech and contributed generously to the building fund. In the effection, Newton—J. S. Johnson, supply. The rose-water atmosphere and the to the building fund. In the afternoon

numerous and hearty. Such men as Bishop Lane are the hope of the negro race in America. Whenever Moravians, the Calvinists and Max-such as he dominate the thought and field, and four hundred more in order mold the character of the colored to preserve the connectionalism of people a much-vexed question will be satisfactorily and finally settled. Bishop Keener treated Bishop Lane with the utmost courtesy, and the money, influence and faith, to be bearing of the conference toward the

colored preacher was beautiful to see. The Missionary Anniversary took vast floods are pushed down to the place Saturday night with an overregion of the Mediterranean. So flowing house, and with Revs. J. T. ought it to be with Texas. The time Smith and R. M. Powers as the speakhas come to quit trifling with mis- ers. These brethren made characsions. We have sent people out there teristic addresses, which were greatly to represent us, and we must take enjoyed, and the collection which folcare of them. We are here because lowed was a good one, all things conthey are there. They go in our place. sidered. We were glad to see this We must not spend our money on occasion duly magnified, and to note 3:8 889888 ourselves. The Texas Methodist gives the enthusiasm which it evoked. him into the sea and the sea 'stood' on an average .061 a year for mis- Some of the men who had traveled from its raging. This man passive, sions. He prays about 700 times a the missions were among the most year: "Thy kingdom come." Now liberal givers. Bishop Keener put Phenician seamen, about to be offered make the division and see how you in some strong words for missions to save the crew, is one of the sub- back up your prayers with money. during the conference, and his weighty Yes, you may laugh. This is not a and stirring appeals are destined to

APPOINTMENTS. Marchall District.

O. P. THOMAS, P. E. Marshall, First Church -J. T. Smith. Kellevville-Gus Garitson. Coffeeville-B. T. Hayes. Harrison-J. C. H. McKnight. Longview-J. W. Downs. Arleston-J. H. Westmoreland, supply. Henderson Station-A. J. Frick. Henderson Circuit-J. E. Kirkley, supply. Beckville—G. R. Hughes

Smith Tyler District.

JOHN ADAMS, P. E. Tyler—Msrvin, H. M. DuBese, Cedar Station—T. T. Booth, City Mission—P. Barton, supply, Tyler Circuit—T. B. Vinson. Lindale-G. W. Riley. White House-J. M. McCarter.

Pittsburg District.

Fairview and Rose Hill-H. B.

Smith. Park-S. W. Jones. Dalby-H. W. Bowman. Queen City-A. C. Benson. Atlanta-A. A. Wagnon, Leesburg-W. T. Ayers. Musgrove Springs-Wm. Sproule. Quitman-S. S. Holliday. Daingerfield-J. C. Carr. New Boston-W. J. Owens, Linden-Stuart Nelson. DeKalb Circuit - J. T. Hicks, supply,

Palestine District. L. M. FOWLER, P. E. Palestine-D. F. C. Timmons. Elkhart-Alexander Methvin. Brushy Creek-J. L. Dawson. Grapeland-W. F. Hardy. Crockett Station-J. S. Mathis —J. W. Hamner, supply. Homer-John Hunnicutt, supply. Lufkin-L. A. Burk. County Line-A. E. Blount, supply.

San Augustine District. C. F. SMITH, P. E.

Dr. R. S. Finley, one of the fathers | San Augustine and Sexton-Ellis Smith Mission-G. W. Henderson supply. Attoyac-W. L. Graves, supply. Chireno-J. D. Burke. in February. His life has been a long, an honored and an useful one. Sacogdoches Station—A. S. Whitehurst. Nacogdoches Circuit-J. M. Martin supply. Shelbyville-W. M. Zimmerman.

Beaumont District. W. A. SAMPEY, P. E.

Beaumont, First Church-W. W. Watts Brewer. Orange-W. T. Burch. Liberty-O. A. Shook, Kountz-J. D. Dorsey. Livingston-J. T. McClure. Leggett-J. L. Williams

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Preachers. Infants. Adults. Value of District Parsonages

his common conversation. Drill and will power can accomplish wonders.
If a young man is told to put everything he can into every sermon, and also to omit everything he can from every sermon, he will at first be confused, but further consideration will show him the wisdom of both counsels. The soup can not be too rich, but the ingredients must be selected with utmost care. No padding is to be allowed, nothing irrelevant, or to fill up. Nothing is to be left out that bears esssentially on the precise point which is to be forced home to

the hearer's heart. Force is more important than finish. Ten will be impressed by the former where one is by the latter. Rounded periods rarely prick. Point, pith, and pungency are better worth cultivating than exquisite neatness and niceness of array or adornment. The preacher should resemble a workingman, in his way of handling his theme, rather than a dandy. It is possible to be too prim, too precise,

too particular. Nothing is truer than that every good sermon must be born twice—once in the study and then again in the pulpit. Unless the fire of composition is rekindled in the presence of the congregation, there will be coldness all around, both behind the desk and in front of it.

The chief failure of the average preacher is in his delivery. At least 100 per cent would be added at once to the efficiency of his discourse if he could get over a very few faults of manner. He needs to be more ani-mated for one thing, to wake up and limber up, to look the congregation straight in the face, with a sense of being master both of them and of the subject, and "let her drive," with all the batteries in full blast.

It is the great Tholuck who said that a sermon should have heaven for its father and earth for its mother; which is, perhaps, only another way of saying that there must be a due combination of the eternal and the temporal, of the Bible and the newspaper, of touching men's passing interests and present feelings, as well as their gray hairs and their midnight hours. Keep up to your highest level in every sermon so far as it can in any way be done. Exhaust the possibilities of every theme so far as your resources permit. Take infinite pains. Neglect no point. Admit no slov-enliness. Heed no pleadings of the flesh for ease, no whisper that just this once so much labor is not called for. Go into the pulpit each time feeling that you have done your very best in the way of preparation. Then if not much seems to be accomplished, you will be freed from self-Your hard work will be sure to tell grandly in the long run.

There is no need of a preacher's being dull, tame, uninteresting and commonplace. If he has something to say, and then takes pains to say it freshly and with feeling, studying closely "the art of putting things" so as to bring in the surprise element and keep ahead of the audience in their thought, he will be listened to with pleasure and profit.

Men should be preached to "in their own tongue in which they were born," not in the theological dialect. Cant phrases, technical terms, and bookish idioms must be stringently ruled out. A sermon ought to be simple in form, evangelical in subjectmatter, and vigorous in delivery, but from the heart. Much can be learned from the criticism of the Scotchman who described three successive, but not successful, ministers of his parish in the following manner: "Our first minister was a man, but he was not a minister; our second was a minister, but he was not a man; and the one we have at present is neither a man nor a minister."-Zion's Herald.

FURTHER HINTS FOR YOUNG PREACHERS.

Any congregation will tire if the sermons are too much on one key. They should not be all hortatory, or individual is admitted to the panoall argumentative, or all illustrative, rama of human life. It passes beor all declamatory, or all descriptive, fore him; all the impressions of childor all literary, or all expesitory. Va- hood, youth and of manhood-the riety should be studied, and a due proportion carefully observed. If in- and of the wheeling skies, of love, struction, exhortation, and consola- achievement, and of knowledge. It tion—these are the three chief sorts of sermons-are duly mingled in the delightful, depends upon ourselves. topics chosen and treatments adopted, the people will be, for a long period, both edified and interested.

Since "faith cometh by hearing"

THE INEVITABLE EXIT.

Birth, life and death are arranged in the best way for yielding the largest amount of happiness. The beauties and pleasures of the earth is a magnificent display-whether But we wish to stay, though we have seen it all. We are not allowed to. That is against the orders of the Creator and Painter of the scenery. one of the best forms of ability is audibility. And this depends not so much on volume of voice as on clearness of articulation. Let your modu-

Devotional.

Spiritual Momentum.

It is a well-known principle mechanics that a body once put in operates in the spiritual as well as in the physical realm. A movement communicated does not straightway lose its propelling power. As the waves continue after the wind has ceased to blow, as the ball continues though the powder is spent, as the train moves on after the steam is shut off, so religious life apparently continues after the original spiritual impulse is withdrawn. And as in physical realm friction and gravitation operate to obstruct the motion. and by and by the waves cease to roll, and the ball buries itself in the earth, and the train comes to a stand, so in the spiritual realm inertia proves more than a match for momentum, and the activity dies away unless a new impulse is furnished.

It is a serious question, therefore, how much of the religious activity in any age is really an indication of spir-itual life, and how much of it is mere momentum from the past. In our own time how much of the religious activity of the Churches is really due to vital forces within the Church, and how much to a momentum derived from a past life? In all cases both elements are co-operating, and absolute discrimination is impossible; but it is only the vital element which is permanent; the other is dangerously deceptive. In the Congregational and Presbyterian Caurches how much of the activity is due to a present life, how much to a momentum derived from the past? How much of the cree1 is actually believ d, and how much abides simply for want of intellectual and spiritual force to question it? How much of Sabbath keeping is due to a past habit, which is gradually losing its power, how much to a real, vital, living attachment to Sabbath privilege or recognition of Sabbath duty? How much of churchgoing is due to the fact that churchgoing is identified in the mind with propriety, and how much to a real inspiration derived from the church service for present needs? And so on in other denominations. How much of Methodist fervor is a dying wave up on the shore, surviving the Methodist enthusiasms of the last century? How much of the vitality in the Episcopal Churches is a survival of the spiritual life of the Oxford Movement? And, turning from the Church to the individual, how much of the apparent de-votion, consecration, and beneficence is due to the momentum of enthusiasm now passed wholly away, and how much to a real, vital, and ever fresh spirit of reverence, loyalty, and

Life is always new. What is not new is not living. Spring is old, but every blossom is new; humanity is old, but every babe is new; truth is old but every consciousness of it is new; religion is old, but every spiritual experience is new. No theology is a living theology unless it is new. It may repeat the old forms, as one apple blossom is like another, but if it be not a new consciousness of truth it is dead, and the creed that is composed of such dead repetitions is the roduct of intellectual momentum. No experience is truly religious which is not new and in some sense diosyncratic. It may seem to repeat the leatures of other and past experi ences, as one countenance has the features of another; but if it does not have in it an expression of its own, and behind it a life of its own, it is

but a death-mask. Most of our sectarian activities ow more or less of their apparent life to this spiritual momentum, but it is certain that the Christian religion does not owe its present power to any such survival of a power no longer present. The impulse was not given eighteen centuries ago, and then withdrawn. If that were true, Christianity would be a decreasing power; it is an increasing one. Never so much love and loyalty to Christ as now; never so many followers; never so much earnestness to understand him, and his way, and his principles, and his spirit, and apply them to life's problems. This is the evidence of his resurrection and life. The impulse of his personal presence is felt in every age and in every Christian heart. It is thus that we know that he is the resurrection and the life; we do not look back for him, we look about us and within us. More seeds are bursting, more flowers are blooming, more birds are singing; so we know that more of spring is in the air. - Outlook.

Face to Face.

This life is the childhood of which yonder life is the manhood. As the childhood is, so shall the manhood be. We are making heaven now. By building into ourselves principles, by creating in our souls holy tastes, we are rearing the walls of jasper, and paving the streets of gold, and beautifying the eternal mansions. I believe heaven to be just this: a new setting of the principles we are mastering, and working into our personalities, and embodying in our works and character, here and now. By doing well our fragmentary duties day by day we are getting ready to sing the new song of heaven.

This story is told in connection with a celebrated musician who had a large number of pupils. It was his purpose at the end of a specified time to give a grand concert, at which his favorite pupil was to be the conspic-uous figure. There was one among the others to whom was given fragmentary work. No part of his instruction seemed to have the least connection with any other part. It was dull work, but he praticed upon the fragments and fought discouragement. He did his best and forced the whole man into the work. When the day of celebration came he was chosen as the favorite pupil. He felt that he did not know a single complete piece of music. Tremblingly he took his which glitters in your purse, but when taken to market proves to be slate or cinder."—Northwestern Advocate.

Just as surely as we seek first the kingdom of God and his rtghteousness, will God supply all our other is it, now?"

Graphite, 'a great lump of lead "

"Oh, but, excuse me, Aunty, they don't make pencils of lead," broke in Will. "Our teacher told us at school. It's not what they make bullets of; it has another name—grat—grap—what is it, now?"

"Graphite," said Aunt Julia. "You're quite right, and I'm glad you knew that. This was a chunk of did not know a single complete piece of music. Tremblingly he took his

place at the instrument; but when the score which he was to play was placed before him he throbbed and thrilled with delight to find that the completed work was made up of the fragments which he had mastered, motion will continue to motion until and which were now perfectly arsome obstruction stops it. This law ranged. This gave him courage, and so he performed in such a way as deservedly to win the plaudits of the great audience. We are that musician. When we go hence we shall find that the fragmentary Christian earth-life, with its principles and its loves and its Christ-spirit, is that out of which heaven is made. Heaven is the holy life of earth glorified and perfectly arranged and grandly transfigured .- Rev. David Gregg, D. D.

Abiding Happiness

How many young people there are whose happiness or unhappiness seems to depend upon the shifting surface-currents of life-the circumstances of the day, the slight, ordinary fluctuations of physical condition, the little favors or slights of others, the thousand-and-one external inluences which play like alternating lights and shadows about each one of us. If everything goes right, these mercurial young spirits are buoyant and happy; but just as surely as the chance shadow flits over, there is sudden gloom in the heart. No deep, abiding source of joy, no treasured-un. But abiding source of joy, no treasured-up sunshine of hope and trust—this is what makes the happiness of thousands of young people such an uncertain, unsatisfactory thing. Mere chameleons of life are such, taking the hue of the surface over which they pass. Moody, change-able, morbidly sensitive—how sad to see the bright face of youth so often overcast and petulant! How depressng to think that the morning of life should be passing without any ade quate realization of the deep, intense, abiding joy of which it is capable!

The trouble lies in youth's so fre quent failure to understand that happiness is not an external, but an in ternal condition and possession. It is not a mood, but a life—the kind of life that reaches down so deep that he sources of it never know the surface is ruffled or clouded, any more than the depths of the sea know when the wind blows or the sky low-

such depth of life makes a soul superior to circumstance. Moods may drift about it, but it shines through them as the sun shines through them as the sun shines through passing clouds. All life shines and is radiant to a soul whose experience of God, of love, of truth, of humanity, is deep enough to defy the little changes of outward circum-

Dwell deep, heart of youth, and hou shalt be abidingly happy! Trust not to the mood, the event, the day. Make your own moods, create your own environments, be the builders of your own history. Have something of that spirit which you catch in the bird's voice when he clings to a wet, wind-tossed bough on a rainy day, and sings as if his happy little heart would burst. What is the song that he has got hold of? Deep life, deep trust, deep faith, deep love, deep hope! These make up the substantial, abiding joy of life, which no mood can overloud, and no circumstance dispel. For us, is it not all summed up in the love of Christ? Truly, that is the sunshine of life!—Zion's Herald.

In one of Carlyle's letters, in Mr. Froude's life of that celebrated man, occurs the following written to his prother John, who at the time was painfully toiling onward in the un-healthy stubble field: "I send many thought southward to you; often in the mind's eye you appear seated at your mahogany tippet with the va-rious accoutrements of a solitary student, laboring in secret at the task which—fear it not, my boy—will yet be rewarded openly. Few such quiet things in nature have so much of the sublime in them as the spectacle of a poor but honorable-minded youth, with discouragement all around him, but never-dying hope within his heart, forging, as it were, the armor with which he is destined to resist and overcome the hydras of this world, and conquer for himself in due time a habitation among the sunny fields of life. Like every other vir-tue, this effort may be called its own reward, even though success should bever crown it. How poor, how beggarly poor, compared with this is the vulgar, rioting, punch-drink-ing, oyster-cating existence often led by your borough procurator or cmbryo provest."

Writing again to the same brother

John, Carlyle says: "The last quali-ty, perseverance, I particularly re-spect; it is the very hinge of all virues. On looking over the world, the cause of nine parts in ten of the lamentable failures which occur in men's undertakings, and darken and degrade so much of their history, lies not in the want of talents, or the will to use them, but in the vacillatng and desultory mode of using them, in flying from object to object, in starting away at each little disgust, and thus applying the force which might conquer any one diffi-culty to a series of difficulties, so large, that no human force can conquer them. The smallest brook on earth by continuing to run has hollowed out for itself a considerable valley to flow in. The wildest tempest overturns a few cottages, uproots a few trees, and leaves after a short space no mark behind it. Commend me, therefore, to the Dutch virtue of perseverance. Without it all the rest are little better than fairy gold, which glitters in your purse, but when taken to market proves to be slate or cinder."—Northwestern Ad-

NCLE REMUS PREACHES TO A CONgravely, "dat's so."

"Dey tells me you done jine de Chu'ch," said Uncle Remus to Pegleg

Old and Boung.

Charley. "Yes, sir," responded Charley

"Well, I'm mighty glad er dat," remarked Uncle Remus, with unction. "It's 'bout time dat I wuz 'spectin' fer ter hear uv you in de chain-gang, an', stidder dat, hit's de Chu'ch. Well, dey ain't no tellin' deze days whar a nigger's gwineter lan'."

whar a nigger's gwineter lan'."

"Yes," responded Charley, straightening himself up and speaking in a dignified tone: "yes, I'm fixin' to do better. I'm preparin' fer ter shake worldliness. I'm done quit so'shatin' wid deze w'ite town boys. Dey've been a-goin' back on me too rapidly here lately, an now I'm a-goin' back

on dem. "Well, ef you done had de speunce un it, I'm mighty glad. Ef you got lijun you better hole on to it 'twell de as' day in de mornin'. Hit's mighty good fer ter kyar 'roun' wid you in de you want ter have one er deze yer ole-time grips, an' you des gotter shet yo' eyes an' swing on like wunner deze yer bull-tarrier dogs." "Oh, I'm goin' to stick, Uncle You kin put your money Remus on dat. Deze town boys can't play no more uv der games on me. 1'm fixed. Can't you lend me a dime, Uncle Remus, to buy me a pie? I'm dat

hungry my stomach is gittin ready to go in mo'nin'.'' Uncle Remus eyes Charley curiously a moment, while the latter looked juietly at his limber toe. Finally the

old man sighed and spoke: "How long is you bin in de Chu'ch, "Mighty near a week," replied

Charley "Well, lemme tell you dis, now 'fo' you go enny fudder. You ain't bin in dere long nuff fer ter go 'roun' takin' up conterbutions. Wait ontwell you gits sorter seasoned like, an' den I'll hunt 'roun' in my cloze an'

Charley laughed, and said he would let the old man off if he would treat to a watermelon,-Joel Chandler

AUNT JULIA'S PENCIL STORY.

"And so the rain drove you in, did it? said Aunt Julia, as two children, boy of ten and a girl of seven, came panting upstairs into her pleasant sit-

ing-room. "I'm sorry it's so droppy," she "What, ma'am?" said Will, look

ing blank. Aunt Julia laughed. "Droppy is what our Keswick landlady used to say when she meant showery. There! that reminds me that I haven't given you your pencils; I had them marked for you in Keswick. I knew you

would find use for them since you are both in school now." Seven-year-old Madge, who had just commenced school, looked im-

portant at this, and Aunt Julia went briskly off to get the pencils. While she is gone let me introduce Norton. Aunt Julia is not their real aunt, but a kind friend who loves children and has hosts of adopted nephews and nieces. She is a great traveler, and has been spending the summer in England.

When she came back with the pen-cils, the children were delighted. Will's was pale green, with a pret-ty bone tip, and "William Norton" in

gilt letters on one side. Madge's was light pink, with the same tip and lettering, only that the name was "Margaret Nor.on." On the side opposite the name each pencil was marked off into inches, juarters, and eights.

"That'll be fine for drawing maps," said Will. "Yes, won't it!" said Madge, though she hadn't dreamed of draw-

ing maps yet at school.
"I'm glad they please you," said
Aunt Julia. "And now that you're
kept in the house, shall I tell you a

"Oh, yes, yes!" shouted both chil-"Fairies," said Madge; "please,

Auntie." "Fairies, if you like. I thought of telling you a useful story about pen-cils, but if that's too grown up--"

"I'd like it better," said Will, eag-"And so would I, toe," put in Madge, who loved to be thought

grown up.
"Here it is, then," and holding Will's pencil in her hand, Aunt Julia "You think a pencil is a small

thing, and I dare say you lose a doz-en a month [here Madge looked] guilty]. You may be surprised to hear that it takes a great many machines and persons, as well as considerable time, to finish a single pencil like this

"One rainy afternoon last summer when I was in the little village of Keswick, in northern England, I went to visit the busy factory where pencils are made. First we crossed a rapid stream, which turns all the machinery of the factory, and found ourselves at the door. Then our guide, an English woman, with blue eyes and a paper cap on, showed us a second."

In 1832, and remove to Concord, where he bought a small place about a mile from the station. He was a lover of flowers and fruit and a close observer of nature. The stories differ as to how he discovered the parent of the Concord vine. The common one has been that Dr. Bull noticed a wild vine of the Vilis Labrusca species growing on a fence, the fruit of which eyes and a paper cap on, showed us a great lump of lead "

substances, and into a mortar it goes to be ground for six weeks. It comes pouring out of the mortar in a thick fluid—thicker than 'molasses in winter,' as we say, and blacker, too. As fast as it comes out a workman stands ready to pour it back in, till, after six weeks, all the grit is ground smooth, and it is ready to use. Next it goes into a hydraulic press, and is pressed to the heat of the back door, avail, and both became practically avail, and both became practically gifts to the American people.

Mr. Langstroth removed to Oxford, the little boy, '' said the robin thought-fully avail, and both became of the latter, it was of little avail, and both became practically avail, and both became opacically gifts to the American people.

Mr. Langstroth removed to Oxford, the little boy, '' said the robin thought-fully avail, and both became opacically avail, and both became opacic to a hydraulic press, and is pressed out in long, slim rods or sticks in the

off an eighth of an inch on his pencil. "That's pretty large."

"Yes, they were leads for carpen-ters' pencils," said aunt Julia. "It to stay here exposed to the air for several days, and after that we bake .' Then he showed us a piece that had been baked, and it was quite as hard as that in Will's pencil."
"Is that the end of the lead?" asked

Will. "Yes, that's all that is done to the

lead part till it laid into the grooves prepared for it in the wood." "In the next room we saw strips of

grooves for the lead to lie in. One lath would make three or four pen-

"Down these went, after the grooves were made in them, to a man who laid in the leads and smeared glue all over the top surface to glue the lead in. After this was dried, another flat piece of wood, the size of way, of the Concord. So Dr. Bull the lath but without grooves, was has spent his life on his Concord place glued upon it. You can think how

that would look, can't you?" "Yes," said Will. "A sort of lath sandwich."

meat there were three long, thin rods or bars of graphite running between the wooden sides of the sandwich. The next thing was to put this long sandwich into a machine, that made it, all in one minute, into three long, round pencils."
"Oh!" said M said Madge, I'd like to see

that!" "Yes, it was fun," said Aunt Julia,

sharp! It made us put our fingers in off'square, just the right pencil length.

But it didn't leave the ends quite smooth enough, so the pencils went next to a man with another sharp knife, who made them very smooth add. He was graduated from Yale by hand.

snap, and out came the pencil with compelled him to resign in 1810; and, the printing on it.

cils were wanted.

put into boxes and sent to any one from the sides of the hive, and could the room; and you know my eyes are who ordered them." "Now we know all about a pencil,"

said Will, as Aunt Julia's story came on this; and then, in 1857, conceived to an end. "I'm going to tell Ned the idea of adding sides and bottom

comes all the way from our own Florida—and the miner to dig the graphite, and ships and trains and carts

"Yes," said Madge, thoughtfully, "and I'm glad mine's so pretty, and I'm going to try never to lose it." So we'll hope she has it yet.—Flor-ence E. Homer, in Outlook.

TWO ILL-PAID BENEFACTORS.

There recently passed away two aged men—a physician and a clergy-man—to whom this country is deeply indebted for very simple discoveries which proved of immense value to fruitgrowers and beokeepers, as well as to all lovers of fruit and honey. The debt never was and never will be paid in material things between the competition of the season was over ill-health compelled him to give up all business. Throughout his long life Mr. Langstroth was subject to a peculiar head trouble which came every few years and lasted for several months.

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in 1832, and remove to Concord seemed a great favorite with the

remains that it was Dr. Bull who

suited for general cultivation. It was caused him to give up beekeeping ou right shape for pencils. The strips we saw were an eight of an inch wide and half as thich."

at a time when much attention was an extended scale. In 1002 de la series of reminiscences in "Gleanings high quality, by crossing foreign sorts in Bee Culture," covering his life down to the issue of his book, when on native, and much ridicule was be-stowed on the decision of the com-ill health caused their suspension. He fence near the other birds, and had mittee. But time proved they were right. The Concord is not of the highest quality, but it is the best of this year he attended a meeting of pillars on the big apple tree by the felt very soft, and when we pinched it with our fingers it stayed pinched. We wondered how it could be used so soft, but the guide said: 'Oh, it has cord anybody can grow grapes any-where, though not with equal success, for even the Concord responds to the

best environment. How many millions of vines have since been grown, returning thou-sands of dollars to the growers and says of him: thousands more to the after growers discoverer of a new and valuable plishments only added to it all." fruit. But fruits can not be patented that I know of being the introduction of the Niagara grape, a child, by the way, of the Concord. So Dr. Bull in straitened circumstances, ending a home for the aged. He continued to experiment with vines, and intro-"Good! Only instead of a layer of duced a number of new scedlings, among them Cottage, Una, Rockwood and Esther. The last he considered his best, and named it after his mother. Since the passing away of Emerson, Alcott and other Concord notables, he has been kept busy receiving visitors, until a fall from a flat brown head.

ladder, two years ago, made it necessary to remove him to the home.

Mr. Longstroth was a native of "Yes, it was fun," said Aunt Julia,
"and the pencils a yard long looked very odd.

"The next machine was, oh, so mills in the colonies. As a boy he "Well, was noted for his interest in natural our safest pockets. The guide held a objects, particularly insects, and handful of pencils before this sharp spent much time in their observation, knife. Down it came and cut them often to the displeasure of his parents. Between the ages of eight and twelve he made a close study of the habits of in 1831, studied theology, became "Then they were stamped with the tutor in the college, and in 1836 was manufacturer's name; just a push of settled as pastor of the Andover each pencil into a slot, then a loud Congregational Church. Ill-health "His mother told him to wash his after conducting a school, in 1848 he "Now our pencilis nearly finished, or quite finished if only plain wood pencils are wanted. In another room a man sits who rubs the pencils with shellac to make them like this," and Aunt Julia showed a shiny brown one. "At another table a woman sat who blackened the wood if black pencils were wanted.

At that time the only improvement on the common box hive was the Recommentation on the common box hive was the Recommentation of the on the common box-hive was the Be-"And here, at our very last table, a nice old lady was tying up the pretty of wood were laid in at the top for new pencils into bundles of a dozen the bees to begin their combs on. I had sure enough they were three, and so was his face. I know," said the wren; "for I was sitting on a limb of the larch tree, close by the Our guide said these would be These combs had to be cut away kitchen door and could look right into then be lifted out by the bar. Mr. sharp." Langstroth made some improvements "That's right, only don't think this is all. I've only told you one story.
Think how the wood-cutter has to cut the wood-and the cedar at Keswick and bees, add to or diminish the number of combs, and take out any part for examination or for removal. Frames of this kind had been attemptand postsmen all have to work to put ed in England and on the Continent, this useful servant into your little but without success. The Langstroth hive was promptly recognized as a practical thing by beekeepers. It was patented in 1852; but infringe-

ments and long continued lawsuits deprived Mr. Langstroth of any benefit from his invention. Giving up his school, he now de-voted his whole time to his apiary (established in the suburbs of the town) and to the development of the new hive; but before the season was The debt never was and never will be paid in material things, but their names will be honored for many years to come. They were Dr. Ephraim W. Bull, of Concord, Mass., originator of the Concord grapevine, dying September 27th, aged eighty-nine, and the Rev. Lorenzo L. Langstroth, of Dayton, O., dying October 6th, aged eighty-nive, and the Rev. Lorenzo L. Langstroth, of Dayton, O., dying October 6th, aged eighty-nive, where, when health returned, he wrote his book on "The Hive and recommendation of the concord grapevine, dying of Boston of Boston of Boston of Boston of the Concord grapevine, dying and tear, time and money.

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it is plumbago. It is sometimes in a woodland path. However, the fact will be noticed that the dates of the introduction of the Concord vine and They mix it with water and other lang and patiently experimented to of the Langstroth hive correspond substances, and into a mortar it goes improve and make the best of the very closely, and although there was

> beekcepers at Toronto and spoke several times with remarkable strength of voice and clearness of intellect. He was assisting the pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Dayton, October death suddenly overtook him.

Mr. A. I. Root, editor of Gleanings, who owed his first introduction to bed

"He was a wonderful talker as "In the next room we saw strips of cedar the size and shape of laths, and lim by the nurseryman who bought I haven't told you how sweet the whole place was with the odor of the cedar.

"Well, these cedar laths were put through a machine which made the size and shape of laths, and him by the nurseryman who bought a poet, a sage, a philosopher, and a poet, a sage, a philosopher, and a humanitarian all in one; and, best of him how God could look millions rolling in to a carefully managed patent monopoly—say that of the Bell telephone—there comes a find of ancedotes, pleasant memoties and incidents was beyond that of whenever he told, or even thought, a feeling of indignation that a few any other man I ever knew, and his lie, and how bad it made the dear thousands cannot be secured to the rare education and scholarly accom-

hours. He says:
"It was a blessed time, Ob, the sweetness of his splendid voice, the wonderful command of language! his days, when too feeble to work, in He never lacked for words; it was one on his knees and asked God, for Coleman, in Independent, N. Y.

WHAT THE BIRDS SAID.

"I know something," chirped the saucy little wren, with a knowing do it again." wink and a toss and a quirk of her

"Very glad to hear it," remarked robin redoreast, sarcastically, shaking Amout Jones, in Northwestern Advohis wings and smoothing out his feathers. "What is it that you

"Well, I'll tell you," said the wren, confidentially, not noticing the sarcasm. "It's something awful, though, and I hope to goodness you'l never tell anybody that I told you. ouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen and heard it myself."

"But what was it that was so awful?" persisted the robin, whose curiosity was by this time throughly

"Why, that little black-eyed boy face and hands for dinner; and he said: 'I have washed, mamma.'

And sure enough they were dirty and so was his face. I know," said

"So they are," assented the robin.
"But what did his father and

nother do about it?" "Well," answered the wren, "they were greatly shocked, as you may believe. They both looked as if they wanted to cry, they were so grave;

They turn Green at the ball and heeleven some of the best black stockings.

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Send Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearline." IT'S FALSE—it Back Pearline is never peddled, and il your grocer sends you something in place of Pearline, be honest—send it back. 433 JAMES PYLE, N. Y.



and they felt so badly that they could hardly speak. Finally his father led the little boy away into another room, and just then the old grand-

as to tell a lie. I am sure that none of my children would do such a thing,'

"I know," said a bluebird, who

bed room window when they came

"The little boy looked as if he thought his father was going to whip him, and he bung back and looked ith, at the communion service when frightened. I know that was what he thought, because I saw him look that way once before, and then his father did whip him.

"But this time he did not. He sat on the edge of the bed and drew the little boy to him, and oh how sad he of fruit, it is impossible to say; but it is certain that little came into Dr. Bull's pockets beyond what was paid world has ever produced. He was

Lord feel, for he hates a lie. And then he told him how a boy that tells George W. York of the American lies can never hope to be loved and Bee Journal, met "Father" Langsvery well, though the attempt has been made, the only successful effort troth at the Toronto meeting, and people, and how it leads those who had a talk with him lasting over two tell lies into all sorts of trouble and

"And then the little boy broke down and said he was sorry, and cried; and then he got down continuous stream of mellifluous elo- Jesus' sake, to forgive him, and help quence, varied with bits of appropriate him be a better boy and overcome poetical quotations."—William II. this awful habit.

"I felt so badly that I would have cried, too, if I could," said the blue

"But I don't believe he will ever "I hope not, I am sure," said the

robin. "So do I," said the wren .- William

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J M Crutchfield, sub. W A Stephens, has attention. S. L Ball, subs. W B McKeown, sub. A B Roberts, sub and change. Jas M Sherman, subs. B J H Thomas, sub. J M Alexander, sub.

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ool Dept. to Rev. I. W. Clark, Paris, Texa FIRST QUARTER -LESSON 1, JAN. 5, 1896 HE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST -Luke 1.5-17

GOLDEN TEXT: Thou shall go be fore the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.—Luke 1:76.

The time of the scenes of this leson was about six years before the birth of our Savior.

Augustus Cæsar was Emperor of Rome, and Herod the Great was King of Judea, being a province of

This was a remarkable period in many respects. Literature had made wonderful impressions on the world. Iorace and Virgil had been dead but a few years, leaving their contribu-tions to enrich and embelish the literature of all succeeding generations. Ovid, Livy, Seneca, Strabo were living, and their presence, added to their writings, gave this particular period ninence as an age of mental

activity.

Religion was rapidly on the decline, and is compared to that state of society that immediately preceded the flood, or to the disgusting moral leprosy that distinguished Sodom and rought down the wrath of God in destructive fire upon the cities of the

There was a general state of unrest, and people were breaking loose from the superstitions of the ages past, and were ready to accept something better.

Crime was outbreaking, and lust, daring and bold, was disregardful of light; and as the crude material waited the formative hand of God this primeval state, so human hearts, loathing the superstitions that had enslaved the lives and fortunes of men, thirsted for something that could satisfy the longings of the

mmortal nature. Activity of thought and investigation had passed under the microscope these senseless mythologies, and for the want of some better religion; humanity had turned to worship its own lusts. The Roman Gov-ernment had extended its rule over well. Equipped Gymnasium the whole known world, and the protection of Roman law gave safety to the traveler everywhere, affording ample facilities for the spread of the cospel among all people

There was no war to divide the people or detract from the one great theme of Christ and the resurrection. The Greek civilization and learning gave to that language a pre-eminence over all other languages; while the conquests of Alexander introduced this vernacular into every land and made it the common medium between all nations of intercourse and munication. The Old Testament had been translated into Greek under the name of the Septuagist or Alex-andrian version. Of the history of this version, much uncertainty has prevailed; but enough is known to render it certain that God's hand guided in the translation of the Bible into a better vehicle of thought and placed the Word of God within easy reach of all people just at the time when all people were looking for just

apparent. The prophets had spoken of the time and person of Christ, and their utterances were sufficient to fully identify him as the promised Savior of the world, but there must be no mistake in the forging of the link that was to cement the real, living Christ in human form with the Christ of prophecy. Any mistake here would be fatal, and John is sent to forge this link and couple on to the anticipation of pleasure and profit.

prophetic chain the person of the Son of Mary. John was the subject of prophecy: wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."—Isa. 50:3. C"Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the And he shall turn the hearts of the happiness for us. fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest 1 sonal the resolution and prayer sug-

John as the forerunner of Christ, but his followers. Apostles, prophets,

der David into twenty-four courses or the same purpose-the development bad health for three years, and after trying everything that was recomistering the services of the temples. mended by friends, as well as by sev- (1 Chron. 24). The heads of these We have presented us an ideal (I Chron. 24). The heads of these courses were the chief priests, so often mentioned in the Bible. Each often mentioned in the Bible. Each Thurmond's Blood Syrup and to our course ministered for one week, from of Christ," is the standard toward very tempting. Satan whispered: the Sabbath to the Sabbath, begin- which every Christian should strive. ning with the Sabbath morning service."—Abbott, in Pel. Notes. His mother was also of the priest-

hood, being of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth, from Elisheba, Aaron's wife.—Ex. 6:23. It is no difficult matter to identify John as the prophetic forerunner of our Lord, for the historic and prophetic links fully recognize the time and circumstances of his birth and parentage. John came to point out

If a man, who sees the wonderful adaptation of the laws of the physical universe, the formations of matter by the invisible life forces, the wisdom displayed in the shapes and fashion of animal and vegetable formations, the affinities which aggregate the elements in obedience to mathematelements in obedience to mathematical law, the angels of the crystal measured without the goniometer, and hewn to line without plumet or square, can say there is no God, then there can be reason in doubting the evidences that cluster about the perentage of the crystal are to grow like him, putting down selfishness and pride and impatience and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system. Send for testimonials, free, and cultivating generosity and humanical control of the system.

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son of Jesus, identifying him as the Son of God. John is born of righteous parents, and history has given us the record of great men descended from parents

who worship God. There is a solidity about the life and character of a man who has been raised under the example of piety that we find no where else. Principles imbedded in the early life of children become part of their conscious being, and never fail to guide them through

The baptism of children, aside from the duty we owe to God in obedience to his command, has an influence over the mind and heart of the child, and will be felt in the formation of his character.

These parents were old and childless, and John was born, therefore, under circumstances that pointed to a providential interference with the course of nature. Like Isaac's birth, it bore the miracle in its history, and, occurring according to prophecy, John becomes a miracle in his birth and life, his name being given by the angel before his birth. John was one of the purest of men.

eing filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth; according to this prophecy, he grew to manhood with the best of habits and pure in thought. He spent his youth, doubtless, in preparaion for the life-work before him; for there awaited him some stirring scenes. He was to meet the open rebellion of Kings and nobles, and must rebuke sin in high places. He was to face humanity under circumstances differing from all preceding ages. The philosopher was to be convinced and the lusts of the flest were to be condemned and rebuked. John was the coupler between the the good of society or the purity of John was the coupler between the virtue. It was like the chaos that old and the new dispensations, and receded the creation of material prejudices, from various sources, met him. The explanation of no new doctrine, but the pointing out of one as old as the world, was the mission of this wonderful man. The seed of the woman that should bruise the serpent's head had been talked of in Eden, and Adam and Eve had heard the voice of God in the cool of

> the evening. The burning bush had served as medium through which the Word was communicated, while the simple shepherd's crook had been impreg-nated with Divine power, before which the Egyptian King trembled, the waves of the sea obeyed, while the dry rock became a living fountain of waters under its magic touch. This was the twilight of the day of grace when the Sun of righteousnes was to rise with healing in his beams.

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devotional meeting? Let the leader
The necessity of John's mission is apparent. The prophets had spoken out.

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TOPIC FOR JANUARY 5, 1876. Prayer.-Ephesians 4:13.

every Epworth Leaguer turns with We come to this first lesson fresh

from the joy and good cheer of Christmas. Lights and evergreens and The voice of him that crieth in the gifts and reunions have made the

great and dreadful day of the Lord | great cost at which he purchased this

"For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, who was to come."—Matt. 11:11.

These prophesies follows:

was to come,"—Matt. 11:14. The apostle speaks, in the preceding verses, of Christ's provision for he was also a priest, descended from the course of Abia (or Abijah). evangelists, pastors and teachers are given to the Church, each with his peculiar gift, all working together for

CHRIST THE PATTERN.

To be like him is the highest mark for attainment here.—See Phil. 2:5; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6. It is also the highest conception of

happiness hereafter.—1 John 3:2.
There is a beautiful story of a man into whose home Christ came to re- obedience was one of the turningmain as his guest. He sat with him points in his life, and one of the to the world the lines of prophecy, and he found the people ready in mind and heart to hear him.

main as his guest. He sat with him at the table and by the fireside, he walked the streets with him, and stood near observing the methods of STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss. business and listening to the conversation of his host with his friends. He uttered no word of reproach or reproof, but his pure presence was a rebuke to impatience and impurity and wrong-dealing, and his companion became watchful and careful. So we are to grow like him, putting down business and listening to the conver-sation of his host with his friends. are to grow like him, putting down selfishness and pride and impatience

mility, and the charity which suffereth long and is kind.

CHRIST THE TEACHER. He looks upon us weary with striv-ing and tired of sin, and says: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me . . and ye shall find rest."

The men whom his enemies sent to take him by violence returned awed and confused, and said, "Never man spake like this man." In the wonderful Sermon on the

Mount, and by many parables, he

has taught us of our duties and privileges, and pointed out the path of right living. In that path we are

We come nearer to each other we approach nearer the Christ char acter. "The unity of faith" is the point toward which all Christian lives converge. The only unity worth anything is that which results from Christ's followers becoming so like him that they cease to talk about their points of difference. Faith in Christ is the common ground of all his children. In our relations with other bodies of Christians we should put him to the front.

We are also to strive for greate knowledge of the Son of God. We gain this knowledge from th of his life and teaching, as left is by the apostles. This source of

information is open to every one.

We should seek, above all personal knowledge of him as our Savior, and eceive the fullment of his promise He (the Spirit) shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you."

REFERENCES .- Phil. 3 13, 14; I Peter 3:18; Phil. 3:8; John 7:17.

WHAT THEY SAY.

Mary looked through the micro cope at a drop of water, and this what she told Frank she saw: A mountain, a pile of boards, a lot of snakes, a handful of wigglers, a thousand legged worm, a scorpion, an cel and four horse-hair serpents. "Dear me!" said Frank, "I'll b afraid to drink water any more,"

"You'd better drink beer, as my papa does," said Will Murphy. "Lie ays it's healthier than the water we have here."

Then Frank pretended to look through the microscope at a drop of mirably. The cost so far has peer, and this is what he saw: Some of the same kind of water Will's father thought unhealthy, a tub full month. There are many other forten grain, a bottle of something from the drug store labelled "poison," headaches, stupidness, bad blood, a trial, a prison, a gallows, lurid flames rising from a bottomless pit.

"I guess," said he to Will, "Pil stick to the water awhile."—Selected. weakened heart, a fight, a murder,

LOVE FOR MOTHER.

When gruff old Dr. Johnson was fty years old he wrote to his mother s if he was still her wayward but loving boy: "You have been the best mother, and, I believe, the best woman in the world. I thank you for all your indulgence to me, and beg forgiveness for all I have done ill, and for all I omitted to do well."

John Quincy Adams did not part with his mother until he was nearly, Gargoyle. "May I inquire if your Gargoyle." or quite, as old as this, and yet his query is prompted by a matrimonia cry even then was: "Oh God, could inclination?" asked the young lady How many members of the League prepare the lesson before going to the seems to me like a solitude." When the case, I will answer you fully president, as strength and sense failed cacies. Can you provide them in their him in his dying hours, the memory raw state?" of his mother's tenderness was fresh and potent; and be could be hushed SUBJECT: A Resolution and a potent; and be could be hushed and potent; and be could be hushed to needed steep by a gentle patting on the shoulder and the singing to him he study of lessons from the life of the old-time lullables, as if his the study of lessons from the life of of the old-time lullables, as if his Christ; a subject to which we trust mother were still sitting by his bed side in loving ministry, as she had been well-nigh a century before. The true son never grows old to a true

HOW SHE SAID GRACE.

mother, -- Scheded.

A dear little niece of mine was invited to lanch with a friend. As the meal began she waited quietly for the blessing to be asked. But the gay talking did not cease, and the waiter began to pass the cold chicken. She watched each one help themselves, and saw no heads bowed in thankfulness. As the plate was passed to her she noticed a wing, the part she liked best. She looked timidly at the hostess, then, before helping herself, bowed her head and said, softly and reverently: "Thank you, Jesus, for my wing, anyway."—Temperance Banner.

I knew a little boy who was an apprentice in a merchant's shop. One day the master went out, and the boy was left all alone beside the open gash-box, or till, as it was called.

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cash-box, or till, as it was called. ing there in a great neap, and looked which every Christian should strive.
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"Take some, they'll never be missed, and you'll be able lo buy such lots of nice things." The boy was just going to put his hand into the box, when another voice thundered in his ear, "Don't take them, Johnny, else you'll be a thief!" and he flung them down into the till as though each penny were a bit of red-hot coal.

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The Annual Conferences have and precision of his language reagreed to unite in an offering of money to the Lord's cause as rep-resented by this institution. This taken by itself, might at times offering is to be made during have suggested.

Christmas week. We, your commissioners, would earnestly redivines, there quest every pastor in Texas to see that opportunity is given to the Church to give to the Orphanage. The people love this cause. All you have to do is to set the facts before them heartly and with encouraging words, and they will ed East, where, arriving in 1852, ful companion it would be impossed to mistake him for an echo of a nominational predilections. His personality possessed an indefinable charm. A more cheerful companion it would be impossed to make the predictions of the New sible to imagine. you have to do is to set the facts before them heartily and with encouraging words, and they will render thanks to God for his unphans. Christmas is the time above all times for such a work. The all times for such a work. The all times for such a work. The past age. It was his fame as a before them heartily and with encouraging words, and they will reacher that led to his being calling the preacher that led t taked about, not, however, in the crowded. Let us clear the decks Christmas week. Make an offering that will be worthy of Texas Methodism. Make room for the penniless orphans who are knocking at our doors for shelter and home. Fifty-seven children are already under our care, and apart of the country is the followal and are taught carefully as the thousands of years. Their children are obedient and thoughtful, take that position when they lovated the taught carefully as the traditions that we home. Fifty-seven children are already under our care, and apart of the country is the followal real part of the country is the sum of the part of the country is the followal real part of the coun home. Fifty-seven children are already under our care, and applications of genuine cases are inplications of genuine cases are increasing. Brethren, let us rise up

JOHN MILEY, D D , LL D.

one of unusual interest to the students. He spent the evening with his family and one or two students, enjoying every moment of the time. Of late years it was his habit to listen to reading by the members of his family, or by some student, and a considerable part of this evening was spent in this way.

A little after ten he proposed to

The attack passed off, he was evening with him was sent for, arstopped only when we are so notified and all riving only to find his beloved prefessor of "Systematic Theology" from a date only two years subse-

> until the 25th of this month, in addition to the jubilation belonging to that unparalleled commemorahis eighty-second birthday. He was born in 1813, while the guns of the second war with England

were resounding on sea and land. The Methodists in 1822 bad the ministry through the Ohio Conference, which numbered among entered upon a career, as a preacher, unique in several particulars. His fame extended far and wide. He had the power of declaiming possible the derelictions of the bad;—unless patience ceased to be ad;—unless patience ceased to be ad;—unless patience described by the father of the family through whom a blessing was to extend to and reckless assertions and denials, and their supreme insensibilty to

until it was impossible to recognize it as the utterance of the same man who began the sermon. In all this there was nothing of the harlequin, and the solidity of his thought and the nervous strength of his appearance in the pulpit, and precision of his language rehad modified his style. Yet there be in thy heart and thou shall teach a true council or moved him as far as possible from the ranter, which his vehemence,

Always a reader of the great divines, there was a flavor of preach would invariably retain the quaintness about his phraseology, but as he was always interested in it some of the best minds in the current events, it was impossible community, without regard to deto mistake him for an echo of a nominational predilections.

camp-meeting not far from the in which he rode, and they would city of New York, he preached a almost carry him to the platform;

of whom these six were a part, and third.

Were we to sum his character-

That he studied theology all his tranquil, and prepared himself for life, and at the same time was a sleep, but at 2 o'clock without a successful pastor and preacher, acter; for is it not, after all, in struggle ceased to breathe; and the made it especially appropriate that young man who had spent the he should be elected to the Professorship of Systematic Theology. Every alumnus of Drew Theologi ceptor forever gone from the cal Seminary will indorse the estiscenes with which his name will mate here announced, that none be connected, not only in the could be better qualified for such memory of the long su cession of a position. He did not, however, pupils whom he has indoctrinated, depend upon previous acquire-but in the history of the institution in which he had been the Pro- amined the whole subject, evolv- Their name has become the synoing, or rather perfecting, a course of thought which had attracted his quent to its foundation until, with- attention for some years, the results out resignation or removal, his connection with the institution ceased.

of which were given to the public in a work on "The Atonement." Subsequently he was requested by Dr. Miley was a Christmas gift Bishop Hurst and Prof. George were yet many homes wherein the to his parents, and had he lived R. Crooks to prepare a work on "Systematic Theology," the first 1892, and the second in 1894. As tion, his family and friends would these were reviewed at length edihave rejoiced in the recognition of torially a few month ago, they will not be referred to here further. Besides these he wrote a small book on "Class Meetings."

Conferences of 1872, 1876, 1888, this wicked world to God. Impeand 1892, and was fraternal delerial Rome was there with her pride —an institution which ceased to exist in 1844, though an unsuccessful attempt to re-establish and rendered the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the magnitude of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the magnitude ful attempt to re-establish and render it permanent was made later—upon the subject of slavery he and to it John Miley repaired, having among his fellow-students was in favor of gradual abolition, Bandolph S. Foster, now Bishop, but not of the excommunication to the subject of slavery he are to lure them away from the arts to lure them away from the worship of the true God. The national skeptics and objections of candidate pomp and luxury of the world. Greece with her learning and fine arts to lure them away from the worship of the true God. The national skeptics and objections of candidate pomp and luxury of the world. Greece with her learning and fine arts to lure them away from the world. Skeptics with honest, straightforward, was in favor of gradual abolition, but not of the excommunication to the subject of slavery here. Randolph S Foster, now Bishop, but not of the excommunication tions of the East all were repression; and its attacks consist mainly who subsequently, by marrying of those who held slaves, unless Dr. Miley's sister, became his brother-in-law. In 1828 be entered oppression. He believed in raistional religion had drifted into an subterfuges, and contemptible peting the general tone of public sentiment by maintaining a strict, but its members some of the most illus-trious pioneers of Methodism, and entered upon a career, as a preach-entered upon a career, as a preach-

for fifty-seven years.

were always evidences of power, them diligently to thy children, and in the churches of our own, and shalt talk of them when thou and the Presbyterian denomination sittest in thine house and when of these infidel humbugs, their acannouncement that he was to

to be little interested. Subsequent-ty I have read them to a thousand, seemed entirely in place in the astrologers.

they were carried away with en-thusiasm." Dr. Miley understood we shall not look upon his like relating to the Messiah and are how the circumstances and the au- again. But it is due to truth to hoping and praying for his appeardience can not only affect the say that the religious societies of speaker, but also the units of the concourse.

But it is due to truth to hoping and praying for his appearance; hence when Christ truly comes they are ready to receive seen, and few educational instituretire, remarking that he thought listics in a single statement, it would he might have one of his ill turns. be that he united the hasty fervor few who have known his friend-

best possible point of observation from which to study Jewish charthe homes that a nation's wealth dwells? This is peculiarly true of the children of Abraham.

Since the happy dawn of the Christian era, the people who crucified our Lord and voluntarily assumed the curse, "his blood be upon us and our children," have been subdued, persecuted, scattered to the four winds of heaven. nym for cruelty and avarice, and their religion a dead letter, but we must not forget what we owe to them.

When the star of Bethlehem shed its radiance upon Judea, there pure religion of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was maintained, and volume of which was published in many hearts upon whose altars the fires of faith were still brightly burning. They were carnestly praying and eagerly hoping for the appearance of the Messiah.

Though but an insignificant Role was a member of the General her keeping all there was to bind empty form, their priesthood had tifogger's tricks. become degenerate; but let us see

arguments with the energy and fervor of the most hortatory persuaders. His form of medium height and more than medium breadth indicated reserve force, and, according to the traditions in Ohio, when he was fully roused, which in the first half of his public career was nearly always the case, seemed to elongate and becase, seemed to elongate and bettery of all kinds of energy.

His voice underwent a change, until it was impossible to recognize. be in thy heart and thou shalt teach THE COUNCIL OF NICE AND THE CAN-

Let us imagine ourselves in a Jewish home. There is evidence the Council of Nice, in the year A. Jewish home. There is evidence the Council of Nice, in the year A. Jewish home. There is evidence that my to be never that my to surroundings, but simplicity in the that time there was an immense mode of living. There is intelli- number of so-called gospels, acts, up new buildings. We are already talked about, not, however, in the cause of a haughty bearing, but thousands of years. Their chil- upon and reiterated by their lec- as usual. Calvin did not burn

it shall be in similar circumstances than he was that those who saw to the son of Jesse, a hero in war was ever thought of. And yet in-On the afternoon of Tuesday, December 10, Dr. John Miley was present at his classes—as he had been on every occasion since the opening of the fall term, in September—apparently in the best intellectual health, and with sufficient vigor to make the occasion one of unusual interest to the stur.

> These children are carefully intions ever saw, a man more liked there is no guile" who most readily

derful eloquence, combined with the power of the Holy Ghost, led these thousand souls to Christianity on the day of Pentecost; of John, the disciple where the disciple where the city of Nicomedia, and, with as much publicity. John, the day of Pentecost; of John, the disciple whom Jesus loved; of Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles: of Timethy to the Gentiles; of Timothy, taught from his youth up in the Holy Scriptures; of Titus, the whose writings so uplift us-all of these are the products of the Jewish home life

MARY F. SINEX. SOME INFIDEL HUMBUGS.

REV. B W. WILLIAMS A good cause can always be deby fair argument. A bad cause of the divine law. and unfair methods in its defense. This truth is plainly visible in the conflict between Christianity and infidelity. Christianity, conscious of its doctrinal and ethical integri-

No other class of persons on

ON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

within easy reach of Madison, the thou walkest by the way, and when count of the origin of the New thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Testament. They tell us that the canon of the New Testament scrip-

man Emperor who reigned in the early part of the Fourth Century, which he committed during his reign; and they tell us that these were done by a Christian Emperor in the name of religion. The facts in the case are those: Con-

THE CASE OF GALILEO.

It is asserted by these doughty champions of unbelief that Christianity has been a foe to the progress of science, and has persecuted those who have ventured to teach scientific truth contrary to the supposed teachings of the Bible. As an example of this, they refer to the case of Galileo, the great Italian astronomer (1564-1642) who had some trouble with the ecclesiastics of his day on account of his it to "give as God hath prospered that the sun was the center of the the cause of Christ. solar system, and that the earth moved, contrary to what was then subject; and that he was compelled sions, and he answered, "Why-

posts of their houses and on their fairness of the means they employ at Rome be was acquitted and all ness out of our hides! Of late years the natural decline of force, the scholastic conversational method adopted in the class-room, and the comparative infrequency of his appearance in the nulpit which caused him to be again ar- Christ's kingdom. This sort of raigned, tried, and this time sen- religious sentiment which oozes tenced to incarceration in a dun- out as the collection is being taken, geon. This sentence, however, and causes the possessor of it to was never executed. It was never ooze out of the door is not of ratified by the Pope. Galileo suf- God, but of the devil. fered no personal pains and penalties. He was himself a Christian which to judge of a man's spiritubeliever; and his greatest enemies ality is to be found in how much CALVIN AND SERVETUS.

ly in the synagogue.

Bithynia. There were three hundred and eighteen of these Bishops terest on these young faces as the father recounts to them the history of subordinate ecclesiatics.

Bithynia. There were three hundred to pledge himself for his safety in case he should come. (See Calvin to Farel, February 12, ber of subordinate ecclesiatics.) and meet the demand. If every for New York, he preached a greater in Texas will get an offering from each congregation, the result will be grand. Let this be fresh that the close a committed and above assessments will be grand. Let use of one of the largest and most important Churches in the demonstration of each of considering over and above assessments will be needed for current expenses. Let us give heartily to the Lord, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give that to receive."

**How York, he preached a almost carry him to the platform; almost each to these young faces as the father recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiates alarge number of subordinate ecclesiates. They continued in session sixty-seven days, or from the 19th of fervor as they unite in singing the Zorvetus went to Geneva, was arrested under a charge of blas-flowed the father recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiates. They would hasten toward important Churches in the denomination offered him a call to the many boast of the Church it represented and the father recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiates. They would hasten toward important Churches in the dather recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiates. They compared the father recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiates. They compared the father recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiates. They compared the father recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiants. They compared the father recounts to them the his-better of subordinate ecclesiants. They continued in session sixty-beven days, or from the 19th of plants of the council was given the father recounts to them the his-better almost excuted the father recounts to them the his-beta the father recounts

painful death. (Calvin to Farel. referring to Constantine, the Ro- eration. They believed in punishing incorrigible heretics with death. Servetus himself cherished the and who patronized and befriended Christianity. They expatiate upon certain wicked and cruel deeds keeping with the spirit of the age, and should be judged in the light of his surroundings.

INFIDELS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

In a little tract printed by the he might have one of his ill turns.

The forecast was correct, and for some time he was in agony; but as he had survived many such attacks, thought by many to originate in the stomach, and had recovered from them so as to be as well a few hours afterward as before, in the opinion of those present no occasion existed for extraordinary alarm at this time.

The attack passed off he was

The attack passed off he was

The forecast was correct, and for of the seer with the deliberate step of the stoic. All his sermons restate the united the hasty fervor of the seer with the deliberate step of the stoic. All his sermons restated upon a theological basis. He defined, explained, expounded, defended, and enforced. To reading as an art he paid little attention; hence an audience to whom he was strange, after hearing him conduct the opening services, were surprised as he developed his sermon.

The attack passed off he was ity were sown, and to them we are indebted for the rich harvest of nineteen hundred years.

Time and space would fail us to tell of the faithful apostles of our Lord. Simon Peter, whose won-

> before men, received the rite of be noticed, but these will suffice. baptism and the sacrament of the They show the utter unreliability Holy Scriptures; of Titus, the youthful preacher; of St. James, until his death, which occurred the blind credulity of their ignosoon after, he lived a sincere and rant dupes. They seem to rely devoted follower of our Lord Jesus implicity upon the most absurd Christ. Let it be remembered, and unreasonable statements by then, that it was before his con- skeptical writers against Christianversion that he committed those ity. They make wild and reckerrors and follies which marred the beauty of his reign. After that event, until his death, he contact that event, until his death, he contact the beauty of the beauty of his reign. After upon second-hand quotations from unknown persons. Sometimes they fended upon rational grounds, and by fair argument. A bad cause of the divine law.
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> do not even give the correct titles of the books from which they profess to copy. They frequently make themselves ridiculous by repeating exploded nonsense, and by attempting to discuss things they know nothing about. The truth requires no such defense; Christianity can be defended by fair ar-

The religion of our Lord Jesus Christ requires those who profess alleged heretical teachings on scientific subjects. They tell us that he was frowned upon, denounced, and proscribed, because he taught that the tell us that he was frowned upon, denounced, and proscribed, because he taught chapter of I Corinthians it will be clearly manifested by his giving to clearly manifested by his giving to

A brother said to me some time since that the people would give, erroneously understood to be the but they need to be educated. I teachings of the Scriptures on the to abjure the Copernican theory, in order to save his life. I will here state the truth of the matter as recorded in the pages of history.

sions, and he answered, "Thy in the answered, "Thy in order to save his life. I will can afford." This man has an annual income of not less than \$2000. It is not education we need so bad-

About the very best criterion by

be how much must I give to meet Another favorite hobby with the requirements of the law, but

> all blessings flow." May God baptize his Church

> with the spirit of giving.
> G. E. SANDEL. Ballinger, Texas.

A MISSIONARY TALK. To the People Called Methodists in

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS-1 have in my hand the "Forty-Ninth Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church,

And if we, by a little talk, can the good people of Kosse. We provoke one another to love and have a nice brick church, well good works, and to more faithful furnished, also a good parsonage, labors, and to greater liberality in the Master's cause, it will be so landed at Kosse we did not know a much clear gain. The same re- single soul, but we are thankful to port gives the aggregate member-ship of our beloved Church in kinder hearted people, and we are Texas at 179,515. It will be ob- very hopful of a successful year. served that the Texas Conference I am happy to know that my lot paid the most per member—thirtyseven cents. Next comes the West
Texas Conference, with thirtysire and prayer to God is that I three cents per member. Next may prove a blessing to them. comes the North and the Northwest, with twenty-six cents per paid more, according to ability, than the members in any other conference. (The Lord know-eth). If so, then they are ahead in reality. At any rate the East Texas Conference has no reason to be discouraged, and none of the others have any grounds to boast of large contributions per member. (If you will permit me, I will say that thirty years ago the East Texas Conference was one of the noblest bodies of men that I ever swa. West TEXAS Conference was one of the noblest bodies of men that I ever swa. For myself, as an humble member:

Naturally was in the city last week of hold Bro. D. J. Martin's first Quarterly Conference. I want to day, where I met a nice audience, and tried to preach on the birth of day, where I met an ice audience, and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and a more of Jesus and a more degret in singing, "All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. At any rate the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of day, where I met a nice audience, and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All mail the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of charksgiving. All hall the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of the power of Jesus and tried to preach on the birth of the power of Jesus and tried to preac For myself, as an humble member on. of the Church of God, I am glad that we have done as well as we have. But then I believe that in the name and by the help of the Lord God of Israel, we can arise of in debility and nervous prostration, and do better this year than we did last year. And if we can do overwork or prolonged lactation." so, it is clear that we ought to do it. I believe that we ought always to do the best we can for the present, and keep improving for the future. Let us do it. It will be seen from the second class of figures given, that if we could get kindly received. Quite a number to move in the same direction. our mi-sionary contributions up to of brethren and friends met us and brought token of kindness in the age this year the aggregate would make \$89,757. This money judi- attended services at each appoint- been well received and abundantly have found a most cordial recepciously expended would further ment, and we seem to be moving pounded. Bro. Scott has held the tion on this charge, and the proson the interests of the Master's kingdon among men very much, churches, both on the Santa Fe and we would get the reward of Railroad. The church at Pecan ed after matters in Church circles field is large enough to gratify the Sunday. Bro. Campbell, our preour labor and sacrifice. Of course some of our members can not pay 50 cents, and perhaps from a small per cent of them nothing can possibly be collected. But the most of us can pay something, and I believe that if we will all do what we can, the aggregate will be at

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Hockley Circuit. J. J. Sanders: M. F. Daniel has two years on Hockley Circuit; always punctual to his appointments plenty to do here; territory is and we hope to do the best work and preached acceptably and efficiently. This scribe has received when not providentially hindered. to harvest," and we are expecting He is a fine preacher. He raised and expended \$1100 building churches during his stay among us. The charge to which he has been sent may congratulate themselves on having so good a preacher. I on having so good a preacher. I on having so good a preacher. I into the ranks of the unsaved of Line came in with another one, for condition possibly than for some to bless his labors and he have a liberal support.

Jewett.

W. F. Brinson, Dec. 23: We in vain. were appointed to Jewett charge for the second year, and with pleasure we received the appoint- The Dallas pastors met December members. We now have two ment, and after spending a few 2, 1895, and reorganized for the leagues. Our league at Hallettsand a fire to warm us, and we found the dining table loaded with pleased, have settled down to many good things too numerous to work, and their reports up to date mention-just all the very things show that Methodism in Dallas has needed. We are encouraged by started off very favorably for the The following day met my new this expression and the many conference year of 1895 96. greetings we meet with, "Glad you are with us for another year." As Miller, has met with a very hearty the name of the work is changed reception, has entered upon his cant—gives preacher and people an opportunity to do something. We trust, by the help of the Lord, pray that this may be the banner it will be done.

H. M. Haynie, Dec. 19: We reached our new home and field of ing additions: First Church, 6; ence, at 3 o'clock, and were met by quite a number of the brethren, who, in a nice carriage, carried us to a nice hotel to await the departure of the former pastor and family. The landlord and lady cared of Stewards in a business meeting this week they went in force to the appointed by Bishop Duncan to abundant success. for us so kindly, for which we are where a liberal assessment was district parsonage and put pounds Lometa Circuit. After saying truly thankful. On last Sabbath made for the preacher in charge, upon pounds upon the presiding good-bye to many warm friends on the preached morning and night to and they went right to collecting elder. I am sure the beloved was the Indian Creek Circuit, with wife our hearts sad to leave the friends a large and attentive congregation. it. I am now on my second round, not displeased, but I will not fore- and babies we set out for our new and acquaintances that we had in We were carried to the parsonage and at each service, we have the stall him as he may write of it field of labor. Lometa is half the Gatesville District and to be

west, with twenty-six cents per member. And last comes the the goodness of God and the Bish- This is as it ought to be, and this meaning as it ought to be, and this meaning as it ought to be, and this members are the properties. The same of the goodness of God and the Bish- This is as it ought to be, and this members are the properties. J.W. Harmon, Dec. 16: Through East Texas Conference, with eighop I was sent back to Weimar to accounts for much of my success. and also materially, such as a nice teen cents per member. Now, work for the Lord another year. At both services at Wilson's Chap-God seeth not as man seeth. Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks upon the heart. And in the judgment of God—that is, in God's view of the case—East Texas Conference may be ahead of all the others. The members of all the others. The members of all the others. The members of the cents of the cents of the contact and his wife. The members of the cents of the cents at mice pleasant years of my ministry. It don't think there is a better charge in the parsonage, and the ladden with nice things for the complete at the pounding, which gave us physical laden with nice things for the complete at the pounding, which gave us physical laden with nice things for the complete at the pounding, which gave us physical laden with nice things for the complete at the pounding, which gave us physical laden with nice things for the complete at the parsonage at all was made at the front of one room of the new preacher and his services at Wilson's Chap-le yesterday the Lord was gracious for the new preacher and his some at the parsonage. After things of almost every variety had been will be built on the work. Our piled on the right and left a song that God's view of the case—East of almost every variety had been piled on the right and left a song the laden with nice things for the complete at the pounding, which gave us physical laden with nice things for the complete at the pounding, which gave us physical laden with nice things for the complete at the pounding, which gave us physical laden with nice things for the complete at the presence at Way secretly to the parsonage, and laden with nice things for the complete at the presence at Way secretly to the parsonage, and laden with nice things for the complete at the presence at was at nice parsonage. After the parsonage at all was made at the front of the new preacher and his served at the form the parsonage at all was made at the front of the new preacher and his served at the form the parsonage at all was made at the form the parsonage at all was made at the form the pa of all the others. The members to treat the preacher and his wife. presiding elder, Rev. W. M. P. in that conference may have paid more, according to ability, than the members in any other than the members in the city last week to the organ and many voices were sent in, for that would require too to hold Bro. D. J. Martin's first returned from Harrison Chapel to to the organ and many voices were sent in, for that would require too to hold Bro. D. J. Martin's first returned from Harrison Chapel to the organ and many voices were sent in, for that would require too the members in the members in

A Tonte. Horsford's Acid Phosphate. Dr. A. E. CAROTHERS, San Anton

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Ben Franklin W. A. Coppedge, Dec. 18: We arrived at the parsonage in due time after conference, and were way of material supplies. I have

Powderly. S. P. Pirtle, Dec. 20: I have just can we get this money? The Master has need of it.

1. Let every pastor in the State make a good, honest, faithful and religious effort to get a contribution from every member and to from every member and to from every member and to find the data are six classes at present, including two where the membership is so the solution from every member and to find the suffer copies of the Advocate and am determined to do the best the gap in the lines, and all seemed to determined that the work shall not suffer. Though the workmen fall, appointments, though have had only three Sundays. We are well described to come to ference adjourned, and have had only three Sundays. We are well disability can excuse people disability can excuse people. those who are trying to make good members talk off and seem to have well received all round. We got this important institution of the were added to our roll. In all we 2. Let every Methodist in Texas stand up to the pastor in this great work.

R. M. Leaton.

Paint Rock, Texas.

Rembers talk off and seem to have agreed to move their membership to other classes. If they do this then there will be but four classes on this charge. However I am not on the least of the pastor in this great have received all round. We get added to our roll. In all we have received 11 members since that the pastor in this great have received 11 members since the have received 11 members talk off and seem to have agreed to our roll. In all we get received 11 members talk off and seem to have agreed to move their membership to other classes. However I am not the pastor in this great the pastor in this great the pastor in this great to other classes. However I am not the pastor in this great the pastor in the pastor in this great the pastor in the past of its territory where it is possible meal, meat, molasses, honey, elder, Bro. C. W. Daniel, was in the for us to do any good or make sugar, apples, butter, eggs, etc. chair and presided with the "digany substantial progress. We find Our hearts are full of gratitude, nity" such as becometh the office. by the co-operation and prayers of the brothren to make marked progress this conference year. We have Bishop. The brethren received received no pounding yet, but if us kindly, and in a few hours after Methodists. They are true and the good Lord will pound us with we reached home they gave us a our section, then we will feel that which we are very grateful. We

Dallas Pastors' Association

Our new presiding elder, Bro. year for Methodism, "Christianity in earnest" in Dallas.

Reports so far show the follow-

Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U.S. Gov't Report

ABSOLUTELY PURE

hearty co-operation of the officials hearty co-operation of the officials of the Church, and the laity in general. They indorse me to strangers, and help me with their have begun encouragingly here; have begun encouragingly here; have begun encouragingly here; night of the 12th inst. men,

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

can now count this county as against whisky, which was swept out of our county by a tremenout pleasure. Yes, out of our county by a trementhe pounding came and the tokens rich columns of religious news. out of our county by a tremendous majority—only ninety-eight votes for whisky. This leaves us the Land G parsonness a good Church, a good it ever had. N., between San Antonio and Cotulla, ninety-five miles, with many thriving towns—Lytle, Devine, Moore, Pearsall, and others.

Adjoining counties are beginning to move in the same direction.

Devine. off very well. We have two nice first Quarterly Conference, visited pects for the accomplishment of Gap is a real beauty. Our mem- well. Stewards made an advance ambition of a reasonable evangelist siding elder, was with us Decemme and laid these foundations up-on which we are trying to build. That Dr. G. W. Howard has re-covered from his serious illness, molest or make me afraid, at least ing. The death of our mainstay, the fourth attack of pneumonia.

in favor of Methodism ceding any possession of a supply of flour, and gone, and our new presiding

Hallettsville. Wm. J. Sims, Dec. 22: We were returned to this charge by the meeting its design in our land, and that our labor in the Lord is not to be able to be a that our labor in the Lord is not to be able, under God, to do a good been a great blessing on the counyear's work. On Sunday, the 15th, we organized an Epworth League

new inheritance-Llano Station. congregation, preaching to them ing began about 9 o'clock a. m., Cak Lawn, 3; Oak Chi, 11, 11as kell Avenue, 8; Floyd Street, 1 will do our utmost by earnest work will do our utmost by earnest work for them and the Master to show Christmas to the entire craft. Joel S. Graves: I met my Board halves; so on Monday night of

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

manifested in encouraging words,

shall have attention.

Bosqueville. I. K. Waller, Dec. 23: We have S. C. Littlepage, Dec. 18: We

> many hearty handshakes and "we are glad to welcome you back," since our return for another year. This is a noble little band of heroic aggressive, and we begin this year try. We shall give the ADVOCATE class in every particular.

Sisters Beal, Morgan and Jones, soon bought for the parsonage an e'egant set of furniture, costing some \$33. Also, since coming, we have had a well bored in the yard, costing \$35. This is a local option town, but from some cause has never been reported. Thank God, we are not cursed with the rum trade. We have an Epworth League, which we hope soon to have in fine condition. We need and are praying for a revival here.

women and children made their

Tenth Street, Waco

S J. Rucker, Dec. 19: Tenth Street Church is moving off well. Though the weather was very inclement I was on hand the Sunday after the appointment was made, and preached to a small congregation. The people gave up their former pastor with reluctance, but pastor feel welcome. The congreuntil the ides of November next. Bro. W. I. Barrett, has saddened ed to love Texas, her preach-

F. M. Winburne, Dec. 17: We

are very nicely domiciled in the

Corsicana Circuit parsonage, some two and a half or three miles west of the city. Here we have a very nice Church, Sunday and literary school, all in a nice, well-shaded, eight acre enclosure. This quiet retreat I prefer to the noise and bustle of city life to which they sometimes think of moving the parsonage, mainly from the fact was once in the traveling connecthat some of our preachers find it tion, but died several years ago in us we now sell direct to the public, at inconvenient for various reasons the local ranks. She is a very inlarge, but the good price for it has to live here. It is very difficult to telligent, refined and most conseadjust each individual case, and as crated Christian woman; has four a result many parsonages run dependent and helpless girl chilits share of attention. It is first- down. Great prudence and care dren; is now working in a private should be exercised in the location orphan's home at \$10 per month, of a home for the preacher from J. D. Whitehead, Dec. 22: We the fact, unlike most men, he is days with kindred we arrived year, with Bro. P. L. Smith, as ville is doing well. Our Sunday- are safely domiciled in the parson- much from home. My predeces- children. Her time at that instihome at 7 p. m., the 20th, and we found a royal welcome, and sev-found a royal welcome, a royal welcome, a royal welcome, and sev-found a royal welcome, a ro our conference adjourned; our the good work inaugurated by move was a short one. We had him and his faithful predecessors. urday, 7th inst., we reached our served Decatur Circuit for three We think we have a nice little me in making this dependent and years, and feel now as we did work and anticipate a good time. when we came to Decatur—that the A few nights since we had a nice lines have fallen to us in a pleasant little "pounding" from the good proper to contribute you may send both morning and night. The place. We never felt more like people of Zion's Rest, a live little to the undersigned, and I will forthird day after we came the pound- doing a good year's work than we Church a mile north of the city. do now. Our first Quarterly Con- Tell our friends of Richland Misto Jewett Mission—this is signifi- work with much zeal, and God is led by our presiding elder, and Bro Powers our beloved same coming kindness. While it seems was kept up at intervals during Bro. Powers, our beloved, came ceasing kindness. While it seemthe day. At night the storm came promptly, looked well after all the ed a hard appointment at first, business that belongs to a Quarter- God came to our rescue and we and the good people were upon us by the score, bringing to us all business that belongs to a Quarter-left them with as much regret as kinds of good things. If one is excellent sermons. He does his any people we have ever served. pounded with a cane he is not apt work well. This is an excellent The time is not far distant, we to like it, but we like the style people. I think we have as large verily believe, when Richland Misreached our new home and field of lawn, 3; Oak Cliff, 17; Has- these kind people gave us, and labor on Thursday after confer- kell Avenue, 8; Floyd Street, 1 will do our utwest by carried work and sought after by ing after the ADVOCATE. Merry many of our best preachers. My successor, Bro. McKinney, seems T. J. Lassetter, Dec. 15: I was young man. May God give him s astland.

IVORY SOAP IT FLOATS

Have you noticed when discussing household affairs with other ladies that each one has found some special use for Ivory Soap, usually the cleansing of some article that it was supposed could not be safely

way secretly to the parsonage, all December 3, while we we were trict: not attempt to name the articles more encouraging outlook in my office address, and I will send certer year. We believe it will come. looking carefully after all the in-Most all of the happy group who terests of the Church and pastor. Breckenridge, Texas. R. F. Dunn, J. G. Miller, Dec. 18: We are so kindly pounded us are readers Our parsonage is needing repairs at Arlington Station. Have been of the ADVOCATE. A number of badly. Our ladies say they will Jas. Hammond, Dec. 22: You warmly received. The ladies had our people enjoy the light of infix it up or buy other property. put the parsonage in good condistruction emanating from the AD-May the good Lord help us to prove ourselves worthy the conficrease the circulation of your valuable paper on this circuit.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Anadarko, O. T.

J. C. Cavener, Dec. 14: We are safely housed in the parsonage for this charge situated here. The good people have received us kindly; presents were brought to prayer-meeting. Wednesday night, which are valued at about \$25. We take this means for thanking the donors, especially Sister Methyin. this charge situated here. The donors, especially Sister Methvin,

Martetta, I. T. W. A. Randle, Dec. 18: To my friends in Texas: I had learn-Boerne.

I have distributed a number of but not discouraged the Church.

S. G. Shaw, Dec. 17: I preached sample copies of the Advocate Many have sprung forward to fill exceedingly to leave you, but after parsonage, repairing and repainting the old part of the parsonage, and going to work pretty soon on a new church building. We are pray ing for and expecting a gracious revival. Have had several invitations to assist the brethren in revival meetings, some of them to begin soon. God bless you all.

AVERY NEEDY BUT WORTHY LADY.

The lady is the widow of a noble The lady is the widow of a noble than other organs, but still absolutely man and Methodist minister who unrivalted in quality. and is one of the best workers I have ever known among orphan ing God implicity. I ask all who read this and feel disposed to join worthy family a "New Year" present. Any amount you may see ward to her immediately with the name and address of the donor. The name and address will be given by postal if you prefer, and you can send direct to her. REV. W. A. RANDLE,

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Texas Christian Advocate, Dal-las, Texas: DEAR SIR-The Bible received in good shape. As good, or better, than you claim. Yours, etc. J. N. SAMPLE. Caps, Texas, Nov. 20.

furniture arrived. On Tuesday, committees for the Huntsville Dis-

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W. WOOTTON, P. E.

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

We were carried to the parsonage on Monday, and that evening a well loaded wagon, with all kinds of just such things in the way of family supplies, drove up to our gate and stored the same away in the larder. For all these tokens of love I can only say, God bless of love I can only say on the God bless of love I can only say on the God bless of love I can only say on the God bl

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Boman's Departm't.

All matter intended for this column should 23 Masten Street.

CHRISTMAS.

Why not deck our homes and churches With the cedar and the pine, Making them as bowers of beauty For this holy Christmas time,

Where amid their wild-wood fragrane We can humbly kneel and lay Our grateful hearts a thankful offering On this blessed memorial day?

Why not make the children happy? Let no bright eyes shed a tear. Fill their hearts with loving memories. That will last them all the year.

How they dreamed and longed for Christmas, Gilding it with happy hours!

Make their dreams a rich fruition-Are they not our fairest flowers? Why not seek and find the mourners

Sitting by their lonely hearth Thinking of the loved and lost ones Who have passed away from earth: Cheer them with our kindly presence,

Weep with them, if weep they must; Tell them there is balm in Gilead If in God they put their trust.

And the poor, who stand in silence Wondering at the happy throng, Listening to their merry laughter And their snatch of Christmas song-Why not aid with generous giving— Fill their tables with good cheer;

Blessed in giving, others blessings, And be happier all the year? And when sleep has closed our eyelids

Angel forms will come again
Whispering round our silent pillow,
"Peace on earth, good will to men." MRS. MARY HOMAN, Mesquite Creek, Texas.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

of the 2d inst. for the City of Mexico, joining the excursion at sion reaching there from Chicago at 7:30 p. m. All seemed to enreceived a lovely souvenir bouquet. ed the Governor's Palace. Several lowing resolutions, by the Woman's of us took a seat in the Governor's Board of Foreign Missions, during chair. Everything was in grand the annual meeting held in Meri-We also visited one of the dian, Miss., in May, I insert Cathedrals. The beggers followed them in full: us till the police drove them away. We took dinner at Jimenez: the meals are all good. The Chinamen have charge of all the dining halls we have visited since we got into Mexico. This morning we took breakfast at home work in connection with that hang him he wasn't there. Calera, arriving at Zacatecas at 9:15, of the foreign field, We spent some time here in looking at the sights. We visited the Governor's Palace and two of the Cathedrals. It made my heart ache to see all that one can see. In a members in the maintenance of the control of the Woman's Palace and two of the ciety with the view of securing cooperation and financial aid from its members in the maintenance of time and the best service. large casket there was a wax figure | said school. quite a number of Catholics with us. This excursion is given by the Freight and Passenger Association of Chicago. My husband has been a member for some time, but this is the first time we have joined them in an excursion. We have a joilly crowd—some very nice ladies.

The gentleman who has charge of different residences, thereby throwthe excursion is worth over two ing good influences around some million. He does everything he can to make everything pleasant.
We also visited, while here, the cemetery. The church here is over two hundred years old. Part of the church has been easily according to the programme given in the Woman's Missionary Advoorer two hundred years old. Part of the church has been easily according to the programme given in the Woman's Missionary Advoorer two hundred years old. of the church has been used as a the last evening amounting to \$4.05, vault. The largest silver mint in the Republic is here; did not get to visit it, as there was so much to see. I think we could spend a week here and leave without seeing all of interest that is to be seen. We are off again. We take two meals a day, breakfast and dinner. We will get dinner about 4 p. m. This is a lovely day, and the scenery is beautiful. We expect to arrive in the City of Mexico to morrow. Friday. I will let you our sixty-three members. Our vault. The largest silver mint in which will be used in the outgoing

A NOTE comes from Mrs. J. W. Rowlett, Secretary of the P. and noble work and gaining in num-H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, asking that due credit be given Bro. Pierce, of the Apvodeleben is an energetic President, CATE, for a quotation which she leading her band to victory. The used from an editorial of his in 2d of December they gave a conher account of the annual meeting of that society. In the publication of her article the quotation marks were omitted by the compositor in the words, "Bishop Duncan followed with one of his characteristic speeches " * " he characteristic speeches " At her request a speech of the content of we make the correction.

will be there ten days.

Mrs. W. H. Purcell.

FROM GEORGETOWN.

Our Foreign Missionary Society in Georgetown was organized in 1882 with forty members, and now the number enrolled is sixty-three, as we this year have lost seven by removal. But we trust their places will soon be filled by those moving to our town, as many are coming among us, some of father gives her 10 cents for every hundred she gets on her school reports, had received from him 60 cents, and while Bro. Nelson was raising a collection she asked her mother's permission to give her mother asked how much of it? The answer came, "All but 10 cents, which I give to

of course receive the largest bless- make. Hers was \$2.50. ings, and those who will not enter these fields of usefulness must necas the command comes first to "go work in my vineyard," when prospects, etc. power and fitness will be granted to such as are obedient. Our average number in attendance is from sixteen to twenty, but the Lord is with us; while we rejoice that he counts us worthy to work in his glorious mission. I copy some lines from our Woman's Missionary Advocate: "The society meetofferings on his altar for his work; (3) pray with all their souls for

guidance in this work; for conseguidance in this work; for consecration to this work and the blessing of fruitfulness on this work. It. Salad — Take five heads of lettuce —if you can't get the heads, use the tails. Put them in water, It is the work, the organized work, and let them come to a boil. If they for Christ that is of value, not the number." We often close our meetings with a testimony from each one present as to their spirit-ual growth. The Holy Spirit hovers over the scene, bringing joy and gladness to our hearts. Our beloved President reserves our pastor to close these services with his bright experience and comforting health is much improved, and I have been words. We rejoice to have Bro. eured of sick headache by Hood's Sarsapa-Nelson returned to us the fourth year, and pray this may be the most successful year of his past ministry. His duties are arduous, and he needs the support and prayers of every member of We left Gainesille the morning his large, increasing church. We have in our society five life We have in our society five life members, one honorary and one members are to be just lovely to sprinkle clothes with." Fort Worth. We took supper at has in the mission field seven faiththe depot dining hall, the excurreared here. Bro. Tilly is in China, Sister Norwood in Venezuela and joy the elegant supper. Each lady the other five are in Mexico. Some We took breakfast at Big Springs, dinner at Toyah, reaching El Paso Woman's Board of Missions. Sevof these were sent out by the for supper, on the Mexican side.
We reached Chihuahua for breakfast. Spent three hours there. I fast. Spent three hours there. I did not find where our school was attend them through their educatill too late to go out. We visited tion and through all the changing one school. They claimed they scenes of life. For the benefit of were undenominational. We visit- those who have not read the fol-

> "Mrs. Dowdell offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Whereas, The Scaritt Bible and

where we are spending several "Resolved, That the President hours. This city is very old and built of the Woman's Board of Foreign just like the City of Jerusalem. Missions be requested to confer We spent some time here in looking at the sights. We visited the Parsonage and Home Mission So-

from the cross, with the blood seek to interest the young people running down the face. We have of our Epworth Leagues in send-

The gentleman who has charge of different residences, thereby throw-

to-morrow, Friday. I will let you hear from me while there, as we will be there ten days.

our sixty-three members. Our agent is faithful to duty, but many refuse her call to this im-

portant duty.
The "Alma Norwood" Society, composed of young ladies, is doing

scored a success." At her request wood" Society in the education of the girl before mentioned. I have not the number in their society. One little girl among them, whose Our Foreign Missionary Society father gives her 10 cents for every

whom bear the character of good the Little Workers." She received whom bear the character of good workers. I believe our society is on the upward grade, both in interest and spirituality. Those given to the children to inspire Besta I who attend our monthly meetings them to see how much each could

As this article is growing too lengthy, I will try in the near essarily lose much spiritual power, future to say something about our W. P. and H. M. Society, its

MARY M. DAVIDSON. Georgetown, Texas.

Bread-Takesome flour; any flower will do; but I have found that bread made with roses was best, as it always rose quickest. At any rate, if the flour has been well-bred, it will rise as soon as the lady enters the room. That's all. Apple Pie—Take ing is where God's daughters meet to (1) learn his works; (2) lay their the bachelor and keep the crust. If he gives you any sauce, put that inside the crust, and bake the whole in a hot oven. If it gets too hot, fan won't come, take them by the ears and lead them. For dressing, use low neck and short sleeves.

> PALLAS, TEXAS, Dec. 9, 1895,-My mother has suffered very much from rheumatism and nervous prostration, but she is almost entirely relieved of these troubles since she began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. My brother-in-law has been taking it and his rilla .- MISS ETHEL NIX, 579 North Marston St Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.

> Appreciation-"I wish them things wasn't so high-priced," said Mrs. Jason, as she looked longingly at some chrysanthenums, "I think I'll

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Spinks-Your English guest seems to be enjoying his visit to this country. He looks very happy. Binks—Yes. He's found more things than he expected to grumble about.

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Eastern visitor-llow was it you did not hang that last murderer? Did he establish an alibi? Quick Training School is doing such good When the sheriff went to the jail to Drop Dan—That's just what he did.

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San Antonio District-First Round.
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i	Fort Worth District-Second Round.
ı	First Church Dec
ì	Missouri Avenue, at GlenwoodJa
ı	Mulkey MemorialJa
ı	Polytechnic College Jan 12
ı	Trinity and Rivers'e, at Little Fossil. Jan 18
	Epworth and City MissionsJan 19
ı	Azle, at Az'e Jan 25
	Arington sta Feb
	Marystown, at Marystown
	Mansifeld, at St. Paul
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	Osceola
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Observe that where a date is doubled, if it be
Sunday, the presiding elder expects to preach
at the first date in the morning and at the
second at night, if it a. m. is given, there
will be preaching and the Quarterly Conference immediately afterward. Where no
hour is mentioned for Quarterly Conference,
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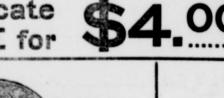
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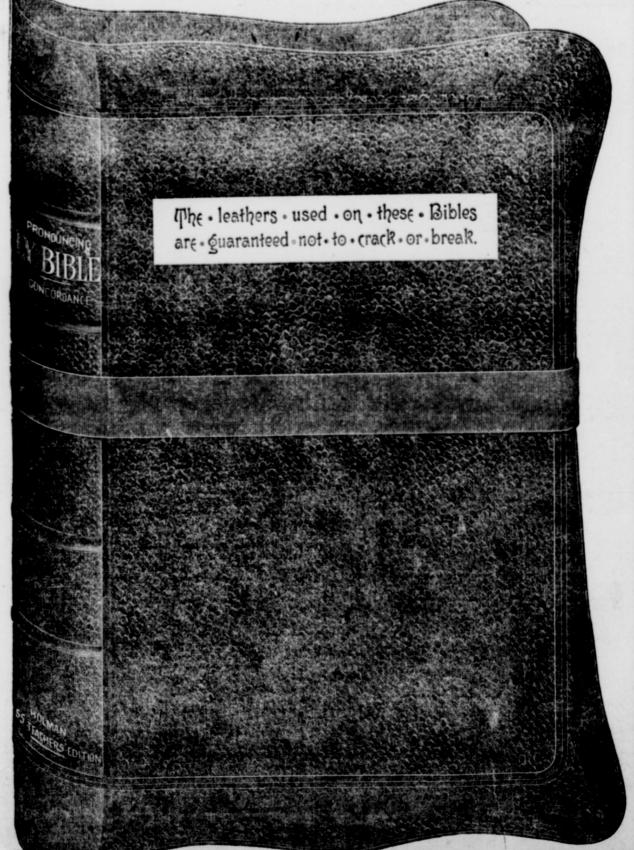
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Marriages.

Wade - Graves, - On November 11, 1895, at 10 a m., at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graves, Mr. Elbert Wade and Miss Amy Graves, Rev. M. L. Moody offi-

Giddens-Patterson -At the M. E. Church, at Annona, December 18, 1895, at 8 p. m., by Rev. John L. Sullivan, Mr. Sam T. Giddens and Miss Lulu Patterson.

Powell - Humphreys - Baker - Harrell.—On the evening of December 11, 1895, in the Methodist Church, in Medina City, Texas, Mr. Charles O. Powell and Miss Mamie Humphrys, and Mr. Charles M. Baker and Miss Mamie Har-rell, Rev. W. F. Mcore officiating.

Smith-Akin.-At the residence of the bride's father, Bev. J. P. Akin, Mr. James H. Smith and Miss Alice Akin, November 6, 1895, by Rev. Isaiah S.

Cox-Langford.-At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. B. F. Langford, Mr. James Cox and Miss Ella Langford, November 7, 1895; all of Bandera County, Texas; Rev. Isaiah S. Napier offi-

Collins-Faris .- At Benton, December 4, 1895, by Rev. S. J. Drake, Mr. Ed Collins and Miss Annie Faris.

Stephens-West .- At the home of the bride, near Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt County, Texas, December 8, 1895, at 3 p. m., Mr. A. L. Stephens and Miss Ethel West, Rev. John F. Everitt offi-

Butler-Laffon,-At the home of the bride's mother, near Eastland, Texas, December 15, 1895, by Rev. R. S. Heizer, Mr. J. S. Butler and Miss Mat-tic Laifoon; all of Eastland County.

Proctor -- Barnes .- On the evening of December 17, 1895, at 7 o'clock. Mr. to Mrs. Kate Spratt September 25, Orion Proctor, editor of the Spring-town Sun, and Miss Maud Barnes, of 1872, and died Saturday, at 2 o'clock

Lowe-Cox .- In the chapel at Polytechnic College, December 4, 1895, Mr. Henry Warren Lowe and Miss Mary Alfreda Cox, Rev. E. V. Cox officiating.

Hall-Campbell.-On the 27th of No. vember, 1895, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Santa Anna, Texas,

by Rev. Jno. W. Hall, Mr. J. E. Hall and Miss Roberta Campbell. Caton-Deaton.-At the residence of the bride's father, two miles west of

Adams—Keeling.—At the Methodist Church, Reagan, Texas, December 18, 1895, Mr. C. H. Adams and Miss Viola Keeling, Rev. George H. Phair officia-

Vickars-Olive,-In the Methodist Church, Courtney, December 22, 1895, Mr. Wm. R. Vickars and Miss Lula would always feel welcome, at the four years ago Bro. Howser was hap-sickness was fatal, but bore his illness again married to Geo. R. Ailen. Olive, Rev. J. M. Wesson officiating. ence and realize, if there was any pily converted and joined the Meth- as becometh a redeemed of the Lord. Eight children were born to them-

near Kinneyville, Austin County, Texas, December 18, 1895, at 3 p. m., Mr. Isaac L. Lynn and Miss Fannie Swearingen, Rev. W. F. Brinson officiating

Kepler-Boyd, -- December 23, 1895, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Lee Kepler and Miss Nora M. Boyd, Rev. S. C. Littlepage officiating.

Brooks—King.—At the Methodist Church at Caidwell, Texas, December 18, 1895, by Rev. A. S. Blackwood, Mr. Ivy E. Brooks, of Bryan, Texas, and Miss Johnnie King, of Caldwell, Texas. Horn-Bledsoe,-At the home of the bride, December 19, 1895 by Rev. Jos. B. Sears. Mr. Kansas Horn and Miss Annie L. Bledsoe, all of Plum, Fay-

ette County, Texas. Weaver - Sutherland - December 8 to our last conference, and when the roll was called Bro. H. Lockwood, 1895, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Moss Weaver and Miss M.

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E. Sutherland, Rev. Lowery officiating.

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ROBERSON, - William M. Roberson was born April 3, 1817; was married Boonsville, Wise County, Texas, Rev. p. m, October 19, 1895. Bro. Rober-live as he lived, and may the God of live as he lived, and may the God of live as he lived, and may the God of live as he lived. son was born in the State of Missis- all grace sanctify the sad affliction to sippi. His parents moved to Texas your good spiritually. when he was a small boy and settled near Chappell Hill, Washington Coun-Waers—Brooks,—By the Rev. B. A. Snoddy, on December 11, 1895, at the residence of the bride's father in Wortham, Texas, Mr. Thomas Waters, of Waxahachie, Texas, and Miss Leola Brooks. ington and Burleson Counties; in the latter since his marriage. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn their loss.

I have known Bro. Roberson for seven years; was his pastor for three years, and during the three years I was on the Lexington Circuit our Pittsburg, Texas, at 7 p. m., December 17, 1895, Mr. H. A. Caton and Miss Elia Deaton, Rev. R. A. Morris officiating. Henderson—Galbreath.—At the residence of Mr. John Smith, Jennings, Lamar County, Texas, on December 18, Lamar County, Texas, on December 18, 1895, by Rev. R. N. Brown, Mr. Bob Henderson and Miss Hesta Galbreath; all of Paris, Texas.

Howser,—Bro. T. J. Howser died at his home in Aubrey, Texas, Decomber 4, 1855, in Sebastian man to impress me more favorably than William Roberson. He was the soul of honor and the embodiment of truth. There was no false way about the father, Albert Chandler, in 1863; poined the M. E. Church, South, in Christ September, 1876, and at his home in Aubrey, Texas, Decomber 4, 1855, in Sebastian man to impress me more favorably than William Roberson. He was the soul of honor and the embodiment of truth. There was no false way about the father, Albert Chandler, in 1863; poined the M. E. Church, South, in Christ September, 1876, and at his home in Aubrey, Texas, Decomber 4, 1855, in Sebastian man to impress me more favorably than William Roberson. He was the soul of honor and the embodiment of truth. There was no false way about the father, Albert Chandler, in 1863; poined the M. E. Church, South, in County, Ark., June 27, 1849. Her

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He walked uprightly, he spoke the truth in his heart, he did no wrong to his neighbor. I do not believe that William Roberson ever inten
Wattakof member, and in his death the death the Church suffers great loss. He was undemonstrative in his devotion to God, but deep down in his heart to rest till the fulfiliment of the he was true as steel. I was with him prophecy, "I will ransom them from in early life and united with the M. that William Roberson ever intentionally wronged any man in his life.

It was not in him to do such a thing, almost at the very last, and taking the power of the grave; I will reprophecy, "I will reprophecy children and many other relatives and of the grave will burst their bands plary Christian. Her sufferings were Conference, attending the District and

O. C. FONTAIN, P. C.

SPOOR .- Margaret Spoor was born in Alabama in 1832; from thence she moved to Texas, and she, with her husband, located in Matagorda County, where she lived many years. She alternate, was appointed to fill the vacancy, for he had gone up to answer the general roll call in heaven. O how he will be missed at Porter's Church for several years, but finally united with the Methodist Church, alternate, was appointed to fill the of which she was a member at the ship, and at the Buffalo Camp ground, time of her death. Aunt Margaret where he had been one of its main supporters for years, and around his own fireside where he was the life of one who could say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." And while we all mourn over our loss, and know that we have had a friend taken from us, yet we know that she has gone to unite with those ing at his family altar the hearty. died November 13, 1895, after living ing at his family altar the hearty who have received the plaudit, "Well amens from the faithful man of God done, thy good and faithful servant," were a token that he, too, was earn- and feel assured that she is now enestly engaged in the petition; his home was almost an Eden—love and order ruled the home. How he loved his precious wife and dear children. mend to his care, who is able to com-He was a devoted husband and an affectionate father in every sense of never again come to us, but we may months and thirteen days. Edith the word. How I loved the dear go to her. HER NEPHEW. brother. As I write these lines tears trickle down my cheeks. And to his

(nee Coop) was born in Tennessee, friends. to Coryeli County, Texas, in 1867; her teacher a pupil who was ever married to J. B. Squyers September ready to receive instruction. Being 4, 1872; professed religion and joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1870; joined the M. E. Church, South, I yuntimely departure. But we must be submissive to God's holy will, reto Coryeli County, Texas, in 1867; her teacher a pupil who was ever him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. On Sunday evening, the 20th, just as the sun was setting, surrounded by his weeping family and friends, and a Sunday evening, the 20th, just as the sun was setting, surrounded by his weeping family and friends, and a large concourse of people, I conducted the burial service, assisted by Texas, for burial. Sister Squyers our grief is of necessity great, we are ed the burial service, assisted by was a faithful and loving wife, an affectionate mother, a true and kind passage which says: "My grace is friend. She lived religion in her sufficient for thee." May God's rich-May her husband, her sons and little mother, sisters and brothers, and H. A. Boggs January 29, 1873. She daughter live as she lived and find a may they, through faith, look unto was the mother of ten children, five home with her in heaven.

S. D. WADDILL. Levite, Texas.

Lynn—Swearingen.—At the Church meanness in you, it was not the time odist Church. He proved to be a character three girls and five boys—six of tended his burial, and after the whom, with her husband, now mourn friends to mourn their less. May God's blessings in richness rest upon them and may they all meet him in the home of the blessed.

as under, and the "ransomed of the most excruciating for five months, but with an abiding trust in God she bore it as only the true Christian away."

J. L. Morris.

McBride. — Lawrence McBride, son of Rev. R. T. and Martha E. McBride, was born in Coffee County, McBride Griffith in San Auwith his parents to Texas in 1882, and died April 26, 1895. He had never made a profession of religion nor he was a resident of Sulphur Springs, joined the Church, but was a kind-where he died December 10, 1895, hearted and upright young man. surrounded by his devoted wife and His mother passed to the "better all his living children. For thirtyland" only a few days previous to his death. This made a profound impression upon his mind and he seemed these years of suffering he knew to have a presentiment that it would where to go for succor and consolanot be long till he should follow. He tion. When the disease had reached was taken with pneumonia and lived only a few days. He was conscious to the last, and said he was ready to seemed fully resigned and repeatedly die. He leaves many friends. Dear bore testimony to the preciousness Lawrence, thou art gone, but we and power of the promises and dochope to see thee again.

H. P. SHRADER. Smithfield, Texas.

RUGELEY .- Died, Edith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Rugeley; was born January 6, 1884; died Novembeing a bright girl, always ready to lend a helping hand, drew around SQUYERS.—Sister V. C. Squyers her many warm and appreciative are Coop) was born in Tennessee, friends. Her schoolmates always March 3, 1818; moved with her father found in her a comrade and friend, home; was loved by all who knew her. est blessing be bestowed upon father, County, Mo. She was married to him who is able to comfort the of whom are dead. She was a faithbroken-hearted. AMOS LEE.

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Soul of honor and the embodiment of truth. E. Church, South, in County, Ark., June 27, 1849. Her spirit of her Master in that she father, Col. J. L. Dabney, moved to the same till his death, in McKinney, Trackled in the town of Bastrop. She have dare to approach him with a dishonorable position upon any subject, yet he was an humble, quiet, unassuming man—one in whose presence you and best, I have heard nothing but and best, I have heard nothing but and best, I have heard nothing but at the time of his death, in Meximbey, Texas in 1831, and for many years resided in the town of Bastrop. She husband and children feel keenly was twice married—first to J. B. and humanity. While her resided in the town of Bastrop. She husband and children feel keenly their loss, may they realize great and humanity. While her resided in the town of Bastrop. She husband and children feel keenly their loss, may they realize great and humanity. While her resided in the town of Bastrop. She husband and children feel keenly their loss, may they realize great at the time of his death. From the

joined the M. E. Church, South, in after effects. trine of the gospel. His end was peace. Quietly and without a struggle he "fell asleep" just at low twelve, December 10, 1895, and then awoke to hail with unutterable joy the light of the eternal day. S. C. RIDDLE.

SMITH .- Little Other E. Smith, on of John M. Smith (deceased) and Sophronia Smith, lived for about three years and six months to gladden the home, and then went to join her papa on the other shore. Twice the same year has Sister Smith been be-

Boggs,-Sister Sarah Jane Boggs was born. April 22, 1856, in Grunda fal, true wife, and an affectionate and loving mother. She professed faith in Christ September, 1876, and consolation from the sure hope that fee or tea. No money required till patien

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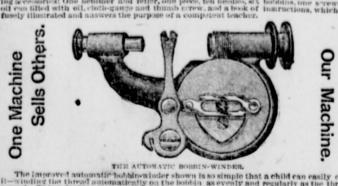
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in eighteen years, and for several

years had been a member by being

elected delegate. He was a delegate

Chapel, where he held his member-

where he had been one of its main

dear family: let me admonish you to

But now he is dead, can I bring

Rev. R. T. Blackburn, preacher in

charge, and laid his body to rest at

Porter's Chapel to await the resur-

rection morn. May the mantle of the

father fall upon one of his sons. Let

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us live to meet him in heaven.

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REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF

Received from the six districts for conference claimants, Bishops' fund, and printing minutes:

Districts.	Cl'm		Fun		Prit	ng
Marshall	\$308	60	\$103	85	821	60
Tyler	323	90	104	50	26	00
Palestine			112	00	25	65
San Augustine	310	50	102	00	20.7	50
Pittsburg	365	65	117	20	32	65
Beaumont	104	60	49	75	11	00
The amount conference clair						

Marshall District \$380	00
Tyler District 380	00
Palestine District 380	
San Augustine District 350	00
Pittsburg District 380	00
Beaumont District 280	00

Pittsburg District	.,00	411.1
Beaumont District	280	00
Total	2180	00
The board assessed for the print	ing	of
the minutes for the year 1896 \$12 distributed as follows:	ō, a	nd
Marshall District	\$22	00
Tyler District	22	
	43.3	00
San Augustine District	43.7	00
Pittsburg District	13.3	00
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San Augustine District	47.7	1
Pittsburg District	20	1
Beaumont District	15	1
Total	\$125	,
The board distributed the I fund as follows:	Bisho	F
Marshall District	\$165	1
Tyler District	165	
Palestine District	165	1
San Augustine District	165	1
Pittsburg District	165	1
Beaumont District	91	1
Total	\$916	

Total	\$916 0
Calvin fund	
Pub. House fund	440 0
Hughes fund	159 3
We have distributed to the	
ence claimants the following a	nounts
Sister A. M. Box	\$90 0
" J. M. Mills	110 0
" A. L. Kavanaugh	110 0
" J. R. Belamy	50 0
" S. A. Williams	150 0
" J. R. Burk	110 0
" Frank Stovall	125 0
" J. C. Huckaby	90 0
" Ed Ogburn's child	125 0
" Bettie Crouse	
" J. C. A. Bridges	60 0
ti Manu Lanah	0.5 0

" Jeff Shook	85
Total \$1	830
From the Hughes fund the	
board made the following distri- bution to the preachers wno had	
received the least on their sal- aries:	
Wm. A. Graves	25

" Mary Lynch Bro, H. M. Booth

" M. Donegan " W. N. Bonner R. S. Finley

J. A. Smith

J. T. Kirkpatrick	20	00
A. A. Kidd	15	00
O. A. Shook	25	O
A. Methvin	15	O
W. D. Lum	15	Of
D. L. Cain	20	00
Total	\$2005	00
Total amount to be distributed.	\$3106	13
Cr. by Bishops' fund	\$589	30
Cr. by minutes	139	-14
Cr. by conference claimants		
Cr. by balance		
Total	\$3106	1:
R. W. Thox		

TREASURER'S REPORT, BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

T. S. GARRISON,

The Board of Church Extension the East Texas Conference met in the the East Texas Conference met in the city of Texarkana, Texas, December 20, 1895, and received from the six districts a valuable acquisition to our con-

as follows:	
Marshall District \$199	90
Tyler District 213	75
Palestine District 230	
San Augustine District 151	
Pittsburg District 216	00
Beaumont District 61	50
Total \$1074	80
Credit-By draft to D. Morton. \$537	40
Donation Forrest Chapel 100	00

Total	\$1074	80
Credit-By draft to D. Morton.	\$537	40
Donation Forrest Chapel	100	00
Donation Griffin Church		00
Donation Granger Church	75	00
Donation Grand Saline Church	150	00
Donation Hickory Grove C'h	75	00
Donation J. D. Dotsey	26	2
Appropriation for bulletins	10	00
Balance on hand	26	14
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Received ciety, per 1 \$153.75, at						
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Hemphill	Mis.	Par.,	San	An-	***	00

lows:		
Hemphill Mis. Par., San An-		
tonio District	\$40	00
Lindale Par., Tyler District	50	00
Garrison Par., San Augustine		
District	4	00
Linden Par., San Augustine Dis.	35	00
Balance on hand in treasury	24	75

Balance on hand in treasury 24 75	
Total \$153 75 Amount of assessment for the year 1896 is \$1483, apportioned as follows:	Church. I think it e
Marshall District \$260 00	year by per
Tyler District 260 00	early as possi
Palestine District 260 00	to the post of
San Augustine District 260 00	to the next co
Pittsburg District 260 00	of members
Resumont District 183 00	membership
Total\$1483 00	close of the
The following ladies are the officers of	Moody, Texas.

the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society for the ensuing year: Mrs. G. V. Ridley, President, Nacog-

oches, Texas.
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Paid to Mrs. George Hendricks, Gen-

J. S. MATHIS, Chorman BROWNWOOD DISTRICT DOTS.

All but three of the pastors in this district were moved. Three went into other districts-Adkisson, Carraway and Spence. We have five new men, viz.: Burkhead, lt was time wasted in taking it be-Bransford, Gay, Bates and Sandel. cause I was not benefited in the least.

Two out of the eighteen charges my suffering continued, but by a mighty Bransford, Gay, Bates and Sandel.

Brownwood on the 5th instant.

Eleven out of sixteen were present and did their work carefully and and through the Pink Pills I soon bid religiously. With the spirit of this meeting pervading the officials and members throughout the district the selection of the pills that seem to be able to persuade trict, the column for "deficits" all pains to leave one's body. Now I would be eliminated from our re- am as I used to be; well and strong, ports next fall. I look to these men for leadership in their respective charges.

starts well here. The good women are looking after the parsonage: have bought a nice lot of farni-35 00 ture, and they, or others, are having a well dug.

pressing their church enterprise. The contract is let for a stone sive of seats, \$1200.

wisely gave \$200 to this Church.

day by a large audience. GOLDTHWAITE has a new preacher, the first in four years. Of him and his first sermons the Mountaineer, edited ter was good, the manner excelsecretary. pleased."

to Coleman. Myself and family are delighted with him and his ference. The people of Coleman regretted to give up Bro. Adkisson and his charming family, but I doubt not they will soon become W. M. SHELTON. pastor. Brownwood, Texas, December 13, 1895.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

The difficulties in the way of securing and keeping a perfect roll of members are familiar to every pastor of experience. There have been discrepancies from year to year in reporting the number of members to the Annual Conference.

One pastor told me that his work had reported for years about a hundred members that could not cated from my mind. It was necesbe found, each succeeding pastor following the minutes of the previous year. Many members are on our rolls who have not been did. In a short time a new taste and seen by a preacher in charge for a new perception began to dawn upon years, and some have removed and likely belong to another

Church. I think it exceedingly important

Woman's Wit.

TOLD BY A SOCIETY GIRL.

Something About Morphine, Sulphur, Molasses and Other Things.

From the Evening News, Newark, N. J. Among the popular society leaders in East Orange, N. J., Emma L. Stoll, a charming young maiden, stands in the foremost rank. She is of a lovable disposition and the light of the social set in which she moves. For two years she has been a sick girl from internal troubles peculiar to women, and having recently recovered, has given our reporter the fol-

owing interesting account:
"Instead of improving under the care of my physician 1 became worse. For five weeks I was unable to get out of bed and at six o'clock each morn ng I suffered horribly. My lips were so and lacerated from the marks of my teeth, for in my efforts to keep from screaming I sunk my teeth deep into my lips At such times I rolled and tossed unti the bed shook like an aspen leaf and it finally got so serious that the doctor-f won't tell you his name-gave me some morphine pills to take. The very thought of them now makes me shiver. These morphine pills simply put me to sleep for a while and when I became con-scious again my agony was renewed. "The pain in my stomach and back was more than I could stand. 'Your blood is poor,' said the doctor, 'take sulphur and molasses,' and I did until it was a great Two out of the eighteen charges are supplied with local preachers.

The preachers were prompt to get to their new fields, and so far as heard from both they and the people are satisfied, if not pleased with the present adjustment, and are expecting a profitable year.

The District Stewards met at Brownwood on the 5th instant to improve and before I had finished

who next?

On Monday after the District Stewards' meeting W. C. Hilburn wrote from Ballinger:

"I preached yesterday from the text, 'Bring ye all the tithes into 1 presented our assessments for the general collection, and am happy energy in substitution of the storehouse,' etc. At the close 1 presented our assessments for the general collection, and am happy energy in substitution. We had a good in substription. We had a good in substription will be a substription wil Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements nec-

The strong interest felt in the eighteenth-century portraitists is focused upon two great contemporaries and rivals-Sir Joshua Reynolds and Thomas Gainsborough. There could hardly be temperaments more antipathetic, nor
oressing their church enterprise.
The contract is let for a stone
induce, 50x50 feet, to cost, exclusive of seats, \$1200.

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The Board of Church Ext Reynolds and Thomas Gainsborhouse, 50x50 feet, to cost, exclu- for careful self-control, the other and he had studied long in Italy When completed it will be the and had been at the head of his best church-house in Mills County. profession in London for twenty-Bro. M. Mills, the pastor of two years when Gainsborough-a J. A. Hunnicutt 25 00 Mullin Circuit, is well received, skilled portraitist but also a landH. L. Hare 15 00 and a correspondent to a local paJ. T. Kirkpatrick 29 00 Expensive Company of the pastor of the past per says he was greeted last Sun- up to town. Reynold's life moved in conscious, self-ordered sequence of development. His father destined him for a physician; but he was lazy at his books until, in mature life, he realized the lack, and made by that prince of stewards, J. E. it up by studious application. But Vernon, says: "Rev. Samuel he was diligent at his drawing, Gay's sermons at the Methodist went up to town and studied with Church Sunday and Sunday night a portrait painter by the name of were listened to by large and attentive congregations. The matter was good, the manner excellent, and the people were all traits and his graceful and unprepleased."

E. K. Bransford, a transfer from the Memphis Conference, stopped out arrogance," won him many at the district parsonage en route friends, among them a captain, afterward Lord Keppel. When this gentleman was made commodore in the Mediterranean to chastise the Algerines, he invited Reynolds to accompany him; and, after some cruising and some painting of portraits among the garrison at Minorca, the painter went to Rome, the ideal composition of Raphael is as much for the owner to see to in as greatly attached to their present and threw himself into the study of Angelo and Raphael, whose names were ever after present on his lips. He is frank enough to

> conscious I ought to have done was one of the most humiliating circumstances which ever happened to me. All the indigested notions of painting which I had brought with me from England, where the art was in the lowest state it had ever been in, were to be totally done away and eradisary that I should become 'as a little child.' I viewed them again and again; I copied them; I even affected to admire them more than I really

Another extract from his remiriscences is helpful to students to-

and of laboring without any determinate object; as it requires no effort allowed his sitters to choose their of the mind, he sleeps over his work, own positions from those suggested and these powers of invention and by the portfolio. He was very disposition which ought to be called out lie torpid and lose their energy of producing anything of their own

are conversant with our art." Northcote, his pupil and biogra-pher, says he "acquired while he gallery. contemplated the best masters, that Much as he admired it, "the severe dignity of Angelo or Raphael he had no chance of attaining, for he wanted loftiness of imagination, without which no grand work can ever be achieved; but he had a deep sense of character, great skill in light and shade, a graceful softness and an alluring sweetness, such as none have surpassed." After visiting Bologna, Genoa, Parma, Florence and Venice he returned through Paris and established himself as a portrait painter in St Martin's Lane in 1752. "Reynolds, you don't paint so well as when you left England," his old master said, and there was bitter conflict at first between the old and the new; but his portraits of Commodore Keppel and of the Duke of Devonshire decided public favor. Then came the pastelist Liotard from Geneva, rising suddenly into favor-and Reynolds spoke bitter-

and talent, was set for a half-dozen, stock. Do not forget this.

bition of British Artists begun in sell off, and the quick way of prepar- of her daughter on the morning of 1760, Reynolds was made Presi- ing them for market is the best, for December 13, 1895, at 4 p. m. Her sufdent by acciamation, and continu-ed in office for twenty-one years— this same commodity so usefulto us all. all that skilled physicians and affecuntil blindness and a fatal malady | Roup is usually prevalent in cold | tionate relatives could do she died ful fortitude without the least Take one teaspoonful each of tincture 11th of August, 1844. She had been

a companion of a little bird, which used to perch on his hand while he paced around his room and talked are thoroughly mixing add three ters, Mrs. Casenhan, of Mexia, and tablespoonfuls of hyposulphite of some control of the death and arrived are this with one once of asafeting, were wired of her death and arrived working it together until the method of the funeral services, which to it, until a summer morning and to it, until a summer morning and is completly mingled, occasionally at 3:20 p. m., December 14. May God an open window were temptations softening it whenever necessary with which it could not resist. His liter- castor oil. This can be made into pills, of those who remain. The Savior ary friends found him open-handed or, when dry, into powders—the and sympathetic, while his servants former is better because it can be esteemed him penurious and hard. pushed down the throat easily. Reynolds' literary claim depends upon his "Discourses" upon paint-ing, lifteen in number, delivered er enforced idleness must come, making, fifteen in number, delivered yearly before the academy stu-dents, upon his papers for "The eases of which all fowls are sub-Idler," some notes on Shakespeare,

and some upon Du Fresnoy's "Art ter how well you feed them, you can of Painting." In his "Discourses" not expect many eggs nor freedom he holds up before the students from sickness. I contend that there and Correggio, but tells them the winter as there is during the nothing of his own jealously guarded secrets of painting. Sir Joshua's historic paintings have little of the heroic dignity which an intell that he did not enjoy their the heroic dignity which an inspired mind breathes into composition work much at first. best of them is the "Death of gage. The pleasure of knowing how Dido," now on exhibition at to make hens lay well in winter

simplicity and color, and the "Shepherd Boy," which Cunningham pronounces one of the happiest of these efforts, is now to be

that we begin the new conference year by perfecting the rolls as early as possible, and then report think for himself and endeavors to the character of the conference of the

gravings for his pictures, and he

an observation well known to all who Countries, he was able to acquire many of the old masters' triumphs in color, and he had a fine picture

grace of thinking to which he was taste and elegance of the island was and meet her in heaven, is the prayer principally indebted for his sub- great and will be lasting. The grace of their paster, W. E. JORDAN. sequent reputation as a portrait painter." He says: "Every picture which an artist cose he should ture which an artist sees, he should the hideousness of fashion. He consider whence that fine effect or sought to restore nature in the looks died near Mount Vernon, Franklin that ill-effect proceeds." Some, making no observations by them selves, "are not at all improved by the crowd of particulars that swim acter and his honorable pride in art on the surface of their brains." gave dignity to his profession -Sophia Antoinette Walker, in the Independent.

On train between Texarkana and Marshall, on Monday. December 24, a dark, heavy overcoat. Supposed to have been taken off by mistake at Atlanta. Any information concarning same will be appreciated by GUY MCLAUGHLIN, Care Typewriter Exchange Austin, Texas.

SHORT POULTRY CHATS.

as well as those having large range. provided they have the right kind of food, fresh water, pure air, clean quarters and exercise. If they are provided with scratching room and something to scratch for in leaves or fine cut straw, they will lay as many eggs, and eggs that will hatch well,

of haemachae chickens with the cele-brated Dublin Dwarf geese that are around his little cradle and laid our iy, "The only merit in his pictures is neatness." Later, Sir Joshua, secure in his own position and fortune, had only too honeyed words tune, had only too honeyed words to be a devoted to swimming as a duck, often takes to the water. They are to and peacefully we hardly realized to and peacefully we hardly realized. for his foreign rivals. Hogarth had just spoiled his opportunity as a portrait painter by his sarcastic bluntness; and the comprehension of the necessities of his profession. This is an unusual of the necessities of his profession.

mixture of anything irritable or querulous." Cunningham gives a touching picture of the old painter. Blind of one eye, and ill, making Blind o working it tegether until the whole took place in the Methodist Church

Winter is the worst season for pouleases of which all fowls are sub-ject. Unless you can create some way of keeping them active, no mattions of that class. One of the profitable enterprise in which to en-Blakeslee's. But his single poetic figures are remarkable for ease, simplicity and color, and the

seen at Durand Ruel's; and the had a happy way of applying religion to life and showing how it should thought his best, has recently been acquired by Mr. Harry Walters, of Baltimore. Many of his finest portraits are in this country. He is always equal, natural, graceful, they all possessed-tongues, that they unaffected. Over the meanest must use to be cheerful and make head he sheds dignity. He could those happy who were round them. to the next conference the number of members actually entitled to membership at the beginning and close of the year.

S. J. VAUGHAN.

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Moody, Texas.

Think for himself and endeavors to do something like what he sees. I consider copying a delusive kind of industry; the student satisfies himself with the appearance of doing something; he falls into the dangerous habit of imitating without selecting like what he sees. I reigning beauty of the hour; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing these things for the good of others, they must keep employed in useful work cheerfully done; and if they spent their lives in doing the was a mighty flatterer. At the height of his fame he painted a portrait in four hours. He had a live with the appearance of doing something it is a spent their lives in doing the seed in the character of the hour; and it is a spent their lives in doing the seed in the character of the hour; and it is a spent their lives in doing the seed in the seed in the seed in the seed in the height of his fame he painted a live was a mighty flatterer. At the height of his f

OBITUARIES.

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by the portfolio. He was very to death's door singing, "Death is divine Master, while her heart was methodical, keeping the hours of only a dream, and telling her hus breaking with grief for her dear for lack of exercise. How incapable appointment with care, and he had band that the could never realize baby; and we feel deeply for the a long waiting-list of sitters. how true it was before, and that grandparents and other relatives those are who have spent most of Through the breaking up of mo- Jesus had promised to be with us whose lives were made brighter by their time making finished copies is nastic establishments in the Low even in death, and she had found his little Kathleen's presence. May she promise true. Let us bow in hum-ble submission to the divine will and light shine upon her is the prayer of thank God for this noble Christian one who knew and loved her. life that ended so grandly; and may gallery.

"The influence of Reynolds on the ly the hand of the God she served Era, Texas.

> NUTT .-- J. J. Nutt was born April 22, 1832, in Boford County, Tenn., and County, Texas, November 25, 1895. He was married to Lucinda Johnson in 1856; was converted in 1877 and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which he lived a consistent and devoted member until the good Lord saw proper to call him from labor to refreshment. He was a good man in the full sense of the word. He was true and faithful to his Church, having served for thirteen years as trus-tee. He was respected by all who knew him, and his place will be hard to fill. He leaves a wife and several children and a host of friends to mourn his absence. We will meet again. His children are all religious healed and she has good hearing in that Fowls kept in confinement will do except the youngest. May God save him, that they may be an unbroken family in the sweet by and by.

J. W. BECKHAM.

NEAL .- Died, at the home of hi parents, near Zeevee, Hill County, Texas, James Kuykendall, next youngest son of James P. and Lula Neal, aged two years and nine eggs, and eggs that will hatch well, in a close inclosure, as they will in a forty-acre field. months. Little Jimmie was the sun-light of home. To see him was to love him. His lovely disposition, A farmer residing in Central New his sweet, smiling face at once won York has a peculiar breed of poultry. He crosses what he cails a fine breed met him. His suffering was intense,

and surrounded by all the brilliant men of London who happened in to share its rather unmannerly proto share its rather unmanner unmanne to share its rather unmannerly pro-fusion. As Reynolds' price gradual-times a day with fresh water by them meet your darling little Inex in heavmeet your darling little Incz in heav-

in whom Mother Baldwin trusted has light for every trusting heart Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Graham, Texas.

KELLEY .- After a long and pain al iliness little Kathleen entered into rest and passed into the life eternal. This sweet babe was the beloved and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Emeil Kelley of this place, and God only knows how she is missed from their home, where she was the light of their lives and was almost idolized by them. Kathleen was a lovely child, and, though not quite two summers old, she gave promise of beauty and a bright intellect; but, tike most fair and beautiful flowers, she faded early, but she will bloom again in the paradise of God. He has taken this sweet, young flower to be sheltered from the storms of

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