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EDITORIAL.

The Passing of the Years.

the passage of an arrow through the air, to the rushing of the mountain torrent. Life is a brief sleep, a still the mandate of the incoming year. taurants. The boarding department Greenville, who are not Methodists, rethere is but a step between the cradle wisdom. We know of no declaration of was not the policy of the previous shown that he is one of the most liband the grave. To the prospective gaze our Lord more awful and heart-search- management to encourage pupils to eral, broad-minded and patriotic citithe years come slowly, but to the reing that this: "I must work the works | board on the premises. calculable speed. Time and tide wait for no man. The stream of history bears us remorselessly forward, whether willing or unwilling, ready or unready. mindful of us and our interests and indifferent alike to our hopes and fears. The inexorable law of mortality has deeply impressed the human heart and the ceaseless rushing of the years has added a melancholic tinge to our thoughts and an elegiac strain to all our airs. Eternity, of which time is a tions on New Year's Day is frequently was taxed to the utmost to accomochapter or rather a parenthesis in a ridiculed. A vast deal of sarcasm is date them. Every room on the premchapter, is an insoluble mystery. There heaped upon the practice. But this ises and every foot of each room was is an infinity behind us and an infinity thoughtless, ill-timed raillery ought not brought into requisition for dormitobefore us; we emerge from one abyss to deter us from yielding to a spontaand plunge into another, and the inter- neous prompting of the heart and from building that had not been used for a val between is as brief as a lightning flash in the midnight gloom. The sixty wide precedent. It is true that the imcenturies of our chronology are but a pulse of a renewed vow may spend itfleeting vision. We are such stuff as self ere long, but if we were sincere we that we could accommodate or teach, dreams are made of and our little life are all the better for the effort. Our we were obliged to turn away a conis rounded with a sleep. Nor need we pace may slacken, and even come to siderable number who applied for adquarrel with our lot. We can not alter a standstill, but we will be all the mission. the constitution of the universe, the farther advanced for having made the methods and movements of Providence, enthusiastic start. The truth is, life is falling off in the attendance. But this nor the purposes of the Eternal. We a succession of falls and risings, of is not the case. The registration for must number our days and apply our stops and startings. No man ever went the fall term which opened on Septemhearts to wisdom. We must recognize

of his wisdom and character. Indif- renew it. The life of the best of us is ference to life's grand possibilities, a long series of alternations-now disreglect or misuse of its golden oppor- appointment, now encouragement; now have introduced the study of mathematunities, is an infallible sign of fool- defeat, now victory; now sorrow, now ties, science and Christian books in the ery; while a due appreciation and im- joy; now feebleness, now strength, unprovement of this inestimable gift im- til through discipline and the blessing plies the presence of a fine philosophy, of God the better elements preponder- tional with others, according to the if not the presence of religion herself. We believe that regret for lost opportu- January 1 a red-letter day. Let us pupils are obtaining a knowledge of nities is universal and at the same make the New Year an epoch in our commercial English, for which they he estimates as complete Bibles, Among time the deepest regret of life. If we life. had economized our time, if we had idleness as a sin and the waste of life's precious hours as a crime, we would have been an hundredfold better off. etiquette, but an arrant sinner. The officers in Chinese in addition to their co-operation of clergy and choirmasters regular English language studies, and I in promoting a higher artistic and spirconserved. The objects upon which we have set our hearts would have been achieved. The ambitions and enterprises which once allured us so seductively and which promised such a rich fruition might have been triumphantly realized. But miserable idlers that we beyond recall. Sometimes when reading biography we get a glimpse of the its inevitable doom.

submissive resignation.

sure than might have characterized us, by laboring more systematically and average, by redoubling our diligence and utilizing the last particle of our reserve strength, we may do something to repair the damage and to reclaim our inheritance. Perhaps God, too, in some mysterious way may make the praise him, and all things work together for good to those who truly love

out of our apathy and sloth. For a little while our hearts shall beat strongly with high resolve. Let us make what might prove a transient sober-minded-

The swiftness of the flight of time is proverbial. It has been compared to and application, let us rise up and rollment for the fall term was eighty- commonwealth and for this great nabriefer dream. We come and go, and Obedience thereto would be our highest had completely collapsed. In fact, it marked that Bishop Galloway had of him that sent me, while it is day: work." How profoundly true of every prosperity of the institution. The citizenship than was set forth in the apace. May these solemn words sink and looks but or the dead out, hinges our conference is a gladdening occaing year prove the busiest and the nailed on in lieu of glass, etc. Some charmed me. All was gentleness, atbest of life. May our activitity and important changes were made in the tention to duty, and love. efforts be commensurate with our re-

profiting by a venerable and world- long time, except as old lumber rooms, all the way without turning to the ber 2, has reached a total of two hunthe inevitable and school ourselves to right or left, or loitering more or less. away some thirty or more because we If we have not lived up to our vows, We have sometimes thought that a we will renew them and try again. If them or the teaching force to teach man's attitude toward time is the test our energy has ebbed, we will seek to ate and become habitual. Let us make terms of admission. Thus, while the

> another name for absolute godiessness, with us, and thus fit them for occupyation of the utmost antagonism to the movements that are now making thembe polished, but heartless; a master of of the pupils are now pursuing these genius of the gospel. Such an one may selves felt in this Empire. About half etiquette, but an arrant sinner. The studies in Chinese in addition to their tractive, but dead to all that is true majority of the students shall take the and beautiful and good. Dickens said full course in Chinese and English, so that nobody but the Devil himself and that we may be able to turn out a class the Graces could have made a Chester- every year of well educated young men

were, we allowed the occasions to pass spread and potent. So many fall below the standard of a noble character and true living that they try to repair teaching, and hope the Bishop in lofty, intellectual, moral and other their deficiencies by artful affectation. charge of this mission may be able to heights which are possible to wisdom, The world is full of masquerading and find us such a man soon, and that the dience and zeal; and when the dissimulation. The sanctuary is not thought comes to us that such might guiltless, and the pulpit is not wholly has the means, undertake the support have been our happy destiny if we had free. Little children, imitating the ex- of such a man for the Anglo-Chinese only obeyed the behests of nature and ample of their associates, and getting College? It would be a grand work for the call of God, we become supremely their cue from their elders, are being China. Bro. Goddard's enforced return' and inconsolably sad. But now, alas, initiated into this despicable vice. So- health of his wife was a sore disapthe years are gone, the opportunities ciety is a universal theater of deceit. pointment to me and many others. The have fled away! Our fortune is irre- But God knows the secrets of every work in the college is crippled in contrievable. Idleness has wrought out heart and his judgments draw on sequence of his departure and we must

zealously than might have been the are denied common justice. "The shoemaker's wife and the blacksmith's nual Conference I ever attended. I minds of men may be instructed, in the lowliest of surroundings and the or kind from regeneration, but said mare go barefoot." Old Mortality, who spent his life in keeping green the seventeen other sessions of the Virginia, that the honor of God's house may be guarded in our time and in the time to seventeen other sessions of the North come. graves and preserving the epitaphs of Mississippi. The reports of the A special service has been prepared marked sepulcher and had no inscrip- which I ever listened. They gladdened Cuthbert Hall, who has selected for this whose whole career is one long, unfoolery as well as the wrath of man to tion. Righteous appeals are unheard, of faithful work on the part of these characteristic taste and skill. The music in ar section of the tenement-house fection." erying grievances go unredressed. ambassadors for Christ. The collectof the service was rendered by the districts in a great city knows a multi-Saintliness is often wedded to grief. tions were generally up to the assess- choirs of three Churches in the city, tude of beautiful illustrations of selfzeal. "The whirligig of time" fails too of growing ministerial strength and ef- Harry Rowe Shelley, Gerrit Smith, Will and cheerfully, day by day, living the listened with rapt attention to the serfrequently to bring either its revenges ficiency, of profound and tender love C. MacFarlane, and Raymond Hunting- Christ life; brave men, under all kinds mon he preached, and were not sur- portunities of every man, should

a few short hours characteristic of a Chinese College shows the year to have hope shines brighter for the hastening bol of Christian unity, this service in whole life. If there is anything which been the best in its history for ten of "that day." we seriously intend to do, let us do it. years. Last fall, when I came to take ours lagging through lack of energy pupils in attendance, and the whole enbring it to a consummation. Son of five. A few pupils were living on the tion, and to heighten our sense of gratman, put thy house in order—this is premises—about twenty in all—and itude to God for his goodness to us as

> mission, etc. The spring term opened the 2nd of March and closed the 20th of July. A total of 213 pupils were enrolled during the term. Our capacity pupils. And, after we had received all

The opinion was expressed by some that the fall term would show a great them. Of the whole number entered, about 110 board on the premises, and the rest are day pupils.

Chinese language, making it obligatory on some of the pupils to take the course in Chinese and leaving it opare so eager, we will give them more or the Asiatic languages the Chinese and less real education, according to the Temil head the list. Society, technically speaking, is but time that we shall be able to keep them ing positions of commanding influence in connection with the great reform expect to push this line of work till a qualified to lead in the reformation and salvation of their country. But we The temptation to hypocrisy is wide- must have men and money in order to do this work properly. I want a wellhome land to assist in the work of Board of Missions will be able to send him out. Or, could not some one who

impressions of the session of the North the advancement of Christian worship master of a craft gets the least bene- Mississippi Conference which has just in the holy gifts of strength and noblefit from it, and inventors and authors closed. All things considered, it was ness, to the end that the Church may many, to those who choose to see them, Testament. Mr. Wesley taught not, a bygone generation, slept in an un- preachers, as a whole, were the best to by the Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Charles in any social condition knows those to be attained in the present life. It is Martyrdom is some times the reward ments; but the work showed other and the organ, which is one of the fin- surrender and self-denial: patient man found a heartier welcome, and I know not which is the greater wonof disinterested love and self-sacrificing things which are far better than even est in the world, was played by John women, untrained, and unconscious of made more people glad at Conference der either that prayer, which is a duty Rev. A. P. Parker, in St. Louis Ad- robust piety in our laity and of the service was conducted by Dr. Charles strength and joy come to them with on him is given most regretfully.-Dr. use so easy an instrument of procuring

have a man to take his place.

The "Thanksgiving services" on charge of the college by appoinment Thursday, the twenty-sixth, were at were getting their meals at outside res- a people. Prominent gentlemen of zens in all our land, and nowhere in On assuming charge I set to work to the United States could there have been make such changes and improvements on that day an abler exposition of the the night cometh, when no man can as seemed best suited to conduce to the duties and privileges of enlightened one of us. And our little day is wind- rooms that had been used for dormito- admirable address of our gifted and ries were entirely renovated, floors put pious Blshop. Thanksgiving day at down into our ears. May the incom- in the windows where boards had been of the conference was conducted

General Church News.

The Independent: The question as to the number of languages and diarather difficult to answer, inasmuch as the number into which some portion of the Scriptures has been translated Several rooms in the main college is very large, not far from 400. One of the officers of the British and Foreign Bible Society has recently answered the translated?" by giving a list of 107. Of these 40 are in Europe, 41 in Asia, 13 in and 3 in North America. It is to be said, however, that in the European list he includes the Turkish, probably because of the use of that language in European Turkey, and also becaus Constantinople, which is the center of work in that department, is on the European side of the Bosphorus, He calls attention to the number of complete versions for Asia, which is quite remarkable in view of the fact that by far the great majority of them have been prepared during the present century. It is also to be said that the number will soon be considerably increased by the completion of versions now in Since taking charge of the college, I course of preparation. The thirteer versions of Africa and the ten of the South Seas are all of this century. In Africa the number of partial versions is very large, and undoubtedly will in-British and Foreign Bible Society alone, about one-fourth of the entire issues

> The Outlook: The American Guild York, on the evening of November 24. our Churches. The principles of the Guild are embodied in the following declaration, read at the service by the Chaplain and the members:

A DECLARATION OF THE RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN SUILD OF ORGANIST

For the greater glory of God, and for qualified educational list from the the good of his holy Church in this land, we, being severally members of the American Guild of Organists, do declare our mind and intention in the things following:

We believe that the office of rausic in him.—The Independent. Christian worship is a sacred oblation before the Most High.

We believe that they who are set as ci.oirmasters and as organists in the house of God ought themselves to be persons of devout conduct, teaching the ways of earnestness in the choirs committed to their charge,

We believe that unity of purpose and fellowship of life between ministers and choirs should be everywhere established and maintained.

We believe that at all times and in

which Bishop Potter, Dr. Greer, and Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall united. The service itself has been authorized by If there is any cherished enterprise of of Bishop Hendrix, I found about sixty tractive and elevating. They were cal-

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The Cure of Souls. "I thought our minister would speak

to me about being a Christian and help

me into the church, where I feel ! ought to be; but I have put myself in his way many times and lingered abou sbject." This was the pathetic lament of a man of middle life, a man who is 'not far from the kingdom of God." if. indeed, he has not crossed the boundary line. The confession of that able and worthy man lingers painfully with us Are any of our ministers failing to culivate the art of individual soul-savng? It may be that the clergymen of half-century ago overdid the work of investigating the spiritual condition | call. of the people of their parish, but it is better, much better, to overdo it than in a single case to neglect it. However, we do not believe there is any danger lects into which the Bible has been that a wise and right-spirited minister will ever overdo it. On this plea many a pastor may evade doing what he is unwilling, to do. We are called to the one work of the cure of souls. Dr. Watson ("Ian Maclaren"), with characteristic fitness, has entitled the volme containing his lectures on preach ng, recently delivered at Yale Divinity must never be forgotten that our Mas Africa, 10 in Australasia and Oceania, ter said that He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." O ye com missioned servants and representatives of Jesus Christ, do not fail to honor Him in seeking those who desire to be His own.-Zion's Herald.

Christ's Way With Sinners.

One of the convincing proofs of the livine character of Christ's teachings is that they do not, like pagan sysems, become obsolete. The progress of the world has not made them appear infitted to any stage of moral and inellectual development, however adanced. Nineteen centuries have shown no moral defect in them; and though creeds which men have drawn, as the expression of those teachings, may have gradually become outworn, the eachings themselves stand more firmy than ever. The best of mankind have not yet come to the point where they can say: "We have passed beond this doctrine of the Great Teachr; we have improved upon that doctrine; some of his sayings can no encies and unsoundness of the teachhammed, of Zoroaster are so obvious that they do not need to be argued; they are self-evident to the enlightened. Their standards are far below the

But it is not so with Christ's standard. We have no broader or deeper itual standard in the musical service of humanity than he showed to the world teachers of the past; but we know that er, and men will always be learning of

Our Danger. We are in great danger, however, of

making the same mistake which the contemporaries of Christ made-the danger of overlooking his presence and tion, Little Rock Conference, used the of failing to recognize his influence because that presence is not evidenced by more impressive and general conditions, and that influence is not illustrated in more commanding and splen- I think I understand it, but it has been did ways. The signs are not few that, make the most of the time which remains. By living under a higher pres
Life is full of strange irony. Poetic! R. W. Jones, in New Orleans Advocate: I feel inclined to give you some
bounden duty to work and to pray for
in spite of wars and tumults and the
bitterness of strife between men, the
impressions of the session of the session of the North
in spite of wars and tumults and the
bitterness of strife between men, the world does move toward the reign of ory so styled does not seem to me to have attended sessions of the Virginia, that the honor of God's house may be most unpretentious conditions, is in that regeneration is sanctification beone who knows a little section of life sanctification, and that such a state is my heart. I saw in them the rewards purpose from various liturgies with selfish service; any one who knows life question: 'Are you going on unto perfull collections. There was evidence Hyatt Brewer, Richard Henry Warren, their own usefulness, who are quietly than our Coke Smith. The brethren so easy and facile, so ready and adaptfor the souls of men, and of the fact ton Woodman. A practical address on of disabilities, who are uncomplain-, prised to learn that it had been the have so great effects and be prothat the aggressive power of our sys- the religious function of the choirmas- ingly doing their work, bearing their means of the conversion of at least one ductive of such mighty blessings, tem is telling in the development of a ter was delivered by Bishop Potter. The burdens, and sharing whatever soul. Our consent to Virginia's claim or that we should be so unwilling to ness permanent and the noble living of vocate: The report from the Anglo- fruits of liberality. To me the sun of Cuthbert Hall. It was a pleasant sym- those who are in need of these things. Tigert's presence gave us all pleasure, so much good. Jeremy Taylor.

The world was never so full of humble. unostentatious, Christian service as to day. Beneath the uproar of contending principles and the clash of opposing forces, which seem sometimes to fill the whole world with the tumult of their antagonisms, there is another world, full of pain and sorrow and heavy with care, but full also of the sweetness of sacrifice, the joy of surrender, and the peace of unselfishness. In this silent world live and move men and women of all social grades and conditions, with little in common save beautiful spirit of self-surrender, and that modesty of nature which shrinks from praise because praise seems undeserved. He who looks for the Christ in this world will find him in numberess homes and in countless lives .- The

Texas Personals.

Brothers J. F. and B. G. Anderson, of Celina, made the Advocate a pleasant

We regret to learn that Rev. T. M. Kirk is quite sick at Seagoville and that he will be unable to fill his appointments for a week or two.

Rev. J. T. Graham, of Lossville, has just been greatly bereaved in the death of his aged and venerable mother. She was a lifelong Christian of the Methodst type and was for many years reader of the Advocate. She died peace fully and has entered her long-sought home. The Advocate tenders sincere condolence to the bereaved.

Southern Methodist Personals.

Colonel Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C., has agreed to support a missionary in China for three years.

Christian Advocate, Nashville: Mr Washington Duke, whose recent gift of \$100,000 to Trinity. College, N. C. has been read with pleasure through out the whole Church, is a native North Carolinian. During the civil war he was a Captain in the Confederate Army. His large fortune'is wholly the result of his own ability and energy. This great gift to Trinity means, we take it, that Dr. Kilgo and his fellowlaborers are to be supplied with whatever equipments are needed for their work. Mr. Duke has been a lifelong Methodist.

Richmond Advocate: The very rare Honor, put upon a human being by the Divine Providence, of being allowed to dwell upon the earth in the flesh for : whole century, has been realized the onger be reconciled with sound moral past week by a Methodist of Petersviews." The defects and inconsist- burg, Va., the widow of one of our deceased preachers. Mrs. Mary A. Kerr, idow of Rev. John Kerr (long a member of the Virginia Conference, and for many of his last years residing in Petersburg, where he died March, 1865), on Tuesday, December 8, 1896, reached this ripe and rare old

Christian Advocate: A new "History ages and ages ago; we have no loftler of American Methodism" is in course aspirations, no higher ideal than we of preparation by Bishop John F. get from his system. In fact, we have Hurst, of the M. E. Church, and Dr. not measured up to the stature of the Gross Alexander, Professor in Vanderfull manhood which he portrayed. We bilt University. Dr. Alexander will have left far behind us the other great | write the history of the M. E. Church. South, for the work. In this class of we have still to learn of him, and it literature he is not a novice. In this does not appear that the world will venture, however, his work will take a ever outgrow the Divine Teacher. He much wider range than his contribuwill always be the one supreme Teach- tion on the same subject to the "American Church History Series" published by the Christian Literature Company. The work will appear some time next year.

> Bishop Key, in an address to the class for admission into full connecfollowing language, as reported in the Arkansas Methodist:

"There is one expression which Wesley used which I regret that he used. made the endorsement of a false view.

He moved about in search of subscribers to the "Review" with the agility of a man much less his size, and with that steady look in the eye that says, "I mean business." His sermon evinced the fearlessness of an old-time prophet, ten on logic .- Dr. Morrison, already a favorite with us, stirred and moved the brethren with an eloquent presentation of his cause.—The Conference was also charmed with Dr. Atkins, our new Sunay-school Editor. There is no doubt in the minds of his brethren who heard his address, that our Sunday schools have an able leader, well furnished for

St. Louis Advocate: The celebration of Dr. John Mathews' service of "Fifty Years in the Itinerant Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." at Centenary, December 10, was a wonderful demonstration of the love which St. Louis bears toward the honored pastor. The church was crowded to the loors, every available seat in the auditorium and gallery being taken, while many stood in the vestibule. President Whitaker, of the St. Louis Union, spoke in high praise of Dr. Mathews' assistance in the organization of the League work, and of his constant friendship to the young people in all their efforts for the salvation of men. Dr. Mathews' address was listened to with unabated nterest for an hour and a quarter. His emarkable career would interest any udience. Much credit is due to the St. Louis Epworth League Union for its thoughtfulness in thus honoring him whom it is a pleasure to honor.

General Personals.

Northwestern Advocate: Just before Bishop Hartzell sailed, Bishop Hurst placed in his hands the following autograph letter from President Cleveland:

Executive Mansion, Dec. 8, 1896. To Whom it May Concern: I learn that Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell is about to leave the United States and enter pon the discharge of his official duties n Africa. His high personal character s so abundantly established, and his abors in behalf of the colored race leasure in commending him to all who re interested in Christian work on the

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The Outlook: Dr. John Waison has preached two Sundays in the Greater New York, once in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to students, and again in the Plymouth Church. His appearance in the pulpit of the metropolis has given many people an opporunity of studying his peculiarities as a preacher, for in reality he is a reacher, and that alone. All his stories and sketches have a distinct ethical and even spiritual aim. What is the erret of his power?-for as a pr he is quite as attractive as an author. In the first place, he is wonderfully simple and direct; his language is choice and level to the understanding of the people addressed. Then, while he usually writes his sermons carefully, he delivers them without notes. There is a vein of sympathy in all that he says, and an indescribable something which is covered by the phrase common sense." Take, for instance, the sermon published in "The Mind of the Master" entitled "Devotion to a Person the Dynamic of the Spiritual Life." That sermon was first delivered at the Summer School of Theology at Oxford two years ago. The audience was composed of professors and preachers, men eminent in various departments of Church work and theological thought, but Dr. Watson preached to that company as he would have done to his own congregation, seeming to recegnize the common human need and that alone. There was no attempt to make it a "university sermon," no straining after what might seem to be profound thought, and yet his thought was profound. His style is perfectly clear. No one can misunderstand his words. There is an element of the picturesque in his language; his phrases are often word-pictures. In the ordinary sense he is not a theologian, but the subjects which he chooses are the great themes of the spiritual life. He is really one of the great English preachers. strongest Presbyterian Church in England. It is located on the border of Sefton Park, and is the finest church in the city of Liverpool, occupying about the same relation to that city that Dr. Hall's church would occupy in New York if it faced the finest part of Central Park. At home Dr. Watson is not only an author and a preacher, but largely interested in the public life of his city, especially in educational af-

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RESTING IN NEGATIVES.

The negative side of Christian life and duty is only less important than the positive. The Christian who cannot say "No," and live it also, is hardly to be counted a follower of his Master. We live in a world which contains so much that negates Christ, that we are not of his unless we are as decided in lings is environment. This word covers our negations to it. He had to meet everything that affects us from the outthe world thus and he warns us that, if it hated him-that is, encountered him temperature, light, climate, clothing, with a negation and aversion of will so our homes, schools, churches-in a positive as to be satisfied with nothing word, whatever has to do with our life short of his destruction-it will show from without. It is easy to see, therethe same spirit toward all his true fol- fore, how important our surroundings lowers. The wicked three-the World, are. Indeed, the scientist includes unthe Flesh, and the Devil-make no der environment everything which does peace with Christ's any more than they not come to us through our ancestry. did with Christ. The power of his He holds that environment and heredcross must be seen in us in such a ity make man what he is, and that steady denial to their allurements that when these are known we can tell with at last we become dead to them through perfect certainty what any individual Christ, and bearing about in the body will be. Mr. Darwin based his doctrine the dying of our Lord. The apostolic writers constantly connect our Lord's taught that by a modification of endeath and sacrifice with this denial of vironment the individual could be so the world's evil. It was his great nega- changed that in time a new species tion of all that was contrary to the mind and will of his Father. It must be at once the rule and the source of

with this negation. They do not, with the snow of his northern home. The the ascetic, see in self-denial a thing so tiger's stripes resemble the bamboo of good in itself that it can be treated as the jungle. Tropical birds have a brilthe goal of Christian living. Nor do liant plumage like the flowers and they, with the Pharisees, find in it the trees. Caterpillars resemble the twigs path which brings to the goal. They on which they creep. Who has not obalways connect it with a transition to served "the dusky color of creatures the positive and the affirmative, just that haunt the night, the bluish transas our Lord's death for our sins leads parency of animals that live near the on to his resurrection for our justifica- surface of the sea, the gravel-like color tion. They dwell on the value of spir- of flat fish that live at the bottom, and itual dying, only to lay the greater the gorgeous tints of those that swim stress on spiritual life.

So our Lord's own teaching does this. The goal of his work is positive. He is come that we may have life, and must be dead to an evil world before through himself. He insists on the death, but always looks beyond it to the life which is the real goal.

Thus in his severest commands he bids us pluck out the eye or cut off hand or foot, if we find either is in the way of our Christian progress. Those severe utterances have been the word of command to Christians in all ages, and people reflect in their pinched features have mustered the Lord's host to many a battle with spiritual evil in their own hearts. They have played a notable part in the spiritual history of the race as the severity of the gospel.

But we must not dwell only on the severity and negation of the message. Our Lord does not. He says we are to other hand, what a deadening effect a do this because it is better for us to gassiping neighborhood has upon the still and not attract the big enemy's at blinded, rather than to be shut out from paralyzes all mental effort. The Church life. Life is the end, not self-denial. To live larger, deeper, truer lives, is house-these names bring visions of a the end for which he bids us cast away moral casis on the one hand and a the lesser good which stands in the way moral desert on the other.

In any obedience to the call for such alcoholic drinks. Is this the whole of ronment. He who is too weak to with- interior." the experience? The Apostle thought stand the evil influences has but one not when he said, "Be not drunken with course open to him. He must leave, a house which everybody admired; and wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with Let him seek the pure air of the sea every guest immediately associated. the Spirit." We are not to stop with and of mountain peaks, and build up We assented partly because we believcus resting-place. It does not externi- to the question regarding environment who apparently spent more money in some power to lift us above the frets are, and make bad surroundings good." more beautiful than in anything else and sharp edges of life. It but empties, Jerus Christ could not save the world or in all together of the things she did, it. The man who is filled with the Spirit with his ministering hands. He called cause an unbeautiful home can never

teaches the duty of honesty. "Let him thou shouldest keep them from the lived in beautiful surroundings, althat stole steal no more" would seem to evil." cover the whole ground. But he cannot rest in that negative. He wants to carry the man beyond this into the sphere of words: "He that saveth his life shall "You hesitate in acknowledging it Christian dealing with property, its lose it, and he that loseth his life for Mrs. Brice, because your taste alone room, and that was in a beautiful blue activities and responsibilities. So "let my sake, the same shall find it." That would make anything lovely," said water-color-a marine which seemed to him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have the missionary who goes into the filthy But what is taste?" said our hostess. whereof to give to him that hath need." heathen city, and by his positive work "We talk of good taste and bad taste In the discharge of his Christian stew- of love finds not only his highest joy, as if they were like good looks and bad at me ardship he will find a field of service to but strength of body as well. It is well looks, something born with us. I think others, and growth for himself, worth known that nurses and physicians are myself it is simply good sense in selecfar more than an ascetic renunciation | least liable to discase. In the heart of | tion-the application of momentary of property as a temptation and a snare.

nor taste, nor touch," Paul especially had no liking. He saw in it "a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, ing his heart for the poison of selfish- make a beautiful interior! Think of and severity to the body," but when it ness which shall ultimately be his ruin. Mrs. Stanton Greg. the most philo- all together, looking at the little group came to real battling with the flesh he wanted something more real and posithe things that are above," which you can affirm and rejoice in, "and not on the things that are upon the earth," toward which you must assume the attitude of denial and refusal.

with its infinite denial and rejection of the world's evil, but in his rising again from the dead, that we find the disclosure of our spiritual life. It is a risen. living, life-giving, life-expanding Savior we serve.—Sunday School Times.

ALL-AROUND DEVELOPMENT.

The scientific term for our surroundside. It includes food and drink, air, of evolution on these two forces, and

would appear. Every boy knows that birds and beasts are usually similar in color to the trees and grass in which they make But the apostles also never stopped their home. The polar bear resembles among the coral reefs?"

Not, without accepting all the conclusions of scientists regarding the influence of environment on man, we can have it more abundantly. He sees that at least say that our surroundings do death lies in the way to life, that men affect us. Think even of the weather. A bright day is reflected on our tempers, they can be made alive unto God which are in marked contrast with the 'melancholy days" of the late fall. The condition of our home profoundly affects us. Many of the slum residents in our cities were once prosperous and progressive people, but they have been caught in the meshes of filth and squalor, and are gradually sinking with their environment. The children of these

their outward circumstances. There are mental and spiritual envirepments. A reading community produces an atmosphere that one cannot breathe without an intellectual awakening A public library in a town has something of the same effect. On the "enter into life" thus maimed or half- new arrival. Gossip is a contagion that and school, the saloon and gambling

Suppose we are in a bad environment -what is to be done? One of three denial we are to look for the positive things. We may run away and find good beyond it. Thus the Christian, better surroundings, we may remain for his own sake or for the sake of his and yield to the influences about us, or example to others, foregoes the use of we may remain and change the envithe mere abstinence, for that is a peril- i his strength. But the Christian answer ed it, and partly because Mrs. Wetmore, nate from our nature the craving for is plain and positive: "Stay where you making her beautiful home constantly sweeps, and garnishes the house for except by coming into it, and remain- said it. Our hostess alone hesitated. some worse power to seize and possess ing with it; touching it on every side has got the strong man armed to keep ecrtain men to his side and showed be as dear to one's heart as a beautiful the house. He has risen above the dull, them that they were to be the saviors one; but that it is necessarily the most gray, uninspired level of life from of society, through the closest contact costly-no." We all stopped to listen, which men fly to alcohol, or any other with its sorrows and its sores. And for these two were representative womkey into the fool's paradise. He is safe when about to die Jesus prayed to his en-leading women, in fact-and After the same manner the Apostle est take them out of the world, but that consideration. Morcover, each of them

ment is represented in his well-known | ply and satisfactorily beautiful. great truth is illustrated in the work of Mrs. Wetmore, Chicago's slums lives a woman who philosophy to circumstances. One buys In the same way we might traverse five years ago was in delicate health. a thing which is to fit a certain place, oneness of color, but one often sees that the whole circle of the Christian duties, She determined to give her life to the not alone because it is beautiful, but and find everywhere an insistence on poor. Though burdened with extraor- because it fits the circumstances and is application of it that charms one." the positive as that which transcends dinary cares she has grown stronger beautiful." the negative in its worth. For a reli- every year. Willing to lose her life she without reference to others is prepar- the philosophy in the world will not testify."

away. We should preserve them. Jesus head around the table nodded like a tive. So he bids men "set your mind on | maintained his strength for the sake of | Chinese mandarin-"and look at her others. Life, food, rest, exercise are all house!" essential. If our environment is all evil Everybody laughed. and we feel our strength, in spite of all effort, slipping away from us, we should, losophy?" said our hostess. like Jesus, go often apart so that we | Every one looked ready to answer. To every disciple comes this tempta- may escape the effluvium of our surtion to rest in negation. Especially in roundings, and there breathe deeply except just in the interior aspect of her some hour when we have had the vic- the pure, sweet air, and talk freely with house. Possibly she is right, but my tory over some besetting sin, and have God. Then, like Jesus, we should quick- own opinion is that it is absolutely the joy of a renewed peace with God, ly return to the world's suffering and demoralizing to children to grow up in we are apt to fall into the delusion that sin, bringing with us the freshness and a bare and ugly house. They love the goal has been reached. It is not in life of our retreat. Thus in the midst beauty, and choose it from the time

food and quietude. He will give strength | considered it as one." to work out our uttermost salvation of body, mind and spirit.-Epworth Her-

OLD AND YOUNG

Jack Rabbit's Winter Suit.

Little Jack Rabbit is rather a dude. He's not all content to wear his summer clothes all the year round-oh, dear me, no! He must have something quite new and fine to put on when the snowflakes begin to fly and the brown leaves and brown earth are tucked up under their winter bed-quilt.

Some beautiful frosty morning he pops his head out of the burrow and takes a look at the weather and sniffs the keen air. Yes, it is high time to be thinking about a winter suit. To-morrow the snow may be melting on his long ears and on his soft little furry back. No time to be lost! The other members of the rabbit family must not get ahead of him.

So away goes little Jack Rabbit to his tailor, or, rather, tailoress. Her name is Dame Nature, and she is famous far and wide for her perfect work. She never has to baste and try on and let out and take in. The very first time she puts on a suit it fits, without a wrinkle or a pucker. If she were not a very modest lady indeed, she would hang out her sign on the oak trees and alder bushes: "Dame Nature, Dressmaker and Tailoress. Good fits war-

She's a wise woman, too, and always advises her customers to use just the most becoming and suitable colors. Jack Rabbit takes her advice thankfully enough. You see, it has often and often saved his life, besides quite satisfying his fastidious taste. The pretty winter suit is soon fitted-made of warm, furry goods almost as white as the snow, not quite. The "nap" is much longer than that of the worn-out summer clothes, to keep little Jack Rabbit's bones warm.

Would you like to know why Dame Nature always advises a white suit for his winter wearing and a brown one for summer-the color of dry leaves and brush and tree trunks? Why, you sec, Jack Rabbit, poor little fellow, has a big enemy who goes about with a gun and longs to take him home, limp and liteless, over his shoulder, to boil in the pot for dinner. But the little brown suit is so much like the trunks of the trees and the under-brush, in summer. and the white suit so like the snow, in winter, that Jack Rabbit can keep very tention. That is how kind-hearted Dame Nature saves his life so often with her wise advice. No wonder Jack Rabbit patronizes her always when he wents a new suit of clothes!-Annie Hamilton Donnell, in Zion's Herald.

The Principles of Decoration.

day of dear things, is a beautiful frome

This was said at a luncheon party in

"In one sense, yes," said she, "be Father: "I pray not that thou should- what they said was generally worth though the character of one house was Christ's thought regarding environ- rich to prodigality, and the other sim-

"You may prove that good taste is We are not taught to throw our lives sephical woman we all know"-every

"But where does she apply her phi-

"Yes, I know! everywhere in her life, the subdual of sins, however, but in the of dangers we shall walk unscathed, they are born. One of the first words

earth will be ours. He whom the world or a kitten, but never to an ugly toy!

proposition. Mrs. Wetmore said, Nothing is so costly as a beautiful

Everybody at the table smiled aple self-conscious and disturbed.

would take all the talk of the hour to and took another survey. prove my position, so I will vacate it." "No, no!" we all exclaimed, and tains," she murmured. some one moved that the table-talk for tion; and the motion was carried unanimpusly.

"On your heads be it!" said our hosess, "but I really did not ask you to you like this room, and why you like it:" and she looked at Mrs. Wetmore.

"If you ask me," said Mrs. Wetmore, alsing her eyeglass and looking from able. "I like it because it is perfect in its way, and because I never should cok a pencil and wrote a word on the inexpensive, but because I should have tablecloth in front of her, and passed felt it hard to live up to if it had been the brow of Daniel Webster. Mrs. Prothe inquiry to Mrs. Place, who sat otherwise."

"Yes," responded she, "I like it, of hink of a China plate, it is so absodown another word and passed the inquiry.

"Yes," said the next one, "it is th prettiest dining-room I know, and it all goes together so well-the walls and the curtains and the plates and the table linen; it looked at me. I had been studying it the Outlook. as the inquiries went around, and indeed before. It was a room that was apparently within any one's reach; a white room which seemed full of sunshine and warmth, with a glitter like gold in it; yet it was on the north end of a small, plain house, but was as light and dainty as a crystal box with gilt mountings.

The ceiling and walls were white painted wood in narrow panels. Above the wainscot some kind of white cloth ip to within a foot of the ceiling and was finished with a picture-molding, and all the woodwork was creamy, lustrous white. There were brass knobs on the doors, and an old English hob grate in the chimney-place, with fluted cass columns and fender, and a little flicker of soft coal burning in the grate and brass candle-sticks on the mantelshelf-five in a row.

There were three windows in th ocm, and each had a large pane of yellow, half-opaque gizss set as a transom at the top, and below that, on the two side windows, a small curtain-bar and thin yellow Varona silk curtains looped from them. In the middle win-"The dearest thing on earth, in this dow, which was uncurtained, on a shelf Spanish jar, and from that two long branches of English ivy were trained or each side of the window, encircling it like a wreath, while flat against the glass was stretched a thin yellow serim curtain, flowered in damask of large design. This whole end of the room was like a sheet of transparent gold with an ivy decoration set in the middle of it.

On the white sideboard opposite the chimney-piece were a strip of yellow damask, a row of yellow crystal fingerbowls, and a brass samovar. The white damask table-cover had a yellow silk center-cloth, and a tall yellow crystal glass filled with daffodils stood in the middle. There were yellow hock glasses and gold-colored bread and butter plates beside the white China at each of our places, and the whole thing shone like a buttercup. The floor was cevered with a good India rug of yellow and white cotton. There was just one bit of contrasting color in the stretch in liquid depths over the chimney-piece.

"And you?" said my hostess, looking

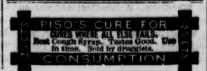
"I think all that the others have said," I answered, "and more. It is absolutely the most intelligent treatment of a room I have ever seen. I like the newadays; it is the intelligence of the

"There!" caid our hostess, as she wrote down another word; "we have gion of negations, of "handle not, has found it. On the other hand, he only philosophy applied to every-day only Elizabeth to hear from, and she is who determines to save his own life things," said Mrs. Wetmore, "but all too interested a party to be allowed to "What have you written?" said w

of words on the white damask. "Some principles of interior decoration," said Mrs. Brice, reading slowly

"Individuality; Appropriateness; Harmony of Color; Intelligent Application."

"What do you mean by Individuality?" asked Mrs. Wetmore. "You said you liked the room becaus you never should have thought of



lness. It is not even in his cross, that crowd upon us. A power not of apply it almost unerringly to a flower that it was individual or original, or an the foremost preacher in his denominaexpression of personality; Mrs. Place tion for eloquence and fervor of spirit. could not overcome will be living in I believe we should find the love of said it was like a China plate, and I Stephen Olin was worthy to be his sucand through us. He will give life and beauty a moral force, if we seriously call that appropriate to a dining-room; cessor. Like Dr. Flisk he was a native Mrs. Cameron said 'It all went togeth- Vermonter, and as Theodore Parker "That may be true," said one of the er,' and that is harmony; and Mrs. said of Daniel Webster, he started life which he adorned and which he loved guests, "but I am interested in the first Gray said it was absolutely intelligent, and, of course, that is a necessary prin- his own mountain of a head." His father ciple of decoration. Now, as I did not home-interior,' and Mrs. Brice says do it myself, as it is really professional, gress (when they sent men and not 'not necessarily so,' and I am sure we I may say that I perfectly agree with money-bags to congress) and a judge should all be glad to have her prove you all; and I want to ask Mrs. Wet- of the Supreme Court. more if there is anything costly in the room?-if, when she comes to analyze provingly, and the hostess looked a lit- it, it is not, among all the good rooms at the height of his fame and intellecshe knows, absolutely the cheapest?' "I hate to be preachy," said she, "and Mrs. Wetmore lifted her eye glasses

"The transoms and the

"But those are necessities," laughed a dollar a yard." "But the yellow glass, my dear; artis

tie glass is costly."

"Fifty cents per square foot," protesthear a lecture, and now I am going to of the hostess. "And, in fact, my beg you to say frankly, all in turn, if theory of good decoration includes not only appropriateness to place and use, but to means. Nothing can be satisstrain of the resources-anything walls to ceiling and back again at the which throws the life out of gear; and our home has been done on that principle. I really was not looking for inhave thought of doing it." The hostess exponsive decoration because it was feet in height; he had a broad, gigantic

"That is a very comforting remark." said Mrs. Place. 'When I set myself to purse—anybody would: it makes me d a cheap thing. I find myself at the getting a less expensive kind of thing if a vehement speaker, and throw his is part of a scheme."

"Exactly!" said we all: and some one suggested that we should make a club far the study of things necessary to perfect beauty and harmony in life, ing of logical power with heat of spirincluding dress and the table as well as itual feeling and vigor of declamation. is like a nice water-color." The beauty of house interiors; and we are he was unsurpassed by any American hostess wrote another word and really doing it.-Cadance Wheeler, in

Some Memories of Methodism.

Middletown Half a Century Ago. What Princeton is to Presbyterians, what Providence is to the Baptists, and Cambridge is to the Unitarians, that Middletown is to all good Methodists. It is the seat of their most famous Uniand there was a white wainscot of versity, and that institution bears the great name of Wesley. Middletown majestic eloquence, I do not wonder rises beautifully from the tank of the unbleached muslin, I decided-went. Connecticut, and the college buildings to pit him against any college presiare set upon a bill and "cannot be bid:" they are visible over this whole land. During my vacation after my second

> year in Princeton Theological Seminary the Oneida Conference Seminary at track to the same University faculty, any of his published productions, All old Wesleyans will remember Pro- During my visit to Middletown Ir fessor Smith as a most clear-brained 1845 I often went over to a room in the irstructor and charming gentleman, old college building where three of the ed as president of the institution. He been to England and they were interleft the presidential chair to become a ested in my accounts of Wordsworth, professor in the Uited States Naval Carlyle, and other celebrities whom I in March, 1866.

secretary of the American Bible Society. years afterwards I met him again, on cessor, Dr. Wilbur Fisk, deliver an ad- to glory. How his brilliant corusen-

life of the Son of God, that we come to flinging back the disorders and diseases they learn to say is 'pretty,' and that way, and that meant his graceful delivery; he was in his day wielded! Haven was one of the few with "the mountains of Vermont and was Hon. Henry Olin, a member of con-

> When I first saw Dr Olin at Middletown he was about forty-eight, and was tual power. I became quite well ac quainted with him, and like all truly great men he was very simple and unassuming. Men never need to assume what they really have. Dr. Olin had net only a big brain, but a big, warm, that day be devoted to interfor decora- the hostess, "and sunshine is cheap at loving heart. When his emotional mature was fairly kindled in the pulpit, it was like an anthracite coal mine on fire. Some preachers make a tar-barrel bleze that soon dies down into charred staves and smoke; Olin omitted the intense heat and light which were produced by the Holy Spirit working on a Herald. strong, well-balanced and cultivated infactorily beautiful which implies a tellect. His argumentative power and his fervid spiritual enthusiasm made him a tremendous preacher.

Some of my older readers will recall his majestic physique. He was over six frame, and a lofty brow that resembled fessor Smith told me that they always knew when Dr. Olin was going to preach in the Methodist Church, for the astral-lamps were moved off the end of it absolutely humiliated; but I pulpit to prevent their being smashed lutely clean-able." The hostess write believe one need not be humiliated in by the sweep of his long arms. He was

whole man from head to foot into the tide of his impassioned oratory. His eloquence was divine truth made redhot with holy emotions. In the blendpreacher of his time. His printed discourses read well, but they lack the electricity of the moment and of the man. Thunder and lightning must be heard and seen; they cannot be transferred to paper. In fact, a large portion of the best preaching from Whitefield on to Summerfield and Olin was for the pulpit and not for cold type. Perhaps it is as well that Apollos was never "reported." As I recall Dr. Olin now-after the lapse of fifty years-as I see him again in the full flow of his that the Middletown boys were ready

dent or any preacher in America. He lived but six years after I first saw him. In August, 1851, I paid another visit to Professor Smith, and on made a pleasant visit to Middletown in my arrival I learned that the president and touche the summer of 1845. I was the guest of of the University was dangerously ill. Professor Augustus W. Smith, whose The next morning my host startled me wife was my kinswoman. He had grad- with the announcement, "Dr. Olin is uated at Hamilton College, and from dead!" He had fallen at the age of fifty-four-when he was just in his Cazenovia had been promoted to the splendid prime. His reputation is still chair of mathematics and astronomy in great throughout all the realm of Meththe University. That acute theologian, edism; he did a great work; yet his Dr. Daniel D. Whedon, took the same imposing personality was greater than

When Dr. Olin was abroad or was laid students were went to gather, and had by through ill-health, Prof. Smith act- some lively talks with them. I had Academy at Annapolis, and died there had met there. Of that trio of students one-young Martindale-did not have Next door to him lived the genial a long career. The other two brave Professor Johnson, who reveled among boys were both destined to be Bishopsthe gases and was great at retorts, both Edward A. Andrews and Gilbert. Haven, in conversation and in his chemical Andrews was then the same that he is leboratory. Down the hill dwelt that now-genial, modest, well-balanced, sunny-hearted Englishman, Frofessor clear-headed, a man that never makes a Jeseph Holdich, who discoursed in very mistake. Everybody that knows him silvery tones on moral science and the loves him. Gilbert Haven had come belies-lettres. Holdich had a vast deal from his native town of Malden with a of the saccharine in his composition, somewhat rustic air, but he was aland he closed his long, useful life as the ready showing his mettle. Seventeen A good stiff faculty had the "Wesley- the summit of Mount Right-attired in an" in those days; but above them all an old yellow "mackintosh," and watchtewered that stalwart king of men, ing the sunrise over the Bernese Alps. President Stephen Olin. When a school Then began a friendship that lasted boy I had heard his illustrious prede- until he was-all too soon-translated dress on the Bible at the first religious tions used to flash and sparkle in the anniversary meeting I ever attended. columns of the good old Zion's Her-I still remember Fisk's appearance and ald! What a diamond-pointed pen he

men who are more magnetic with a pen in his hand than when on his legs before an audience. In that respect he was the opposite of Olin. As a writer he has never had a superior in the Church to the core of his big heart. Mr. Henry C. Bowen once offered him a splendid salary to come into the Independent. Brother Haven said to me, "Christ's Church can only be built up on denominational lines; I had rather have less than half as much salary for editing the Herald." My reply was, "Gilbert, you are a wise man; you are predestinated to be a Bishop." The prediction was soon fulfilled. In 1875 the two beloved Bishops Andrews and Haven sat together at my table in yonder room, and we talked over the days of our first interviews at Middletown thirty years before. One of the twain is still wearing the harness of a true soldier of King Jesus: the other wears the conqueror's crown. Both of them have won the eulogy on Barnabas of old-"a good man and full of the Holy Spirit." -Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., in Zion's

Luck Has Never Helped Any Person.

In replying to the query, "Does not luck sometimes play a goodly part in a man's success?" Edward W. Bok, in the January Ladies' Home Journal.

"Never. Henry Ward Beecher answered this question once for all when he said: 'No man prospers in this world by luck, unless it be the luck of getting up early, working hard, and maintaining honor and integrity.' What so often seems, to many young men, on the surface, as being luck in a man's career, is nothing more than hard work done at some special time. The idea that luck is a factor in a man's success has ruined thousands; it has never helped a single person. A fortunate chance comes to a young man sometimes just at the right moment. And that some people cail luck, But that chance was given him because he had at some time demonstrated the fact that he was the right man for the chance. That is the only luck there is. Work hard, demonstrate your ability, and show to others that if an opportunity comes within your grasp you are able



you lightly is matter at the time, for the enemy was only a vagrant curnow you are begin-ning to learn what mischief the little intruder did, for your back isstiff and you feel dizzy. .

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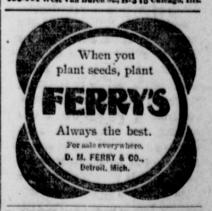


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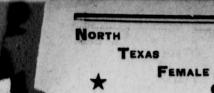
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TOPIC FOR JANUARY: "THE GOSPEL IN ISAIAH."

Jan. 3: A Gracious Invitation .- Isa.

Isaiah, from whose prophecy the lesons for the first three months of 1897 are taken, has been called the "Gospel Prophet," so accurately did he predict the birth of the Messiah and many incidents of his life. The following suggestions are so appropriate at the be ginning of these studies that we copy them from the Epworth Herald:

"Let us determine now that we will get the most and best out of this mine of gold. Let us record a few hints of procedure:

"1. Buy some good volume or com mentary on Isaiah, if you can afford it, and learn all you can of the man and

"2. Read Isaiah carefully and thoughtfully from beginning to end, making notes as you go. If possible read it every thirty days during the three nonths. Get the sweep of the prophet's vision, and you will enjoy these plataus of truth indicated in the topics all prophet and his theme, and don't be bothered by anybody's theory of its omposition."

The series of lessons opens with an invitation, and the invitation is preeded by a challenge or call for attention, Ho! The subject about to be introduced is one in which all the world business as well as the thoughtful of and hear a message the most important, the fullest of hope and encouragement Christ." that has ever reached mortal ear.

WHO ARE INVITED? "Every one that thirsteth." He who has no sense of need will not appreciate an offer of aid. The self-righteous and self-satisfied care nothing for the gospel, while they who are conscious of sin and wretchedness are gladdest to

hear the message of hope. There was a deep significance in the words of the Savior: "I came not to call ! the righteous, but sinners to repentance."-Mark 2:17.

The reason that "not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many poble are called, is not that these do not need Christ, or that he is a respecier of persons, but because by reason of their worldliness these do not welcome the gospel.

TO WHAT ARE THEY INVITED? "To the waters."-To that which satisfies thirst. As the weary, thirsty traveler rejoices to find the refreshment abundant water, so the gospel which thirsts for the water of life.

"Buy wine and milk."-These are neurishing qualities of the gospel. All the subject of temperance. that is needed to afford satisfaction here and happiness hereafter is furnish-

ed through the gospel. WHAT IS THE COST?

"Without money and without price." -There are no material nor moral con ditions necessary to our welcome. The poor, the friendless, the social outcast, especially as the balance of the day is the moral bankrupt-all are welcome to be so crowded with meetings of vaand the feast is free.

A REMONSTRANCE.

which is not bread?" "Money may represent, not only the coin of the realm, but thought, effort, purpose-indeed, any and all energies. Think of the wasted resources, the idle investments, the unproductive capital of all sorts in this world, and you will not wonder that we often verge close on financial and moral bankruptcy. Where does the money go? Thousands for chewing gum, millions for tobacco, yachts, theaters, etc., and a billion and

worth Herald. EFFORT IS NECESSARY. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be

The New Year is at your doors. What found, call upon him while he is near.' Not because the Lord has hid himself in anger, but because moral darkness has hid him from the sinner's sight. A large part of mankind is in aark- He is near, however, to them that call upon him and the promise has been given that "he that seeketh findeth."

PARDON FOR THE PENITENT. "He will abundantly pardon." The completeness of this pardon is often spoken of, "As far as the East is from the West, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." "I will remember their sins no more." Pardon peace, liberty, adoption and service here with glory hereafter are included in the gracious invitation.

PLANS FOR TORONTO.

The outlines of the programme for the begin to appear. The recent meeting at Toronto of the three General secretaries, and the conference of our divi- has been made in all general and local unearths and restores to the sweet light sion of the General Committee last arrangements. Competent hands are at will beautify the courts of the King mentals, and made possible the completion of the entire programme at no dis- nite form .- Epworth Herald. tant day.

The idea of attempting to convene the multitude in one building or tent has been abandoned. Four meetings be held at Massey Hall, the rink, the pavilion, and the Metropolitan Church. The first will seat about six thousand, the second and third four thousand hold about three thousand. The buildings are located within a short distance of each other. In the neighborhood of these centers there are several large churches which can be used for over-

The general theme of the conference will be "Christ in the world to-day." On Thursday afternoon, July 15, adbe made by various distinguished indithe conference will begin. Four conference sermons will be preached. Two Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church of Canada. These will be great sermons by great preachers. On Friday morning department conferences will be held. They will be in charge of expert leaders, and ample oppertunity will be given for the exchange of opinion on methods of work. the more. Saturate yourself with the The committee has avoided the mistake made at Chattanooga of holding a mass-meeting and the department conferences near the same time. Friday the subject of missions. Representative missionary leaders from the three Churches will speak, and it is expected that the great themes presented touchis interested, and the careless devotee ling the world's redemption will produce of pleasure, the preoccupied man of dcep conviction and burning zeal. The

Saturday morning will be occu by three great Church rallies. A "Do-A "Dixie rally" will occur at the Met- glory, in hope of a blessed resurrecof the programmes of these meetings to | self, that I may prevent a severe judg places of special interest in the city multitudes will gather in the beautiful Queen's Park. Instead of the mamto have the young people enter the park son, D. D., in Sacra Privata. in battalions from several directions headed by brass bands. We will gather in groups at different points in the park, and will be entertained by short orings the joy of satisfaction to the soul addresses and inspiring music. It is predicted that fifty thousand Methodists will be in the park that afternoon. valuable to stimulate and nourish one In the evening four meetings will be who is fainting with weariness and held, two of which will probably be dethirst, and represent the refreshing and voted to the Junior League and two to

Sunday will be the great day of the feast. It has been proposed that a number of sunrise meetings be held in various sections of the city. Others believe that after the excitement and toil of the previous day it will be wise to rest until the regular morning services rious kinds. Methodist preachers and laymen will occupy the thirty-six Meth-"Why do ye spend money for that od:st pulpits of the city, and it is likely

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that sister denominations will insist Methodists Uncarthing Italian Divinities. that we supply their pulpits also. Inasmuch as no street cars run in Toronto on Sunday it will be expected that dele- destined to unearth and bring to light gates will attend the Churches near which they are entertained.

love-feasts will be held. This will be a erate masses of humanity huddle in th time of soulful singing, Christian testimony, heart-searching, and surrender to God. At night the whole city will needed more than it is within a stone be invited to zealous revival meetings. The programme will probably say "evangelistic services." but delights to "orate," to win souls, should be excused, and every energy of every participant con- shut out the light from the souls of centrated upon the one great vital aim of the occasion-the conviction and salvation of sinners. God grant that it

nay be a night of victory! directed by Professor Torrington of the Many a wonderfully bright soul will be prince in his profession. Mr. John N. Hughes of Toronto is chairman of the who now claim all things above an local committee. He is said to know great gathering at Toronto next July how. Negotiations with railroads and are surrendered to the king and use steamboat lines for special rates are now pending. In fact, due progress the privileged, but men whom the trut week at New York, settled some funda- the helm. The Epworth Herald will immortal and invisible. That masterkeep you posted as plans assume defi-

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU.

Go to God himself, and ask for the will occur simultaneously. These will bar a plan or calling for you he will peninsula. A friend who ecently wrote Same Drice. is the proper office and work of his Spirit. By this private teaching he can casuistry of Rome by her saints and show us, and will, into the very plan other ghosts put between the soul and each, and that splendid church will that is set for us. And this is the sig- Christ, by the elevation of canonical obnificance of what is prescribed as our servances to the same rank as the comduty, namely, living and walking in the mandments of God, and by greater pen-Spirit; for the Spirit of God is a kind of alties for doubt than for sin." universal presence, or inspiration, in the world's bosom; an unfailing inner flew meetings and special gatherings of light by which, if we accept and live in subterranean crypt into which the evandresses of welcome and responses will hidden union with God, or intercourse with him, we get a wisdom or insight viduals. That night the real work of deeper than we know ourselves; sympathy, a oneness with the divine will and love. We go into the very plan of the preachers will represent our own of God for us, and are led along in it by Church, and one each the Methodist him, consenting, co-operating, answering to him we know not how, and working out, with nicest exactness that good end for which his unseer counsel guided us and sent us into the world. In this manner, not neglecting other methods, but gathering in al their separate lights, to be interpreted in the higher light of the Spirit, we can never be greatly at a less to find our way into God's counsel and plan. The duties of the present moment we shall meet as they rise, and these will open afternoon and evening will be given to a gate into the next, and we shall thus pass on trusting and securely, almost never in doubt as to what God calls us to do.-Canadian Churchman.

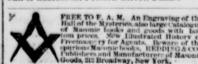
O Lord, may the thoughts of death, and of what must follow, by the grace definite topic for Friday afternoon will of God mortify in me all earnal se divine things may well afford to stop divine things may well afford to stop for the evening will be "The world for all that is in it, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of ed life. And O that I may make my call ing and election sure, that I may die in minion rally" will be held at the rink. peace, and rest in the mansions of repolitan Church. The rally of the tion, and a favorable judgment at the Methodist Episcopal Church, not yet great day. And may the consideragiven a distinguishing name, will crowd tion of a judgment to come oblige me the Massey Hall. We have seen enough to examine, to try, and to judge mypredict that they will be splendid. That ment of God, by a true repentance, and of our own Church will draft into serv- lead a life answerable to amendment ic- three or four of our best orators, of life, and that I may find mercy at The early part of Saturday afternoon the Great Day. O may the hopes of will be a breathing spell. The young beaven and happiness sweeten all the will have an opportunity of visiting troubles of this mortal life. O Lord Jesus, who hast redcemed its with and its suburbs, and at 4 o'clock the thy precious blood, make me to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O let my name be found moth street parade, which was at first written in the Lamb's book of life at proposed, arrangements will be made the Great Day. Amen.-Rev. T. Wil-

Will you take a little time alone this evening? Take a pencil and paper; and after you have honestly and fairly thought on your own state, and weigh ed your own condition before the Lord, will you write down one of two words If you feel that you are not a believer write down this word: "Condemned;" and if you are a believer in Jesus, and put your trust in him alone, write down the word "Forgiven." Do it, even though you have to write down the word "condemned."-Spurgeon.



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will ascend the shafts of consecrated alling of God; for as certainly as he work yet to be done in that historic somehow guide you into it. And this to us a wonderful letter from Italy says: "The Italian is debauched by the

piece of art, found below th

foundations of our Methodis

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moral and religious treasures which

Few men have written sentences more eloquent and just than this. This is the it, we are guided into a consenting gelical Church must send her delvers to choice, so that what God wills for us lift the moral intelligences that have we also will for ourselves, setting into been lost to all light and sight save that it as the needle to the pole. By this of him who authorizes, approves and blesses the beneficant undertaking. Northwestern Advocate.

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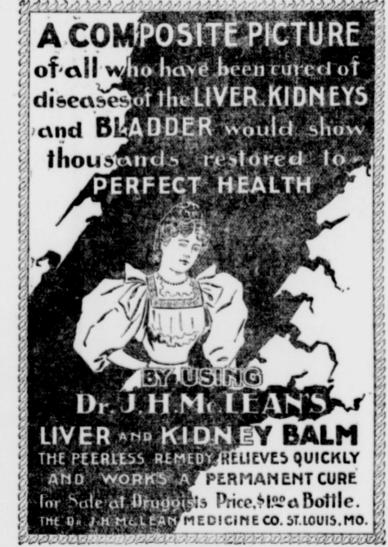
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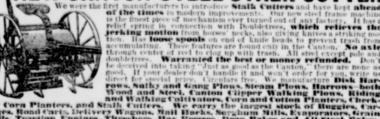
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Your Christmas edition is a perfect beauty and full of good things. J. F. ARCHER.

Bells, Texas.

All honor to you and the editor for the splendid issue. It is excellent, both in form and matter. J. KILGORE. Calvert, Texas.

Hurrah for the Christmas number of the Texas Advocate! It is a thing of beauty. I do not see how you could well improve either its mechanical or literary make-up. GEO. S. WYATT. Fort Worth, Texas.

The Christmas Advocate is a beauty, and in its matter and make-its first class. It is a mark of great enterprise, and I think will be appreciated. I congratulate you. STERLING FISHER. San Antonio, Texas.

The Christmas number, in its new dress and form, is superb. The symposium on Christmas festiva! would be hard to surpass. Bro. Pierce's editorial on first page is worth a year's

subscription. (REV.) W. H. ARMSTRONG. Paul's Valley, I. T.

Your Christmas number was most elegant; indeed, up to the top. You are making the paper superb in every respect. It grows and speaks soundly, kindly and wisely on all lines. I believe the Church, and especially the ministers, will appreciate and sustain any effort that may be made by you. God bless all concerned.

J. HARALSON. Bertram, Texas.

Well! well! Last week I brought my papers from the office, and turning them about, said to my wife: "The Texas Advocate didn't come;" but after examining my papers closely found our grand old Texas Advocate had put on a brand new dress, so that I did not recognize the old lady. Standing there in her new pink, adorned with flowers, she looked as fresh as a girl-sweet sixteen-in the bloom of May. May the Lord bless over grand old Advocate with all of its corps of workers. J. DAVID CROCKETT. Cleburne, Texas.

The last number of the Advocate, as Abe Mulkey would say, "is a dandy." It has been my privilege from time to time to read Thanksgiving and Christas teachers, at the bar, on the bench, and, above all, in the pulpit. I don't think I ever saw or read anything that excelled this number of our While we want educated Methodist Church paper. I shall careft:lly pre- men and women in our homes and in serve it for future use. It will be good reading fifty years hence. I have been reading the Texas Christian Advocate most of the time since the early seventies, and have always regarded it as a good paper, well worth its subscription price to any Methodist family. It has been cintinually improving until now it surely stands in the very front rank of all the great family of Advocates. I congratulate the editor and publisher on the great work they are accomplishing for Texas Methodism through the Advocate, and wish them and all connected with the office a joyous Christmas. C. HENDERSON. Gordon, Texas, Dec. 21.

That Christmas Advocate is without

look for something just as good on Dec. graduate their pupils into the higher 25, 1897. May the new year bring to the Texas Advocate, including every Georgetown. member of its staff, increased prosper-EDWARD W TARRANT. Brenham, Texes.

The Christmas number was certainly beautiful. A fine piece of journalism. F. B. CARROLL. Greenville, Texas.

. . . The Christmas number is a gem and s praised on all sides here.

D. F. FULLER. Rockwall, Texas.

Your Christmas number was the best paper I have seen from any point in the I. S. ASHBURN. South. Paris. Texas.

Accept my congratulations on your Christmas number of the Advocate. It O. C. FONTAINE. is elegant. Winnsboro, Texas.

. . . Allow me to congratulate you on the appearance of your Christmas number of the Advocate. It is certainly excellent. No looking backward about the Advocate, I see. THOS. EVANS. Galveston, Texas.

. . . Machine came some days ago ali O. K. Wife is much pleased with it. Thinks it as good as the best.

J. W. CLIFTON. Mt. Vernon, Texas.

Unanswered Letters.

Dec. 24-Eugene T. Bates, sub. T. J. Minnis, sub.

Dec. 26-R. C. Armstrong, sub. C. J. McWhirter, sub. A. E. Goodwyn, sub. M. W. Moody, sub. J. P. Rodgers, subs. George R. Ray, subs. A. F. Hendrix, sub. R. R. Raymond, sub.

Dec. 28-J. F. Archer, sub. J. T. I. nnis, sub. J. M. Alexander, subs. D. ubs. R. S. Gorsline, sub. C. W. Goodwin, sub. R. J. Tooley, subs.

Dec. 29-J. H. White, sub, Robt, B. Bonner, subs. Jerome Duncan, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. L. W. Cain, sub. E. K.

Dec. 30-Ben H. Bounds, sub; change made. J. P. Wheeler, sub. R. S. Heizer, subs. J. T. Graham, has attention. J. M. Armstrong, O. K. M. L. Hallenbeck, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. R. J. Smith, sub I. J. Coppedge, sub.

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EDUCATIONAL.

Under the Direction of the Board of Edu cation of the Northwest Texas Conference.

PREPARED THIS WEEK BY H. A. BOAZ.

All great revolutions in the world of morals and thought have been led by educated men. Moses was skilled in all the learning of the Egyptians; Paul sat at the feet of the immortal Gamaliel: Luther was a man of learning and independent thought; John Wesley, the ment, was an eminent scholar. From the day of Wesley down to the present by all men. Methodism has stood for education. Wherever Methodism has gone she has promoted this great cause. She has fully recognized the value of an allround education. She remembers that while God can use consecrated ignorance to promote his glory, he can use more effectively consecrated intelligence. She has taught that learning and piety should go hand in hand, and when thus joined together may prove a

great power for good in the world.

This high value set upon learning has had much to do with the phenemenal success of Methodism in the past and her estimate of learning shall have much to do with her success in the futare. This is an age of intellectual activity. The whole world is being quickened and is in eager search for knowledge. The young of our land are thirsting for deep draughts from the Pierian Springs. Our Church must keep pace with this onward movement or lose her high place in the ranks of Christian tian worth. denominations. She must furnish under her own auspices the very best ed-Church that furnishes the best educa- not meet tion for her young to-day is the Church that will wield the greatest power tomorrow. We must have educated Methodists in the rural districts, in the small towns, in the practice of medicine, in the school-room all avocations to mold and fashion public opinion as laymen, we must have desk. Our young men and women are seeking higher education, our older people are reading more extensively

least, at a very great disadvantage. the Church in furnishing a liberal ed- 15), and much enjoyed. ucation to the young Methodis's of

We shall hail with delight the day dear Advocate a happy Christmas, I third, your humble writer. Bro. Graves "He can't stay anywhere"-Stanford. typical Western people and those who as well, for on Monday night after movan equal so far as I know. My little when our correlated school system in say good-bye. girls and I devoured it more greedily Texas shall be perfected and our many than our Christmas turkey. We shall smaller institutions of learning shall Hennessy, Texas, Dec. 11.

classes of our central University a

RURAL GEORGIA.

In company with Dr. J. B. McGehee, presiding elder of the Americus Dispart of famous old Stewart Counties, while glorious autumn in gorgeous superb, with just enough norther in it to make it crisp and enjoyable.

Our first point was Weston, an "old settlement." and one of the appointments of a first-rate circuit.

We were cordially greeted by the pasder and to the use of edification. At its skill and success in giving us an ideal close a dinner of the true Georgia type was delightfuly served by the ladies yours obediently.

The pastor made some excellent points

most part were well up. We next touched Richland, the headquarters of the circuit and a railroad center of some possibilities, where we and varnished.

In the days of "Georgia scenes" this point was known as "Box Ankle."

On Saturday morning our good steed ook us to the hill country of Stewart. and to a great gathering at Wesley Chapel, where our next conference was to be held. Such a place for a church one seldom sees-erowded with hoary old oaks that seem to reach their great arms out of the misty part and into the urdiscovered future. After an excellent sermon by the district bishop and a most sumptuous dinner at the hands of the good sisters, a most interesting confession that prohibition will proession of the Quarterly Conference(the 4th) was held with the paster, Rev. W. thing may be done and that our whisky C. Ellis, has attention. C. C. Davis. T. Stewart, and as fine body of laymen as I have been privileged to meet in that the Church of the living God may many days.

> Most of the Churches reported "out," which made the brethren-at least, two of them-smile almost aloud.

> But lest I be "further tedious unto thee" I will make an end just here. CHARLES WALKER SNOW.

A LETTER.

Dawson, Ga., Dec. 5.

The dear old Texas Advocate has ome more heavily laden with good things than usual since the reports from the conferences have come in.

It is truly inspiring to read these re ports and learn that our beloved Methodism is spreading ever our broad land, and everywhere bearing much fruit for th . Master.

What heart-warmings these Annual Conferences prove to be as the minisers meet and feel the mental and spirevent prevented his attendance he is the same man he has been all the years; but if he has been to conference he, is

thused with Church work and to bring and more love for humanity.

participants in this renewing of spirit, to be harpy, and I believe every sponsibilities of delegation, they fall into line most gloriously in the mis- Master. sionary work and the new organizations-the W. P. and H. M. Societies and the Epworth Langues. Great bless- a short time with some of our children ings are these organized branches of to labor in the Master's vineyard.

It was my pleasure to worship with God's people in the Methodist Church of our old and much-loved charges, in the splendid little town of Midway outwardly; the business part of it is dent part and it makes no pretensions to town or city ways; but the splendid part is found in the quiet homes where dwell refinement and culture and Chris-

Midway by name, it is "all-the-way" a the intrinsic worth and good works ucation to be had in the land. The of its inhabitants. In Midway we did

"Little Jack Horner. Sitting in a corner,

Eating his Christmas pie." but we did meet Rev. W. W. Horner, ference, who will soon be eating his namesake, he does not sit in a corner. but with tongue and pen boldly proclaims the unsearchable riches of the

gospel of Christ. We were pleased to learn that Bro. educated men in our pulpits to mold Horner's late work had passed its first and fashion opinions from the sacred edition and would soon re-appear in enlarged form. His subject, the importance of disseminating and inculcating doctrine in our Church work, is timely and becoming better informed and they and we feel that he has entered an open demand education on the part of the and useful door of authorship. He will ministry. The day is fast coming-in- find an appreciative and zealous people deed, is already here-when an unedu- in Midway and Madisonville, and the cated man in the pulpit is, to say the Christmas pie will doubtless be abund-

ant and appetizing. The work of the Southwestern Uni- His first 11 o'clock sermon in Midway versity at Georgetown is invaluable to was timely (from II Thessalonians 12:

Wishing you, Mr. Editor, the minis-

MARY R. LESESNE.

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GOOD NEWS FROM BRO. HOLT.

Let us thank you for your beautiful first round. We have heard him at all work. trict, I took recently a happy trip the appointments, and we hear nothing through part of W bster and a greater but words of praise. His good wife is ingly. I have been warmly received. and Advocate all most heartily concur also a great favorite with the people. Our congregations are increasing at Our entire circuit is local option, and each service in a most gratifying de- My call to preach came from God. The robes reigned green. The weather was has been for about six years. The law gree. The spirit of hopefulness in hands of Kavanaugh and Pierce set me was so badly abused that the good peo- every department of the Church is de- apart to the work. My vows were: I ple organized themselves into a law lightful to see. The resources of St. and order league to aid the officers in John's seem not to have been fairly esthe execution of the law, and the whis- timated hitherto. She has a Sundayky men say they must either quit or school with an enrollment of more than vote local option out; so a petition was two hundred scholars, a League of dox, or is it wild infatuation? At this tor, Rev. T. E Davenport, and a cor- started and we are sorry to say some about seventy members, and a noble juncture, red-hot friction upon great don of substantial brethren. The ser- Methodists signed the petition and Church membership of about two hun- fundamental principles basic of the remon by the "beloved" was of a high or- worked for the whisky side. But when dred and fifty, a large part of which is ligious structure—i. e., revivals and and long-cut sermons. I have learned the votes were counted we had seventy- longing and praying and working for holiness. I'll go to my paster; inform another thing, too, "that while we have seven majority for God, humanity and right. But our law and order league lead. I verily believe his Spirit has and willing to do. To be informed, that our people have some hard things and richly enjoyed by all, not excepting kept working, and at the close of the session of the late grand jury it was are tokens of victory. Our hearts are not labor acceptably in a city charge. found that three bins of indictment happy and our hands are in the hands Then shall I grow morose and sour, ple and other preachers the more thorin his reports, and the finances for the had been found against our whisky of him who never lost a battle. men for violation of the local option law. Soon after the county court met. One case was tried and convicted, and his punishment was assessed at twentyhave an elegant little church carpeted five dollars fine and twenty days in throughout and finished in cherry, ciled jaii. The boys are now pleading with

the good people to help them out of the trouble by signing a petition to the court to enter into a contract with the whisky men who agree and obligate themselves to surrender their revenue licenses and not to handle whisky in any way for a period of two years. The court agreed to continue the cases from term to term for two years, the cases then to be dismissed against them, provided they have kept their part of the contract. We can not tell yet just what will be the result. The petition is out and the boys are very ready in their hibit. Our prayers are that the right men may get all that is due them, and

be purged of all the evils that are weighing so heavily upon her at this time. We are glad, however, to say the great majority of our Church members are law-abiding and are with the Church. But as it was in the days of old, so it is to-day-one Achan in the camp can disturb the whole camp.

J. M. HOLT. Royse City, Texas.

LETTER FROM BRO. HAYNIE.

We had a most delightful visit to the city of Bastrop, the seat of the Texas them?" Annual Conference. I believe it was the most spiritual session that it has ever been my pleasure to attend. So far as every creature;" my precedent from I could learn, no city ever put forth such effort to entertain and make every my parish;" my orders, "scatter scrippreacher feel like he had the best home. Revs. A. E. Goodwyn, D. H. Hotchkiss. J. W. Horn and this writer were sent tual ozone pervading them. After con- to Dr. Luckett's, He'and his good wife ference you can easily tell when you and his sons and his daughter-in-law meet a Methodist minister if he has at- did all in their power to make us happy tended his conference. If any untoward and comfortable, and I can assure you | Bad Dog! Keep Out!" The second is they made a success of it. Oh, that table on Thanksgiving Day! I only gauged and progressive Church: "Bewish I could tell you the half-the flow- ware of evangelists, my brother, belike a new coin-bright and sparkling, ers and fruits and the finest turkey, and ware! They will skim every pan of leader of the great Methodist move- the tarnish all rubbed off, and the oh, that whole baked pig, with a great milk!"-Bishop J. C. Keener. "He put stamping and lettering ready to be read big red apple in his mouth. On Monday himself squarely against local preaches morning, just before the appointments evangelists, and the conference and the The laymen never fail either to be en- were read out, Bros. Hotchkiss and J. organ were heartily with him." Now,

spent a short while very pleasantly; where we met many of our old and on last Sablioth. It is not so splendid tried friends; last, but not least, we met Sister Haynie and the baby boy, Ghost sermon last night and this morning, the 13th, held our first Quarterly our transfer from the North Texas Con- Conference. All the stewards were present but one, and all seemed to be cheerful and hopeful. As the pastor, we feel hopeful of a successful year. These people never allow their pastor to want for anything. We are going to try to get the Advocate into every family possible, for we feel that the paper is better than it has ever been. The man that takes and reads his Church paper is in sympathy with his pastor and is ready to work for the Church and its interest. May the blessing of the good Lord rest upon your H. M. HAYNIE.

GALVESTON NOTES.

We have three Churches here-West first, Bro. T. B. Graves is pastor; of the ters, and all the good readers of our second, Bro. Leon Sonfield; and of the "What will we do with this man?"-B. T. on first Sunday in December. This is a preacher, but believe in feeding him

at St. James. His work has been of the most substantial character; his house McTyeire: "After such a report as that Christmas edition. The old conference overflows at night, having now the (it was centenary year) located at own tokens they left behind when they left. year has come and gone; the new year best night congregations in the history request." Motion by H. Bishop to re- A great surprise party, that! We pray is now upon us. Our new-yet old- of hts Church. Grateful I am for these preacher has also come and made his two noble colleagues in our Galveston tion. Burnett: "But I am not sick; am of them, and start for the best year's

St. John's opens up most encouraga forward movement. God is in the blessed every service, and already there perchance, that local preachers may

W. D. BRADFIELD. Galveston, Texas.

REPORT AND PROTEST.

Allow the submittal of this (my wenty-sixth) annual report. Fourteen are a part of the record of the Northwest Texas Conference, while twelve (including this, perhaps the last,) have been made as a local preacher.

At the request of the pastors I have assisted in twenty-five pretracted meetings, resulting in two thousand, one hundred and sixty additions to the Churches. Have tried to preach over six hundred times, and lectured the League, Sunday and day schools one hundred and twenty times. This work necessitated my absence from home over three hundred days and required the traveling of more than twelve thousand miles for its accomplishment, "To range all over the world," this ex cathedra. The cream from these widely ecattered "pans." i. e. remuneration less railroad fare, was one thousand, three hundred and seventy-five dollars. Being election year and Holstein-"Freezeland" milk in lieu of Jersey, and the politicians having "skum" it mostly, has made it rather an unprofitable year, and provokes, as I retrospect, the solit-

oquy: "To be or not to be, that's the ques tien, whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the stings and arrows of outragcous fortune or to take arms against a sea of trouble, and, by opposing, end

My commission reads, "Go ve into all

the world and prouch the gospel to

p:eceptor and founder, "The world is

tural holiness over the lands;" my vows obligated my continuance unto the end. Put recently two placards posted in conspicuous places have confused and confounded me. The first, upon the gatepost of a modern Dives: "Beware! the columns of the organ of a broad-E. Green sang that favorite song of how, as an honest man, while holding back home more zeal for the Master Bro. Green's, Some cried, some shouted, credentials from the Church, can I some said amen. The Holy Ghost came longer invelgh against her polity and pounding and three turkeys for Christ- from God this year. Some changes will The women of the Church are also down upon us and everybody seemed economy, with pretense of loyalty fileh mas dinner. We have received many be made on the work. We trust God the children's milk, nor leave for them other tokens of kindness. In return we will lead and that there will be no and although they do not wish the rea place to work for the cause of the "pan." The nondescript ewe whose life. God bless the good people of Rodconsuming greed surreptitously pur- gers. After leaving Bastrop we went to the loins from sucklings, richly deserves new city of Smithville, where we spent the fate without the poet laudation so summarily bestowed upon the classic and some of our old friends; from there pup called "Poor Tray." While the bad Christian work to the women who love to the old city of LaGrange, where we company, precipitating the misguided deg's untimely end-pasters who whisfrom there to the city of Weimar, one tied the Macedonian cry while the hapless cur pricked up his cars and flew to their relief-should at least have given some sharp yelps of protest as cruel stones from catapult of power fell upon not as next in appearance as the resi- and the grandma and auntles and his bowed head, nor contently gnaw couzins, and here we had the pleasure the bones generally relinquished by the of carving another one of those big fat good-natured dog for their delectation. turkeys. After spending several days Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori. very pleasantly, we started for our Had one not better file his papers than along nicely at Granbury. Rev. A. L. be left behind. Still I was so dull I home at the little city of Kosse, Reach. thus make his brethren party to such Prewitt, of Nashville, Tenn., is here as- did not suspect anything unusual till ing home safely, we found a host of duplicity? Shall I secularize and alposfriends and brethren and sisters, too, tetize? Re-enter the conference! De who gave us a very hearty welcome back trep-younger men are turned away. here and we ask all of the readers of being pounded. The company increasagain as their friend and pastor. Our Travel commercially! Conscience would the Advocate to pray for this meeting. much-loved presiding elder. Rev. J. incite me to preach on Sundays instead We have had a nice pounding since persons, while others not present sent B. Cochran, preached us a good Holy of playing chess or dominoes. But conference and many things to encour- in their compliments in some substanwho would dare invite the prohibited age us. with skull and cross-bones glaring. "Beware?" And woe to the impertinent divine or human who dare intrude or jump a claim! May I go once more be- indeed we have come to a kind and fore I receive my coup de grace to boy- pleasant people on the Colorado Mishood home or cowboy camp-meeting or the Rio Grande? Perhaps, with an three-room house for the parsonage. the people in spiritual things as I ought embargo upon your mouth; for there must be no "pans of milk skim- nicely. To our surprise, the first day med!" O Tempora! mutantur et nos we were at our palatial home, a nice mutamur in illis! Twenty-six years vehicle rolled up in front of the house ago the mother of Christianity in earn- with an abundant supply for the table, est, with holy fire fanned my young soul into a radiant flame of zeal for the richest benedictions and touch their world's salvation. Born under the minister's lips with a coal from his alfructifying influences of her burning tar that he may rightly divide the parsonages in the Waxahachie District. love, at her altars I have witnessed the Word of truth, giving to each his por- We have also a very neat church. It salvation of sixty-five thousand souls, tion in due season. Encouraged to the work by Gilmore, I give you a word on Galveston Meth- Stanford and Mackey, because for sooth the Church would not let me remain at

my charge, but thrust me out in re- cur field on fifth Sunday in November, our society at this place (W. P. and H. End, St. James and St. John's. Of the vivals everywhere, at Waco eleven pe- but did not reach here in time to take M. Society). The good people not only titions lay on Bishop McTyeire's table: part in morning service. Filled pulpit believe in providing a home for the enters hopefully on his third year. He "I thought he was loyal"-B. T. "He have been in the West know what that ing in the morning, we were surprised has now a membership of 130; an ex- is, but he is a revivalist and the breth- means. This preacher and his family by the ladies and gentlemen who came

going to do more work than ever," etc. But lo! in the end Bishop, conference "Beware of local preacher evangelists!" But the chalice so near my thirsty lips lies broken at my feet! Strange paradiscordant bray of discontent. I want try to lead a better life. to grow sweeter in gift and grace as I ripen for the tomb. If I rest, I rust. Would rather burn out than wear or rest out. Perhaps General Booth can

er against the evil day. Another placard with cross-bones and death-head: "Ichabod, beware! While merciless blows from an avengcally, socially and ecclesiastically? While pessimistic fears materialize to welcome and free. leave us partyless and Churchless, until there be revolt at the brutum fulmen grousing the lethargic with sic sempe tyrannus!-which, being interpreted, may mean: "I am sick; send for Mepattle with the world, flesh and Satan; but wifen "foes are of our own house hold, and familiar friends have lifted up the heel against you," then the wail from despairing heart and from prince of warriors, "et tu, Brute!" my temerity may be my ecclesiastical felo de se

writing, and vincit, qui se vincit. R. H. H. BURNETT. Oak Cliff, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

God knows the motive prompting the

CHILLICOTHE.

J. T. Griswold, Dec. 24: A splendid necting just closed at this place Church much revived and many sinners converted. Bro, C. S. McCarver was with us and preached to the conviction and edification of both Church and sinners. We are pleased with our

RODGERS.

fourth start on this charge.

G. W. Harris, Dec. 29: We are start- lowed. God was with us. We are vising off on our third year here. The

SNYDER. W. H. Harris, Dec. 28: We have been well received for our third year. First Quarterly Conference is over. We had a good time. Bro. J. S. Chapman did us good work and we are well pleased with him. At the close of the 11 a. m. service we received Bro. J. M. Wood into our Church. Bro. Wood has been a member of the Baptist Church for thirty years.

GRANBURY.

IATAN. They have furnished it throughout very to do. May the Lord bless the charge with his

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field enters now upon his second year thing against Burnett?" Mackey, "No." hearty welcome. The first evening is "Pishop, I want a location"-B. Bishop the parsonage brought many kind faces within the walls and many were the consider and grant supernumerary rela- God's richest blessings upon every one work of our lives. Their kindness still continues.

CORYELL CITY.

R. J. Tooley, Dec. 23: We have been kindly received again on this charge, with every reason to believe that our am going on to perfection; groaning people have not forgotten the Lord nor after it; expect to attain it in this life. his cause. We have some as good people in this work as ever lived in Methodist ranks and some as mean. I am finding it out more and more, "that some of our people are out-living us religiously" in spite of our clerical robes him of the amount of work I am able to endure some things hard to bear," to endure in us occasionally. The better acquainted I get with myself, peofold my hands and ears as many have oughly convinced I am that we are not already done, with only an occasional angels. I have covenanted with God to

CLEBURNE.

J. David Crockett, Dec. 25: We have entered fully upon the work on Clegive me a job, or Bishop Garret in the burne Circuit the third year, and we new army. But is there not danger? had begun to think the people of this If we suffer not God to send by whom circuit thought too much (?) of their he will, shall fire be invoked from preacher to abuse him (?) by a "poundheaven, if they follow not us? The ing"; but yesterday we were surprised young men thrust back for want of by a "pounding" from Liberty, with a room will seek the professions, and large turkey, eggs, butter, etc. Sisters rank and file of veterans, decimiated Taylor and Weaver were the leaders in by the fell destroyer, will bewail the this good work. Things had scarcely folly that held no well-trained reserve quieted, when here they came from force with holy heart and revival pow- Bono, with another fine turkey, a large ham, eggs, butter, etc. We did not learn who was the leader in this. May the Lord bless all who have so kindly remembered us, not only in this act, ing iconoclast rain thick and fast upon but during past two years. If they only our most cherished idols, can it be that knew how much they could help the the whole world has gone daft politi- preacher by little acts of kindness to make the preacher and his family feel

LITTLE RIVER.

W. M. Adams, Dec. 26: We have made one round on our work, except Saturday and Sunday. Have received Ginnis." It is glorious work, with up to 11 o'clock to-day five members, friends in solid phalanx around you, to and at 11 a. m. we laid the corner stone of our new church at Wilson's Valley, depositing therein the Holy Bible, hyman book, Disciple, Nashville Advocate, Texas Advocate, the Methodist, a copy of the New Testament presented by a young lady who was converted last night at the parsonage at our prayer-meeting and who joined the Church at the corner-stone laying this morning, making six received into the Church. We began our revival at Little River on Christmas day and the fire is beginning to fall.

HARROLD.

W. B. Ford, Dec. 23: We reached our new work (Harrold) Thursday before second Sunday in December and found that the good ladies had prepared to receive us on Wednesday. The house, and especially the kitchen, gave us a warm welcome. On Friday night, they came! they came! - Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and big-hearted sinners, bearing their tokens. Songs and reading a Scripture lesson and prayer foliting-having a good time "going about Junior League has given us a nice doing good." We expect great things though it be, can do great things if we a'l stand in our places. "Shoulder to shoulder, with shields touching," is the watchword, and in the name of the

Lord we will conquer. LOVELACE.

D. C. Ellis, Dec. 26: Many have been the hearty grasp of the hand, with "we are glad to have you back again," since our return from conference. But my welcome has not consisted alone in years and a minister in that Church for words and the shake of the hand, for on the night of the 21st inst., soon after dark, several persons came in, as I thought, to make a social call, but I C. A. Evans, Dec. 24: We are moving noticed that each brought something to sisting us in a meeting. Above every-others came in a like manner, then it thing else we want to see a revival dawned on me that the preacher was ed from time to time to about twenty tial way. And now I want to say I have experienced several poundings in the past and felt grateful for the same. W. D. Johnson, Dec. 12: We are glad yet I have never appreciated one so much as this one and never have I had one of more real value. My prayer to sion. They have purchased a cozy God is that I may be able to minister to

ALVARADO STATION.

Mrs. J. A. Hyder: We reached our work after a move of nearly 200 miles and are safely housed in our new home, which is in a beautiful country, and cost nearly \$7,000. It speaks well for the good people of Alvarado, and I might add here much of the work on M. L. Moody, Dec. 15: We reached parsonage was planned and paid for by cellent work he has done. Bro. Son- ren won't let him"-Stanford. "Any- received a hearty welcome-a most with flour, sugar, coffee, canned fruit.

etc.,-a little of every thing that a preacher needs when commencing new work. God bless the good people of Alvarado, and I pray that God may help the preacher to administer to their spiritual wants as they have to his tem-

COTTON GIN.

M. L. Hallenbeck, Dec. 10: After uniting in marrying Mr. Lon Anderson and Miss Delphia Smith at Bighill on that bitterly cold day, November 29, and burying Bro. John McKaig at Thornton December 3, we left the Thornton Circuit in the hands of our successor, Bro. Chas. Davis, and turned our faces, December 4, towards our new home-Cotton Gin, in Freeston county. Stopping that night with Bro. J. C. Keys, our Cotton Gin steward, by panoramic vision we impressed upon him the beauties and desirabilities of our itinerant system, by which in the exchange of preachers they made a clear gain of seven hungry mouths to feed and bodies to clothe. Taking in the situation, they made an assault upon the parsonage just after dark on December 7, and though we verily thought we might be able to hold the fort, yet they so far outnumbered us that they captured our dining-room and parlor in spite of us and began to make merry. By prayer and praise we routed them at last and after they had retreated we began to examine their baggage, which we captured, and we found potatoes, meats, sugar, coffee, butter, etc., all of which we propose to confiscate and eat, for we had kissed her as she cried, "Kiss me quick again, John."

Jno. R. Steele: We had a most pleasant affair at our parsonage home last night. About 7:30 o'clock the mem- baskets and buckets, butter and butterbers commenced coming in, nicely dressed up and a happy smile. Of course berries and corn, flour and flakes, lard, God and take courage. I felt something very pleasant was going to to happen. The good company filled the sitting-room to parlor. They were soon heard in the kitchen, front like good things. The attack was sudand back yard. They brought so many nice and good things that Amelia, my baby tot, said: "They had brought all they had. They think that we are going to stay here another year." From nevertheless we were able to receive it W. Clark preached three very fine ser- have furnished us with spiendid furniwhat I can find out the plan of visiting with open arms and with love for the mons. the preacher in charge originated in perpetrators of the deed. Did anybody the estimable President of W. P. and ever have better friends than God has H. M. Society of Green's Circuit, Miss given us in every place in which he has Sallie, daughter of our present Repre- permitted us to labor? The Lord bless sentative in the Legislature, Rev. U. J. Morton. Maybe, President of the Harbin League, Will Garrett, had something to do in getting up these handsome donations. In our room we had ual and the outlook is bright along nearly all lines. excellent music, rendered by David Clark and Miss Brella McCleskey, under the direction of our sweet singer, D. H. McCleskey. In another room. Miss Essie McCleskey, Elsy Jinnings, Misses Timmons, McCleskey, Allie Garrett, Abbie Morton, delivered some as fine recitations as you hear any where. Pastor expressed his gratitude; had prayer; bade them good-bye, asked

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them to come again-same way.

T. S. Armstrong: Demonstrations of appreciation come like sunshine to the heart and give inspiration to greater seen a more charitable spirit permeate a congregation than did the one I been very faithful in administering to serve. We remembered the Orphan Home; we remembered the poor, and all seemed happy in realizing the fact As Seymour is nearer the center of the that "it is more blessed to give than to work, we will remain here. My postreceive." Wednesday night the preach- office will be as before-at Seymour. er and his family were kindly remembered, and the tokens of appreciation in substantial donations were abundant. We are quite happy in beginning the new year. My congregations are large, my people loyal and ready workers. We are much in love with this charge, and shall push the battle to its largest possible conquest. Bro. Sam Ashburn, of the North Texas Conference, preached vesterday and last night, and my people appreciated his sermons highly. They were logical and religious. He is visiting relatives here.

FORT WORTH.

E. F. Boone, Dec. 25: How nice it is to be pounded again. We reached this place in time to join the people in telling their old pastor good-bye and in wishing him well in his new field of toil and trial. The love of the people for God's servant was beautiful to behold and encouraging to his successor The new preacher was welcomed with open arms and loving hearts, supper was prepared at the parsonage for the family, and a few friends remained to serve while the new-comers ate. Several good things were left in the par-





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to time a few others came. This was doing good. So is the Sunday-school. are as mad as Mary was after her beau pleasant to us, but not satisfactory as it We expect to do a good year's work on seems to the people. So, on yesterday | Wheatland Circuit. The good sisters morning, the members of Missouri Ave- and friends have furnished the parsonnue charge renewed their efforts and age since our arrival at Wheatland. pounded us with increased vigor. Special mention must be made of Sister Through their agents, the delivery men. Butcher and Aunt Sallie McFalls, who they hit us with apples and apricots, took the lead in this work, and of Sismilk, coffee, cans and cakes, cranmeats, meal and molasses, potatoes peaches and peas, sugar and sacks, turnips, tomatoes and turkeys, and such den and unexpected; it was at the gate charge is just over. It was held at Pebefore we had any intimation of it. Our hearts fluttered, if not our feath- ence the preacher is to be moved from parsonage is in good shape-newly paers, under the weight of the pelting; Ben Franklin to Pecan Gap. Rev. I. them all and enable us to repay in every way possible their kindness to us. Our charge is in fairly good condition Some of the members are quite spirit-

> SEYMOUR AND BENJAMIN MISSION R. A. Walker, Dec. 10: We are back com conference again and are as happy as any itinerant preacher and family. We are starting, with great pleasure, pleasant occasion. Bro. Fladger did into our fourth year on the Seymour some fine preaching. The preacher's Mission. We don't believe in leaving salary was fixed at \$612. The charge anything as small as it was when we did well financially at the first Quarterfound it; so we have been taking on ly Conference. We will do our best for each year. This year we have added the Advocate this year. the lovely little towns of Benjamin and Geree. These are very fine appointments. Having been thrown with the people at these places before, they are no strangers. They are a very high good by telling us they were glad to have us back again. Some of them have our wants. The more we know of this people the greater our love is for them.

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GRAND PRAIRIE.

Mrs. J. R. Atchley, Dec. 22: A heavy storm strack our house (the parsonage) with force last night, just as we were offering up prayer to God. The brothers and sisters of our town came to our assistance with many good py, a lesson was read from God's word, had prayer, and the crowd went home. We were very thankful and may God's blessings go with the donors is our prayer. We are all O. K. for the Quarterly Conference.

COMO CIRCUIT. C. W. Glanville, Dec. 11: Well, well, we got it! Got what? A pounding. Since we have been here there have been many tokens of appreciation, but it culminated on was with us so sweetly. I have never last Wednesday night, when a crowd of met a kinder people and I am happy. young and old, led by Prof. Black, came May God bless us and give us an abunand took possession (I use the word dant success. advisedly) of the parsonage. After we had somewhat recovered from the shock and had had prayer and praise. they left us to find out what had hapbefore. We are thankful. God bless pie, who express their kindness in

with spiritual blessings. WHEATLAND CIRCUIT.

scnage for future use, and from time League at Wheatland is full of life and ter Brotherton for five dollars-a gift to the pastor and family. We thank

BEN FRANKLIN.

L. L. Naugle, Dec. 28: The first Quarterly Conference of Ben Franklin have been in Texas. But at the last can Gap. By an action of the confer-

D. T. Brown, Dec. 28: In a few days after the North Texas Conference adjourned we were comfortably "fixed

CHISHOLM CIRCUIT.

up" in the parsonage at Chisholm. The people have received us very kindly. Hardly a day has passed since we arrived here but that something good to eat has been brought to the parsonage. In addition to this the people of Chisholm gave us a nice pounding. We feel year's work. We have had our first Quarterly Conference, which was a

DEXTER.

T. B. Norwood, Dec. 14: I have met every appointment since conference. My congregations have been large, atthe way for greater achievements. Our Christmas was a delightful one. Evand found a warm supper and comfortable quarters provided for us at Bro Adrian's, where they remained till Monday, when we went into the parsonage where we are comfortably quartered, with plenty to eat and surrounded by good neighbors. My stewards have made a liberal assessment and everything seems to be moving off well. I am visiting a great deal and have been talking for the Advocate. The people plead poverty, but I hope cre long they will see their way clearly enough to justify subscription. The than the preacher, and it comes every

BOXTON.

Geo. H. Adams, Christmas: I reach Conference and was kindly received. Been around my work. Am well pleasnation. Our Thanksgiving service was defeated by bad weather. Our new presiding elder, Bro. W. D. Mountcastle, our Quarterly Conference was a succcss. We were all delighted with his good preaching. We received two into the Church on Sunday. We have organized a prayer-meeting, which I think will do great good. We had Christmas service to-day. The Lord

SANGER.

J. W. Blackburn, Dec. 28: We have just completed our first round on the poned. The larder is fuller than ever Denton Circuit. Find a generous peothe people of Como and reward them substantial way-poundings, cash, parsonage furniture, etc. Our Stewards have made a liberal assessment for the preacher in charge. The Literary De-I. J. Coppedge, Dec. 28: Our reception partment of the Epworth League at by this kind and good people has been Krum-one of our appointments-gave most cordial. Pounded? Yes, and well an entertainment Christmas night pounded, but we are able to stand it which reflected much credit on our and I hope "the good work will go on." young people of that place. The Our first Quarterly Conference con- League at Boliver is also conducted by vened the third Sunday in this month. an intelligent class of young people. The presiding elder, Bro. Powers, was On our way from Merit to Sanger we at his post and performed his work to spent a few days at Bethel, where we

later on four years as pastor. On arriving at the pleasant home of Bro. A G. Wight we found an elegant supper awaiting us-such as Sister Wight alone can prepare. Neighbors and friends had been invited in, together with the preacher, Bro. Williams. We predict for him a year of success. The outlook on our work is every way hopeful.

ROSALIE.

S. P. Pirtle: I have now made one round on Rosalie Circuit. I find here a kind and appreciative people as on other charges I have served. The circuit is a very pleasant one, and consists of five appointments-one or two of them, however, are very weak. Rosalie ought to be a half station, but we cannot give it that amount of time and do justice to the other appointments. Our people are so thoughtful and good to us that we can not mention all of their noble traits, yet we feel that we would not be doing the kind citizens of Rosalie justice were we not to mention their generosity toward us. The very first day after we arrived the benevolent people began to visit us and bring nice things. They kept this up for some time, when the climax was reached by a host of people rushing into the parsonage one night and depositing upon our table almost all kinds of fami'y groceries. This preacher, almost overcome by the coutesies of these welcome guests, arose and made a few of the most appropriate remarks that he could think of, and armounced that we would retire to the Church for prayer meeting, as it was our regular prayermeeting night. How much we desire to be a strong man in Christ Jesus, that we may prove ourself worthy the confidence of the people and of the trusts committed to us by the Church, and that we may have power to deliver the heavenly message with success.

BAILEY CIRCUIT.

W. B. Bayless: I have been on the Fairlie Circuit two years-ever since I conference I was sent to Bailey; so we are here and have started off well. The pered and painted. The good people ture: besides they have started us with something good to cat, and that for man and beast. I have taken up collections at each point on my work, and now I am on the second round, still the charge since conference. When we taking the collections. They are doing well on that line. These are a good people. The parsonage is in debt, also the church here; but methinks ere the meeting of another Annual Conference dist Church Thanksgiving day. Rev. matters will all be settled up. Many tokens of appreciation have been ours. These people had a Christmas tree. at home and are planning for a good Wife and all the children received more presents than one each, besides the preacher got several nice things from option contest here on the 5th instant that tree. Among them was a nice new resulted in nearly two to one for local pocketbook with more money in it than option. The contest between right and ever saw come from a Christmas wrong in this county has for years ree, except one. I feel thankful for having been thrown into such a town and work as Bailey. My congregations are large and attentive and by our standard we think they are very Spiritual in many places. By God's grace and the hearty co-operation of the Church we expect great things this

WESTON. Ben H. Bounds, Dec. 19: We left pleasant year's work. My health is ward to the altar and was converted. Chico the morning of Tuesday, Novem- good at this time, and if the good Lord At which service also ten dollars was ber 24, and dined that day with Lu- will continue it I am going to put in raised for the Orphanage at Waco. ther Hamilton, the County Clerk of Wise County, whose hospitality we fine field for work. This has been con- Weimar and Osage the present conferhad shared in other days, and came on sidered a stock country, but it is being ence year. to the Waggoer Ranch, where we spent developed as a fine farming country, the night with Bro. Frank Moore, and emigration is flocking here from whose liberality is only measured by all parts of the North and East. There his ability, and right there the good are a great many people from North things that one would wish ended, for Texas coming here, Land is worth from little cottage for a parsonage since w we left that friendly roof to go out in- \$8 to \$12. A man can get good, rich, to a drizzling rain, and then to break black land for \$10 per acre. This who have bought such furniture as w Advocate is a more satisfactory visitor a coupling-pole and make a new one, knowing while we thus waited in the Texas have made on the new land official board and arranged a plan rain the black land roads were getting three-quarters of a bale, and in a few work for the year and we expect to all out of shape; but after an hour's cases they have made a bale per acre. waiting we started, with the intention | The land is being sold very fast, and it of spending the night in Pilot Point will be but a short time before this with our daughter, but the heavy rain country will be thickly settled. The doing all they can for the cause. We ed my work Wednesday after Annual with our daughter, but the heavy rain country will be thickly settled. The doing all they can for the cause. We and thunder and lightning put a stop to our travel about the middle of the it is impossible to get a house with all night. Appropriate exercises and things—such things that we were in ed at the out-look. O such an oppor- evening, and so while we waited for this flood of emigration. It gives the Christmas ladder. Many valuable and great need of. We were all made hap- tunity for good work! Pray I may be the rain to cease the streams were put- preacher plenty of work. There is a pretty presents-at least, the turkey able to fill the place. Had a liberal do- ting on larger proportions. Thursday fine opening for a good business man, that was presented to Mrs. Ray. Have was spent awaiting the arrival of our A man with a good capital could do preached at Walker's Creek and Lake wagons and then for Big Eim to ran well here. I would be glad to see a City and had a cordial invitation to down, and we had to camp out with good Methodist man with money. He preach to the forty or fifty convicts was here on 12th and 13th inst., and the wagons that night, and the next would do well here. If any should de- who are working in a mile and a half morning brought the severest norther sire to come, let him write me at Edna, of Benarnold,

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little girl to sleep on, while I with the ensuing year. boy slept on the ground under the wagon. The next morning the weather was clear and cold and the ground dinner with our old friend and broth-Weston just as the sun was sinking 8 p. m. the same night; and I wish to record here and now that the preacher than we received at the hands of these world a miserably disappointed man. Well, we had the regulation pounding, and it was done in the latest style. Pound after pound fell thick and fast, could bear no more, but I cried: "Lay on, Macduff!" The Stewards have met and made a liberal assessment for their pastor, and I have every reason to believe that they will meet it. Rev. E. C. Kilgore is here with me, and we are in the midst of a revival which is telling on the Church for good, and the end is not yet.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

LAVERNIA. W. H. Killough, Dec. 28: Thanks to the good people of Lavernia appoint- the last conference. We met a welcome ment for a nice new overcoat just before conference and many and valu- hope to achieve greater things in the able material gifts and other expressions of appreciation from all parts of preached at each of three appointreturned from conference we found a new gallery to the parsonage and some much-needed repairs on the church. We had upion services in the Metho-J. A. Hall, of the Presbyterian Church, preached the sermon, and Rev. J. O. Green, of the Baptist Church, took part. Raised for the Protestant Orphanage at San Antonio 86. The local been sharp.

"But right is right, since God is God, And right the day must win."

EDNA.

J. A. Biggs, Dec. 26: We are here in a good parsonage and among a very of 260. They have received us kindly, and before the serm came here one year ago from North needed. We have had a meeting of the town of Edna is building very fast and bad a delightful time at Benarnold last Texas.

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DOUGLASSVILLE.

Stuart Nelson, Dec. 14: My third ear's pastorate of the Linden Circuit closes to-day. They have been eventful and, thank God, in the main successbeen converted and joined our Church, while forty more have been received by certificate and otherwise. Douglassville and Union Chapel have paid all claims and presented the preacher with a fine \$22.50 suit of clothes, while Sister M. J. Snipes, of Douglassville, gave the preacher's wife a new dress. Linden, Jones' Chapel, Harmony and Cedar Grove have paid the conference assessments, but are slightly in arrears with the preacher's salary. I really love the most of these people, and gratefully re-

of the season; but then we had found while I humbly pray the good Lord to a good soft box-lid for wife and the sond them the right preacher for the

DANGERFIELD.

J. C. Carr, Dec. 28: At Marshall 1 firm, and we were brought on our way received my appointment to Dangerwith speed by Prancing Billy and Po- field charge. I at once set out for the ketaligo, and were soon with our depot and took the westbound passen daughter, where we enjoyed a good ger train and reached my new appointment (Dangerfield) at 5:42 p. m. er, John King, one of earth's noble- found the parsonage lighted and wife men, whose great-hearted wife is ever and children at supper. I proceeded at a friend to Methodist preachers. Leav- once to participate in the "hospitaliing Pilot Point at noon, we arrived in ties" of the parsonage home. My reception has been cordial, and many in the West, and our train came on at have said, "We are glad to have you back." Next morning after my return from conference the "pounding" bewho expects more kindness shown him gan; and on the evening of the 24th it reached its culmination in the largest Weston people will go through this and most hearty pounding this preacher and family have ever experienced. Among many other substantial articles, both of "food and raiment," was a purse of several doluntil we felt that wife and children lars, presented by the "Social Club" and delivered by a most excellent Christian girl, who is a member of the Baptist Church I begin my third year's work on this charge, under promising prospects, with renewed zeal and a strong desire and earnest intention to do the very best service of which I am capable.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

JEWETT.

W. F. Brinson, Dec. 28: We were returned to Jewett for the third year at from many that encourages us, and we name and strength of the Lord. Have ments-Marquez, Liberty and two Sundays at Jewett-half the time. Have received four members since conference and collected more than the assessment for Orphanage yesterday. Married one couple also yesterday. We received a Christmas turkey, which was very good. Wife received on Christmas Eve a present of a nice quilt, from Sister S. L. Cox. This was highly appreciated. May God's blessings rest upon all and give us a successful year.

WEIMAR

J. W. Holt, Dec. 26: We have been on the field nearly one month. On our arrival the good people of Weimar pounded us, and in due time the Christmas turkey, with many other valuable presents, reached us. The Ladies' Aid Society has made many improvements in parsonage which greatly adds to the comfort of the preacher and his family. kind people. We have a very fine for all of which we are indeed grateful. church house and a good membership Christmas morning we had services, and we are planning for a hard and man, deeply penitent, arose, came forsome good licks this year. This is a Pray the blessing of the Lord upon

BENARNOLD. Geo, R. Ray, Dec. 25: The people of Benarnold Mission have bought a nice came, for which we are thankful, and have a grand success in the Master's

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

PAOLI, I. T.

F. M. Sherwood: I was warmly re-admitted in the Indian Mission Conference and sent to Paoli Circuit, We got here November 11, two days ahead of Pa., makers of the Enterprise Raisin Scode our household goods, but were kindly entertained in the homes of Bros. G. D. Thompson and C. W. Dillingham; had hardly got moved when Bro. G. D. Thompson drove up with a supply of groceries; have received several tokens of appreciation-such as backbone, ful years. This year forty-three have ribs, turnips, potatoes, turkeys, etc. Bro. Tom Sparks and his good wife, gave us

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wagonload of corn, eight chickens, two turkeys, a hog, etc. Our first Quraterly Conference is over. Rev. A. Pickens, presiding elder, was presnt, preaching and looking after all the nterests of the Church. Like our work very well; hope to do all the good we can in the name of the Lord.

LEON, I. T.

A. E. Butterfield, Dec. 14: After four ears among the Comanche Indians am again on a white work. We have three appointments. The people have received us kindly. Our services are well attended. At our prayer-meetings we have from 75 to 100 each week. We have planned for a Christmas meeting, to commence Wednesday night before. If any of the brethren wish to have me help them in a mission service by telling the story of the work among the wild tribe Indians, I would be glad to correspond with them.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

GERMAN MISSION-HOUSTON. A. E. Rector: My transfer to the German Conference was followed by an appointment to what is known as First Church, Houston. It is perhaps he oldest of our German Churches in Texas. There are about one hundred and sixty mebers, with substantial and handsome church property. During its term of existence this Church has wielded a strong influence in the German Conference and has been no unimportant factor in the religious history of this city. Our reception has been exceptionally hearty and generous. A carriage at the depot, a crowd at the parsonage, a feast for all on the dining tables, loyal words and hopeful wishesthese are some of the things that make us feel so much at home and fill our hearts with the longing purpose to feed this flock of Christ. To those kind friends who are keeping posted with my humble movements along this line, would state that my congregation endure my German preaching with much patience, and give me great encouragement to persevere. At the present rate, however, it will take me some time to forget my mother tongue. In all seriousness, let me beg the prayerful remembrance of those who think upon the problem of German evangelization in Texas. I may never be able to prove that the step I have taken was wise, but I have followed my conscience, and my hope is in God.

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Dim lies the future, and we can not tell: Then let us rest content that all is well-

THOU KNOWEST, LORD! -Selected

ing the minutes of the last annual meet-Robinson, of Paris, for distribution. pamphlet will repay any one who may be so fortunate as to receive a copy, and we hereby commend it to our members and friends for their earnest conall, to be informed as to the work year and is hoping to do the coming year for the great cause of foreign mis-

From Terrell.

At the annual meeting of the W. F M. Society of the North Texas Conference, held in Dallas, it was suggested to the delegates present that the "Woman's Department" in the Advocate good suggestion then and still think so; but, so far, one auxiliary has not retell, I'll start the ball to rolling. Our auxiliary had (as it has always done) an open meeting on its anniversary, people of Terrell to report their liberality. They are always kind; they have always given us their presence and responded generously to our every call. In behalf of our auxiliary I return our the Scripture and with prayer. Then cold weather prevented our meeting at we had some beautiful music, appropriate to the subject, and lovely solos by by Miss Mary Dashiell with the violin, interspersed the exercises. An original paper on "Woman's Work for Women," was read by Mrs. Mathews. Miss Ethel Cowles read quite feelingly the piece in our November Woman's Missionary Advocate, "Cripple Tom," Read it, ladies, at your open meetings. It is very teuching. Then Bro. Pierce, our new take the collection." If you know Bro, revive thy work." Fladger, you know he never fails to take a good collection. This was no Quartette for two sublime songs, "Sayexception. We received \$18.30, Our ed by Grace" and "Sons of God." hearts were rejoiced. The next Monday was our regular monthly meeting MRS. C. O. MATHEWS,

Reporter. (The paper referred to will appear later.-Ed. W. Dept.)

The W. F. M. Society, First Church, Fort Worth, Texas, Northwest Texas Conference.

Our Week of Thanksgiving and Pray er was observed Thanksgiving week The programme provided in the Woman's Missionary Advocate was used, and being under the continual guidance and having the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, the season was a most precious one to us. Several of our dear sisters were unable to attend on account of sickness in their families, yet we knew they were with us in spirit. The bond of sympathy and love existing between the members of our society is beautiful. Let sickness, sorrow or any trouble come to one, and it touches all, Again we thank our beloved President, dear Mrs. Barnum, for the use of her pleasant room, where we were pleased to meet from day to day, and if those meetings were like a benediction to her in her home, to us the memory will ever be like a casket of crown jewels. Monday, the first day, was a consecra-

Tuesday our lesson was the "Stumb ling stone and rock of offense." Israel though following after the law of right- Station parsonage \$ 393 50 sought it not by faith; then the calling of the Gentiles the "wild branches" graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree, and the rejection of the Jews, which are the "natural branches." As we study these-the ninth, tenth and Miscellaneous eleventh chapters of Romans-we see more and more of God's goodness to us as a nation. We were counted as "a foolish nation," and "no people" by the Israelites, yet through their fall salvation is come unto us. "For as ye in H. N. Conner. times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their Bangs parsonage, Brownwood unbelief: even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy

tion service.

they also may obtain mercy." Wednesday-The key-note of our les-

son for this day was faith. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews we have a long list of those grand old patriarchs the promises, but having seen then from afar off, and were persuaded of them. Especially did our minds dwell upon the life of Moses, the great leader, law-giver, poet and historian; how, having been adopted by Pharaoh's daughter, he was nourished and reared for her own son, liberally educated, for he was learned in all the wisdom of the The work of preparing and publish- Egyptians and was mighty in words and deeds," yet, by faith he refused ing of the W. F. M. Society of North to be called her son, "choosing rather Texas Conference has been completed to suffer affliction with the people of by the Recording Secretary of the soci- God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin ety, and the minutes-five hundred for a season, esteeming the reproach of copies-are now in the hands of the Christ greater riches than the treas-Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ellen J. ures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." "Bless-We think a careful reading of the little ed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

Thursday-Our meeting for this day was a very sweet one, rendered doubly so to us in that we knew throughout sideration, for we wish them, one and our home-land Christian people were gathered together to give praise and which this society has done the past thanks to our Heavenly Father for his abundant goodness and mercies during the past year; and then, too, the prayers of our sister co-workers were ascending with ours in behalf of our misionaries-earnest prayers were offered for them and their work. Oh, how we fails to give entire satisfaction. Try it should continually bear them up on our costs nothing if not satisfied. prayers that they be enabled to wield the two-edged sword with power. They are enduring hardships, suffering priva- a harmless looking lie. should hear from us occasionally, as in tions, yet glad to proclaim the unthis way each auxiliary would have the searchable riches of Christ to those deopportunity of knowing what every oth- praved, benighted creatures whose lives er auxiliary is doing. I thought it a are just filled with ignorance, vice and yond the grave-death to them being cine Company, Sherman, Texas. perted. As I have such good news to a leap into outer darkness. Not a murmur comes from those dear disciples of the Lord. If they suffer they "shall also reign with him." The trial of and I feel that it is but due the good their faith is more precious than gold and keeps them in constant communication with the fountain of Life that

is their sure support. We had looked forward to the meet sincerest thanks. Bro. Brewer opened eggerness, as it was to be the last one our service by reading a chapter from of this precious season, but the severe

Misses Shook and May, accompanied his sermon on Sunday following the Week of Prayer. The opening hymn was a beautiful prayer of itself, for the unity of our hearts in Christian love. that the unbelieving world might see and seek to prove the Savior's grace Scripture lesson, I Cor., twelfth chapter, that grand lesson of the mystical body: "The Church the body, and all of our societies members in part, and drawing pastor, delivered our address. It was their life from the Church." Text: Haearnest, to the point, and well received. bakkuk, third chapter and middle Pro. Fladger then "took the floor to clause of the second verse: "O Lord,

We sincerely thank the Hemphi

Offerings of self-denial during the week, \$7.15. The faithful few being fer and we took in two new members; hope vent in spirit and reconsecrated, are to have more yet. The motion was car- stimulated to go forward and do more ried that the paper read (to which ref- and better service for our blessed Maserence has been made) be printed in ter during the coming year, and with the Advocate, if the Advocate doesn't the Psalmist say: "O God, my heart is neglected occasion of helping others or think we are taking up too much room. fixed; I will sing and give praise" for of gaining good, gives an added pang of the blessed privileges we are enjoying hopeless regret. Memories are as his children and for the glorious a permanent investment, and, hope in Christ Jesus of that "inheritthat fadeth not away reserved in heaven."

MRS. E. R. MeBRIDE. Corresponding Secretary.

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las, Texas...... 1 50 Regret very much that we received no reports from twelve auxiliaries. March 1, 1897, closes our fiscal year. With the zealous inspiration received who died in faith, not having received by many at our conference meeting in Waxahachie, let us bend every energy to make this last the very best. Do not forget the vouchers; you did well this quarter.

With hearty Christmas greeting and best wishes for a joyous New Year, in His name, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Conference Treasurer, Northwest Texas Conference.

Let the icy north wind blow The trumpets of the coming storm: To arrowy sleet and blinding snow Yon slanting lines of rain transform

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> Memories bring gladness or sadness according to their moral element. To revisit the scenes of one's earlier life ecalls memories which give pleasure or pain. Every remembered act of kindness toward another, or of opportunity improved is a precious treasure. Every recalled instance of misdoing, or of

once made, they can not be ance incorruptible and undefiled and changed. Now is the time to make such investments for future income. The words and deeds of to-day will bring a steady return for the com ing years.-Sunday School Times.

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Gatesville District-First Round

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 Jan 18.

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 Jan 19.

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 Jan 18.

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 Jan 13.

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 Jan 16.

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p. m. A full attendance is expected. T. P. Smith, P. E.
Marshall District-First Round.
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North Side, at North Side2d Sab in Jan Kellyville, at Avinger3d Sab in Jan
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Hallville cir. at Hallville 2d Sab in Feb
Beckville cir, at Beckville3d Sab in Feb Harrison cir, at Rock Spring4th Sab in Feb
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Churchhill, at Churchhill 2d Sab in Mar Arleston cir, at Mt. Zion 3d Sab in Mar
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Calvert District First Round.	
Rosebud, at Rosebud	Jan 2
Durango, at Durango	Jar
Chilton and Lott, at Chilton	an 9.
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Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan Ja	
Buffalo and Oakwoods, at OakwoodsJa	an 30.
Fairfield, at Sunshine	
PersonvilleF	
Jewett. at Jewett Fo	
Centerville, at Red LandFe	
Roger's Prairie, at Oxford	
Mt. Vernon, at Owensville M	
FranklinM	
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J. B. Cochran,	P. E.
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Austin District First Round.	

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Houston District First Round. Angleton, at Angleton. Ja St. John's. Jan St. Janes. Jan	n 9.

	Cedar BayouJan 16, 1
ı	Taberracie
	Wharton Jan 23, 3
	Alvin
1	Columbia and Brazeria Feb 6,
Н	Dickinson, at League City Feb 13, 1
	Pattison Feb 20.
	Matagorda Feb 27, 1
	O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.
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	Brenham District-First Round.
	Sealy cir. at SealyJan 2.
	Bellville cir. at Beliville
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١	Chappett HillJan l
1	RockdaleJan 23.
1	CameronJan :
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1	Giddings cir. at Giddings Feb 20.
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1	Davilla cir. at Friendship
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Millican, at AlexanderJan	
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Madisonville, at Madisonville,Jan	
Zion, at New HopeJan	
Courtney and Plant, at Lynn Grove Jan	
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Hempstead and Waller, at Hempstead!	
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Conroe and Montgomery, at Conroe Feb :	39, 3
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MORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Georgetown District-First Round

W. Wootton, P. E.

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ľ	Corsicana District-First Round.
	Blooming Grove cir. at Dresden Jan 2
	Barry's Creek, at Campbell's Chapel Jan 3
	Brandon cir. at BrandonJan 9. Powell mis, at PowellJan
	Wortham cir. at WorthamJan 16.
	Cotton Gin elr. at ShilohJan
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	Chornton cir. at ThorntonJan
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	Clarendon District-First Round.
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	Jas. S. Charman, P. E.
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Holliday cir, at Holliday
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Cratton cir, at Crafton
Surset cir, at Sunset
Jacksboro and Gibtown
Bryson and Salt Hill
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e Rock and McKenzie ... Annona Emberson cir Maxey mis Lake Creek Terrell District-First Round. Farney, at Perley
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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District-First Round. L S. Ashburn, P. E. Sulphur Springs District-First Round.

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Doughty-Borden.-At the residence of the bride's father December 23, 1896, by Rev. A. P. Limpscomb, Mr. R. I. Doughty and Miss Janie M. Bor-

Smith-McNeese. - At the Methodist Church in Merrilltown, December 24, 1896, by Rev. W. D. Jaskins, Mr. Henry Smith and Miss Lena McNeese; Henry Smith and Miss Lena McNea all of Merrilltown, Travis County.

Helden-Blanks.-At the residence of Mr. Willis, near Mansfield, Texas, by Rev. L. W. Cain, Mr. Wm. E. Helden and Miss Sue E. Blanks. Crawford-Burton.-At the residence

of the bride's parents, near Blum, Texas, December 24, 1896, by Rev. F. A. Cole, Mr. W. R. Crawford and Miss Laura-Dean Burton. Wall-Williams .- At the residence

wall—Williams.—At the residence of the bride's parents, December 20, 1896, by Rev. B. F. Gassaway, Mr. S. W. Wall and Miss Pearl M. Wil-liams; all of McLennan County,

Crook-Nethery .- In Marvin Church, Lamar County, Texas, December 23, 1896, by Rev. R. S. Gorsline, Prof. J. W. Crook and Miss M. A. Nethery.

Haley — Thomas — In Pattonville, Texas, December 23, 1836, by Rev. R. S. Gorsline, Mr. M. W. Haley and Miss Mattie Thomas. Holt — Salter —On December 24, 1896, by Rev. R. S. Gorsline, Mr. J. M.

Holt and Miss Etta Salter; all of Lamar County, Texas. Hollabough—Ramsey.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Bertram, Texas, by Rev. J. Haralson, December 24, 1896, Mr. Joe B. Hollobaugh and Miss Euna Ramsey.

Lowell—Thornesberry.—On December 10, 1896, in their buggy, at the writer'sgate, Mr. J. A. Lowell and Miss Elba Thornesberry, Rev. J. A. Bittick

Davis-Mason.-At the Home of the bride's father, December 23, 1896, by Rev. J. A. Bittick, Mr. E. A. Davis and Miss Frances C. Mason.

Irwin-Marshall .- At the residence of the bride's father, Eddy, Texas, December 24, 1896, at 4 p. m., by Rev. Sam'l Morriss, Mr. H. K. Irwin and

Miss Montra Marshall.
Crow-Bryant.—At the Methodist
Church, East Waco, Sunday night,
December 20, 1896, by Hev. John Bateman, Mr. Ben S. Crow and Miss Margaret Bryant.

Gowan - Crozier - In Broadway Street M. E. Church, South, Gainesville, Texas, December 2, 1896; by Rev. D. J. Martin, Mr. R. T. Gowan, of Henrietta, Texas, and Miss Myrtle Crozier, of Gainesville, Texas.

Strawn-Shoat .- At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. D. Butchie, at Chalk Mountain, Erath County. Texas, December 9, 1896, by Rev. Geo. Smith, Mr. J. Strawn and Mrs. M. M.

the bride's parents by Rev. F. O. Favre, November 11, 1896, Mr. Luther Tate and Miss Clara Evans; both of Freestone County, Texas.

Vann-Bain. At the residence of Mrs. Bain, November 22, 18%, by Rev W. F. Brinson, Mr. W. T. Vann and Miss Pinkey Bain; all of Leon County, Texas.

Adkisson-Price. At the Methodist Church, Jewett, Texas, at 10 a. m., December 27, 1897, by Rev. W. F. Brinson, Mr. J. D. Adkisson and Miss Iva Price; all of Jewett, Texas.

Baughn-Hamm.-At the Methodist Church, White Rock, Texas, December 2, 1896, by Rev. Zoro B. Pirtle, Mr Dixie Baughn and Miss Alice Hamm. Stewart-Cummings. At the residence of the bride's parents, near Ladonia, Texas. December 9, 1896, by Rev. Zoro B. Pirtle, Mr. J. M. Stew-

art and Miss Lucy Cummings. Turner-Rice. At the residence of Mr. R. L. Rice, the bride's brother, eight miles West of Tyler, Texas, December 9, 1896, at 8 p. m , by Rev. W. C. Stalling, Mr. Z. G. Turner and Miss Nettie Rice; all of Smith County, Texas. Nelson-Bratcher. -At the home of the preacher, at 5:30 p. m., Mr. W. P. Nelson and Miss Myrtle Bratcher,

Rev. W. P. Edwards officiating. Weldon-Cowsert. On December 9, 1896, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. F. Gibbons, Mr. Oscar Weldon and Miss Jennie Cow-

Hodges-Miller. On December 18%, at Junction City, Texas, by Rev. W. F. Gibbons, Mr. Porter Hodges and Miss Nettie Miller.

Sawyer - Greisenbeck - At the Sawyer — Greisenbeck — At the Christian Church in Bastrop, Texas, December 23, 1896, by Rev. H. M. Sears, Mr. Holman H. Sawyer, of Paris, Texas, and Miss Emilie Greisenbeck, of Bastrop, Texas. Lewis - Jones - At the home of

Elijah Mosely, near Rusk, Texas, Dev. A. Godbey, Mr. H. J. Lewis and Miss Paralee Jones. Scurlock-Cole.-In the Methodist

parsonage at 1:30 p. m., December 24, 1896, by Rev. V. A. Godbey, Mr. W. P. Scurlock and Miss Queen Cole: both of Bridges' Chapel neighborhood, near Rusk, Texas.

Dogan-Hayter. At the residence of the bride's parents, in the southwest part of Archer County, Texas, by Rev. A. H. Hussey, Mr. W. L. Logan and Miss Pearl Hayter; all of Archer County, Texas,

Trammell-Burnes.-In the Methodist Church, at Tenaha, Texas, November 12, 18%, Mr. T. A. Trammell, of Timpson, Texas, and Miss Emma Barnes, of Tenaha, Texas, Rev. C. F. Smith officiating.

Cavce-Hillyear, -- Six miles south of Ennis, Texas, December 13, 1896, Mr. Lon Cayce and Miss Annie Hillyear, Rev. T. S. Armstrong officiating.

Hughes-Jackson.-At the residence of the bride's mother in Ennis, Texas, December 20, 1896, Mr J. M. Hughes and Miss Leona Jackson, Rev. T. S. Armstrong officiating.

Gooden-Bruton.-On December 23, 1896, at Harwood, Texas, Mr. J. W. Gooden and Miss Mattie B. Bruton, Rev. Hiram Graham officiating.

McLendon-Wilcoxson. At the resi-ence of the bride's sister, near Nevada, Texas, December 23, 1896, Mr. R. A. McLendon and Miss Emma D. Wilcoxson, Rev. C. I. McWhirter offi-

Davis - McCormick - At the residence of Mr. M. P. McMinn, Nevada, Texas, December 23, 1896, Mr. J. Q. Davis and Miss Mattie McCormick, Rev. C. I. McWhirter officiating.

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MONTGOMERY. - Mrs. Jennie Montgomery (nee Wagner) was born in North Carolina, December 17, 1859, and died December 6, 1896, in Archer City, Texas. She was married to C. A. Montgomery, December 19, 1887, with whom she lived happily until her death. She suffered much the last several months of her life, but is now at rest. She joined the Church while young, in North Carolina. When she came to Texas she failed to bring her certificate with her. She joined the M. E. Church, South, again with her husband in 1888, and lived a consistent member until death. A large circle of sympathizing friends attended the funeral services at the Methodist Church and at the grave. She has gone to join her child who preceded her one month and three days to the better world. She leaves a loving husband and many friends to mourn

those who have no hope. A. H. Hussey.

WRIGHT. - Orren Wright was born March 6, 1880, and died No-vember 22, 1896. This is the third writer had known Sister Eubanks time death has entered this family circle within three months. Orren was a good Christian boy, having professed religion and joined the life reminds one of the "very pre-Church when about twelve years of cious ointment" that Mary poured age. He was dearly loved by his on the head of our Savior, "and the The day he died he told those who were present that he was going home, and exhorted all to meet him on the other side of the river. A short time before he passed away he called his mother and told her that his father and sister, both of whom had preceded him but a few afternoon: also a brother, who died heaven. several years ago. He was laid to rest at Old Newbern Camp-ground, where he was converted. The writer officiated, Bro. Pace, his pastor, being absent.

their loss, but they sorrow not as

A. J. WEEKS. Center, Texas.

County, Tenn.; was the son of Geo. and Catharine Patterson, who leaving him an orphan. He was happily married to Miss Annie Lovett January 5, 1887. Church in August, 1895. His "mortal" was folded in the cold arms of death November 10, 1896, His suffering, though brief, was days old. She was a good neighing to redeem the country from their heard from his lips. He seemed to ter, an affectionate mother and a God. When he was but a youth he realize for several days that he true Christian. She rests in peace. connected himself with the Lutheran must leave wife and little Vernon. his only son, but he only asked for temporary relief from suffering. He called for wife and babe, kissed them good-bye, and when asked if he was ready to go, he said: "Yes; tell the people I have nothing and do the best you can." Thus a

JOHN L. SULLIVAN. Annona, Texas.

BARRETT.-William Dickson Barrett was born October 15, 1828, in eighth year in Bradley County. where he sojourned for an unknown Collin County, Texas, December 6, 18%, in his sixty-ninth year. About twenty-three years ago he was converted in Franklin, Tenn., and joined the Methodist Church. and was a member of the same at Nevada at the time of his death. He leaves a wife, four sons and four daughters. Four daughters and one son had preceded him to the world beyond. His health began to fail about two years ago. Since last February, when he had a stroke of paralysis, he has been lingering on the border line of time. At no time since has any hope of come the inevitable. He was a farmer, very industrious; a man of life, but steady in his faith and purpose. He repeatedly declared in well, and died in hope of an immor-

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POPE.-W. R. Pope was born in Texas in 1850; moved to Vernie County in 1858; professed religion in 1871; lived a Southern Methodist till his death, September 28, 1896. He was married to Miss Sarah Phillips in 1872; again married to Miss Willie Banks December 15, 882, who, with three children, mourn his death. He was a Christian; unwavering; a pillar in the temple of his God; he honored his Church, pastor and citizenship; pastors' burdens were his. He died as he lived, right in the eyes of all who knew him. His like make the salt of the earth. Bro. Pope was a worthy member of the I. O. O. F. Resolutions highly complimentary are published to the world, which but voice the sentiment of all who knew him. His pastor for three years carries in memory his pres-ence, prayers, help and brotherly councils a precious treasury, priceess, enduring. Blessings, daily falling, keep his loved ones in fellowship of the blessed till they meet, where all true hope anchors for eternity. May we meet again. J. A. HYDER.

EUBANKS. - Elizabeth L. Eubanks (nee Blackwell) was born in Kentucky, October 26, 1817; moved to Moulton, Lawrence County, Ala., when quite young; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. at sixteen years of age; married W. L. Eubanks a few years later; moved to Texas in 1859, and lived in Rusk County, ten miles south of Henderson, and died near Tyler, Smith County, December 4, 1896. She leaves a daughter, grand and great-grandchildren and a host of for twenty years. To know her or to live near her was to come under her pure and holy influence. Her life reminds one of the "very prefamily and a large circle of friends. Whole house was filled with the The day he died he told those who odor thereof." Such a life as hers needs no dying declaration to as sure us where she has gone. Yet we are glad we have one. When asked just before she died if she was ready todie, her answer came. "I have been ready for sixty years. Let all who read this resolve that weeks, had been with him all the they will live so as to meet her in afternoon; also a brother, who died heaven. W. N. Brown. Jacinto, Texas.

THOMAS, -Julia Hattie Thomas (nee Riser) was born February 10, 18-, in Fayette County, Texas, and departed this life December 10, 18%, at Beeville; Texas. Sister Thomas was brought up in a Metho-PATTERSON.—The subject of this dist home and was baptized in inwith husband and little babes and to give them a mother's watch and while his "immortal" was warmly care. The oldest was sixteen years embraced in the arms of Jesus. old and the little baby only thirty very intense, yet not a murmur was bor, a devoted wife, a loving daugh-

Beeville, Texas.

HAMILTON.-Cora, daughter of J. M. and Sarah Hamilton, was born September 28, 1883, and died at her Church, of which he remained a father's house in Dallas County. against any one, and want them all to meet me in heaven." He said to his wife: "Pay all my little debts, united with any Church, Cora allowed a long to meet me in heaven." He said to his wife: "Pay all my little debts, united with any Church, Cora allowed a long to meet me in heaven." He said to home of such men as H. S. Thrall, death, and had been an honored and consistent member of the ways seemed religiously inclined and others of that day, who assist and consistent member of the good man is among us no more. and loved the Church. Bro. Hamillos wife's pastor, and loved the Pleasant ton had moved into the Pleasant was his pastor during the year on No. 200 No. Ridge neighborhood only about threeweeks ago when this tender maiden took her bed of death. The writer, assisted by Rev. J. E. Rustions of moral reform. He advocated with him on the right side of all questions of moral reform. He advocated with him on the right side of all questions of moral reform. He advocated with the angels to live with the angels to live with God. sell, in the presence of friends and and practiced a high standard of with the angels to live with God Hawkins County, Tenn.; married relatives, buried her in the Pleastarah C. Osment in his twenty- ant Ridge Churchyard. The chair had never been in a saloon in his forc. is vacant, the family circle robbed, life, and I am sure that he said he the parental heart crushed, but in had not in Texas. He was a great period. Finally moved to William-son County, where he remained till and holy meaning. God's provi-sonetimes in revival meetings, and would a strong and cultivated mind and, sometimes in revival meetings make 1883, when he came to Texas. He dence encirles the earth with a com-died after a lingering illness at his mon humanity. love. death and He loved and greatly enjoyed the residence, two miles east of Nevada. sympathy. To the same Christ we old Methodist hymns, and often dotage. Her sufferings were incan carry our sorrows, for "he was when the singing would cease would tense. No one knows how much a man of sorrows and acquainted rise up and, with a remarkably she suffered, but not a murmur eswith grief," In grief the world's clear voice for one of his age, lead caped her lips. Her submission akin. In these dark hours may the out with some old song, such as: and patience were indeed beautibereaved ones follow that Master who will lead them through clouds. a Closer Walk With God," "Jesus. converse with her was to come in up and beyond, to the realm of end- Lover of My Soul." etc. These contact with a ray of sunshine less day. J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

entire recovery been entertained. He was conscious of his critical conBro. Owens moved to Texas in rison Owens was, to my mind, a noheard to utter were, "Praise the dition and struggled hard to over- March, 1832, and settled first where ble specimen of generous Christian Lord. March, 1832, and settled first where specimen of general but in some and stands, there manhood—not perfect, but in some the was perfect. They did everybeing at that time but one store and sense it may be said of him that: great energy and vitality; firm in two or three log cabins at the place. his convictions of right and wrong: In 1834-35 he lived where the town not demonstrative in his religious of Crockett now stands. In 1836 he mingle his songs with the anthems ness. organized a small company and of angels. He leaves four children, started for the rescue of the Alamo, all of whom are members of the remained by her bedside. his last day's and hours all was but before reaching there he learned Methodist Church, and are on the of the massacre and turned and way to join their father in the home joined Gen. Houston in Fort Bend where parting will be no more. County, and but for special detail service which called him away would have been in the battle of San Jacinto. He was acquainted with all ter of W. B. and Jane Knowles, was the leading men who took part in born March 12, 1889, and died Dethe struggles of Texas for her in- cember 4, 18%. This sweet child dependence. He had in his posses- was attacked with that fearful dission a number of letters from men ease, diphtheria, Nov. 27, 1896, and of prominence in both the State and nation which showed the esteem in which they held him, one of which shows it to have been at one time shows it to have been at one time sign and the state and the same of the worst can with that disease. All was done for her that could be done. Medical skill nor the loving minis-Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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night and tries to read herself sleepy. N to one she don't accomplish her purpo Nine to one, she gets more and more i contain a thousand frights. She doesn't know what she is afraid of, but she is afraid, actually, honestly, nervously, abjectly afraid. Healthy women are not cowards. If a woman is nervous and sleepless and afraid of the rustle of her own dress, there is something the matter with her. The most delicate nerves in her body are set on edge by weakness or disease. Nine-tenths of the nervousness, irritability and bad temper in women is merely a symptom of ill health—ill health of the delicate and sensitive organism that makes her a woman. If she is overworked, or over-worried, the effect will show itself there first. There is no use taking harmful and deadly narcotics for nervousness and sleeplessness. It will leave the body in a worse condition than it was before. The way to effect a cure is to cure the cause. Dr. Peierce's Favorite Prescription will do it. It has cured tens of thousands of cases of female weakness and nervousness. It is a most wonderful invigorating nervine or nerve food. It brings sound healthy sleep and restores the glow and bloom of health. It is the only wonderful contain a thousand frights, know what she is afraid of, be bloom of health. It is the only now before the public for woman' ailments, adapted to her deflecte tion by a regularly graduated pl an experienced and skilled spe these maladies. It cannot do ha condition of the system. Its sale the combined sales of all other if for women. It cannot do harm in

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grasp, he never forgot his duty to THEOPHILUS LEE. Church, but at a camp-meeting held on Cedar Creek, about sixty Whipple, and may be O. M. Addison, member until he went to join the mother. Sister Dickinson was con-Church above. His house was the verted while young and lived a A SIMPLE CATARRH CURE. songs, sung by this old veteran of the cross, would thrill and stir pastor often felt when he had visited Owens.-Another Texas veteran many of the old Methodists. Bro. her (although for the purpose of has fallen and entered into his eternal rest! Col. Harrison Owens was a good man—he was not perfect—but his mistakes were not perfect—but his mistakes were not the head, and not the heart. In a letter to the writer from Rev. O. M. Addison, who was associated with Bro. Owens in 1835 and for being nearly ninety-three years old.

KNOWLES .- Mary Irene, daugh-

'Even his failings leaned to virtue's side.' 'But now he has gone to

oves a shining mark." Little rene was an example of patience during her sickness; not a murmur escaped her lips, not a fretful complaint, not a dose of medicine refused, but a spirit of sweet com-posure possessed her little heart. she was early taught to love the Savior, and it was her delight to attend Church and Sunday-school, and sing the songs she learned gan to display those gifts and there. Her favorite songs were graces of spirit which made her a sung in the funeral service-"Over Jordan we shall meet," and "On that happy golden shore." Her loved ones do not mourn as those who have no hope, but are com-forted by the thought that she is at rest, and have bowed in meek submission to the will of God, knowing "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth," and "that all things shall work together for good to those who love God."

A. R. NASH. Kemp, Texas.

BREWER.-Ellen Amanda Brewer, daughter of Noah and Mary Ford, was born in Talledega County, Ala., September 1, 1832. She was born of the Spirit of God at Dadeville, Ala., in her twelfth year: was married to Rev. A. H. Brewer children, six of whom still survive her. For seven years after her conversion she held her membership with the M. E. Church. When Methodist Protestant Church. After coming to Texas in 1868 she and her husband and thirty others joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which she died a consistent and faithful member August 4, 1896. In the spring of 1895 she was brought into the very mond, at one time Secretary of State aws of death by la grippe. Rally of the Republic of Texas, to Wm. ing she lived till the spring of 1896 Glass, of Owensville, we find the when a second attack sapped her ollowing concerning Col. Owens: "He was ever among the foremost to respond to the calls of the bleedlife, and from that time she sank slowly, but surely, to the tomb. It was our pleasure to have known Sister Brewer for about twenty years. She was a true and loval Methodist, a faithful wife and mother, peaceful and gentle in her one. Truly her life adorned her profession. Life's labors done, she rests in the paradise of God.

BEADLE.-Kate Beadle was born December 2, 1886, and died December 9, 1896. She was willing to go. pure for this earth. God has taken the close of the war, to Miss Marour darling niece to his loving bosom, where sickness, sorrow, pain nor death, can never enter. She has gone to join papa on the bright golden shore. Weep not, loved ones, for our darling Kate will be waiting for her dear ones in dory. I am going to meet dear ate in heaven. What a happy neeting that will be. Sleep, swee dear Kate, for I will soon join you

and papa in glory.
HER AUNT KATE. Holland, Texas.

Dickinson.-Mrs. Sarah A. Dick-1846, she was happily married to W. K. Dickinson, who preceded her years ago, at which Dr. Alexander about three years to the glory world. Nine children were born to now mourn the loss of a precious Methodist Church more than fifty

Sister Dickinson was more than an ordinary woman. She possessed

thing that could be done for her recovery, her comfort and her happi-For days before death they

To the grief-stricken family let me say: Be faithful to the God your mother served and some sweet day you will compose an unbroken family in the city of God. W. C. HILBURN.

IN MEMORIAM. The subject of this sketch, Lillie

Nevada Lusk, was born November

5, 1892, and died near Norman, Cleveland County, O. T., of membranous croup, November 16, 1896. Although only four years and eleven days old when death claimed her as his victim, she had already befavorite with all. She was the youngest child of Geo. L. and Elizabeth Ann Lusk. She was specially 7% actual blessed in a father and mother who could say to her as in their daily life they do to all their children: "Follow us as we follow Christ." She was the special pet as well as sunshine of the household. No amount of petting, however, lessened in the slightest degree the sweetness of her disposition. She slo delighted in pets. A pet dog. as well as a pet coon, were always first to wake and greet her, ready

She loved to GERMAN KALI WORKS,
93 Nassau St., New York. May Be Far, It May Be Near, which was sung in connection with her funeral service, was with her a s, ecial favorite. For her it proved to be very near, and her infant voice is now trying higher June 21, 1849, and bore to him eight notes than any known to earth. ness, as well as a wise physician's in choking accents calling for water five minutes before she breathed her expiring breath, she patiently and bravely endured to the end. God bless the sorrowing ones and cheer their broken, bleeding hearts with the whispers of J. W. JORDAN. Oklahoma City, O. T. Pastor.

the State of Mississippi June (1840, and died at his home in this city, Gainesville, Texas, December 6, 1896. His father, Judge Aaron Hill, removed from Mississippi to Texas and to this county (Cooke) when A. M. was only about ten years old. It will be noted, therefore, that he was an old Texan," and one of the pioneers in this State. He professed religion at six years of age at the home fire side, and through all the subse quent years as farmer, soldier, sheriff, husband, father, grandfather and member of the Southern Methodist Church he was faithful and true and trusty. He was twice married-first, in Georgia, about tha Bowman, and then to Miss Eliza Philip, in this county, in 1873. She, with eight children. now mourn, with Denton Street Church and our entire city, the loss of this good man. Almost the largest procession that ever followed one to the grave in this city followed the remains of Bro. Hill. It was edifying, for Bro. Hill was a poor man, and the grief of the people and their semblance of sorrow were sincere. It was a tribute, not t wealth, fame or family pride, but o honest worth and genuine piety We miss him-miss him as a man inson was born in Podd County, a Mason and as a member of the Ky., June 13, 1826. On December Church. Peace to his ashes and a Mason and as a member of the rest to his soul. I have written few lines only in the tion that his brother, Rev. H. T. Hill, of the West Texas Conference, them, six of whom are living and would furnish a more extended

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MOBLEY.-Little Lewis Mobley was a bright and lovely child; was born April 6, 1894, and died November 13, 1896. For several months he was a sufferer, but always as patient and pleasant as a lamb. Her almost angelic temper was severely tried in her last short illness. While undergoing almost excruciating torture, which baffled their home very sweetly. Had an changing residence she enrolled a father's and a mother's tender-herself with her husband in the ness, as well as a wise physician's dedicated to the Lord in baptism. skill, she never murmured or com-plained. While fully conscious and spoken of. His parents live near Burnet, Texas. The earthly home s more lonely, but heaven more real and attractive to them and the stars shine brighter in the deepened shade. It is far better for Lewis that he is in the promised land. So let it be, dear parents, in joy and follow on. J. HARALSON.

> STARNES,-The subject of this obituary, Mrs. Delilah O. Starnes, was born in Franklin County, Tenn. She professed religion in early childhood and joined the separate Baptist Church, and lived an acceptable member until her marriage to Joshua Starnes. He being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, she joined the same with him and lived a consistent life until last Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, when God called her up higher. Those who knew her best knew how to value her Christian spirit and godly counsel. The children miss a good mother, the hus-band a good wife, and the Church and community a useful member. Her pastor. Jas. M. Sherman.

MONTGOMERY. - James Albert Montgomery was born September 3, 1896, and died November 3, 896. He was the only child of his parents, and has left them to mourn he loss of the dear one they had earned to love, but it is a comforting thought that "of such is the singdom of heaven." His mother has since joined him in the realms A. H. Hussey. Archer City, Texas.



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The appeal is first to pastors. It has long been an axiom with our Mission Boards that where there is a missionary pastor there will be a missionary The plan contemplates united action. It seeks a concentration of Christian thought on the theme of parmount importance. It aims to secure the cumulative force of a series meetings. To insure the attainment of these ends we ask your prayerful and

earty co-operation. We hope that all of our pasters will respond to this appeal and co-operate in the movement by preaching a mis-slenary sermon on Sunday, January 10, By following up the sermon with a missionary prayer-meeting on Wednes day night of the same week and, whereever possible, with a union missionary raily of Epworth Leagues on Thursday night, an awakening of conscience and increase of missionary zeal would surely be the immediate result. Above all, let prayer be offered for the baptism of

the Holy Spirit.
H. C. MORRISON. WALTER R. LAMBUTH, Secretaries. Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn.

LETTER FROM THE INDIAN COUNTRY.

We started out to the camps about 2 o'clock. The sun shone bright and warm, and we anticipated a good time. We went first to the Apache camps, east of the Agency. When we drove up to the first camp the first person we saw was a woman, walking idly about. We went and spoke to her, and as we did so saw a very old woman seated upon the ground. She was clad in the usual Indian dress, which was anything but clean. Her stiff, grizzly hair stood out on either side of the head. Almost constantly she ran her long, bony fingers, which seemed more like claws, through it, gouging at her head in a manner which almost made one's flesh creep to watch her. She was almost blind. We spoke to her. She knew by our voices and language that we were come the habit. A little child came out for it. not Indians, and she held our hands of the tepee and he took it up in his tight and said something in her own not understand.

When we turned from her we saw, man and a little girl were standing at cach other; that the little Bible may Methodism at Crandall. Now, if any of as well as backward; that the eternal the entrance. We well knew what this be a blessing to both of them, and that the brethren are being troubled with joy, to which we are drawing ever meant. Just last week they had re- God, by his Holy Spirit, may lead them Campbellism, water salvation, or tad- nearer, is linked to the earthly joy ceived their "grass money," and they both into the Light, that they may pole religion, send for D. T. Brown, which has passed away.-Mrs. Charles.

had gathered there to gamble. The Apaches are noted gamblers-the worst of all the tribes.

stop, but they had no thought of doing so. They were just getting ready to begin as we came up. An experienced eye can usually tell an educated Indian, even before he speaks, even though his hair is long and he is dressed as other "camp" Indians. So we knew at once that the man who sat in the circle understood English, and we asked, "Do you understand English?" and he said, "No." Then we asked, "What is your name?" and he answered, "No sava," But we knew he did, and said a few words about the sinfulness of gambling. But by this time they had commenced to throw the cards and money, and we felt it vas no use to try to talk to them any longer, so we said a few words to the man at the entrance, and the little girl, his daughter, and then left them. As

we left the man walked away. At the next camp we saw Clischtidy and his family, and Hank and his wife and little girl. Hank is a returned Carlyle student, whom we met about two weeks ago, and is deeply interested in his soul's salvation. At our first meeting he tried to evade, by light talking, our questions concerning the condition of his soul, but our persistence at last onquered, by the help of God, and he ecame deeply concerned. This aftertoon he seemed glad to see us. We ead some from the Bible, and while we were talking the camp-matron came seen at the other camp, and she went to see about it. We then had prayers with them and started on, having their promise to come to church next day,

As we passed by the camp where hey were still gambling we saw three chool children, who happened to be at home from school, and calling the father of two of them, who was looking on, asked him kindly to take them way. He did so at once.

We then decided to go to the Kiowa Camps, about two miles up the river. We took the main road, which led down through the river bottom. We had about concluded they were all gone home when suddenly through the trees we saw a short distance off a number of white tepees. As we came in plain view we saw a great crowd of Indians gathered together, and there were sadcled horses standing all around the camp-ground, showing that a good ception of the mission of the Church is many had come from other camps. We a belittling of our faith. Any smaller I new at once that we had come upon another crowd of gamblers, mostly en this time, and of different trikes-Vichitas, Caddoes, Kiowas and Apaches. We found that this also was en Apache Camp.

We saw there Yahho, an Apache who has been a faithful attendant upon Church services for a long time. . He says he is all right, loves Jesus and rever gambles, but we were sorry to see him looking on. His wife also the Church at home is suffering from came up, and seemed very glad to see us. Sitting near the crowd I saw one of my first Indian pupils. I called her to come, and she came to us. She said cacred enterprise of Missions, we issue the loves Jesus and tries to live right; this appeal, and, with the cordial cooperation of the Foreign Mission Beards in the United States and Canada and of the Evangelical Alliance, we had with her. Maude (this is her suggest the inclosed "Plan of Cam- rame) seemed glad, and said she would

> On inquiring about the Kiowa Camps e found there were only a few repaining, and they were some distance feeble-looking old woman gathering up and "Design of Baptism." ome wood.; We spoke and shook hands with her, but as she could not inderstand us we went on to the next amp, where a woman was sitting on the ground making a tepte cover. We ried to talk to her, but she did not now what we said. A young man ame out of the tence near by. He ore citizen's clothes, and his hair was ut. I knew he spoke English, for I ad heard him at the traders' store, a hort time before. His face looked faniliar, but I could not place him. He alked around trying to appear very areless, but we could see he was conerned about something. He said he was not a Christian and did not try much to live for Jesus. He used to udy the Bible when at school, but ow he had none and did not want to tudy, because he is not a schoolboy ay more. We told him God would ot excuse his ignorance concerning is word and will if he did not read and try to find out when he could do . After we talked to him awhile he aid he did not know just how to give imself to God, so we instructed him he best we could and prayed with him, Before we left him gambling was men-

ioned, and he said, "Gambling is one thing I never do." We told him we ould see the evil effects, but felt too weak to stop. But he said, "It has been four or five months since I ate any," So we told him if he would just stay way from it, and ask God to help him, he would make him strong to overarms, and we asked if it was his child. language, which, of course, we could He said, "Yes." We asked, "Who is sitting upon the ground within an en- the Apache Camp. We were glad to proposition and that he was but a playclosure around a large tepee, about a know him. His name is Calvin, and thing in Brown's hands, dozen women and a man. Another we pray that they may be a help to

have the conscious experience of their sins forgiven.

As we drove home we praised God We went in, hoping they would the great privilege he has given us of being here to work among these In-IDA M. SWANSON. Anadarko, O. T., Dec. 4.

SPIRITUAL ASSIMULATION.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."-Ps. 119:11,

It is not the quantity that we es

that makes blood and perpetuates life, gest. A knowledge of the Bible may do us no more good than it does the devil, who knows scripture and quotes it very fluently, and thereby deceives the unwary. Memory may serve as the hopper to hold the grain, but meditation is the rock that crushes it into flour or meal. "Thy word have I hid Jesus says my words are spirit; they are life. What God is to Jesus the Word is to us. As he expressed the will of the Father, so should our will obey the Word. Not my will, but thing be done, said he to the Father. Not our will be done, but only what is declared in thy Word should be our prayer. We are not to be wise above that which is written. We are not to take from nor to add to. It is written was enough for Jesus; it must be enough for us. "Thy word have I hid woman hid in the meal, or the seed that fell in good ground—the results in both instances demonstrated the worth of the leaven and the seed. The condiion of the heart and the mind will determine their capacity for assimulating and distributing the Word of Life. The Word is always good, but its results in the life are often unsatisfactory, be- or postal order, as you prefer, as I have cause the condition of the heart is wrong. Jesus could do no mighty local checks without any collection works in Capernaum because of unbe- charges. lief. When we fail to get cut of cur life what the Word promises we need | ments for the Cuero and San Angelo look no further than ourselves. It is Districts. Will these presiding elders because the Word is not hid in our please take notice? hearts. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.' What a noble reason the Paalmist gives for his careful treasuring up of the Word of God: "That I might not sin against thee." His approhension of the nature of God led to the logical conclusion that every Word of Ged was yea and amen. This Word in the heart is the only preventive against s'n. Emotion is evanescent, feeling is variable, but the thus saith the Lord is a fortress and a buckler. Against these the devil shattered his spear in his contest with our Lord in the wilderness. Jesus faced him with the Word of God at every point he approached, like the flaming sword at the east of the Garden of Eden, which guarded the Tree of Life. If, like our Master, we hide the Word in our heart, it will be as sharp as a two-edged sword when uttered through our lips-"for out of the abundance of sin inside and cuts it down outside. GEO. E. CLOTHIER.

THE BROWN AND BURNETT DEBATE.

Crandall closed this evening after a struggle of five days, of six hours a day They discussed the following propositions: "Infant Baptism," "Mode o to the left. On arriving there we saw a Baptism," "Operation of the Spirit,"

Brown took the position that God organized the Church with Abraham and ordered the children put into the Church, and the Church of to-day was but a continuance of the old Church, and that God put the infants in the Church and had never taken them out.

Burnett spent all his time on this proposition, trying to find a new

Church, but failed. Brown showed that there were two roads leading from this to the life beyond, the good way, over which all the pure and holy traveled, and the bad Burnett to locate the child and tell the people where the child stood and what road it traveled; but he (Burnett) would not say. He failed to find anything that looked like a new Church. The fact is, the people could all see a. once that Burnett had met the wrong man. While Burnett is an old, experienced debater, and Brown is a young man and has had but few debates, evcrybody could see that Burnett could not measure arms with Brown on any part of the ground. Burnett worked very hard to sustain his theory. He said he had the spirit, but got it from the body, which he called the Church. He said the spirit was given to the Church as a body eighteen hundred years ago were so glad. He said, "The one thing and in order to get the spirit you must do is to eat mescal." He said he get into the Church. He said he had not prayed for the spirit for twenty

> any more. Brown showed that he didn't have the spirit, for the Father had promised to give the spirit only to those who asked

Brown sustained himself and won a adjourned. I am still at Woodville and victory for Methodism on every prop- J. D. Dorsey at Beaumont and Sabine esition. I have heard several persons Pass. your wife?" and he said, "Maude." It who did not belong to any Church say was the same Maude we had seen at that Burnett did not prove a single

This debate is a great victory for

You can't go on losing flesh under ordinary confor his goodness and his love, and for ditions without the knowledge that something is wrong, either with digesthey can't work. If the blood is not well supplied, deeply regret her departure, but rejoice it can't travel on its life journey through the body. but the amount we assimulate or di- Wasting is tearing down; Scott's Emulsion is building up. Its first action is to improve digestion, create an appetite and supply needed nutrition. Book free.

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J. B. MINNIS.

Brethren-The first quarter will soon e closed, and the drafts for both for ign and domestic missions due. As ye have received almost nothing, and am being urged by brethren in the in mine heart"-as the leaven the field to push the collections, as the need is great. Let me hear from you-However hard it may be for you t make collections, it will be harder on the brethren on missions to do without. Send you money by local bank checks an arrangement by which I can use

I have not yet received the assess-

JOHN E. PRITCHETT.

Treas, Mission Board, W. T. C

A DEBATE.

tory for the Methodists. DuPont said if Dr. Biggs could prove certain points he (DuPont) would give up his postquested the debate to close without arguing the two last propositions namely: Close communion and Apostasy-to which Dr. Biggs agreed.

B. F. McMANAMA. Hallettsville, Texas.

TWO HAPPY EVENTS.

I had the pleasure yesterday of uniting in marriage Mr. Harry Reynolds the heart the mouth speaketh." It s'ays and Miss Mary Dian. Mr. Reynolds is a well-to-do ranchman, living near Laand thus the man of God is thoroughly garto, and Miss Mary an excellent furnished unto every good word and member of my Church at Ramirena. A short time before I married a brother of the above (Mr. Reynolds) to Miss Lomb, of Lagarto. May all these par-The Brown and Burnett debate at new relations.

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F. J. PERRIN.

Sankey to come to the prison and ad-Wade's Circuit, Dec. 21.

A YOUNG PREACHER WANTED.

I want a single man for the Bandera Circuit, a territory in Bandera County enough to buy clothes. Some young nean who is competent and wants to fail and do good this year will find an Mr. Sankey's direction, led the singing opening. Please write me at Llano, Texas. Will not accept any but a sinreli, who is in charge of Bandera and Medina City, will render any help he can, and from him a plan of the work way, traveled by the wicked. He asked can be had. I want a good case. Please who wants to give his life to the work. M. A. BLACK, P. E.

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Brethren-If any of you have not received notice of assessment in favor of Bro. F. B. Carroll, superannuated, it has been because I misdirected same, and you will please consider this sufficient notice and send the money to Bro. J. A. Wyatt. Lewisville. S. C. RIDDLE, Sec.

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RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING THE DEATH OF MRS. L. P. LIVELY.

Whereas, In the inscrutability of His ounsel, and in accordance with His fiat, "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return," it has pleased God to take frem our midst Sister L. P. Lively and tion or nutrition. If the to transfer her from the toils and cares brain and nerves are not fed, of earth to the rest and peace of heaven: therefore.

Resolved, That we keenly feel and in that our loss is her eternal gain.

2. That we recognize in her death the oss of a faithful and true Christfan, whose light shone and still shines with the radiance of a purer, better world; an earnest, devoted wife and mother: a good neighbor and an unfailing friend in time of need. The world is poorer and heaven richer by her demise.

3. That in our capacity as a Quartery Conference, and as individual memfamily, and especially to Bro. Lively, be broken and awaits the happy sumof her joy and peace in the mansion omfort.

Signed in behalf of the Quarterly Conference, Terrell Circuit, Terrell District. C. B. FLADGER, P. E. J. A. MIMMS, Sec.

The best way to cure disease is to drive om the system by lood's Sarsaparllia.

The Independent: Helen Kellar, to whom attention has so often been called from her attainments, notwithstanding her blindness and deafness, has again achieved a marvelous success After leaving school in this city, last June.she went to Cane Cod for the summer, and in the fall entered the Gilman Preparatory School for Girls in Cambridge, Mass., desiring to fit for the Harvard Annex. The principal was so measure her accomplishments by the Where church-paths are with frequent footstep xamination papers given to young women who applied for admission to Radwas that the Harvard examiners, without knowing who she was or any of her A happy people and well-governed state circumstances, pronounced them mos The debate held at this place closed satisfactory. She will, however, not yet Starr Pianos! Packard Organs! ast Thursday, with a complete vic- apply for admission, perhaps not for a year or two, as she is now only sixteen years old. There is said to be only one other person whose skill in lip-reading tion and quit. These points Dr. Biggs and articulation approach those of proved by Scripture so plain that no Helen Kellar. This is a Norwegian girl one could be mistaken about them. The named Ragnhild Kaata, whose articulaattendance was small, so DuPont re- tion has been so developed within three years that to-day she speaks fluently English, German and French. The success of these two has aroused others to make the same effort, but so far all have failed. Miss Kellar in reading places her thumb over the larynx of the speaker, her forefinger upon the lips, and her middle finger at the side of the speaker's nose, and her touch is so sensitive and her understanding of the vibrations so perfect that it is said she does not miss a word. Her mother, the widow of a Confederate officer, is still living in Alabama, with the other chil-

The Independent: Some time ago the Warden of Sing Sing Prison sent lankey to come to the prison and ad dress the convicts. Last week they took the opportunity furnished by the respite between their meetings in this city and those in Boston and accepted the invitation. At 2 o'clock Wednesday aftermoccupied. One small Church organ- ncon the male prisoners, nearly 900 in ized in it. A single man can live among number, and including a large proporthe people, and they will pay him tion of young men, were formed in companies and marched into the prison church. There was a choir of fitteen. enter the West Texas Conference next including two colored men, who, under with such spirit and taste as to cal forth hearty approval from all. Some gle man. The work is about fifty miles of the convicts seemed to look upon the west of San Antonio. Rev. J. D. Wor- meeting as a huge joke; but a large number were very serious in their bearing. Mr. Moody took for his subject "Partakers of the Divine Nature," and dwelt very earnestly, and with many write me at once some good young man pertinent illustrations, on the fact that human nature is naturally sinful, but can be redeemed by Christ; that the nature of the convict is not essentially different from that of those not kept under lock and key and has the same hope of a better nature; that the only way of securing that is through the new birth which can come from God alone; that the first element in this is to secure self-control, mastery over one's own passions, so that there shall be no hindrance to this new birth. One of his illustrations provoked a hearty laugh but carried its point not less forcibly. Mr. Moody told of a swan which was

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to a crane, when the crane asked: "Are is different-different in its constituent bers of the Church, we offer our sympa-there snails in Heaven?" The swan re-telements, though identical in its conthy and condolence to the bereaved plied that there was nothing there so tinuity of life. This very fact preaches to vile. Then the crane didn't want to go us to-day; it bids us forget those things who bends "as a bruised read" ready to there. "You can have Heaven, but I which are behind and reach forth to want snails," said the crane. Mr. Moody those which are before. * * Foremens that shall call him to be partaker said: "I don't tell that to provoke a cast, meditation, retrospect—these are smile, but to bring out a truth. Many a ot made with hands. May the Lord young man with a mother as pure as an say, Prospice, Respice; look thoughtcomfort the bereaved as he alone can angel has gone back on her and asso- fully at the present, look forward to ciated with what is lowest and vile. They don't want Heaven; they want at the present with firm and holy resowhisky. They have the crane nature.' He then told of his prison work in Baltimore and said that he had never known of a man's going back to a life the system by purifying the blood with the Divine nature, and referred to the Southwestern University, great work done by Jerry McAuley. At the close he called on all those interested to secure the new life to lift up their hands, and fifty did so, while almost all manifested their pleasure in the service

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

If anybody can give any better signs of the best state of things than the following, let us see the list:

Where spades grow bright and idle swords at impressed with her that he decided to Where gaols are empty and the barns are full.

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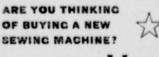
The old year is fast slipping back behind us. We cannot stay it if we would, We must go forth and leave our past. Fitting School Let us go forth nobly. Let us go as those whom greater thoughts and greater deeds await beyond,-Phillips

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