

Do you know that we are still selling that first-class, seif-pronouncing Bible and the Texas Christian Advocate one year for \$4.00? HON DRES DO KNOW.

# The Texas Christian Advocate.

IS IT POSSIBLE that you can sell that fine Sewing Machine and pay the freight and include 1 year's subscription to the Advocate for \$22.00? YES, IT IS POSSIBLE.

SUBSCRIPTION, PER ANNUM, \$2.00. OFFICIAL ORGAN OF ALL THE TEXAS AND THE NEW MEXICO CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH. VOL. XLII. DALLAS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1896. NO. 48.

## EDITORIAL.

### THE INADEQUACY OF HUMAN REASON

The unaided human intellect can not discover God and the things of God. Antecedently to the attempt one might have safely predicted that the unassisted reason of man would fail to penetrate the secrets of the Godhead and the principles of the divine government. When we appeal to history we find the inadequacy of man's intellectual powers abundantly demonstrated. Moreover, revealed religion would be a work of supererogation if it were unnecessary. The light of reason and the light of nature have been vastly overestimated, and if we were shut up to only such conclusions as might be legitimately drawn from them we would be without guidance and consolation.

The great thinkers of antiquity wrestled protractedly and agonizingly with these problems without reaching any comprehensive or satisfactory solution. No reassuring voice comes to us from the Portico and the Grove. No light flames out from the Academy and the Lyceum. The Oracles and the Sibylline Leaves made no contribution to the religious progress of the race. The old ethnic religions were superficial and crude, and at the same time destitute of spiritual life and power. The philosophies and cults of antiquity were the gropings of a darkened mind and the ineffectual seekings after the unattainable.

The great masters of modern science are unanimous and emphatic in the declaration that the study of nature does not furnish any satisfactory knowledge of the nature and existence of God and of the duty and destiny of man. The philosophers of the present day have given up the attempt to find a key to these profound problems and regard their researches and disquisitions as simply collateral and auxiliary. Spiritualism and kindred superstitions are but the phosphorescent glimmerings of moral decay. Neither science nor philosophy, whether ancient or modern, brings us any tidings of salvation or hope of immortality. In the presence of the complex moral phenomena of life, man is dumb and helpless.

What we call natural theology is only valuable as it serves to confirm and illustrate truths previously attained. It may corroborate and exemplify the teachings of revealed religion and thus intensify and enliven convictions and hopes otherwise attained. The same is true of what we denominate moral philosophy. It is a poor substitute for the ethical system of the gospel. The best things in it were appropriated, consciously or unconsciously, from the Word of God. Natural theology and moral philosophy parade in borrowed plumage and shine with a reflected light. The Mohammedan Emperor, when about to burn the Alexandrian library, said: "If these books agree with the Koran they are superfluous. If they do not they are worthless and ought to be destroyed." As long as the studies mentioned above are regarded as merely secondary and illustrative, they may be tolerated and utilized. But if they should be considered original and independent sources of spiritual light, they deserve a summary proscription.

God, recognizing the limitations of our mind and the poverty of our resources, has given us a perfectly adequate revelation of truth. Our very familiarity therewith has led us to undervalue it. Should we pause and consider that the elimination of the light of religion from the world would be like sweeping the sun, moon and stars from the heavens, we would be prepared to appreciate the inestimably precious gift. The truths which eluded the vision of the patriarchs and prophets of the ancient world are our

common heritage. Views of life and destiny, for which the sages and philosophers of Greece would have been willing to barter existence itself, are the familiar talk of the fireside circle. Facts which the most optimistic thinkers of the race never dreamed of seeing revealed are preached continually from all the pulpits of the land. The richest mines are open to us. The oracles of God speak continually. The loftiest truths and the deepest consolations are accessible to millions of our race. While it may be painful and humiliating to think of the limitations of the mind and the poverty of the resources of the race, still the bitterness and the disgrace are abundantly alleviated and counteracted by the amplitude and richness of that revelation which irradiates our intellectual and moral sky and which lifts the brooding clouds of ignorance and despair from the landscape of human life.

**Connexional News.** Central Methodist. A successful and profitable session of the "Preacher's Institute," of the Louisville Conference, was held at Glasgow, Ky., July 7-10, under the Presidency of Dr. Gross Alexander. The attendance was large, representing all the territory of the conference. Important subjects were thoroughly discussed. Improvement is visible.

**Christian Advocate, Nashville:** New forms of desecration are constantly developing—the temptations more pressing and harder to resist. It becomes the church to take the alarm, and not only warn, but set a good example. Our young Epworth Leagues are showing themselves to be of the right spirit, and on the right side of this great question. Everywhere they are placing themselves on record as opposed to sinful amusements. Now that a new form of violating the sanctity of the holy day has been introduced, one to which young people are peculiarly liable, we are glad to say, they see the danger and are lifting up their voice. We refer to "bicycle runs," which are getting all too common. The members of the League Conference of Nashville, at their monthly meeting on the evening of July 3, passed strong resolutions condemning this latest craze, and pledged themselves to use their influence in favor of better observance of the Holy Sabbath. We hope all our city Leagues will take the matter up, and make their power felt through the whole land. There is need.

**General Church News.** Rev. Dr. W. L. Watkinson, fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church from the British Methodists, thus speaks of the value and efficiency of the Methodist Episcopacy: "It is the Bishops who supply the link of unity to this vast and widespread Church. Men of character, weight and devotion, they give the element of stability to the Church. It seems to me that without their Bishops the Methodist Episcopal Church would drop into atoms and become simply so many congregational Churches. They possess immense powers; but, as far as I could ascertain, they exercise them with impartiality, and in the true interests of the Church." In his last letter to the Methodist Recorder he pays our Churches this very high tribute: "During the whole of my stay in America I did not hear a word in public worship that savored of coarseness or slang."

G. H. Dyer, D.D., in Christian Advocate, New York: Nowhere in the world have the principles of Protestantism and opposition to the claims of Rome been so rooted in the national consciousness, the ways of thinking, and the whole life of the people than in Germany. There is certainly no movement of the educated classes toward Rome. The Germans have a true and deep religious instinct and nature. They are incapable of being satisfied with mere material ends. The State Church touches the family life of the people, and the religious instruction of childhood is not easily altogether shaken off. The great trouble is that there is no lay initiative, and very, very little lay co-operation. The ministry do everything. They are looked upon, and insensibly regard themselves, as quite as much servants of the State as of the Church. To an observer the conditions prerequisite to the accomplishment by the Church of the work among the masses which must be done at this crisis, are independent of the State, the exercise of Church discipline, the active and efficient co-operation of the laity, and, above all, the spiritual impulse and baptism which will make these possible. German piety is very deep and attractive. The German churches in Berlin are filled with

reverent worshippers. The rationalism which makes so much noise in the theological periodicals and books does not affect these "Practical circles of Church life. If we cannot say, as Frederick Harrison has said, that "the sum of the rationalistic attacks on the gospels has been to deepen the moral hold of Christianity," we can say that the great evangelical Church of Germany goes on unaffected by them in its ordinary life and work. O that the Holy Ghost might fall upon it in mighty power! No greater opportunity ever lay before a Church. Upon whether it shall win, fail to win, the lower classes of the population will depend the fate of Germany for the next century.

**The Independent:** The Rev. W. F. Bade, a Moravian minister, who graduated from the Moravian College, at Bethlehem, Penn., and Yale Divinity School, writes us from Lake Minnetonka, Minn., expressing his surprise at the serious tone of Professor Dosker's article, published in these columns, on "The Moravian Crisis," and declaring that it is fitted to create misapprehension. He says the attitude of the Moravian Church "toward recent advances in theological thought is essentially that of all other active and wide-awake Churches." "Practically all things—hold fast that which is good." He adds: "Far from impugning the motives of the writer, whose article in many respects has a very appreciative ring, one conversant with the real state of affairs must nevertheless admit a genuine flavor of the mountain and the mole in the denominational catastrophe which he sees approaching. In this case the distant observer is certainly not the most reliable informant. Neither my colleagues nor myself have as yet discovered anything in our theological atmosphere that is likely to 'tumble the fabric of our Church's history about our ears.'" How the peculiar type of thought exhibited in Prof. P. Kolbing's essay can be termed "rationalism" I am at a loss to understand. It seems that term has a very elastic significance. Dismissing the pros and cons of the case entirely, the fact yet remains that the Moravian Church has three distinct centers of theological thought, situated respectively in Germany, England and the United States. It is scarcely reasonable, therefore, to infer that Kolbing, who represents only one institution, "subverts," or even can subvert, "the great landmarks of the Moravian faith." In short, the "Moravian Crisis" has no existence apart from that which printer's ink has given it; and I trust it will be reassuring to our "Many American friends" to learn that "colleagues" must not be taken too seriously, for the Moravian cause never had stancher, more active or united supporters than now.

**A Glimpse of Mexico.** Monterey is no mean city. The old Bishop's palace, around which General Taylor's troops surged under a hail of Mexican lead, is well worth a visit. Irrigation from the circumjacent mountains clothes the surrounding fields with verdure. The city lies fair and level as one surveys it from the height on which the Bishop's palace is situated. We visited three of the Roman churches in the afternoon, including the Cathedral and the oldest parish church, and were witnesses of much degrading superstition. No visitor can doubt that Mexico needs Protestant Christianity.

**Man's Destiny.** Professor Fiske calls the scientific conquests of the past century "a marvelous story, without any parallel in the history of human achievement." He attributes the swiftness of the advance partly to freedom from the old legal and social trammels that beset free thinking and partly to the use of correct methods of research. In former ages most of the intellectual effort had been mere waste, and we owe Galileo, Kepler, Descartes and Newton no greater debt than the introduction they gave to a sound scientific method which must be a slow acquisition to the human mind.

The one great lesson to be derived from a retrospect of the century's scientific evolution is, Professor Fiske says, the dignity of man, whose persistent seeking after truth is rewarded by such fruits. "We may be sure that the creatures whose intelligence measures the pulsations of molecules and unravels the secret of the whirling nebula is no creature of a day, but the child of the universe, the heir of all the ages, in whose making and perfecting is to be found the consummation of God's creative work."—The Review of Reviews.

**Happiness.** The season at which happiness is most fully within our reach is not, it seems to me, the season of youth, so much extolled, but rather that of early middle age. We have passed through our period of storm and stress. We are no longer torn by the deep agitations of youth. With the full capacity to enjoy, our mental and spiritual faculties are settled and matured. We are in a position to appreciate experience, to digest and make the most of it. Moreover, the soul is stored with memories, a possession of which few of us sufficiently avail ourselves; or realize the value. It is in memory, the recollection of things adventitious or episodic, that our deepest and securest pleasures consist. Let us illustrate this by a parable. We paddled into a little lake—and my friends—in our Indian birch canoe. We were hungry, and we wanted fish. We found a tanned and wrinkled trapper at the door of his cabin, and questioned him as

to the waters. There had once, he said, been many gray trout there, but now they were all gone, and he must look for them in the next lake. We portaged and passed into the next lake. We found there another trapper, thin-lipped, and with deep-set, furtive eyes, who told us that the gray trout had descended into the deep waters and could only with great difficulty be caught, but that there were many in the next lake. Into the next lake we portaged and passed, only to learn that the lake still farther beyond. On we went from lake to lake, till we had lost ourselves in the wilderness, but we never found the gray trout. Not the gray trout, indeed; but how many other things were conferred upon us, things vital and beautiful, a store of inextinguishable reminiscence! Years afterward we remembered the rare brown water, deep and dark, in the cool abysses of lakes, golden and glowing at mid-day over the rocks and shallows; the tinging forest; the solemn and fane-like pine woods; the morning mists receding before the sunrise into rosy-shattered spirals; the cold and lonely nights, near and radiant with stars; the passing of the loons above us; voices of the northern solitude, weird and disconsolate; the ringing of the axes of woodmen at dawn heaving a path in the unbroken wilderness. These and many other things we remembered afterward with luxurious joy, when the gray trout were no longer a care to us.

**A Plea for the Indian.** It has been observed that the early Spanish conquerors of the Western Hemisphere used the sword and the cross; the writer sagely remarking that after the sword had done its work the cross was raised over the lifeless form. Nor have we of the more northern climes much to boast of over the Spaniards. It is true that the treatment meted out to the Indians by such Christ-like souls as William Penn and Roger Williams stands in bright relief against the inky background of betrayal, appropriation of the Indian's land and slaughter of his people; but such instances, while revealing the potentiality of conquest on the spiritual plane, its feasibility and its practicability, are merely the exceptions to the rule which mark the savagery of a civilization which claims to follow the mandates of the Sermon on the Mount. It is true that the Indian retaliated, and was in many cases the aggressor, if we can call people the aggressors who object to having their native land taken from them by aliens. This sentiment has been well put from the Indian's point of view in the following stanza:

Small not one I lament our forest race,  
For you snuck out from wild creation's face—  
Freedom—the self-same freedom you adored—  
Made an infidel our violated shore.

Of the savagery and brutality exhibited by the Indian in many cases, I would merely observe that it is manifestly unfair to judge them by the standards of a people who have enjoyed Christian civilization for many centuries and who have behind them the lessons and warnings, the glory and the gloom of Roman, Grecian, Syrian, Chaldean and Egyptian civilizations. Moreover, one call to mind the methods which marked the terrible religious struggle of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries in Europe, and will remember how human ingenuity was taxed to its utmost to devise methods of horrible torture which were remorselessly meted out by those claiming to be Christians to others claiming to be Christians, he will, I think, feel it wisest to pass very lightly over the charge of excessive cruelty on the part of those he flippantly terms savages. Had the Indian submitted more tamely he would have been characterized by this same self-engrossed class, who delight in exalting the brutally false phrase that "there is no good Indian but a dead Indian," as cowardly and unworthy of the land which for unnumbered generations had been the land of his fathers.—The Arena.

**St. Peter's.** The mere facts of real interest connected with the basilica, its foundation, its construction, and its subsequent history, would fill a volume, and overfill one man's brain. The church is not only a real landmark. Astronomers say that there were buildings of the same dimensions on the moon we could easily see it with modern telescopes. It is also, in a manner, one of time's great milestones, of which some trace will probably remain till the very end of the world's life. Its mere mass will insure to it the permanence of the great pyramid of Cheops. Its mere name associates it forever with the existence of Christianity from the earliest time. It has stamped itself upon the minds of millions of men as the most vast monument of the ages. Its very defects are destined to be as lasting as its beauties, and its mighty faults are more imposing than the small perfections of the Greeks. Between it and the Parthenon, as between the Roman empire and the Athenian Commonwealth, one may choose, but one dares make no comparison. The genius of the Greeks absorbed the world's beauty into itself, distilled it to perfection, and gave humanity its most subtle quintessence; but the Latin arm ruled the world itself wholesale, and the imperial Latin intelligence could never find any expression fitted to its enormous measure. That is the secret of the monstrous element in all the Romans built. And that supernatural giantism showed itself for the last time in the building of St. Peter's, when the Latin race had reached its last great development, and the power of the Latin popes overshadowed the whole world, and was itself about to be humbled. Before Michelangelo was dead Charles V had been emperor for forty years, Dr. Martin Luther had denied the doctrine of salvation by works, the nations had broken loose from the popes, and the world was at war.—F. Marion Crawford, in Century Magazine.

**Primary Education.** Many circumstances with us are against this thoroughness in primary instruction. The conscientious self of American boys and girls is earlier roused to action, and they become individuals sooner; individuals before the time when it is possible that they should be anything but raw and immature ones. Such material is the hardest to handle in the final interests of culture. But those who have the cause of education at heart would do well to ask themselves if nothing can be done to effect some change, at this end of the educational problem, to give to pupils who are beginning the more truly studious and "humanistic" temper and orientation from the start. It is then that the "creases" is taken. A reform here would make itself felt through every grade of education; without it we may be sure that our most ambitious schemes will remain, in a large measure, sterile. Our strenuous efforts after culture, as a people, will still have that mechanical, and, as a recent writer has said, that manufactured character which stamps them now, because our low-grade

instruction does not go deep enough, does not plow up the soil enough, does not guard and nourish the seed carefully and persistently enough when it is first sown. What young American children acquire always has the air of lying on the surface. By and by, when one sees Vassar students writing letters that an English girl brought up by a resident governess—and never within shot-gun of the higher studies—would disdain, and Harvard professors complaining that much of the four years which should be given to these higher studies are wasted by the teaching the elements of rhetoric and composition to insufficiently trained youths, that fact recurs to one, and makes one pensive.

It is still a superstition with some people that boys and girls should be sent abroad to "finish." We do not always see the necessity of that. As things are, the more advisable course would be to send them there to begin.—Scribner's Magazine.

**Texas Personals.** Rev. W. F. Dunkle, of Letot, called on the Advocate this week. We were pleased to see him.

Rev. W. F. Clark and Bro. H. A. Wilkinson, of Plano, were pleasant callers at the Advocate office during the week.

Rev. C. R. Wright, of Mexia Station, will spend several weeks in Mt. Aerial, Ky. His correspondents will address him at that place.

A note from Rev. F. A. Rosser informs us that Rev. W. C. Pryor has been compelled to give up his work on account of bad health. The Advocate tendered sympathy.

Rev. H. M. DuBose filled the pulpit of First Church last Sunday morning and night. We heard nothing but expressions of the highest appreciation of his visit. His call at the Advocate office afforded us much pleasure.

**Southern Methodist Personals.** Friends of Dr. S. A. Steel have built him a cottage at Ludington on the shore of Lake Michigan, and he will spend ten days there during the present season.

Dr. Paul Whitehead has been to the North Carolina mountains, studying the different varieties of the rhododendron in that region, and enjoying the magnificent scenery.

Dr. W. A. Candler makes the following trenchant deliverance in the Wesleyan: "There can be no revival without repentance and when the distinctions of right and wrong are obscured there follows such a paralysis of the sense of sin no repentance is possible. For thirty years there has been an increasing tendency to look upon sin as a misfortune to be pitied, and not as an enemy to be repented of. The scientists have talked of 'heredity,' 'environment,' and the like, and some pretentious priestlings have echoed these enticing phrases, in which the subtlest fatalism lingers, and by which penitence is palsied. The sentimentalists, under the leadership of Charles Dickens, have preached the gospel of good feeling, blubbery over the worst wrongs with great straining after stage effects. The newspapers have combined the folly of the fatalistic scientists with the slush of the Dickensites, and dashed the specific compound with reported quotations of Thomas Hood. And so it has come to pass that all moral conviction has gone limp."

**General Personals.** The Independent: One of the most renowned names in Russia to-day is that of Father John of Kronstadt, or, in Russian form, Father Ioann Sergieff Kronstadtsky. For forty years he has been a priest, and his ministrations have made him beloved alike to the Czar and the people. Father John is an illustration of the manner in which a man can rise in the best sense from the very lowest to the very highest class of society in a country where most people would believe such a thing an impossibility. His father was a semi-clerical servant of the Church in a small village of the Archangel government. The boy showed no special signs of cleverness. After the death of his father, Father John was reared with several sisters by his devout mother. It is reported that after he became a priest, when his doctor told him that he must break the strict Church fast and his mother forbade it he obeyed his mother. His fame chiefly rests on his power in prayer which, as thousands firmly believe, affects miracles in the way of healing the soul and body, though Father John lays no claim to any healing power. He is credited, also, with the power of prophecy. People of all degrees send for him to come and pray for them when they are sick, and whenever it is known that the incoming, the carriages of the aristocracy await him at the wharf. The person whom he honors with his visit or his blessing wins added respect from his neighbors, and the person whom he voluntarily blesses, or otherwise distinguishes, is profoundly envied. Father John is a tall, handsome man, with long hair and beard, and intense blue eyes, that seem to have some remarkable power of penetration and fascination in them. A good story told of three young men whom he drew into his study to deceive the priest with the object of ruining his reputation. One of them went to Father John and asked him to come and pray beside his dying friend. Father John said, "You are trifling with God;" but he did not refuse to come. On entering the room he found the second scamp on a bed writhing in apparent agonies,

while lamentations and wailings came from number three. Father John took a good look at the room and knelt down, and, crossing himself, said, "Lord, deal with them according to their faith. Amen." But when the imaginary invalid attempted to rise from the bed he found himself really and seriously ill with a nervous attack, and only recovered after the jokers had done penance and Father John had well lectured them.

Northwestern Advocate: The appointment by the Reference Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Miss Charles E. Spencer, of Philadelphia, to Tokyo, Japan, recalls an experience which was related by her father, Dr. W. A. Spencer, in the Cincinnati preachers' meeting a few years ago, and published in the Western Advocate. He said: "My daughter, our eldest born, while in school, came to that crisis in her religious life that many of us know so well about—the matter of heart purity and entire consecration. The letters indicating her struggle came to her mother, and then were forwarded to me in my travels. And my heart went out to her while she was struggling over the question of entire surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many a time I locked myself in my room at a hotel, and prayed for her that her elder brother might lead her into the light. And our prayers were answered, as all such prayers are when a soul is in earnest. And he put his arms about her, and brought her into perfect deliverance. And when I came home and met her, the first question was, 'Papa, what do you think about my going to India as a missionary?' I went through me like a knife, as it is possible that our dear eldest born should be separated from us by the earth's diameter? There came a struggle and I had to go down on my knees. But I finally told her, 'Daughter, give yourself wholly to the Lord Jesus Christ, and he shall have you for whatever service he wants you. I would rather trust you in the arms of the heavenly bridegroom in the jungles of India, than in the arms of any earthly bridegroom in any palace in America.' But I asked her, 'Do you think he calls you to go?' 'Papa,' she said, 'what calls out the forces doesn't he call out all of them?' Is it a question as to who is called to go? or is it not rather, who can be expected to stay at home? We must be ready to give, not only our money, but our loved ones to Christ, if need be."

The Interior: The presence in America of this distinguished Biblical scholar, Dr. George Adam Smith, especially of the Old Testament, is one of the events of the summer in the religious world. He is a Scotchman, apparently less than forty years of age, with closely cut hair and beard of dark Auburn hue; he has a slight Scotch accent, especially noticeable in such words as "put," which he pronounces "poot." His manner and address are marked by the direct simplicity and sincerity that always distinguishes the man who has a great thought or truth to utter. Remembering that he is easily accounted one of the most distinguished Biblical scholars in the world; that he came to this country at the invitation of the Johns Hopkins University to deliver a course of lectures on Biblical themes, and that he is professor of Old Testament Literature in the Free Church College of Glasgow, Scotland, it can be easily understood why crowds have gathered to hear his lectures, and why the great universities of the country vie with each other to secure his presence and services.

His theme at the great assembly of scholars and others who met at the quincentennial convocation of the University of Chicago was, "The Part Which the Old Testament has Played in the Education of the Race, and How Far Its Power to Educate and Inspire is Affected by Modern Criticism." The first part was a running statement of the inspiration of the Old Testament has always been to nations seeking to establish righteousness, liberty and self-government. In it they have always found a message to Jehovah the first great requisite to a great and free nation. It is the body of law as laid down by the Hebrews, and by them ascribed directly to the "word of the Lord," has been found to be the laws necessary to the establishment of peace and righteousness in any people. The aspiration of the human soul to know God is voiced in the Old Testament as in no other literature in the world. The profoundest experiences of the human race, of joy and sorrow, of triumph and defeat, and above all the steady and splendid monotheism of the Hebrew race in the midst of surrounding idolatry are all recorded in the books of the Old Testament as nowhere else in the ages of the past. That a distinctly ethical principle of life is announced in the Old Testament, and that it is, as in the case of their laws, ascribed to "the Spirit of the Lord," is a truth that cannot be gainsaid, and that becomes more apparent as well as more wonderful the more the Old Testament is studied.

These being the facts emphasized by the study of the Old Testament Professor Smith does not fear for the effects of any modern or "higher" criticism. God's truth appeals to and finds its responsive proof in the human spirit. "Thy hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may keep thy law." This is the prayer of the Hebrew poet King and it is also the prayer of the earnest human heart today.

"No accent of the Holy Ghost The waiting world has ever lost" is the re-assuring word of the great Biblical student who comes to us from the Glasgow Free Church College.

while lamentations and wailings came from number three. Father John took a good look at the room and knelt down, and, crossing himself, said, "Lord, deal with them according to their faith. Amen." But when the imaginary invalid attempted to rise from the bed he found himself really and seriously ill with a nervous attack, and only recovered after the jokers had done penance and Father John had well lectured them.

Northwestern Advocate: The appointment by the Reference Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Miss Charles E. Spencer, of Philadelphia, to Tokyo, Japan, recalls an experience which was related by her father, Dr. W. A. Spencer, in the Cincinnati preachers' meeting a few years ago, and published in the Western Advocate. He said: "My daughter, our eldest born, while in school, came to that crisis in her religious life that many of us know so well about—the matter of heart purity and entire consecration. The letters indicating her struggle came to her mother, and then were forwarded to me in my travels. And my heart went out to her while she was struggling over the question of entire surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many a time I locked myself in my room at a hotel, and prayed for her that her elder brother might lead her into the light. And our prayers were answered, as all such prayers are when a soul is in earnest. And he put his arms about her, and brought her into perfect deliverance. And when I came home and met her, the first question was, 'Papa, what do you think about my going to India as a missionary?' I went through me like a knife, as it is possible that our dear eldest born should be separated from us by the earth's diameter? There came a struggle and I had to go down on my knees. But I finally told her, 'Daughter, give yourself wholly to the Lord Jesus Christ, and he shall have you for whatever service he wants you. I would rather trust you in the arms of the heavenly bridegroom in the jungles of India, than in the arms of any earthly bridegroom in any palace in America.' But I asked her, 'Do you think he calls you to go?' 'Papa,' she said, 'what calls out the forces doesn't he call out all of them?' Is it a question as to who is called to go? or is it not rather, who can be expected to stay at home? We must be ready to give, not only our money, but our loved ones to Christ, if need be."

The Interior: The presence in America of this distinguished Biblical scholar, Dr. George Adam Smith, especially of the Old Testament, is one of the events of the summer in the religious world. He is a Scotchman, apparently less than forty years of age, with closely cut hair and beard of dark Auburn hue; he has a slight Scotch accent, especially noticeable in such words as "put," which he pronounces "poot." His manner and address are marked by the direct simplicity and sincerity that always distinguishes the man who has a great thought or truth to utter. Remembering that he is easily accounted one of the most distinguished Biblical scholars in the world; that he came to this country at the invitation of the Johns Hopkins University to deliver a course of lectures on Biblical themes, and that he is professor of Old Testament Literature in the Free Church College of Glasgow, Scotland, it can be easily understood why crowds have gathered to hear his lectures, and why the great universities of the country vie with each other to secure his presence and services.

His theme at the great assembly of scholars and others who met at the quincentennial convocation of the University of Chicago was, "The Part Which the Old Testament has Played in the Education of the Race, and How Far Its Power to Educate and Inspire is Affected by Modern Criticism." The first part was a running statement of the inspiration of the Old Testament has always been to nations seeking to establish righteousness, liberty and self-government. In it they have always found a message to Jehovah the first great requisite to a great and free nation. It is the body of law as laid down by the Hebrews, and by them ascribed directly to the "word of the Lord," has been found to be the laws necessary to the establishment of peace and righteousness in any people. The aspiration of the human soul to know God is voiced in the Old Testament as in no other literature in the world. The profoundest experiences of the human race, of joy and sorrow, of triumph and defeat, and above all the steady and splendid monotheism of the Hebrew race in the midst of surrounding idolatry are all recorded in the books of the Old Testament as nowhere else in the ages of the past. That a distinctly ethical principle of life is announced in the Old Testament, and that it is, as in the case of their laws, ascribed to "the Spirit of the Lord," is a truth that cannot be gainsaid, and that becomes more apparent as well as more wonderful the more the Old Testament is studied.

These being the facts emphasized by the study of the Old Testament Professor Smith does not fear for the effects of any modern or "higher" criticism. God's truth appeals to and finds its responsive proof in the human spirit. "Thy hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may keep thy law." This is the prayer of the Hebrew poet King and it is also the prayer of the earnest human heart today.

"No accent of the Holy Ghost The waiting world has ever lost" is the re-assuring word of the great Biblical student who comes to us from the Glasgow Free Church College.



DEVOTIONAL.

"IT DOTHT NOT YET APPEAR."

It is said that for many years there was in the choir of the court chapel at Dresden a poor, blind singing girl whose voice possessed so strong, so marvelous a power that strong men were often moved to tears on hearing it.

How suggestive is this incident of the unaccounted, unexplored depths, the un-revealed possibilities of experience, existing in every human heart!

Where all is love, "Where endless day exults the night, And pleasures banish pain."

"Ten thousand harps Tuning angelic harmonies"—then, but not until then, shall it fully appear what these redeemed natures of ours may be and were intended to become.

It is a misfortune to outlive one's friends, remaining alone where once he was the center of an army of associates and followers.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

momentary glimpses or apprehensions of their great capacities, strung and tuned and swept by angels' fingers, yield their richest, divinest notes, their sublimest harmonies.

Where all is love, "Where endless day exults the night, And pleasures banish pain."

"Ten thousand harps Tuning angelic harmonies"—then, but not until then, shall it fully appear what these redeemed natures of ours may be and were intended to become.

It is a misfortune to outlive one's friends, remaining alone where once he was the center of an army of associates and followers.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

career of self-survival, then a duty, painful, but no less a duty, would come upon the Commission.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

"Then let us go. You will not be disobeying her orders."

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

He put his Christianity into his business. He built scores of light stone houses, two stories high, each containing parlor, kitchen and three sleeping rooms, or more.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

things in his express-wagon; he helped was ready, and after supper he supper his mother with the dishes, so sister could study her geography.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

Alexander Collegiate Institute.

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS.

E. R. WILLIAMS, A. M., President

To the Preachers and People of East Texas Conference:

DEAR BROTHERS: We have been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. E. R. Williams as Principal of the Alexander Collegiate Institute.

Apply for CATALOGUE.

5,000 MORE BOOK AGENTS WANTED

LIVES OF MCKINLEY & HOBART

KNICKERBOCKER

Individual Communion

Summer Complaints

Rupture Piles

Diseases of the Liver, Kidneys and Bladder

Absolutely Pure-Delicious-Nutritious

BEAUMONT LUMBER CO., Beaumont, Texas.

SANTA FE LIMITED

Distraction (in money matters) Leads to Subtraction.

OLD AND YOUNG

A BOY WHO RECOMMENDED HIMSELF.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

A GREAT GIVER.

Born in a poor home in Yorkshire, England, at nineteen years of age Titus Salt might have been seen in a loose blouse washing and sorting wool.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

DICK'S FACT.

"Teacher told us," said Dick, quite out of breath from running so fast, "to bring a fact to-morrow to school to tell about."

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

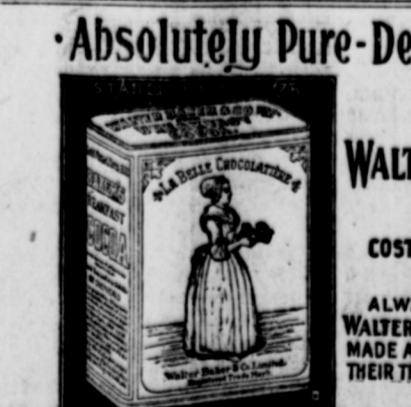
John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.

John Brent was trimming his hedge, and the "snip, snip" of his shears was a pleasing sound to his ears.



BEAUMONT LUMBER CO., Beaumont, Texas.



SANTA FE LIMITED

upper sanctuary shall these harps within, that in this life, while the process of stringing and tuning has been going on, have afforded us only feeble forecasts,

suppose the man continues his reckless

Send us Your Orders and We will Give You Good Lumber and Prompt Shipment.

BEAUMONT LUMBER CO., Beaumont, Texas.

weekly on fourth page under Publisher's Dept.



NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE Conservatory of Music SHERMAN, TEXAS. Offers Advantages Equal, IF NOT SUPERIOR, to any Female College in the South.

With a superior Faculty, dormitory accommodations increased and improved (including a new brick building) and all the equipments necessary for a first-class Female College, we say without hesitation that there is no necessity for a girl to leave the State for educational advantages.

The Conservatory of Music is presided over by three male Professors, who have had the best European advantages.

Forty Pianos, A Fine Telescope, A well-Equipped Gymnasium and Beautiful Home constitute some of the advantages of this school.

For Catalogue, address MRS. L. A. KIDD KEY, President, Sherman, Texas.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. Address all communications for Sunday-school Department to Rev. L. W. Clark, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

THE MAN WHO NEVER REPENTS is unworthy of trust, but he who carries a broken heart on account of his sins is preferred above the "sinless Pharisee."

THE MAN WHO HAS NO ENVY OR jealousy is "an Israelite in whom there is no guile."

LET OUR TEACHERS BE RELIGIOUS Methodists; for none but religious people can teach religion, and none but Methodists can teach Methodism.

THE FARMER BY RUNNING THE cows away from his fence confesses the defects of his fence; so the preacher who debates acknowledges that his creed needs propping.

WE BELIEVE IN APPOINTED LEADERSHIP, for none volunteer to lead except the incompetent.

JOHN WESLEY NEVER TAUGHT the second blessing after he received the first one, and never at any time did he profess to have the second.

WHEN OUR CHILDREN SHALL HAVE been taught by religious men and women there will follow a generation of law-abiding people.

HE WHO REALLY HONORS GOD and the Church is an honest man and a good citizen.

Third Quarter—Lesson 6, Aug. 9. DAVID'S VICTORIES.—11 Sam. 10:8-19. Golden Text: The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?—Psalms 27: 1.

The children of Ammon were the Ammonites, the descendants of Benammi, the son of Lot, by his youngest daughter.—Gen. 19: 38. God had made provision for the protection to these Ammonites, and had they been quiet and kept in the bounds

of propriety, they would have remained undisturbed. And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them; for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.—Deut. 2: 19.

The Moabites were neighbors to the Ammonites, and were descendants of Moab, the son of Lot, by his eldest daughter.—Gen. 19: 38.

Ruth, the great grandmother of David, was a Moabitish woman, but these tribes were enemies to Israel and refused to let them pass through their borders or supply them with bread in time of great want, and for this reason God directed that they should not be admitted into the congregation to the tenth generation.

Moloch was their chief deity. It was against the Ammonites that Jephthah led the armies of Israel, promising God if he would give him victory he would sacrifice to him the first thing that met him on his return home, and his daughter, filling the conditions, was sacrificed to the Lord—an example of rash vows and a want of proper appreciation of the intent of vows.

In the days of Saul the Ammonites again set up their ancient claims under Nahash, and laid siege to the city of Jabesh. The people were inclined to surrender to him, but he would accept them only on condition that every one of them would lose an eye, desiring thus to inflict a lasting reproach upon Israel; but Saul vanquished Nahash and delivered Jabesh from his humiliation.

After all this, when Nahash died and his son, Hanun, ascended the throne, and David had sent ambassadors to congratulate him on his accession, Hanun treated them as spies and shaved their heads in contempt of Israel. David ordered them to tarry at Jericho until their beards grew out, but Hanun began at once to prepare for war. He hired soldiers of the Syrians and adjacent tribes, and came on Joab from front and rear, when Joab divided his army, placing one division under Abishai and the other under himself, thus defeating the arrogant Hanun.

This was not a conclusive victory, but the Syrians made one more effort to recover their losses, but this time David assembled all Israel and utterly defeated them.

The cruelties practiced in these ancient wars are not to be approved, because they were waged under the favoring providences of God.

We must never lose sight of the fact that David and all Israel were human beings, and God did not take from them their moral agencies, or force them to any specific act. They were responsible for every act they performed. We must also remember that these people had been brought out of the darkest heathenism and idolatry, and, as a parent would pass by the imperfections of childhood, so God was forbearing toward Israel. No man can say this was not marked evidence of moral improvement, and Israel under David stood in favorable contrast to Israel under Moses. David was guilty of grievous wrongs for which the Scriptures offer no apologies, but his contrition of heart and evident repentance is fully recorded in Psa. 51, and elsewhere in the Bible—enough to satisfy any man whose heart is not set on evil and whose soul is impregnated with unrelenting hate towards Christianity.

David repented of his sins; he thought what they may, when forgiven, they are no more against him. The prodigal son was far superior to the envious ingrate who remained at home. The publican caught the ear of God, sinner as he was, rather than the Pharisee who boasted of his piety. It is the man whose heart has been cleansed by the blood of Christ, and not the self-righteous man who sits in judgment on his own heart, that pleases God and receives the approbation of the Father. David was a great sinner, and his sins are abundantly condemned in the Bible; but he was also a great repenter, for from his lips are caught the words that have ever since been used to express the depths of sorrow felt in the hour of genuine repentance. Abraham was distinguished for his faith, Job for his patient suffering, Moses for his meekness, but it remained for David to confront the worst of sins with a heart absolutely nauseated with the remembrance of his own acts, while the language of the soul is: "Depth of mercy! can there be Mercy still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear? Me, the chief of sinners, spare?" Then in sweetest accents of love and mercy the Father speaks down into the contrite heart: "Return, O wanderer, return, And seek an injured Father's face; Those warm desires that in thee burn: Were kindled by reclaiming grace."

No man can find the Savior's smiling face this side the gate of repentance; he cannot live this side, for he is without sin. Except ye repent, therefore, you must perish, for he alone hath life.

For Sleeplessness Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate. Dr. PATRICK BOOTH, Oxford, N. C., says: "Have seen it act admirably in insomnia, especially of old people and convalescents. A refreshing drink in hot weather and in cases of fevers."

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

Address all communications for League Department to Rev. Sterling Fisher, Kyle, Texas.

The new Reading Course begins with October. Get ready for it.

In selecting the papers to which you will subscribe next year let the Advocate and the Era head the list.

A GREAT deal of foolish levity is parading under the name of Christian cheerfulness.

DON'T allow the informal freedom of the League Devotional Meeting to degenerate into irreverence.

JOYLESS Christian service is better than a useless life, but Christ will give both joy and usefulness to those who sit at his feet.

TOPIC FOR AUGUST: "THE REPROOFS OF CHRIST."

August 9: To Martha, the Troubled.—Luke 10:38-42.

This reproof of Christ, like the former one, was administered to one of his closest friends, and was intended to correct the mistake of one who loved him and sought to serve him. The home at Bethany, into which Martha received him, was a favorite resort, where Jesus found sympathy and congenial companionship. Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus, and he blessed their home with his presence, and wept in sympathy for their sorrows. His love for them caused him to be the more concerned for the correction of their faults. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." The reproofs and corrections of the Lord, instead of arousing our antagonism, should be welcomed and applied to the correction of our faults. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."—Prov. 27:6.

Martha's Virtues:

(1) Hospitality. She seems to have been the housekeeper. She invited Jesus to her home and gladly ministered to his comfort. She drew upon all her resources to show how glad and honored she was to have him there.

(2) Love of Christ. This was at the bottom of all her service and self-sacrifice. Her fault did not consist in a wrong motive, but in mistaken judgment of what was best to do. Difference Between the Two Sisters. There was a similarity in their regard for the Lord; both loved him and both sought to give expression to their love. The difference was in their manner of expressing it. Martha could not control her love by energetic, bustling service. Mary, on the other hand, thought more of the truth which her Lord would communicate, and expressed her love by sitting at his feet in reverent adoration.

A glorious time was had. Come again, sister Leagues; you are always welcome. MARY TRUE, Secretary. MINNIE WILBORN, Second Vice-President. REV. TINCHER, Pastor in Charge.

The Fort Worth District League Conference will be held in Cleburne, Wednesday and Thursday, August 12 and 13. Each League should send one delegate for every ten members and fraction. Pastors that have no Leagues should appoint one or two of their young people. Every pastor and League President are members of the League Conference. Send names of delegates at once to Dr. H. A. Bourland, Cleburne. We request each League in the district to contribute 75 cents toward the expenses. A good programme has been prepared, which will be published next week. Drs. Tigert and Bigham will be with us and preach to us. Come praying God's blessing upon us. J. B. BAKER, President.

Christ's Reproof.—vs. 41-42. He cautioned Martha of the danger that in her anxiety and care for the details of service she should miss the joy of his companionship and the blessing of his presence in her home. Martha is the representative of two classes of Christians today. (1) Those who serve Christ constantly and willingly, without the joy of a personal experience of communion with him. Their minds are full of plans for the prosperity of the Church, and their feet are forever running on errands of mercy, but they never have any sweet seasons of devotion, when they sit at Jesus' feet and hear his words and feel the thrill of his personal love. (2) Those whose household cares are allowed to divert them from all other service. The cares of the home and the details of housekeeping engross their attention to the exclusion of worship and Christian service. While these are important interests, we should guard against giving them preeminence over the "one thing needful."

Jesus commended the choice of Mary. He values spiritual attainment and knowledge of divine truth above a mere routine of drudgery. He administers loving reproof to those who deprive themselves of the benefits and joys of Christian experience, and devote themselves to material interests or joyless service.

Christ wants our service, and the world needs it, but first let us sit at Jesus' feet and learn of him and let his love be shed abroad in our hearts.

LEAGUE NOTES.

The Missouri State Conference will be the last of the season. A grand meeting is looked for. Dr. Steel and Dr. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, are expected to be present.

The first issue of the new Reading Course of the M. E. Church will be 12,000 sets.

The books in the Reading Course and all League requisites are advertised in the Epworth Era, for which every League should subscribe.

Nearly all of our charges are now in the midst of revival services. Many young people will be converted and brought into the Church. Their preservation and training is the next problem. To accomplish this the Epworth League was organized, and Chapters should be organized in all our Churches that have not done so. With the League in successful operation, training and giving work to the newly converted, the dance and cards and bad company will lose their fatal charm, and the number of those who go back to the world will be few. Let our motto be, "A League for all our young Christians."

Rush Branch League.

The Rush Branch Epworth League, Greenwood Mission, was organized only about nine months back, under the pastoral charge of Rev. J. C. Cavener, with an enrollment of thirty-six members. At first the progress was slow, but the League is now coming to the front. On July 5 the Leagues of Rush Creek and Oak Grove met with us in an Epworth League rally. An excellent programme was rendered. The following question was then given to each member of the League: "What good has the League done for you?" Many were the testimonies showing the good work being done by the League.

In conclusion, Rev. Tincer, pastor of the Church, gave an appeal to sinners, to which seven responded and came to the altar for prayer. A glorious time was had. Come again, sister Leagues; you are always welcome.

MARY TRUE, Secretary. MINNIE WILBORN, Second Vice-President. REV. TINCHER, Pastor in Charge.

The Fort Worth District League Conference.

The Texas Epworth Parsonage. The Texas Epworth Parsonage, a five-room building, is nearing completion. The lumber cost \$255; the carpenter work \$55; the hardware, including nails, hinges, locks, etc., \$15; canvassing, etc., \$5.75; coat of paint, \$10; material and labor for barn, \$25; fencing lots, \$22; labor on well, \$18; making a total of \$411.75. Of this amount all has been met but \$225—\$25 is now due, and \$200 on or before November 1. Please allow me to acknowledge the following: Wortham League, \$1; Granbury League, \$1; Longview League, \$2; Longview W. P. and H. M. Society, \$1; Oak Cliff W. P. and H. M. Society, \$1; Mrs. R. D. Davis, Hillsbee, Texas, \$1; Dr. A. B. Wasson Blocker, \$4. Truly all for Christ. J. M. PORTER, Fairland, I. T.

Meeting of District Officers. The San Marcos District League Board convened in the Methodist Church at San Marcos, Monday evening, July 20, 1896. After a song and prayer, Bro. Harris, pre-

siding elder, took the chair with the following present: B. Harris, J. M. Alexander, Sterling Fisher, J. T. Ellis, Felix Douglass, W. P. Wallace and Miss Annie Fisher. After discussing at length the suggestions of Bro. Scott in the Advocate and other plans which were suggested, it was moved and carried that the President correspond with the different pastors and to inquire the condition of their Leagues, and if needed to take steps to help them.

Moved and carried that the Secretary obtain the names of all the officers of the different Leagues and to furnish same to the Corresponding District Officer. He was also instructed to see if the 10 cent assessment had been paid; to ascertain the amount of the missionary assessment, and to see that the proper efforts should be made to collect same.

Moved and carried that each Vice-President report to the Secretary their tabular work for the month. The Missouri State Conference will be the last of the season. A grand meeting is looked for. Dr. Steel and Dr. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, are expected to be present.

The first issue of the new Reading Course of the M. E. Church will be 12,000 sets.

SOLID SILVER FORKS and SPOONS

We invite the attention of persons desiring to furnish their tables with the best quality of serviceable solid silver Tea, Dessert, and Table Forks and Spoons, Butter Knives, Cream Ladles, Sugar Shells, etc., to our New Illustrated Catalogue, sent free to any address. C. P. BARNES & CO., 540 W. Market St., Louisville, Ky. This firm is reliable.—Publishers Texas Advocate.

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S STEEL PENS GOLD MEDAL, Paris Exposition, 1889 and the CHICAGO EXPOSITION AWARD. THE MOST PERFECT OF PENS.

GIN Machinery, Engines and Boilers, Pumps, Steam Fittings, Pulleys, Belting, Shafting, Couplings, Etc., Etc., Etc.

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING IN ABOVE LINE we can make it to your interest to give us your order. COMPLETE GIN OUTFITS A SPECIALTY. Munger Machine Co. DALLAS, TEXAS.

DONT GET LEFT THE KATY FLYER A NEW FAST TRAIN VIA THE MKT. FIRST CLASS SERVICE TO ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO WITHOUT CHANGE.

ing an Epworth parsonage for Bro. J. M. Porter, pastor at Fairland, I. T. This is a start in the right direction. How many more Leagues in Texas have the missionary spirit enough to aid in this great and good enterprise? I hope the President or Secretary of each League will give their League an opportunity to contribute something toward the building of this Epworth parsonage. Remit all money to me as soon as possible. Yours for success, C. H. MORRIS, Treas. State Epworth League, Winnsboro, Texas.

Hold on to it. "When you've got a good thing hold on to it" that's what everybody says, and it's good logic, too. It applies wonderfully well to Simmons Liver Regulator. It's a good medicine, and there is none better for the same purpose. For nine three-quarters of a century the people have held on to it, notwithstanding the frauds upon it good name and sale. It's just as good as ever, and better when compared with the vile stuff offered you instead of it. It's the Red Z you want, and must have. Tell your druggist so. The people are waking up to the fact that they are being cheated when they take the various preparations sold them on the promise that they are just as good as Simmons Liver Regulator, and they are all coming back again to The Old Friend. Take nothing else, and you'll live longer and happier.

We write the attention of persons desiring to furnish their tables with the best quality of serviceable solid silver Tea, Dessert, and Table Forks and Spoons, Butter Knives, Cream Ladles, Sugar Shells, etc., to our New Illustrated Catalogue, sent free to any address. C. P. BARNES & CO., 540 W. Market St., Louisville, Ky. This firm is reliable.—Publishers Texas Advocate.

We sell the best wheels at the lowest prices, about 1000 different makes of bicycles, tricycles, roller skates, etc. We have a full line of bicycle tires, valves, pumps, etc. Write for Catalogue, Chicago, Ill. C. H. MORRIS, 111 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

YOU are going to COLLEGE? Then, other things being equal, you should certainly go where you can get the largest returns for the least money.

the Polytechnic College

offers more to the student for the same amount of expense than any School in the Southwest.

First—The school year is forty-eight weeks long. This is from eight to ten weeks longer than other colleges in this section continue. No student will be required to go the entire session who may not wish to, but all will have the privilege of doing so.

Second—The completion of a certain number of courses leads to a degree. Hence all work done counts toward whatever degree the student may be working for. This will be a great convenience to teachers, and to all who, for any cause, have to have a break in their attendance at College.

Third—The prices of board and tuition at the Polytechnic College bring an education within reach of all. For young men good board can be obtained in halls controlled by the President of the College at the low price of \$8 per month. This includes furnished room, fuel and lights. Every reasonable convenience and comfort will be supplied. The President also boards the young ladies in the building occupied by himself and family. Board is furnished them at the low price of \$13.50 per month; laundry, \$1.50 per month. The cooking is first-class, and the fare as good as could be asked. The finest of milk and butter from his own herd of Jersey cows supplies the table. The President's wife, Mrs. W. F. Lloyd, is the lady manager of the girls' boarding department, and takes a mother's interest in every girl committed to her care.

Young men who prefer to do so can obtain board in private families at from \$12 to \$15 per month. Tuition for the entire forty-eight weeks is only \$50. For the forty weeks ending with commencement it is only \$41.50. The school year is divided into four terms, and as tuition is paid in advance, by the term, it is quite a convenience to have four short terms, rather than two long ones.

Fourth—The Polytechnic College is accessible from every part of the State. Railroads from all directions lead to Fort Worth. In case parents are called to the College suddenly, or children are needed at home unexpectedly, the many railroads in and out of Fort Worth make it possible to come to the College or to get away at almost any hour. This is a convenience that will be appreciated when once there is need for it.

Fifth—Our text book library and system of renting books saves money to our students.

Sixth—The Curriculum taught at the Polytechnic College is unusually high. We know of only one College in all the Southwest that equals it. The faculty is large—fifteen resident at the College and at work—and thoroughly prepared to do what they undertake.

Seventh—The Schools of Music, Education and Art are first-class in every particular. Those who wish to pursue these fine accomplishments can find here instructors that are equal to the best.

Write for Catalogue, giving full information on all subjects. Address Rev. W. F. LLOYD, Fort Worth, Tex.

TEXAS THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST Cannon Ball Train SHORTENED ONE HOUR IN TIME. LIMITED EVENING EXPRESS HAS BEEN QUICKENED 9 Hours to St. Louis and the East. 4 Hours to Memphis. 1 Hour to New Orleans. ONLY 2 DAYS BETWEEN TEXAS AND NEW YORK. PULLMAN Buffet Sleeping Cars to St. Louis, Chicago, New Orleans and Pacific Coast. Through Day Coaches each way between Fort Worth and Memphis. For tickets, rates and further information, call on or address your nearest ticket agent. Third Vice-Pres. and Gen'l Mgr. Gaston Meallier, Gen. Pass. and Tkt. Agt. W. A. Dashiell, DALLAS, TEXAS.

DR. PIERCE'S PELLETS FOR THE LIVER

"CONTINENTAL" CHANGEABLE MOWER SPEED. This Mower has made a record in Texas that is without a parallel in the history of Mowing Machinery. Its Changeable Speed gives it a prestige over all Mowers because the operator can regulate the speed to suit the conditions of the ground. It mows in a fast speed in heavy stubble, or when the grain walks slow, and in the open field, it mows without even stopping the team. The slow speed is the same as all other mowers. The fast speed is a half or fast again. We use serrated ledger plates, which insure the greatest cutting capacity with least possible power, and prevent clogging the knives on the ground. Each knife is furnished with a splendid wood attachment. There are many other improvements that we can not stay. It is the lightest draft, best mowing machine, and will cut over any rough ground. Catalogue mailed free. Parlin & Orendorff Co., Dallas, Tex.

ITS STOPPED FREE. RUPTURE Can be Cured. BUCKEY BELL FOUNDRY











WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT
All matter intended for the Woman's Department should be addressed to Mrs. Florence B. Howell, 28 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

Our Rescue Work.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name," Our Methodists of North Texas Conference are in earnest concerning this part of the labor in the Master's vineyard.

We represented the cause in several District Conferences, with enthusiastic and successful results, receiving generous and liberal contributions from Bowie, Greenville and Sulphur Springs Districts.

Our preachers, engaged in the Master's work of caring for the poor, providing for the needy and distressed, seeking and saving the lost, are given as well as workers, and their beautiful deeds, and those of their self-sacrificing wives, will be rewarded some day, with accumulated interest.

Our District Conferences were pleasant as well as profitable occasions, and our presiding officers all to the interests of Methodism.

The Rescue Meeting of Sulphur Springs District, held in the pretty village of Celeste, was one of unusual interest—the crowning Rescue Meeting of the several districts. At the close a profound religious feeling pervaded the entire audience.

This closed a spiritual feast—an hour of delightful Christian fellowship and holy communion with God. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

MRS. W. C. YOUNG, Treasurer, 245 Wall Street, Dallas, Texas.

The following are the contributions for the Rescue Home:

Table listing contributions for the Rescue Home, including names and amounts. Total: \$375.25.

Table listing contributions for the Rescue Home, including names and amounts. Total: \$145.25.

have shown the good work done in visiting the sick, poor and strangers, and in many other ways, but for fear of being too long we abridged them in this writing.

The work in our district is growing in interest and spreading out as our people understand it better. Three new auxiliaries have been organized in the last few months, and we go to Farmersville next Tuesday, July 14, to organize at that place.

Quarterly Report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

Table showing quarterly report of the Treasurer of W. P. and H. M. Society, E. T. G.

God wants to help every man who needs help. The people recognize and appreciate real merit. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla has the largest sales in the world.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Care indigestion, headache. No grave can be made deep enough to hold the truth.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well tried remedy, Hood's Sarsaparilla. It not only cures the teething, but it also cures the colic, softens the bowels, gives the child a healthy and happy disposition.

The growler is a poor traveling companion. Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla restores and invigorates the whole system, renovates and enriches the blood, gives appetite and tone to the stomach. Only 50 cents for 50 doses.

Notice. Write "Farmer Show," Dallas, for a list of bargains in Jersey cattle, Berkshire hogs and Clyde horses.

JEWELRY REPAIRED. If you want good work send your Rings, Pins, Ear Rings, Gold Chains, Spectacles, Razors, Watches, etc., to C. P. Barnes & Co. Jewelers, 1205 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas.

HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY. One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all Kidney and Bladder Troubles, removes Gravel, cures Diabetes, Seminal Emissions, Weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the Kidneys and Bladder in both men and women.

FOR ONLY \$10. The Texas and Pacific Railway Company will this year send to regularly ordained Clergymen only graded Missionaries, or others solely engaged in ministerial duties, One Thousand Tickets, good on all portions of that system.

Sumner Excursions. On and after June 1st excursions tickets to Sumner Resorts in the North and East will be sold from all stations on the Texas and Pacific Railway, limited for return to Oct. 31st.

Quarterly Conferences

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences: Northwest Texas Conference, Georgetown District, etc.

Table listing quarterly conferences:



NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

(Continued from fifth page)
manifestation to both saint and sinner.
And the good work continues in our midst!

edified and strengthened, and a few reclaimed or converted at the altar.
My meeting at Prospect, a newly organized Church, was a good one.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HOPE.
J. W. Sims, July 27: Have just closed two meetings, one at Andrews Chapel, with moderate success; only one accession and full missionary collection.

CLEAR CREEK.

H. Graham, July 20: Good meeting just closed at Hunter's Tank, near Soden. Had the efficient help of Revs. J. M. Shuford and J. C. Wilson.

MEBARDVILLE.

J. W. Gibbons, July 19: Just closed a fourteen days' meeting here last night; thirteen professions, seven accessions to our Church.

IRLENE.

N. A. Keen: On Wednesday, July 22, our third Quarterly Conference was held. It was a good one—on the old line.

BEAUMONT.

W. O. Shugart: We began our meeting in Beaumont on June 19 and closed June 28; had a good meeting; thirteen accessions and Church greatly benefited; in fact, the membership is in better condition spiritually than we have been in years.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Julia Waltham died at her home in Jewett, July 19, after a few days' suffering. She was the wife of L. D. Waltham, our Sunday-school Superintendent at this place, and his sorrow is great.

W. F. BRINSON.

J. R. Holloway died at his home near Sterling City, July 23. He was taken ill with a high fever while in San Angelo, July 16, and came home on the 18th, where he remained until his death.

G. M. GARDNER, Pastor.

Worry in the Christian, is a sure sign that he don't pray enough.

Keep praise alive, and there will be no lack of joy in the heart.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local physicians, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

A Strong Endorsement.

From the Democrat, Atlanta, Texas.
LINDEN, TEXAS, March 21, 1896.
This is to certify that my wife and son suffered from dropsy—my wife afflicted for six years and my son for two years.

While in Jefferson, Texas, some two years since I happened to mention the condition of my wife and son to a leading physician and druggist. He advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Too much can not be said in commendation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are certainly a great boon to suffering humanity, and I take great pleasure in offering this testimonial.

JOHN MILLER.

John Miller, the subscriber to the foregoing, being duly sworn on his oath, says the statement he makes concerning Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is just and true.

C. A. EAST, Justice of the Peace.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are considered an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexion, that tired feeling resulting from nervous prostration; all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc.

The masses would not long remain indifferent, if all Christians were thoroughly in earnest.

Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla has a specific action upon the secretions and excretions, and assists nature to expel from the system all humors, impure particles and effete matter through the lungs, the liver, the kidneys and the pores of the skin.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Lummas-Russell.—At the parsonage in Jewett, July 14, 1896, by Rev. W. F. Brinson, Mr. J. F. Lummas and Miss Annie L. Russell; all of Leon County, Texas.

Atkinson-Taylor.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Goliad, Texas, June 30, 1896, Mr. John T. Atkinson and Miss Lilla Taylor; Rev. M. S. Gardner officiating.

Clayton-Henderson.—North—Bellevue in the Public School building, Ozona, Texas, July 19, 1896, Dr. A. W. Clayton and Miss Addie Henderson, and Mr. J. N. North and Miss Hattie Bellows; Rev. Marvin Coppedge officiating.

Burke-Hughes.—At the parsonage in Beckville, Texas, July 22, 1896, at 8 a. m., Mr. S. L. Burke, son of Rev. J. D. Burke, of Chireno, Texas, and Miss Minnie Hughes, daughter of Rev. Geo. R. Hughes, of the East Texas Conference; Rev. L. A. Burk, of Lufkin, Texas, officiating.

Webster-Pearce.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Walnut, Texas, July 22, 1896, by Rev. E. Higginbotham, Mr. John W. Webster and Miss Maud A. Pearce.

Myers-Shanks.—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Burns Station, DeWitt County, Texas, July 5, 1896, Mr. Asa Myers and Miss Ella Shanks; Rev. J. A. Phillips officiating.

Gartrell-Barnes.—By Rev. J. David Crockett, in the buggy, by the arbor at Price's Chapel, four miles east of Cleburne, Texas, July 5, 1896, Mr. Olen Gartrell and Miss Emma Barnes; all of Johnson County.

Brisson-Harrison.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Lafayette, Texas, July 19, 1896, Mr. J. H. Brisson and Miss Flora Harrison; all of Upshur County; Rev. C. H. Martin officiating.

Lindsey-Smith.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Wolf Crossing, on the Colorado River, Burnet County, Texas, July 26, 1896, Mr. James W. Lindsey and Miss Mary Smith; Rev. A. F. Bridges officiating.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 150 or 175 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices.

Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but if paid for will be inserted in another column.

POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price, 5 cents per copy.

KIDD.—Mrs. Maggie Kidd (nee Palmer) was born at Edom, Van Zandt County, Texas, November 15, 1873. While yet a child she moved with her parents to Athens, Henderson County, where she lived till March 28, 1895, when she was married to Rev. A. A. Kidd, of the East Texas Conference, who was pastor of the New York Circuit, and went immediately to their home at New York, where she remained until her death, which occurred July 6, 1896. She was converted when she was ten years old, at Red Hill Camp-ground, through the instru-

mentality of that faithful old soldier of the Cross, Uncle Caleb Smith, and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she was a consistent member till the day of her death.

She was a thorough Methodist, and I know that it is no empty compliment when I say that in all the relations of life she illustrated and adorned the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. She was blessed with a bright and cheerful disposition, a warm religious experience and was always responsive to the best interest and greatest happiness of her family.

She did not forget the claim of her Church or the community in which she lived. As a friend she was tender and true as a sister, patient and self-sacrificing; as a daughter, loving and devoted; as a wife she sought to comfort and to be to her husband a helpmate indeed. Those who knew her best revere her memory with the most tender regard.

She was a devoted and efficient Sunday-school teacher. She was loved by old and young all over the pastoral charge. She was resigned to the Lord's will. Just before she died she looked up at her husband and said (I think when the joys of heaven burst on her vision): "I shall be all right now. I shall have a good time. I feel so good."

Truly Jesus can make the dying bed as soft as downy pillows are. And she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. She requested the old hymn, "What Wonderful Love is This" to be sung at her funeral. Her body was laid to rest till the resurrection morn in the cemetery at Athens, at 8 o'clock, a. m., July 7, 1896. Bro. Gilliam, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, officiating. She desired Bros. Smith or Pledger to conduct the services, but they were both away. The multitude that followed her body to the grave told of the claims she had on the sympathy and love of the whole community. She leaves a husband, an infant boy, a devoted mother, two sisters and three brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss. God in his wisdom has called her home, and to all human understanding "her sun went down while it was yet day." Strange, indeed, the providence that takes the dotting mother from the tender, helpless babe and from the young husband at the time when life was filled with brightest hopes and fondest anticipations! This death was sad and pathetic, but has brought to her a glorious triumph and coronation. The battle's over. Jesus called, and with faith unflinching, with hope more strong than eagle's wings, and with love undimmed and undying, she peacefully obeyed, and in sweet submission to his will drifted from the springtime of her life into the fadless summertime of unending blessedness. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Courage, weeping ones. "Earth has no sorrows that heaven can not heal." Soon the earth and the sea shall give up their dead, and these corruptible bodies shall be changed and made like unto his own glorious body according to the mighty workings whereby Christ is able to subdue all things unto himself. As I lay this poor tribute upon Sister Maggie's grave, these breathes from the innermost sanctuary of my heart, and my prayer for her, is that the little motherless babe and the broken hearted mother, brothers and sisters, Jesus has said, "I will not leave you comfortless; wherefore comfort one another with these words." J. C. CALHOUN.

COX.—Mrs. Mary R. Cox, daughter of J. L. and M. E. Livingston, of Perry County, Ala., and wife of L. P. Cox, was born December 4, 1844; joined the M. E. Church, South, when fourteen years old; was married December 5, 1860, and died March 30, 1896, after a long and painful illness at their late home in Greer County, Texas, having lived all their married life in Millam County, Texas, where she was well known as a true and devoted Christian and Church worker. A few days before her death she had a glorious visitation of the Holy Spirit, exclaiming to her sister, Mrs. Trigg, "O, sister, I am so happy. I've seen Jesus." Her countenance was radiant with his redeeming glory.

A. P. LINSBOMB, P. C.

CAMPBELL.—R. M. Campbell was born the 10th day of October, A. D. 1853, at Columbus, Colorado County, Texas, and died at his residence, in Newton, Newton County, Texas, July 11, A. D. 1896, at 12 o'clock m., aged forty-two years six months and eleven days; was twin brother of Rev. Geo. E. Clothier's wife and brother of Hon. Leonidas Campbell, of Grimes County, Texas. Both came in time for the burial, and the only surviving two of his brother and sisters of a family of ten children. Bro. Campbell leaves a wife and seven children (four girls and three boys) and a host of friends, and a county without a County and District Clerk. He was loved by all who knew him. Sad indeed to say farewell to loved ones, yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for he left the evidence behind after being received into the M. E. Church, South, from bed of affliction on the evening of the 10th ultimo, at his own request. He asked the writer of this to hold prayer with him and family, after which he asked to be received into the Church, and after that the baptizing of the last child by request was attended to. So all the children have been

baptized. After the child was baptized he wrote its name in full to be handed to the pastor—the last writing supposed ever done. He said a few hours before he died: "Mattie, I am all right now." He was a liberal supporter to the Church. He lived in his right mind until the breath left him with a sad good-bye. His brother and sister arrived in time to be at the procession and funeral. Theante-burial services were held at his residence by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member. The remains were carried to the M. E. Church, South, and the funeral preached by B. Z. Powell, and his remains interred in Newton Cemetery with Masonic honors. The dust shall return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it. B. Z. POWELL, Farrsville, Texas.

LASSITER.—Mary Susan Lassiter was born October 22, 1859, in Cannon County, Tennessee, and died July 5, 1896, near Chico, Texas. She professed religion at the age of fifteen. She lived a happy Christian. She died as she lived, though a great sufferer for many weeks, she made no complaint. When she could no more speak her face was radiant with heavenly joy. She leaves an aged mother and a brother to mourn their loss, and many friends are bereft by her sad departure. Sister Sue was true and tender in every relation in life. The life she lived and the death she died is an epistle to be read and known of men. P. W. BYRD.

STEWART.—James Harvey, son of W. H. and Mrs. Hattie Stewart, was born September 12, 1852; died of congestion July 15, 1896. Christened in infancy, reared in a Christian home, he was a model Christian boy—dutiful to his parents, amiable to his associates, devoted to the Sabbath-school, a kind and affectionate child. By his godly walk and his childhood sincerity, he won many friends. His life was exemplary, his death triumphant—one of his last utterances being, "Grandma, I am going home." While this was the cry of grief and sadness, it was the cry of triumph and joy. His grandfathers and his playmates, let us all bow in humble submission to the divine purpose of Him who doeth all things well, having the blessed assurance that if faithful to the charge committed to us, we shall meet dear Harvey again. S. E. WILSON.

SLOAN.—William Neely Sloan departed this life at his home four miles southwest of Rusk, Texas, on the 23d day of June, 1896. He was born in Sinclair County, Ala., August 2, 1831. He came to Texas in 1849 and was married to Miss Terena E. Vining on November 11, 1855. The partnership thus formed was of such a nature as to be a benediction to both parties and to the world. To them were born a family of children who are living monuments to the faithful parentage in lives of purity and honorable citizenship. After the life of a quiet and useful citizenship, his sun has set in peace, and he sleeps with his fathers. He was buried with Masonic honors. May he rest in peace, and may the protecting arm of Him who is the husband to the widow, be strong and ever-present to aid in need and to minister to the distress of the bereaved. V. A. GODBEY.

RICKMAN.—Mrs. M. J. Rickman (nee James) was born July 30, 1862, and died June 24, 1896, in Graham, Texas. Sister Rickman was converted in 1881, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a quiet and consistent Christian life till she received her summons to go home, then she laid her weary body down and sweetly slept. The last few months of her earthly life were months of great suffering, but her faith in God, and the patience she had learned through suffering gave her the mastery over the flesh, so that she was uncomplaining. As her pastor visited her and read the word and prayed with her, she seemed to enjoy it so much—never complaining by a single word. "Thank God for a religion that can give such joy, peace and patience, under such afflictions! When the last hour came she was ready; and at midnight, on the 24th June, as a new day was beginning to dawn upon the earth, the light from the city of God touched her soul, which, struggling to be free, threw off the mortal coil and joined the blood-washed throng up yonder. M. L. MOODY, Graham, Texas.

DAVIS.—Sister Susan Davis was born in Alabama, September 10, 1840; was married to J. F. Davis, January 1, 1869; moved to Texas in 1877, and died July 3, 1896. She was converted when a girl. She joined the Methodist Church, South, at Bruce soon after its organization, in which she lived till her death. Sister Davis was a true Christian. She was true to God and the Church. Notwithstanding she was greatly afflicted two years before her death, her chair was seldom vacant at church; attended

many times when she had to be afflicted in church. In all her afflictions she was patient and cheerful. She was very much loved by all who knew her as was manifested at her burial. She died without a cloud, as she said to me one evening before her death: "I shall not be with you long. My race is nearly run. I am ready to go. Not a cloud between me and my God. Meet me in heaven." The home, Church and community will greatly miss her, but, thanks be to God, we know where to find her. W. N. CURRY, P. C., Cresson, Texas.

MEREDITH.—Again our eyes have seen the steps of age halt feebly to the tomb. We have been ushered into the presence of death by the call of Elizabeth Jane Meredith from our midst to the Father's house. She was born in Bibb County, Ala., February 22, 1826. In the year 1837 her people emigrated to Texas and settled in Smith County, where they lived one year, but on account of trouble with the Indians at that time, they went to Nacogdoches County and remained until the trouble was over, when they moved to Cherokee County, near her residence at the time of death. She was married to Daniel Meredith July 27, 1846, and during this union became the mother of eleven children, seven of whom are still living. She joined the Methodist Church at the age of sixteen years, and was faithful until called to her reward. While we sorrow for her, we sorrow not as those who have no hope. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." V. A. GODBEY, P. C.

WILLS.—Miss Martha A. Wills was born in Troup County, Ga., March 30, 1826, and died at Willard, Texas, June 9, 1896. Her body now rests in the cemetery at Groveton, Texas, to await a glorious resurrection. At about ninety years of age she united with the Methodist Church and remained faithful until God called her home. The former part of her life was spent in Georgia and Alabama. Her father died in 1860, and the family moved to Texas in 1868. She being the oldest of twelve children, the loss of mother in 1876 greatly increased her responsibility in helping to guide and sustain the younger children. During the years of health her calling seemed to be to care for those in distress, wait upon the sick and watch over the dying. In February, 1890, hurt by a fall, she became an invalid and was never able to walk again. At times her suffering was intense, but was borne with patience. Aunt Martha lived out her three score and ten years. Over fifty years in the Church, with six years of patient waiting for the call to exchange an invalid's chair for a home above. J. W. HAMNER, Groveton, Texas.

AVRY.—William Avry was born in Harrison County, Ga., April 11, 1863. His parents moved to Texas 1869. At a protracted meeting in Hamilton County, Honey Creek Church, 1876, he was converted and joined the Baptist Church; went to Phoenix, Arizona, last winter for his health, and attended a Methodist meeting in March. The same sweet assurance of salvation he had experienced in his boyhood was given unto him. He returned to his home, Millsap, Texas, the last of March, and was confined to his bed until his blessed Lord called him from his suffering, which occurred July 9, 1896. It was my privilege to visit him several times in his sickness, and always found him patient and resigned to the will of God. We believe he has joined the Church triumphant. W. K. SIMPSON, P. C., of Weatherford Circuit.

"I TELL YOU, You'll Make No Mistake"

If you avail yourself of this grand offer which we are making to our new subscribers...

Many are now well pleased with their bargain, and we hope to please many more. When an article stands the test such as this has been subjected to, it's certainly worth talking about.

Now to the point: You no doubt need a sewing machine. There are two things to consider well before purchasing: 1. Durability. 2. Cost.

In our machine these are combined. You get it direct from the factory, freight prepaid to your nearest freight depot, and also one year's subscription to the Texas Christian Advocate, for twenty-two dollars (\$22.00). Address all orders to L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas. You will certainly be pleased with your wise investment.

Henry Lindenmeyr & Sons PAPER Warehouse

Collection Cards

PRICE (POSTAGE PREPAID) Per 100 ..... Fifty Cents

FOR SALE BY L. BLAYLOCK, Dallas, Texas.

\$10 THE ELECTROPOISE (TRADE-MARK) NOW FOR \$10.

For the next 10 days I will sell ELECTROPOISE for \$10 CASH. All suffering humanity, as well as every family, should now get the great curative agent.

For 40-page descriptive circular, address W. S. SWYMER, Agent for Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, Southwest corner 22d and Strand, Galveston, Texas.



LOOK! A SEWING MACHINE FOR EVERYBODY!

The Texas Advocate and all Machines (all Attachments) for \$22. And WE PAY THE FREIGHT!

McELREE'S WINE OF CARDUI



WOMAN'S RELIEF

For monthly pains in the sides, hips, back, neck, shoulders, head and limbs.

These pains are symptoms of dangerous derangements peculiar to women.

McElree's Wine of Cardui corrects these derangements, cures Whites and falling of the Womb, relieves Suppressed Menstruation and flooding, quiets the nerves and brings happiness to afflicted women.

For Sale by Medicine Dealers at ONE DOLLAR A BOTTLE.



The Only Line

Operating Through Coaches, Free Reclining Chair Cars and Pullman Sleepers between prominent Texas points and Memphis

SOLID TRAINS Ft. Worth, Waco and intermediate points to Memphis, and Pullman Sleepers to St. Louis, making direct connection at both cities for all points North, East and Southeast. The best line from Texas to all points in the Old States.

Rates, Maps, and full information will be cheerfully given upon application.

A. A. GLISSON, S. G. WARNER, T. F. A., Ft. Worth, Tex. G. F. A., Taylor, Tex. E. W. LOBEAUME, G. F. A., St. Louis, Mo.

"The International Route" (International & Great Northern Railroad Co.)

Is the Shortest, Quickest and Best Line between Points in Mexico, Texas, and Principal Cities North, East and Southeast.

Runs the Fastest "FAST MAIL No. 6" Train in Texas.

THROUGH SLEEPERS DAILY both ways between Laredo, San Antonio, Austin and St. Louis

San Antonio, Austin, Taylor and Fort Worth, and Kansas City (via Kearney), WITHOUT Galveston, Houston, Palestine CHANGE, and St. Louis.

Call on nearest Ticket Agent for full information as to rates, time of trains, etc. J. E. GALBRAITH, D. J. PRICE, G. F. & P. A. A. G. P. A. T. H. CHAMBERLAIN, General Manager.



