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EDITORIAL.

THE ETHICAL ELEMENT IN "THE NEWCOMES."

"The Newcomes," by Thackwhile the ethical teaching which is fiction. such a prominent characteristic, is His niece, Ethel Newcome, saved nation of intellectual decay. it. As a work of fiction it is won- an angelic visitant. drously attractive, forcing us to take a profound interest in the sane and solid views of life and her hero and heroine and the subordi- saintly spirit and ministry, irradinate characters and the various ates the tragic gloom of the picscenes and episodes. The story is ture. pathetic, almost tragic, and the destined to immortality.

and fashion will turn away from life-giving waters of a crystal the cause of higher education onethe volume in disgust at such aim- spring. lessness, luxury and trifling, and with a stimulated and strengthened resolution to lead from henceforth a natural and a wholesome life. Thackeray's burning satire strips away the illusions and the artificialities from the fashionable world as the lightning peels the to say that there is no earthly leges his Church has, and then give him bark from a tree. Its unsatisfactory and evanescent vanities are tages conferred by graduation in E. Church, which are as follows: Numlaid bare with unsparing severity, and no one but an ill-starred fool could consent to follow after such painted shows. It is the Ecclesiastes of the Nineteenth Century, man on the seat immediately in wife left Shanghai for their home in Ara modern rendering of an old and front of him, "but are you not just kansas after a stay in China of nine Among those who in former years did mighty theme-a true philosopy returning from college?" of life.

The old Countess, Lady Kew, is the very impersonation of world- in fact, I was the valedictorian." liness, who, under the guise of "I was sure of it," replied the bettering the condition of her other. "I would be greatly obliged if you would tell me, in a few words, kindred, victimized them all. A who wrote Junius, who the man in husband and family. Bro. Goddard rich or noble marriage was her the iron mask was, what was the was an earnest, faithful student of the ideal of happiness, even though origin of protoplasm, explain the language, using all diligence in acquirbroken hearts and irremediable Schleswig-Holstein question, give ing a knowledge of it both spoken and woe were the consequences, me the reason why republics are written. During his short stay among Thackeray pours the vials of his superior to limited monarchies, and us he taught a part of the day in the satirical wrath upon the wretched tell me why evil is permitted on the A. C. College, and studied when he was old mischief-maker. She spent earth." her last days at balls, operas and feasts. She stepped from a bril- mastered the curriculum of a col- make short talks in Chinese in a stree. liant drawing-room and the revel- lege is more likely to answer satry thereof into the grave. As she isfactorily the questions above lies in her coffin—"that bedizened than one who has never had the sionary. It was a severe trial to him box of corruption"-she is a pitia- benefit of high-grade scholastic to leave these perishing millions withble but emphatic protest against instruction and the golden oppor- out the gospel, when there are so few a time-serving and a godless life.

worldliness; it is not only a satire the benefit of thorough intellectual ers, and we hope that they may be upon the conventionalisms and development and classic culture, abundantly useful to the Church in the fooleries of fashion; it is not only but also, generally, those lofty home land. a dramatic representation of the views, and wholesome influences On the ninth of this month Dr. C. D wickedness and the curse of an which mould the noble character idle and aristocratic career, but and shape the enviable destiny of oldest and most experienced missionaalso a mirror of nobleness and men. Let the critic, friendly and ries. He and his wife will be greatly piety. What can be finer than the otherwise, have his little fling at missed. We wish for them great suc character of Col. Thomas New- the college boy, but at the same cess in their new field of labor. come! What a picture of beauti- time let the higher education pro- leave China for their home in Arkansas. Holy Spirit." Dr. Gray's address on wharf pile, is raised above the water at Grave, informs us that his brother, Rev. itude of the rescued Armenians, but the ful soldiery qualities, of high- ceed. Sometimes the scholar, One month ago Bro. Hill had a stroke The History of the Holy Dead" excitminded gentlemanliness, of typi- fresh from student life, may atti- of paralysis which has deprived him ed considerable comment both as to the huge glitter of ivories, and he blows a High School, died September 22. Bro. ity. "She hath done what she could."

of heroism and child-like innocence, and of deep and unobtru- still ignorance is neither bliss nor with and humor, but companied by Rev. R. A. Parker, who companied by Rev. R. A. Parker, who will go with him to St. Louis, where he so popular with peo- eled bishop's miters, have done the sive piety! The dying scene in the the mother of devotion. It is bet- expects his brother to meet him and ple of all Churches last winhospital of the Grey-friars, wherein ter that a school boy should un take him home. Bro. Parker has given ter, preached in the Auditorium and the ship, awaiting a retributive stroke the old Colonel, imagining himself dertake the solution of the deepest him a brother's care since he was thus made a number of addresses at the eray, is one of the most powerful a school boy, and who when the problems of literature and life suddenly made helpless. The stroke "Round Top" vesper services, which the waves to foam. But description and brilliant novels ever written. roll is called, answers, "Adsum," The romance which permeates it is one of the most heart-touching steeped in apathetic indifference Bro. Hill has been a faithful, untiring, on Sunday morning, August 2, is spok- words on the painter: is entrancing in a high degree, incidents in the whole realm of and imbecility. The posing of a conscientious, devoted worker here en of as one of the greatest ever

superlatively wholesome. The from worldliness by a remarkable love story lies on the surface and train of providences and schooled is easily read, but parallel with it to devotion and charity by the is a deep vein of thought which deep and poignant sufferings can not but have a salutary in- which came upon her, moves fluence upon every one who reads among the closing incidents like

Laura Pendennis, too, with her

We dare say that there is not in salient features of it are drawn the whole range of fiction another with great force and beauty. It work which recognizes and depicts touches the heart, evokes the sigh so clearly and powerfully the and makes the eyes dewy with great characterizing beauties of sympathetic tears. It is a master- the religion of Christ. In this ly delincation of character and respect "The Newcomes" is peerlife, and by an idealization of the less. This enviable distinction actors and the acting towers up belongs to our masterpiece. Over into the realm of pure art. It is against the hollowness, the illuone of our finest classics and is siveness and demoralization of a worldling's career, as a foil and But it is not our object to deal background, our author paints primarily with this noble volume the radiant and angelic loveliness simply as a work of art; we pre- of a true Christian life and the infer to call attention to its pro- estimable preciousness of that refound moralizing. It is the best ward and peace which the world treatise on worldliness we ever can neither give nor take away. saw. Without any dull droning "The Newcomes" is a great book or preaching the author unveils and can be made not only tributhe folly, the wickedness and the tary to the gratification of the hollowness of a distinctively fash- esthetic faculty, but also to the deionable life. The unwisdom of velopment and refinement of the worldliness is marked in high re- spiritual life. If the book should lief. The rottenness which ram- have its legitimate influence, the ifies and honeycombs society is reader would rise from the perusal revealed in all its loathsome repul- not only grateful for an unexcepsiveness. The emptiness and un- tionable and first-class entertainhappiness of such conventional ment, but a wiser and a better tention. The table is not complete, sevand dazzling living are shown to man. Compared to this noble eral of our schools having failed to the people might vote intelligently upon be the legitimate and inevitable story, modern realistic novels, in their incomplete form our educationresults of a persistent and defiant wherein illicit love is the pivot and at statistics are decidedly gratifying. Hughes' resolution was adopted by violation of the inexorable laws vicious amours are tacitly con- We have ninety-four colleges, with an of God. He who reads this ter- doned, are like the slush and ooze attendance last year of 16,011-an aver- cates the trend of English Methodism rible arraignment of worldliness of a fetid swamp compared to the

A COLLEGIATE EDUCATION.

Chicago Tribune a little facetious mouths of religionists of a certain because of its pleasantry, but principally to secure an occasion blessing comparable to the advan- our statistics, and also those of the M. a first-class institution of learning: 42,249.

"I beg your pardon," said the passenger in the skull cap, leaning over and speaking to the young cate: June 22, Rev. O. E. Goddard and

man. "I am one of the graduates:

GOV. CULBERSON'S DALLAS SPEECH.

Governor Culberson made a fine speech to a large and enthusiastic audience in the city of Dalcampaign clearly and forcibly, and with consummate ability and tact. him very much indeed. He reviewed his conduct in connection with the prize-fight and demonstrated conclusively that as represented the large majority of the people and upheld the majesty of the law. The Governor popuhome and abroad, by this conspicuous service, and has endeared future. The ADVOCATE commends him with all its heart for his action and wishes him a long and prosperous career.

Connectional News.

New Orleans Advocate: The Board South, has compiled a table of educational statistics which is worthy of athalf of what we ought to do; but it will doubtless be a surprise to many of our people that we are doing so much. These figures will We print below from the make a good gag to put in the the ignorance of Methodists. When one of these fellows comes around it would be well to ask him how many colber of colleges, 202; number of pupils,

Rev. G. H. Loehr in St. Louis Advomonths. This was made imperative by "Yes, sir," replied the young the condition of Mrs. Goddard's health. Almost as soon as she arrived, the trying climate began to tell upon her conland where a more favorable climate the language that he could understand We remark that a man who has a sermon very well in Chinese and could talk to the people. He bid fair to develop into a most careful and able mistunities of a university life. A to give it to them. We parted with him The volume not only exposes collegiate career confers not only

They have our love, sympathy and pray-

Reid and family left us to open the Corean Mission. Dr. Reid is one of our

To-day Rev. M. B. Hill and family

District. He has also had charge of las last Saturday night, September gether and stood examinations on the defended his own administration ers owe much to him, and they will miss

General Church News.

The Outlook: The English Wesleyan officer and patriot he could not an Methodist Conference, which met have done less. In his action he this year at Liverpool, among other important issues took action with regard to the question of itineracy. After considerable examination, the committee to whom the matter was referred relarized himself immensely, both at ported that they were unable to discover any methods more convenient than those already in operation for extending the ministerial term in excephimself very greatly to all who are tional cases beyond three years, without opposed to brutal and immoral an appeal to Parliament. Afterward sport. The Advocate notes with the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes offered pleasure his conscientiousness, in- this resolution: "That, in the judgment of the conference, the time has come telligence and executive ability. when it is desirable to apply to Parlia-Though young, he possesses many ment for a private bill to repeal those statesman-like qualities, and has portions of Clause XI. of the Deed Poll before him a brilliant and enviable which prohibit the appointment of minsively to the use and enjoyment of any chapel and premises." Then in a forcein the matter of the prize-fight ful speech he urged the conference to express an opinion on the question embodied in the resolution. He argued that ish dominion depended in part on the absolute separation of Church and State -that the Church should be altogether of Education of the M. E. Church, free from the control of the State. Other resolutions in connection with this make the reports asked for. But even the question, were offered. After a genarel and vigorous discussion. Dr vote of vote of 248 to 149. This indion the question of ministerial itiner-

The Outlook: Several Bible Confer

ences are now held each summer in dif-

ferent parts of the country, and the number seems to increase each season; but as yet none of them equals the Northfield Conference of Bible Students thrust at a college-bred man partly class who are continually prating about and Christian Workers, in the representative character of those who attend, the interest maniforted, or the popular features of the programme. The annual Conference at Northfield this year opened July 30 and continued till Augus 16. A list of interesting and well-known speakers, comprising many who have thrilled and inspired Northfield audiences before, and others of international reputation who for the first time have visited this great summer assembly, proved a great attraction and success. much to make Northfield what it is, and whose names were on the programme .his season, are the Rev. R. A. Torrey. of the Bible Institute, Chicago; the stitution, and after due trial, her phy- Rev. H. C. Mabie, the popular Missionsician advised their return to the home ary Secretary of Boston; the Rev. A. T. Pierson, of Philadelphia: Major D. W. Whittle, of Northfield; the Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, of Philadelphia; Mr. D. L. Moody, the Rev. George C. Needham he Rev. W. J. Erdman, of Philadelshia, and the Rev. F. B. Meyer, of Lonion. Among others who won laurels is new men at the Conference this year were the Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Brookyn; the Rev. Egerton R. Young, of Toconto; the Rev. Sydney A. Selwyn, of England; the Rev. Henry T. Hunter, or he McAll Mission, France: President denry G. Weston, of Pennsylvania: the Rev. James M. Gray, of Boston, and nany others. The music, which is always one of the most delightful feaures of Northfield, was under the diection of Messrs. Ira D. Sankey and leorge C. Stebbins. Topics of great piritual interest are always considered it these Conferences; and this year. he questions discussed created, if possible, a greater interest than ever. Book-T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, delivered a strong address on the Negro Problem, and Mrs. Louise Seymour Houghton gave several charmng lectures on "The Literary Study of rom a similar conference at Keswick. series of lectures on "The Work of the

was as unexpected as it was sudden. were received with many demonstrathan that the world should be This is a serious blow to the mission. tions of approval. Dr. Mabie's sermon picture is expressed in Mr. Ruskin's sophomore is better than the stag- since 1888. For five years he has been preached at Northfield. But time would the efficient presiding elder of Shanghai fail to indicate all the good things that several circuits. He has given a special summer Conference. One of the diffi- his call; sent as a prophet of God to teaching and training to the native cult questions which has ever confrontpreachers, helping them and directing ed the managers of Northfield is how them in their studies and holding a to perpetuate the influences receive monthly preachers' institute, where the on this "Mount of Privilege" and extend preachers on the district have come to- them beyond the limits of the Confer 19. He discussed the issues of the monthly studies. Also preaching be- will in a practical way at least partially fore one another and the hearers crit- answer the question. The first is b icising the sermon. The native preach- means of printer's ink, and the secon is through evangelism. "The Northfield Echoes" is one of the institutions of Northfield. It is an illustrated magazine edited by Mr. D. L. Pierson and Mr. W. R. Moody, sons of Dr. A. T. Pierson and Mr. D. L. Moody, which publishes verbatim reports of all the leading addresses of each Conference during the summer; and in this way many who wish to keep the principal exercises in permanent form can do so Dr. Dixon and other ministers from the Greater New York waited upon Mr Moody to secure his services, if possi-New York next winter. This was their plan of bringing Northfield to New York and of extending its influence. Mr Moody thinks favorably of it, and the prospects, therefore, are encouraging for a great revival in the metropolis next winter.

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Rural Life.

Mr. W. E. Gladstone, England's grea tatesman, says: "I believe it is a good general rule to allow each person to judge for himself what his pursuits should be, and whither he shall follow them. But at the same time I earnestly desire the maintenance and increase of and I rejoice in all pursuits that tend oward that increase. It is a blessed rural man, one of the country folk. now, and it is a great enjoyment to be ree from the foul rivers, and the verhangs many of our great towns. and to enjoy the scenery that is around acquisition. - Sophia Antoinette Walkis, the light and the air God has given er, in the Independent. he more we can maintain and increase the rural population of the land." It is o be regretted that young people who live on the farms and in the villages of America do not appreciate the advantage they enjoy as do Mr. Gladstone and hosts of others who have been brought a contact with the discdyantages as well as advantages of city life. Many nust move from the country to the ities for the cities' good, but thousands low in the cities would have been hapier and better off had they remained n the country. Young people should eriously consider the question before they decide to leave their country homes and life.-Northwestern Advocate.

Three Pictures.

We go first to the new pictures of the Wolfe collection, where, each year, the ing itself in additions made possible by o think that the beautiful Turner, The Whale Ship,"

Hurrah for the good ship Erebus!

Another Fish," was really boxed to go back to Engthe "Venice" belonged, recently sold by var, one of the artist's earliest friends, Christian Advocate, New York. who had, in a way, the choicest of his work. This is quite worthy to be compared with the paintings of the National Gallery, which Turner left in his will England, on condition that they should be hung in contrast with the Claudes. Here he had only his sense of beauty to satisfy, and not his painter's emulous vanity as well. It is a white picture, the white full-rigged "Erebus" he Bible." Mr. Selwyn came directly in the center of the middle distance. A big sperm whale is felt under the whole terest. We were glad to see him. England, for the purpose of delivering water front of the picture. His head, round, black and slippery, just like a

cal generosity and self-sacrifice, tudinize a little and furnish the entirely of the use of his left side. He subject matter, and method of treat- rainbow of tinged spray across the can- Vinson is greatly bereaved and will occasion for wit and humor, but is not able to go alone, but will be ac- ment. Dr. A. C. Dixon, whose vas. Three of those curious boats to be have the sympathy and prayers of a seen in museums, with prows like jew- large circle of faithful friends. mischief, and lie between the whale and

"Glorious in conception, unfathom the Apocalypse, clothed with a cloud, and with a rainbow upon his head, and with the sun and stars given into his

the Lord Leighton, the other English painter represented in the new trio in purples; in the distance through the beautiful, a classical, a perfect picture tera against the pillar and arranged the drapery. Then she walked off and sat herself and thought: "Am I posed gracefully? Do I express tears?" 1 fulfills the first purpose of a picture, bepropriate architectural framing, a state drawing room, and it is in harmony with Miss Wolfe's taste, as shown in

The "Edge of the Woods," by Rous cau, is quite a large canvas-48x3 inches-but it is less sympathetic than ome of his smaller canvases. The sky is that of a sunny day, but the earth i lit with the gray light of a dull day.

"Small clouds are sailing, Blue sky prevailing."

up to the crest of the little hill of the undergrowth are painted so lovingly and so knowingly, the only criticism reaped all the fruits of the victory. The greatest of French landscape painters tion of Saturday night, the grand old

"The Sick [but Never Dying] Man o Turkey."

The usual, and we fear abortive, talk of radical changes likely to occur in dropean and American papers. The Furk from Europe will reappear. The greater the forces, unless they pull to ether, the more certain is the position of that against which they are directed. it would give satisfaction to the world to see the Sultan driven over into Asia there to remain permanently.

No one can be either careless or up empathetic with the persecuted Armeians. However, Armenian conspiraors brought on the recent riots it Constantinople; those revolutionists whom Cyrus Hamlin declared years applause ceased. It was general, and ago were in the way of true reform With what delight would we record any Both men and women joined in their novements tending to put an end to aste of the museum trustees is express- the reign of the Turk in Europe. His ter's words. ancestors forced themselves there. Nevthe endowment fund. The management ertheless, the property of the Turks is may be congratulated upon all three of their property, as really as the posseshe recent purchases, but especially sions of English nobles and Irish landupon the last. It makes one shudder lords are theirs. By the common consent of nations the conquests of centuries give titles to their remote de scendants, and the moment the ejection of the Sultan was completed, the questions of partition would arise. A European diplomat recently said that Turland-Sir Francis Seymour Haden, the key is a cancer, and a surgical operafamous physician-etcher, loaned it last tion is continually contemplated, but year to the museum, and offered it for the question is whether more blood will sale at \$10,000. That was not such a not be lost and greater damage done great price for a really fine Turner. It than by allowing the cancer to remain. comes from the same collection to which That is rather an extreme way of putting it, but there is some ground for a Mr. Avery; that of Dr. Munro, of No- partial application of the simile .-

Texas Personals.

Rev. J. A. Kerr was a welcome visitor at the Advocate office during the

Bro. W. D. Davis, of McKinney, called on the Advocate this week. He has been a subscriber for a quarter of a century and still reads the paper with great in-

A note from J. E. Vinson, of Honey

Rev. O. C. Fontaine, who is in the city assisting Rev. L. P. Smith in a meeting, made the Advocate a pleas-

Rev. T. J. Beckham, of Forney, called o see us last week and showed us the plan of a new church, commodious and beautiful, which our enterprising and devoted people in Forney are going to build. Bro. Beckham has had an unusually prosperous year.

Southern Methodist Personals.

Rev. G. G. Smith, in Central Methodist: I have seen with surprise and sadness that Dr. Poynter was dead. I liked him and highly estimated his hon-Grief could not be more appropriately correctness of the views which he found current. He was more a Methodist in social affinity than a Methodist in conviction. He was a liberal of the school of Channing and Ruskin, and of that of man, but my strong conviction is that the Articles of Religion in the Methodist Discipline are the best statement of doctrine, and the General Rules the Church Government, in existence, and I do not think any one who drifts from them finds a safer port.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: In the midst of his sermon at Centenary Methedist Church Sunday evening, the Rev. John Mathews, who next month will celebrate the golden anniversary of his service in the ministry, expressed himin a great city Church. Dr. Mathews spoke, with his eyes flashing, of critiisms passed upon him for attending with his wife the Bryan meeting at the

After declaring his right to exercise is will as an American citizen, and referring to the great popular demonstrapatriarch stepped to the pulpit's edge, folding his coat about h.m. whitecrowned with fifty years of labor in the pulpit, looking imperial in his sturdy though aged manhood, and exclaimed:

stand, since I have been criticised for going to hear Mr. Bryan. I will not be misunderstood. I am with them-with the people. I have never interfered urken now occupies large space in the with anyone else's opinion and I do not want anyone to interfere with mine. id obstacles in the way of driving the This is my right and everybody else's right as patriots and free citizens of America.

Eighteen hundred people witnessed the dramatic incident. During his address on this point they had listened spell-bound.

Suddenly, just as the preacher closed the utterances quoted, the great cangregation, spontaneously and impulsively, burst into applause. Dr. Mathews lifted his hand and shook his head, but it was several moments before the came from the floor, cheir and galleries. demonstration of approval of the minis-

General Personals.

Christian Advocate, Nashville: A letter bearing the date of August 3, '96 from Minister Terrell, of the United States Legation at Constantinople, to Prof. Gross Alexander, of Vanderbilt, informed the latter that Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross Society, was then in Constantinople on her way to America. Probably by this time Miss Barton has reached her home. This confirms the dispatches which some time ago announced that Miss Barton had accomplished her mission. As everybody knows, her undertaking the relief of persecuted and suffering Armenia, was arduous and hazardous. She was compelled to brave the wrath of a blood-thirsty and merciless tyrant, but sustained by the sentiment of the Christian world and her own heroic spirit, she never faltered. Nor did she leave her post until she had saved thousands of people from hunger and possibly from death, and was satisfied that the Armenians were again self-sustaining. Minister Terrell says in his letter: "Her workers from the interior report that the harvest this year from the crop planted before the massacres last winter, is abundant, and ample to prevent suffering this winter for food." Miss Barton not only deserves the gratcongratulations of enlightened human-

Faith, the Builder.

The striking thing about sturdy religion-with a spinal column in it-is, meddling, stay made. Nearly all the public men this country has had, came straight out of Christian homes; when they did not, the Christian home was a them. little further back, a generation or two. In the literature of the country, in its professions, the same thing is true; and successful merchants and manufacturers disclose the same fact in their ancestry. Among men of the first rank in all these callings, one finds a minister in the ancestry, in a great majority of cases. The silly notion that ministers' sons fail, was exploded long ago by examination of the facts.

The average minister has left the world at least one good man, and a good example. This minister did not grow rich; but grew in grace, and his family showed the first-fruits of his line of growth. Their conduct as fathers will justify the lives of the great majority of the American preachers; the lives of their sons are their monumental honor

It is just as striking a fact about bone less religion, that somehow it fails to make men-it has a poor and cheap of snowy locks is found in the way frerecord in that kind of achievement. Its usual method is to pick up men already made. Look up any society of the "Liberal" sort, and you are apt to find that the better part of its character was bred in Churches with backbone. These men will keep straight-that is the result guaranteed by their blood and training Their children may, to the third and fourth generation, stay straight. There is a long reach to the Puritan arm, and with Count Bernstorff's views as to the its stroke reaches far. But what does increase of both light and darkness. It your boneless Church do for character? oppresses us to believe, as we must, Where has it made any out of common that the sense of God in personal expeclay not yet molded into moral comeli- rience is diminishing, that the belief in ness? What heathen people has it re- his supernatural influence upon human deemed? When will it convert a nation? What will happen to it when it sistible, power of grace in conversion can no longer get its recruits out of the and purification is felt less and less.

trains no soldiers for good causes. It is but a hair's breadth in diameter. has captured, in the last three centu- Were there a little more power exerted ries, some of the most gifted minds. by the Spirit it would be irresistible, his outlay; and no one is rich who Where are their descendants? What and men would be irresponsible. But to trail of blood can be followed down reduce it in the least degree below the me repeat it, that a habit of thrift is a from the sixteenth century with infi- infinitestimal point in which the power delity in the fountain and in the of choice in the human mind reposes, is stream? It is a barren negative-bears to weaken it and prepare the way for no good fruit; but it does despoil character in the large social account. Look cal views of the nature of conversion, at the long results as well as the near. which, once adopted, eliminate the su-Challenge the fruits. Whatever argu- pernatural element, take away his powment-which is a thing of premises. with the conclusion in the premisesmay do to bewilder and lead astray, the practical results vindicate our religion. as the inculcations of hygiene are to It builds. It creates force. It renews save a really dying man.

Let not the people forget that nations ing, because faith transmits its morali- penalty of sin inflicted by the righteous of cheerfulness, and health." This When that form of faith is exhausted, place to vague or limited notions of blessings, the power of doing good. In the catastrophe will come—as certainly the natural consequences of sin. With- fact this should be the supreme aim of is sunset at its appointed hour.

We are not beasting when we say beliefs-has honored them more-than for the worldly minded, and even the any pen can do. We need not read Ma- vicious, regularly to attend service in et. It was liable to be burned with the meus. Thereafter he did it more fre- no opening for his gifts, went off to had been molded by him he would have caulay for a defense of the Puritans: look only at their children. We need the doctrine of the Holy Ghost. no Southey to praise John Wesley: look at the character Methodism has mold- land immediately prior to the rise of ed out of common clay.-Western Ad- Wesley and the state of many of the



Destructive Vices.

The wisdom of Solomon was an inexhaustible fountain. It gushed forth in That of the next century is to be more many channels. It is believed that Ar- subtle than any which has preceded it. of a wider territory. As a zoologist, he of darkness will be less violent, but did the same for the fauna.

finds its most admirable expression in made within fifteen years so rapid that sixteen, well grown. With several sisthe Book of Proverbs. Dean Stanley there are already hundreds, and will ters younger than himself he attended says it is "the sanctification of common soon be thousands, of Churches in sense;" and, again, it is the "philoso- America as absolutely devoid of the was hardly on a level with the common, phy of practical life." Dr. Guthrie ac- Spirit of God in the New Testament his aptness in recalling words spoken counts for the high character of Scotch- sense as they would have been if they in his hearing was notable. We have all men by their early acquaintance with had been originally intended as liter- remarked that one among the innumerthe practical sagacity and wisdom of social clubs. This will be solomen, as found in the Book of Prov-

utilitarism side to this book of kingly more indicate moral forces than would by proportional sensitiveness and activauthorship. Wordsworth exclaims: the roster of an army that should in- ity in the others. In studies requiring "The Proverbs of Solomon come from clude invalids and babes, above; they also look upward!" An- The Churches are pursuing a course other well says: "While other parts of which shows how little confidence we the like-he stood habitually at Scripture show us the glory of our high have in the power of God. Our meth- the head of his classes. His siscalling, this may instruct us in all mi- ods of securing accessions proceed in- ter, Caroline, second to the one next nuteness of detail how to walk worthy creasingly upon the kindergarten prin- younger than himself, used to rehearse

of pearls is here presented. hended, and the confirmation of the life power of the Holy Ghost.

Out of such a wisdom as this, a good Methodism in doubt as to the force and Unfortunately-a thing I have not of

life flows as naturally and constantly danger of these tendencies is the distain. Out of such a folly, an inky, ugly, tain-head, is preposterous.

The heart that loves truth becomes an of the being, and are characterized by

Folly, on the other hand, has a perty. Its one broad way finally frays out with meekness and fear to give an aninto a multitude of slippery, irretracea- swer. ble paths, each of which leads to the brink of hell.

is a public nuisance. He is always turn- what everybody knows until all who ing up some mischief with the pick of hear are sick of it, can do nothing. his passion. His lips set things on fire. He sows quarrels, as the farmer sows his seed, thick and wide. He is a wedge parting friends. He leads into mischief those who would otherwise never go ful. that way.

The wicked, as a rule, do not live out sinner. As a rule, the glorious crown quented by the lovers of wisdom.

The dominion of one's self is more desirable than the most brilliant achievements of martial prowess. This is the victory within all victories .- Da-

Light and Darkness.

Our observations lead us to concur hearts and in the radical, almost irre-The line between irresistible grace and The case is worse for infidelity. It the real power essential to conversion mechanical, scientific, or philosophier from the gospel minister and transform him into an ethical teacher-as powerless to regenerate human nature

Even from the evangelical Churches the sense of sin in large measure deand civilizations are built by believers parts. Modern penitential grief is often hardly worthy of a higher description than pensiveness, and the joys of one has said that "economy is the parruins. There is no decadence like the the new creation are as fceble as the ent of integrity, of liberty, and of ease, decadence of faith; it is a long time fall- grief over sinfulness is diluted. The and the beautiful sister of temperance, ties, in large measure, for a time. indignation of a personal God gives leads me to name another of its great ut once being stirred or hearing any thing to make them wretched on acthat history has done more for stanch count of their sins, to-day it is possible many Churches that were founded on coal. She said to her daughter:

> The condition of the Church of Eng-German Churches show how any form of error in doctrine or life may coexist with liturgical uniformity and artistic, musical, elecutionary, and scholas tic excellence.

Every age has its peculiar battle, more perplexing and dangerous.

But the inspired wicdom of Solomon Strides in this direction have been named Bartimeus. He was then about There is also a spiritual as well as a published, as they are now, which no being of his creatures are compensated

Wisdom and folly are the Solomonic are willing to turn over the reforma- in the afternoon. synonyms for the New Testament terms tion of drunkards to quacks with se- He was naturally very affectionate, es-"righteousness" and "sin." Wisdom, cret remedies. We make few direct ef- pecially so toward a few, whom, rather in its Biblical sense, is something more forts to save hardened sinners, and capriciously, it seemed to me, he elected and as soon as he was able to travel than mere knowledge. Folly is worse send forth few laymen or ministers to love best. One of those was myself, than indiscretion. To this Hebrew Ar- competent to grapple unbelievers and who was about four or five years istotle, wisdom embraces more than a overcome them, not by argument in the younger. I remember that I was someprocess or acquisition of intellection. It plane of polemics, but by the irresisti- times embarrassed by a pronounced par-

reverse. It hates what wisdom loves, leave no one familiar with the history became about the only one who took It rebels against that in which wisdom of early Christianity, of early Presby- Caroline's place in the conning of his terianism, early Quakerism, or early afternoon tasks.

as a crystal stream from a living foun- use of Church discipline and the prevalence of theories that it is superfluous capable of sudden excitement into heat, this lower life, was relieved by death, to use the gift that was in him. There miasmatic stream flows, any attempted and beyond the just powers of the flery and exasperate, even vengeful. You for whose coming he was prepared and is both suggestion and comfort in this purification of which, short of its foun- Church, except in cases of public scan- could tell that from his glassy, ever- thankful.—Richard Malcomb John- experience of Guthrie for some young dal. To this may be added the fever- moving white eyes, and the crimson ston, in the Independent. ish anxiety of many clergymen to flush overspreading his face on occaartesian-well. Its speech is no superfi- maintain the appearance of influence sions of even slight embarrassment. If that it makes men; and the men it cial affair, no babbling brook. Its ut- and popularity by hastening to discuss he tripped only a little in his responses makes, when it has a fair field, and no terances come from the deepest depths whatever may attract a passing crowd. in class, or a boy or a girl spoke words The need is not for great men to in his hearing suspected to reflect upon force, fervency, and clearness. Lave turn back the tide of evil and swell the him, his frame trembled with emotion adds the sweetness of the honeycomb to tide of good, but that everyone, small or and sometimes tears were on his cheeks. great, who knows his sins forgiven. He deeply regretted this added infirmiand is absolutely certain that he is un- ty, and strove, if he could not subdue, at verted vision. Its way seems right. It der the power of an endless life, should least to conceal its manifestations. Alis confident, even hilarious. It is so col- ery aloud and spare not, so testifying though I never knew him to complain of first sermon in the parish Church of or-blind that all the red-glare signals of that men will ask a reason of the hope his blindness, yet it was apparent that danger look like the green tokens of safe- that is within him, and find him ready he longed for more extended compan-

The censorious, whose hearts are dry

The bitter enthusiast, who thinks that because his Master cleansed the temple with a whip of small cords he may do so, is more harmful than help-Only lives devoted to God and testi-

monies of what He is doing-not the half their days, consequently it is an Pharisaic abhorrence of other men's exceptional thing to see a gray-headed sins, but the loving, yet firm testimony in pulpit and pew, and, most of all, in the family-will save this generation and prepare the way for the next .-Christian Advocate, New York.

OLD AND YOUNG

THE HABIT OF THRIFT.

Longfellow's honest blacksmith under the spreading chestnut-tree, who can look the whole world in the face because he owes not any man, is a charming picture of lowly yet honorable independence. The man who keeps up one share of stock in a building association, or the working girl who deposits a dime a week in a savings bank, is on this high and safe road of independence. and will be morally the better for it. No one is poor whose income exceeds spends more than is coming to him. Let moral aid in one's life. An extensive business man bears this testimony: "Those individuals who save money are better workmen. If they do not better work, they behave better, and are more respectable. I would sooner have in my trade one hundred men who save money than two hundred who would spend every shilling they get. in proportion as individuals save a little money their morals are much better. They husband a little, and there is a superior tone given to their morals, and they behave better for knowing that they have something at stake in society." Undoubtedly this is true. Some athering up the fragments-save them that we may devote them to higher uses. I was in a home where the mother saw a crust of bread in the coal buck-Christ, who said, "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost."-Rev. J.

BARTIMEUS GROWE.

C. Jackson, Jr.

The father, who had made but a slender living at several things, moved with istotle reproduced his philosophy; Ae- As the nations are fighting more and his family into our village with hope of sop, his fables. He is the eldest natural- more by diplomacy, and less and less doing better by keeping the tavern ist. As a botanist, he named, classified, on blood-stained fields, so the conflict that for several months had been biddescribed the flora of Palestine, if not between the kingdom of grace and that ding for a tenant. Among the children was one who, on account of the blindness that came with his birth, they had the school. Although his understanding bers, and statistics will be rolled up and losses in one or more of faculties in the

exercise of verbal memory mainly-as spelling, geography and ciple, which, however useful for in- once at night the lessons for the next Out of this royal jewel case, a string fants, promotes rather childishness forenoon; and she or a particular friend than a childlike spirit in adults. We did, at playtime, like service for those

means, also, the love of what is appre- ble force of personal testimony to the tiality which I could not feel that I de- him. It seemed a mercy when, a year served; yet it prompted my bestowal of to it by an act of the will. Folly is the The conclusive proof, which can such help as was possible. In time I

ionship; and it was touching, when the other boys were engaged in eager, noisy play, to note the sad smiles with which, as ancient parchments, can accomplish while standing or sitting apart, he lis-The wicked man, wedded to his folly, nothing. Prosaic moralizers, who say tened in silence to the gleeful shoutings with what amount of participation was possible to his condition.

The girls in the school were always considerate in demeanor when they came in communion with him. Excepting Caroline, this was as seldom as he stinctively the prudence of avoiding a society of the full enjoyment of which partake.

The boys, also were reasonably above fourteen years, was a boarder, occurring outside. More than any other

very attractive. feeling that seemed to be mainly, if not through four generations, only, dread. Tom's frequent railleries from his society. Tom was one of the His first sermon was committed to the foot of the cross. first to notice this, and it was not so memory and delivered in the parish

exasperating. among the less thoughtful by pretend- Presbyterian Kirk of Scotland were ing unconscious imitation; but he had quently, occasionally even in class, to a Paris and attended a course of lectures been ruined as a minister. more and more.

Bartimeus in spelling the word I had mencement of the career of that mag- mated themselves through inexperienjust called. Instant with the sound nificent pulpit orator whom the London God has been pretty sure to bring then ing the offender by the coat collar, dealt with his whole strength a dozen or more blows upon his face. Much alarmed, I called loudly to some large boys who were in another part of the playground, before they could reach the scene Bartimeus seized Tom by the throat and dragged him to his knees. Seeing that the latter must soon be throttled unto death, I placed my hand upon the frenzied boy's shoulder and cried:

"Bartimeus, do you want to kill Tom Dilly? You will do it if you don't

At the sound of my voice his fingers instantly relaxed their hold. The recollection of that face as he turned to me has often brought to my mind meditation upon the awfulness and terribleness of the wrath of the innocent and the weak. It passed quickly as it came. Leaning his head upon my shoulder. he cried:

"Philemon, is it you? Oh, Philemon! Philemon! it was more than I could bear; but I ought to- I was wrong. wrong! Oh, I wish I was dead!"

As for Tom, he had to lie in bed for days and days, and even be tended by the doctor. His mother was sent for, she tock him home, and that was the last our school had of Tom Dilly. He left humblest apologies for Bartimeus, who wept when they were brought to

ten observed among the blind-he was or two afterward, the poor boy, too had never yet discovered the secret of possessed of an ardent temper, that was sensitive to the discordant things in his own power, and had not learned how

FIRST SERMONS.

"Mrs. Maisey, how be you feelin'? got nothing; I'm very hungry." Such was the remark of one old woman to another on their way home from hearing young Arthur Penryhn Stanley's the humble saints found the spiritual nourishment very meager. Stanley preached beautiful moral essays; and hose of us who have heard the lovable dean address his great crowds in Westminster Abbey have sympathized with the pious rustics who heard his maiden effort and confessed to a certain unsatisfied hunger of heart.

ley both in doctrine and in delivery was archangel. could render it; for I believe he felt in- Charles H. Spurgeon. He was the son ignominy by making others note the congregation had dwindled to a hand- in his audience. painful disappointment in those above ful, and by diligent "drumming" about We might narrate many other cases him who strove in vain for yet higher two hundred people were got together sion. In spite of all, he was generally became the wife of the "wonderful

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ministers who are slow in being found out, and in finding out themselves.

The famous and heaven-blessed Dr. Payson of Fortland made also a very unpromising debut in his ministry. The account of his first attempt at preaching is thus given in his diary: "I endeavored to cast myself wholly on the Lord for support. I felt thankful it was rainy; there were very few people at meeting, and I just got throug.. without stopping. Spoke too fast and too low. Bergapton. His bodily presence was Was a good deal depressed after meetweak, and his delivery shocking; and ing. In the afternoon did a little better, but still bad enough. Was very much fatigued, and almost in a fever; but enjoyed some comfort after meeting." If anyone could have told that despondent young licentiate that his Portland pulpit would yet blaze out as an Eddystone light over all New England and would teach the great secret of soul-winning, he might have laid The perfect antipodes of Dean Stan- his head on his pillow, happy as an

During my student days Edward N and grandson of Congregationalist Kirk was unsurpassed in graceful and ministers, and his first attempt at persuasive pulpit eloquence; Dr. James he had been created incompetent to preaching was made when he was only W. Alexander told me that he regarded sixteen. He was asked by a friend to him as fully equal to Summerfield walk four miles to a cottage service in Kirk, while still a theological student thoughtful when in his presence-all the little village of Taversham, near at Princeton, delivered his first sermon except one. Thomas Dilly, somewhat Cambridge. "I hope God will bless you to a little company of negroes in the in your preaching to-night," said his outskirts of the village. He made carebeing of a well-to-do respectable fam- companion. "Nay," said young Spur- ful preparation, and a few poor, wearyily in one of the lower counties. Not geon. "I never have preached, and I looking colored women dropped in, one bad-that is, not very bad-yet he had don't know that I could do it." The cot- by one. Satan, he says, whispered it a proneness for such things as were for- tage was filled, and as no minister ap- his ear, "This is beautiful, isn't it? A oidden, with corresponding aversion peared, the youth was pressed into the college graduate, a student in theology, for those enjoined. Rather bright in service, despite the protests of some old carefully preparing an address to such understanding, he could have done well ladies against listening to "that boy." an audience." For a moment his heart in studies but for the pleasure there He wore a round jacket and turned- yielded, and then the better spirit came was in avoiding compulsory tasks. In down shirt-collar, and taking for his and said to him, "Who are you but a school, whenever it was safe, some- text, "Unto you, therefore, which be- sinner saved by grace? What if God times when not, he giggled at things lieve, He is precious. He expounded it has sent you here to-night to lead one for the fun there was, in which he with a fervor and unction which as- of these souls to the Lamb of God, and would be would have felt contempt if tonished his auditors. Spurgeon was a at length to shine among the stars in marvel of ministerial precocity; he the firmament of heaven? Are you boy I ever knew he took pleasure in never saw the inside of a theological worthy of that honor?" He asked God teasing, and its arts he had learned to seminary, and was only nineteen when to forgive him, and he said that after perfection. Habitually at or near the he was invited up to London to preach that evening he never felt either troubfoot in his classes, he shuffled out of the in the old "Park Street Chapel." Its led or elated by the number of persons

of the experimental efforts of men who places. He made many a boy wince, on a wintry day. Among those who became masters in Israel. Dr. Chaland occasionally a gir! blush even to were thus drummed in to help fill an mers was licensed to preach at the age tears, by his ludicrous rehearsal of empty house was a Miss Susannalt of nineteen because he was regarded as their mistakes and consequent confu- Thompson, who three years afterwards "a lad o' pregnant pairts." Of his first sermon we know nothing; but his earliked, as he had an excellent humor boy," already become the most popular licet ministry at Kilmany was a spiritand a raciness of talk interesting, often preacher in London! Her twin sons are und failure; he only aimed to reform both ministers of the Gospel, thus per- men by the cold precepts of morality. Toward this boy Bartimeus had a petuating a true "apostolic succession" He declared that he never reformed anyone by that style of preaching, and "it was not until the free offer of forat the other scholars, female as well as nings were rather unique, that of the giveness through the atoning blood of male, and his unsparing ridicule of celebrated Dr. Thomas Guthrie was far Christ was urged upon men that I ever their mistakes, pained him so that as more so. He was licensed to preach heard of any reformations." Chalmers, much as possible he kept himself away by the Presbytery of Brechin in 1825. like John Wesley, found his power at

Charles G. Finney, the king of modmuch from resentment as an insatiate Church of Dun; but on his way to the ern evangelists, studied theology, not in proneness for teasing that he deter- place he said to himself, "I have mis- a seminary, but with Rev. Mr. Gale, an mined to incite further instead of con- taken my profession; I shall never suc- "Old School" pastor in Central New ciliating. It was an unlucky resolve, ceed as a preacher." But he got York. Young Finney was working out and was executed in a way particularly through the ordeal without balk or a "New School" system of doctrine for blunder, and rode home perfectly hap- himself, and after he delivered his first The voice of Bartimeus had a sort py. One would suppose that pulpits sermon Mr. Gale said to him, "I shall of whine that in him was only pathetic, would easily be found for such a prom- be very much ashamed to have it known but adopted by another very ludicrous. ising beginner; but in those Erastian wherever you go, that you studied themade by "patrons" who had the con- terwards to the views of his powerful never done so in the presence of Barti- trol of them. Young Guthrie, finding pupil, and confessed that if Mr. Pinney

"Throw that crust out; some bird or degree, however, that avoided the mas- on natural philosophy and anatomy. It would be exceedingly profitable animal can eat it." That was true ter's suspicion, but was invariably de- On his return he secured a position in for young men to study what may be Christian economy. It was the spirit of tected by the person for whom it was a bank, where he spent nearly four called the genesis of the mot successful meant, who, as if to keep down some years in posting accounts! Occasional- ministers. They will find that many of of the pain and resentment, without ly he would go out and preach in some them began, "in weakness and in feat mention of the reason, avoided Tom vacant pulpit; but as he afterwards and in much trembling." Seldom ha said, "I waited by the pool for five long, any lofty career of usefulness begun One day at recess, while I was read- weary years, before I received a presen- in self-conceit; those who have climbed ing the lesson to him, Tom, who was lation to the parish of Arbilot." This the highest have started from the lowpassing by, whined with the tone of seems to be a most astounding com- liest point. And if any have overesti-Bartimens sprang forward, and, seiz- Times afterward styled "the most elo- down. The first step to Christ-exaltaquent man in Europe!" The only way to tion is self-abasement .- Rev. Theodore account for it is that the young Guthrie L. Cuyler, D. D., in N. Y. Evangelist.

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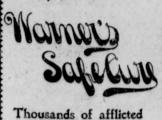
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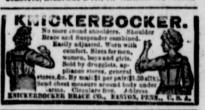
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WHEN the life does not corre spond to the profession, great say not.

Fourth Quarter-Lesson 1, Oct. 4, SOLOMON ANOINTED KING.

I KINGS 1:28-39. Golden text: Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways. -I Kings 2:3.

This lesson begins a series, running

death of Absalom left Adonijah, the son of Haggith by David, the heir apparent to the throne; but, notwithparent to the throne; but, how had standing his personal beauty, he had no fitness for the throne. He had they are improperly and insufficiently nour-ished. Pure blood is their proper food, and been indulged in idleness until parental authority and respect had been utterly abandoned by this profligate David seems to have erred greatly in the training of his family. His

wives were not qualified to give proper direction to their minds and morals, most of them being of heathen extract, and held largely to the demoralizing tendencies of heathen worship.
Children left to their own minds and measuraged by indugences in idleencouraged by indugences in idleBut at Barnes' big store, encouraged by indugences in idleness and the means to gratify the ani-They removed each identical dent. mal will always run into excess, and soon manifest a disregard for parental oversight.

Eli and Samuel made the same mistake that David did in the management of his children. Preachers often effective. 50 doses for 50 cents,

neglect their children in the mistaken idea that God will supplement the neglect of parental care, and bring the children around at the proper time in answer to prayer. There is much nonsense in the common interpretation of prayer. Some people seem to think that they can neglect the obligations of life and correct all breache by a few hours of fasting and prayer. This may be the only hope left, and God may do for us what all the world cannot do, but the habits formed by our children will be hindrances ever in a Christian life, nor will they ever become free from the weaknesses engendered by bad habits. God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. and often we are called to suffer the penalties of neglect and to weep in old age over the follies of youth.

The troubles of David grew out of the indiscretions of his youth, and he prays sincerely that the sins of his youth may be forgiven. Adonijah attempted to do what Absolom had failed to do, and brought disgrace and ruin on himself and added another trial to the full measure of David's grief. He invited to a feast at the rock of Zoheleth, near Enrogel, a fountain not far from Jerusalem, all the King's sons and adherents, except Solomon, and, in the midst of the mirth, the cry of "Long live King Adonijah!" was raised, and he might have given more trouble than he did had not Nathan, the faithful prophet of the Lord, heard of it and set about to counteract the tide of influence thus set in motion. He sent Bathsheba to David to inform him of the conduct of his son, and, lest he should not give credit to her statement, he came in at once and confirmed her words.

So foolish do parents become abou their children, that they often become angry at persons who would inform them of the dangerous conduct of their children. There is a kind of selfishness connected with people that will not tolerate an insinuation against the family even brought by a friend and in perfect kindness.

Nathan knew this weakness on the part of pearents, and thus wisely sent David's favorite wife to him and followed with a confirmation of what she

The imposing ceremonies that were enacted by David's command were sufficient to quiet the disturbed elements and bring peace and order out of the seeming chaos caused by the inconsiderate and ungrateful conduct of Adonijah.

Solomon was made to ride on the King's mule, and as it was death for any man to ride this animal without the consent of the King, all people would know from this fact that Solo non was being crowned by the King's

The prayer expressed here by Benaah, the chief Captain of Solomon's army, was that Solomon might become greater than David, thus paying a tribute to the fatherly love of this great King, for he knew the desires of David and expressed in words what would please David.

Solomon began with all the advantages heart could wish. His father turned over to him the grandest kingwith more wisdom than any other man ever had; and yet he made a failure in the end, and doubtless lost his soul. The follies of youth are dangerous even beyond our comprehension

Had David raised his sons in virtue, he would have been spared much trouble and Solomon's end would have been quite different. David's besetting sin was inherited by his children, and out of this fauit came a brood of sins that ruined his

his family. Solomon's reign was prosperous se other man will have trouble to far as his kingdom was concerned; but he himself fell a prey to his own lusts and, forgetting the hand that fed him, turned his back on God.

own happiness and well-nigh wrecked

Solomon had as much as any mar ever had to cause him to be obedient, and his faith in God's providences had harm is done by the influence of a sure foundation so far as personal mob who clampred for his blood. No that profession. Better do and experience is concerned. His trouble one is likely to remain in the outer cirwas in his wicked and adulterous heart, and his lusts commanded his ests and affections will cause him to attention in preference to the laws of

Men take pleasure in whatever they love, and there is happiness in any direction if love goes that way.

Faith in God commands our affect tions toward God, and our enjoyments are only in his service; but the man who seeks pleasure in sin is a stranbraces the public life of Solomon. The

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pure blood comes by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is thus the greatest and best nerve tonic. It also builds up the whole system. Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathar

tic, easy to take, easy to operate.

Teacher—By "transparent" we mean something through which we can see. Who can give an illustration of a transparent object? Pupil—A lad-

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changed."

In the genial atmosphere of shows how necessary it is to be close friendship the sweetest graces of character come to maturity.

HAVE enthusiasm for Christ's cause. It is only one step from lukewarm support to utter indif-

Ir you do not labor with equal interest and zeal, whether an officer or a private member in the League, your devotion is not en-

Manage somehow to make every member active. Those who are good for nothing but to be counted | Sweet Home Circuit): will not long do for that.

CONSTANT association of a Christian with an irreligious person is likely to result in the salvation of one, or the downfall of the other.

It is a sorrowful day when the Christian wife lowers the standard of religion to conform to the ideas of an irreligious husband.

TOPIG FOR OGTOBER:

"THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST." October 4: The Outer Circle,-John 2:23; John 7:31; John 8:30, 31; Luke 22:54, 55.

During our Lord's ministry of three years a great many of the thousands who attended upon his teaching and witnessed his miracles were drawn to him and became attached to him with a greater or less degree of ardor-from the devoted disciple, who left all and followed him, to that class whose judgment was convinced by his miracles and who were biased in his favor, but who did not openly confess him. These friends were valuable to Christ and were enriched by his friendship in proportion to the extent of their devotion to him.

True friendship always gives and receives. Founded upon esteem and confidence, which suppose the existence of nobility of character, it calls forth and develops the best qualities of the nature. The friends of Christ were favered with neculiar advantages, increasing as they drew nearer to him. The lessons fof the month are studies of these friends of Christ, divided into four classes, beginning with the least active, and therefore benefited the

Attracted by His Miracles.-John

Convinced by His Teaching .- John

The judgment of these people was government, and the magnificent enter convinced by evidences which they prises it is carrying on. Teach the could not resist, but there is no evi- young people how to get at the treasdence that their friendship went further than a certain friendliness toward do not be discouraged because the inhim and a belief that he was not an imposter. In the first instance it is said jurity of the League members. It is that Jesus "did not commit himself to no slight matter to give good training them." He saw that their attachment to him was not strong, and that the and it ought to be a fixed principle hestility of the rulers or the hardships of his lot were likely to alienate them imitate the good old Domsie and "aye from him. In the second instance keep a sharp lookout for the laddie or those who believed on him put their lassie o' parts." reasons in the form of a question, intimating that their favor might be only temporary, and that further evidence might alter their decision. They were at the beginning of friendship. They may have followed on and embraced Fund are coming in slowly. Pastors him as the Messiah, or some of them and League officers will please give may have afterwards been among the this attention. cle of friendship. Conflicting interbecome an ardent supporter or a more or less acitye enemy.

Lasting Friendship,-John 8:30, 31, Many Jews believed on him, being convinced by the word which he spoke, Jesus recognized them as disciples and ommended them, but gave them to understand that they would have tempta- move. No League, large or small, is extions and suffer persecutions, and that the genuineness of their discipleship the free-will offering from Texas Epwould be proven by their continuance We need not only a present enthusiasm for Christ, but a constant devotion which will endure trial. To have this Fund to we must continue in his Word-his word of truth and entreaty and promise. So shall we be his disciples indeed-disciples tried by time and temptation and found capable of lasting friendship.

Peter's Fatal Mistake.-Luke 22:54,

The downfall of Peter illustrates the danger of attempting to be a friend of our Lord's command, "Go teach all Christ in secret.

A little while before he was very enthusiastic, and ready to fight for his Master, but now, when Christ was in the hands of his enemies, he was not willing to be known as his disciple.

His humiliating fall was wholly due the fact that he "followed afar off." If he had walked by his Lord's side into the palace of the High Priest, he hood and blasphemy. "His experience

Texas Leaguers are supporting three issionaries. With the zeal, energy and truly religious spirit of twenty-five have three workers in the mission fields, but many." Bishop Hendrix says: "As I look

over the pagan world and see the obstaeles in the way of spreading the gospel among these people, and then gaze on this tenth legion of the Lord, the Ep- Longview, President; Mrs. Frank worth League, my heart cheers up and Betts, Hallville, First Vice-President the suggestion presents itself, 'Who Miss Minnie Pledger, Kilgore, Second knows but that to you will fall this great work before us?" This thought Marshall, Third Vice-President; Miss Advocate that we have about should inspire us to make every effort Lulu Heartsill, Marshall, Secretary to prepare ourselves for any emergen-

cy. "The present century has been one of preparation; the coming is to be one of possession." The passage way has been cleared by the blood and lives of our former co-workers. Should we not then be more determined, and press onward?

Our own organization, though young, cause, it is likely to degenerate into en has been planted on foreign soil. Must mity. It is an uncertain, unsatisfac we stand idly by and see it perish? tory relation. We shall learn in subse Much more, should we not foster its every interest, that heathendom may catch the spark of godly fire which can Rev. J. W. Sims sends us the follow only be found in the heart of a true ing cheering note from his charge (the Christian?

Christ came into the world to make mankind nobler, wiser, purer, better; ow could we better promote such than by Christianizing the world?

ruary 29. It has grown steadily in in-We should not allow ourselves to b so circumscribed as to think that our home is all the world. While we ender. The second, organized about joy our Christian homes, our Churche May 17, at Oakland, has had almost an our Leaguers, the heathen gropes in unequalled reign of prosperity. In this darkness-all music and sunshine of one, as in the other, each department is true life crushed out by heathenish ig at work. I have had revivals at both orance. Farrar tells us "that Chris these points, and I find the League an came into the world not to crush ou the natural music of man's life, or to ing the results of these meetings. Many fill it with storm and agitation, but to retune every chord in that harp of become active in public prayer and thousand strings and make it echo with the harmonies of heaven." The members, after seeing the practicability League should send this music and sunof the League, have laid former prejuhine by messengers who should

Go and tell the story-Tell it far and wide-How the Lord of glory For the sinner died. "PAINE."

Plano, Texas.

Marshall District League Gonference

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to b The Marshall Epworth League Disrict Conference held its first session A recent editorial in the Herald sug eptember 9-11, at Hallville, Texas; gested the formation of classes for the Rev. F. A. Downs, President, presided. study of Methodism. What a hopeful The opening service was conducted by day it would be were every chapter to the President; seven pastors were adopt the suggestion. Every chapter present; eight out of nine Leagues might establish a reading-room for the vere represented. An address of welexpress purpose of helping our young eme that made us feel we were welpeople to become intelligent Methodome, was delivered by J. B. Cullen, ists in the sense emphasized by the edion of Rev. D. P. Cullen. The re torial already referred to. The usual ponse was made on behalf of the con idea of a reading-room for Epworth crence by J. W. Mills, son of Rev. J. M ians is that it may be used to counter Mills. The addresses were as fine as act the tendency to seek entertainment any ever heard on similar occasions in doubtful ways. That is a' work Preachers don't raise the worst o which cannot be too highly commended. But is it not well, also, to give spe The business of the conference wa cial help to the more thoughtful of ou young people? It ought not to be at impossibility for even a small chapte

enducted according to Methodis isage, and consisted of reports from League Presidents, much as a pastor makes a report at a District Confer nce. These were followed by papers a the different departments of the League work. The first of these was a well-pre

ared and very practical paper on How to Obtain the Best Results in the Worship Department," by Miss Lulu Heartsill, of Marshall. The next was one of equal merit, on "What is the Eporth League Meaning of Charity and Help?" by Miss Maggie Harper, of Jefferson. This was followed by one so full of suggestions and words of ound wisdom, on "How Can We Succed in the Literary Department?" by Miss Virgie Kelly, of Longview, that he conference made arrangements to have each League jurnished with a opy of it. "The Junior League Work." was the topic of a paper by Miss Mac ohnston, of Marshall. It was a very ine paper, made up of Scripture qua tation, arguments and incidents. I will bear fruit. The addresses that fol owed each of these papers were good-Dr. Ridley's especially. It instructed

us and tickled us nearly to death. But I must speak of the spirituality of the meeting. The Holy Spirit was resent at every meeting and promience was given to the religious featare of the conference. The Word of God ran and was glorified, Penients were invited to the altar; they ame and knelt and cried aloud for mercy. They were converted, and the cries of penitents and prayers of Christians ended in shouts of victory. The last hour, "rally and consecration service," led by A. J. Frick, Friday morn ng, was a very Pentecost. The altar vas crowded with penitents; two wer

band of young Christians, have the privilege of ongaging in the fulfillment

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converted, making six in all; two joined the Church. It was an hour never-to-be-forgotten in the history of thousand Leaguers, "we should not those young Leaguers. Bro. Cullen, our pastor at Hallville, was shouting happy throughout.

The hospitality of Hallville wa warm and generous.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. A. Downs. Vice-President; Mr. P. M. Herndon Mr. Clyde Northern, Jefferson, Treas

Kilgore was selected as the place for

holding the next conference. Resolutions of thanks to Hallville and the railroads were passed; also against Sunday excursions, Sunday whisky traffe.

The following touching the Epworth Era and Advocate:

Resolved, That we are deeply in love with our Epworth Era. It is bright, newsy, religious, and is just the paper We still have room for a few we want. Still, when its circulation is better it will be enlarged and will b orrespondingly better.

Resolved, That our Texas Advocate ontinues in point of excellence up to igh-water mark, and we appreciate esearly. Every department of pecially the efforts of Bro. Blaylock to supply the League with at least a page of League reading matter, and we urge our Leaguers to make all needed ef fort to circulate these our own paper

SOME NOTES.

Dr. Ridley was there. If any one de ires information on "A Dog's Tail," write him.

Marvin Kelly, our East Texas Conference President, was there, happy as the happiest. The preachers and Leaguers, boys and girls, all love him.

The Longview Quartette furnished us splendid music.

The League in this District is bound o do well. When tired, it can rest it head on Downs.

The first department will win its way. It has Betts to start with. The second is Pledgered to success, and when the Are Doing: Reports from the Confer-third is called for the unanimous voice ence President, from District Presithird is called for the unanimous voice will be she has Hern-don. It will last, for Chapters;" music; "Our Pledge — Where Did It Come for the Secretary is a Heart-sill, and From? What is It Good For?" Thos. just a breath from Treasurer Northern will keep it cool.

Bro. A. J. Frick will entertain the East Texas League Conference at Henderson, October 6-8. A good time is expected. J. T. SMITH.

East Texas Epworth League Conference at Henderson, Texas, Oct. 6-8, 1896. Programme.

TUESDAY EVENING. Song and prayer service, Rev. A. A. Wagnon, Atlanta; social quarter, led by everybody; enrollment of delegates; "They Were All With One Accord in place," Rev. W. P. Pledger,

rou-the Chuch, E. B. Alford, Henderon; the town, Judge S. J. Hendrix, Henderson; why we came, Homer Gar-rison, Timpson; "My Responsibility as a Delegate to this Conference from my League," Miss Anna Broyles, Tyler: open parliament: "Methodist Tyler: open parliament; "Methodist Young People" — "Yesterday," Rev. J. W. Johnson, Texarkana; "To-Day," Miss Clota Moughon, Wills Point; "To-Morrow," Miss Lulu Hopkins, Pittsburg; "The President—What He Most Beand Do to Mole History Must Be and Do to Make His League a Success," Miss Ethel Fowler, Palestine; "A Resolve for Better Work," by the Presidents: intermission: conference sermon, Rev. L. M. Fowler, Palestine.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Bible reading and song service, Rev. G. V. Ridley, Jefferson; "Our Ju-

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THURSDAY MORNING. Sunrise prayer-meeting, Joe. Hughes, Atlanta, Claude Pollard, Carthage; "Practical Outline for Bible Study," W. B. Edmonds, Palestine: "Second Vice-President—Qualifications,"——; "Home Missionary Work," Miss Myrtie Bradfield, Daingerfield; discussion, best things in this department; music; "Third Vice-President - His Duties, Literary and Social," Miss Claire Ford, Orange: discussion, talks from working Third Vice-Presidents; Athens.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Sunrise prayer-meeting, Miss Lula
Heartsell, Marshall; Miss Fannie
Johnson, Atlanta; devotional services.
S. H. Woods, Kilgore; why we invited
you, the Chuch, E. R. Alford, Hender.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, "The Local Secretary and His Ophage: question box. Rev. J. T. Smith. Miss Sallie Bell, Marshall; officers' reports; "The Cabinet Meeting," Rev. W. T. Burch, Orange; "Model League Service," Rev. Leon Sonfield, Galveson; business session; election of officers: reports of committees: miscella-

THURSDAY EVENING. Service in song, Miss Virgie Kelly, ongview; using familiar hymns as experience talks; farewell and jubilee R. M. KELLY, MISS ETHEL FOWLER, REV. J. T. SMITH, Committee

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Unanswered Letters.

SEPT. 16 .- C H Smith, sub. Jas W Downs, subs. S L Ball, change made. J M Holt, has attention. F B Carroll, thanks for information. R S Heizer, has attention. Seth Ward, sub

SEPT. 17 .- Ben H Bounds, subs. W F Mayne, sub. J D Burke, o k. J B Elder, sub. C B Smith, subs and change. J Marvin Nichols,

SEPT. 18 .- R F Dunn, change made. W B McKeown, sub. Alexander, has attention. Peterson, has attention. G W White, has attention. B J Guess, sub. C E Gallagher, sub.

SEPT. 19.—T N Lowery, o k. J M Holt, o k. W J Owens, subs. W M Leatherwood, sub. J Sam Barcus, sub.

SEPT. 21.-W B Patterson, sub. S J Vaughan, subs. L F Palmer, sub has attention. J R B Hall. sub. W H Matthews, subs. C C Davis, sub. J M Honeycutt, has attention. CD West, subs.

SEPT. 22.- J P Garrett, sub. C E Gallagher, sub. CC Davis, sub. C E Simpson, sub. J C Carr, o k., thanks. S S Holladay, sub. Sam'l Morriss, sub. B T Hayes, has attention.

SEPT. 2500M W Shearer, subs have attention. J W Raby, sub. C B Carter, sub. Geo F Fair, sub. C A Tower, sub. J R Hixon, sub. W B McKeown, subs. J N Hunter,

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REV. F. M. MATTHIS.

The following note from Rev. M. A. Black conveys the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. F. M. Matthis, of the West Texas Conference. We extend sympathy to the bereaved:

"Rev. F. M. Matthis, of Kingsland Sunday. A noble boy has gone up to forever. Weep not, loved ones; he is

CAPT. M. J. RAGSDALE.

Capt. M. J. Ragsdale, of Coffeeville, died September 17, 1896. His funeral was preached to-day by myself, before a large audience. Bro. W. R. Manning took part in these and the burial service also. He was born December 24. sick twelve days. He told me a week before he died that he had put all on the altar, and he had taken nothing off; that he was trusting in Jesus. The Church has lost a true servant and the

community a good citizen. B. T. HAYES. Coffeeville, Texas, Sept. 18.

THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

To the members of the Northwest Texas

Conference Brotherhood. Dear Brethren: As you are aware, we have had three "calls" in the last few inform you that the Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Dunn, reports the response continues to be prompt. We are not only keeping our vow and covenant made with fallen brethren, but giving substantial aid to their families in the nour of sorrow and need. Nearly \$400 that is, the carnal mind, which is

If any of you have not yet responded to the "call," on account of the death of Bro. Bareus, or of Bro. Ellis and the time has not expired, please remit at once. The life of our institution depends upon promptness. Our meeting at Conference will be of more than ordi-

JOHN R. NELSON.

has been sent Sister Sansom, while one

Georgetown, Texas.

tice we shall give through the Advocate to those who are behind on the calls made on the deaths of Bro. Ellis and Bro. Barcus.

Secretary and Treasurer.

A NOTE FROM BRO. HAYES.

My father, now in his eighty-fourth year, is quite sick. I cannot say he is critically ill, but he demands every hour of my time. I have missed one Sunday from the field and will be kept at home to-morrow. I hope to be out next week. I am doing a considerable amount of correspondence in the interest of our University-keeping close up with its business. W. M. HAYES. Georgetown, Texas.

OUR ORPHANAGE.

We are now nursing the fourth case of slow fever. The other three got well. This one is slowly improving. I am frequently asked why I did not, through the columns of the Advocate, let the people know what was specially needed in the care of the

children. After your prayers we need school shoes for boys and girls from eight to incline them to do the lusts of their thirteen years of age. We need boys' father, a murderer from the beginpants and clothing generally for the larger children; the smaller ones are very well provided for. We will need every cent of the assessment for cur- and his likeness, which is true holirent expenses. This was overpaid ness, and if they die before reachlast year, but I make mention of it here that all may know that any defi-cit in this particular will mean suf-birth. If after they reach the age cit in this particular will mean suffering to these children. We need every cent promised by any one to this Home that is due this fall. We have enough subscribed to clear the deck. This will place our Orphanage where it will begin anew the work of the Lord untramelled and without

possibility of embarrassment. Dear brethren, we have wrought well hitherto; now for the finish. Your fellow laborer.

W. H. VAUGHAN. NEW BIRTH.

The fact of a second, a spiritual

the Christian system of religion, applicable to every man for whom Jesus has tasted death, to every son and daughter of Adam, the totality of the human race engendered of the offspring of Adam and born of the flesh, without any difference as to infants or those of full age. This wonderful truth, which has God for its author, which was devised by the sacred and eternal three in one, that his banished might not be ex-pelled from him, differentiates the religion which is from above, the Christian religion, from those which are of the earth and false. All of every nation, made of one blood to dwell on all the face of the earth, by virtue of the atonement of Christ, are brought into the covenant of grace, the covenant of redemption and salvation, which covenant has for its spring and source the free and eternal love and favor of God. Yet all who are born of the flesh are the children of wrath, the objects of divine pity and compassion, it is true, but not in harmony with the righteousness and holiness of God, not justified nor regenerated, nor can they ever be the subjects of his Mission, died at his father's home last love of approval and complacency, Sunday. A noble boy has gone up to as well as of his love of pity, until heaven. Good bye, Fountain, but not the spiritual birth, the second birth, has been accomplished. The ac complishment of the second birth is by supernatural power, unaided by Church ordinances or sacraments. It is mysterious as the wind of which we hear the sound, but canst tell where it cometh and whither it goeth. The Christian religion, with power given by Christ to be-come the sons of God, changes a child of wrath to a pleasant child of God. It changes those who are 1830. He died of blood poison. He was the children of the devil (a murderer trom the beginning and a liar) into the heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. The doctrine of the second birth is as powerful as mysterious. It sweeps away instantly and without a second effort old things, and behold all things become new. Its accepted time, its day of salvation, is always now: no future as to conditions. It the law of sin and death; the Spirit of truth witnessing with our spirit gives consciousness of the truth of freedom, so that without fear we can serve God in righteousness and holiness all the days of our life. months. It affords me great pleasure to The power of this new birth, this new creation, makes free from sin makes servants of God, having their fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life. It crucifies with Christ (and that with one act of crucifixion) the old man that the oody of sin might be destroyed;

neither indeed can be, that henceorder has been issued in favor of Sister forth we should no longer sin. There are some teachers in Israel (the Church) for whom I entertain not only feelings of brotherly kindness, but brotherly love, who differ with me as to infant regeneration as

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The members of our Brotherhood who have been developed into personal existence by being born of the flesh from the moment of natural being have needed the spiritual birth as and ministerial character, was a model worthy the emulation of model. kingdom of God. This belief has its foundation in the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New-John 3:3; Gen. 5:3; Rom. 3:10; Ps. 51:5; Job 11:12; Isa. 53:6; Ps. 58:3, 4, 5. I am associated in this belief with inspired writers and uninspired-

such as Richard Watson, the most original and profoundest of theological writers. He says infants are neither born, regenerated nor justified; and Dr. Adam Clark, per-haps the most learned and critical of commentators, says they are a fallen posterity of fallen parents. The hymn writer, Mr. Watts, says they are born unholy and unclean, and while God demands a perfect heart, they are defiled in every part. Those who deny the necessity of the spiritual birth of infant and have parted company with such great lights as Watson, Watts and Clark say that by the active and passive obedienceof Christ, whereby he perfectly fulfilled the law and satisfied justice, all children are born not the children of wrath, which is a state of a want of harmony with God's righteousness and holiness; they are not born the children of the devil, as the Jews were, who sought Christ's life, nor with evil propensities, which naturally but they came into the world with the nature of God, which is love, his image, which is righteous, ing the age of accountability they of knowing good from evil they then voluntarily and personally sin, regeneration becomes a necessity to the entering into the kingdom of God; but if they should maintain the righteousness and purity in which they were born till they die of old age, then they would enter the kingdom of heaven without the necessity of being born again. The mere mention of so strange a doctrine is enough to make one exclaim. they have sought out many inven-

This invention strikes a blow (feeble, it is true.) at the foundation The fact of a second, a spiritual birth, is a truth taught and emphasized as a specialty by Jesus, the foundations be destroyed, which has been of real service. As a matter of course, the young people are not as competent to form juditude and true witness, the prince of teachers, with whom was God and whose works were attested by his miracles. This is an extended by his miracles. This is the foundation of the Chirch is true,) at the foundation of the Chirch extended by his the property of our Publishing by the chirch chirch which the property of our Publishing by the chirch chirch which the property of our Publishing by the chirch chirch which the property of our Publishing by the chirch chirch which the chirch which the chirch which the chirch chirch chirch which the chirch chirch chirch which the chirch chirch which the chirch chirch chirch chirch

essential, fundamental doctrine of for them by the blood of Christ, divine nature, receiving the Spirit of adoption whereby they cry, Abba Father—the Spirit itself bearing with their spirits that they are the children of God, and if children, that the basis of the final settlement that the basis of the final settlement. then heirs of God, and joint heirs of this whole question is in this with Christ-a closer, a dearer, and book. weeter gracious relation to God the Father than angels themselves sustain to him by their creation. The denial of this grant of justice, this gift of heaven purchased by letter. And in my opinion the the blood of Christ to little children highest way to be Wesleyan is to be whose bands of life have been unloosed by death, looks like a mon-ster of cruelty to innocents, and to find a parallel we should call to really Christian? I can not follow mind veteran soldiers, by the au-thority of King Herod, butchering little children under two years of So to be really Wesleyan, I must be age, and causing a voice to be heard of lamentation and weeping and great mourning. Rachel, moth-our departed leaders than to faithers, weeping for their children and would not be comforted, because

door of being born again, butclimbed hieves and robbers, and places a mark upon them of reproach and dishonor, calling to mind the mark confidence in the God of truth? placed on Cain for the murder of his brother. There is an old saying which has been so often repeated that many people believe it to be true—that it matters not what a man believes so he does right. This is coin from the basest of metal and finds currency only among the unthinking and wilfully ignorant. The knowledge of, faith in, and life and practice of sound doctrine are the elements of character which is effects instantaneous freedom from the light of the world, a city on a but Wesleyan in letter. hill, the salt of the earth. Whatever may be the Church's needs, and however pressing they may be, one thing is specially and pressingly needed—a great revival of doctrine in the pulpit, old doctrine, repentance, faith, the new birth, and the witness of the Spirit, preached by men who have had an experimental knowledge of these old doctrines, and who are still taking heed to themselves and the doctrine. Many of our people are to-day craving, hungering, for the food of doctrine they are standing in the ways and not subject to the laws of God, intent and asking for the old paths, where is the good way, that they may walk therein. The preacher's lips are to keep knowledge as the messenger of the Lord of hosts, and it is the duty and right of the people to seek the law, sound doctrine, at his mouth. There must be no mixwidely as the North and South ture of wood, hay, or stubble, mar-Poles. I would not give occasion of ring the beauty and weakening the Aquila and Priscilla toward them of human notions and theories, dioffense to these loved brethren, but walls of Zion. There must be have neither comfort nor nourish-

> which some who have zeal not acern preachers. He was a preacher, not of enticing words of men's wisdom, nor of dull, common-place utterances, nor of slang and sensationalism, but of doctrine. The se-cret of which was, by Christ, he was crucified unto the world, and the world unto him. His manner of life was faith, which is the victory that overcometh the world-longsuffering, charity, patience.
> Queen City, Texas. R. LANE.

ment, which do not satisfy, but for

"BE YE HOLY !"

This is the mightiest challenge equal God in wisdom; his wisdom is omniscience. We can not equal God in riches, for he is all-rich, while we dwell in one of his almsholv!

however impossible of fulfillment it about it no man can deny: It puts the immensest possible honor upon human nature!

And yet fulfilled it must be. obeyed it must be; for without holi-ness "no man shall see the Lord." But whatis holiness, and how is it to be attained? On my table are all the important books of the past ten years which have been brought to my notice as promising a solu-tion of this question. Very little service have they been to me. For in the language of Solomon, that the most part they beat, clash with God hath made man upright, but and pulverize each other until you

At length I have found a book which has been of real service. As it is the property of our Publishing

But is it "Wesleyan?" That depends on what you mean. There are two ways to be Wesleyan— Wesleyan is spirit and Wesleyan in Wesleyan in spirit. Indeed, is it not So to be really Wesleyan, I must be

fully serve the great ideals for which they made such stalwart sacrifice? Is Luther honored when they are not.

This strange, inconsistent doctrine, while it admits that all dying in infancy are in the kingdom of lown to the slavish exposition of God, stands as an accuser, a false the doctrines which he held? And accuser, of the millions of infant is not John Wesley reproached souls that compose the family above. rather than honored, when men It says they entered not in at the determine to believe, and what is more, determine that all other men up some other way. It brands them shall also believe only what Mr. with an ineffaceable stigma of being Wesley believed? Is not this utterly to forget his brave onset for the

There is nothing more Wesleyan than honest dissent. There is nothing more Wesleyan than the conscientious exercise of the right of private judgment. Unless, in-deed, we are to conclude Mr. Wesley to have been infallible—certainly the most un-Wesleyan of all un-

Wesleyan conclusions. And yet make Mr. Wesley consistent with himself and Dr. Hayes book is not only Wesleyan in spirit

What has the book taught me? Many things. Among other things, tion is far less an "attainment" than an "attitude," and an attitude not for one moment, but for a lifetime, yea, for eternity. The attitude of letting God have his way with me in body and mind.

God send the day when all the children of men shall be found in that attitude. Then shall righteousness cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea." "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and as-surance forever." Amen."

G. W. BRIGGS. Owensboro, Kv.

IS THE CHURCH CONSERVANT?

Quite frequently one hears such questions and answers as the following: "Is that man a Christian?" "Oh, he belongs to the Church." "Is Mr. C. religious?" "Well, he takes it for a long time."

Evidently there is too little appreend of time." The Church was not fuse among men a pure gospel.

Princes. It is not a commodity. It was not expected to be the aux-

lieved. which is not only highest, but es- nearly pure if those whose lives have youd which we dare not go. sential in God, we are required to ceased to fill the requirements of But I would not complain if I tender ministries shown in cheering equal God—to be holy as he is Church membership were ousted. thought we were making a wise in- words and thoughtful courtesies to the There are many of these.

fect in its crystal flash as a whole let the Church save them." This is a thing by its practical results; and nor of how the League, following the good theory. If it would work well, if we apply this standard to the San example of Him who went abroad doocean; as one ray of sunlight is as it would be better theory. A sinner Antonio Conference, there will be a ing good, is touching vileness everyperfect in its transparency as who was once a Christian is no less a balance due on the side of the confer- where, and under the touch weeping whole skies full of solar light, so sinner for that fact. The gospel can ence. The crowd was too large, the sinners are pressing forward to kiss man in his measure is to be as per- avail for him; but if he is in the order was bad-many could not hear fect in holiness as God. However Church, and he is, for his own part he startling this demand may be, and would better withdraw and take a hear them say, "Yes, we had a good and a half of young Methodists as they stand with his own kind. The Church, conference, but somehow I am not consecrate their all to Christ; see may seem, yet there is one thing for its safety, would better deny him helped much in the practical working them as they "look up, lift up, the further privileges in its pale.

Air is not pure air when it contains harmless or even beneficial gases in addition to the necessary elements of air. Men of influence, wealth, good moral many more. I submit the following army is being trained by courses of character, aggressiveness, etc., who faithfully perform the obvious obligations of Church membership, are an injury to the Church if they have not witness of the Spirit.

These men make the Church a means of promoting their own popularity, of increasing their business ad-Such is not the object of the Church.

any sense "konw and love the Methodist doctrine and discipline." A conviction of wrong living, a determinaand in they come! Without justification, without regeneration, without the witness of the Spirit. The object of the gospel of Christ is to convert, not to reform. "Ye must be born again" does not mean simply "quit your meanness," nor "remodel your purposes."

The Church not only gives such persons place in its pale, but it often invests them with ministerial rightsblind priests to lead the blind people. The idea holds with many that a reformed gambler will make a first-class evangelist; hence he is at once put forward to teach, when he himself has never learned. And if he be truly converted, what does he know of the doc- can hope for the following results: trine and history of the Church? But how often does he base his arguments upon a week or a month of religious experimenting and dispute with doctors of divinity of life-long experience and research?

Let the Church be purified, both by purging it of the evil already inside and by guarding it against the and purity are cognate.

CHARLES F. ANNIS. Taylor, Texas.

The Epworth League Gonferences. To say that the growth of the Epworth League has been phenomenal would be but an axiomatic statement. A few years back it was a child lean-

ing on the strong arm of its parent; to-day it is a giant, with strong heart and brain power. I believe that the League is destined to accomplish a great work in straightening the giant wrong. We are "an

we are sounding the battle cry, "All for Christ," and with the consecrated young men and women who are battling, we shall conquer the foe. As I see it, there are but two conditions to be met in filling our high destiny-in fact, one will cover it all: To

that every Leaguer should take the B. A. degree (born again), and so we should-the new life, the Christ life. Where there is so much force-such

have Holy Ghost power. This is the

wise generaling, thoughtful leadership, requent consultation. The League Conferences are our councils of war"-our plans are made. the field of battle thoroughly surveyed, our forces thrown into line and active

and aggressive warfare made on all that is wrong. I would not detract from the imporby spells, and-but he has not had one tance of these "councils of war," but an army may spend so much time in ciation of the fact that "the Church is forces will have entrenched themselves of God, and will be preserved to the behind such strong defenses that they can scarcely be routed. We are havestablished for man's convenience, as ing too many conferences. As Dr.

old way. houses. But in respect of that It is not pure. It would be more legitimate; but there is a bound be- the kingdom than ever our fathers did.

> "Bear with them," it is urged, "and we have gotten to measure the value of I could not to-day tell you of all this, anything-and everywhere you can grumbler. I am in hearty accord with as they turn from all worldly arnusethe League work; have attended the ments, earnestly seeking to be us the last four State Leagues; hope to attend as my plan of League work:

1. A State League to meet every four years in a three-week session. been regenerated and have not the school. Let the Leaguers be taught the Church are the glory of it. Their Bibles. The writers of the books, their by considerations of mere expediency, history, their personality, the objects is a force of immense value. Even if for which they wrote, the doctrines of once in a while they show an excess of can not see the road for the dust vantages, or of surrounding their the Bible, the history of the Bible, zeal, such zeal is an admirable offset families with religious influence, studies in the discipline, present the to the dull and stupid indifference that doctrines of Methodism, the proofs characterizes too many of our elders. Perhaps no work a pastor does is from Scripture, the General Rules, im- As a matter of course, the young peo-

for them by the blood of Christ, namely, the grant, the gift of power by the word, made flesh, to become the Louisville Conference. It is not a book for triflers or idlers. No indolent man will ever read it through. And yet I venture to say of the will of the flesh, but of God, thereby becoming partakers of the all preconceived opinions and read-divine nature, receiving the Spirit ing it not once, but twice or thrice. could be brought to address the gathering on various topics of interest in tion to reform, a recognition of the both Church and State. Of course, in fact that the Church is a protection, a a school of this kind a small sum pastor that wants to make big reports would be charged to meet all the expenses. Season tickets might be sold to meet all the expense, or some other way devised for accomplishing the

2. The conference embraced in the Annual Conference territory should meet every two years and carry out the same kind of programme that it now has. This would be often enough to keep the State and Conference Leagues in touch with each other.

3. A District Conference in each presiding elder's district. To this conference let all the members of the local Leagues be urged to attend. To these smaller conferences we must look for the most practical results. We

1. Reduce expenses. It will never cost much to attend a District Conference. The money that would be spent on going to the State League may be placed in the treasury of the Church or given out to the poor.

2. It will give a more thorough knowledge of the real work of the League. We are more free to ask evil that attempts to come in. Power questions and fully grasp every problem of League work.

3. It will diffuse this knowledge more widely among the members. At the State League some are benefited greatly, but success will follow only when all are enthused in the work. Enthusiasm is born of knowledge.

4. It will give greater room to develop the talent of the members. They learn self- mastery in public address; they are not intimidated by any distinguished strangers-so they will them-

selves take part in the discussions. 5. It will throw them more upon their own resources. The district proarmy with banners," marching under gramme should only be filled by those this:—and my heart glows as I army with banners," marching under gramme should only be lined by the write the words—that sanctification the command of Prince Immanuel, to in the district. This would make them conquer the kingdoms of sin. Already feel the responsibility of the League more than otherwise. They feel that the League is their own, and they will love the District League and do all

they can to make it a success We have just held our first District Conference for the Austin District, and it was a decided success. We had some very lively discussions and evhighest privilege. Some one has said erybody delighted. We took fourteen Leaguers from our place; they are att delighted and our League is already

strengthened. I love the League and have studied wonderful possibilities—there must be its interests as closely as possible and have written my conclusions in this article. I submit the plan to my fellow-Leaguers and ask them to consider it carefully. Many are opposing the District League because of the multiplicity of conferences. I think to organize the district more thorough-

ly would be a better plan. R. T. BLACKBURN.

Smithville, Texas.

the council-room that the opposing The Social Feature of the League. Read before the Waso District Lesgue Con-

That the Epworth League is chosen many imagine, but it was established Carlisle says, "we are hauling our of God and divinely appointed, time to perpetuate in the world and to dif- young people about too much." We has proven. Seven years of League go into a State gathering and hear fine history have been made. It is gratify-This gospel was not intended to be addresses and papers, rousing tem- ing to note the marvelous growth of supported by the influence of the rich perance addresses, powerful singing, the League, and to know that the zeal and great. It has never depended Holy Ghost praying. Then we go and steadfastness of the members have upon the patronage of Kings and home to carry on our work in the same cast out all fear that for a while permeated the hearts of so many of the Everything in the Church must have brethren of our conferences. Yet with fliary of any particular class, order or its conference—the Church proper has the blessings of God so manifestly uporganization, but it has a mission of its five conferences, the Sunday-school on us, there are some even members its own-a mission it can fulfill with- conference, the Missionary confer- of this District Conference who out asking to be favored by high or ences and a large number of League think the League only a flourish of ever addressed to humanity. We low, for the power of the Powerful is Conferences. These conferences are trumpets. Is not the League really can not equal God in power; his in it. "It is the power of God unto supported in a large measure by the the Church at work? Surely we have power is omnipotence. We can not salvation to every one that believeth," same people, so they are kept going a the same Master that you love; we and the power would remain unim- large part of the time. The expense love the same Church for which you paired if no one in all the world be- of these meetings amounts to thou- toil. We thank God for the noble sands and even hundreds of thousands ancestry that made the Epworth Since the Church is the vehicle of this of dollars. This is in itself an argument League possible, and by his grace we pure gospel, it ought, itself, to be pure. against it. A moderate expense is hope to achieve greater victories for

We cannot begin to enumerate the vestment. Whether right or wrong, despised, the lowly and the stranger. the very feet of the dear Christ.

Look around you and see the million of the League. I am not a chronic fallen everywhere." Se them again world to Christ. See how the vast reading, by taking part in religious and social assemblies, by personal effort in every department of our much-Let it be a kind of normal training loved League. The young people in by competent scholars how to use their fervor, which has not yet been cooled

grounded in our relation to Christ. It is not alone or chiefly because men are descended from Adam that we are to see in them our brothers, and serve them as such, but rather because they are redeemed in Christ. If he has died for all, then all are brothers, and henceforth none of us may live unto ourself. The ultimate end of all our acts must be a religious end. Whatever we do-even to the small matter of eating and drinking-must be within the limits of the command, "Do all to the glory of God." Nothing is trivial, nothing is secular, nothing is private or selfish. We as Leaguers are public servants, and in our association with each other, either in the Devotional, Literary or Social Department, we should strive to be what we would wish to seem. Our souls should least breath of the Spirit. We so often hear our young people discussing the social feature of the League of League sociables. We confess it and healthful laughter, but it is a lamentable fact that some few come into the League with the social feature uppermost in the heart.

ciables, etc., we are sowing and reaping. Fellow Leaguers, what are you sowing, and what will the harvest be? Let it be that somewhere in the long years to come we shall find that not the feeblest word spoken, or the faintand there is no impression that we can see. The very memory seems to fade out. But in eternity it will be manifest; and work done in human brightening forever. If our young sends out growing all the time. There among the things of the past?"

converse. Conversation in the best

ideas, original and second-hand, and the church had more such local preach more sweet converse—gentle and general converse. Let's be real, let's be whose love and fidelity to the Church had more such local preach the converse deal, let's be whose love and fidelity to the Church had more such local preach the converse deal, let's be whose love and fidelity to the Church had more such local preach that if you need help you could in my summer's work, but the best of all is the lesson of humility, taught me his money. earnest, and, most of all, let's be and her doctrines are loyal, in love with your meetings than C. L. Ballard, of Ft. at the foot of the cross. My desires natural. Humanity adores no shadow nor has it in its noblest and best pastors! The good people of this work preacher of the old-fashioned gospel. unsubstantial dreams. Man claims to pressure will have to wait another fering from a severe drouth, having had be something better than a wandering year. Finances are behind yet, but hope sorrow in a world of visions. His to be able to report in full at conference, crops, both cotton and corn, are very entire structure as a social being May God bless the good people whom short and money is very scarce. But should not be like the soulless clatter we serve. of an enormous mill swung by the stream of chance-in fact, a mill without a builder or miller, grinding itself with a perpetual motion, like some infinite machine whirling aimlessly on

The social feature of the League was born to arouse our slumbering consciences to the fact that our race is intertwined and interdependent. We must recognize the fact that Jesus said, "No man liveth to himself."

We must seek to play some part in life. ciety, and live our lives and breathe our thoughts into the minds of others. time we received thirty-seven members, We as human beings must appreciate the dignity of existence, and recognize the responsibilities and possibilities of life. Let us be living, breathing, acting, thinking, hoping, loving, aspiring souls, cognizant of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

separate, distinct, individual life, sent dred and eleven joined by letter. We officers are as follows: Mrs. Geo. Marof God on a mission to earth, and in baptized fourteen children. Many, cus, President; Miss Mary Dunlop, First its individuality of existence will sur- many new family altars have been Vice-President; Mrs. James Branch, vive all change and all decay through all time. Some one has truly said: church at Dodge is about ready to oc- White, Recording Secretary; Miss Min-"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breath."



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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

our revival work for the year here at

SPANISH FORT. D. A. Williams, Sept. 18: We closed

home the 16th. The Baptists had held twenty conversions. We began on Saturday night following their close at 11 be like aspen leaves-responsive to the o'clock; continued eleven days with the following results: Thirty-six conversions and thirty-nine additions to the Church. Organized a Sunday school. and trying to bring out the advantages This gives us five—one in every class. This is said to be the best meetis pleasant to come face to face with ing in the history of the place, our fellow Leaguers and while away which has long been noted for a few hours in pleasant conversation vice. More than forty men buried here have been killed. May it become equally known for its piety. has no house here. We must build him In our reading circles, festivals, so- one. Who will help? The lay brethren rendered good services in the meeting. Bro. Dunford, a local elder, from just across in the Indian Mission Conference, preached twice and did our baptizing for us. Have held five revivals, the smallest deed for Christ, or the resulting in about 150 conversions and 132 additions to the Church, with more est touch given, has been in vain. In to follow. The charge has been strengthfrescoing, when the artist lays on his ened greatly at every point. Family colors, they sink away and leave no altars have been erected, and some who trace, but they reappear by and by in have been in the Church for years put beauty. So we touch lives to-day to work. We thank God and take cour-

SALT HILL AND BRYSON. J. B. Sims, Sept. 16: We are moving souls will appear in unfading hues, on the best we can under the circumstances. The drouth has greatly hinpecole in their sociables and reading dered us, causing some of our people circles would concentrate their to move away to hunt water and work. thoughts upon wholesome books, and We are not yet through with our rebecome a part of all they read, we vival meetings. Have had several good would find the demand for such books meetings this year. So far about fifty Church. Truly some of the services would be less levity and less love of were Pentecostal. At the grove meetfrivolity. In such books as "The ing service sometimes there were thir-Witnesses to Christ," "The Savior of ty or forty penitents at the altar seekitual insight. Often in reading the praises of our God. Stout-hearted Even infidels have thrown down their lethodism and in harmony with her specimens been the poor and deluded contemplated building two church and he "hews to the line and lets the slave of some strange hallucination or houses this year, but for the financial chips fall where they will." We are suf-

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DODGE MISSION. E. M. Myers: Night before last closed

a glorious revival in Pine Valley. We in two miles of Pine Valley, at which next Sunday. and now we report at this meeting thirty-one accessions, making sixty-eight meeting; held nine days and preached the Wednesday following they came Junior League, superintended by Mrs. day in September. Last Friday even ference will be in full.

J. R. Murray, Sept. 14: I commenced my rounds of protracted meetings the first sunday in June and closed last

CEDAR BAYOU CIRCUIT.

missed sixteen from the Church. I have cash and will be able to report all paid in full. The Board of Stewards are well up with the pastor's salary. We have built a nice church at Barber's Hill. small debt stands against it, but the good people are striving hard to get it paid for and seated this year. Credit ter Ocea Wilburn. Sister Wilburn was ty. On her eighteenth birthday, December 30, 1894, this writer had the where they have since made their home. Shortly after settling in her new home raising money to build a Methodist Church, and her enorts were not in vain. All honor to such noble women.

NOTES FROM HEARNE.

pected under all the circumstances surrounding us here. We have just closed had to work on. It has been said that he will have it. Hearne was a hard place and we have seen this fully demonstrated in the last few days. Our third Quarterly Conference was held, embracing the first Sunday in this month, and Bro. Cochran, our beloved presiding elder, preached some of the best sermons while he was with us. We were ably assisted by Bro. Ballard, of Ft. Worth, and he did some of the best preaching that we have listened to in a long time, as our Methodist Publishing House conversions and additions to the but the sinners of Hearne seemed to be impervious to the truth and resisted his impassioned and eloquent appeals. A few Church members were revived, and many of them promised to the World," "Stepping Heavenward," ing salvation and a score or more of love each other more and to live better and others, we have great elevation of other persons, on whom the Lord had lives, and we hope they will remember thought combined with profound spir- let fall the Holy Ghost, shouting aloud their vows and keep them. There were about five professions among the chilthese books we come across sentences men of forty and fifty years gave their dren, and ten additions to the Church rich with the deep things of God and hearts to God, and those who strongly by certificate during the meeting. We radiant as a jewel. Let's read more opposed the shouts of God's praise were hope the seed sown by Bro. Ballard and and talk more; exchange ideas and made to fear and tremble because the the pastor will yet produce good fruit thoughts. So often we hear some one quickening Spirit had gotten hold of in the near future. Bro. Ballard ask. "Is conversation a lost art? Is it them. Many are still seeking salvation. Preached one of the finest sermons on the right use of money on Sunday at 11 Many people compare ideas in a hur- weapons and are asking "what must I a. m. that I ever heard, and we raised ried, disjointed fashion, who never do to be saved?" Praise God for his \$70, in cash and subscriptions, on our power! We have two local preachers conference collections. We are badly sense comes from a reposeful state of on the work-James McCloud and S. behind on the finances, both for preach-H. Newby-who have stood faithfully er's salary and the collections ordered In our League, let's have less dis- by me, preaching with power the un- by the Annual Conference; but we hope jointed, haphazard disgorgement of searchable riches of Christ. Oh, that to pay out by the time conference is ideas, original and second-hand, and the Church had more such local preach- held. I would say to the brethren gen-

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

the Lord will provide for those that

love him.

Worth. He is a plain, solid, sound

but little rain in four months. The

BLANKET CIRCUIT.

MT. HOREB. erected during the year. Our beautiful Second Vice-President; Mrs. George cupy. Collections ordered by the con- nie Willfang, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Maud Howland, Treasurer, We feel sure that the work will prosper in the hands of these good women.

BLAND. A. N. Crawford, L. D., Sept. 16: We night-eight in all, running from one closed a sixteen-days' meeting at this to two weeks each. One of which was place last Sunday night with forty-sevour camp-meeting at this place. A en conversions and reclamations. Just good work has been done at every ap- such a meeting I never witnessed bepointment. At our camp-meeting I had fore. It was a union meeting-Methodthe assistance of Bro. I. M. Bryce, of ists, Baptists and C. Presbyterians. Richmond, one week; Bro. J. W. Bayne, God's people met together and worked preacher in charge of the M. E. Church and prayed for the salvation of souls and cures that tired feeling. Remember, at La Porte, one week; Bro. Seth Ward, and God honored their labors. Backpresiding elder, came on Friday and sliders of long standing were brought held our third Quarterly Conference back to God. Bro. Gassaway, pastor of and preached five times. Bro. G. S. Moffat Circuit, preached three grand Brown, local preacher, has rendered sermons; Bro. Evans, of the Baptist much aid, especially in filling my regu- Church preached two grand sermons; lar appointments while I have been in the writer preached one time during

mons, and the rest of the preaching was done by Walter Spoonts, pastor of C. P. Church at Meridian, and it was well done. For three years I have been praying for a revival at this place (Bland), and bless God, it has come.

CHILLICOTHE CIRCUIT.

John W. Robbins, Sept. 15: Our pastor, Bro. J. T. Griswold, has just closed an eight-days' meeting at Wheatland, and he left vesterday to visit his old home in Alabama to spend a month seventy per cent. of my collections in with his aged father and loved ones: also to meet his family, who has been spending the summer at the old home. The meeting was an old-fashioned Methodist revival from start to finish. for nearly two weeks, resulting in about The church is completed, painted both About twenty conversions and seveninside and out, but not seated, and a teen accessions to the Church. We had the largest congregations and the best behaved that ever assembled in this sparsely settled country. The entire for this nice church is largely due Sis- Church was greatly revived. Our presiding elder, Bro. C. W. Daniel, and Bro. raised in this (Cedar Bayou communi- S. R. Hay, of Vernon Station, were with us one day and rendered valuable assistance. Bro. Hay preached a most expleasure of uniting her in marriage to cellent sermon at night. There was no Mr. Zack Wilburn, of Barber's Hill, holding up of hands as an evidence of a change of heart, but a rising up from the mourner's bench, shouting and Though this is an old place, yet the Lord Sister Wilburn undertook the task of praising God. Bro Griswold has served this circuit for three years, and is in great favor with his people. He is a four-year man and the entire circuit will be delighted to have him the full limit. While we have been passing W. W. Horner, Sept. 16: We are through an almost unprecedented moving along as well as could be ex- drouth, with crop failures and hard times, we are very thankful for spiritual blessings. I wish to say to the cirour protracted meeting here, which cuit preacher, if he wants ready, willing lasted eleven days. The results are by and efficient help in his revival meetno means satisfactory, but we did about ings, organize and work up a good live the best we could with the material we Epworth League at every Church, and

> HUBBARD CITY. Bruce Meador, Sept. 13: I have held hree protracted meetings on the Hubbard City Circuit, with large results The readers will understand that this circuit is one of the orphans of Northwest Texas Conference, its pastor havng been calld to his reward in May. I was appointed soon after his death to this work by the presiding elder, Bro. Jno. S. Davis; arrived here on the 4th of June. I soon became acquainted with the membership and began my protracted meetings. Bros. M. S. Hotchkiss, Jno. S. Davis and C. V. Oswalt did us some excellent service. Result of work is as follows: About two hundred and twenty-five conversions; one hundred accessions to the Methodist Church; raised subscriptions for conference collections in full; will begin next week the building of a twelve hundred dollar Church at one of the country appointments baptized four infants and established near twenty family altars. But from whence comes this harvest! "Paul planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." We only reaped that to care for and feed these lambs that

have been committed to my care.

G. E. Sandel, Sept. 17: We are at ing parsonage, and found that the peomeeting with twenty-nine members. wood. Ten persons professed Christ women had already bought some nice two more meetings to hold. We had in our meeting thirty-one ac- last night. Up to date we have had over lots on which to build a church and cessions to our Church. Col. Solon, the seventy-five conversions on the circuit parsonage. They also began in good proprietor of the saw mill, was kind in since July 15th and sixty accessions to earnest to help build. In May, 1895,

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day-school, led by our most worthy Su-splendid-both by the home League perintendent, J. R. Rice, is one of the and by those from elsewhere. The exbest in the State and is doing fine work. ercises were intensely spiritual and en-We have two good prayer-meetings- thusiastic from the beginning to the regular and ladies'-doing very effect- end. It had much of the appearance of ive work. We are on the up-grade, and an old-fashioned revival. It was not a serve a good, liberal people. Gordon frolic, but a place where earnest lives Church is plucky and always does reconsecrated themselves to God and things by the whole. We have received penitents sought the forgiveness of sin many tokens of kindness from the people of this charge during our stay here. Recently wife was presented with a lett, of Henrietta, and W. D. Bradfield, nice quilt by Grandma Bowman. Last of Weatherford. Friday evening we were startled by a great crowd of people gathering at our ence Friday night on the subject of on hand they made a rush for the kitchen, carrying with them all the ingredients of a first-class pounding, until our the "Inspiration of Opportunity." It table was groaning under its load. We then gathered in the parlor and spent Bradfield as few other men could do some time in song and prayer; then homes, leaving a happy preacher and family at the parsonage. New resolutions were formed by this scribe that pressing gratitude because of the go he would try, by the help of God, to it had done. make a more faithful pastor.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CHEROKEE CIRCUIT. Frank B. Buchanan, Sept. 17: are closing up our work and getting ready for conference. We have had good meetings this year in spite of many impediments. Our county is drouthstricken. Corn crop a complete failure and cotton almost a failure. Added to this, prairie fires have destroyed thousands of acres of grass and stock is be ing moved out of the county. Our financial prospects are consequently poor. but our people are doing their best to send their preacher to conference with a good report. We have four appointments, but at Cherokee we preach once week on a week-night, besides our regular appointment. Have good congregations and good interest in these week-night services. God is with us. We have the banner charge in our district in the number of Advocates taken.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

E. R. Large, Sept. 15: Misfortun overtakes a preacher as well as other Sunday; so now I am afoot, on very big chase at that low price will never Bro. J. W. Sansom. The many prayers work. But as in the past some way be offered again, embrace it, and that have been prayed by him are now has been provided, we believe it will be answered. I have worked very hard in the future. We are doing our best since here, being only a boy and inex- on our collections, but it is like getting

HENDERSON CIRCUIT.

J. T. Kirkley, Sept. 19: We have had up to date seventy-five conversions and thirty-eight accessions to the Church. We closed a meeting at Good Springs DR. F. J. DICKEY, 395 Main St.. Dallas, Tex. I. E. Hightower, Sept. 20: Have had the 10th of this month, that was the good revivals at all my appointments pest of the season. So far had fortythis year. Have had about 100 conver- four conversions in six days and had sions and eighty-two accessions. I am to close the meeting at its best and closing up my second year on this go to another appointment. I had charge. We have made some marked ad- no help in preaching at Good Springs, vance on various lines-especially so but I had some efficient help in the way at Gordon. When we came to this work of lay workers. Sister Ledford, of we had no parsonage; so we began talk- Troupe Circuit was with us, and I have never seen a more earnest or efficient organized a Church at the close of our present in a meeting at North Brown- ple were willing to build. Our good worker in my life than she. We have

B. T. Hayes, Sept. 16: On the fourth building a tabernacle for us to hold the the Church. Our spiritual condition is we moved into our new parsonage. We Sunday in August Finis E. Starnes, meeting under-all at his own expense. on the up-grade. We begin our last have continued to improve until we Missionary Baptist preacher, began a Let's be forceful characters in so- I held a revival two months ago, with- revival for this season at Stepps Creek have a very desirable property, worth meeting at Glade Springs and carried about \$1,000. Our latest improvement it on till Friday noon. He then sent is a good cistern, which our P. and H. for me to help him. I went and con-M. Society is paying for. We have tinued till close—a week from that J. R. B. Hall: On the thirteenth of grown from 120 to 185 members in the time. There were nine conversions year. I had no ministerial help in this ganized a W. P. H. M. Society, and on which is doing effective work; also a hold my meeting at Asbury fourth Suneighteen sermons. We have received over and put down a nice carpet in the Dr. Hart, which is doing a grand work ing, Wyatt Breazael was in a well up to date 111 members, baptized forty- parsonage. We would be glad to organ- for the children. We have a P. and H. cleaning it out, his father and brother Such a soul will feel itself to be a three adults. Only four of the one hun- ize some more on the same terms. The M. Society doing splendid work. Sun- helping. The rope broke, the bucket falling on his shoulder and neck. He was paralyzed from there down. He died Saturday about noon. His parents are in great distress. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South. Bro. M. J. Ragsdale is very low with fever and blood poison. The doctor has no hope of his recovery. Nine of our members have died. It is still dry; crops are sorry; times are dull.

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The committee had arranged a splendid programme, covering the different departments of the League work. The these meetings. Up to the present 1 have received sixty in the Church and baptized twenty-one infants and dis
the meeting; J. N. Ludwick, of the Baptist Church, one sermon; Bro. Stevenson, of C. P. Church, preached two serload to the during the meeting; J. N. Ludwick, of the Baptist Church and clear conception of the son, of C. P. Church, preached two serson, of C. P. Church, preached two sers

Bro. Rowlett addressed the confer-"Methodism" and when he was through

was a great theme and was handled by At the conclusion of the address, with fering their congratulations and ex

The conference reached its conclusion Sunday afternoon at the "jubilee servshould find its ending in the midst of thanksgiving and rejoicing.

The district, all things considered, is in splendid condition. The summer's t campaign has brought to us a number of gracious revivals, in which a large number have been converted and brought into the Church. We will be behind in our finances, but we are doing the best we can. We will be at the gathering of the clans at Waxahachie and make a report that cannot be expended.

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The End of It All. The proud man, fat with the fat of the

land. Dozed back in his silken chair: Choice wines of the world, black men to

command, Rare curios, rich and rare,

Tall knights in armor on either hand-Yet trouble was in the air. The proud man dreamed of his young

days, when He toiled light-hearted and sang all day.

He dreamed again of his gold, and of men Grown old in his service and hungry

and gray. Then his two hands tightened a time

and the the They tightened, and tightened to stay!

Ah me! this drunkenness, worse than

This grasping and greedy hold! Why, the poorest man upon earth, opine.

Is the man who has nothing but gold. How better the love of man divine. With God's love, manifold! They came to the dead man, back in his

chair. Dusk-liveried servants that come with the light;

His eyes stood open with a frightened stare. But his hands still tightened, as vise is tight.

They opened his hands-nothing was there.

Nothing but bits of night. -Joaquin Miller in the Independent.

It is earnestly desired that each Dis Texas Conference, will attend the annual meeting of the Conference Society, to be held in Dallas, October 7-11. A cordial invitation is extended to members of auxiliaries, who may wish to attend as visitors, to be present at the annual meeting, and homes will be provided for them. All who expect to attend, either as officers of the Conference Society, or as delegates from the auxiliaries, or as visitors, are urged to send their names at once to Mrs. R. W. Thompson, 391 South Ervay Street, Dallas, Tex., in order that confusion may be avoided in securing homes for them.

Annual Meeting W. F. M. Society, West Texas Conference.

The fourteenth annual session of the W. F. M. Society of the West Texas Conference met in Gonzales, September 3, 1896. The annual meeting was opened with a consecration service at 5 p. m., which was well attended, and much enjoyed. At 8 p. m., an address of welcome was read by Mrs. Abernathy, of Gonzales, and a response by Mrs. Pass- will talk to our sisters of all the list of bargains in Jersay cattle, Berkmore, of Lockhart. The mornings irom 9 to 12 o'clock were devoted to the business of the annual meeting, hearing re orts, etc. The afternoons were given to committee work.

On Friday night, at 8 o'clock, we had the annual address by Mr. C. C. Wa7sh, of Gonzales. This address was especially fine-showing much study and thought. It contained food for thought and reflection; clothed in language. pure, beautiful, charming-nothing dull, stale or tiresome. Would that we had more such talks all over the conference connection.

The reports show no increase in number of auxiliaries-one disbanded. In view of this fact the society decided to elect a General Organizer, whose traveling expenses are to be paid from contingent fund, and whose duty it shall be to visit as many places as possible in the interest of the society and try to extend the work. The President, Mrs. H. T. Steele, seemed most eminently fitted for this work on account of her thorough acquaintance with the work and interest in it; therefore, Mrs. A. E. Passinore was elected President and Mrs. Steele given charge of the work of organizing new auxiliaries. Mrs. S. A. Bass, of San Marcos, was elected Recording Secretary. Mrs. Nichols, of San Antonio, was again elected Corresponding Secretary, and Miss B. Malone, Treasurer. Mrs. Steele was also elected Vice-President. Cas this is a nominal office, it will in no way interfere with her duties as organizer. The names of District Secretaries will be published

This annual meeting, we think, did good. We had a most enjoyable and refreshing time together. We found a faithful band at Gonzales and came away thoroughly in love with place and people.

May the Father above give wisdom and grace to the new President for her important duties, and may our organizer, Sister Steele, be a flaming evangel in the cause. May he who gave us such a splendid address ever be found advocating the cause of missions with tengue and pen, and may God's richest blessing rest upon all those who showed us so much kindness.

We thank the following ministers for their presence and encouragement: Rev. L. T. Morris, Dr. Dudley (Presbyterian), Rev. Challender (Christian),

Rev. B. H. Passmore and Dr. Beardsley. The annual sermon, by Dr. Beardsley, was exceptionally appropriate and inspiring, leaving the beaten track of such sermons and presenting the same glorious truths in a manner grand, but

unique. The Sabbath afternoon was spent in an entertainment by the "Busy Bees," Mrs. Clara Fly, manager, and a ove feast, conducted by the Conference Society

Saturday night, at 8 o'clock, a touch ing memorial service was held and lov ing mention made of all our beloved dead who have fallen from the ranks during the past year.

MRS. A. E. PASSMORE, Recording Secretary

Lockhart, Texas.

W. P. and H. M. S.

Quarterly report of the Northvest Texas Conference to the General Secretary, September 16, 1896; Adult societies, 74; adult members, 1320; Young Ladies' or Young People's Societies, 0; young people members, 0: Juvenile Societies, 2:
Juvenile members, 22: connectional members, 1342: connectional members added during the quarter, 228: monthly meetings during the quarter, 163: members present during the quarter, 1343; life members, 1; subscribers to Our Homes, 182; new subscribers added during the quarter, 28; taking Home Mission Reading Course, 156; Have you received leaflets this quarter? Yes. How many are pledged to syster. members, 0; Juvenile Societies, 2: How many are pledged to systematic giving? 45; sick and strangers visited. 1816: papers and leaflets distributed, 2322; garments distributed, 359; cottage prayer-meetings held or Bible readings given, 121; visits to corrective or benevolent institutions, 19.

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0 cents. Remarks: Work in fine condi ion. Fifteen new societies organ-

zed during this quarter. MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG, Conf. Cor. Sec.

The Rescue Work.

We reached here Friday and were re eived with scriptural hospitality by the President of the W. P. and H. M. Society, Mrs. L. H. Potts. We at once began work. We find Bro. J. W. Hill and all our Church women in hearty sympathy with our woman's Rescu-Work and do everything to aid us. Sun lay, at eleven, we enjoyed a fine sermen from Bro. Hill, which proves the ruth of Bro. Pierce's argument, that ; summer outing refreshes mentally and spiritually as well as invigorating physcally. At night Bro. R. M. Powers de lighted the Church with one of his in imitable efforts. At the close of his sermon we were given the privilege c presenting our work, and this evening

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C. A. From here we will visit Denison Preston, Whitesboro, Whitewright, Van Alstyne, thence home. We'll remember the Advocate with the King's Messen-

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Rescue Work.

We take this opportunity of thank ing the good people of the North-west Texas Conference, especially Bro. W. H. Terry, for interest manifested in this work. Bro. Terry's charge has given cash and subscriptions, amounting to \$99.35, to aid in building the Rescue Home. Many auxiliaries of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society have responded to our call for aid. May the Lord bless and prosper the noble men and women of this conference. We are glad to report money subscribed constantly

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Clarendon District-Fourth Round.3 p m, Oct 24,Oct 31. Nov Channing, at Channing Canyon, at Canyon City...... R. A. Hall, P. E.

Waxahachie District-Fourth Round. Ferris cir, at Palmer...... Red Oak cir, at Sardis Avalon cir, at Oak Grove... Italy and Frost, at Frost ... Midlothian, at Midlothian. Alvarado, at Alvarado..... B. R. Bolton, P. E.

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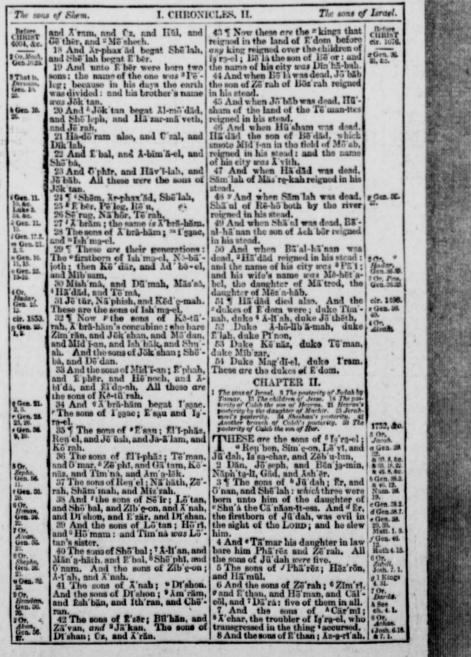
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Stewart—McKennon.—At the residence of Mrs. McKennon, Magnolia Springs, Texas, September 16, 1896, Mr. L. C. Stewart and Miss Ophelia McKennon, Rev. J. Woodson officiating. Riggs-Jackson. - On Sunday, Sep-

kiggs—Jackson.—On Sunday, September 20, 1896, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, six miles southwest of Cisco, Mr. Thomas F. Rigg and Miss Harriet C. Jackson, Rev. T. M. Collie, of Cisco, of Cisco, of Cisco, and Collies of Cisco, and Collies of Cisco, of Collies of Cisco, and Cisco, and Collies of Cisco, and Collies of Cisco, and Collies of Cisco, and Cisco, and Cisco, and Cisco, and Cisco, and Cisco, a officiating. Curtis-Downing. -On Sunday, September 20, 1896, at the residence of the

bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Houston, four miles south of Cisco, Mr. D. W. Curtis and Mrs. L. M. Downing, Rev. T. M. Collie, of Cisco, officiating. Mabry- McMillan. -September 13, 1896, at 9 a. m., at Zion's Church, Iola, Texas, Mr. Thomas Mabry and Miss Bessie McMillan; both of Grimes Coun-ty, Texas; Rev. I. B. Gordon officiat-

Sullok-Burns.-On August 9, 1896, at Anderson, Grimes County, Texas, John H. Sullok and Mrs. Harriet Burns, Rev. J. J. Barnes officiating.

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REV. J. B. PRICE.

Another grand man in Israel has gone from labor to rest. Bro. Price vas about seventy-two years old; professed religion in his youth; had een in the ministry more than forty years, commencing in the State of Missouri, thence to Arkansas, then to Texas, and from Texas to Greer county, Oklahoma, where he spent some seven or eight years, and on July 27, 1896, he calmly fell asleep in Jesus. On the following Sunday he writer tried to preach to his nemory from II Tim., 4th chapter, sixth, seventh and eigthverses, but, h! how incompetent we felt to do justice to so grand a subject. The large attendance from all points, to he distance of fifteen miles or more. and the tears of men, women and children, regardless of Church reationship, showed a love deep and Bro. Price was, to the best of my knowledge, the only preacher of the Methodist Protestant Church living in Greer County. He did not organize any Churches. but devoted himself to the upbuilding of his Master's kingdom, and his works do follow him. Being on a visit in that country it was my pleasure to talk much with him during his last illness. His faith was strong: his confidence in the promises of Christ unshaken to the last. The last that he said to me was, "O that I could just go without these excruciating pains, but I am trying to cultivate a spirit of patience and submission." He leaves one brother. Andrew B. Price, some years older than himself, two children (I think), a number of other relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss; but their loss is heaven's gain. Emulate his good examples; walk in his footprints, and you shall meet him in the home of the pure and the good. M. A. BRYAN.

HORN.-Mrs. Polly Ann Horn was born in Gordon County, Ga., August 8, 1841. Sister Horn joined the Church in her fourteenth year, since which time she has been one of its truest members, never falterlife. No truer servant of

Montague, Texas.

ing in her faith in God or purpose Master ever lived and labored. She was married to J. T. Horn July 25, whom are members of the Church. In her last illness she said to her friends: "I have not waited till now to do my praying." She passed away on the 10th of June peacefully, and on the 11th we laid her to rest with appropriate memorial services, assisted by Bro. J. M. Stephenson,

of Brookston. R. S. GORSLINE.

E. Church, South, and lived a faithful, consistent life until his death, which occurred September 7, 1896, children to that God who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. As relatives and friends we say farewell, Bro. McCarty, until we meet on the other shore. His pastor, G. W. HARRIS.

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RUSSELL. - Sarah E. Russell was born in Laurens District, S. C., March 12, 1825; moved to Mississippi when a girl; was married audience. We pray for grace to to Dr. W. H. Russell September 30, 1847; came to Texas in 1857, to children. W. H. EDWARDS. Bosque County in 1860, where, sur-rounded by her husband, children and grandchildren, she went to her reward July 15, 18%. At the age of fourteen she gave her heart to lived the life of a true girl, making God, and from that time to the end of her life she was a Methodist and a devout Christian. She lived by the law of love. The day she was those who came in daily contact with her happy. May was a faith-ful worker in the Sunday-school and buried her aged companion said: the Epworth League. She stood well in her classes and was loved both by teacher and pupil. God in "It was her mission in life to plant roses." He, with their children and grandchildren and a multitude of his all-wise power on September 4, friends, blessed her while living 1896, took May from us. We have submitted to his will, but we hope and revere her memory since she has gone. She bore nine children, seven of whom—five daughters and to meet her in the home made above May the Lord bless the bereaved family. two sons-remain to mourn their loss. Her husband, whose joys and sorrows she shared for nearly fortynine years, is sorely bereft. At her funeral, by his request, we sang "Only Waiting." Truly "Earth hath no sorrw that heaven can not cure." E. HIGHTOWER.

MOSS. — Mrs. Lou F. Moss, daughter of Henson and Mary Wagley, was born in DeSoto Parish. La., January 23, 1842; professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, while yet a little girl. She was married to Rev. W. H. Moss November 21, 1887; died at Hubbard City, Texas, August 26, 1896. As a member of the Church, Moss was a thorough fully the doctrines and Discipline of her Church. Her life was in beautiful consistency with all the requirements made by her reception vows. Hers was not a blind allegiance to a creed that she did not understand. She weighed well the doctrines held by her Church, but gave to them hearti-Methodist, in sentiment indorsing Church, but gave to them hearti-est consent. Her piety was of an unobtrusive kind, but none the less real and thorough. Being a woman of fine natural endowments, and of far more than ordinary intellectual attainments, she required all that she was called upon to accept to pass through her own thought and be tested by her own judgment before she accepted it as herown. She was a most intelligent listener and therefore was prepared to be a most instructive teacher. Much of her life was spent in school work. This was in keeping with her tastes and thus tended to the development of a high order of mind. With heavy responsibilities thrown upon her by the death of her father, she showed herself equal to the demands that arose from business affairs. It was upon her that her aged mother leaned, and to whom others of the family looked for counsel and help. After becoming the wife of an itinerant preacher her strong character and great worth shone out clearly in the readiness with which she adapted herself to her new and ditficult relations. Where she lived and those among whom she moved were fully convinced of the clearness of her experience and the depth of her piety, her carnestness and her great love for her Master's cause. Before the end came she suffered long and much, but she suffered patiently and manifested the strenght of a religious life that told of a solid growth through many years. Her end was peace-her memory precious. It is no fulsome prase to say that this woman was no ordinary woman in character and life. Her was married to J. T. Horn July 25, modesty, her retiring disposition. 1864; raised a large family, all of kept her hidden from the view of many people who knew not her worth because they knew her not. She has gone into the presence of that God who alone knows the worth of true merit and its value to this world, and her reward will be ac-

W. L. NELMS. CRAWFORD. - Richard Coke. son of A. P. and Amelia Crawford, McCARTY.—The subject of this sketch, W. N. McCarty, was born the 10th day of August, 1867, in Lee County, Miss. He professed religion in 1885, and joined the M. to remain only two days. By some inexplicable influence he could not which occurred September 7, 1896, in Bell County. Texas, near Temple. In 1888 he married Miss Buna Ballard, and this union was blessed with four children. He was an affectionate husband and loving father. We commend his wife and Eight days after he was stricken down with typhoid fever; lingering twelve days, he went up to join the triumphant hosts above. Three weeks is a short life, but it was all given to God. His end was peace. He leaves a young wife and a babe of four months, with a host of friends, to mourn their loss. We "mourn not as those that have no hope." Coke is not, for God has taken him. W. E. CAPERTON.

cording to his estimate.

Palo Pinto, Texas.

SHORT .- Dr. A. Short was born in Patrick County, Va., April 16, 1829. He was a son of Obediah and Leona Short. He moved with his parents to Georgia when eight years of age. He was left an orphan at the age of twelve years. He was married to Miss Emily C. Evans October, 1853. They moved to Mc-

Lennan County, Texas, 1875. Ten children were born to them; three have gone on before, seven remain N. Y., July 19, 1813, the second son in to mourn their loss with their moth- a family of eight children, only one er. He was converted in 1857, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a faithful and consistent life until death, which occurred August 28, 1896, at Waco, City. The early years of Bro. Van Texas. His death was very sudden. Ness' life were spent in Washing-He had gone to Waco Thursday, ton City, where his father held an 27, on business, and was taken official position under the Federal with bilious colic and died the next Government. In 1857 he came to morning at 9 a. m. Dr. Short was Texas, but did not settle here per-Royal Arch and Council Mason: nis lodge was Crawford, Texas, No. 166. He was a good man and died in great peace; was buried at Greenwood Cemetery with the honors of Masonry. His funeral was preached by the writer to a large

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comfort the heart-stricken wife and

RUSSELL.—May Russell, the daughter of J. M. and M. H. Rus-

sell, was born October 6, 1880, and

S. TAYLOR, SADIE KINDLE,

DABBS.-Bro. Robert Dabbs de parted this life September 3, 1896 A man of God has fallen. He is no

dead, but sleepeth. He told his

friends and pupils at Sunday school the Sunday before his deati

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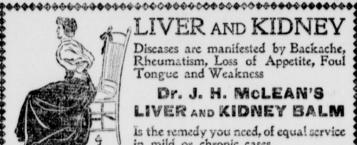
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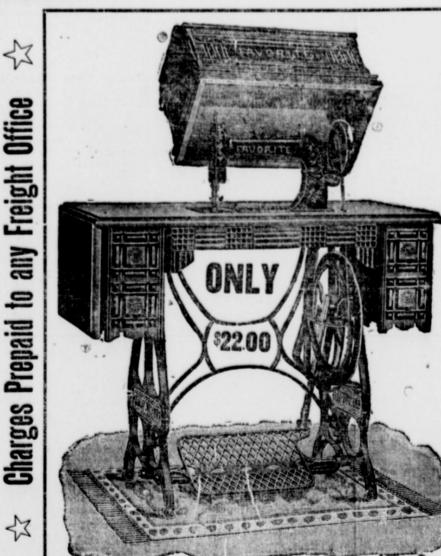
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> COKER.-Alpheus Frank Coker, son of Charles and Lucy Coker, was born February 19, 1895; died August 21, 1896. Thus in the home of our brother and sister there is a little chair vacant. The little darling's voice is hushed in death. "Fare you well," was said at the grave, but not a fare you well forever. So cheer up, brother and

faithful a few days longer, Bro.

Williams, and then you can join her in heaven. C. C. DAVIS.

Renner, Texas.

sister, your little one is gone to bud and she after God had given her her loved mother, sister, brother and children bloom in the home of the blest forever. E. R. LARGE.

Walton, Texas.

memorial presented by the South Geor- and united with the Church in 1866, and his walk as a Christian gentleman way. He was an invalid for fourteen 1896, surrounded by many friends. He Church has lost one of its most loyal shore. leaves three sons and one daughter and useful members, and husband, September 16, 1896. home. May theirs be a united family C. E. LINDSEY.

HARP.-Clarence, infant son of Bro er in Charge" was so amended as to A. E. and Sister Maggie Harp, was born read: "Also, to present once a year to in Lebanon, Texas, April 13, 1896; died each congregation in his charge the in Godley, Texas, September 6, 1896. claims of the American Bible Society, Little Clarence was never well; he sufand to report the amount of contribu- fered greatly at times. This fact caused the love of the father and moth-The distribution of the Scriptures in er to be more intense for the little sufonnection with your Board of Foreign ferer and thus making the separation more difficult; but God, who never makes a mistake, and who doeth all things well, has taken the precious littry, the demand for the supply of poor the sufferer to himself, where he is forand youth in the Sunday-schools is far mother, say with David of old, we can al Conference, respond promptly and biess, comfort and keep all the family Cresson, Texas.

> SIMMS.-Sister Mariah Jane Simms was born in Cook County, Tenn., about 1824. Her maiden name was Henry. She professed religion when quite young and joined the Baptist Church. At twenty-five years of age she was married to James D. Wright, a minister of the M. E. Church, South. She then united with the Church to which her husband belonged. About 1859 her husband died and she remained a widow for seventeen years. On August 15, 1876, she was married to Mr. J. M. Simms, of Texas, with whom she lived in happy wedlock for nineteen years and ten months. She died in great peace June 20, 1896, in the seventy-second year of her age. "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Sister Simms was a faithful wife, a loving step-mother, good neighbor, a dutiful Christian. She loved the Church, stood by the preacher, and did about what she could to support the institutions of religion. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" and "shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Fa-E. F. BOONE. September 15, 1896.

HENDERSON.-Sister Cora Loftin Henderson was born in Bastrop County, Texas, September 16th, 1858; was married in San Saba County, Texas, to James E. Henderson February 18, 1879. and died in Concho County, Texas, August 24th, 1896. And so one of the purest and most consistent Christians that we have ever known has gone to her reward. The writer was her pastor for two years and a half; have seen her at home with husband, mother and children, also in the protracted meeting. and ever found her the same zealous sweet-spirited, faithful Christian worker. While her family was mostly out of the Church, her heart's desire was that they might be saved. She planned for weeks before to get them to a campmeeting to be held several miles away from her home. Succeeding in this, she labored almost night and day for L. Blaylock, Publisher Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas: Dear Sir-I now living, namely, Mrs. L. Campuber their calvation. One by one they gave their calvation. One by one they gave their calvation. their hearts to Jesus, until husband. brother, children were all converted and in the Church. Her prayers had been of this place. Our deceased brother answered, and I never expect to see a happier person this side of glory than

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ones to go with her to heaven. There are all grief-stricken and heart-broken are but few members in the because of this sad bereavement. But Church anywhere that give as liberally we mourn not as they who have no to the support of its institutions as she hope. We will see her again if we are

ODELL .- Thomas Harrison Odell did. The poor were never forgotten by faithful. One dear child had crossed was born in Altuna County, Ga., De- her; and her house was the preacher's the river before. She has now joined it. cember, 1835. He professed religion home. More than one preacher in West The rest are on their way. They have Texas Conference will have a sad heart | another strong tie that binds them to on hearing of the death of this sainted the glory-land. Her works will follow ican Bible Society be placed among has been upright. He loved the woman. We were always greeted with her. She left a bright record and a good Church, and contributed to its up-build- a hearty welcome; never left without influence behind; and now that God has ing in a material as well as spiritual having religious services; and believ- called her home to rest and be with him. ing that "the laborer was worthy of his let her good examples inspire us to live years, and the most patient sufferer I hire," she never failed to do more than as she lived, and when the mists have and Annual Conference Minutes for have ever known. He passe.. away in her part in helping to pay the preach- cleared away and we see no longer great peace at his home on Bear Creek, er's salaty. Earth is poorer and heaven through a glass darkly, we'll meet her The Discipline was revised so as to Parker County, Texas, September 3, is richer as a result of her death. The to part no more, on Canaan's happy

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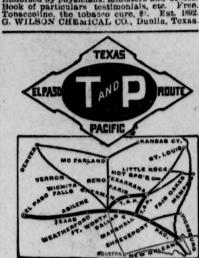
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