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EDITORIAL.

Aspiration and Fulfillment.

The awakened soul realizes that God is the goal of its life. Disillusioned and illuminated it comprehends something of the relation of God not only to the universe but to itself. Now magnetized, it turns to God like the needle to ark or the prodigal seeking his father's bosom is no mean emblem of an enlightened and penitent soul. Devout aspirations throb in the once apostate heart and mighty purposes pulsate in the once the extent to which a man may become blinded and indurated; and nothing but the eternal Spirit of God can remove the darkness of the mind and the hardness of the heart. But when once the brooding Spirit hovers over the lost soul of man a light brighter than that which made the first morning of the world beams in upon him and a life like that which first thrilled the bosom of Adam stirs within him. With the progressive unfolding of the spirit,uzl life our aspirations deepen and multiply and He who has made such rich and ample provision for our physical and intellectual nature has undertaken to satisfy all the cravings of the godlike and immortal soul.

In all the long and glorious catalogue

of promises there is none more pregnant with strength and consolation than this: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; hope. A supply commensurate with all a matter of principle; let him lose him- to me, but it is also the most aggressive the year 455, when the whole of Sicily lack light, nor purity, nor strength, nor our moral wants is at hand. We may slake our fiercest thirst; we may satisfy our keenest hunger; we may ease our heaviest yoke; we may fulfill our deepest desires. The soul may fly on go through the world with character immature, with faith faint and staggering, with a heart burdened anad sore, charged, it is our own fault. The Bible and the biography of the saints prove appear happiness comes unsought. It when the financial depression on the and illustrate the truth and precious- is the consequence or accompaniment country is remembered. For missions, ness of the promise quoted above. That of the unselfish pursuit of other ends. church extension, and all else, even God should feed the body with wholesome and delicate food and array it with silken stuffs and cloth-of-gold, and provide a gold-seamed and silverveined and inexhaustible quarry of truth mind and then leave the soul, the divin- prayer, no where such wondrous prov- know how to make reports. Suppose of a roaring farce, who can deliver of preaching. The truth had not loss

of life Jesus said again: "I have glori- ual of devotion. fied thee upon the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to

I desire but thee.

God is the strength of my heart and my the facts of the case have been so dis- seems to be spreading among the Presportion forever." What an inheritance! torted in the public prints that justice byterians of Scotland. Very largely it How richly worth the seeking!

Paul said: "Brethren, I count not us to say a few things. myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting the brought against Bro. Morrison by Rev. charged to go to Churches and Presbythings which are behind and W. H. Matthews, pastor of Dublin Stateries, presenting the subject fully to reaching forth unto things which tion, Northwest Texas Conference, for the people, and discoursing especially are before, I press toward the persisting in holding a protracted meet- of some new methods in home missions persons make; and still another, the mark for the prize of the high calling ing in the limits of his pastoral charge which are now under consideration by ed those mmortal words: "For I am prerogative, of the pastor "to control portant subject, and men like Prof. is laid up for me a crown of righteous- quirements of paragraph 287. ness, which the Lord, the righteous The charges were forwarded in due The Independent: That the cata-

duty we shall hunger and thirst for the cations thus found against him, shall tery has been studied, for in 1893 Pro- ish bull-fight, but thought it the sign appropriated. One book at a time, and in thrown by a pony, while returning

by the way.

with the most pains-taking fidelity. the facts, and in the fear of God. Prayer fails because the conditions fulfill its utmost demands. We must co-operate with God in the divinely apdefeats.

It is inexhaustible and always new. Its knows no law except its own will? profoundest passages have never been fathomed. Its widest reaches of there is infinitely more to learn. line continually we can never strike things of God.

it altogether., Let him pursue duty as self in dislaterested service for others, form of Church polity and religion, was ravaged by the vandals of Genseric and peace will inevitably fill his heart Barriers to progress it breaks down or down to the third incursion of the Sarercise taken just simply as exercise does little or no good. A gymnasium character, and magnifies Jesus Christ. tions. Add to this the raids of the Advance," which says: eagle wings and the eye may roam un- as a health-producer is a fraud. Read- To a pioneer work and a formative peblenched in the light of heaven. If we ing as a task does not sharpen the wits, riod it seems peculiarly adapted, and no by the Arabs, who laid siege to the city enforced study is comparatively worth- less efficient in the settled and cultured both in 827 and 878, at which last date less. Health comes when our exercise is unconscious and intellectual expanwith responsibilities and duties undissuit of truth. Paradoxical as it may

most extraordinary books in all the and many accessions, and yet our net range of literature. As devotional gain is only 155, as shown by the stareading it is first-class. No where can tistical tables-so much do we owe to for the pursuit and delectation of the you find such remarkable answers to defective bookkeeping. Pastors do not the Day of Judgment as the background of statement and truth as to substance est part of us, to droop and perish of idential interpositions. It is a record our committees of examination test the wholesale slanders worded in such a it's power to interest. It should be inanition, is absolutely incomprehensi- of phenomenal experiences. It is full young brethren on this department of way as to imply that all earnest pasble. No, the beatitude to which we have of deep reflections upon life. It abounds knowledge. And now for another year adverted is the key to this problem and with spiritual illumination and en- of toil and trust." the pathway to the higher Christian couragement. Here are Wesley's secret thoughts-his bosom laid bare. On one occasion Jesus said: "My meat Here is the account of his struggles | Christian Advocate, New York: The of the conduct of some of their nominal tion need not be made a pulpit theme, is to do the will of him that sent me, and triumphs. No Christian can read Lutherans of this city met last members, bears the same relation to the but the man in the pulpit ought to and to finish his work." What a pic- this great book without being made ture of keen desire to do the will of better and happier. It is the best Sun- four hundredth anniversary of the birth God! Note the sequel. Toward the end day reading we ever saw. It is a man- of Melanchthon, and decided to have

Gonnectional News.

thee? and there is none upon earth that do what was right in the premises, we anniversary day. have not felt that there was any occa-"My flesh and my heart faileth; but sion for interference on our part. But Exchange: A spirit of genuine unity to all the parties concerned requires springs out of a quickened interest in

The exact truth is that charges were sent a number of deputies who are of God in Christ Jesus." Nor did Paul against his oral and written protest. the Church. At some points the Prespress in vain. The great and glorious This action was taken in accordance byteries of the Established Church, the past and surveying the future he utter- which says that it shall be the duty, not united in the presentation of the imnew ready to be offered and the time of the appointment of all services to be Orr and Dr. Denny have joined in the my departure is at hand. I have fought held in the churches under his charge." public discussion of the great and press-I have kept the faith; henceforth there been a perfect compliance with the re- means of its fulfillment.

judge, shall give me at that day; and form to Bro. Morrison's presiding elder, combs of Syracuse are inexhaustible cate, New York. not to me only, but unto all them also Rev. John Reeves, Lexington, Ky., mines for the study of the history of that love his appearing." Here are de- who, as in duty bound, appointed a com- primitive Christianity is once more sire and fulfillmen; here are seeking mittee to consider them. This commit- proved by the recent excavations carsculs will throb with devout desires. preacher who has been notified by the the investigations which he has made a culture; I have been amazed at the ev-By prayer our spirits will be filled with presiding elder, or the preacher in in these interesting catacombs. True, ident relish with which American tourineffable yearnings. In the path of charges and specification this is not the first time that the ceme- ist companions have described the Span- chosen, well-road, well-pondered, well-fant. When sixteen years old she was Christ in Central China during this conblessings of God. In the communion not be allowed to exercise the functions fessors Cavallari and Orsi made a first of exceptionally giddy or stolid natures; time a living soul from school, against an oak tree. From Joyce has given the greatest satisfacof saints we shall pant for divine and of his office from the time of his notieternal things. The Spirit and Provi- fication until the case has been deter- tombs, not to mention other less impor- ish of the brutal prize-fight and cock- thoughts, and great resolves will set ed all her life-and at last died.

dence of God will feed and fan the mined by the Quarterly Conference. flame of aspiration and we too shall be Bro. Morrison publicly announces recent studies have brought to light a ple who foster them.—but I was per- with the glory of God, and the world be- complaining sufferer. At twelve years of filled with righteousness and peace. In that he will pay no attention to these number of interesting details, especially plexed out of measure at the exhibition youd with the radiance of truth-of age she was converted at Felicity Street the absence of this agonizing and im- proceedings, but will go on preaching regarding the history of the catacombs. of delight by Columbus mothers and truth in life! portunate thirst and reaching after God as if they had not been instituted. In Five dated inscriptions were found, cov- daughters, and ladies and gentlemen of One day at a time! One day of duty ure in the Sunday-school and in the we need not expect any spiritual en- doing so he is clearly within his rights. ering the years from 399 to 423. It was presumed culture, as they witnessed done; one day of burdens borne; one services of the house of God. Generous. largement and joy. Nothing but the No ecclesiastical establishment in this precisely during the post-Constantinian that dirtily-clad, bare and frowsy-head- day of service rendered; one day of pain unselfish, transparent, uncompromising overwhelming and insatiable desire and country can coerce the action of a free times and as late as the end of the fifth ed, rough-and-tumble, shoving, push- endured. Days soon grow into weeks, in her spiritual life, she was foremost revealed Himself as the way; and we, the painstaking and everlasting search man. But it is also true that the course century that this cemetery was in gen- ing, erushing, beeks into months. Months soon mul- in aiding all the enterprises of the as "members of Christ," are part of

Law inexorable and unchangeable runs try and membership of the Church. gentle treatment. Let the issue be fair- there. A small number of Byzantine

thought have never been fully sur- account of the recent session of the period from the sixth to the ninth cenveyed. There is no such instance of South Georgia Conference in the South- turies. Thus it is that to-day we have condensation and depth in the whole ern Christian Advocate, from which we only the denuded skeleton of the galence is a very large one and growing we were only divided in 1866, and yet sales. Of all these decorations, includbottom. It is pregnant with the deep have in Georgia two such conferences ing carved and painted inscriptions, as we have. Methodism is the most metal work, sculpture, and glass lamps, To seek happiness directly is to miss in the world, and that we manage it so combs could not survive the repeated well is a matter of constant amazement in the past. Our financial exhibit was in irretrievable. advance of last year-a wonderful fact South Carolina is but little ahead of us.

General Church News.

week to arrange for a celebration of the an anniversary gathering in Carnegie Hall on the evening of February 16th, with addresses on Melanchthon as a Christian Advocate, Nashville: For scholar, a churchman and a citizen. The Psalmist said: "As the hart pant- various reasons we have refrained from There will be similar celebrations in eth after the water brooks, so panteth making any statement in regard to the Philadelphia, Buffalo, Chicago, Pittsmy soul after thee, O God." Later we case of Rev. H. C. Morrison, editor of burg and St. Louis. The Luther League find the fulfillment of this ardent de- the Kentucky Methodist. Believing urges all Lutheran pastors to preach on sire. "Whom have I in heaven but that the authorities of the Church would Melachthon on the Sunday nearest the

home missions. The Free Church has

and repose. Religion is not a side is- ing as it does the deliberate renuncia- Syracuse; but even as late as layers, of whom any might come out sue, but the supreme interest of man, tion of his solemn ordination vows, the sixth and seventh centuries it with broken limbs, or be left on the and until we regard it as such and seek lands him on the outside of the Church. must have served for occasional burials, ground-wallowing, mixed-up mass of it as such we can not but limp and lag He can stay in it or withdraw, just as as the thousands of bodies found I was more perplexed as I saw college lioned imparting a divine charm to the was everybody's friend. Her face exhe sees fit, but he cannot suppose it pos- there represent considerably more than professors walking about, with an unsible that he should continue to reap five generations. It is not possible to doubted expression of satisfaction, as counted but an awkward and clumsy ef- of her heart, ever bright as the morn-It is extremely important to realize the benefits of membership, and yet dis- state with any degree of certainty at though it were a fine and creditable that all spiritual and providential bless- regard and defy the law. The case will what period burials ceased to be made display. There was no relief in the reings are contingent upon conditions. doubtless proceed in regular form. It at San Giovanni, for many changes, de- flection that it was cultivat-These conditions must be performed should be tried without prejudice or structions and enlargements of the ed. dignified, aristocratic, Episcopal the lowly servant of the king unwitthe pole. The dove flying back to the with the greatest conscientiousness and partiality of any sort, in the light of all tombs, took place, so that inscriptions Kanyon that was helping give the show. originally engraved and placed on an A next-day paper reported our Ohio Since the above was written, the early sepulcher were, after many de- Wesleyan team in a similar bout with now comes in affectionate holiday re- rents, brothers and sisters, were equalhave not been met. Providence fails Lexington Quarterly Conference has ex- cades, removed and used for later Presbyterian Marietta. And these debecause we have not done our part. pelled Bro. Morrison from the minis- tombs. Still, there has not as yet been nominational colleges are mainly enfound any inscription which could be dowed by efforts of ministers of the gosstagnant spirit. It is almost incredible all through the kingdom of grace and We deeply regret that any such action attributed to a period later than the pei, soliciting from Christian parents, the divine administration. We must should have been necessary; but we seventh century. It is, however, clear on the plea of religious institutions of really do not see how else it would have that the catacomb continued afterward learning for the higher, better and been possible to deal with the case. to be frequented by pligrims and peas- safer training of our sons! How nobly pointed way. Failing to comply with The contumacy that despises and defies ants as a place for the veneration of here stands out the figure of Wooster's the conditions is the secret of all our ecclesiastical authority cannot expect the saints and martyrs who were buried president, who affectionately, but firmly understood. It is this: Shall the paintings which have come down to us very opening of a Thanksgiving game, We heard a professor in one of our Methodist Episcopal Church have, in testify to the veneration in which the "Gentlemen, if you play this game, I colleges say once that the depth of the addition to the itinerancy that is regu- sepulchers of the early Christians were shall be constrained to expurge your Bible was a proof of its authenticity. lated by law, another itinerancy that held. But few are the evidences left names from Wooster's roll."

of this period of its history for the cemetery underwent many vicissitudes Rev. W. C. Lovett has an interesting and great devastations throughout the marbles and paintings, and of the chapcomplex system of Church government nothing now remains; for the cata- speak?-Western Advocate, inroads of the barbarian hordes. From Iconoclasts, and the great damage done

THE PRESS.

Not Worthy of Countenance. John Wesley's Journal is one of the Most of the pastors reported revivals are among the most serious obstacles to hurrahing and to get the praise of traduce whole denominations because Jesus Christ. The subject of inspira-

> that they produce are estimated by him in a haze." numbers computed by themselves and their special admirers. They can indeed record the names of persons who make public or semi-public manifestations of interest, but several classes of verted, but that the majority disappear. Another class of subjects not compreand fallen away-not from a true expedid not predominate, who directly or Exchange. indirectly wrought as much good as harm to Christianity.-Christian Advo-

The Foot-Ball Abomination.

exploration among the early Christian I have been able to account for the rel- will be builded wherein true faith, great this accident she was partially paralyz- tion, and we rejoice that he is to be with tant investigations. But Prof. Orsi's fight and dog-fight, by the sort of peo- up an altar, filling this mystic temple During all the time she was a most un-

ly, announced to his students, at the

Aside from the coarseness, vulgarity brutality, of the game itself, what of the lebauchery, drunkenness, Sabbathbreaking, that often accompanies these Saturday intercollegiate games, with atendant betting and gambling? Is it world of literature. Ever learning excerpt the following: "Our confer- leries which were formerly so rich in not time for Methodism, always to the and who alloweth no day to pass withfront for the care and higher culture of Though we may reel off our sounding- rapidly. It is a matter of wonder that els which were resplendent with mo- her young people, to pronounce deciivo judgment on intercollegiate football? And if the college faculties do not all that human wisdom can devise and act, can the conferences hesitate to the grace and love of Christ provide .-

Requisites of Good Preaching.

Dr. C. J. Little, President of Garrett Biblical Institute, delivered an address recently before the Congregational minand happiness overarch his life. Ex- throws aside-brings peace to troubled acens in 750, the city and environs of listers of Chicago on "Preaching." The spirits, under its teaching transforms Syracuse underwent constant devasta- address is briefly summarized in "The

"In naming the requisites of good

preaching Professor Little insisted on a positive declaration of righteousness. centers of our population. The day of it was taken and sacked, and it will be To denounce wrong and evil-doers has its achievement and of its glory are not seen that the ruin of the catacombs was its place, but not the most important place. When Raphael saw an artist drawing an imperfect hand, he uttered no word of criticism, but drew another hand. So wickedness should be rebuked, not directly, but by proclaiming Vulgar and blasphemous evangelists righteousness. It is easy to set a crowd with which pure Christianity has to the press by hitting hard, but denunciacontend. The man who can use the word tion weakens the power of the pulpit "hell" to make a laugh, or put forward Other requisites named were simplicity tors who shrink from indorsing his The preacher should have very definite grossness are in the gall of bitterness views of things, especially of two matard the bonds of iniquity, and who can ters, inspiration and the person of comes a little nearer the figure. ances of clowns do to the serious ora- And so of Christ and his life and teaching, his ambassador should know what The crowds that such men draw are he thought about him, whether he was attracted only in part because they pro- limited by human conditions, whether fess to preach the Christian religion, he was a social reformer, or what. The and chiefly by the same elements that old painters put a halo around Christ's would support a circus. The results head; modern preachers should not put

Dr. Storrs on the Sunday Newspaper. Dr. Storrs, in comparing the present with the past, has expressed himself conservatively, but very decidedly, facts elude their statistics. The first upon the Sunday newspaper, of which class relates to the subsequent conduct he thus speaks: "Nor is it an innovaof those who manifest interest; these tion of altogether happy augury that might show that some are truly con- the Sunday newspaper now makes itself known in multitudes of households into which, a quarter of a century ago, hended is, the effect upon many who it never entered. In some cases the are disgusted, not by Christianity, but Sunday newspaper is the best of the by such a presentation of it as these week's issue, but in others it is simply detestable. At its best, however, it number of those who, having been occupies the minds to which the Gospel wrought upon by them in their youth is afterward addressed, and the themes of the Church are quite outside the inhour came when calmly reviewing the with paragraph 120 of the Discipline, Free, and the United Presbyterian, have rience, but from a transient ebullition fluence which pulsates from such a paper. A Sunday morning bath in the clude that they have seen all that there world's business, politics, and sporting is in religion. It is a matter of grave news can hardly be a preparation for doubt whether there ever was an evan- the high feeling and holy thought to a good fight, I have finished my course, But it was not taken until there had irg duty of the Churches, and the best gelist in whose proceedings solemnity which the word sould be addressed."-

One At a Time.

One stone at a time! And in due time the foundations are finished and the four walls stand firm. One stone at a I have seen the carnage of more than time! And one day the one stone for and finding; here are aspiration and to reported a trial necessary, and Bro. ried on in the cemetery of SanGiovan- one bloody battle-of course, it set me that day will be the top-stone. And all the communicable fulness of God. Morrison was notified of the fact. It is not ni. Prof. Orsi, who is an authority on forever against the barbarism of war; without miracle, a great work will have to hear him when he had fair play. By reading the Bible our hearts will correct to say that the presiding elder Syracuzan antiquities, gives, in the Noti- I have seen the face-slashing of the Ger- been completed, and the hospitable fire kindle with sacred longings. By brood- suspended him; the law did that. Para- zie degli Scavi, the government organ man student-duel, and wondered at lighted on the hearth; and while the ing over the deep things of God our graph 284 reads as follows: "A local for excavations in Italy, a full report of such a rudiment of savagery in so fine guests are grateful the builder will re- Advocate: "Our dear child had been children were converted, and more than

of a human life-each day a work of art, fort. The tears of his discouragement

tingly rebuilded. Dear friend, to whom this greeting membrance:

About thee are scattered innumerable stones of opportunity. And many

are still unquarried. For thee on many shelves are books of wisdom awaiting the firm hand, the

Before thee is now passing a proces sion (the end of it is hidden from my sight) of the days which hold for the tife and fortune, canvas and color, palette and brush, power and peace, all ready for the artist's dream and pur-

eager heart, and the keen vision.

Out of opportunity cometh all good. Out of the little cometh the large. The great end hideth itself in the insignificant beginning. And remember the law of "one at a time," and what it will bring to him who addeth one to one out "one more"-one more resolve, one more prayer, one more endeavor. "One at a time" will do for one in due time Bishop Vincent in Central Advocate.

Texas Personals.

We acknowledge with pleasure a call from Rev. G. S. Sexton, of Plano.

Dr. W. S. Webster, of Desert, made

the Advocate a highly appreciated call. Dr. W. F. Lloyd, President of the

Polytechnic, has our thanks for a neat and serviceable "vest-pocket erasable blank and calendar for 1897."

Rev. J. Marvin Nichola spent a day in Dallas this week, seeing through the press a notable article on Texas Methodism. It was prepared with great care and is brimful of statistical matter and important observations.

Southern Methodist Personals.

Baltimore Advocate: Dr. Price, of the "Holston Methodist," criticises the juicelessness of the "Epworth Era," and refers to the editor as "in Samson's prison-shorn of his locks." We think "Achilles sulking in his tent"

Alabama Advocate: While in Mont- The recent session of our conference ser that Methodist matriarch, Mrs. Han- the Mission. The visitation of Bishop non, the mother of our Dr. John Hannon, of San Francisco, but were de- member of the Mission. It was a renied the opportunity. She is one of the vival conference in every sense of the jewels of the Church, a real saint of the word from beginning to end. The pow-New Testament kind. Her beautiful life or and influence of the Holy Spirit were has been an inestimable benediction to graciously manifested. The Bible readthe whole community, and she is dwell- ings and addresses of the Bishop were a ing now in full view of the delectable source of great profit to everyone. Sunmountains.-Nashville Advocate.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, in the Christian Advocate: The sermons and addresses delivered at this session of the North Carolina Conference, I learned from others, were excellent. Unfortunately for me, I was just recovering from a long spell of sciatica and rheumatism, and was deprived the pleasure of hearing these addresses. Bishop Wilson's sermon on Sunday, and his educational address were declared among his strongest utterances. The address of the missionary anniversary was delivered by Col. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, whose great liberality to the cause of missions makes it possible for the Board to occupy a much-needed point in China. Col. Carr's address was a strong one, and at the unanimous request of the conference will be published in full. The greatest success I have ever seen under such trying circumstances, was the brief, pointed, vigorous address of Dr. James Atkins, our Sunday-school Editor, delivered to the conference at its last sitting, when every one was rushing toward an early adjournment. If he can do that well under such circumstances, I would like

Bishop Keener, in the New Orleans years she had been helpless as an in-Church. She found her greatest pleas- field. for God can bring the fulness of life which our brother has adopted, involver lat use by the inhabitants of groun-wallowing, mixed-up mass of tiply into years and decades. And from Church and in the support of her pas-

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'one day at a time" springs the fullness tors. She gave away all she had, and the perfect ideal after which it is fash- ing good. She had no enemies, and she service wich the workman himself ac- pressed the cheerfulness and openness ing; she lived to help others. Her Bicrystallized into gems of beauty for the ble, her birds, her flowers and her decoration of the King's palace which friends, constituted the Eden in which as doubt; not the least fleck of it ever crossed her sky. The Savior, her paly objects of her supreme affection. She died peacefully. After a stormy voyage she rounded the cape and glided into the haven of eternal life. She 'died in the Lord,' and her memory is 'blessed."

That is true, Doctor. She has been a benediction to some of us who are no longer in that community, and we cherish grateful memories of her gentle and motherly affection.

Exchange: Mr. Washington Duke, whose recent gift of \$100,000 to Trinity College, N. C., has been read with pleasure throughout the whole Church, is a active 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 fellow-laborers are to be supplied with whatever equipments are needed for their work. Mr Dake has been a lifelong Methodist.

General Personals.

The Independent: We spoke here a while ago of the simple and rustic funeral of the poet-socialist, William Morris. It is interesting to compare this with the funerals of two other English poets who have since died. Coventry Patmore rested in his plain coffin in the rude brown habit of the Third Order of St. Francis-a religious confraternity to which Dante himself had belonged. A requiem mass (said by the Bishop of Portsmouth) preceded the funeral in the little church of Lymington, where the widow, only son and mourners were ssembled. On the same day the funeral of Miss Mathilde Blind took place. The services were conducted by Mr. Mencure D. Conway, and held at the Stamford Street Chapel. The remains were cremated at Woking, and the ashes were placed in a beautiful urn of the Della Robbia pottery, Grecian in shape, and "decorated with three very fine figures emblematic of Faith, Hope and Charity, in low sculptured relief, on a ground of most exquisite bluegreen color,"

Christian Advocate, New York: The Rev. Don W. Nichols writes from Kiakiang, China, as follows:

Joyce has been a great blessing to every day was a day never to be forgotten by those present. It was a great day in the Israel of God in Central China. The love feast began at nine o'clock, conducted by C. F. Kupfer; sixty people gave ringing testimonies to the power ot Jesus to save. These testimonies were from the old man of seventy-five down to the little girl of ten years. The Bichop's morning sermon through an interpreter was one full of blessing and comfort to all. A wave of salvation moved every heart; some were moved to tears of joy, while others shouted, "Hallelujah!" Fully a dozen persons presented themselves at the altar to seek their soul's salvation. At 2:30 an Epworth League rally was held, the Bishop and members of the Mission delivering addresses; at 4:30 the Bishop preached to the foreign community a sermon that made a profound impression on the minds of all present. At 7:30 the writer preached and conducted a revival service. Some thirty persons came to the altar-the mourners' bench -to seek salvation. The Holy Ghost came upon every believing heart. The voice of prayer could be heard all over the house, three and four praying at the same time, while souls were being converted and praising God. On Monday night the writer conducted another revival service. Again the altar was crewded with seekers; men, women and dying for the past five years. For three thirty united with the Church. The battle cry is, "A thousand souls for ference year." The visitation of Bishop us again hext year. We are sure that plan of having the Bishop remain two consecutive years in charge of the same

> We should be stepping-stones to heaven, not stumbling-blocks. Christ

DEVOTIONAL.

THE CONQUEST OF THE IMAGINATION

The greatest forces in the world are those that are unseen and spiritual. Paul never spoke with deeper insight than when he said, "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

It is easy to measure the gross and material things, and foretell what they are going to do. A mathematician can easily estimate how far a cannon ball can be thrown by a certain charge of powder, and through how many inches of wood or iron it will cut its way when it strikes. It is comparatively easy to take a great waterfall, as Niagara, and tell how much force there is locked up in its floods, how many cars that power could push along tracks of steel, and how many mill wheels it could turn. On a larger scale, it is easy to estimate how much grip one star or planet holds on another, though they are many milliens of miles apart.

But when we undertake to weigh love or fear or hope or, faith or fancy, it is infinitely more difficult. Who could have foretold how much vitality would be left in Psalm xxiii three thousand "the Sermon on the Mount" would be fascinating the hearts of men and women and molding their lives in all parts of the earth eighteen hundred and fifty years after it was uttered?

Nothing seems more elusive, when we undertake to measure it, than the imagination. Yet Paul declares in his second letter to the Corinthians that it is the stronghold which sin has captured, and which must be won again for Christ, I am convinced that reflection will assure us of the truth of the statement, that the depraved imagination is the hardest stronghold of evil to regain. Sta entered by that gate, first of all, into th. "city of Man-soul." The devil made his first appeal to Eve's imagination. When he called her attention to the beauty of the fruit on the forbidden tree, his insinuating falsehood was that, when she ate the fruit of it, "Ye shall be as gods." What could have been more bewildering and seductive to her imagination than that?

Sin yet enters through the imagination. A thoughtful study of the career of the giant swindlers who are being prought to justice occasionally in these days shows the deep schemes and riot of the imagination which precede many of the great financial crimes.

A unique illustration is furnished in the recent discovery of a band of counterfeiters who have been making silver dollars out of genuine silver and reaping the profit of the difference between the price of silver bullion and coin. Some two years ago two detectives were in a liquor saloon in San Francisco, and overheard a general conversation on the subject of counterfelting. One bronzed old miner from Montana remarked that It was strange that nobody had tried making counterfeit dollars out of real silver, as it would be next to impossiuine. It was many months before these new counterfeit dollars came to notice, but when they did these two detectives remembered the old miner's remark and reasoned that, as the thought had been in his mind and working in his imagination, he was very probably the man who devised the scheme. They set to work to find him, and, sure enough, on finding him found the archcounterfeiter. He had permitted his imagination to run wild until it had led him to lawless crime.

Jealousy, envy and hate, all feed ic the dark on imaginative pictures. No one can long live a wholesome life outwardly if, as the Scripture puts it with graphic earnestness, "the whole heart is sick." Christ says that such a person is "a whited sepulcher." clean without, but within full of "dead men's bones, A great many people do murder in their imagination, and keep the bones of their victims there, who never get a chance to kill with their hands. It used to be a common thing to say about some lawless desperado out West, in the frontier days, "He keeps a private graveyard of his own." But, alas! many outwardly decorous and even professedly Christian men and women. who sit in church pews, keep a private graveyard of their own What else could St. John hateth his brother is a murderer?"

All the sensual sins have their strong-

but it must be peopled with new ten- of Thy Youth," by Dr. Farrar.

ants. The fatal defect of mere pledgesigning and resolutions of the will is that they are like the empty house of Cirist's parable, ready to be repossessed again by a still more dangerous rabble. Our religion is positive. The Bible gives a new set of pictures for the imagination. A new hero is set before the soul. Christ becomes "the One altogether lovely," and about his noble head the imagination weaves garlands. A new deal of brotherhood is set up in the heart when once we hear the Savior's words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethreu, ve have done it unto me." When once a man has caught that spirit his imagination is ever looking for the angel and the Christ under the frayed and tattered garments of despoiled humanity.-Louis Albert Banks, D. D., in Christian Advocate, New York.

MENTAL ACTIVITY DURING HOLIDAYS

Moral growth, almost of necessity, involves intellectual growth. For though it needs no intellect to see the difference heart be in the right place, the training her pouting lips, "I haven't time!" years after it had been thrown off from of the mind has a double moral importhe heart and mind of the shepherd tance, not only as saving the soul from deepening and strengthening the sense of right. A well-trained mind, a wellstored memory, a well-developed intellect will help to disentangle the soul

> And the holidays are especially a valuable time for removing that sad ignorance of your own lierature—that blank breathe and words that burn-with all that glowing poetry and heart-ennobling eloquence in which your own langnage abounds.

"We must be free or die that speak the tongue That Shakespeare spoke; the faith

and morals hold That Milton held."

To know souls like theirs, to under stand them and enjoy them, is in itself an education, and a very liberal one. These strong and noble guardians, these peautiful and inspiring thoughts, will ave the empty house of the mind from a thousand villainous and contemptible intruders; they will make you loftier, more happy. If you are to do any high service in the world-and to do high aweke! ervice every one of you should aimthen, even in the holidays, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge. wisdom, "You must not only listen, but read: you must not only read, but think. Knowledge with out common sense is folly; without method it is

cism; without religion it is death.' And remember that life is an education mainly that it may be also a service. You cannot realize too early and teo wholly that we are not our own ble to detect the difference from the that no man liveth to himself; that love is the divinest, the sweetest, the most

waste; without kindness it is fanati-

selves, but the direct willful cause mislead. of sin in others. And as life is an education, and as indeed, from school, but you will not be life away from yourselves. As the labor of but one final and fatal evening to life, man chroniclers. to beauty, to goodness, to happiness, Cassius, then, who was a man of ac-

from sin. It is sin that crowds the wards | reading compare with that of a person have meant when he said, "Whosoever of the prison house; it is sin that so-called now? hold it the imagination. Let the drunk- the river bank; it is sin which, when it parts of the world are a modern invenard but hear the clink of the glasses of stops far short of these desperate ex- tion. When the Romans gained a victhe revelers as he passes on the street; tremities, yet makes the heart gather tory over some far-off enemy, when a Extry Sunny World!" let him eatch sight of the bottles in the blackness and stains the path of life terrible defeat checked for a time the saloon window, or the smell of strong with tears. And how does sin thus gain march of the army, the news came by drink be carried to him on the breeze, a footing in human hearts? Only in one special messengers to the city of Rome, and his veins are full of fire and his of two ways: stealthy, insidious intru- the center of the great empire, and bulbrain is filled with pictures that seduce sion, or sudden, violent assault. Both letins announced the news to the peohim from his determination to break attacks need equal watchfulness. When pic. Had Cassius, when in the army, his bondage to the cup. The same is a Josiah degenerates, when a David some dear friend in a dangerous quartrue of lust. People get ready to com- murders, when a Peter blasphemes, ter, he might wait long for news of him. mit adultery by unholy imaginations. what does it mean? Alas! it means the Hc often sent important messages by a The fancy is permitted to feast itself on same as when those who know what is servant who also carried his signet ring forbidden sights and situations, until right do what is wrong; it means that as a voucher. When he wrote a letter when the temptation comes it is like a there is no depth of earth in the stony - and there were many delightful letterspark applied to a magazine of gunpow- place where the good seed of teaching writers in those days-he wrote it on a der, and the whole fair life is broken has fallen; it means, in a word, that smooth tablet covered with a thin coatdown and destroyed. If Joseph had they have not yet learned that life is an ing of wax; his pen was a small steel been a young man of impure imagina- education and a struggle; it means that instrument called a stylus, always cartion, Potiphar's palace would have been they have slept when they should have r'ed with him and sometimes used as a his tomb and his name would never watched, have been careless when they degger. should have prayed. Even at home, What did he read? He had history,

OLD AND YOUNG

Why Mehetabel Meditated.

Mehetabel is one of the little girls of whom we sometimes read who "haven't time" for the things which they are occasionally expected to do-washing dishes, setting the table, rocking the

One night she lay awake a long time trying to go to sleep. Suddenly she feit exceedingly light and airy, and everything looked bright, and then, in a trice, she found herself in the most delightful place imaginable. It was just one big picnic grove, with swings and hammocks, and a lake and boats, and croquet grounds, and the loveliest chance to do all the things that she liked to do.

And, just as she began to realize that she was really there, the most gentlemanly of boys approached her, and asked if she would not like to swing. She between right and wrong-though here- intended to smile and say, "Thank you, in many a dull boy may be as good as I shall be delighted," but, instead, her gold, and many a clever boy may be mouth pulled down at the corners, and weak, loose and bad-yet if only the these words fell in whining tones from

The nice boy looked rather surprised, our made no comment as he walked singer? Who could have estimated that the many wretched temptations which away; and soon a bevy of laughing litthe conversation of Jesus which we call iddeness brings in its train, but also as the girls danced along, and asked her to play croquet. She expected to say, enthusiastically, "Oh, I shall like it so much!" But she only made a dismal grimace, and her obstinate tongue refrom the fatal and subtle sophistries of peated the words to which it was best ccustomed. "I haven't time!"

> The little girls looked blankly at her and then at each other, and walked slowly away, wondering what she had anacquaintance with the thoughts that to do. She certainly didn't look very busy.

Next a charming lady came and asked her to take a ride in the little sailboat that lay rocking lazily on the sparkling waves. Now, of all the things n the world that Mehetabel liked, sailing was the thing she liked best. And she was just going to say so, when her lips parted, and out popped, this time with a positive snarl, "I haven't time!" The lady lifted her cyebrows a little. and said she was very sorry as she turned away; and in a few moments Mehetabel saw her helping the little girls and the polite boy into the boat.

Poor Mehetabel's head was in a whirl. What could be the trouble? Who was to blame? Trying to think made her so wiser, better-at once more useful and dizzy that she lost her balance, fell over into the lake with a great splash, and-

Then she lay really awake for a long time, meditating very hard. And since then she has had a great deal more than They are a trinity of gifts spiritual, of ever before to do-things for other peowhich the eternal unity is a heavenly p.c's pleasure.-Minnie L.Upton in Sunday School Times.

'He Reads Much."

"He reads much:

He is a great observer, and he looks Quite through the deeds of men."

These are some of the words in which Shakespeare makes Caesar express the grounds of his suspicion and uneasiness if love to God be the motive, love to words which we may hear any and man is the main end and aim of all every day said of many a boy to whom earthly existence. It is one of those St. Nicholas offers its delightful pages, simple principles which should be the for whom the public library spreads its gaide of all life, and sins against it are stores, and whom, in accordance with very fatal. This is why charity covereth the latest educational theory, teachers a multitude of sins. This is are endeavoring to lead away from why the most sternly terrible cheap publications (cheap in every words Christ ever spoke were sense of the word) to hold converse with words against those wretches the great writers whose company is of who not only are sinners them- the best, and whose words will never

Who was Cassius? Many a child can answer that he was a friend of Caesar, life is a service, so too life is a strug- a brave soldier, and a famous general, gie. The wheels of time will not stand but jealous of Caesar's power and popstill for you because you are at home; ularity and distrusting the use he was nor will the powers of evil sleep. The likely to make of his success, he readily great problems, the great trials, the joined the conspiracy formed by other great temptations of life will go on for reatless spirits, and helped to deprive you there as here. You will be away, his former friend of kingdom and of

Shakespeare, great master of the hu-Christ was a ceaseless effort for others, man heart, has given in such English so remember that his very rest was a a has now become "familiar in our ceaseless prayer. What we ever have mouths as household words," the subto bear in mind is this: that there is stance of the story told by the old Ro-

It is sin. All our dangers, all our sor- tion and helped make what to-day is rows, every pang of remorse, every ache ancient history, was what is nowadays of shame, every access of despair, comes called a great reader. How did his

throngs the cells of the asy- Magazines were unknown. Newspalum and goads the suicide to pers which give us tidings from all

Christ conquers by spiritual weapons. even in the holidays, yea, even till the biography, poetry. With the history of The imagination must not only be cap- end of life, watch and pray, lest ye enter his own country, the lives of her great tered and the old loungers dispossessed, into temptation .- From "In the Days men, the details of her wars, he was probably familiar. Of the books which

the names of their authors alone are of my capital before I bunk in to-night." left to us. A knowledge of the language every Roman gentleman.

most families of moderate means have shoulders back and the proud con- win, in Central Advocate. as many books as he ever owned, and the public library of many a country town contains more books than he ever saw in the whole of his stormy life. In too long. After having made the tour days when books were all written they of the boat several times, Tim spied a could not be very plentiful.

Of religious reading we may say there was almost none. Hymns to the gods were known. Some of them are still extant. There were forms of sacrifice to the household gods, in which the family was supposed to participate; but few among the better educated Romans many deities in whom their childhood had been taught to believe-beings dif- and flicked a nickel on the seat. "Now fering from ordinary mortals in power only; not superior to human passions and frailties. Yet the idea of a supreme things, may be traced in the teachings I shine the skin wen I strikes it?" of some of the best and greatest writers of those dark ages when the earth was waiting for her Redeemer. God has never left the world without some witness of himself.

Cicero represents himself as looking life being over, he shall meet the them. friends who had gone before; but Cassius, when the fortune of this world failed, saw no hope but in annihilation. and, like many of his famous countrymen in danger and distress, took his own life rather than

"Stay the providence of some high powers

That govern us below." -Pamelia McArthur Cole, in Epworth

Partners.

A sturdy little figure it was trudging bravely by with a pail of water. So nany times had it passed our gate that morning that curiosity prompted us to further acquaintance.

"You are a busy little girl to-day." "Yes'm."

The round face under the broad hat was turned toward us. It was freekled, flushed and perspiring, but cheery with-

"Yes'm, it takes a heap of water to do washing." "And do you bring it all from the

brook down there?" "Oh, we have it in the cistern most

y only its been such a dry time late "And there is nobody else to carry

the water?" "Nobody but mother, an' she is wash

"Well, you are a good girl to help

ment, and the little water-carrier did not consider it one at all; but there was a look of surprise in her gray eyes, and an almost indignant tone in her voice as she answered:

"Why, of course I help her. I always help her all the time; she hasn't anybody else. Mother'n me's partners." Little girls are you and mother no ners? Do you help her all you can?-

Selected.

Tim's Dollar.

He stood outside the Hoboken Ferry House crying the evening papers: "Extry World-Extry Sun-Here you are, sir! Extry Sunny World."

He called with just as much careless freedom from anxiety as if this rough and tumble life of the streets had provet indeed for him an "extry sunny world." People smiled as they passed, and a broad responsive grin spread itself over his freckled face. He gave little whoops every once in awhile, and executed a war dance in his old shoes, whose very patches and cracks looked merry. Why did he do this? Only because he was a boy and had a natural affinity for uncarthly noises and shocking behavior. An old gentleman with gray hair looked at him wistfully, as he made change and handed out a paper. You seem happy, my boy; are you?"

"Sure!" was the unequivocal and prompt reply. "Well, I'm glad somebody is. Here's

a dollar to help you keep so." Tim turned it over in his hand. It was certainly a dollar, and it certainly belonged to him, Timothy Sullivan, aged eleven, of nowhere in particular. He chuckled as he slipped it into his pocket. "Guess he believes in free silver: you can bet I do-here you are, sir! Extry Sun, Extry World, Sunny World,

What to do with all that richness was the problem that confronted Tim when the papers were gone. Spend some of it for supper? Not much! "I'm a-living on my income, I am," he announced, as he put down his usual amount at the coffee stand, "and I'm a-going to

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ing dignity to the jacket some inches too short, and the trousers some inches bootblack acquaintance of his in the corner, and marched up to him, planting one broken shoe firmly on the iron support of the kit. "Gimme a shine," he demanded, "and do it up lively. I've got business in New York," and he tin kept for special occasions. The g'way!" he said. Tim stamped his foot, will you get a move on?" he inquired. Seeing that the business was serious,

"Ah, g'way;" it was Tim's turn. "Them's my Boardway patent leathers." In the station on the New York side he gazed upon their resplendent glories funeral services were beautiful-so simwith pride, although he had refused the ferward to "the joyful day" when, this faction of seeing him even glance at in Potsdam) read the nortions of Scrip-

> "Sure, I must make meself gay, both five cents for a Sun, with a lordly "keep grandeur, then three cents more to go fort her like a mother." back over the ferry, and again he stood in Hoboken with his chums around him, cination over men. He fired the sol He counted his wealth carefully; sixty- diers' hearts in camp and on the battle four cents yet remained.

> followed by his wondering companions, ing learned that a set of officers had beinder the torn jackets. Entering boldly not disinclined for a little fun in the suddenly the door wide open, there he now empty dining-room, came up with saw a table surrounded by a brillian n breathless suspense.

"Three choc'late ice creams and three

brought; two apiece, a white and a from a visit to a poor man who was brown. Brick and Bum were speechless sick in his cellar home, he was about to and Tim was chuckling with delight. pay his fare, when the cabman said, 'Pitch in, fellers." They needed no "Beg your pardon, mister, I have been tasted and then the white, by common have heard your voice before. May consent. It vanished like spring snow, ask you who you are?" "My name is and the waiter swept the six dimes off Frommel." "That's it! I thought so! the table.

Tim wiped his mouth and hands os- were soldiers on the Rhine. I was in tentatiously with the napkin, leaving the campaign against France. It does brown marks not all of chocolate ice me good to see you." Frommel shook cream. Brick and Bum slid down from his hand, and pressed some money into their seats and Tim beckoned to the it "No, indeed," said the cabman; "n waiter with a grimy finger. Four cop- money from you! Why, you wouldn't per pennies reposed upon the table in rob me of this pleasure!" "But, dear place of the six dimes. "There's your fellow," remonstrated Frommel, "haultip," said Tim, grandly, jerking his ing for pleasure won't pay your rent. drooping violets more securely into his "No," said the man; "I guess I get as button hole and catching up his ragged much out of it as you do from such a

The money was all spent, he had had to find workpeople at home. Some of an "elegant time," he had "set up" his popular books he wrote after com-Brick and Bum, and a load of anxiety ing in late in the evening, finishing one was off his mind. With a whoon he at a sitting. started down the street, the boys at his | Berlin contains thousands of cabmen heels, himself once more a merry, hap- Mrs. Davies, a remarkable woman, con py-go-lucky street urchin, with never a ducts evangelistic work among twelve care in the world until to-morrow's pa- hundred cabmen's families. It has been pers came. He dropped to sleep that his custom for many years to address hight in a packing box in an alley, and an assembly of these cabmen and their the shine on the old shoes, attracting a wives once every quarter, filling one of

he knew many have disappeared, and scratch around and spend every cent strange cur as they protruded over the the largest churches. The old man, so edge, was all licked off by its affection-After his supper nothing looked more ate tongue, and the violets, drooping and literature of Greece, also, was in inviting than the brightly lighted ferry and dead, sent up a faint fragrance, Cassius' time part of the education of boat, on its way to New York. Paying sweet as the memory of happy Tim's three cents he was on board, walking "elegant time" so generously shared here he who had so often brought joy His library was not large. Probably around with a lordly air, head up, with others.-Mrs. Grace Duffield Good-

Emil Frommel.

One of Germany's great men has late

y passed away, her most beloved minister of the gospel, who will be deeply mourhed in the royal palace and also among military and business circles, but especially among the sad and heavyladen poor. Emil Frommel, who had cocked in his eye a monocle made of long been pastor of the Garrison Church in Berlin, and the favorite court preachcould be expected to have faith in the bootblack looked up sleepily, "Ah, er of both the old and the young Emperor William, retired from the ministry some eighteen months ago, at the his great earnestness, could extricate imperial request, to undertake the charge of the young royal princes in his mistake would arise. own new home at Plon. A friend in the bootblack awoke and began operabeing, the maker and guardian of all tions, making only one comment: "Kin Germany writes: "All Berlin was deeply agitated at the news of his death. The Empress cannot console herself for the loss to her boys. Really, it is comforting to see now how he was beloved. The ple, so unique; no discourse. Hans author of their brilliance the poor satis- Kessler (his son-in-law, court preacher ture he loved the best, which he had himself desired should be read. The er.ds of me," he soliloquized, taking his Dem choir sang. There were no flowway to a flower stand where twenty ers. He had requested that all the cents went for a bunch of violets, which money that would have been spent for he placed in his ragged button hole with flowers should be given to the poor. all the dainty care of a city exquisite; The Empress has been lovely, so full of thoughful kindness for all. She was the change, me little chap" to lame the first to go from Plon to Frommel's Jemmy, who stood abashed before his young daughter at Potsdam and com-The old man exercised a singular fas

> field, and military audiences crowded "Come along, fellers," he said to two the Garrison Church. Neither heredienvious companions, "it's my treat." tary nor military rank deterred him Across the street he led the way, closely from faithful rebuke of their sins. Havdesignated usually as "Brick" and gun regular gambling at the house of "Bum"-rough names from a rough life: one of their number, he made a call far rougher than were warranted by the there late one night. The servant who good sound boy nature in each heart waited at the door was at a loss what to do with the pastor. Brushing past the the bright dining-room, Tim and his frightened man, Dr. Frommel strode followers unnoticed seated themselves towards the room from which there at a small table. One of the waiters, came the sounds of revelry. Throwing mock gravity. "Water and napkins," company of officers engaged with wine ordered Tim. The waiter grinned and and their cards. Without other greetbrought them. Meanwhile Tim studied ing, he stepped to the table and said the card, preparing for his return. Then "Gentlemen, I have heard of the gambhe lolled back in his seat and gazed ling here. I have not come to preach to around the room with an air of studied you of its sin, and the misery it brings, indifference, while Brick and Bum sat If your eyes do not behold the wrong and your hearts have not been softened by the ruin it has caused, my words will ratillers, and a spoon apiece," ordered not avail." He laid his hand upon the pile of gold. "Here, I take this with me; "Let's see yer money, youngster," I will spend it for the poor;" and he said the waiter, who did not propose to vanished as he came. But his brave carry a joke too far. Tim laid out six faithfulness aroused admiration in this dimes in an orderly row, and winked at circle. They gave up gambling, and ought his friendship.

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beautiful with his silvery flowing hair, so full of movement, life, and sparkle, would have been beloved in any audience, but to their poor homes-here he was idolized. The men and their wives would come to these meetings expecting to be catechised on the result of the last three menths' study on some assigned Scripture topic, and Dr. Frommel made the people talk nearly as much as he talked himself. It was inimitable, the way he would bring out the entire list of the Bible verses suggested by the topic, by leading up the people's expectation towards one after another, suggesting it, illustrating it, beginning to quote it; then he would be interrupted by the audience, by this time sure of the verse, who would finish the quotation. His gift of repartee and humor, as well as him from confusion, if now and then a

The old Emperor cherished Frommel, and insisted on having him as companion on those long trips to use the waters of Gastein. Loyal as he was, these tours were sometimes a cross to the work among the lowly best. Once, when he was preaching, the Emperor called to him, "Say that over again, dear Frommel." "Tell me." he afterwards inquired, "where did you get that gift for description?" "My father, your Majesty, was an artist. He could illustrate and engrave with pencil and brush. He taught me how to make pictures, but I have to do it in words,"

He loved children, and published several stories popular among them. Great numbers of young men were regularly attracted to his house on Sunday evenings after early service. The Empress has always sought and followed his counsel in training her boys, and in the selection of their tutors. When, finally, his entire services had been secured for the princes, it is little wonder that a woman who takes her motherhood so seriously as the Empress of Germany should mourn Frommel's death as an irreparable loss .- Mary G. Stuckenberg.



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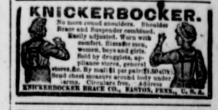
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Notes from N. T. F. G.

AFTER a vacation of ten days for the Christmas holidays the pupils and teachers of North Texas Female College have resumed the regular school work, and things are moving along smoothly once again. The young ladies who remained at the College during the holidays received such royal treatment at the hands of Mrs. Key that they almost imagined themselves at home. Among the pleasant entertainments provided for them was a large reception in the College parlors given to the professors and students of Austin College, where all was jollity, feasting and mirth with the lads and lassies, and I daresay

"Not all on books their criticism wasted." But the genius of a dish some justly taste And ate their way to fame."

THE latest addition to our College family is a handsome parrot of gorgeous plumage, who made his appearance from Mexico last week. He seemed a little embarrassed at first—not being able to converse in our tongue-but the North Texas Female College is never caught napping and promptly supplied several interpreters from among her students, and we feel sure that Jacko will soon give in good English the College yell of

A KINDERGARTEN department has been recently added to the College and is in charge of Miss Margaret Strother Brown, who is a graduate of a kindergarten training school and has been teaching in Knoxville, Tenn.

THE College League, assisted by members of the Sherman League, will give an entertainment in two weeks for the benefit of the poor.

THE junior literature class has taken up the study of American authors and will read selections from these authors in the daily reading class.

THE College Shakespeare Club is devoting itself to the study of the Merchant of Venice, and had an interesting debate at the last meeting on the question: "Does the interest of the play center upon Portia or Shylock?" Papers on the following topics will be read at the next meeting: "Dramatic Structure of the Play," "Trace the Hate Story," "Nemesis" and "Anachronisms of the Play."

Address all communications for the Sunday school Department to Rev. F. B. Carroll, D. D.,

A MULTITUDE CONVERTED. ACTS 2:32-47.

The Golden Text: "The promise is urto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off .- Acts 2:39.

Time: A. D. 30. Place: Jerusalem.

great excitement among the people of Lower in itself without the Spirit. Jerusalem. Some of them, however, scoffed, accusing the disciples of being drunk. Then Peter boldly showed that what had happened was a fulfillment of Messiah.

ecy of David about Christ-Psa. 16:110. HELPS IN LEARNING THE LESSON.

awful emphasis on these words. The work. man of all men, whom they had hated, persecuted as despised, and whom the resurrection of Jesus God demonstrated his Messiahship among you. We are all witnesses.-More than five upon the truth of this fact.

Verse 33: Being by the right hand and stewardship. of God.-The place of honor and power. hath shed forth this which ye now see the earth. The work of Jesus is Church, is always a converting, growcontinuous, from his mediatorial throne, ing, saving Church. man redemption.

known to Peter's hearers (verse 29). ful hospitality; prayerfulness-observ- Apostle Paul has exhorted us thus;

Psalm, Jesus himself applied to the Messiahship (Matt. 22:45).

Verse 36 contains the conclusion clusion. This same Jesus-whom ye tures show, has made both Lord-ruler, king, and Christ. If Jesus be Lord and Christ, then he shares the very dominion of Jehovah himself; all power is his; therefore can he take vengeance upon his murderers and persecutors. Besides they are guilty of the sin of murdering their own Messiah.

THE EFFECT OF THE DISCOURSE.

Verse 37: Pricked in the heart.-It was as if a sharp, burning instrument had been thrust to the center of their living, sensitive being. This work of convicting men of sin, Jesus said the Holy Spirit should do. In all great re- our thirst. vivals of religion conviction for sin is a deep and pungent work. Witness the early years of Methodism-men fell under the sword of the Spirit as if they were pierced through. Men and brethren.—These ignorant Galilean apostles are now men and brethren. What a change of feeling and view a sense of guilt, danger and hopelessness produce! with Christ and engage in personal That vast throng at once became an "inquiry meeting," seeking the way of salvation.

Verse 38 contains Peter's answer, Repent, that is, change your mind and purpose, and the manner of your living. And be baptized, thereby these men who had denied and crucified Christ as an impostor would publicly confess him as the Christ, or Messiah. But Peter is not laying down a law or rule for the condition of pardon, which with your relation to Christ be the more should apply to all men, making baptism a means which must always, or even generally, be used. For afterward he says, "Repent ye, therefore, and convert, or turn, again," and says nothing of baptism. Also in the house of Correlius the Holy Spirit was given before baptism. The state of the audience and their relation to the crucifixion of saying, It is unto you and to your chil- ger. of Jesus, and are therefore entitled to the whole nation. baptism, the sign and seal of their redemption.

ness of Peter's effort to save these men, -the most hopeless cases possible, if we God, "intractable and perverse."

Verse 41: About three thousand in- and Gentiles. stantly obeyed this message and were baptized and added to the disciples. FIRST QUARTER-LESSON 3, JAN. 17. meal, nor can men so repent. This host "Gospel in Isaiah." the power of the reigning Christ the preaching of the Word. From that day to this the faith

of Christ has propagated itself only by turned into good men through the saved one. Between the Lessons,-The Spirit's mighty power of his gospel applied by gift of tongues to the Apostles caused a the Holy Ghost. The truth is not a

The remainder of the lesson gives a ricture of the Church, following this great accession to their number.

Verse 43: They persevered in hear-Jewish prophecy, and that Jesus was the ing the teaching of the apostles. Willingness to learn is a genuine mark of a Hints for Study.-Carefully read the true conversion. Breaking of breadwhole of Peter's sermon, and the proph. The Lord's Supper. This sacrament they now received as the token of their Lord's death for them. And in prayer .-Verse 32: This Jesus .- There is an A'ways an essential part of the Church's

Verses 44, 45: Had all things common-As one family. They sold their they supposed was forever put possessions-"landed property and away under the shame of the cross "goods," personal property-and gave Hath God raised up. Your God, and them out to those who were in need." therefore he condemns you, for by the This sale of property was purely voluntary and cannot be pleaded as a law for all succeeding Christian communities. The principle of the true Christian comhundred, St. Paul tells us, saw the Jesus munism is that all possessions must be alive after his resurrection. The resur- held on trust for the service of hurection of Jesus is the great historic manity, under the inalienable ownerbasis of the Christian faith; all depends ship of God, the maker of all; the individual is left free to use his own gifts

Verses 46, 47: Give a glowing pic- the world. Having received of the Father the ture of the gladness and hospitality of Its supply is abundant .- At all seapromise of the Holy Ghost, Jesus told these early Christians. There was sons, in all climates, uninfluenced by the disciples that the Father would send unanimity, one accord.—Breaking of drouth or flood, this well of salvation the Spirit in answer to his prayer. He bread from house to house—the com- flews on, abundant and pure. mon meal followed by the Lord's Sup- It must be drawn and used. Water continues the work and teaching The Lord daily added such as should will not accept it. which, Luke tells us, he began while on be saved. A glad, generous, devoted

energy, which Christ had promised with mendation of their religion.

This passage, taken from the septua- ing the ordinances appointed by Christ; the gift of the Spirit. Such should be like, brought his sister to the pastor the gent, or Greek translation of the 110th thankfulness in receiving even the ordi- the state of every congregation after a next day and asked him to send her to one with Thee our Father for ever. nery blessings of life; and all this with true revival of religion. Here were all school. His request was granted. The gladness and simplicity of heart, the elements of spiritual power and pro- League, learning of their pastor's ac-Men and women, ministers and laymen, gress, and the mighty work went daily reached by the argument of Peter; to all took part, and every one did his on, the Lord adding unto them—yes, spent, and assume all expenses for the his hearers an awful and crushing con- work. Meanwhile, they were every one Jesus, the now reigning Lord. Preach- children for the rest of the school year. filled with the Holy Ghost-clothed ing, prayer, praise, hospitality and uncrucified, your God, as your own Scrip- upon with the dunamis: The power or failing joy; it was an irresistible com-



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One visit to the well of salvation is "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again net sufficient. We should daily quench I say, rejoice."

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Let your gladness be Christian gladness, and not levity.

shine the brighter and your satisfaction

TOPIC FOR JANUARY:

"THE GOSPEL IN ISAIAH." Jan. 17: The Wells of Salvation .-Isa. 12:2-6.

The chapter is a hymn of praise. The Christ made baptism especially neces- prophet whose mission it was to reveal sary in their case as a condition of par- the future, warm the disobedient and don. Shall receive the gift of the Holy exhort to righteousness had preached Ghost.-The agent in their regeneration with intense earnestness, but with litand the witness to their pardon. The tle success. With dirge-like solemnity Comforter, Guide, Sanctifier of the Chris- h. foretold the desolation which should tian, his abiding guest. Thus God come upon his nation on account of the dwells in the human heart by his Spirit. hardness of their hearts and their re-Peter then recites the great promise, jection of the message and the messen-

dren, and unto them afar off. This in- The Assyrian should invade the land cludes us, who are now distant in time and spread desolation about him. The and place. The Lord calls all, Jew and inhabitants should flee before him in Gentile alike, wherever his gospel is such terror that their cries would be proclaimed. And it includes our chil- heard from one city to another, and the dren; these are a part of the kingdom rod of the oppressor should rest upon

Into this gloomy prospect the prophe brings a ray of hope to encourage the Verse 40. This shows the thorough- faithful and comfort those who feared God and loved their nation. He declares that the power of the enemy consider their sin and attitude toward should at last be broken, and Israel, a Jesus. With many other words he weak and humble remnant of their earnestly testified and exhorted them to former great nation, should be restored. save themselves from this untoward generation—a generation averse from of the peaceable kingdom of the Messigh, which should embrace both Jews

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING.

Such is the present lesson, and though The Sunday-School Department Observe how sudden and thorough all it occurs here in connection with both this work is. Conversion in the sense the prophecy of the Messiah's kingdom State Epworth League Conference and build real hope.—Bishop Hell. of pardon is always instantaneous. Here and the restoration of Israel, it seems members of the Programme Commitalso repentance followed conviction in- better suited to the former, and is very tee is hereby called at Tyler, Texas, on stantly. God pardons no man by piece- appropriately included as a part of the Friday, January 22, 1897, at 9 o'clock

All good is embraced in these and bestows-Salvation from the guilt and power of sin; Strength to overcome evil and do good; Song of rejeicing for the creation of Christians-bad men the gladness which fills the heart of the

WELLS OF SALVATION-VS. 3.

The figure in the prophecy seems to refer to the miraculous bursting of great rejoicings, poured on the sacrifice | as it lay upon the altar.

We may presume that Jesus, witnessing of this ceremonial, applied it to himself and to the Holy Spirit who should be given by him, when, as recorded in John 37, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, he stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink."

Christ is the true and only well of salvation, the fulfillment of prophecy and the hope of the world.

THIS WELL IS FREE TO ALL Jacob gave a well to the Samaritans; but he who is greater than Jacob has opened a well of living water for all

and hear.—The emphasis is on the per. And all this with gladness and may flow abundant on every side, yet words "He hath shed forth this," show- singleness of heart. Their consecra- will one perish of thirst if he will not ing the vital connection of the cru- tion and unworldliness proclaimed and drink. Salvation is free to all, yet cified Christ with his Church. Thus he popularized their religion. Result: thousands are perishing because they

THE JOY OF SALVATION. They who have obtained this water have cause to "sing unto the Lord"till the very end of the history of hu- Thus we have a picture of the Church yea, even to "cry out and shout." We immediately after the first great revival should not refine the spontaneousness Verse 34: In confirmation of this, under apostolic preaching, showing and joy out of religion. The service of David is not ascended.—His death and willingness and persistent efforts to Christ is delightful. The consciousness the place of his sepulcher were well learn; unanimity-a most self-forget- of pardon is a joyous experience. The

OUR MISSION LEAGUE FUND.

We give this week the amounts asked of the East Texas Conference Epworth Leagues for our mission pledge the second year. The assess ments were made as light as possible and hence it is very important that every League meet its portion.

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CHARITY AND HELP.

The League at LaGrange is employed water from the rock in the desert, by in some Charity and Help work, which which God provided for their physical other Leagues will do well to imitate need when Moses led them through the The pastor there found a little boy who wilderness. The Jews incorporated the was anxious to attend school, but whose idea in their ceremonials at the feast of parents were unable to send him. He, tabernacles and on the last day of the generous man that he is, secured from feast the priests went down to the pool the superintendent free tuition for the of Siloam and drew water in a golden boy and himself paid all other necesvessel, which they carried, and, amid sary expenses. The little boy, Andrew-

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tion, decided to refund him what he had

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Temptation is such a "narrow place, In the serious crisis of the soul's his tory it is alone. It is a path on which there is room only for itself, and before it there is God. Between these two always the matter has to be set tled. Yes or no is the hinge on which everything turns. Shall I yield and dishonor God, or shall I resist and triumph in his might? There is no possible compromise; for compromise with sin is itself the most insidious form of sin.

No one can pass through one these crises and be after it precisely what he was before it. He has me God face to face, and he must either be the better or the worse for that Either like Jacob, at Peniel, he car say, "My life is preserved," or like Saul, after he had thrown off his alle giance to his God, he has to exclaim "Jehovah has departed from me, and he is become mine enemy."-William M. Taylor, D. D.

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A PRAYER.

O God, who yearly makest us glad with friends and joy in our homes, and meeting for this conference year, and hast also brought to our remembrane through the Holy Ghost, and they describe the benefits which Christ there is much important business to the birth of Thy Hely Child Jesus, who living and dying in the weakness of the flesh, was owned Thy Son by the power of the Spirit: we bless Thee for His great humility, and pray to be come partakers of His glorious life holding fast the freedom which he wrought for men from all defilement of sin, and from all bondage of the soul: and we beseech Thee so to consecrate us to Thy service, that through Thy gift we may be Thy children, and

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Jan. 11 .- C. S. Cameron, subs.; J. W. Sims, sub.; J. W. Holt, sub.; C. R. Wright, sub.: C. S. McCarver, sub.: W. B. Walker, subs. Jan. 12.—O. P. Kiker, sub.; A. J. An-

derson, sub.; Albert Little, sub.; C. A. Tower, sub.; Jno. S. Davis, sub.; J. H. Stewart, sub.; S. P. Brown, has atten-January 13 .- O. A. Shook, sub. J. R.

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FORNEY METHODISM.

I have just returned from a profitable and pleasant visit with Bro. T. J. Beckham, our pastor in this charge. I feel constrained to give a few items of interest.

The new church is almost completed and out of debt up to date. It will seat about 500 when done. The improvevocate than ever before. The Xmas ments in full will cost about.\$2,150. It will undoubtedly be one of the best churches in the state for the size of the membership. The W. P. and H. M. Society deserves great credit. With only twenty-seven members they gave \$100 on the church, \$50 on the seats and are now papering and finishing the wood work of the interior. Bro. Beckham received ninety-four in the Church 3: 25 last year. He has the confidence of his ple are proud of each other. The church entire people, and both pastor and peowill be ready for use about March 1, 1897. F. B. SINEX.

REPORT No. 2.

To the Preachers and Members of the West Texas Conference:

By an oversight, which is much re-I was well pleased with the Advocate gretted, report No. 2 of the Committee in its lovely new dress. It was a beauty. on Books and Periodicals was omitted from the published minutes. I hope that all who have noticed the omission have suspended judgment and beg to assure them that the omission was unintentional and with no desire to su press facts.

STERLING FISHER, Sec.

TEXAS METHODISM.

Occupied and Operated by the Five Erglish-Speaking Conferences of Texas.

Together With a Review of Four Other Conferences.

8 80 8 80 8 80 8 80 Paid. By J. MARVIN NICHOLS. 11: 12 E 25×82 Statistical See'y North Texas Conference. 22 55 #2x 76 # 98 は名けるま About this date, one year ago, I gave a review of Texas Methodism in the 10 TH columns of our Advocate. In many re-22: 88 spects the attempt was deficient, owing 85 29 to the lack of information in my pos-Faid. session. Observing this fact, I set about 38: 62 to seek every source of information that 200 in my next annual exhibit I might be 3358 able to give reliable answers to any question concerning our Church in Tex-12: ES: as. The field of operation is immense, 8: 88 Resultant therefrom, a statistical surcreased prosperity to the Texas and its vey represents an almost overwhelming Assessed. 32588 amount of labor. Every figure herein contained stands as a result of a vast 11.00 5088 Paid. amount of computation. It is not, on 88338 my part, done in a mercenary spirit, for 5858.9C2 75 589.065 87 net a dollar do I receive. It is merely a Advocate hum. Go it. God bless you labor of love. I believe this to be the Other Objects SECTO first attempt giving a definite idea of 855288 Mcthodism in Texas from every point Total from all Sour The Christmas issue of the Advocate of view. I venture to beg for it due con-2335 came promptly to hand. I expected a sideration. This year I have tried to 55 present every conceivable position of 記算数据書 our Church in Texas-the numerical No. Ep. Leagu-01.00 REESTS and financial condition, with all its remember to have seen such a choice varying functions; a comparative view body of Christmas reading in any one of Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians issue of a Southern Church Journal. It and Campbellites in Texas; the strides SERSE Schools. is a credit to all concerned. Long life made beyond last year, together with Officers, Teachers. many legitimate conclusions deduced from calculations. My only object is to meet honest inquiry with mathemati-REMEMBER.-We are still offering cal calculations and reasonable deducthat magnificent, Self-Pronouncing Bi- tions. As I said, upon this work I have ble, including one year's subscription spent much time and care and if the នងនាមម printed matter corresponds with my Amt. Col-lected for Missions. \$3835 copy the work is reliable. I am prepar-The Texas Christian Advocate cele- ed to vindicate and verify the result as 25926 brated Christmas by changing its form, read. If the space should be allowed BENBE reducing its size and increasing its me in our great paper this will be fol-28837 9571 985 129 Saus A parative view. At this point, the stamust know

OUR TERRITORY.

It covers an immense scope. According to the latest Atlas. (Matthews-Northrup, 1893), Texas had an area of 265,780 square miles divided into 246 counties—an equivalent of 170,099,200 acres of land. Every kind of climate, every variety of soil, every tongue and nationality, almost every creed of earth, may be found in Texas. So varying is Texas and her millions in their restless activity, that she may be called earth's kaleidoscope. In that our great State contains everything on earth she is a microcosm. Texas presents so nearly something of everything that she is properly the world's mosiac. Our country covers more territory than does South Carolina, New York, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware and Tennessee all combined. No wonder our pet name is "The Lone Star State!"

Cur greatness is not our glory, yet a well-informed Methodist glories in the fact that Texas is the pivot of the world's Methodism. Our population is rapidly increasing and yet there's room for millions of such as make good government. At the present rate of increase, in the event Texas is not divided, our Governor will have sway over a people as great as empires. There's no room for a prophecy of our greatness for its realization is on us. Would to God that the latent power in the Church were alive! If we knew our real position, a world's revival could find its genesis in our State. The force of Texas Methodism could stretch an arm of effectual power over the globe. What reason have we to so appreciate

territory wholly or partly in Texas. The Church in the State, in the routine of strength, is divided into the following conferences: Northwest 'rexas, The Church in the State, in the routine members: East Texas, 33,922 members; Texas, 22,544 members; West Texas, 17,478 members; Mexican Border, Texat! in Texas, 1,221; New Mexico, Texas membership, 427. Texas membership, 266.

> Every one ought to say with pride that they are a part of Texas Methodism. The statistics of 1895 gave the world 1,419,213 Southern Methodists. Texas, at that time, had over 190,000, or more than one-seventh of the entire Church. The whole Church raised \$3, 113,189; Texas, about \$800,000, or nearly Has 491 societies, 204 with and 187 475 superannuates: Texas, 79, or one-5,938 effective prepchers; Texas, 625, a total outlay of property amounts to average, \$15.52 per capita. \$33,298,238; Texas, \$2,662,820, or more Leagues are pledged to sustain three per year.

the nearest to us being the Baptists parsonages, \$38,626.75; average, \$393.20 .00. agency for the world's redemption. On \$11.12 per capita. the one hand, she is the arena for much of the world's spiritual warfare; on the other, the arsenal of our Church. More outlay for progress, are found and gathered from Texas than any other State it the Union or country on the globe. Texas Methodism is next to the greatest thing in the world-the world's Methodism.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY.

The following calculations are all 63 per capita. pased on the reports of the five Englishspeaking bodies.

Northwest Texas has same number of districts as last year, but adds 14 tricts, 5 parsonages, 1 being without; charges. North Texas, same number of districts, one more charge. East Texas, societies, 139 with and 87 without remains unchanged. West Texas, same number of districts, 7 more charges. Texas, same number of districts, charg- sonages, \$17,526.12; average, \$221.55 to per cent. es decreased 4. So, in the State, while we have our same number of districts, we added 18 charges.

Northwest Texas has 4 supernumerarics; 29 superannuates, loss of 2. North Texas, 4 supernumeraries; 18 superannuates, gain of 1. East Texas remains unchanged, 2 supernumeraries, 7 superannuates. Texas, 1 supernumerary, a gain of 1; 11 superannuates, gain of 1. West Texas, 2 supernumeraries, loss of 1; 14 superannuates. Northwest Texas has the largest list of superannuated preachers. In the State we have 79 superannuates, gain of 1: 13 supernumeraries, gain of 1.

Northwest received 11 on trial, 1 in full connection, 6 located, 1 expulsion and 1 under censure, 3 died, 5 transfers received, 2 transferred out. North Texas 4 on trial, 7 in full, 2 located, 1'expelled, 3 died, 8 transfers, 7 transferred, East Texas 10 on trial, 3 in full, 4 located, 1 expelled, 1 died, 5 transfers, 4 transferred. Texas 3 on trial, 8 in full, 1 died, 5 transfers, 4 transferred. West Texas 7 on trial, 5 in full, 3 located, 1 expelled, 2 died, 5 transfers. In the State 35 on trial, 24 in full, 15 located, 5 expelled, 10 died, 28 transfers receiv- 440.95; built 8 parsonages, increase in cent; elders increased, \$176.50; average, our Texas mission territory. ed, 17 transferred out. The Northwest value, \$12,718. Throughout the \$29.40; pastors decreased, \$1,704.20; avreceived on trial, located and expelled more men and, together with North increase in value, \$50,892.70; built Texas.—In 1895, 12 4-5 per cent; 1896, 1,265—they report a membership of Texas, lost more by death than any other body in the State. North Texas re- value by \$30,927.70. This wonderful ers increased, \$300.28; average, \$60.05; 25,172. Baptists have 1,477 Sundayceived more men by transfer and trans- fluctuation indicates looseness at some pestors, \$1,092.05; average, \$12.55. ferred more out than any other. The point. There was a decline in the West Texas.—In 1895, 124-5 per 698 scholars; Methodists, 1,439 Sunday-

to membership or opportunities. To get trict; she has 177 members for every it grew out of absolute negligence on \$9.39. a real knowledge of our greatness we local preacher and 316 for every pas- the part of trustees in reporting prop- Throughout the State. — In 1895, 12% tor. North Texas 343 to every charge, erty values. If the business world were percent; in 1896, 131/2 per cent; advance, 5554 to every district; 187 for every to adopt some of our loose policies, she 1/2 per cent; elders increased, \$1,419.03; local preacher, 343 for every pastor. East Texas 350 to every charge, 5654 Right here let us make some marked \$2,087.66; average, \$16.31. to every district, 186 for every local improvement. Now let us look back

preacher, 350 for every pastor. Texas over 1896 from the standpoint of our 259 to every charge, 4509 to every district, 230 for every local preacher, 259

298 to each pastor.

as 13 pastors and 17 local preachers. tificate and removals." This is impored by ritual, or about 1 conversion to every 8 of our working force. In Texas Conference 2,470, or 1 to every 9. In

a net gain of 11,214. 171 parsonages, 41 being without homes; average, \$15.65 per capita.

North Texas has 146 charges, 136 parsonages, 10 being without houses; value, \$114,475; average, \$841.73. Has 9 districts, 7 parsonages, 2 being withage, \$1.748.42. Expended on churches

paid for missions \$528,224; Texas, \$49,- \$36,425; average, \$705.45. Has 6 diswhom we outstrip by at least 24,284. to the charge, \$6,437.79 to the district. Texas ought to become the highest Total valuation, \$378,349.25; average,

paraonages, 17 being without homes; West Texas, \$209.91. Texas Methodism, Texas 1309 churches wanting pastors, value, \$70,894; average, \$1,012.77. Has men, more money, more of the Church's 5 districts, 1 parsonage, 4 being without; value, \$1,100; average, \$1,100. Has \$1,869.80; average, \$207.76. North Tex- ity!) not a Methodist band in Texas, at 264 societies, 190 with and 74 without churches; value, \$358,001; average, \$1,- Texas, \$718.30; average, \$79.81. Texas, 884.21. Expended on churches and parsprages, \$14,174.55; average, \$162.93 to \$565; average, \$62.78. The whole State, the charge, \$2,834.91 to the district. Total valuation, \$487,715; average, \$21.-

West Texas has 79 charges, 66 par-\$49,100; average, \$743,94. Has 6 disvalue, \$6,350; average, \$1,270. Has 226 churches; value, \$224,735; average, \$1,-616.80. Expended on churches and parthe charge, \$2,921 to the district. Total valuation, \$337,653; average \$19.29 per

espita. The M. E. Church, South, in Texas has 621 charges, 523 parsonages, 98 beirg without homes; value, \$433,798; average, \$827.91. Has 38 districts, 23 parsonages, 15 being without; value, \$42. 050; average, \$1,733.05. Has 2,185 societies, 1,289 with and 896 without churches; value, \$2,003,043.25; average, parsonages, \$188,751.72; average, \$289 .-07 to the charge, \$4,682.06 to the district. Total valuation, \$3,026,573.62; average, \$16.64 per capita.

Northwest Texas built 23 churches, increase in value, \$20,481,25; lost 2 parsonages, decrease in value, \$49,639.85. cent of pastor's salary; in 1896, 131/2 per Waco, the Mecca of the Baptist Church North Texas built 61/4 churches, increase in value, \$89,228.50; built 8 parsonages, decrease in value, \$1,627.10. tors, \$7,367.05; average, \$34.75. East Texas lost 15 churches, decrease in ence built 16 7-12 churches, decrease in age, \$59.00; pastors decreased, \$1,063; value, \$5,126; built 2 parsonages, in- average, \$7.28. crease in value, \$4,641.25. West Texas | East Texas.-In 1895, 12% per cent; lost two churches, increase in value, \$2.- 1896, 131/2 per cent; advance, 27-10 per of this article is equal to the reports of State we built 28 5-6 churches, erage, \$17.57.

Texas took more into full connection.

The bold. There was a declined west lexas.—In 1895, 124-5 per 698 scholars; Methodists, 1,439 sunuay—northwest and southeast portions of cent; 1896, 13½ per cent; advance, % schools, 11,714 officers and teachers, Northwest Texas averages 316 mem- the State, but not enough to make the per cent; elders increased, \$287; aver- 95,543 scholars; excess, 38 Sunday-

FINANCES.

for every pastor. West Texas 221 to 212 charges; average, 17%; presiding every charge, 2913 to every district; 170 elders paid \$14,697.49; average, \$1,224.for every local preacher, 221 for every 79; pastors paid \$100,494.62; average, district; 190 for every local preacher, elders paid \$11,220.22; average, \$1,246 .public. In North Texas 5,626 were add- | ters paid \$290,050.60; average, \$464.34. Northwest Texas had a total assess-

ment for all purposes of \$174,884.20; per capita, \$2.61; total paid on these West Texas 2,100, or 1 to every 8. So claims, \$143,876.12; per capita, \$2.15; is for reference, not pastime. I have the Church in Texas, if these be crite- total deficit, \$31,608.08; per capita, .46c. ria, required the labor of 8 souls for In 1895 she raised a per capita of money every single convert she made. North- from all sources of \$4.50; in 1896, \$3.65; west Texas began with 63,098 and clos- decrease, .85c. North Texas total ased the year with 66,914, a gain of sessment, \$133,625.10; per capita, \$2.67; shadowy forms of a thousand other hid-3,816; North Texas began with 44,- paid \$101,770.19; per capita, \$2.04; de-729, closed with 49,984, a gain of ficit, \$31,854.91; per capita, .63. In 1895, ties the philosophy of which leads to the 5,255; East Texas began with 34,931, all sources, \$4.83 per capita; 1896, \$3.35; closed with 33,922, loss of 1,009; decrease, \$1.48. East Texas total assess-Texas began with 21,920, closed with ment, \$65,597.40; per capita, \$1.93; paid Throughout the entire world, South- 23,632, a gain of 1,712; West Tex- \$52,676.10; per capita, \$1.55; deficit, their proper places in the near future. ern Methodism is apportioned to 47 as began with 16,038, closed with 17,478, \$12,921.30; per capita, .38. In 1895, all Annual Conferences: 9 of these have gain of 1,440. In the State we sources, \$3.17 per capita; 1896, \$2.83; this article to give some comparative began with 180,716, closed with 191,930, decrease, .34. Texas total assessment, statements concerning the Baptists, Northwest Texas has 212 charges, 098.14; per capita, \$3.09; deficit, \$7,497.-19: per capita, .32. In 1895, all sources, 66,914 members; North Texas, 49,984 value, \$142,894.00; average, \$835.64. Has \$4.74 per capita; 1896, \$4.35; decrease, 12 districts, 9 parsonages, 3 being with- 35. West Texas total assessment, \$67,out; value, \$19,500; average, \$2,166.65. 280.30; per capita, \$3.85; paid \$50,848.27; ncss. J. M. Holsapple, State Mission-Has 726 societies, 363 with and 363 per capita, \$2.91; deficit, \$16,432.03; per ary and Evangelist for the Campbellite without churches; value, \$637,446.25; capita, .94. In 1895, all sources, \$5.82 Church, told me no table could be had average, \$1,756.05. Expended on per capita; 1896, \$4.38; decrease, \$1.44. which was reliable. Junius B. French, membership, 427; Northwest Mexico, churches and parsonages, \$69,756; aver- In the State of Texas, total assessment, age, \$329.04 to the charge, \$5,813 to the \$5,21,982.33; per capita, \$2.89; paid, hands minutes of the General Assembly, district. Total valuation, \$1,047,782.22; \$422,268.82; per capita, \$2.35; deficit, \$99,713.51; per capita, .55. In 1895, all as this State is concerned. The only

decrease, .90. Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$20,out; value, \$12,800; average, \$1,828.57. 021.50; per capita, .30; paid, \$15,478.60; per capita, .23; deficit, \$4,542.90; per one-fourth. Our denomination cares for without churches; value, \$531,518; aver- capita, .07. North Texas, \$16,516.10; per capita, .33; paid, \$10,402.08; per sixth of the whole. Methodism has and parsonages, \$48,668.30; average, capita, .21; deficit, \$6,114.02; per capi-\$233.34 to the charge, \$5,407.59 to the ta, .12. East Texas, \$6,463.90; per caplittle over one-ninth. The Church's district. Total valuation, \$775,674.15; ita, .19; paid, \$5,153.65; per capita, .15; deficit, \$1.310.25; per capita, .04. Texas, East Texas has 97 charges, 80 parson- \$3,957.54; per capita, .40; paid, \$7,507.than one-twelfth. The world's Methodism ages, 17 being without houses; value, 18; per capita, .33; deficit, \$1,450.36; per capita, .06. West Texas, \$8,335; 1 200 pastors in the State at work, and, 621, or nearly one-eleventh, besides her tricts, 1 parsonage, 5 being without; per capita, .48; paid, \$6,093.25; per capvalue, \$2,300; average, \$2,300. Has 478 ita, .35; deficit, \$2,241.75; per capita, missionaries in foreign lands at \$3,000 sccieties, 293 with and 185 without 13. For the whole State, \$60,304.04; churches; value, \$251,343; average, per capita, .34; paid, \$44,634.76; per cap- 260 never have a pastor and one-half We are the leading Church in Texas, \$857.80. Expended on churches and ita, .25; deficit, \$15,669.28; per capita, are at any given time pastorless. So this

Northwest Texas raised for all purposes every day last year, on an average, \$668.95; North Texas, \$459.23; Texas Conference has 87 charges, 70 East Texas, \$262,71; Texas, \$268.65; every day last year, raised \$1,869.45. Northwest Texas paid her 9 Bishops,

as, \$1,207.68; average, \$134.19. East \$945.69; average, \$105.08. West Texas, \$5,206.47; average, \$1,061.29.

Northwest Texas,-In 1895, of all the moneys raised for every purpose, the presiding elders and pastors receivsonages, 13 being without houses; value, ed 30% per cent; in 1896, 36 per cent; increase, 5% per cent. North Texas.-In 1895, 251/2 per cent;

in 1896, 371/4 per cent: increase, 11 7-10 per cent. East Texas.-In 1895, 301/2 per cent;

in 1896, 301/4 per cent; decrease, 1-12

Texas .- In 1895, 34 per cent; in 1896, 381/2 per cent; increase, 41/2 per cent. West Texas,-In 1895, 28% per cent; in 1896, 38% per cent; increase, 9% per

State of Texas,-In 1895, 29 1-7 per cent; in 1896, 36 1-12 per cent; increase

6% per cent. This gradual increase must be attrib utable to one of four causes: e. g., (1) a secular idea creeping into the minds of \$1,572.65. Expended on churches and the clergy, (2) a rapid growth in penuriousness on the part of the laity, (3) the financial world growing more and more feeble, (4) our preachers have with an aggregate population of 451,000, ceased to teach on lines of "giving."

> Northwest Texas.-In 1895 assessment for presiding elder was 12% per us by only 188 in El Paso, and by 10 in cent; advance, 7-12 per cent. Elders in Texas. dccreased, \$124.25; average, \$10.35; pas-

North Texas.—In 1895, 13 3-20 per value, \$56,132; built 4 parsonages, in- cent; 1896, 13% per cent; advance, 9-20 ences, together with reports of our four crease in value, \$2,980. Texas Confer- per cent; elders increased, \$531; aver- m:ssion fields, kindly furnished me by

20 parsonages but declined in 13 per cent; advance, ½ per cent; eld- 170,588; the Methodists, 195,760, excess

The Church does not owe everything bers to every charge, 5576 to every dis- above shortages in value. More likely age, \$47.85; pastors, \$742; average,

would bankrupt in less than a week. average, \$41.33; pastors decreased,

One thing is certain—there is a steady advance in presiding elders' salaries and a gradual decline in the pastors'. Northwest Texas has 12 districts, The burden, which can be proven, is not upon the people, but rather an encroachment upon the pastors' already scant support. I believe this to be an pastor. The whole State averages 298 \$474.03. North Texas has 9 districts, under-current in our Church policy members to every charge, 4841 to each 146 charges; average, 162-9; presiding hitherto unnoticed. It may be right if the pastor's salary advances parallel 69; pastors paid \$70,253.98; average, with his presiding elder's, but when the Northwest Texas averages 17 pas- \$481.19. East Texas has 6 districts, former decreases and the latter adtors and 31 local preachers to each dis- 97 charges; average, 161-6; presiding vances, the tendency is to help one at trict; North Texas, 16 pastors and 30 elders paid \$5,459.22; average, \$909.87; the expense of the other. I submit, local preachers; East Texas, 15 pastors paid \$37,151.33; average, \$383. therefore, this question: In the event and 30 local preachers; Texas, 17 pas- Texas Conference has 5 districts, 87 the pastor's salary is not paid in full, tors and 20 local preachers; West Tex- charges; average, 17 2-5; presiding eld- who pays the advance in presiding elders paid \$7,307.88; average, \$1,461.58; er's salary; the preacher or the people? The State averages 16 pastors and 26 pastors paid \$48,481.12; average, \$557.- Here is a case for study: In 1895, P. C. local preachers to each district. As 25. West Texas has 6 districts, 79 assessed \$600; P. E. \$100, or 1-7; 1896, published in the Advocate, there is a charges; average, 13 1-6; presiding eld- P. C. \$600; P. E. \$150, or 71/2; people deficiency in the statistical reports of ers paid \$4,922.27; average, \$820.38; pas- pay pastor \$550. Answer this: Has not four of our conferences. Our blanks tors paid \$33,669.55; average, \$426.20. the P. E. taken 71/2 out of that \$550, incall for "additions on profession, cer- The entire State has 38 districts, 621 stead of 1-7 as he did last year? You charges; average, 16%; presiding elders say, "Yes." If so, the preacher paid the tant matter and should come before the paid \$43,607.08; average, \$1,132.66; pas-increase. Do you see it? Now, with some

GENERAL REMARKS.

I will close this article. It is lengthy because of the subject's magnitude. It culled and culled until I have decided that Texas won't go in a nutshell. Over four months' work are crowded into this, and yet my figures haunt me with der, facts. There's a science in statisuncovering of truths in no other way attainable. The Epworth League and Sunday-school interests will appear in

A promise was made at the first of \$80,595.33; per capita, \$3.41; paid \$73,- Campbellites, Presbyterians and Methodists in Texas. After repeated efforts I find that, by reason of an inferior statistical process, the first three cannot be obtained to any degree of correctof Broadway, Fort Worth, put into my the result of which is not definite so far sources, \$4.61 per capita; 1896, \$3.71; body in Texas approaching a rightful claim to comparison with our Church Northwest Texas was assessed for is the Baptist. There are two sources of statistical authority, neither of which is thoroughly reliable. One is Lansing Burrows, D. D., editor "American Bantist Year-Book," the other, J. M. Carroll, D. D., Texas Statistician for their Church. The latter says: "There is no other Christian denomination on earth so hard to get the statistics of as the Baptist. With all its imperfections this report is submitted to the convention." According to Dr. Carroll, there are

according to Dr. Burrows, 2,600 elligibie pastors; this gives 1,400 that need work. There are 2.818 churches. About tor, then 2,618 have; one-half, at a given time-1309 have pastors, 1309 have nct. This anomaly grows out of the above state of affairs: There are in and 1,400 pastors wanting churches. Tc-night (how great the Methodist pol-

Our Church has a stronger hold on our cities than any other denomination in the State. The following shows the

any moment, without its shepherd.

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From the above table, having to do we exceed the Baptists by 16 societies and 4,274 members. They pass beyond

In the following the figures for our Church are taken from the Secretaries of the five English-speaking confertheir Secretaries and Bishop Joseph S. Key. The difference between these results and those of the table at the head

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schools in favor of the Baptists, but the Methodists exceed them by 6,203 officers and teachers, 31,845 scholars. Baptist valuation of Church property, \$2,300,-590; Methodist, \$2,938,414.60; excess, \$637,824.60. Baptists paid on missions, \$40,409.60; Methodists, \$47,561.05; excess, \$7,151.45. The Baptists raised for all purposes, \$392,199.03; Methodists, \$682,345.46; excess, \$290,146.43.

In 1890 the United States' census gave the Baptists in Texas a membership of 129,734, and in 1896 they report 170,588; an average growth each year of 6.809. The census gave the Methodists 139 347. and in 1896 they report 195,760; an average growth of 9,402. Thus it appears that our average growth each year has exceeded theirs by 432.

The first Baptist Church was organized at the old town of Washington, Texas, in 1837; during the 59 years she has grown at the rate of 2,891 members a year. The first Methodist Church was organized near San Augustine, Texas, in 1833; during the 63 years she has increased at the rate of 3,107 a year. In the history of the State, therefore, our of our sister denomination by 216 annually.

Now I have finished my laborious task. I hope it may inform and edify Texas Methodists. May the Lord of hosts baptize Texas with holy fire and backgrounds of different colors." lead us out into the Twentieth Century a Church whose power shall be as terrible as an army with banners.

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It is not to be assumed for a momen that the scholarship of Europe and American accepts without hesitation all the conclusions as to the date, composition, character and authorship of the sacred documents reached by the several contributors to this many-colored monument of modern Biblical erudition. Some of the most distinguished names are conspicuously absent from Dr. Haupt's list of coadjutors. On the other hand, the names of men are included who can scarcely be said to have won their spurs in the field of critical scholarship. Notwithstanding all this, the array of contributors as given by Mr. Levy in the December number of the Review of Reviews is an imposing one and will go far to attract attention to Dr. Haupt's enterprise, if not to win for it the public confidence. In the present state of Biblical criticism the venture is, to say the least, a courageous one, entailing an enormous expenditure of time, toil and scholarly ability simply to mark what is not unlikely to prove a passing phase of critical opinion. Gerald Massey, in a popular poem of several years ago, assured his contemporaries that "where the vanguard halts to-day. the rear will rest to-morrow." The last word has not been said on the composition and history of the Old Testament text. Why, then, build our wayside shelter of a night on a scale so pretentious and imposing, when with the first streaks of the morning light we are

"Fold our tents like the Arabs And silently steal away?" especially since our title to the ground

we build on is vigorously disputed.

It is true that critical knowledge of an old, venerable and universally dominant literature like the Old Testament cannot be expected to come cheaply. without surprises and sacrifices, and we ought not to murmur at the cost of un- And duly set wheat there and barley. earthing a treasure so precious and enduring. But without some note of warning, such productions as the Polychrome Bible are likely to mislead the popular mind. Conclusions are in danger of being accepted as final which are, at most, only hypothetical and provisional-a result which criticism itself would be the first to deprecate, on reflection, since it constituent portions of the Hexateuch. which we appreciate very much. Space These, on which a leading feature of the will not permit us to mention names is in a state of constant flux (see Drivthe Old Testament," pp. 116-150).

The method of Dr. Haupt and his corps of helpers in placing their labors before the public is ingenious. His object is not only to "sum up all of the investigations concerning the Old Testament of ancient and modern times," but

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'to present this summary in such shape" that while it will be "invaluable to the scholar," it will "also be intelli gible to the ordinary reader of but litcomparative growth has exceeded that the culture." To mark "the time and conditions of composition" as "forming the actual background" of the sacred writings, "he determined to indicate the various periods and authors by printing the text and the translation upon

However one may be obliged to dispute the conclusions reached, one cannot find fault with the spirit in which the work is executed. In the instructions to the contributors they are warned that "anything that might tend to hurt the religious feelings of the reader must be avoided, provided that it can be done without any detriment to truth. The contributors need not hesitate to state what they consider to be the truth but it should be done with the verecundia due to the venerable documents which form the basis of our faith."

"Explanatory notes" are given which are "confined to brief historical and archeological illustrations of the text. paraphrases of difficult passages, quotations of parallels." These notes are to "show how the translator understands the text, not why he interprets

it in this manner." "The object of the work is not a revision of the 'accepted version,' but a Keener disappointed us, and sent us innew translation in modern English.' with a view to "minimizing the misconstruction and misinterpretation to which the Bible has been so generally subjected." As to the translation itself, it only remains to say that the names of the translators are a sufficient guarantee of has made one round on his work. Pasits fidelity to the original, while its clear, vivid, idiomatic English and pleasing rhythm in the poetical books ought to make it a delight to English readers. Here at any rate the work has features of permanent value. We give a specimen of the translation (Lev. 25: 30-35) which has the additional interest of giving the Tetragrammaton, or incffable name, here, as elsewhere throughout the work, in simple transliteration without any attempt to fix the pronunciation: "And if thy brother grow poor and tall into poverty with thee thou shalt support him and he shall live with thee. Take of him no usury or interest, but fear thy God, that or give him food at interest. I am JEVH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God."

One other sample (Isa. 28: 24-26), for which alone we have space, is a passage which illustrates the profound sense of Jahveh's presence and interposition in the ordinary affairs of life, which was enshrined in the conscious-

Is the ploughman never done with his ploughing Does he not, when the surface is leveled.

It is JHVH who has taught these right courses It is his God who has trained him.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

DECKER CIRCUIT.

J. N. Broyles, Jan. 7: I have me every appointment since conference. in spiritual things and that all their children may be saved this year.

FLORENCE CIRCUIT. this work immediately after conference. in, besides a generous pounding, indi- work. cating much interest on the part of Florence and the country appointments. We are thankful for every expression of the bounds of this circuit.

hearty good-will to myself and family. Our presiding elder, E. A. Smith, who is and a strong preacher. He pronounces a lovable man, came and held our first the financial report the best thus far on

the Church's progress.

SOUTH TEMPLE.

Mrs. E. J. Brown, Jan. 7: Allow me o congratulate you on your Christmas number. It was excellent. I like the out for the Advocate. It should be in preaching places on the work. The every Methodist home. I like to read the preacher's letters, as I know many of them. Bro. R. J. Tooley's letter in he Advocate of December 31, was good. He seems to see things as they are. We than glad to have our pastor, Bro. J. M. Armstrong, sent back to us for another year. He is a great blessing to us. wish the Advocate and all of its readers a pleasant New Year.

TROY.

reached Troy. We were kindly welcomhighest terms of his preaching and of lead men and women to Christ, his kindness in the chair. The brethren provided liberally for their pastor, God bless them and help me to be worthy of their love and confidence. The outlook is hopeful. There is need of a great

BANGS MISSION.

J. W. Coker: Someone has said, "The unexpected always happens." Our people generally expected the return of Bro. Cameron, but good old Bishop stead a "Moon." Bro. C. was much loved by the people; had done two faithful over-land trip of nearly two hundred wife and three little boys in due time; tor and people are well pleased, as far as I can learn. Bro. Moon is a fine preacher, and strikes fire almost every lick. Bangs Mission will have no new "Moons," nor first nor last quarters, but a full "Moon" all the year round, First Quarterly Conference past. Our new presiding elder, Bro. Sensabaugh, is a veritable Chrysostom in the pulpit. People generally elated with him.

DRESDIMONIA.

H. K. Agee, Jan. 7: We arrived in this our new charge soon after conference: found that my predecessor had wrought well, laying a good foundation upon which we propose to build. Our thy brother may live with thee. Thou first Quarterly Conference embraced the grows in favor with our people. shalt not give him thy money on usury 34 and 4th of this month. Our dear rother, E. A. Smith, was on hand and cheered us with two good sermons and

GREEN'S CREEK CIRCUIT.

Jno. R. Steele: Please excuse me for to the lines. writing so early a second letter, but Gree: s Creek continues her wonderful would foreclose opportunity and be the The outlook is favorable for a good things. New Year's tree at Lingleville, requiem of its labors. Take, for ex- year's work. We have had many to- where we have a delightful people, a til we think we can safely inhabit it, ample, the dates assigned to the several kens of kindness from these people, W P. and H. M. Society, Epworth and the lack of "milk and honey" is League and a very fine Sunday-school; big congregation of very appreciative strange it is that none of us will write Polychrome Bible is made to rest, are, and enumerate the many articles both people. Many presents to me and oth- to the Advocate after conference till we for the most part, based on quicksand, of wearing apparel and for the culinary era on that New Year's tree; by no are pounded. I wouldn't have written and scholarly opinion in regard to them department. And they told me that means were the poor children forgotten. a line if they hadn't pounded me. The more is to follow. My prayer is that Wife received a ten-dollar silver set, er's "Introduction to the Literature of God will help me to minister to them Was not that nice? I expect a great layman, R. P. Campbell, was the donor. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at same time. Our very pleasant presiding elder was on hand and preached W. T. Melugin, Jan. 5: We entered on splendidly. One month's work, \$75 collected: 5 members received: 2 children I will say our reception has been of a baptized; 4 granted certificates; 2 pleasant character. The congregations Church Conferences; 2 entertainments; have been good. The supplies for the 1 League; 1 W. P. and H. M. Society. family have been and are still coming We are moving right on. God bless the

> ITALY. John R. Morris, Jan. 7: Italy Staappreciation and good things to live on tion has made a fine beginning. A ly after the last conference. Six of our T. W. Boynton, Jan. 8: For the short business. But the people are plucky time I have been with this affable peo- and are determined to make Italy one ple already my heart has leaped forth among the best stations in the conferand taken to its affection their kind and leuce. Bro. Bolton has held the first Quarterly Conference—a good man

my wife's and my heart cheerful by his and furnishing of the parsonage, just stay with us in our humble little home. this: Fancy yourself coming into a Dear brother, you shall have a warm home with everything in order, neat place in our hearts henceforth. The and clean, and everything supplied, Quarterly Conference was fairly well at- from the wood-pile and coal-bin, tended and the work spiritual. We have throughout the premises, and you have a noble band of young people. At Duf- the facts in the case. The people are fau many are working in the Epworth generous to a fault. It is useless to add League. I am hopeful of a good year in that the women of the Church are in the main responsible for the good things.

MART CIRCUIT.

J. A. Ruffner, Jan. 8: We were read out at conference to our first charge-Mart Circuit. We are in a healthy Advocate very much. The mail car- prosperous section of country and rier does not have to hollow very loud among a good people. We are glad that on Friday, as I am always on the look- we are on Mart Circuit. There are ten membership is large and scattered over a large territory. Our first Quarterly Conference is history. Our presiding elder, Bro. Campbell, was sick and could not attend, so the preacher in South Temple Methodists were more charge had to hold the conference. We are not prepared to say how dignified (?) a president he made, but at any rate the business of the conference was transacted without any apparent friction. The people have received us kindly and hardly a day has passed but something in the line of substantials Geo. S. Clark: On the 3d day of De- has found its way to the parsonage. On cember this preacher and his family the night after Christmas, while the pastor was away from home, the good ed by the good people of Troy, and in people of Mart stormed the parsonage, due time a pounding came that left and on leaving there were found flour. many good things in our home for the meal, sugar, meat, fruits and many outward man; but to us the best was other substantials. We appreciate these to know that we had a place in the tokens of love more than words can hearts of the people we are to serve. I tell, and we hope to minister to the peowas away at the bedside of father, now ple aright in spiritual things. There is in heaven, when the first Quarterly much to be done, and we are praying Conference came off. Bro. Campbell for the power of the Holy Ghost on our was present, and the brethren speak in preaching and on all of our efforts to

BRANDON. N. A. Keen: Our first Quarterly Con ference was the 9th and 10th. Bro. Jno. R. Nelson, notwithstanding the severe illness of one of his children, was in the chair and with ease and dignity presided to the satisfaction of all. His sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. was masterly and profound. Subject: "Relation of Pastor and People." Also at night, no less so, on "Missions"two living, undying themes. One good lay brother, who pays well his part in money to the missionary cause, said he years' work, which abides. After an could give either son or daughter also. Yes, those who do right with their miles, Bro. R. D. Moon arrived with his money will also put their children on the altar of consecration. When God makes his call for honored places in his Church, these brethren will not be slightly passed by. The communion service was at night. The stewards made a good report and a fair assess ment. All things were to edifying. When this year shall have ended we will have been in this conference fourteen years, and seven of these years will have been served on this Brandon

> quarter a full, attentive congregations, with many handshakes of welcome and has been remembered by many brethren in many ways in substantial things. Through the blessings of God we hope for a prosperous year. The Advocate

kindly advice in the business session. brand-new charge this year-just form-We are all in love with him. The stew- ed at the conference at Waxahachie. It ards made a liberal assessment for the is, however, like the brand-new pants shouted had he not have been afraid support of the preacher and made a very sister used to make me long time ago- of spoiling his new suit. At the Quargood showing in a substantial way, not- formed of the fragments of old ones. terly Conference we appointed a buildwithstanding the hard times. We were Coming from our old charge we had raised to the dignity of a circuit at the a very nice trip and but little dish- new church in which to hold the Dislast session of conference, and we have breaking and furniture-rubbing road trict Conference this summer. concluded to maintain ourselves as uatil we neared "The Mill." It then such. Sure enough on the night of De- looked like we were going into the cember 31 the storm struck us in the mountains, and on arriving I felt alshape of a handsome pounding, led by most involuntarily constrained to sing, that prince of laymen, Bro. A. J. Orear, "Here rocks and hills and brooks and bringing sugar, coffee, canned goods, vales," but on noticing the most conetc., with a lot of other nice things, and spicuous absence of the "milk and last, but not least, was the proverbial honey," the words hung and withered

cure Liver Ills; easy to Christ that is in us." This has been Quarterly Conference the 7th. He made the first round. As to the pounding Hood's Pills take, easy to operate, 25c.

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had this year, and they came so unexpectedly and so suddenly that a stranger looking on would have very readily concluded that Mrs. Hudson and I are Quakers. We are well pleased with our work, and have started in to do as hon est, faithful work as we have wisdom and strength to do.

BIG SPRINGS.

Charles D. West, Jan. 11: At our last onference we were returned to Big ture. Trust we will have a good year. Springs' charge and were here by the first Sunday in December. We were very kindly welcomed back and felt-in our heart that we would do a better year's work than the last. On New Year's night a number of people called at the parsonage, and we had a good social and religious time. After they left we found that they had not comempty-handed, but had left several tokens of appreciation. We thought the raised our part for the furniture in the pounding was over, but behold! last Thursday night we were again trespassed upon. When the house was more than comfortably filled with peo ple, this preacher was seized upon by some of the brethren and hurried into the dining-room, where he found the table loaded with canned goods and other groceries. But that was not all. He was then and there ordered to "get out of that old gray suit of clothes that you have worn to conference twice and preached in ever since you have been n Big Springs." There were no Grearms in sight, but the order was so made that it was not deemed advisable for a little preached to disobey. So off it came. This done, Bros. Smith and Allen proceeded to dress him up-like the attendants upon a negro bridegroom used to do him-in a nice black suit, the best this preacher ever had He was then conducted in that those assembled might see how it fit. The fit being pronounced perfect, Bro. C. N. Harris proceeded with a nice speech, n which he said he was tempted to take advantage of the opportunity and get even with preachers in general by giving this one a sound lecture. But he refrained, and concluded by saying that the suit was presented by the people of Big Springs as a token of esteem. Then their way to the parsonage, for all of turning to Sister West he, in behalf of which we are devoutly thankful and the same people, presented her with a pray the blessings of God on the good nice dress pattern, with money enough to buy all necessary trimmings. After

back to the parsonage, after the Sun-

day morning service, he reported the

pastor as having said he might have

ing committee and expect to have a

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WESTFIELD.

W. Erhardt, Jan. 5: Our receptions

given to those sent to preach the gos-

e notice. We do not enjoy the bless-

live daily with us and to lend his en-

couraging words to every effort put

forth for the cause of Christ, yet we

have no reason to murmur. Bro. Nut-

ter will be with us again, and has

preached his first sermon for this year.

We are glad to have so consecrated a

man to preach to us. He has done

much good here before. It is our pray-

er that God will give him power to do

more for the upbuilding of Christian

work here. The Methodist Church here

has many hard conquests to make be-

næmbers in the work; but thank God,

a sound mind." The good that has

a brighter day. Those surrrounded by

appreciate the work done by those in

districts where the Methodist influence

has not yet been thoroughly inaugu-

rated. It seems that the harvest is so

white that the most careless gleaner

might gather in the sheaves. But true

devotion to God and his cause is neces-

sary. When we recall to mind our home.

its sacred duties, the loved ones there, the friends who have welcomed us on-

ward in every noble step, 'tis then that

we should "be strong in the grace that

is in Christ Jesus." But when we see

these cherished associations moving on

ward steadfastly in the hope of eternal

life, 'tis then we feel "the spirit of

host of Methodist companions do not

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The old new preacher has met this which we had prayer and the company dispersed. The next day our new presiding elder, Bro. J. S. Chapman, came and held our first Quarterly Con ference Saturday and Sunday. He looked well into the condition of things, especially the spiritual life of our people. Preached three soul-stirring sermons that were greatly appre-

M. H. Hudson, Jan. 6: We are on a on my line, and there lay blighted till. when I was shown the intended parsonage, they were pushed off to give vent

Would here no longer stay." Our house, however, was patched up unmade up in other good things. How Ladies' Aid Society gave us the nicest little pounding last night that we have

Is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrozula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vito make home cheerful and happy. We liberal assessment has been made for talizes, and enriches the blood, and sends pray that showers of Divine grace may the preacher in charge, and it would the elements of health and strength to fall upon the people so that this year have been made larger had it not been every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates may be of great profit to the Church in for an exodus of members to South a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep Texas and a most disastrous fire direct- and cures that tired feeling. Remember,

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our happy lot. Thus it is that I have

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

POSTOAK.

J. A. Kerr, Jan. 7: Am well pleased with our new work; been pounded; people very kind; times hard; money scarce; but we are hopeful for the fu-

WHITESBORO. W. H. Brown, Jan. 11: Gur Quarterly Conference was held on the 9th and 10th. Bro. Wages was with us and got to himself a great name. My people are much delighted with him. The stewards made the assessment for the pastor \$600, but the report for the past quarter was quite small. Bro. Wages district parsonage. We are hoping to be able to buy a parsonage for this cir-

DALLAS-FIRST CHURCH.

W. H. Howell, Jan. 11.-Last Sunday, both morning and evening, the cturch was filled almost to overflowing with deeply interested congregations to hear the excellent sermons of the pastor, Dr. Rankin. Twelve or fourteen additions were made to the Church by letter and on profession of faith. Our prayer-meeting and Epworth League services have greatly improved in the numbers attending and general spirituality under this faithful pastor's administration.

CAMPBELL CIRCUIT.

J. W. Beckham, Jan. 7: We are getting on very well on the Campbell Circuit. We were read out for this work at Paris and by the next Sunday we were here and filled our appointment This is one of the very best circuits and the people are kind and appreciative. We are planning and praying for a grand year, and are expecting to have it. There are already signs of spiritual life and the good Lord has been with us at every appointment. Many expressions of appreciation have found

NEVADA.

C. I. McWhirter, Jan. 11: The fourth year with us has begun here. At last Annual Conference Josephine was taken from this and was added to the Floyd circuit. A handsome church had been planned for and is now in process of construction at that point, to be completed free of debt. Capt. W. C. against intemperance, the saloon, blind igers, and for total abstinence and prohibition, lectured for us a week before Christmas. A large number signed the total abstinence pledge and a Good Templars' lodge of about eighty members was organized. Our assessment for presiding elder is \$125, for preacher in charge \$525, for conference collections 281. The membership now numbers about 575. The parsonage recently encountered a pounding in the absence of the family. On return, with gratitude to the donors for the nice eatables, all took in the situation with delight On this charge last year there were 364 professions, 274 accessions and over \$2400 raised for all purposes. Had a gracious service at church on Christmas day. May the power of the Holy pe, here are not such as deserve pub- Spirit rest upon the Lord's hosts this year and the shout of victory be heard ed privilege of having a good pastor to in all lands.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CENTER STATION.

H. N. Runnels, Jan. 9: Our first Quarterly Conference for San Augustine district was held at Center January 2 and 3. Our new presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Smith, was with us. We were rained out Saturday and at night; had services Sunday and Sunday night. Bro. Smith preached with fore we can rejoice in the security of Our beloved is a model presiding elder, much power. The Lord was with us. the right man in the right place. We are going to pay our pastor \$600 this for he has not given us the spirit of year, an increase over last year of \$100. car; but of power and of love and of Paid first month, \$116.75. We are praying, working and expecting a revival been done is but the stepping-stone to all over the district this year.

MOSCOW.

D. S. Burke: We arrived at Moscow Christmas eve and found the people preparing for a Christmas tree, though they were not so overwhelmed with the

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and a heavy pounding of just such aricles as a preacher entering a new work needs and appreciates-all the way from the size of a nutmeg to a sack f flour and a nice bouquet for the centertable. We have entered our new work in the fear of the Lord and hope to accomplish some good in his name this year. We have preached twice on our work, both times in Moscow-once for the Baptists, their pastor being sick. We have here in Moscow a very enthusiastic choir of women, who seem to labor together with and for their preacher. God bless all the good women evrywhere. They can accomplish a great deal of good when they become determined and work together, for in unity there is strength.

J. T. McClure, Jan. 9: We are com-

fortably domiciled in our new home. After much tearing up and packing up and hard driving through deep water, over swellen streams and through some of them, we made it here just after dark Saturday night, January 2, safe and sound, with the exception of wife and the baby being very tired and worn out and my newest pants worn, torn and soiled from getting in and out of the buggy over muddy wheels, pulling logs and brush and trees out of the road that had recently been blown there by the storm of wind and rain that blew and poured upon us almost constantly for five hours. Wife says we have received our life appointment if we have to go back the way we came under the same conditions. But one thing sure, our lot has fallen with some of the most pleasant people I ever met-let it be for a long on short stay. We were most hospitably cared for in the home of Dr. Stone from Saturday night till Tuesday morning, when we came to the parsonage to enjoy the many good things provided for us the day before by a most excellent "pounding." I preached the first Sunday at 11 and at night to large and attentive congregations. So far as we can see now the outlook is good for a pleasant and prosperous year. We are pleased in our appointment and trust the people will be as well pleased as we are.

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We would again urge upon our members and contributors to read the regulations in the Advocate under the head Missionary Advocate, and that you in memory of deceased members.

Mrs. T. S. Smith, Committee,

ings of Christianity:

heard the other day of the fruits of aries. In this connection permit me to some of the Piracicaba work-a poor say, too much emphasis cannot be placgirl who received all her education ed on resolution second, in Report on there married one of our native preach- Finance, page 24. Our members, in the ers and has established a very success- main, do not realize the absolute necesful school away in the interior. We sity of raising a contingent fund for will see still larger harvests when all our Conference Society. How entirely these girls we are training now become helpless we are as a society without mothers and teachers in the land.

three, and most of the brethren. It's from Sister Potts, of the Gainesville needless to say that we are all drawn very close together by our common work and the love of a common Lord. I don't think I shall have any trouble becoming acclimated. Miss Smith. whom, by the way, I love very much, is

CASH PAID INTO THE RESCUE HOME also bearing the climate well. Mis Shaffer is not quite so well.

Mrs. Trueheart writes me that our Northwest Texas Conference is taking on new life and being afresh baptized with the Holy Ghost. God will surely bless those at home who are doing such great things for their sisters in other lands. I have always felt that woman owed a great debt to Christianity, but we who are enjoying those blessings would appreciate them more if we could only see woman without Christianity. Her state is doubtless ameliorated even by this corrupted form of religion which we find in Brazil.

Please give my love to Mrs. Munger and Mrs. Booty.

I have very pleasant memories of my visit with you in Fort Worth. I know you pray for all of us and our work, and I pray our kind Heavenly Father may bless all our home workers.

LILY A. STRADLEY. Collegio Americano, Petropolis, Brazil, Nov. 24, 1896.

W. F. M. SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters:-How rapidly time goes by! When you expressed the desire at our annual meeting last October that I should occasionally write for the "Woman's Department" of the Texas Christian Advocate I did not think of postponing this my first letter so long. but thought I would write soon after my return home and give expression to thoughts which came from a heart full of gratitude to a kind Heavenly Father for the blessings bestowed upon the work of our Missionary Society during the year, and for his abiding presence during our annual meeting: to the brethren and sisters of Dallas, who did so much for our personal comfort and the good of the meeting; to the sisters of other organizations and the visiting brethren and sisters, who from

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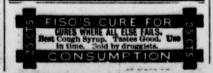
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 time to time gave us words of cheer and good will: to the members for their promptness and harmony in carrying forward the business of the society The annual meetings of our Conference Society are always times of great social, intellectual and religious enjoyment. How often have I wished that more of our members could be induced to atoo tend these annual convocations. We are now fairly started on the new

year of our Conference Society. Let us strive earnestly, as officers and as private members, to make this the best 1 00 year in its history, by a large increase both in members and in collections. I am here reminded of our obligation Total \$446 45 as a Conference Society to help redcem the pledge made by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to raise the general membership to 100,000 and the general collections to \$100,000. The time is short-this being the last quarter-and what we do must be done quickly. I trust you have read with profit Miss Gibson's earnest appeal in behalf of this or benevolent institutions, 28. pledge, which appeared in the "Woman's Department" of the Texas Chris- organized since last report. One adult, tian Advocate, also in the Woman's and one juvenile. Brenham has organcreasing its membership two-fifths and each adult member paying \$1.85, and

of "Obituaries," and be guided by the learned thereby that the pledge can be same in future communications written met by each Conference Society in-Resolutions of respect were passed re- each juvenile member paying 95 cents. cently by the Auxiliary W. P. and H. M. I trust also that each auxiliary Presi-Society at Hillsboro, Texas, to the mem- dent has brought this matter before her ory of Mrs. J. N. Guthrie, "a faithful members, and that plans have been and efficient member," whose loss they made by which the obligation may be "deeply deplore and whose place will met. The 65 cents extra for the adult be difficult to fill." Signed by Mrs. W. members and the 35 cents extra for T Darrell, Mrs. C. A. Sullenberger and juvenile members may be collected by other means than by a direct taxing of the members. I understand that all We give below a letter sent us by funds collected, outside of contingent Mrs. J. P. Mussett, Corresponding Sec- funds and dues, go toward making up relary of the W. F. M. Society, North- this "extra." It seems that the Womwest Texas Conference, received recent- an's Board of Foreign Missions is dely from Miss Stradley, who went out as termined not to incur a debt, even if missionary to Brazil from Granbury, the pledge is not redeemed, but to call Texas, under an engagement with our home some of her missionaries, if neces-Woman's Board of Missions. It was sary. Heaven forbid that one missionsent to us for publication with the ary shall be called from fields where lathought that it would stimulate and en- borers are so few and the need so great! ecurage our sisters in the work they are | Let us, of the North Texas Conference doing for those who have not the bless- Society, see to it that no charge be brought against us in the great day of Dear Mrs. Mussett:-When I set sail accounts. Let us, with glad and thankfor Brazil I did not think of letting so ful hearts for the blessings we enjoy in long a time pass without writing to this Christian land, arise and help meet you, but our time is so fully occupied this great emergency. I have received that we just have to crowd our letters several copies of the minutes of our in between other things. I have such late annual meeting. Sister Howell has Fifty cents a bottle. good opportunities for studying the lan- shown good judgment in her manageguage, and there is such urgent need ment of their publication. To her we for fully-equipped workers, that I feel extend sincere thanks for the favor she as if I must use every moment possible has thus conferred on our society. These for study. It is not nearly so easy to minutes deserve a careful reading by gain a working knowledge of a lan- all the members of our Conference Soguage as some may suppose, but I am ciety, especially by those members holdnot at all discouraged. While in the ing official relations with the auxilia-States I had no idea of the magnitude ries of the society-Presidents of auxilof the work done here, and it is so small jaries noting such parts as are necescompared with what must be done! We sary to be brought before their auxil-

such a fund! I have met all our missionaries except | I have read with interest the reports



Auxiliary, and Sister Mathers, of the Terrell Auxilary. May many follow the example of their good sisters and send in reports from their auxilaries-items of interest connected with their work,

With a Happy New Year's greeting to ail. I am your sister and co-worker in the cause of foreign missions.

MRS. ABBIE ALLEN. President Conference Society. Erudia, Texas.

The American Messenger relates this incident: "A foreign missionary told of a woman who, on a school-teacher's salary of \$1,000, lived on one-half, and with the other half supported a substitute in China. She then felt that she was really two persons, and carried out her life-long desire to be a foreign missicnary. She received a letter every week from her substitute, prayed for her by name every day, and realized the truth of what a friend of hers had said, namely: 'This teacher serves the Lord twenty-four hours a day, and thus practically lives the life of angels, who serve him day and night; for at the antipodes her substititute is working while

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MRS. M. E. STEELE, Report of the W. P. and H. M. Society of the Texas Conference for the quarter ending November 30, 1896:

Adult societies, 18; adult members 275; young ladies' or young people's societies, none; young people members none; juvenile societies, 1; juvenile members, 17; connectional members, 292; connectional members added, 25; monthly meetings, 29; members present, 341; life members, none; subscribers to Our Homes, 51; new subscribers, none; taking Home Mission Reading Course, 5; Have you received leaflets! Yes: how many are pledged to systematic giving? 25; sick and strangers visited, 253; papers and leaflets distributed, 381; garments distributed, 146; cottage prayer-meetings held or Bible readings given, 12; visits to corrective

Miscellaneous items: Two societies zed the only juvenile society It is to be hoped other adult societies will soon follow the example of Brenham Auxiliary in this respect. Three boxes of supplies sent this quarter. One from each of the following auxiliaries: Brenham, Shearn and McKee Street. Our auxiliary at Twenty-fourth Street, ence taking the reading course.

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As once towards heaven my face was set came unto a place where two ways met; One led to Paradise, and one away, And, fearful of myself lest I should stray,

I paused, that I might know Which was the way wherein I ought to go. The first was one my weary eyes to please, Winding along through pleasant fields of case Beneath the shadows of fair branching trees This path of calm and solitude Surely must lead to heaven!" I cried,

In joyous mood. "You rugged one, so rough for weary feet, The footpath of the world's too busy street, Lying amid the haunts of human strife, Can never be the narrow way of life. But at that moment I thereon espied A footprint bearing trace of having bled.

And knew it for the Christ's, so bowed my head And followed where He led. Anna E. Hamilton

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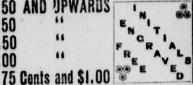
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t out from the skies. We see not any

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In most instances colds are the result of imprudence or a lack of forethought. Even in cases where a sudden change in the weather or an unaviodable exposure is responsible for the first slight cold, fresh and more severe colds may be avoided by observing a inconvenience that notwithstanding all previous experiences we neglect to take

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One should always bear in mind the necessity of exercising a constant vigi-lance to avoid catching cold. When the temperature in the house is higher than that out of doors, never go out without putting on an additional wrap. Never writer of this note. sit in a cold room even though you do not feel chilly. And it is better to suffer a little discomfort from wearing heavy underclothing than to run the risk of a chill.

The following letter from a lady in Sicily Island, La., graphically illustrates the distressing consequences that are liable to follow a simple cold.

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### MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Hickman-Guynn,-At the residence of the bride's father, December 22, 1896. by Rev. H. E. Smith, Mr. W. F. Hickman and Miss Minnie Guynn; all of Jack County, Texas.

Otts-Young .- At the residence of Mr. Joe Young, near New York, Texas, Jan-Charleie Young, Dr. Hall officiating.

Hunter-Bankston.-At the Methodattie Pankston, Rev. J. W. Blackburn officiating.

Poteet-Cunningham.-At the resi-1897, Mr. P. H. Poteet and Miss I. A. Cunningham, by Rev. J. W. Blackburn.

Dean-Rose,-At Methodist Church in Hallettsville, Texas, December 31, 1896, R. A. Dean, of Georgetown, Texas, and Onnie Rose, of Hallettsville, Rev. B. F. McManama officiating.

Wolfe-Bigby.-At Morgan Chapel, January 3, 1897, by Rev. T. R. Cain, Mr. J. W. Wolfe and Miss E. R. Bigby; all of Bastrop County, Texas.

Hopkins-Adkins,-At the residence of the bride's uncle, near Montgomery Chapel, Dallas County, Texas, January 10, 1897, by Rev. T. M. Kirk, Mr. H. H. Hopkins and Miss Mollie Adkins, Ransberger-Wright -- At the resi-

dence of the bride's father, in Runnels County, Texas, January 10, 1897, Mr. J. D. Ransberger and Miss Elsie May Wright; Rev. R. M. Leaton officiating Neal-Steakley .- At the residence of the bride's father, four miles northwest of Cleburne, by Rev. J. David Crockett, Mr. H. R. Neal, of Belton, and Miss Sallie Steakley, of Johnson County, December 24, 1896.

McCool-Wilkerson.-In the Church at Stanfield's Chapel, on December 23, 1896, Mr. Rufus McCool and Miss Mollie Wilkerson, Rev. W. H. Brown offi-

Thompson-Aker.-On December 24. 1896, at the home of the bride's mo er, Mr. Thomas Thompson and Miss Jennie Aker, by Rev. W. H. Brown. Tamplin-Piles.-On December

1896, Mr. J. W. Tamplin and Miss Mary Piles, both of Shady Grove; by Rev. W. H. Brown.

Davis-Burdock .- On the line of Hon derson and Anderson Counties, W. C. Davis and Miss Sallie Burdock, on De cember 31, 1896, at 4 p. m., by Rev. John M. Thompson.

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Texas, at 2:40 p. m., Rev. S. H. Clark fell asleep in Jesus after on illness of eighteen days. He was born in Onondago County, New York, March 5, 1821, so was seventy-five years, nine months and twenty-five days old. He had been a happy, triumphant Christian and member of the M. E. Church, North and Scuth, for over fifty-five years, and for over fifty years he had preached Christ as the hope of the world. During his last illness he praised God and shouted victory over sin and death as long as reason remained. Our hearts are made sad by reason of the separation that death has made, but we rejoice that his sun went down in a cloudless sky. God little care. But "a mere cold" is such a common thing and causes so little crossing of the Jordan, visions of the City Eternal and spirits glorified. He the most simple precautions, in the way of wearing suitable clothing, the avoidhim in the "sweet by-and-bye." The companion of his youth, and one year his senior, survives him; also four children-two daughters in Indiana, Isaac G., of Hill County, Texas, and the

GEO. S. CLARK.

But this one

stopped because

she had found

something bet-

ter than soap-

Pearline(no soap).
Something easier, quicker, sim-

or cleaning house.

by his intimate friends as "Dick" Hill.

Hill, to whom were born ten children-

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memory of A. M. Hill, familiarly known let us bow in humble submission to Him

### CHARLES D. JORDAN.

Our brother is not here—the Master has called him away. Young, strong and vigorous was he-a soldier valiant and true. But the Lord had need of him His body rests at Lampasas. "Servant elsewhere and transferred him while of God, well done." removing to his new place of service Waxahachie. He ascended December, the 5th day, 1896. He was ready and went. We weep, but so it is; such is the anticipated goal of life with us all. Faithfully at his post his Master found He was a son of Aaron and Elizabeth him. His life began on the 12th of June, 1859, in Florida. He was the son of W.

In his fifteenth year (1874) he was born of God and joined the M. E. Son, so Aaron was the very youngest g.e M. Brewton, at McDavid, Florida.

he remained two years; thence to Seymour, East Waco and Tenth Street, and they are in heaven, for they were all done, O Lord. A brother, Coleman, one year each, and the last converted in early life and lived and two years were given to Lampasas.

In every place he was faithful these ilv and three other families, crossed seventeen years of life. To him and his Red River and landed on Texas soil wife were given nine children, six of January 14, 1846. It will be noted that whom preceded him to the home above A M. Hill, the subject of this sketch, one in Florida, the others in Texas. was only about five and a half years old He was well-acquainted with grief and instead of ten, as Rev. J. W. Hill has it its wounds were deep, yet he kept the in his notice in the Advocate of Decemmatter closely from others except the ber 31, when he came to Texas. He was

His form was comely-tall, graceful ly purpose-noble mein. And of na- ley, Mary and Martha Johnston. These uery 6, 1897, Mr. Albert Otts and Miss tural consequence aspired to be a man three and the twins, Sarah J. and Aaron Church and was always delighted to mind naturally, he gave attention to it little class. Wesley was one year older ist Church, Sanger, Texas, November by close study along the line of his life- than the twins, Mary the same age of bless the bereaved ones and enable 29 1896, Mr. F. M. Hunter and Miss work, and gathered and read a large them, and Martha a year younger. They them to feel that "underneath are the iorary of the best of books. His men- organized themselves into a prayer- everlasting arms," tai digestion was good and the manner meeting. More than once I have crept of his thinking consecutive an orderly. upcloseenough to them, when they were dence of the bride's parents. January 3. In his preaching he adhered closely to under a vine-covered tree, to hear them the text, and his style was argumenta- pray, each in turn, as they sought the tive, illustrations ornate and apt.

To preach was a great solace to himgood sermon than in his own efforts. man; here he was found at himself. lieved to be his real friends.

the sense of rightness. Disappointthat light.

making a very deep impression on the ceded A. M. by several years. I saw Waco, Texas.

heart of the audience. Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumand before unpacking was stricken to coperas Cove, every way, and do not neshate to say that he was one of the purest and best men I ever knew. But it would have the Obituary Department under any circumstances; but if paid for will be inserted in another column.

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REV. S. H. CLARK.

On December 30, 1896, at the home of his son, Isaac G. Clark, near Hillsboro, is and before unpacking was stricken to unconsciousness, which continued a few unconscious and before unpacking was stricken to men I ever knew. But it would have as m

uncertainly because I do not know if These Bro. Thomas is still in the body or not. stopped using soap, long A. M. Hill was born and lived till he 27, 1896, at his home at Rolly, Navar- day of November, 1896. Sister Mayn soul. ago. This one was twenty years old, about which time ro County, after a protracted suffering first married Andrew Wallas Kirkpat- They each died in the triumphs of a stopped because — well, will. He went out from home with a we'll have to guess why. robust, moral character for one of his God took him home. He was twice of their mother's Church. One is an the grave Perhaps, because it gave him age-a soul imbued with the principles too much work to do. That's of Christianity according to Methodism what everybody thinks, for strong that he could never forget it. He that matter, when there's noth- never had an opportunity to get an eding but soap at hand, and ucation, but he had a well-balanced there's a good deal of dirt to head, vigorous mind and clear judgbe removed from anything. ment. He was a brave and faithful soldier-always at his post of duty when it was possible. He had trials and tempta-

best. He is gone, but I know where to HENRY T. HILL. find him. pler, more economical. No ALLEN .- June 27, 1896, the death anrubbing to speak of, no wear -easy work and money saved, Zadie Allen and plucked one of its whether it's washing clothes choice buds, Sudle Loving, daughter of Rev. J. O. and Zadle Allen. She was bern May 6, 1892. She was a bright and promising little girl. She was like a ray of sunshine. She came to brighten their home for a little while and then JEROME HARALSON went to shine on just across the river with the angels; for he calls them over HILL .- A tribute of respect to the the rifted cloud. So, brother and sister,

tions of course, but I never knew him

to do a mean thing. He may have had

faults, and doubtless did to other eyes,

but I never saw them. Among his boy

associates he was the best of the good;

among the men he was as good as the

who doeth all things well. Walton, Texas. E. R. LARGE.

five boys and five girls. Of these ten the HILLIARD.-Sister Hilliard died Detwo last were twins; in the order of cember 9, A. D. 1896, at her home in Church, South. On the 24th day of De- of the family. These babies were very County, Texas. She was the wife of grave cember, 1878, was married to Miss Mag- small, but sprightly and strong. A very W. W. Hilliard and daughter of Rev. dear friend of our family, named Rip- B. W. Powell. She had been a suffered In the summer of 1879 he was II- Ply, used to take one of these little for years past, but patient and submiscensed to preach the gospel and the fol- derlings in each of his hands and walk sive to the will of her Heavenly Fath lowing December joined the Alabama all about the house and sing, while they er. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Conference and remained in that con- would coo and laugh. In sportive famil- Church, South, when in youth, Eved ference ten years, serving the follow- jarity he nicknamed them "Cricket" consistent and died in full faith. She ing pastorates: Pollard, Rutledge, and "Dick." I suppose brother carried leaves a kind and affectionate husband Georgiana, Autaugaville and Evergreen his nickname up to the family above, three daughters, three sons, father Circuits. And in the fall 1889 trans- Yes, the family is above-father, mother mother, two brothers and two sisters ferred to the Northwest Texas Confer- er, five sisters and two brothers, be- to mourn their loss. But let us all yow et.ce and stationed at Vernon, where sides several of his own immediate fam- to meet her in heaven, where afflictions ily, had all gone on before Dick, and and death do not come. Thy will be

B. Z. POWELL. died in the faith. Father, with his fam-CROW .-- B. F. Crow was born in A! abama, Nov. 30, 1830. He moved to Texas in 1854. In early life he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He died at his home, in Waco, Sunday morning, Dccember 27, 1896. For several years he was a great sufferer, but bore it paten years old when converted. My eld- tiently. He had strong faith in God. est sister and her husband. Jackson He said a few days before his death and manly-indeed, he was fine-looking Johnston, both died and left three child- that he was ready to go at any time. -as of high born thoughts and prince- ren in father's care. These were Wes- There was no cloud between him and his God. He had great love for his in full detail. Of a fine discriminating M Hill, constituted a very interesting have his pastor in his home. He now "rests from his labors." May the Lord

J. H. STEWART, P. C. Waco, Texas. Lord in the pardon of sins. As they Eliza Sanders, (nee Harrell), was born war; all the rest of her children are knew not that I was near it gave joy in South Carolina, November 10, 1836; fellowing in the footsteps and example a venting of the pent-up soul. Though inexpressible to my soul to hear them died of typhoid fever, November 18, not unctious, he loved to preach; sym- link my name with their petitions. Oh, 1896, at Fort Worth, Texas. She has Chrildress, is a Methodist preacher. pathetic, but not emotional; manifest- the strength and purity of child life and often told me she did not know the day Sister Childress was converted at the ing more feeling while listening to a faith and prayer! Whenever the house when she gave her heart to God, but old Monroe Camp-ground in Georgia, in was left to them, they held their pray- knew she was God's child, and united 1824, under the ministry of Bishop During the year of his pastorate at er-meeting in the house. On the (to with the M. E. Church, South, while a James O. Andrew, and was received on Andrew East Waco he made profession of en- me) ever-memorable occasion they were little girl. She was twice married. probation in the Methodist Church. tire sanctification. His life afterward left alone from 8 till near 12 o'clock First to J. H. Luther, who died during Atterwards received in full fellowship. systained the claim in the estimation one night. Mother and I were at the the late Civil War. There were three Hers was a home of prayer and religiof his brethren. It was evident in all house of my oldest brother—some two children from this marriage. She was one influence. She loved the Church his ways. He said to the writer only a hundred and fifty yards from father's afterwards married to M. S. Sanders, she loved to entertain the weary itine few months past that everything seem- house, where the children were—watch- who died in 1892. Of this union there rant, and always had ready the prophed new to him—even his study and ing by the dying bed of Monroe Luker. are seven children (she also raised four et's chamber. In her late sickness, preaching. It changed the character of Near the hour of midnight when we step-children). All of her children were which lasted more than a year, it was his texts decidedly. He loved tenderly, heard, as we thought, the children with her in her last hours and did all tenaciously and in turn appreciated screeming. My first thought was: "The they could for a loving mother; but God was cheerful to the last. Her favorite deeply the love of others. In truth, Indians are killing or capturing the called her home, and we want to be subjects of conversation were her reherein lay the best of the man as a children." I sprang to my feet and submissive to his will, for we know ligious experience, the Church, and its snatched from its rack the only gun in that she is now among the number "who Everybody could get close to him and the house and ran with all my speed to have gone up through great tribulahe gave himself to those whom he bedie with or save the children. Houston tion," "washed their robes and made ber of Bishop Key's first pastoral Luker, my mate in age and strength them white in the blood of the Lamb." Coldness wounded him, and to find and speed, ran by my side with no She said to me, "It's glory, glory, glory, glory to find her. She said as she neared the himself thus treated he suffered much. weapon but his big pocket knife-poor, all the way through," and then asked if Delicate were his sensibilities, as was brave boy, he has gone too, I do not I did not hear the music, and said, "I to those left behind, strive earnestly to know where. Suddenly as we ran I would help them sing, but I am such a meet her there. ments made deep wounds-he desired to thought of the children's prayer-meet- poor"-she could talk no longer. Oh! go on and up and applied himself to his ling. I threw my hand out in front of how I thank God for such a Christian books and regarded all his duties in my brave companion and said, "Stop, mother. She can sing with the angels Houston, there is nothing wrong with now. She had a rich and broad Chris-The depth, warmth and tenderness of the little fellows." I gave him the gun tian experience-in the strength and October 25, 1830, in Coosa County, Ala.; his affections, supported by his ideal and he returned. I went softly up and simplicity of her character, the good- moved to Texas when a girl; professed and hope as a minister of the gospel, locked in upon five as happy children ness of her heart and the purity and religion and joined the M. E. Church, made him peculiarly sensitive to af- as ever mortal eye beheld. They had beauty of her life. Her faith in God flictions, disappointment and inappre- been there seeking the Lord in prayer was unwavering; kind, affectionate, ciation. All these came upon him as he till that late hour, and he had "appear- prayerful and considerate; a most de thought severely and bruised him sore- ed" unto them "the fairest among ten voted mother. Her life is a rich and y and cut short the cord of life. On thousand and altogether lovely," He lasting legacy to us whom she has left returning from conference he told his had washed their souls and made them behind, but expect to meet her in heavwife he would die this year. The last white in his own precious blood, and en. Farewell, thou precious darling sermon he preached was on Sunday they were shouting his praises and giv- mother! Thy spirit is resting in the night at Lampasas after conference, ing him glory. And now the last one never-fading glory of God's eternal from Romans 1:1, and laid long and of that happy little group has gone presence, where we will meet again. pathetic stress on the word "servant," home to glory. The other four had pre- Her daughter, ETTA RUSSELL.

Bro. Aaron tested and tried in almost He had just gotten to Coperas Cove, every way, and do not hesitate to say Beware of Ointments for Catarrh Tha Contain Mercury.

Lassetter in 1889, Eleven children were born unto him as the fruit of his marriage-ten of whom, with the becaved wife and mother, are left to nourn his death. But, thank God, there s the promise of presence and blessing unto the widow and the fatherless. May he whole family be finally saved together in heaven. J. P. MUSSETT. Blooming Grove, Texas.

daughter of John R. Crayton, died December 7, 1896. Just them meet her in heaven. welve days after witnessing the death of little Dean, this sorege! visited the home of Rev. J. O. and ly-tried family was called to stand around the grave of little Corly, the baby boy. These seemed the dearest, swestest and most precious of all. Bro. and Sister Crayton and loving friends, mourn not as those who have no hope. God's ways are past finding out. He is wrong. May the blessings of God rest on these sad parents in this double them up at once, it is a sweet thought help them to be faithful so they can lor, Texas, January 8, 1897. She was they are together on that happy golden meet Lena May in heaven. shore looking for papa and mamma and loved ones to come to meet where sickness and death never come. I preached the funeral of these sweet little J. N. BROYLES, P. C. Decker Circuit.

SMITH .- Mrs. Sarah B. Smith was er 10, 1863, and died October 7, 1896. the was the second of a family of ten ebildren given to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Moore, all of whom, with her husband border much closer than her husband. hours she remained after the attack, strength permitted. but just before the soul passed out of the body, a radiant glow lighted up her ace and a happy smile played upon her countenance as she entered the portals of bliss. A beautiful, happy, peaceful leath was hers. We rejoice to believe that our mourning, because of our separation, shall ere long be turned into joy ecause of our eternal reunian. HER BROTHER.

CHILDRESS .- Mrs. Amanda M. Childress was born in Monroe County, Ga., Floyd's Chapel on 23d day of July, 1890. August 15, 1822, and died in Willis, fexas, December 29, 1896. She was married to Douglass Childress Decem- A SIMPLE CATARRH CURE. ber 18, 1838. She was the mother of seven children-three sons and four SANDERS .- Our precious mother, daughters. One son died in the late of their mother. One, the Rev. J. P. my privilege to visit her often. She many preachers that she had known during her long life. She was a memcharge. She is gone, but we know where

R. W. ADAMS. Willis, Texas.

MAYN .- Elizabeth Mayn was born

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ARNOLD .- Wm. F. Arnold was born South, at about ten years of age, in great pain of body. She would be found in the State of Mississippi October 15, which Church she remained a devoted in the place where she could find If he is, I have no doubt he is in the 1841. In after years he moved to Tex- and consistent member until the day of strength for the soul and forget the faith also. Such was the home in which as. He died in great peace December her death, which occurred on the 23d pains of the body in the ecstacy of the he enlisted as a soldier in the war be- of over two months. He was regarded rick, on January 27, 1848. To them were living faith, the good old sister expresstween the States-not against father's as a true and faithful Christian and born nine children-5 boys and 4 girls. ing a desire for the song, "God be with member of the M. E. Church, South. All lived to be grown and are members you till we meet again," to be sung at married. He was first married to Miss exhorter and one a steward. Bro. Kirk-Mollie Jeffcoat in 1870. After her death patrick died over twenty-five years ago: he was again married to Miss Della a good, devoted Christian man. Then his widow, some fifteen years ago, married Samuel Mayn. He was an exhorter Tenn. His parents moved to Texas in CRAYTON .- Little Dean Crayton, was born April 4, 1891, and God bless her dear children and help down his armor and go home. May all

Canton, Texas.

MUNDINE.-The subject of this nothree days old. Let me say to the par- her parents to Kansas in 1878. She was ents, weep not, for Lena May is singing converted at the age of seventeen, and too wise to err and too good to do with the angels. Be faithful to God and married to Mr. Thomas E. Mason, of the Church and after awhile you will Marion, Marion County, Kansas, Febmeet your sweet little darling again, ruary 28, 1883. After a lingering and bereavement. While it is hard to give May God bless the bereaved ones and painful illness she passed away in Tay-

CARSON .- R. H. Carson was born at

H. T. HART.

their birth, Sarah Jane and Aaron Ma- Angelina County, Texas. She was boin children at the grave, while tears flow- 8th day of January, 1822, and died at husband and two children, who are be-September 30, A. D. 1850, in Jasper ed freely. Hope looks beyond the his home, about eight miles from Gon- reaved indeed. Taylor in heaven grows zales, on the 18th of December, 1896, stronger. May she on earth grow better Bro, Carson was happily united in mar- day by day. lage on the 20th of August, 1840, to Miss M. A. Abernathy, of Charleston, ern in Cherokee County, Ala., Novem- S. C. In the year 1846 they moved to Mississippi, remaining there until 1850, when they moved to Texas and settled on their homestead in 1853, from whence God called him to the better home, Bro and babe, are left behind. At a very Carson joined the M. E. Church, South ender age she was happily converted at Floyd's Chapel during the ministry and joined the M. E. Church, South. of Bro. C. H. Maloy on the 23d day of sarah moved with the family to near July, 1890. Although Bro. Carson di Van Alstyne, in December, 1887, and not join the Church until late in life h was married to Mr. Chas. Smith in was a good friend to the preachers; and January, 1894. For some time before after joining the Church he was faith the final attack she lingered near the ful and true in every respect-being ever ready to welcome a preacher to h amily or physician thought. Diabetes home, whether "itinerant" or "local." was the cause and the final attack was His attendance on the means of gracandden. She was speechless for the few was regular as long as health and

> On the 22d day of December, 1896 Bro, Carson was followed by his aged partner, whom he nursed and cared for so tenderly lo these many years. Having lived in loving companionship for over fifty-six years on this vale of tears they join each other in less than a week on the eternal shore. Sister Carson had belonged to the M. E. Church, South, for many years, but joined by letter at She was a great sufferer and often in

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orn July 21, 1874, in Giles County, in our Church and died some three 1886. He was converted near Lancasyears ago. Sister Mayn was a remarka- ter, Dallas County, under the ministry ole woman; firm, fixed, always ready of Bro, Shutt, in the year 1891. He defor every good work. I think she was parted this life on the 8th of January, about the first lady I ever heard pray 1897, after an illness of five days. He in public; that was some thirty-eight was a noble, good man; loved and reyears ago; so for that length of time spected by all who knew him. He she has been shouting and praying to leaves a devoted wife and little one and Him who loved us and washed us in his a good father and mother, brothers and blood. No doubt she is still praising sister to mourn his departure. In the her blessed Redeemer on high. May full prime of life he was called to lay the loved ones meet him "where parting C. H. SMITH. is no more." We laid his remains in Lisbon cemetery.

I. J. COPPEDGE.

ice, Lena May Mundine, was born July MASON.—Mrs. Nora F. Mason (nee 1896; departed this life December 2, Richards) was born in Logan County, 196. She was four months and twenty- 111., February 6, 1862. She moved with ready, willing, anxious and sometimes impatient to be gone. Loving in spirit, teadfast in faith and tender in her sympathies, she met bravely that fell Yerkville, York County, S. C., on the destroyer-consumption. She leaves a T. J. DUNCAN.



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Fort Worth, Texas.

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The Minutes of the fifty-seventh session of the Texas Annual Conference arrived to-day. We are well pleased with them. They came out earlier and better than ever before. We congratulate the editor. A few clerical r typographical errors in the Church Extension statistics need correcting:

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### NOTES BY THE WAY.

Zion's Herald, Boston: Now the home is too often simply a hotel—a place to eat and sleep in, whence we rush in headlong haste to save the world at a committee meeting! In hundreds of families nominally Christian the cultivation of the home life and the training of the children are being neglected because the demands of this society and that committee are so frequent and so exacting that no time is left for other and greater du-ties; and the ark of the Lord, that ought to occupy a sacred place in every Christian home, is left to the mercy of he Philistines

Our boys and girls in this generation are missing those ancient customs of giving private admonition. Bishop Hartzell visited the home of his childhood the other day. Thinking him asleep, his godly mother softly stole to his bed at a late hour, tucked the cover snugly, kneeled and prayed for her 'boy," kissed him sweetly, and as quietly stole away. Philanthropy is good. but it can not take the place of mothwhose children are starving. God has no higher form of philanthropy than of reform than "at mother's knee." God bless the mothers, but save our boys!

. . . Ian Maclaren: What is wanted above everything to-day is positive preaching, by men who believe with all their mind and heart in Jesus Christ. If a man has any doubt about Christ he let him consume his own smoke and keep a brave face in the pulpit. The pulpit is not the place for discussing systems of skepticism, or proving the instinc-tive truths of religion, or adjusting the speculative difficulties of Christianity, or apologizing for Christ. Those are belated tactics.

The men who in days passed preachat the topics of some metropolitan dipel will draw fifty-two Sundays in the

Epworth Herald: A certain man, oming up to a crowd of old cronies, was asked to drink, whereupon he ex- sentatives-the poor. For, did he not used himself by relating this touching "Well, boys, I will tell you. Yester-day I was in Chicago. Down on South

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the article to the pawnbroker, saying.

Give me 10 cents. And, boys, what do you suppose it was? A pair of baby's shoes; little things with the bottoms only a trifle soiled, as if they had homes that had been previously located cried like a child. Boys," said the the children and young people was

. . . Interior, Chicago, in speaking of a certain new magazine, says:

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and I swear I'll never drink another

ment and therefore nobody in particular will be responsible for the views and course of the magazine. This ought to be lovely and satisfactory to every-body. You take the magazine and you an select the kind of doctrine you pre fer, Buddhism, Darwinism, Vaticansm or the straight old orthodox Baptist doctrine, in this up-to-date "cathole" and "scientific" magazine, the organ of a university supposedly reliious as to its founders and intentions. Like the chamelion, it is colored by environment. The Almighty may have ver. A man without convictions is monstrosity; a Church without theol-

is a leecherous burden on the great body of the Church. Even to this present hour we labor with our own hands." There is Eving

what life is, will do otherwise than thank God for work. Lazy preachers, those who read one book a year and preach sermons made when they first began, oftimes accuse the brethren of "turning the old horse out to die" and think "the conference has made of them a foot ball."

Zion's Herald, Boston: The Epworth League, in the very nature of its organization, resolves itself into a committee whose duty it is to greet Church-goers with a hearty welcome The following contains a hidden truth rarely noticed:

Some bright Sunday morning you have an edifying and amusing spectacle. Miss Jaybird and young Brother Chatterbox, neither of whom have been at preaching service Sunday morning for three months, are at the door to welcome good old Brother Steadygoe who hasn't missed a sermon in thirty years! Such spurious activity growing out of official position and necessarily

incident to our way of working, does more harm than good. It disgusts those it is intended to help, and brings genuine interest and helpfulness into

Sunday School Times: It is not easy to give evidence of the possession o any quality of characteristic, unless we have that characteristic or quality. A man who is of a cheerful heart looks cheerful. A man who is ill-natured shows it in his face. One who is thoughtful gives evidence of it in his expression; so does one who is stupid and unthinking.

There is a degree of polite hypocrisy n this day and time. We forget that, in an unguarded moment, the cruel word spoken in the home marks itself on our faces while on the street. Many man and woman, seemingly happy and gentle, carry about with them a closet skeleton, a pent-up volcano. We against "Rust." may conceal it for awhile by a hypocritical mien, but the days are coming n which your skeleton gathers strength as in Ezekiel's vision, and your volcano will pour its molten mass upon the innocent and unwary. "Be sure your sins will find you out" is not prophetic of a murderer's end alone. No wonder David besought deliverance from secret sins and presumptuous faults.

### TEMPLE TIDBITS.

As the Christmas and New Year holidays, with their attendant dissipations. are gone and we are all settled down now for a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether toward the goal we from time to time with failures of faith, have fixed for 1897, I thought I would give you a few dots from our corner of the vineyard. Let me tell you first about our

CHRISTMAS.

It was very much like the first one of which we have any record. Instead of cantata furnished by an angel choir under the leadership of Asoph, (or whoever is the chorister of heaven), we the Sunday-school, under the leadership of the best of choir trainers, Mrs. H. E. Keyes. Everybody who came to the entertainment was expected to initate the Wise Men from the East and bring an offering to Christ-that is, to his represay: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me?" And while we had no gold or frankincense or myrrh we did have that which made just er business. I called on him, and while I was there a young man of not more for we had flour, meat, sugar, coffee, potatoes, shoes, stockings, suits, dolla, toys, apples, candy, etc.-just such ciety.

As we saw the smiles of appreciation and the tears of gratitude glistening n the eyes and knew that homes of poverty and sorrow would have a glad Christmas day, when but for this it

drummer, "you may laugh if you very fine. They appreciated as never please; but I—I have a baby at home. before the fact that the measure of God's love to the world was that he gave his Son; and that the most tangible expression of man's love to God is

what he gives for Christ's sake. Then on Christmas day the Salvation Army gave a dinner to three hund:ed poor people, and distributed among them three hundred dollars' worth of clothing. This was made poscible by the generous and hearty gifts of a benevolent public. The Salvation Army was the immediate dispenser of this charity, but members of all the Churches were the contributors. Of course, a great many tramps and impostors were fed, but at the same time on all alike it exerted a good influence. so created the chamelion; but man. Being done in the name of Christ, it was a beautiful and impressive illustration o' the fact that Christ is the poor man's y, a farce; a paper without policy, an friend; and many an old hardened sinigma. A large per cent of our Meth- ner went away from the feast that day with a kindlier feeling toward our holy religion. This is one time at least when the Church reached the masses.

For a week or more previous to the time it had been announced that the Methodists of Temple would observe 'Watch-night" in due and ancient form. An exchange says: There is a clear, An interesting programme was preparonest ring in Paul's emphatic words: |ed to run from 8 o'clock to 12. Not the least interesting or important part of reatness in the quiet form of our this programme was an hour an a half ord in the carpenter's shop. No man, spent socially, during which time the who has in some degree worked out ladies of the W. P. and H. M. Society his way to a proper understanding of served an elegant free lunch. So delightful was the evening that the hour

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And never stand still till the Master

Roll round with the year.

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D. H. HOTCHKISS, Editor.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE MIN-UTES.

I have just received the Minutes of the North Texas Conference and I am pleased with the style and make-up, out sorry of the omission of my Epvorth Leagues and the absence of any eport of presiding elders' and preachr in charge's salaries. My stubs show r presiding elders, assessed, \$75; paid, 56.80; and for preacher in charge, asseesed, \$600; paid, \$458.25; with two cagites and 50 members. Possibly 1 nay have falled to duplicate these on he report handed in, hence this explanation. S. W. MILLER. Kingston, Texas.

### NOTICE.

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In suffering and sorrow God touches the minor chords, develops the pasures of darkness, the constellations of promise, the rainbow of hope, the silcountry at least, all such work has been ver light of the covenant. What is urned over to the Y. M. C. A., or some character without sympathy, submisother non-sectarian institution. We are sion, patience, trust, and hope that grips the unseen as an anchor! But these graces are only possible through corrow. Sorrow is a garden, the trees here without any home-life makes such row is a mine, the walls of which gliscersible to the boarding-houses and bus- school. You are sent to sit on its hard iness part of the town, it is hoped will benches and learn from its black-letinsure it to be well patronized. We are tered pages lessons which will make your chance of graduating there. Miss Havergal used to talk of "turned lessons."-Rev. F. B. Meyer.

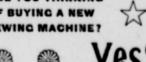
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