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"I suffered fifteen years with female weakness and nerv-ousness, "writes Mrs. Vincent Bohall, of Johnson Franklin. Co., Indiana. "One year ago I began taking your 'Favor-ite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical I took

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church building is rather old and out of date. So our people, who are among which, when completed, will be a credit to the community and to Methodism. house-a large and well aranged auditorium in the center of the city. It is session. It affords room for the large numbers who attend the meetings.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, for a five conference is promising. The nation of knowledge and the training an opportunity to Bishop is in fine trim, and the spirit of the human intellect. The more we doing for that part of the occasion is up to a high-water contemplate God, the more we see in membership over

from Dallas, on the Santa Fe Rail- of the available space in the building. He gives these, not to the heathen, but, are coins to proroad, going south. There are many industrial establishments carried on drix. The singing was inspiring, grow more up into God, they come into to express itself. by the people. They have all the con-rhere was no instrument to lead the the secrets of power and service, veniences of modern city life, a good singing. They did not need any. Obligation to God creates the condisystem of public schools, many church buildings and other public improvements. The country round about is of music the like of which is hard to who have no definite conception of address to a highly productive character, and the surpass. Jno. Barcus is a fine leader, God. They have no sense of responsitown draws a large trade from all sections contiguous. This explains the prosperous condition of the town. Our prosperous condition of the town. Our trip to South America seems to have reduce crime and transform the very fire, and the audien excellent. He apparently grows stout. has been fertilized by this sense of obthe best and most refined in the place, er as he grows older; and the duties ligation to God, and intellectual manare preparing to project a structure of his great office only serve to mature hood is lifted upon a higher plane of his character as an executive and as a thought and morality. When we find norther Rev. G. S. Wyatt, the energetic pastor. stance: Life is responsive and the and spiritual life. The great inventors Texas Conference is shaping matters to that end. It will be built at an early day. On ac-stone makes no response, and its life under the deepest sense of their obli-castle and Read. count of lack of room in the church, is low. But in the human family life gation to God. In these latter ages, Conference, are present the conference was held in the court is abundant, and it responds to the de-men are being brought by this thought well adapted to the proceedings of the of the Church. When this life is ex- great men are the men whom God is large. Among the Latin races are ful activity. The most wonderful cathlis country who some not responsive to new ideas. They theorals of the old world bear the forest and when the The Northwest Texas Conference is are on the decline. But the Anglo- names of those humble fishermen bles in one hand the largest territory and the largest Saxon races are forging to the front whom Christ called along the Sca of body of men in the State. It is a great in all new ideas. They are dominat- Galilee and made them great. And so visitors to company, and a finer looking crowd ing the other races of the world. In it is in all vocations of life. But a man and well may would be hard to find. The so-business, in morals, in religion, in civ- is not most God-like until he is at his the cial features of the gatherings are litization, the English-speaking people best. Hence, God wants skilled work- laid fine, indeed. Their coming together are leading the nations of the earth, men. Let us put this thought into the was like a great reunion of old Under their aggressive action, a new minds of our children. We must train We are friends. Among them are many old world has been created in the closing them. All that is within them must be their self-an veterans who have borne the heat and century. If Benjamin Franklin were consecrated. Their thought, imaginaburden of the day for lo' these many to return to the earth, he would not years. They are held in high esteem, and as their names were called, their lived. He prophesied much for his words fell upon the younger brethren like the accents of the prophets. It nehicements that we are now making. was a benediction to listen to them. Science is transforming the forces of brain made luminous by divine inspiration was organized by the list of the spiritual. The religious sentiment of tries of which our fathers never had Holy Ghost, coupled with Christian thirty-nine present the conference is buoyant and mellow. any conception. Revolution in all de- training, make up the hope of humani-It is good to mix with them and feel partments of civilized life is the order ty. But organized effort is another ated list. Rev. E. L. Armstrong the touch of their devotion and hero- of the day. But all of this progress condition of progress. This is un. of these was not present has grown out of the leadership of the known to the lower animals; but in the swered to the roll call. The Bishop obtains, then mighty movements are in tential. We need, then, to touch hands wasted no time in preliminaries. He active development. These things are and hearts in this great movement, is fell of hope as strictly business in his conduct of known only where the Church of Single effort, when left alone, is important that section of the the conference. Drs. Hoss, Denny, Christ is evangelical and aggressive, potent; but in unity there is strength, across the river. Rev. B. F. Gascawa, DuBose and Atkins, of Nashville, were There is nothing so ennobling to man— We must bring our forces into a com— who has been on this list, has become present and introduced. Also Bishop hood as the recognition of responsibility mon aim and purpose in order to according to the recognition of responsibility mon aim and purpose in order to according to the recognition of responsibility. Hendrix. The presence of these con-ty. Under the lend of Nelson, England complish the largest results. Then we the Indian Mission Conference nectional mer was a great delight to trusted her seamen, and the battle of must add to this the spirit of enter- taken work. Bro. Annithe conference. This is Dr. Denny's Trafalgar was won. Responsibility de-prise. We need to project movements come effective. Stro. J. J. Harris, one first visit to Texas, and his words will velops character. God puts responsi- that will carry our effort out into great of the veterans long on the effective be heard with pleasure, as well as all bility upon his children, and trusts things for God. Small undertakings list, asked to be placed on the super them to do great things. He works, are well enough when we can do no annualed roll. Also Bro Jerone Dr. Atkins. Sunday-school editor, and he calls them into co-operation better; but upon these times, with our Haralson and could only remain the first day, and with himself. God never created a great resources, we must plan stupen- brethren have long been devoted to before the noon adjournment he ad- perfect world. He placed under law dous things for the coming century. the work, but had to succumb to the dressed the brethren. He is a man of the raw materials, and hade his children. We stand at the close of this cent inevitable. Brothers N. B. Bennett, H. great strength of mind, keenness of in- to complete the job. He works through tury to finish the work undertaken by C. Jolley and Marion Mills also joined sight, wendrous powers of logic and them. And where his name inspires our fathers. They wrought as best this honorable company. Rev. analysis, and his address was a deep our effort, things are brought to pass. they could, but did not realize their Thompson is present taking in the conand heart-reaching presentation of the This Twentleth Century Movement is purposes. Now we their children, are fere condition and needs of the Sunday- in harmony with the great law of de- called upon to bring their works to Dr. Hoss addressed the conference

mark. The whole occasion is auspi- bira all excellencies toward which we number, gave \$ met in Cleburne, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Cleburne is quite a little city, with a thriving population of some 10,000 souls. It is situated about fifty miles souls. It is situated about fifty miles the Santa Fe Bail-The Bishop said, in sub- God, we find the highest intellectual large force. Dr. E. C. Smith upon it. This great closer to God, and through them nature making manifest the life is yielding her hidden treasures. The speake

school work. The address left an velopment. He has brought on the is- perfection. Will we do it? I believe "It is now nearly ten years since I enabiding impression upon the confer- sucs, and he looks to us to complete we will. I have great confidence in teres upon the editorship of the Nash the, and the brethren were sorry that the undertaking. He is thus calling us the people called Methodists. I have ville Advocate. I am glad to be with

COMMUNICATIONS.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

In obedience to the proclamation of the President of these United States, the Christian people of America will each in their humble way express their gratitude to God, the Father of their spirits, for his goodness during the days that have gone beyond recall. On this day the busy wheels of factory and business life will remain quiet and the teiling millions of our God-blessed land will refresh themselves at the fount of family joy, and from the hearths of our peaceful American homes there shall ascend thanksgiving and State. to Him who fills our every cup and guided our ship of state to glory and renown. We who enjoy the light of the Lone Star State have much for which we should be thankful.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, Were the whole world a parchment made:

Were every stick a quill,

Were every man a scribe by trade. To write the love of God alone, Would drain the ocean dry:

Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

From the 4th day of July, 1845, when the corner of our State was laid, God has spread before us a great table of annual blessings and it is well for us to join the American custom of returning thanksgiving to him by a day of rest from toll and spend it in praise to God, who has protected us and blessed us with prosperity. For who can overlook our history without the recognition of God's hand?

There is an eye that never sleeps Beneath the wing of night; There is an ear that never shuts, When sinks the beam of light; There is an arm that never tires When human strength gives way,

There is a love that never fails When earthly loves decay.' Thanksgiving Day calls upon us to

keep before the public mind the truth that God reigns in the kingdom of men. Just as long as this truth is kept green and fresh in the heart and mind of man our freedom and civilization is secure. But whenever we lose sight of this momentous truth, at that moment our national glory will melt away like the sparkling frost of an autumn morning and our national power shall crumble into dust.

The day of national thanksgiving is intended to keep before the mind of American citizenship a personal God as the great safeguard of our freedom. Our faith in a personal God is to us a stronger bulwark than walled cities and standing armies. Should you tear from the mind of America the idea of a Divine Ruler, whose care and protection is so minute that he numbers the hairs of our head, then the oath of office is no longer sacred, the sacredness of the marriage ring is forever broken and the sanctity of the home is forever destroyed.

"O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast And our eternal home. Under the shadow of thy throne, Still we may dwell secure, Sufficient is thine arm alone,

And our defenses sure.'

Take God front our language and you will destroy the warm throbbing heart of our intelligence and leave our boasted civilization a lifeless and helpless corpse. Look through the dim of the past and what a sight your eyes behold. On either hand there are the graveyards of nations buried in ruins; there is proud Egypt, exalted Babylon and Nineveh, whose tombstones are indelibly written with the divine inscription. "The nation and kingdom that will not serve God shall perish." Would you bury our fair land whose every valley and hill has been bought with freedom's blood under a like inscription? Then wipe out our days of national thanksgiving to God, teach your children that all expression of gratitude to God for the overflowing blessings of his hand are but the marks of a silly and weak mind. Teach them that the Bible, which is the basis of all your righteous law, is only mythology, and that all belief in God is only superstition and fanaticism, and that sad day you may read upon your walls of your free and boasted civilization, God hath numbered thy kingdom and

hath finished it." Our national thanksgiving strengthens the family ties. In many homes the family has been separated, but on this festival day the family love is rekindled as they gather around the table of bounty and say in united voice: "Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us this daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into tempation, deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Home is the center where the influences are kindled, which shall fill out the pages of our history with the victories of a people whose Lord is the everlasting God.

A cradle rocked in a home of thanksgiving to God will send forth men and women who shall honor God and have a patriotism for native land and shall support the institutions of both Church

Thanksgiving Day in a nation tends to quicken the spiritual pulse of its people and bind them in stronger allegiance to the Heavenly King. May our homes and State be kept by Him who but spake and the wind and wave

"Lord of the nation, to Thee, Our country we commend; Be thou her refuge and her trust, Her everlasting friend."

G. H. COLLINS.

EXTRAVAGANT PULPIT UTTERANCES.

A recent writer in the Arkansas Methodist cites the following examples of unguarded pulpit utterance. One preacher declared, "If Christian parents would do their duty their children would all be Christians." Another said: "If Christians would do their duty sinners would not resist their influence and would become Christians." Still another said: "Parents, if your children are lost you are responsible;' and lastly, one announced, after speaking of a home where right influences were at work: "There is no danger of a child going out from such a home into the ways of sin.'

Doubtless all of us have heard very many like declarations. Usually they come from preachers who have had no experience in rearing children, or from impulsive speakers who in the heat of discussion are liable to utter things which on cool reflection they would modify. The reader has probably heard the story of the Presbyterian minister who while a bachelor served a certain Church for several years, the principal theme of his preaching being family government. After years of absence from said Church he was recalled, and in the course of time one of his old parishioners wanted to know why it was that he had not given them a sermon on family government, reminding him that during his former pastorate there that was his favorite theme. Ah!" said the minister, "I had no family of my own then; now I have. Experience is a great teacher, and the wise lay her lessons to heart. Hence older men are usually, though not always, more guarded in speech.

I once heard a young presiding elder proclaim to a large congregation: "The trouble with the world is you Christians don't believe the Bible. If you parents believed the statements of this book as to the danger to your children of being ete: nally lost you would never suffer your son to start down town without clasping him in your arms and falling on your knees and pleading with him and with God in the interest of his soul." That preacher a few years later turned aside to politics and the practice of law, with all his knowledge and belief of the world's peril. He was a good man, a strong preacher and meant well, but sometimes he overshot

Not long ago a certain preacher made a mathematical calculation of just how long it would take to convert every sinner in the United States if all the preachers and Church members would do their duty. He had figured it out to a fraction, and published the result, showing just how many each preacher and forty members would have to convert. As a certain Englishman friend of mine would say. "He was about the most figurative preacher I've read after But he didn't figure much after Dr. Godbey got through with him. As to the rearing of children, no sane person doubts but that the tendency of right influences is toward right results. But no man can estimate the force of counter influences that may come in to neutralize the effects of the very best home training. Besides, it is generally agreed that there is but one intallible papa in the world, the one, namely, that sits in the Vatican at Rome, and, one would readily infer, he is a bachelor. And since only infallible parents can always know just what is best for the child, it must be admitted that the best of them will sometimes miss their aim.

Great indeed is parental responsibility; so great that I doubt not all true parents often tremble at thought of it and spend many sleepless hours in the

day our night watches, thinking, planning and Paid \$60 for a horse, that died on my praying that they may know how to guide the little ones amid the snares and dangers that beset their way. But row. Paid \$10 for the breaking down the safety of no child is positively assured till it reaches man's or woman's estate. Alas! not even then, if our Arminian doctrine be true.

Such is the frailty of human nature that in all the relations of life and concerning every duty we are apt to grow our vigilance at times. But the supposed and oft-asserted indifference of Christian parents to the moral welfare of their children is, I verily believe, a grave error that does grievous injustice to those who are struggling under the world's heaviest burdens.

To any man, preacher or what not, who might approach me on the subject, I think I could safely say: "My brother, where you have given a moment's thought to the management and welfare of my children, I have devoted hours on hours to the same subject, and still I can only feel my way." Not even infinite wisdom and infinite love, wrought into a system of moral government, has been adequate to the prevention of sin and the salvation of all men. Alas! for us, if we must be wiser than the Divine.

We are responsible as parents, reachers and Church members for the faithful performance of our duties, but after all the child and the sinner are still free to follow in the way of their own chosing.

When the glad day arrives wherein wholesome home instruction and influence shall be re-enforced by all outside influences, then we may hope that very few children going out from Christian homes will ever fall into sin, but even then some will go estray, at least such seems probable.

No doubt parents need frequent reminding of their duty, but more often, in the case of Christian parents, they need encouragement and instruction in the how. And yet who is able to give specific directions. General principles are easily laid down, but the physician who treats his patients on general principles, ignoring particular indications, will almost certainly make liberal contributions to the graveyard.

No two children are exactly alike; no two sets of conditions are precisely the same; no child is in quite the same mental mood on two different days, and no parent can adopt a set of rules that will meet every demand of the moral and spiritual nature of these marvelously complex, flexible and susceptible subjects. Finally such extravagant utterances as those cited above can scarcely fail to do harm.

S. G. SHAW. Center Point, Texas.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

I have been a constant reader of the Advocate since my admittance on trial in the East Texas Conference in 1894. The paper grows stronger and better. Long may it live and prosper. Our Annual Conference here is a thing of the past. The best in years, so said by the older preachers. Peace and harmony prevailed from the beginning to end. Bishop Duncan was at his best. "Came, saw and conquered," of course. His lectures on education and missions, his sermon on Sunday will abide with His thought is profound, but his expression clear and simple. He places great stress upon spiritual life as the continued response from the congregation would evince. We hope he will come again. Only one thing occurred to mar the pleasure of the conference, and that was the expulsion of two preachers for heresy. They continued to preach 'Calvinism' and circulate the literature. Though their best friends reasoned and pled with them, it was Wonder what some to no avail. preachers will fly off on next? Those brethren were much loved. We trust they will see their error and return to the fold. Our preachers in the main are satisfied with their places. This one is at least. Our Church here is neither dead nor dying, as some would try to indicate. It has a past and it has a future, though it will take true consecrated effort to work out its future. Our Churches are practically out of debt, while new ones are being built. We have read with interest the various discussions in the Advocate. Am glad that such prominence has been given to the spiritual state of the Church, and while we may not yet fully understand the causes of our spiritual decline, yet we are sure that all have been benefited. We have a clearer conception and can apply our time and efforts accordingly.

Bro. Armstrong's articles on "Early Recollections" have not been without interest to some of us, especially his reference to serving the Woodville Circuit in 1855, receiving \$150. This writer served it in 1896 for the same amount.

hands, leaving me to beg my way when I could, and walk when I could not borof a borrowed buggy, and other expenses accordingly. Strange to say I came through out of debt and money ahead. If Methodist preachers did no other good they have accomplished much in setting the world an example of economy. We spent the year 1897 weary of constant strain and to relax at the same place with some improvement on all lines. There are some noble souls there, some of the best people I ever saw, and were it not that condition of health has driven me to the mountains of the West should be too glad to go back and try it again. How pleasant it would be to meet my classmates, four ct whom are in the Beaumont District. Good boys, stay with it and with the good presiding elder; but if you get out of a job come out here and we will let you preach or dig gold. Millions of dollars of the precious metal have been taken from this place. It makes us feel somewhat povertystricken as we think of the millions so near us while we go forth living on the "golden promises." We are working and praying for a good year in the far West. Pray for us. Love to all S. E. WILSON. the brethren.

Bigoak Flat, Cal.

BASTROP - ABE MULKEY - A GREAT REVIVAL.

We have just closed the greatest revival in the history of this town, so the oldest inhabitants say.

We prepared for the meeting, had everything in readiness, and Abe and "Louisa" came. The meeting held on ten days. There were about one hundred conversions. About fifty will join our Church, others were already in the various Churches, and others still will

Abe is sensible, has tact, knows when and what to say, and has power with God and man. We have absolutely no criticism to make concerning his methods, for he uses no questionable means.

The people of the town co-operated from the first. The meeting was held in the opera house. The weather was perfect. The stores closed on week days for the day services, something heretofore unknown in the town.

The power of the spirit was manifest at every service.

We close our work for the conference year with much gratitude to God for

his blessings upon us. During the year the parsonage has been painted on the outside and papered beautifully on the inside, at a cost of over two hundred dollars. Sal-

aries and collections will be in full. The farewell offering to Bro. Mulkey reached over two hundred and sixty dollars; three of our members furnished two apartments at the Orphanage, at a cost of twenty-eight dollars each; the children furnished the kindergarten apartment, at a cost of seventy-five dollars, while near fifty dollars was put into brick for the Orphanage by the free-will offerings of the people, and near thirty dollars was received from the sale of the "Budget." All this was raised easily, with little effort except careful planning. Also eighty dollars was raised to cover incidentals.

The Church is in better condition spiritually than for many years. A great impression has been made on the town, and Christianity is in the lead. Many strong men of families, as well as boys and girls, are coming into the

We give God the praise, and go forward to yet greater victories in the name of Christ our Lord.

Bro. Hines, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was with us during the meeting, and did us faithful ser-NATHAN POWELL.

Bastrop, Texas.

ALFRED.

I saw him when he was ony a wee baby, and also many times thereafter. I knew him well. You can depend on this chronicle; I vouch for its verity. They named him for his maternal grandfather, Alfred W .- , who, in recognition of the coempliment, presented the little man with a cow and calf, which became a great herd before our hero was his own man. The product of this cow gave Alfred many hours of amusement. He was an odd chap. He enjoyed the entertainment he could gain among his cows, conversing with himself, planning and speculating for the future, more than the society of any boy who might intrude while he was thus engaged. Although he had three brothers and three sisters, he spent very much of his time alone, talking and laughing, playing and planning. He was what people call a very absent-minded boy; that is, he would

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coat, and even his pants sometimes. It was a common occurrence for him to be so engaged while all alone that the hours for meals would come and go and he knew nothing of it.

Alfred was slow motioned both in sound every way. He was robust, in then and I will show him to had been silent. Finally, speaking to you. Yonder he goes through his wife, he said: "Finnie, I am going the field alone; of a phlegmatic to die to-night. There is a little untemperament, dark complexion, deep settled matter of business between me He is brave-not afraid of anythingwas cultivated by a colored renter, wife complained to Alfred's mother and then Alfred said: Alfred acknowledged that he ate an onion and said it was not in, but was a ise not to go about the garden any would be wrong to tell a story about it. and tried to force the promise from him, yet he averred to the end that he would not make such promise. His conquered. it is very likely his mother made a mistake in attempting to elicit such a promise. As a boy and as a man, Alfred was a

decided character. He would risk his life to accomplish his end. He never gave up, but would persist in his undertaking at all hazards. When others had long since desisted you would find rolled back his eyes, gasped and the him still at his task. Although he moved slowly he left nothing half finished. His parents were plain, hon- and he even had a strange death. He est hard-working, but poor tolks. They owned a good sized poor land farm, words, but what he said was always to but they had a house full of children, the point. It was the same in his and it took hard work and close econo- death. my to clothe and feed them; hence it was a very limited education their children got. With such inflexible character as we find in our hero we will have to content ourselves in guessing what he might have been had he had the opportunities of some boys. His were such as the wide country gave, needs some correction. No one ex-But the farm is one of the best places in the world to develop character, study nature and have fur. The boy who has lived in town all his life and never went out to try the sports of the H Bro, McNiel thinks Bro, Move "gaincouptry is very much behind. He has ed the debate' I am glad to say he and lost the most of life. The sports of his crowd are by themselves. His (Mcriding horses, hunting 'possams, 'coons, squirrels and rabbits, fishing, climbing termination to wilfully deceive the trees, whooping, yelling, killing snakes, dear brethren on his side. No one derobbing bees of their sweet honey, spending nights with neignbor boys, and a thousand and one other things the town boy misses. The farm on Moye this side of eternity. But why which Alfred was brought up had many McNiel did not say. One reason why picturesque scenes. A rolling country was because Moye repeatedly violated with lofty trees, many streams of water the rules ("Hedge's Logic") and showor lakelets, in and beautiful ponds. which swam thousands of the finny "President Moderator" resigned at the tribes. The old farm house sat on a end of the first day. McNiel tries to hill, surrounded by lofty and wide- make the impression that the debate spreading shade trees, with a most beautiful sheet of water about a furlong from and in the rear of the house. This lake had millions of fish in it, to accept six propositions, then I have and it was a general resort for fish hawks, eagles, kingdishers, wild ducks, written this except for that last statecranes and some times wild geese. Oh! what sport it afforded for bathing. easily proven. gigging fish, shooting ducks and oar-

But Alfred had his troubles as well as other boys. On one occasion he and his cousin Abby entered their grandfather's sugar cane patch just after he boys were prepared for college one day had planted cane and dug up several stalks and made way with them. When ing in the same town, requesting him he discovered it their grandfather secured him a rope and went forth to hang them; but, as the old saying goes, 'catching's before hanging." so he learned on this occasion. His plan was to hang both at once. So when he caught one the other would hie away into other parts. He had so much trouble in catching them both at once that he had finally to give it up, but his sugar cane was never more disturbed by little rogues. He com-

pletely scared them off. After Alfred grew up he became one of the finest public speakers in all the land. I heard him on one occasion so electrify an audience with a speech on temperament that it was the talk for days thereafter. So he grew to manhood, settled down to the business of life, married a beautiful woman, was that I can not tell which is the better both farmer and merchant, made a scholar." success at both, accumulated a nice little fortune, and died at thirty-three. the lawyer.

become so absorbed in a theme that he But it was his end of which I desire to would forget everything else, hence it tell you. He had as boy and man been was that he often lost his hat, or strictly honest, truthful, sober, and I may say religious, for he professed religion when fourteen years old, and most of the time thereafter lived up to his exalted views of what makes a true Christian. After he ead a family he held family devotion; was true to body and mind, yet his dual nature was the Church, with his means and in every way he could he advanced her infact, both physically and mentally. Of terests. Late one afternoon he was course he lived on a farm. Come sitting in his home and for some time blue eyes, sandy-colored hair, a little and my renter, Mr. Green. We had a stooped, poking along, his eyes seem- settlement the other day and he paid ingly fast set on something, his lips me too much money. I must find him protruding while he talks to-himself, and refund it, as I will die to-night and not have the opportunity again ' truthful, honest. His mother always wite became alarmed; tried to perknew she could depend on what Alfred suade him that he was mistaken, but told her. On one occasion he, passing he said: "Yes, I am perfectly at mythrough that part of the farm which self. I assure you it will be just as I was cultivated by a colored renter, have told you." So Mr. Green was sent pulled up and ate an onion. The man's for and the little business set right. "All is now that he had been troubling her garden. ready. To-night I shall die and go home to heaven." In a short time thereafter he showed signs of being volunteer near the garden. His moth- unwell. A doctor was hurriedly called er then attempted to make him prom- in, but ere the doctor arrived he was having the toost awful contortions of more, but ne said it was very likely he the body and most of the time unconwould go there again, as it was on the scious. The doctor after a while, by place not far away and he thought it the use of opiates, quieted him. The doctor said be did not understand it; Although she whipped him severely that it was more like hydrophobia than anything he had seen. Alfred's brother, who lived fifteen miles away, was called for, and arrived at 12 mother gave it up and for once Alfred o'clock that night. He stood by the bed and directly Alfred, who had been sleeping, opened his eyes and said to "You should have been is brother here yesterday to see the power of God manifested. It will soon all be over, however, for to-night I shall go to heaven, my long home." In a few minutes thereafter, without a struggle, he end had come. He had been a strange boy, and it clung to him to the last, had been a boy and a man of few A. S. WHITEHURST.

AN EXPLANATION.

In the Firm Foundation of November 7 there is what Rev. R. H. McNiel calls a "Report of a Debate Between Elder J. T. Smith and Bro. J. J. Moye" that pected Bro. McNiel to say that Smith gained the debate, but I for one expected him to confine himself to the facts in the case when he "reported." Niel's) last statement seems to be a denies that "Smith said when the four propositions were discussed that he would have no more to do with Bro. ed such a spirit of unfairness that the was not finished. They only began to discuss four propositions and did so. If Bro. Smith did not try to get Moye reisunderstood him. I would not have ment, and my explanation can be C. B. SMITH.

Center, Texas.

THE TEST.

The principal of a school in which received a message from a lawyer livto call at his office, as he wished to have a talk with him.

Arrived at the office, the lawyer stated that he had in his gift a scholarship entitling a boy to a four years' course in a certain college and that he wished to bestow it where it would be best used.

"Therefore." he continued. "I have concluded to let you decide which boy of your school most deserves it."

"That is a hard question to decide," replied the teacher, thoughtfully. "Two of my pupils, Charles Hart and Henry Strong, will complete the course of study in my school this year. Both desire a collegiate education, and neither is able to obtain it without assistance. They are so nearly equal

"How is it as to deportment?" asked

"One boy does not more scrupulously observe all the rules of the school than the other," was the answer.

'Well," said the lawyer, "if at the end of the year one boy has not gone ahead of the other, send them to me. and I will decide between them."

As before, at the closing examinations the boys stood equal in attainments. They were directed to call at the lawyer's office, no information being given as to the objects of the visit

Two intelligent, well-bred boys they seemed; and the lawyer was beginning to wonder greatly how he should make a decision between them. Just then the door opened, and an elderly lady of peculiar appearance entered. She was well known to them all as being of unsettled mind, and possessed of the idea that she had been deprived of a large fortune which was justly hers. As a consequence, she was in the habit of visiting lawyers' offices, carrying in her hands a package of papers which she wished examined. She was a familiar visitor to this office, where she was always received with respect, and dismissed with kindly promises of help.

This morning, seeing that the lawyer was already occupied with others, she seated herself to await his leisure. Unfortunately, the chair she selected was broken, and had been set aside as use-

The result was that she fell in a rather awkward manner, scattering her papers about the floor. The lawyer looked with quick eye at the boys, before moving himself, to see what they would do.

Charles Hart, after an amused survey of the fall, turned aside to hide a laugh he could not control.

Henry Strong sprang to the woman's side and lifted her to her feet; then. carefully gathering up her papers, he politely handed them to her. Her profuse and rambling thanks served only to increase Charles' amusement.

After the lady had told her customary story, to which the lawyer had listened with every appearance of attention, he escorted her to the door, and she departed.

Then he returned to the boys; and, after expressing pleasure at having formed their acquaintance, he dismissed them. The next day the teacher was informed of the occurrence, and told that the scholarship would be given to Henry Strong, with the remark: "No one so well deserves to be fitted for a position of honor and influence as he who feels it his duty to help the humblest and lowliest."-Christian Work.

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you. I once thought that I would prepare a speech for these occasions, but to date have not been able to complete the effort, so you will have to put up with an off-hand speech. In my earlier life I never dreamed of being anything but a pastor. It so happened that I took my first fall from the pas-torate when I was made a schoolteacher. My second was when I was made an editor, and my third fall came very nearly happening about two years ago, but some of my friends interposed and forstailed that catastrophe! (Great laughter.)

When I first became editor, such were the laudations showered upon me that I was in danger of the big head. But it was not long until the brethren began to remind me of my intellectual and moral shortcomings and saved me from the impending fate! So all caliings have their losses and gains.

As editor of the Advocate I belong to Jesus Christ, soul and body. I am sound on the temperance question, though I am not active in politics. I do not believe that any man has the right to sell whisky as long as he can make an honest living by stealing. (Applause.) I am sound on Methodism-at least, I think I am. I hold to the doctrines of the Church. I have the highest reverence for Mr. Wesley, though to be a Methodist does not imply that we are to take everything Mr. Wesley saiddown to the dotting of an i and the crossing of a t. We agree on the great fundamentals as taught by Mr. Wesley. In this sense he is the greatest thinker and teacher of modern times. I am a follower of Wesley as he is a follower of Christ. I am also sound on the holiness question. There is some hair-splitting speculation concerning this question, involving questions of psychology that I do not accept. But I believe in the doctrine of sanctification as taught by the Bible and our standards. And I trust that I am sound upon our ecclesiastical polity. There is nothing in our government with which I am not in perfect accord. Some crites have said to the contrary, but sensible people know better. I am sorry to say that, since I have been editor of the Advocate, there has been a falling off in the subscription list. Well, before I warmed the seat of the editorial chair, the agents struck from the list of subscribers 4500 names. This was not my loss, but it is charged to my account. Then, too, there has been a multiplication of papers in the Church since I began my career. These have come in competition with the Advocate, and they have reduced our list materially. Then all of our connectional departments are issuing separate organs, and these are cutting off our subscription list. Then there is another class of papers-kind of Ishmaelites, whose hand is against everything which promotes organized Methodism. Now, the Advocate has to compete with all of these journals. Now, we want to increase the list of our subscribers. We want to do this in Texas. And we say this in the presence of the editor of the Texas Advocate. I know him and he is making one of the best papers in Southern Methodism. He got good start in Holston, and I am glad that he is still moving, and that he makes others move also. But the Nashville is not in competition with the Texas. The two are in perfect harmony. No other papers but these two have any business in Texas. Any outside paper has no business on Texas soil. (Many amens.) Every pastor and every official member of the Church in Texas ought to take the Advocate. And many of the well-to-do laymen ought to do likewise. I would love to go into all of your homes side by side with the Texas Advocate, I would feel honored in such company.

The speech lasted about an hour. It was full of wit, humor, anecdote, pathos and wisdom, and the conference ras greatly pleased with Dr. Hoss. They gave him an enthusiastic reception, and pledged him a long list of subscribers. His visit was a blessing to the brethren.

No conference was ever better entertained than this one. Bros. Wyatt and God calls them to the work of mis-Belton and the good people of the town are laying themselves out in their efforts to do the hospitable act. My home is with the good family of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Mitchell. The pleaspre of staying with them is enhanced by the fact that Mr. Mitchell is from Abingdon, Va., and his mother and sisters were among the best friends 1 ever had while pastor in that town some twenty-old years ago. When our little the announcement that Christ died for habe was kissed away by the angels, all the world; and it aroused great op-Sister Mitchell was with us constantly position as a heresy. But we have over-

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, the little one for all these years has been sleeping in a grave upon the lot of that good woman in that Virginia town. To meet her boy in Cleburne and have the freedom of his elegant home is a sacred pleasure. A number of the brethren are here with me, for these good people are keeping an open

> Rev. Abe Mulkey preached at the church at 3 o'clock to a large congregation, and presented the work of the Orphanage. The appeal was a strong one. and it produced results. He called on the audience to aid in furnishing the new building. Rev. George Owens subscribed \$100 with which to fit up the natatorium, and \$217 was secured with which to furnish the chapel and the school room, making in all \$317 given upon the occasion. At this rate, the conferences will fit up in good style the new building. Abe is a success in an enterprise when he takes hold of it.

> The missionary anniversary took place at night. A large congregation packed the court house room to hear the addresses of Drs. Denny and Hoss. I do not pretend to give the speeches. but only a few of the salient points contained in them. Dr. Hoss-The gospel of Christ is designed for all men. It is not a waste of time to consider this commonplace proposition. Our people need to have these first principles simply restated. The gospel teaches the need of a universal salvation. At the time the Methodist Church was inaugurated, a great many people were laboring under the delusion that many of the human race were included in the numbers of the reprobates. The Methodist preachers started out to disabuse the minds of men of this error, and teach the possibilities of a universal salvation. We have conquered the fight. All men now believe that there is hope if they will embrace it. The gospel is not merely for all men, but it is adapted to the needs and conditions of all men. It is a practical gospel. At first it was preached to the chosen people. who were Jews. But the demonstration was soon made that Christianity was not a provincial religion. God soon called the great apostle and commissioned him to go into the regions beyond and preach the gospel to the Latin peoples, and it soon penetrated the forests of Germany and adapted itself to all tribes and nationalities. And not only this, but it comes to the man of ignorance and passions and to the man of culture, and does for both the work of transformation. The gospel lays upon the Church the necessity of taking this saving truth to all men in all climes and among all peoples. This is the practical thought which I wish to impress upon you to-night. The propagation of the gospel was at first necessarily slow in its movements. but as it progressed its acceleration became more manifest. And as the ages have gone by, the opportunity for its sperad has grown until to-day it is marvelous. The reason for this is that the gospel has become thoroughly established upon facts that can not be questioned. And the Church will never have finished her career until this gospel is given to all the world. For three centuries after the conversion rope, all organized missionary work seems to have ceased for a season. Theological disputes were the order of the day. But by and by the Church reasserted her purpose and girded herself for the conversion of the world. All branches of the Church are now engaged in this work. Still, we are not doing what Christ wants us to do. We as a Church are not up to the standard of high business principles in our work. It is not worth while to mince words. We pride ourselves on our imperial pretensions, but we adopt the business principles of the peanut stand in some of our missionary undertakings. We must rise above this littleness and work upon larger plans. God wants our money. We must sacrifice in order to give this money. God wants our prayers behind our giving. A praying Church is a giving Church. Have we lost the art of prayer? But we must also give our men. It takes men to carry the gospel to the world. We need mature men in this work. We can spare anything that God demands and we can spare our best men when sions. We must make up our minds to the effect that our best blood and brain must be invested in this work. Let us take no backward steps in these matters, but go forward with steady steps

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means. What we need is that our conduct shall be up to our convictions upon this subject. But I need not argue this proposition. Sometimes we meet with a man who thinks we are going too fast, but this is a sad mistake. We come from among a people who know not how to beat a retreat. Our faces are toward the field, and not backward.

tice up to our teachings? Not by any

November 23, 1899.

Jesus Christ said to the Church, "Ye are the light of the world." There were no hospitals following the campaigns of Caesar. Hospitals and asylums are following the footprints of Christ. He is the light of the world, and humane institutions and schools and churches are the evidences of his wondrous teachings. Without his light, these things would not be. Through his Church the civilizations of the world are becoming humanized. Now, since God gives to us the responsibility of bearing this light, we can not be laggards. The redemption of this world is for the glory of God. This is the motive that ought to prompt us in all of our efforts to give the gospel to all men. The spirit of the Old and New Testaments shows that the proclamation of divine truth is that God's name may be glorified. The glory of his name is the spiritual life and health of mankind. If there is joy in the heart of God in the return of men and women to him, what must be his feeling when there is no response to his love? If we are indifferent to his glory, what evidence have we that God has any interest in us? Some people may think that there is no indication of the final triumphs of our mission work. But the morning is breaking and the evidences of the hour of triumph are coming into view. It may be only a thin thread of light crossing the face of the heathen world, but that light betokens the coming of the full orbed day. If we want any part in this achievement we must be up and doing. for it is going to be done. An old sailor once said to me that in whale fishing each harpoon had the name of its own vessel stamped upon it, so that if any vessel flung its harpoon and the whale escaped with it and some other vessel took him, the vessel whose harpoon was first flung had some rights in the oil of the whale. Can't you throw a harpoon for God? In the years to come somebody else may get the fish, but you will have some rights in the catch.

The above in no sense represents the wonderful address of Dr. Denny. It merely gives an idea of it. He is a speaker of great personality and magnetism. His language is elegant, his thought clear and refined and his manner energetic and nervous. He reaches periods of force and eloquence not found in the ordinary platform speaker At the close of his speech the peroration stirred the audience profoundly. This is his first visit to Texas, and he has left a deep impression upon the conference as a man of extraordinary ability and power.

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will in most cases locate somewhere else. But when they go to the Vanderbilt we train them in the branches of higher education and save them to our Southern country and to our Church. Then we have a special Biblical Department. In this we are well equip-But before applicants can enter this department, we expect them at least to be advanced to the second year in a college course. But if young preachers have not had these two years of training and wish to come to the Vanderbilt and take our coilege course, we receive them with your encouragement and approval. So in ail things we work in harmony with your own Church institutions. In all of our work we have to compete with all the other great universities whose endowments surpass that of ours several folds. So, with our income, we are doing more for religion than almost any of these schools. During these twenty-five years we have educated some 700 of the preachers of Southern Methodism. Now what are you doing for the Vanderbilt? You may think that we are rich, but this is a mistake. The fact is, such is our expense that we are actually poor. Vanderbilts have given \$900,000 to us, much of which has gone into the improvements. So that our income is exceedingly limited. We now have Soo young men knocking at our doors for admission, and if we had the money we could have 2110 within our walls. Now we are sadly in need of money to further the prosperity of this great school. We are now actually educating our young ministers with money given by a man who is not a member of our Church. Ought not the Church to put money into this school with which to train our young men? If we expect to have moneyed men make large gifts to us we must begin to do something for ourselves. With over 1,500,000 members ought to put this great school upon the easiest financial basis possible. This Twentieth Century Movement is the hope of our institutions if we do our duty; but if you direct your donations to your own conference schools, simply because you think we are rich and do not need help, you will rob the Vanderbilt of the aid sought by this movement. Now we intend to see that the Vanderbilt faculty give to this movement \$10,000, and when we come to you in this behalf we want you to know that we intend to lead in this before we call upon you. However it may have been in the past, I know now that a call to preach is a call to get ready to preach. I honor the fathers who laid the foundations of Methodism. They got all of the education that we could give them at that time; but as we face the incoming century we can only carry on the work which they began by larger preparation upon the part of the men who are to represent us in this struggle. Education is not a sort of labor-saving machine, but a preparation to do more and better work. This is the sort of education we are giving at the Van-The two epoch and era-mak erbilt. ing men in the Bible are Moses, the legislator, and Paul, the great apostle. Moses was trained in the learning of Egypt and the other was trained at the feet of Gamaliel. They were educated men. John Wesley, the projector of Methodism, was trained for the work. Consecrated ignorance can never bless the Church, but consecrated learning is a benediction to the Church and the world. If you want a better ministry you laymen send better men up to the Bishop and his Cabinet. In other words, send your bright young preachers to school and let them become well trained, and then you will get good preachers to occupy your pulpits. Put your money into these young men and they will return the benefits to you a hundred fold. The largest yield that money can make is found in the training of manhood and womanhood. No dividend is equal to this. I have seen some men get an seen an educated woman who did not strive to educate every child that God gave to her

that they will not return to you. They

No speech on the subject of education ever made a finer impression upon this conference than the address of Dr. Tillett. There was not a dry eye In the vast audience when he closed. That speech will bear fruit. brethren sang the doxology and many hallelujahs vent up from the congregation. It was a Pentecostal occasion.

After the wave subsided Prof. Ken-

your colleges. Your colleges are en- tion, was introduced and made a when your children are through with were pleasantly received. Bro. Ken- of Church records. In some instance send them? If they go North and be- Church and in sympathy with recome highly educated, the chances are ligious training.

> Bishop Hargrove followed in a very happy address. He congratulated the ceedings in good shape. State in having a Superintendent of Public Instruction who appreciates the work the Churches are doing in ter, except one, and he came to the field of education, and he expressed the hope that the time would come when all of the States would have sound Christian men to rule over their care in the case of men who try destinies. "God bless the State in her efforts to educate her children. We want to go hand in hand with you in this great work. It is our business to give to the State educated Christian manhood and womanhood. We are glad to have you with us to-day and listen to your words of encouragement, We are with you in this great work."

Bro. Wyatt made a fine report for his work. All finances up. Raised money for all purposes \$6,000, and has \$10,000 subscription for a new church Has a net gain of 130 members.

At the night session every available year. inch of the court-room was packed with people to hear Dr. Tillett, who had charge of the meeting. He read from the 6th chapter of Matthew and 33d verse: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all of these things shall be added unto you." I want to preach to you upon providence and prayer. God's and his work is in good shape providence is his method of working upon us, and prayer is our method of working upon God. The great purpose of God's providence is spiritual God is the God of the physical as well as the spiritual world, yet in dealing with us he has a spiritual end in view. As for me, I do not believe that God is now working miracles as I define miracles; but is God still working in providence? I believe it with all my heart. In these providences God works through laws. He does not have to suspend or break law in order to operate his providential purposes. Prayer is access to God. He hears our prayers and answers them through law. In time of sickness he does not have us to discard the physician, the medicine and the nurse; but he guides these aids and answers our prayers. We are justified in praying for physical things, but we are encouraged to pray for spiritual things. prayers of Christ are all dominated by spiritual purposes. In Christ's wonderful prayer you find but one little petition for material things and all the rest is for spiritual. All prayer for material things must be followed by a condition of conformity to the divine will. Christ prayed in this way and so did Paul, and so must we. prayer must be offered to God in the name of Christ and through the Holy Ghost. It is not so much as to whom we pray as for what we pray that reyeals character. Prayer must have for its aim, to get rid of sin, to become holy and to be useful. I often fear that we grieve our Father by filling our prayers with trifles. tell him of our physical needs, instead of begging him to give us more of his spirit and to teach us how to live better and to do more good. This kind of a prayer is a joy to the heart of our In praying for spiritual things the only limit imposed upon the answer made is our faith. "According to your faith be it unto you" is the promise. Anything given to us in excess of faith we do not have ability to use it. God works through the willing will. Faith always has its rewards. Now let me ask, "Are you working in harmony with God?" If not, there is confusion. But when you and God work together toward a common end then you move toward heaven. Bishop Soule said when dying: "I am not praying now, but only gliding into port." harmony with God he swept into heaven.

The sermon was one of great power and a baptism of glory fell upon the audience, and there was a time of great rejoicing.

pure and the occasion exhibarating. ence, are present and mixing with the which cannot with propriety be brethren. My chums at the home of scribed here. Bro. Mitchell are Bros. Ray. Glass. dall, Superintendent of State Instruc- make the Methodist history in Texas. New York City.

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Rev. Geo. B. Winston, of the Mexican Border Conference, is present and spoke for a time about his work.

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trict during the year. Rev. S. J. Vaughan, of Granbur reports his Twentieth Century already paid.

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Old and Young

HOW LONG IT TAKES.

"Oh, I'm so hungry!" cried little Johnny, running quickly into the them. house from play; "give me some bread and butter, quick!"

The bread is baking, so you must be patient," said the mother.

Johnny waited two minutes, and then

asked if it was done. "No," answered the mother, "not like made-

quite yet.' "It seems a long while to make a

slice of bread," said Johnny, impa-

"Perhaps you don't know, Johnny, how long it does take," said his

"How long does it take?" asked the

"The loaf was begun in the spring"-Johnny opened wide his eyes-"it was drowing all summer; it could not be finished till autumn."

Johnny was glad it was autumn if it took all that while, for so long a time to a hungry boy was rather discouraging.

'Why?" he cried, drawing a long breath.

"Because God is never in a hurry." said his mother. "The farmer dropped the seeds in the ground in April," she went on to say, partly to make waiting time shorter, and more, perhaps, to drop good seed by the wayside; "but the farmer could not make them grow. All the men in the world could not make a grain of wheat, much less could all the men in the world make a stalk of wheat grow. An ingenious man could make something that looked like wheat. Indeed, you often see young ladies' bonnets trimmed with sprays of wheat made by milliners, and at first sight you can hardly tell the difference.

"Put them in the ground and see," said Johnny.

That would certainly decide. The

make-believe wheat would lie as still as bits of iron. The real grain would soon make a stir, because the real seeds have life in them, and only God gives life. The farmer, then, makes neither the wheat nor the corn grow; but he drops it into the ground and covers it up (that is, his part) and then leaves it to God. God takes care of it. It is he who sets mother earth nourishing it with warm juices. He sends the rain, he makes the sun shine, he makes it spring up; first, the tender shoots, then the blades; and it takes May and June and July and August, with all their fair and foul weather, to set up the stalks, throw out the leaves and ripen the ear. If little boys are starving the corn grows no faster. God does not hurry his work; but he does all things well. By this time Johnny had lost his

impatience. He was thinking. 'Well." he said at last, "that's why we pray to God, 'Give us this day our daily bread.' Before now I thought it was you, mother, that gave u our daily bread, and now I see it was God. We should not have a slice if it were not for God, would we, moth-

er?"-Child at Home.

HELEN'S WAKING UP.

"Helen seems to be more ornamental than useful.

The words were spoken in the sewing-room, and Helen. who was toasting her slippered feet by the library fireside while she lay comfortably back in an easy chair overheard them. She knew the speaker-it was Mrs. Wills, a neighbor and old friend of the family, who had a way of expressing her opinions very freely. She was speaking to the seamtress now long resident in Helen's home. Helen wondered what Miss Green would say in reply.

Miss Green said: "Helen is very capable; she herself doesn't yet know how capable.

will wake up one of these days." The maid here entered to tidy the room, and Helen took a magazine and to do." strolled into the sitting-room. Seating herself on a couch she was soon lost in a story, when she heard her two aunts, who had just descended the stairs from a morning call on her mother, speak-

Where is Helen? Why doesn't she take hold and help, now that her mother is laid up? I believe, Agnes, I never saw a girl of her age so utterly indifferent to the affairs of life as she is. Why, at her age you were quitely womanly, and I was bearing a good deal of responsibility."

"Be patient, Lois. Helen is only sixteen, hardly more than a child in years, and certainly a child in her unconsciousness. She will wake up and find herself before very long. I am sure.

Thank you, Aunt Agnes," said Helen to herself as the aunts let themmoment, Ralph, Helen's twelve-yearold brother, came in crying:

"Helen! Where are you, and what are you doing? Come, look at my new tools, and tell me what to make with

"O Ralph, you can make less noise the easiest of anything, and I wish you'd do it. Go away, and don't bother me, that's a good boy.

'No, miss, you-ve just got to wake up, and tell me what mamma would

But Helen did not wait to hear any more. She rose and ascended to her own room, and closing the door lay down on a couch and prepared to read undisturbed. In a few minutes, however, she heard her father's step on the stairs. He entered her mother's room, leaving the door ajar, and said:

"I think, Mary, there is no way but to get a housekeeper. With such good help in the kitchen, one would think Helen might take the direction of affairs, but I suppose that is too much to expect.

"Now that it is vacation she has time, and could do it if she were willing, but I fear I have neglected my duty to Helen. She has seemed, for a year or two, so apathetic that I have left her to herself, hoping that she would wake up to the fact that life holds some responsibility for her, but I am afraid that I have waited too

'Never mind, Mary, I can not have you worry over it now. I believe Helen has capability, and I know she is too much her mother's daughter not to have a good heart. Let us hope she

will soon wake up. Helen rose and walked impatiently about the room. "Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!" she repeated. "One would think I had taken a narcotic, and everybody is anxious drug to spend itself. What they want me to do? There is Stebbins in the kitchen, and even mamma never gives her any directions; then the second girl is expected to keep the house neat, and Miss Green always does the sewing and mending. As for Ralph and Amy, they are not babies. and I don't see what I am needed to do. Of course, things are a little irregular since mamma is confined to her room, but I dare say everything will be all right before her sprained ankle gets

With this comforting assurance Helen thought to dismiss the subject, but the subject would not be dismissed. "Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!" seemed to be ringing in her ears, and the words spread themselves over the printed page. She closed her book and thought she would go down and amuse herself at the piano, when she noticed Browning calendar, and the sentence for the day caught her eye. Be sure they sleep not whom God needs.

It would be imposible to describe Helen's thoughts for the next few minutes. For an idler and dreamer she had an active and a receptive mind; and surprise, incredulity and bewilderment chased one another through her brain. She rose and prepared to go out, and presently was seated face to face with Miss Lee, the leader of a circle of King's Daughters whom she respected and loved, but whom, alas, she seldom saw, for she rarely attended the circle meetings.

Helen poured out the story of her morning's experiences, and ended say-

"Browning says: 'Be sure they sleep not whom God needs.' It must be that God needs me, and is making it plain to me that I must 'wake up!' Now, how am I to do it, and what does it all

A glad light shone in Miss Lee's eyes she answered:

'It means, dear, that you have been too long occupied only with yourself. looking in, as it were; and the call has come for you to 'Look out! Look up! And lend a hand!" This is all, and if you obey this call, you will find pienty

Helen's stay was brief, but she went home animated for once by a purpose It gave a spring to her step and a light to her face. First she went to her mother and put herself in sympathy with that dear one by learning her wishes concerning the household, and promising to carry them out, not forgetting meanwhile to "doe the nexte thynge," as Miss Lee had advised. She put fresh water in the vases, turned the cards of the "Daily Food" to the proper date, shook up the cushions, looped back the curtains, and gave the numberless dainty touches to the invalid's room which can not be expected of a house-maid.

Down-stairs she saw so much to do she scarcely knew where to begin. The ing cut-off and flew away. Watching bird had her first attention, and the work of construction afterwards,

selves out at the front door. At this to burst his pretty throat in song Then the plants were given a drink, and the withered leaves were removed; the books on the library shelves were put in order; her father's writing-table was arranged to his liking; the bric-abrac in the parlor was dusted, and her scattered music neatly piled in the cab-

> When the luncheon hour arrived she was punctual at table, and seated in her mother's place to pour her father's tea; she did not know whether there was more surprise or gladness in his face to see her there so full of helpfuiness and animation. She carried the tray, spread daintily by her own hands, to her mother's room, and later called the children to the nursery, where she showed them how to "make things." Ralph was to construct a footstool for Stebbins out of a bit of carpet-covered board, with coat-hooks for legs, and Amy was allowed to cut prints from a pile of miscellany for the making of a picture scrapbook for a children's hospital. Then her piano practice must not be neglected. And so the day passed, and bedtime came finding the young girl only tired enough to enjoy

> Others days came and went, and oh, how the duties called her! But the wonder was that she found so much pleasure in answering the calls. Even if it had been otherwise, the generous appreciation of her efforts by those she loved would have repaid her. mother's eyes followed her lovingly, and her father came to trust her and depend upon her in many ways.

One afternoon when sitting with her mother, who was now almost well, she

Mamma, sleeping and dreaming were well enough in their way, but like being broad awake much better. I have come to enjoy being in the thick of things.

Her mother quoted: 'I slept and dreamed that life was

waked to find that life is duty."

"Yes, mamma, life is duty, but duty of the little roll was attached to the is beauty."—Charlotte Whitcomb, in strip of work, that was being added to the Interior.

HOW WASPS BUILD THEIR NESTS.

I have always been fond of studying animals, birds and insects and their ways, and have had many opportunities of watching and finding out how birds' nests vere built, from that of the sparrow to that of the weaver-bird, and many an hour has been passed in watching the mason-bee gather its little pellets of mud at the side of a puddle, and then going off and working it into the long, dome-like cells in which the egg was deposited. But the wasp was always a mystery, and I was never able to find out where he obtained the material out of which he made his paperlike nest, or how he worked it.

I had long given the question up, when in one of those out-of-the-way corners of the world, where I was once spending a short time, I witnessed the whole performance of wasp-nest building. I was passing some days at a village within sight of the snow-clad summit of Mt. Ararat, and as time was at the moment of no particular account, tive to take care of her-yet, though had plenty of it for observing the movements of nature going on about

In a tree in the garden round the house where I was stopping was a wasp's nest in process of construction. The busy insects were going backwards and forwards carrying their material to the paperlike fabric: but though I watched several days, I could not discover where it was collected. It happened that the pillars of the veranda of the raud-built house in which I was stopping were roughly-hewn trunks of the Lombardy poplar, that grows in that region to a good size and considerable height without branches, and makes a clean, straight stem. One afternoon, while loitering about the veranda, I noticed that numbers of wasps were alighting on the side of these pillars that were worn by the weather, and then, after a short stay, moved off again, apparently carrying away a small load with them.

Stationing myself close to one of the pillars I soon had the satisfaction of seeing a wasp alight on it. After running about over the surface to find out what he was in search of, he suddenly stopped, and, carefully feeling the spot was on, he cut the worn surface with his hippers, and then proceeded in a workmanlike manner to cut from the surface of the wood a strip, the width to which he could extend his nippers laterally, and as he moved backwards he rolled the strip up under his chin with the aid of his forefeet until he had as much as he could conveniently hold, when he gave a finish-Dick was so grateful he seemed ready it was marvellous to see how the end

"If I were sick and wanted to get well. I'd find out how some one else got well who had the same sort of sickness as mine."

If your sickness is like hers, Mrs. Jacobs' story will interest you.

"I was very sick indeed," writes Mrs.
Mollie Jacobs, of Felton, Kent Co., Delaware, "and our family dector said I had
consumption. I thought I must die soon
for I felt so awful bad. Had a bad cough,
spit blood, was very short of breath, had for I felt so awful bad. Had a bad cough, spit blood, was very short of breath, had pains in my chest and right lung, and also had dyspepsia. Before I took your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets' I was so weak I could not sweep a room, and now I can do a small washing, and I feel like a new person. I believe that the Lord and your medicine have saved my life. I was sick over two years. I took 13 bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets." and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets."

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strip of work, that was being added to, by means of some waxy gum exuded by the builder and joined on laterally as it was unrolled antil finished, and then the workman would fly away for a fresh piece. Each insect cut off a strip about three-eighths of an inch in orth and a little under an eighth in width, and nothing could be more admirable than the artistic and businesslike way in which they carried on their work .- Harper's Round Table.

THE BLIND CHILD.

Bishop Ryle of England says the happiest child he ever saw was a little hild eight years old who was quite blind. She had never seen the sun or moon or grass or flowers or trees or birds or any of those pleasant things which have gladdened your eyes all your life. More trying still, she had never seen her father or mother, yet she was the happiest child of all the thousands that the bishop had seen. She was journeying on the railway. this day I speak of. No one she knew was with her-not a friend nor relatotally blind, she was quite happy and well contented.

'Tell me," she said to someone near "how many people there are in this car. I am quite blind and can see nothing." And she was kindly told.

'Are you not afraid to travel alone?" asked a gentleman. 'No," she replied, "I am not frightened; I have traveled before, and I

trust in God, and people are always good to me." "But tell me," said the bishop, "why

you are so happy." "I love Jesus, and he loves me. sought Jesus and found him," was the

The bishop then began to talk to her about the Bible, and soon found she knew a great deal about it.

"And how did you learn so much of the Bible?" he asked. My teacher used to read it to me, and I remembered all I could," she

"And what part of the Bible do you like best?' asked the bishop.

"I like the story of Christ's life in the gospels," she said; but what I like best of all is the three last chapters of Rev-Having a Rible with him, the bishop

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THE PERFECT PATTERN.

But know all ye who aspire to the higher life that these six laws of culture and character-the law of honesty and kindness, the law of sympathy and self sacrifice, the law of love toward home, self, friend and God -all these are broken ares, which are united in the perfect pattern of Jesus Christ. Long have we received inspiration from poets, philosophers and essayists. Perfect, indeed, was the finish of that priceless Cremona violin; yet the instrument is silent and dumb until the master spirit comes to touch the strings and fill the air with melodious vibrations which ravish the mind and heart with their honeyed sweetness. Once, passing over the hills of Bethlehem, the Master was a genial, sacred presence; and now, when his sacred touch falls upon the soul, all the secret melodies of the heart break forth. What unity he brings into life; and, therefore, what beauty!

Of old, a young apprentice picked up ter who was completing an oriel window for the cathedral. Bringing those chips together so as to repeat the face of a lustrous angel who had appeared to him in a vision of the night the boy constructed from the fragments if thy duties seem humble, thy hours fragments, thy tasks broken and obscure, behold the Christ can transspiritual beauty. All inspirations toward knowledge, all stimulants towho is higher than earth's noblest spirits, wiser than earth's most gifted teachers, purer than earth's whitest martyrs.-N. Dwight Hillis, in Satur-

day Evening Post.

IN PATIENCE POSSESS YOUR SOUL.

Thomas a-Kempis utters the cry of many a heavy heart when he says: "O Lord, my God. patience is very necessary for me, for I perceive that many things in this life do fall out as we would not. For whatsoever plans I shall devise for my own peace, my life canot be without war and affliction." Some persons appear to bear life's heavy burdens with smiling faces and serene hearts; but the great majority are intolerant of these things; sullenness takes the place of serenity. and petulance supplants patience in the soul. The conditions in which we find ourselves are in a large measure responsible for our mental and spiritual attitudes; the things which can be borne with a reasonable degree of patience to-day may be resented as too heavy to be endured to-morrow. If we could but master Paul's philosophy of life and be content and at peace in mind and heart under favorable or provoking circumstances, it would be easier to reach that sublime height of faith where we could "glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

It frequently happens that persons jose heart because they are placed in an environment which seems to them unfavorable either to their own spiritual development or to their usefulness as servants of God. They possess talents and are willing to use them and devote themselves to God's service, but the soil seems forbidding and the seed wasted. It is easy to forget that many beautiful flowers bloom in obscurity; that in every portion of God's great harvest field the toilers are working out his plans, and that no effort of theirs is futile or unrewarded. need to have patience to stand where he stations us, and to leave the rest with him

"We sometimes wonder why our Lord

doth place us Within a sphere so narrow, so ob-

That nothing we call work can find an entrance-There's only room to suffer, to en-

Well, God loves patience; souls that dwell in stillness Doing the little things, or resting

quite. May just as perfectly fulfill their mis-

sion-Be just as pleasing in the Father's sight.

This to me is life-That if life be a burden. I will join To make it but the burden of a song."

Then, we need patience to endure. One's own mistakes and failures are often his greatest block of stumbling. How many times we are caught un-

awares by the adversary, and in spite of fixed determinations to come off more than conquerors, we find ourselves in the dust and humiliation of defeat! Then follows a period of selfdistrust and self-depreciation. But it is just here that the grace of patience should be exercised, for the despondency which follows defeat weakens the good purposes of the heart and makes it all the more easy for the invisible powers of evil against which we wrestle to claim dominion over us. We should be patient with ourselves, not condoning our blunders, but encouraging our souls, in spite of failure, to attempt to mount to still higher heights.

But it is well to possess a large measure of patience for the weakness and idiosyncrasies of other people, and to act as a buffer for the vexations, disappointments and embarrassments which emanate from them. Sometimes our turbulence of mind may be caused by a supposition having no foundation whatever, and if we knew all the facts in the case we might find that we were provoking our souls to disquietude without cause. Nevertheless, it is the chips of glass dropped by the mas- one of the most difficult achievements of Christian experience to be patient when one's motives are misconstrued and his good is evil-spoken of, or when under the lash of unkind criticism or in the fire of temptation or in the valley of defeat, or when bearing the gallone of the priceless gems of art. And ing cross of disappointment or the crushing burden of sorrow.

But this achievement is possible, and those who accomplish it are sure to form these fragments into a dream of win the favor of God as well as the approval of their own hearts; for, as Peter says: "This is thankworthy, if a ward supremacy of mind have their man for conscience toward God endure supreme excellence in that divine One grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.'

Be brave of heart and courageous of soul to endure "the trying of your faith" which "worketh patience" and enables you to "receive the promise."

"I will not faint but trust in God, Who this my lot hath given; He leads me by the thorny road

Which is the road to heaven. Though sad my day that lasts so long. At evening I shall have a song: Though dim my day until the night, At evening time there shall be light.

"My life is but a working-day Whose tasks are not aright; Awhile to work, awhile to pray, And then a quiet night.

And then, please God, a quiet night Where saints and angels walk in white:

One dreamless sleep from work and sorrow

But reawakening on the morrow.' -The Christian Advocate.

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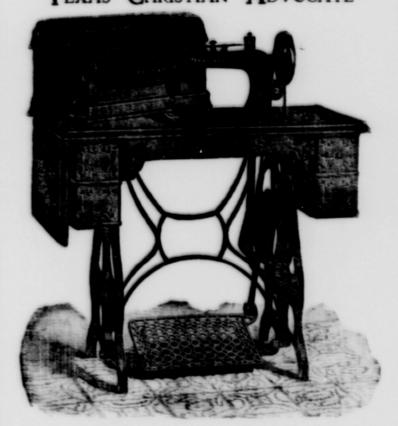
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MAYOR TRAYLOR'S REJOINDER.

Last week we published Mayor Traylor's reply to our former editorial, and proceeded to answer him in a dignified and Christian spirit. But now he descends into a purely personal realm and we leave him to its undisputed occupancy. We have no reply to make to this list defiverance. We let him speak for himself. A man's written words are the ladex to his inner experiences. The Advocate is a public journal, and its editor takes no advantage of any man with whom it happens to get into a controversy. The Mayor is the Chief Executive of a great city, and he has a right to be heard. We simply criticised in a legitimate way in the interest of public sentiment, and we feel that our duty is discharged. Ordinarily the ethics of journalism would exclude readers an opportunity to see the Executive of Dallas in a sphere peculiarly his own, He speaks his real mind. But the facts in our former editorials remain unanswered. so we do not feel called upon to notice the elegant and chaste personalities of the Mayor of Dallas. His article answers it-

Dallas, Texas, November 20th, 1809. Rev. Geo. C. Rankin:

Rev. Geo. C. Rankin:

My first association with you was when you came before the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church when your salary was being fixed at \$2500 per annum. I was a little surprised that you remained in the presence of the board while it was considering and acting upon the amount of your successor had the modesty and sense of propriety to retire while the amount of their salaries was being fixed. And when I have beretofore frequently heard that your presence became so unpleasant in Houston that you were glad enough to get away, but not more so than the people were to betweever lave I was charitable enough to make excuses for you. But later on you took charge of the Christian Advocate and soon manifested a desire to become a tender in city polities. This was indicated in various ways, and when, in the Advocate of October 12, in an editorial entitled. The City Council and the Sunday Law, 'you threatened to have a local option election and to repeat it every two years, as you said, 'to make it cost the bar-rooms and dives a good round sum.'' I began to think you were mad. Of course, a local option election is all right, but for one man to have it repeated every two years.

local option election and to repeat it every two years, as you said, "to make it cost the bar-rooms and dives a good round sum," I began to think you were mad. Of course, a local option election is all right, but for one man to have it repeated every two years to gratify his spite, keeping a whole city in a tunuit and uproar, I say to you the people will not tolerate such idiocy.

Those who have read the Advocate closely, and especially those who know of your anties before the Grand Jury, and about the city, are led to believe that you have a malignant harred of suboon keepers and prostitutes. Now, Dr. Rankin, is it not barely possible that some of these saloon men are elever men, even more so than yourself? And as to your hostility to the poor, weak, helpless and unformate women who are often more sinned against than sinning, and for whom I feel far more sympathy than batred, you talk and act as if you would be willing to drown there like so many rats. Yet if our Savior were again on earth and you were to make a suggestion he might say to you: "He that is without sin let him cast the first stone." Then, I ask, would you not tuck your head and sneak away?

Why do you not be more careful in your statements? You intimate that I consulted you about my veto. This is not so, I told Mr. Blaybock that I had vetoed the measure in question. He, I suppose, told you remarked to me that you were glad I had done so. It was then that rather in a spirit of resontment that I asked you if you wanted to see it. You answered no; and yet you leave the impression in your article that I consulted you before acting. Again you say, steaking of the slanderous article you wrote of me, "that the body of it was submitted to him for correction. He said he had been looking for something of the kind and he said he wanted it published so that he could reply to it. Now this is equally at variance with the truth. B. M. Burgher came to my office with a similar article to this dart instead of expecting it. I was astombshed), and said several of t

I did not get down on my knees and beg I did not get down on my knees and occ-him not to publish it. Of course I did not request it published. Even a fool should know that. And it was not submitted to me for correction, nor was such a sugges-tion made. This information you must have gotten from Burgher, as no one else was present. The remainder of your an-

swer is as misleading as that quoted, and is not deserving a detailed answer. It is an effort to conceal the truth. You publish-ed that original article made up of slander without giving me notice or consulting me without g'ving me notice or consulting is to its truth. Later on when I answer I you went hurrying around the city in fort to have others give affidavits or w as to its truth. Later on when I answered it von went hurrying around the city in an effort to have others give affidavits or written statements to justify your mallelous stander. Judge Smith refused positively to accommodate you. I am now sixty years of age: have been in Texas thirty-three years; have been much of that time in public office, and am fairly well known all ever the State; have had much contact with the people in a public and private capacity; can establish an honorable ancestry for more than two hundred years, and have always prided myself on being honorable, upright, and truthful; or, in other words, have tried to be a gentleman. Never before has such standerous language been used against me, even without publication. Yet here comes along the editor of a religious journal, searcely three years in the city, unknown in the State except by his Church, whose period of residence in the State is precarious; only a few years out of the mountains of East Tennessee; without antecedents or ancestry to boast of, so far as I know, attacking the veracity and sincerity, and honer of a nean who of am permitted under the circumstances to say is infinitely his superior as a gentleman and in all those qualities which go to make up a first-class citizen.

I see a striking analogy between your conduct and that of an ancient historical person named Judas. In one sentence you claim to be a friend and in the next accuse of dishonorable conduct? What is a more despleable character than a slanderer, or a more dangerous one that a fanaite?

This communication is not written for publication, but there is no embargo on that, for there is so much unpleasant truth in P that you dare not publish it. But I feel that it is a duty that I owe my God, and my countrymen, to thus rebuke you, that you may be more careful in using the Advocate to blacken the reputation of your fellow-citizens who have well the remained that the former Board of Stewards and some other members of the First Church shall know that I will defend my honor a

----TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. T. J. Duncan and his good wife, of Mexia, made us a visit this week on their return from conference to their home.

Rev. J. D. Dorsey, of the East Texas Conference, passed through the city last Tuesday on his way to Waco, and called on the Advocate force.

Rev. E. F. Boone, presiding elder of the Dublin District, is spending a few days in the city visiting his daughter. Mrs. Ernest Conkling, and called to see the Advocate

Rev. Collins Denny, D. D., pald the Advocate a visit last Tuesday on his way from Cleburne to Honey Grove. He is not only a member of the faculty of Vanderbilt Unisity, but he is also the Chairman of the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. South. He is, therefore, very much interested in the success of the Branch House located here. While in the city he took occasion to look into the progress of its business, and he expressed himsef very much pleased with the condition of the enterprise.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE FIVE crease. Bro. Daniel has a big territory

and he and his men have worked it well.

Bro. Bailey has had something over

Dr. Chapman reports some 600 conversions on the Abilene District.

Bro. Hardy, of the Clarendon District, has had over 500 conversions and his district has already paid \$2 per capita on the Twentieth Century Fund.

Bro. S. P. Wright reports 500 conversions on the Waco District and Bro. Sensabaugh reports 900 on the Brownwood District, making in all 9,800 conversions in the conference during the year. This shows that a deep spiritual work has been done by the preachers of this aggressive conference.

Nine young men stood before the conference bar for admission into the membership of the body. The fusion addressed them: "If you enter into the covenant of this traveling connection you do it of your own free will. Nobody compels you. If you have any objection to it now is the time to express it, or else hereafter hold your peace. You must give your whole time to this work. You are not to follow anything but the ministry. You cannot run a goat ranch or any other sort of a ranch as itinerant preachers. You and all your time belong to this holy calling. You must be diligent and prompt in the discharge of these du-You must read your Bible and other good books and meditate upon them. Meditation enables you to digest and assimilate your reading. You must attend to the charge to which you are appointed. If you help your brother it must not be at the expense of your own work."

answered and the young men were received into the conference. Then Dr. Denny addressed the conference on the report of the Committee on Books port, recommended the correlation of all received.

The Advocate was heartily endorsed without a dissenting voice. The Committee on Books and Periodicals spoke in words of great kindness, for which they have our thanks.

The selection of the next seat of the conference was unanimously decided in favor of Georgetown. This is a tribute to the people of that good town and more especially to the Southwestern University. The members of the conference are anxious to visit this institution and look upon that magnificent building into which all of these brethren have put some of their meager salaries. Next fall will afford them the opportunity.

Sunday was a rainy, disagreeable day. About service time, there was a cessation until 2 in the afternoon, and from that time on until midnight it was a steady downpour. The services were all interfered with very considerably; still, the people were out, and it was measurably a good day. The lovefeast was a gracious service, conducted by Bro. Balley. At 11 o'clock the Bishop preached at the court house to a large congregation. The memorial service was conducted in the afternoon. and Dr. Denny preached at night. At the morning and night services, the deacons and elders were ordained. The various churches of the city were turned over to the conference, and their pulpits were occupied by our preachers. The sermon by Dr. Denny is spoken of as a masterpiece of evangelical truth. attended by great power and religious fervor. The audience was wonderfuily moved, and a benediction rested upon the congregation. Three of the brethren died during the year-Bros. Elder, Carpenter and Price. Many tributes were paid to their worth as ministers of the gospel and men of eminent piety.

Monday morning was bright and crisp, and overcoats were in demand. This was the last day of the conference, and much expectation was gathering as the time for reading the appointments approached. Reports from the various committees were made, and some discussion followed. The Orphanage property was reported at \$40,000. without any debt. There are 135 orphans now in the home. Five hundred dollars was raised by the conference during the year for the American dy. Bible Society. The Epworth League Committee recommended the adoption of the "Holston plan" of work-that is, the Epworth League workers be requested to place their contributions to missions to the credit of the regular collections assessed against the charges by the conference. Henceforth there will be no special work of this kind, but their contributions will go to the regular collections. Brother Cobb, of Nashville, addressed the conference upon the subject. The confer-1500 conversions on the Corsicana ence paid 88 per cent of the entire assessments for missions, and 28 cents per capita during the year. Brother Cobb told the following incident: A rich man belonged to the Church, but refused to give anything to home and foreign missions. The pastor went to him then for a contribution with which to build a fence around the graveyard. but he refused on the grounds: First, the people in the graveyard could not posibly get away; second, the people out of the graveyard don't want to get in: therefore, the fence was not needed and he would not throw his money away for any such purpose. The incident created much merriment.

The conference adopted a resolution recommending to the Leaguers the doing away of the annual conference League meeting. The subject called forth an animated discussion, but it carried by an overwhelming majority. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of the Rescue Home, was introduced, and in a few

remarks represented that work. The statistics this year show a net increase of a little upwards of 2000 members. The Board of Missions made its report, and quite a controversy ensued. Some members of the conference held that the report was not sufficiently full as to conform to the requirements of the Discipline. This brought out elaborate statements from several members of the board, whereupon the report was unanimously received and ordered spread upon the record.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the last session of the conference was opened. with Dr. James Campbell in the chair, by appointment of the Bishop. Seven

The address lasted almost ten min- thousand dollars and a little over was utes. The questions were satisfactorily contributed to the worn-out preachers and the widows and orphans of de-

ceased preachers. The Board of Education, in their re-

and Periodicals. His speech was well the conference schools with Southwestern University, the University to prescribe the terms and arrange the courses of study. Prof. Hyer addressed the conference upon the work of the University, and announced that the school was in the best condition of any year in its history. There are now four hundred pupils in attendance upon the University. Prof. Hyer spoke at length, and he had the undivided attention of the large audience from beginning to end. He spoke with ease and fluency, and his voice was as clear as a bell. There was nothing stereotyped or commonplace in his address, but he was fresh, pointed and opportune. It was an inspiration to listen to him. Prof. McSwain made a statement of the work of Polytechnic College; Prof. Switzer represented Weatherford College: Prof. spoke for Granbury; Prof. McKeown talked about Clarendon Training School, and Brother Whitten spoke for the Institute at Midlothian, after which the report was adopted. After the Statistical Secretary read

his report, the Bishop arose and announced the appointments, and the conference adjourned sine die.

MINUTES

Of the Thirty-fourth Session of the North-west Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Cleburne, Texas, beginning November 15, 1820, and ending November 20, 1820, Bishop R. K. Hargrove, President; Jno. M. Barens, Secretary.

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Question I. Who are admitted on trial? Walter K. Rueker, Sam E. Allison, E. L. Sisk, Bearty M. Long, Marcus S. Leverbige, James M. Owens, Daniel A. McGuire, Claude B. Smith, Thomas W. Sharp, W. T. Gray (10).

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? J. D. Young, Ed R. Bareus, A. D. Porter, Sterling Richardson, Thos. S. Bareus, Geo. W. Kincheloe, Lee A. Ciark, Columbus A. Clark, J. P. Patterson, J. E. Blaylock, R. B. Young, Chas. W. Young (12).

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? W. L. Childress, R. F. Byrd (2).

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Willis P. Edwards, O. P. Kiker, S. A. Barnes, Jno. S. Huckabee, James H. Walker, Geo. S. Slover, Luther B Tooley, dy, Alfred W. Waddill (9).

Ques. 5. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? G. E. Cameron, from Little Rock Conference; H. A. Dickson, from Little Rock Conference; R. J. Bird well and W. S. Manley, from East Texas Conference; H. G. Summers, from Louis ville Conference.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? W. C. Hollingsworth, C. H. Smith, James A. Ruffner, R. R. Evans, Wm. M.

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Ques, 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? G. E. Sandel, Joseph W. Fort, M. H. Hudson (3).

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Ques. 16. Who are located this year? H. A. Story, for inefficiency; W. D. Robinson, at his own request.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? J. W. Montgomery, J. F. Neal, J. W. Kizzlar, M. R. T. Davis.

Ques. 18. Who are supernumerary? H. C. Jolly, Levi F. Collins, T. W. Rogers, A. Davis, Sam'l Morriss, P. W. Gravis, S. S. Scott, G. W. Swofford, James Peeder, F. T. Mitchell, W. L. Harris, W. F. Graves, I. N. Reeves, J. P. Hulse, F. P. Ray, E. W. Simmans, D. T. Holmes, H. M. Glass, E. M. Sweet, R. W. Wellborn, E. L. Armstrong, C. Rowland, H. W. Smith, Dan'l Morgan, John Powell, J. J. Harris, Jerome Haralson, A. Long, N. B. Bennett, M. Mills, J. J. Davis, W. J. Lemons, Geo. F. Fair.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died dur-ing the past year? John Carpenter, J. B. Ider, William Price.

Elder, William Price.

Ques, 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? All were called and their characters passed except Geo. W. Porter, who was expelled for immorality.

(For answers to questions 21 to 43 see statistical table.)

Ques. 44. What are the educational statistics? Schools, 6; professors, 70; pupils, 1258; value, \$236,000; endowment, \$1500.

Ques. 45. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Georgetown.

Ques. 46. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

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November 23, 1899.

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Glenwood—A. D. Porter.
Trinity—W. T. Gray.
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Arlington—J. P. Mussett.
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Blanket—J. W. Fort.
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Quanah—S. W. Turner.
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Mangum—L. W. Cain.
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Haskell—J. T. Bloodworth.
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Channing—J. T. Roscoe.
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Floydada—R. O. Eustace.
Matador—C. A. Clark.
Memphis—R. A. Hall.
Wellington—J. H. Walker.
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Canyon City—T. F. Robeson, supply.
Clarendon College and University Training G S. Hardy, P. E.

Transferred—B. F. Gassaway, to Indian Mission Conference; C. L. Browning, to North Texas Conference; W. F. Lloyd, to Louisville Conference; H. L. Munger, to Tennessee Conference; R. R. Ray-mond, to Los Angeles Conference.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD.

To the President and Members of the North-west Texas Annual Conference, 1889: Dear Fathers and Brethren Your Joint Board of Finance submit the following re-

port:
We have collected for Bishops' fund the sum of \$2903.52, which we have paid to our agents. Messrs, Barbee & Smith.
The reserve fund left with our Treasurer last year amounted to \$300. The whole of this fund was paid out during the year, as

 Rev. B. F. Gassaway
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 Mrs. J. A. Compton
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 Mrs. B. M. Stephens
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 We have received for conference claimants the following amount: General collections, \$7170.67, which we have disbursed to the claimants, as follows, together with the Colvin fund of \$16, received from our Book

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Blackburn, Miss Grace	75 00	
Boyd, Mrs. Jessie	100 00	3
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Collins, Rev. Levi F	250 00	
Compton, Mrs. W. F	50 00	
Connor, Mrs. W. G	25 00	5
Crabb, Mrs. J. L Crawford, Mrs. Robert	35 00	3
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Gaskill, Miss Mittie	50 00	3
Gassaway, Rev. B. F	150 (8)	
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Hulse, Rev. J. P.	1(N) (H)	***
Johnson, Mrs. J. M	50.00	. 3
Jordan, Mrs. C. D.	250 00	1 2
Lamden, Mrs. W. M	25 (0)	3
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Mackey, Mrs. James	20 (0)	3
Mitchell, Rev. F. T Mood. Mrs. F. A	100 00	***
Mood. Mrs. F. A	150 00	. 9
Morgan, Rev. Daniel	150 00	
Morriss, Rev. Samuel	75 00	
Mullins, Mrs. I. N	150 00	3
Parker, Mrs. Joseph		
Peeler, Rev. James		
Peeler, Rev. James Powell, Rev. John		
Price, Mrs. William	200 00	
Ray, Rev. F. P	100 00	
Reeves Rev I N	50 00	
Reeves, Rev. 1. N Reynolds, Mrs. M. D	175 00	3
Rogers, Rev. T. W	250 00	
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Rowland, Rev. C	150 00	
Sansom, Mrs. J. W	250 00	. 9
Scott, Rev. S. S	75 00	
Simmans, Rev. E. W	150 00	
Simpson, Mrs. R. H	250 00	2.0
South, Rev. H. W	100 00	
Stanford, Mrs. Thomas	50.00	.3
Stephens, Mrs. B. M	100 00	. 3
Stockton, Mrs. W. R. D.		
Swofford, Rev. G. W		
Sweet, Rev. E. M	250 00	***
Wellborn, Rev. R. W	100 00	
Reserve fund	500 00	***
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Some of the claimants on this board have asked no appropriation, but have given room to more necessitous cases, while we have not appropriated to a few others because we do not regard their cases, after hearing all the facts, as necessitous. We believe we appreciate the responsibility of the delicate work committed to us, and we have most carefully considered all cases and apportioned this sacred fund accordingly.

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We have also received \$4 %n delegates

We have also received \$4 &n delegates' expenses.

The assessment upon this conference for Bishops' fund for 1900 is \$25@0.

The assessment upon this conference for delegates expenses to the next General Conference amounts to \$1250; but we have only apportioned one-half of this amount to be collected the coming conference year, as contemplated by the General Board.

We estimate the amount necessary for conference claimants for 1900 at \$8000. These amounts we have apportioned to the several presiding elders' districts, as follows:

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Georgetown ... 11.5 \$ 920 \$ 287 8141 Fort Worth ... 11.5 920 287 144 Waco ... 11.0 880 275 138 Waco Corsicana .. 11.0 11.0 11.0 Waxahachie Dublin Abilene Brownwood Weatherford 6.5 6.5 6.5 4.0 Clarendon

Totals 100,0 \$8,000 \$2,500 We recommend that the Board of Missions be assessed \$120, the Board of Church Extension \$25, the Sunday-school Board \$15 and the Board of Education \$65, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the conference journal.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. ROBERTSON.
Secretary and Treasurer.

A CARD.

To the Epworth Leaguers of the North-west Texas Conference: The Northwest Texas Annual Conference having "Resolved, that it is the sense of this conference that the Northwest Texas Annual League Conference be discountinged." I hereby resign may office as chair man of the Executive Committee of said conference.

T. J. DUNCAN.

Owing to the recent action of the Northwest Texas Conference, suggesting that we discontinue the Annual Epworth League Conference, I hereby resign as a member of the Epworth League Executive Board of the Northwest Texas Conference.

C. S. FIELD.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The man who got my overcont
Will please to send it back
To me at Waxahachie;
I need it for my back.
The geese are going southward.
There are blizzards on the way;
So please send me my overcoat,
And liberally I'll pay.

It was bought from Matthews Brothers,
It is new and nice and fine,
Its value twenty dollars,
Its number thirty-nine,
I started home from conference,
It was lying on my arm,
I did not need to wear it
The weather was so warm.

When the train left Cleburne Monday

when the train left Clebarne Mon-night.

It was lying on the seat;

When I got off at Midlothian

I discovered I was beat.

My bran' new overcoat was gone

And an old one in its stead,

Which has neither mark nor paper,

Nor a sign that can be read

To identify its owner.

And it makes my heart ache so I must beg the man who got my coat Listen to my tale of woe.

Please send me back my overcoat:

I'll pey you liberally.

And I won't ask any questions.

I can't think of another rhyme, but I want my overcoat.

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Ennis, Texas. expense. Ennis, Texas.



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We clip from an exchange the following comments upon the lesson:

Life is full of perils. There is not a spot on earth that is free from possible danger. Many a man has lost his life lying in bed, by the falling of a wall. Wherever we go there is but a step beween us and death. To refuse to run any risk is to refuse to live, for there is danger even in breathing. cannot eliminate danger from life; the best we can do is to steer clear of certain peril and to exert the utmost care while walking amid possible dangers.

The dangers of life may be divided between the dangers which must be the wilderness of sin. He must come met and the dangers which should be out into the sunlight of God's favor avoided. There are some dangers and love and service, which must be met every moment. Danger lurks in the air we breathe, but it is not our duty to avoid breathing; it is only our duty to take every precaution we can against breathing bad air. There is a possible danger in the walls which surround us in our homes, but it is not our duty to live in the open fields; it is only our duty to see that the walls which surround us are made as secure as possible. One may run the risk of driving a horse, provided one knows how to drive, though "a horse is a dangerous thing for safety;" and one may play with a well-disposed dog, though it is the nature of dogs to bite. On the other hand, there are dan- thus continuously, day and night, the gers so great that we cannot afford under any circumstances to expose ourselves to them. It would be criminal, for instance, for a man who is sub- offer the praise of the lips when it ject to attacks of dizziness to attempt springs from a grateful heart. But to walk a rope or climb a steeple. It would be criminal for an ordinary man to play with poisonous serpents. There are things so dangerous that we cannot even afford to come near them or to look upon them. Drink, says the wise man, is one of these dangers. It is not one of the ordinary dangers of life. It is not one which we can afford to handle, even with care. It is something to run from; and to run from it is the better part of valor. He places drink on the level with serpents. When community in which we live. Thanksa man finds himself in the neighborhood of an adder, the only sensible thing for him to do is to get out of that neighborhood as quickly as possible. mercles are forgotten, says one, which Drink is as dangerous as an adder: are not written in legible characters on one may as well attempt to caress a our lives. To show gratitude for poisonous serpent as to expose him- heaven's blessings, render chedience to self to this temptation. This is the the giver. Joshua, with the hosts of writer's proposition, and he establishes Israel, won a victory at A1. A monuit. He has a good reason for putting ment was erected to commemorate the wine and serpents in the same class, victory; and inscribed on the tablet for they are often found in the same was not the name of the general, nor glass. Drink is for all the world like the scene of the fight, but the law of the serpents that charm men. You see Moses, the law of God. The best way it glow in the cup, you see its eye- of remembering the mercy is not to forthe pretty beaded bubbles that charm get the law. men of appetite: you see it sparkling (e) Praise should be fruitful. Gen-and foaming—"moving itself aright" uine praise ends in acts of mercy, You are drawn towards it. Presently, benevolence and kindness. The writer when it has you in its power, it turns the sacrifice of praise to God continto sting you. It is the way of the charming serpent. Suppose you should "To do good, and communicate, forget stop suddenly in some secluded wood. not." to find yourself in the presence of such a serpent. What would you do? If tion and temporal abundance, rememyou knew its charming power, do you ber those who do not possess these think you would risk yourself in its great blessings of life, and endeavor to presence? Would you look upon it give them help, cultivating the mowhen it is red?-when it turns its eye tive, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto upon you?-when it moves itself me, one of the least of these my bretharight? Would you not fly in terror ren, ye have done it unto me. lest you should be brought under its power, and would you feel ashamed of yourself for running? Would you feel that you had played the coward, or would you care if you had played it?

Epworth League Department,

Topic for Nov. 26: "Our Return for the Lord's Benefit."-Ps. 116:12-19.

We give from the Canadian Era the following exposition of the lesson:

Praise is a spiritual reflector in operation. For the meaning of the word is irradiation from the luminous body. Here is a highly polished reflector behind a lighted lamp. The reflector is now a luminous body throwing out rays of light. The reflector is luminous, however, because it has received the light of the lamp. And the reflector gives forth not its own rays of light, but the rays that come from the flame of the lamp. Praise represents the soul of the believer luminous wita the glories of the Sun of righteousness, and reflecting those heavenly rays to-

Sunday-School Department, wards the source whence they came That is, the soul receives blessings, and returns praise; it appropriates divine provision, temporal and spiritual, and offers thanksgiving in response.

OF WHAT SORT?

Praise should possess certain qualities if it is to prove the fullest blessing to ourselves, and acceptable to God, the

Giver of all good. (a) Praise should be willing. In consideration of the gifts of providence and of grace so beautifully and ungrudgingly bestowed, our appreciation of those gifts should be willing, grateful and spontaneous. This implies, of course, the removal of obstacles to praise. If the life is wrong, praise is dim. If the soul is out of harmony with God, there can be no real praise. A pure heart, a righteous life are the conditions of acceptable thanksgiving. A reflector can throw no light if painted black. Man can offer no praise in

(b) Praise should be constant. Praise should not not be like a bugle hanging on the wall, from which a joud blast is blown, and which, then, is hung again upon the wall in silence. God's blessings are unremitting, and praise for them should be constant. God comes into the human soul not as a transient guest; he comes to abide. And constant presence demands constant praise. One of the old worthies said: constant As long as I live I will praise thee." Let us imitate that spirit. It is the law in certain monasteries that there is to be no interruption in chanting God's praise. As soon as one choir ceases to chant another takes up the strain, and praise of the Creator resounds.

(c) Praise should be real. It is scriptural and acceptable to God to words alone pay no debts. David declared, "The Lord is my strength." but he did not end with that statement. He continued. "I will prepare him an habitation"-a habitation in his soul, a habitation in his character and conduct, and a habitation, a temple, for worship. This man's praise took the form of service. Our praise too, young people, should assume the practical form of living for God and working for God: of rendering Christian service in the heme, the church, and the giving is good, but thanksliving is bet-

(d) Praise should be obedient. Those

(e) Praise should be fruitful. Gen-While we praise God for home, and friends, and education, and salva

After the high church wedding the fashionable bride and groom shook hands.

"Shall we meet again?" she asked, trying to seem interested.

"Yes, there's ladies' day at the club, you know," he answered, smiling, for it would be impolite to act bored."-Detroit Journal.



"AS DYING AND BEHOLD WE LIVE."

Tis written here, there, everywhere,
That man must die:
He lives and sees and reads his doom
With tearful eye
In every pulse of life that thrills
The crimson veins.
As coursing on with jarring throbs
His heart complains
Of too much heat, or cold, or damp,
Or too much dry;
Or of some fearful lack to meet
Lis own supply.

Its own supply

Amidst death-throes he comes apace

Amidst death-throes he comes apace
To live in death;
Death gives him life, and life gives death;
A passing breath
Are both; he never could have been
Unless the coils
Of grief had fallen on the life
Whose death gave soils
So much enriched that he might be;
Each one in turn
Must vitalize the dust that fills
Some empty urn.

Though death now haunts, in woful meln,
The path that leads
Him to his earthly altar place,
He boidly pleads
For life, and lifts his hopeful cry
In earnest prayer
To higher shrines; while holy thought
Pervades the alr
And bears aloft to purer climes
His cry and tears,
There comes the token of response
From Him who hears.

The tides of ebbing life and death

The tides of chbing life and death
Are sweeping on
To do what each hath done and go
Where each hath gone:
Pale Death must die, and from this death
Must come the Life
Commensurate with all that is—
Inknown to strife—
And measured only by the songs
Which scraphs learn
While Life eternal leaps from death's
Exhausted urn.

"That day" no tear shall ever stain
That face divine:
No care retrace its mark across
That royal line:
"To be or not to be" no more
Shall find a volce:
"Te be" becomes "I Am"—that life
Wherein rejoice
All fadeless forms: the wasting griefs
And cares of those
Who came the way of earth shall be
Departed fors.

For that eduring life the years
In rapid flight
Are passing out the sands of time;
And, eatching light
That breaks above the silver rim
Of every age.
They point us to the Star of hope;
And well engage
The hearts of every son of God
To voice this cry;
"As dying, and, behold, we live!"
Nor can we die.
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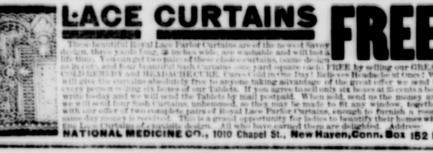
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1 W. W. spring...
1 all-cotton mattres
1 twenty-four inch of lady's oak desk... oak cane-seat chair oak rocker 3 rugs 5 window shades 1 oak dresser, 24x30 1 oak washstand 2 sheets 2 three-pound pillow 1 pair blankets ... Total

RECITA window shades ... table chair blackboard 4 10-foot benches Total

NURSE 1 folding bed, with 3 window shades. 3 rugs (\$1.50, \$2, \$2. 1 table

Total RECEPT 1 hat rack

1 hat rack
3 reception benches
1 library case
2 easy chairs
4 rocking chairs
1 large table Total

2 bath rooms and 2 ! 6 6-foot settees for 1 100 doors and wind \$10 each. CHAPEL AND

CHAPEL AND
12 window shades
1 platform
48 foot blackboard
1 teacher's table
1 office chair
25 desks, 3 sizes, 12
6 8 foot benches
1 large globe
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Rev. A. H. 'ule will be by Decen will be by December privilege to do this. Orphanage, I am sir MRS A

Rev. Abe Mulkey find \$28.65, to furnb Orphanage building and Mrs. O. M. H their little girl. Luc Very truly yours, A. J. WEEKS.

Bastrop.
Dear Bro. Mulkey
join you in your et
nish one apartment. Respectfully. Bro. Mulkey: Ple for one apartment, Organ and Mrs. W trop, for your new of our little ones got

Mr. Mulkey: The propose to furnish to new Orphanage built closed \$76.40.

Corsicana.

Dear Abe: I have out to the new Or the factory, a "Majo which is our donat partment. I will g the food for those which you propose ten years. God speclove. Respectfully,

Bro. Abe Mulkey, and Brother: Cente sires to furnish one the Orphanage. Pl the Orphanage. Pl turn mail whether for "let." and how have the money. Y

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November 23, 1899.

NEW ORPHANAGE BUILDING. APPEAL NO. 2.

We want to say the people have been so generous and responded so promptly to our first call that we could not keep from thanking God for putting it in the hearts of this League, the several Sunday-schools, and individual friends to contribute towards furnishing this new building. The petition of our prayer is in Luke 16:38: "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom, for with the same measure you meet with all it shall be measured to you again." Below we give a list of our pressing necessities and cost of same. Let all our societies and individual friends remember that we will place their names on the plate on the wall of their apartment to show their devotion to this noble work. Send postoffice money order, express, or New York exchange to me at Corsicana, Texas, for one of these apartments. If you cannot furnish the whole, be one of two. Get a partner and write me which apartment you select. If you can't send the money at once send it in a little later and oblige yours for the Orphanage.

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1	chair	15	50
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31241	reception benches library case easy chairs rocking chairs large table	12 20 9 14 15	00 00 00
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CHAPEL AND SCHOOL ROOM.	
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Clarksvole, Texas, Nov. 9, 1839. H. 'alley-Dear Brother: Our ledges 52-65 last meeting, to furmoney as soon as collected, which think will be by December I. We think it such a privilege to do this. With best wishes for Orphanage, I am sincereiy. MRS AMOS McCULLOCH.

Rev. Abe Mulkey Dear Bra.: Enclosed find \$28.65, to furnish one room in the new Orphanage building. This is sent by Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Heartsill, in memory of their little girl, Lucy Heartsill.

Very truly yours.

A. J. WELLIE

Rastrop, Texas, Nov. 14, 1809.

Dear Bro. Mulkey: Wife and I want to join you in your enterprise, and will furnish one apariment. Find enclosed \$28.65.

Respectfully. W. A. McCORD.

Bro. Mulkey: Please accept an offering for one apartment, \$28.65, from Mrs. B. D. Organ and Mrs. W. E. Maynard, of Bas-trop, for your new Orphanage, in memory of our little ones gone to heaven.

Mr. Mulkey: The children of Bastrop propose to furnish the kindergarten in the new Orphanage building, and send you en closed \$76.49. ERHART, Secretary.

Corsicana. Texas, Nov. 14, 1899.

Dear Abe: I have just ordered to be sent out to the new Orrhanage building, from the factory, a "Majestic" hotel range, \$147, which is our donation to the kitchen department. I will guarantee it to cook all the food for those two hundred children which you propose to house for the next ten years. God speed you in your work of love. Respectfully.

W. M. TATUM.

Paris, Texas, Nov. 13, 1899.

Bro. Abe Mulkey, Waco, Texas Dear Sir and Brother. Centenary Sunday-school desires to furnish one of the \$28.63 rooms at the Orphanage. Please advise me by return mail whether you have such a room for "let," and how soon you will have to have the money. Your brother.

F. D. MALLORY.

Supt. Centenary M. E. Sunday-school.

SLIPPING AWAY.

They are slipping away-these sweet, swift years,

Like a leaf on the current cast; With never a break in their rapid flow, We watch them as one by one they go Into a beautiful past.

As silent and swift as the weaver's thread. Or an arrow's flying gleam.

As soft as the languorous breezes hid, That lift the willow's golden lid, And ripple the glassy stream.

As light as the breath of the thistledown.

As fond as lover's dream. As pure as the flush of the sea-shell's

throat. As sweet as the wood-bird's wooing

note. So tender and sweet they seem.

One after another we see them pass Down the dim-lighted stair: We hear the sound of their steady

tread In the steps of centuries long since dead.

As beautiful and as fair.

There are only a few years left to live. Shall we waste them in idle strife? Shall we trample under our ruthless

feet Those beautiful blossoms, fair and sweet.

By the dusty ways of life?

There are only a few swift years-ah Let No envious taunts be heard;

Make life's fair pattern of rare design. And fill up the pattern with love's sweet wine,

But never an angry word. -Restitution.

WOMEN TOO BUSY.

The gospel of periodical rest is not

preached to women half forcibly enough. One of the most harrowing remarks made at the Denver meeting of club women last year was an enthusiast, who urged that women should not slip back in the summer from the effort they had made during the winter. It was evident the speaker would take away from this busy modern woman the scant respite she permits herself during a part of the summer. At a recent club meeting in a suburban town a member presented the "Value of System in Work," and gave a model day in which every minute from breakfast to bedtime was filled with an active effort. When she had finished a woman in the audience arose and pointed out that one important occupation of the day had been omitted. This was 'wdling' and the speaker said that while endorsing the value of system she must put in an eloquent plea for the incorporation in the working day of every woman of at least a half hour's absolute rest-not the rest of a fresh occupation, but the rest of complete and entire relaxation, mental and physical. The nervous, active, over-zealous American woman of today scarcely knows how to rest. "If you have found a day to be idle," says some one, "be idle for a day." This is a mottothat many women will do well to fasten on their dressing-tables.

A minister narrates the following: "While walking along one of the London streets a Paris pastor came forward and accosted me thus: 'Excuse me, but were you not in Paris some time ago?' I said, 'Yes, I was,' and then he inquired: 'Did you not, in one of your addresses there say that been changed-my church, my congregation, my work and everything about

Remember that the latch is on our side of the door.-Exchange.

Mrs. Tiffington.-Well, Uncle Amos, what do you think of the automobiles? Uncle Amos-I allus told Aunt Marie them of 'lectric keers c'd git along 'thout tracks 'f they wanted to.

----"They say that in case of war in the Transvaal the women will fight with the men."

"Huh! they do that here."-Indianapolis Sentinel.

A FAMILIAR VERDICT.

"Killed Himself in a Fit of Despondency."

Evidence.

Is there any relation to be traced between the prevalence of "stomach trouble" and the prevalence of saicide rules they would soon be greatly benetrouble" and the prevalence of suicide while in a despondent state of mind?" That is a question which only an observant person would ask, but, being asked, it suggests a very important field of inquiry.

Every dyspeptic knows what it is to feel that dull cloud of despondency settle down on the mind as a fog settles down on the sea or wraps itself about the mountain climber. The blue is wiped out of the sky, the green fades from the grass, the sun is blotted from the heavens. There is a sense of fear



and dread of impending danger. Forms seen through this fog of the mind are they really root in the stomach. When magnified and distorted, looming large the stomach is cure, the heart liver and threatening like the spectre of the Brocken. It's a miserable feeling; miserable for the sufferer, miserable for cured through the stomach. his friends and for his family. Does that condition of depression ever come to a man or woman without causing the cry in the secret heart.

"I WOULD THAT I WERE DEAD?"

And if the condition becomes more frequent, the rifts in the fog more rare, does not the thought of self-destruc- Medical Discovery' will cure as that tion haunt the depressed mind? Like two and two make four. We say alsome evil peeping face which flattens most as sure, because as a matter us as we ext, like evil eyes that burn through the darkness of the sleepless hours and hold the gaze in terrified fascination, so this thought of self-destruction haunts the despondent mind and, like the ghost of Banquo. The record of cures made by Dr.

will not down facts. Is it any wonder that some day years and the treatment and cure in such a fog of mind, haunted and more than half a million people. hounded by this one thought of escape Sick people are invited to consultrom a life of misery, the man sends a Dr. Pierce absolutely without less a But through the fog of this depression falo, N. Y. he sees poverty stalking him. His "foes are those of his own household." he thinks, and those who call him friend are plotting his ruin.

SUICIDAL DESPONDENCY

dition of the stomach and organs of from opium, cocaine and all other nat digestion and nutrition from which the cotics as it is from which and alcohole dyspeptic suffers. There is a relation to be traced between suicide from dedyspeptie suffers. spondency and the despondent condi- Medical Discovers." Let no mercenar victim of "stomach some of its forms. In the large correspondence of Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalid's Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., the feature of mental suffering is always prominent in the letters of those who are seeking a cure from discases which affect the digestive and hands of every man and woman who nutritive system. This will be noted values physical health and mental hapin the letter which follows:

the latch was on our side of the door?"

Yes, I believe I did say so,' I replied.

'Well,' he answered, 'I had always thought of it on the Lord's side, and I kept knocking and knocking and what a joy came over me when I lifted the latch! Since then all has been changed—my church, my congregienic rules. I carried these out as story is often very diplomatic in best I could, but I thought myself in- form of answer it adopts to avoid the curable, as I suffered so much from pain under my ribs and an empty feeling in my stomach. At night would who had accompanied its parents on have cold or hot feet and hands after- visit to its aunt, extricated himself nately. I was getting very nervous from a dilemma of this kind in a very and suffered a great deal mentally, statesmanlike manner. A jar of prethinking that death would soon claim serves had effected a very myste me. Always expected something un-usual to take place; was irritable and The fact was mentioned at the breakimpatient, and greatly reduced in flesh, fast table next morning. Denials of I could scarcely eat anything that guilt came from every side, but it was stomach. After some hesitation, ow- was silent. "And what have you to ing to my prejudices against patent say, George," finally said his aunt. medicines, I decided to try a few bot-turning toward him. And then very tles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical honestly and solemnly came the re-Discovery and 'Pellets.' After taking sponse: "My pa don't allow me to talk

improving. I continued for six months or more, off and on. I have to be careful yet, at times, of what I eat, in or-der that I may feel good and strong I A Theory of Suicide Sastained by Medical fully believe if any one suffering with indigestion, or torpid liver, or chronic cold would take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pelfited, and with little perseverance would be entirely cured.

IT DOES NOT SURPRISE US

fly. Once in a while some Keely ma things contrived and invented by man do just what they were made to do; the saw cats into the resinous log, the rudder steers the battle-ship, the fus-

Why should it be any wonder then that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Dis trition? It was made to cure just thes diseases, and the wonder would be it falled to cure. It is not a cure-a lt often cures "liver trouble," "hea trouble," "bing trouble," and men another ill that troubles the human body. But it cures these forms of disease remote from the stomach because

IT'S NO EXPERIMENT

to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Disitself against the window and watches record two people in every hundred do

will not down." Pierce's Golden Medical Discover These are facts. They are common covers a period of more than thirt

bullet into the aching heart and stills charge. All correspondence treated as it? He may be rich, his family may strictly private and sacredly confide adore him, his friends may be legion, tial. Address Dr. R. V. Plesse, But

The fact is especially underscored

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only "I was afflicted with what the doc- ing 1008 pages and over 700 ilustra-tors called nervous indigestion. Took tions. It can be had bound in cloth

some manner incurred. A youngster would not produce a bad feling in my noticed that this particular youngster several bottles of each, found I was at the table."-Pittsburg Dispatch.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Address communications to Mrs. Piorence E. Howell, 170 Masten St., Dallas, Tex. 6222222222236 WAS IT A MISSIONARY SERMON?

The sermon moved a dozen men! Their briny tears flowed thick and fast!

They bowed their heads and closed their eyes,

Until the money box had passed. -Our Parish Work.

ANNUAL MEETING W. H. M. SOCIE-TY. NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Through some misunderstanding the teport of the annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference, has been delayed. With the help of our delegate, Mrs. Dr. Boyd, I will send a few items. The meeting convened in Fort Worth First M. E. Church, October 10, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. As we walked into the beautiful church at the appointed hour, we were made to feel at home at once by the kindly greetings on every side. The Fort Worth ladies had been anticipating our coming, and were brimful of cordiality and good cheer. We could not help but notice the beautiful decorations of palms, cut flowers and vines, and the words of welcome in mottoes which adorned the walls. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises conducted by our President, Mrs. I. A. Patton, who presided in her own modest way, yet with marked ability and quiet womanly dignity.

Delegates were enrolled and assigned homes, and some time was spent in social intercourse, and the meeting adjourned until the evening service.

The evening service proved to be one of the most delightful sessions of the annual meeting, opening with a grand organ voluntary, followed by several vocal selections. Then came the addresses of welcome, first by Mayor Paddock in behalf of the city, which made us feel that hospitable people had thrown wide open the doors of the convention city of the State; second, Bro. Barcus, in behalf of the ministers of the city, making a very humorous talk, which quite captivated his hearers; third, Mrs. Humphreys very modestly, and unexcelled by either man, gave us welcome in behalf of the missionary societies. And last came Master Richardson, telling us of the welcome from the Juveniles-may their young lives continue to grow and ripen in the fullness of years, as missionaries at home and abroad. We surely did feel, after these earnest addresses of cate. welcome, that if we did not see what we wanted, all we need do would be to ask for it and it would be forthcoming. Miss Bessie Patton responded to these addresses in a most eloquent manner. Miss Bessie is the daughter of our President, and is a young lady of many accomplishments. After music, we listened very attentively and earnestly to Mrs. Patton's annual address, which was a summary of the year's work. plans for the future, and admonitions of good cheer, and urging us to labor in the vineyard of the Lord as never "as unto the Lord." Yours in before. The delegates were charmed name, with our President. May God bless her in her work.

Thus ended the first evening's work, which was a fitting prelude to what was to follow.

During the meetings which followed were many good papers and talks on the work, which time and space will forbid my mentioning, as we will get a full account in our minutes.

There was quite a large body of delegates and visitors. We noticed the sweet faces of Mrs. Johnson and Miss Mary Moore, from our Mission Home in Dallas.

Particular stress was put upon the importance of continuing to pay \$1 per month from each auxiliary to the Mission Home,and to help in every way possible to keep up one of the grandest institutions we have ever undertaken to support.

We were all pained to hear of Mrs. C. C. Armstrong's illness, which prevented her from being with us. Resolutions of regret at her absence and sympathy in her illness were pasesd by the society.

Miss M. L. Gibson, principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, visited the annual meeting Friday morning and presented her work, and every one was delighted with her. Not being able to hear her myself, I can not give an account of it.

Thursday night was given to Mrs. Johnson and Miss Moore in the interest of the Mission Home. Thus closed one of the best as well as one of the most profitable and instructive annual

Too much praise can not be given to

Mrs. Williams, our beloved ex-Presi- To the Pastors of the West Texas Condent, and Brs. Barnham, our worthy ex-Treasurer, and others, for the success of the meeting.

Following is the list of officers: I. A. Patton, President, Alvarado; Mrs. J. R. Richardson, First Vice President, Fort Worth; Mrs. Sensabaugh, Second Vice President; Mrs. C. C. Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary (resigned, and Mrs. Flora N. Hey, of Waxahachie, appointed to fill vacancy); Mrs. J. M. Long, Recording Secretary, Mexia; Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Treasurer, Abilene.

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. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are again nearing our Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving. What hath God wrought in us and through our ministrations? Much for which we are thankful; much of trial, much of bereavement, much of failure and much of triumph. As a Woman's Board of Foreign Missions we are glad we have had such opportunities of doing good. During the months that have sped away so rapidly new doors have been entered into which we are sending the gospel. At Santiago in Cuba, as well as at Matanzas, schools have been opened, and already show fine promise. The yellow fever in Santiago interrupted somewhat during the summer, but the scourge has spent its strength and passed, and the school there has been reopened. Calls come to the Board from many places, and only missionaries and the money for their support prevent the ready acceptance of the calls. Surely there never was a time when work was more necessary, if sacred obligations are met. There never was a time in the history of the Board when selfishness seemed so great a sin. As a Board we are responsible for the support of missionaries and mission schools, and such support demands about \$25,000 each A little thought will show that \$16,000 or \$17,000 cannot meet \$25,000 called for, so an empty treasury is the result-rather an empty treasury is only one result; distress and discouragement follow.-Nashville Advo-

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE W. F. H. S., TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: The program for the Week of Thanksgiving and Prayer is found in the Woman's Missionary Advocate for November. "What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits to us?" Let us consider the subject prayerfully every day, and give out of our abundance or our poverty as the Lord may appoint; but give heartily MRS. S. PHILPOTT.

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To the Pastors of the West Texas Conference:

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This leaflet has been printed and sent out by the Board of Education with considerable trouble and expense. I trust that you may distribute them judiciously, being careful to get one, at least, into every Methodist family in your charges, and do not give out to any one who will not read it. Let's all pull together now, and be able by January I, 1900, to report the canvass for the Twentieth Century Fund finished and more than our part of the \$1,500,000 forthcoming. Yours fraternally.

M. S. GARDNER.

San Marcos, Texas.

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES Held by Bishop Hargrove. North Texas, Honey Grove, Tex... Nov. 28

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District Stewards will meet at Dublin
December 7, at 7 p. m. I trust the local
preachers and Stewards will begin their
work at once, and give their pastors the
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greatest help and encouragement possible. Brethren, let's take a hopeful view of things, and do our best for the Lord and his Church.

E. F. Boone, P. E.

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HOUSTON DISTRICT.

O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.: My work called me to Richmond November 11 and 12 to hold the last quarterly meeting. Bro. Thomas and his people are in full, and will meet all the other conglad to say we preachers will not claim A Baptist as well as a Methodist er, 1023 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo

nectional interests in full: the salaries will be behind, but better than last year. This is a fine work, considering NAME OF the ills they have had to meet. Some idea of the flood's devastation can be gathered from this item: Of two ginning plants there, one that ginned 6000 bales of cotton last season has ginned less than 1000 this year, and the other ginning about 800, and that got its patronage from the bottom lands, has ginned only three this year. But with all backsets, our district is in fine shape.

CAMPBELL.

J. T. Bludworth, Nov. 18: Last Wednesday was our last Quarterly Conferare grateful and happy. Our presiding is T. J. Milam. We boys love him. elder, Bro. Fladger, has made five visits to our work this year. His sermon last Wednesday night was one of great power. He is growing on my Quarterly Conference, and my people are anxious for his return to the district.

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CHESTER MISSION.

R. O. Bailey: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is something of the past. When the Bishop read our appointments last year at Beaumont, I think the most if not all of the brethren were pleased with their appointments. Some went to new places, while others returned. As for Chester charge, it is on the up grade, with a good head of steam, and we think, with a good engineer to pilot, she will soon rank as a circuit. Since my return we have one acre of ground, and will make a better report on conference collections all our meetings save one; have re-

Sunday-schools DISTRICT Georgetown Ft. Worth Waco Corsicans Waxabachie Gatesville Brownwood Vernon Clarendon Total 7200 450 3649 31 825 \$9411 25

bell is about out. Shady Grove and ing elder that was wide-awake and will soon have a membership of forty Friendship are behind with preacher's about his Father's business. And a Sunday-school work has been carried salary. All the claims assessed against blessing it was to this district when on there all the year. We now have the work are about paid. We have Bro. Milam was selected as command- a League, and a W. H. M. Society was had a good year. Every interest of the et-in-chief. If any presiding elder ever also organized last Sunday evening Church has prospered, for which we deserved to stay his four years out, it with eight or ten members. God bles

CUMBY

S. L. Ball: Cumby Circuit has six appointments, and we have held six protracted meetings. At two points we held joint meetings with the Cumberland Presbyterians, and at one with the Methodist Protestants. Only about thirty souls were converted in these meetings, but the Comforting Spirit rested richly upon the hearts of devout worshipers in every place. Received during the year, by ritual and certificate, fifty-one members, but lost twenty-seven, leaving a net increase of twenty-four. Finances, on account of drouth, may be a little behind last year. This is a poor report, yet if each of our 6000 pastors could report a net increase of twenty-four, it would foot up a net increase of 144,000 members in Southern Methodism for 1899, instead of a pet decrease, as we had in 1898. Small drops make large oceans. If we could make such progress as this for ten years, we would double our membership, and we would have about a circuit. Since my return we have 3,000,000 members. My last Quarterly bought and by conference will have Conference was held last Saturday and paid for a very good parsonage and Sunday at the Wise Ranch, a new congregation of much promise having been formed there. Much good was and preacher's and presiding elder's done. Bro. Fladger, our presiding elsalary than ever before. We have held der, preached two excellent sermons, and performed his other duties in such ceived forty-one members; have had a way as to advance the kingdom of between fifty and sixty conversions. Christ. An Epworth League had just We can say this has been the best of been organized, which was completed, making herculean efforts to close up the two years of our stay here. I do with sixteen members, and they promthe year's work well, and they are gonot make this report boastingly, for I is well. About one year ago that ing to succeed beyond all expectations. think that Beaumont District has ranch of 5000 acres was cut up into They have paid foreign and domestic grown more in the last three years small farms and sold to men who came missions and Orphanage and Bishops than in any five previous years. Am from different sections of the country.

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PROGUE. Charles H. Hogue was born April 5, 1873; was converted when yet a small boy; became a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Pleasant Hill, in Lamar County; was married May 31, 1869, to Miss Edna Cobb, at Caddo, I. T., and was killed August 9, 1869, by falling off a hay wagon, which ran over him, and he only lived a few minutes; but all regard him as being ready. He was a noble, Christian young man. He was buried at Caddo by the Rev. Serings, after the Church service and the Ohl Fellows. He leaves a wife, mother, brothers and sisters to mourn their loss. May they all meet him in heaven.

GEO. H. ADAMS.

LAWSON. Marzee, daughter of E. D. and Mand Lawson, died at Navasota, Texas, October 10, 1800, aged about two years. All that medical science and skill, motherly sursing and general solicitude could do were exerted to cure her, but all in valu.

CONLEY.—Little Opal Lee, infant daughter of Bro. Dick and Sister Annie Conley, was born May 29, 1898, and died June 7, 1889. Little Opal Lee lived only long enough to entwine herself in the affections of her parents and other loved ones. There will ever linger memories of herpure, sweet, immeent life. The blessed Redeemer has only nincked another rare flower from

the heavenly city with her papa, and the heavenly city with her papa, and then you reach the golden gates they will there to give you a glad welcome. This

conveyance was about two hundred miles. Our conveyance was an ox team and wagon. Through cold, rain, snow, mud and slush we reached our destination on January 14, 1853, a total stranger to every one there. I pon my arrival, John and Alex. Folts (father and son) and Dr. E. P. Whitfield were the first persons to bid me welcome. "These all died in the faith." Alex. J. Folts, the subject of this memoir, was born in Rowan County, N. C., September 21, 1820, and died at Glidden, Colorado County, October 2, 1890, aged seventy-nine years. At the age of fifteen years his father moved to Hardeman County, Tenn. In 1845 he was narried to Miss Mary F. Carney, with whom he had lived happily for fifty-four years, and who still survives. Carney, with whom he had lived happily for fifty four years, and who still survives. He came to Texas in 1849, and soon after attached himself to the M. E. Church. South, under the administration of Rev. C. W. Thomas tof precious memory). The date of his conversion to God is not recorded. I first knew Bro. Folts as a grecery merchant. He was for a time an officer in the Confederate Army, stationed at Velasco. He was a citizen of Columbus

until after the close of the Civil War, when he settled on a farm near where the village of Glidden now stands, and where he had resided for the last thirty-four or thirty-five years. The death of Bro. Folts was sudden and unexpected. He literally fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. For fifty years his fidelity to God and the Church never abated. His house was always a preacher's home, and he was a regular attendant and supporter of the camp-meetings at Osage. He will be missed greatly at the next Osage camp-meeting. To sum up all, in few words, in every relation in life—as merchant, soldler, farmer, husband, father and friend—he was ever the same high-toned, consistent Christian gentleman and good citizen. He was buried with Masonic honors.

WESLEY SMITH.

GRIFFIX.—William Griffin, the subject of this tribute, was born in Georgia, January 5, 1824, and died in the home of his daughter. Mrs. Rosa McCord, near Frost, Navarro County, Texas, November 7, 1820, He was married to Miss Mary A. Palmer, who died just one year and five days before his death. Of this union twelve children were born, eleven of whom are still living. He was converted during his thirty-fifth year, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained a consistent member thereof until death severed the vital cord of life. It is always sad to give up our dead, but when we know that they are Christians, we do not weep as those who have no hope. May God, from whom all true consolation cometh, comfort the hearts of the bereaved ones, and may they be reunited with Father Griffin in heaven, is my prayer.

J. P. MUSSETT. GRIFFIN. William Griffin, the subject

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Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return ye children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you. Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. Let us all repent and turn to God, for Jesus said; "Verily, I say unto you. Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

JAS. M. LAWSON.

CONLEY.—Little Opal Lee, infant daughter of Bro. Dick and Sister Annie Conley, was born May 29, 1808, and died June 7, 1809. Little Opal Lee lived only long enough to entwine herself in the affections of her parents and other loved ones. There will ever larger memories of her pure.

Madres, Texas.

ELDER.—Enos L. Elder was born in the State of Mississippi, November 23, 1846, and with his parents came to Texas during the year 1850. He was married to Molie T. Fatterson April 2, 1871, and departed this life at his home, five miles southwest of Clarksville, Texas. September 9, 1809, this life at his home, five miles southwest of Clarksville, Texas. September 9, 1809, this life at his home, five miles southwest of Clarksville, Texas. September 9, 1809, the leaving a devoted wife and seven affectionate children to weep after him, three little ones having preceded him to the glories of Large and Joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a faithful Christian until death called him home. But family and Savior I have ever known. May his dying request ring in the ears of those was born day 29, 1808, and died June 7, 1809. Little Opal Lee lived only long the parents came to Texas during the year 1850. He was married to Molie T. Fatterson April 2, 1871, and departed this life at his home, five miles southwest of Clarksville, Texas. September 9, 1809, 1800, and with his parents came to Texas during the year 1850. He was married to Molie T. Fatte

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STACEY—On the evening of the 18th of October, 1839, God sent his death-angel, who wafted away on his strong pinions the spirit of little Nadene Stacey, one of the brightest sunbeams that ever gladdened the heart of a widowed mother. Had she lived just nine days longer she would have been four years old. In our poor human weakness we wonder why our kind the very good time all will be made clear. Look up, dear mother, and be comforted. Your little darling is walking the streets of the heavenly city with her papa, and when you reach the golden gates they will THORNAL .- John Hamilton Thornal was

Look up, dear mother, and be comforted. Your little durling is walking the streets of the heavenly city with her papa, and when you reach the golden cates they will be there to give you a glad welcome. This affliction but strengthens and lengthens the chain leading you heavenward. Live closer still to our risen Lord, and let his precious promises sustain and strengthen you.

JULIA SIMMONS.

FOWLER.—Mrs. Margaret Fowler (nee James) was been in Coryell County, Texas, in 1857; professed religion at the age of fourteen and jedned the Englise Church; was married in 1884, and in the same year she believed the Methodre Church with her hesting the street of the case of the Methodre Church with her hesting the subject of the Methodre Church was married in 1884, and in the same year she believe het, but through it all the was patient and resigned. She was a very quied and modest woman, but one who possessed a very line character. She was a very quied and modest woman to entire wife and mother. She was ready when the summons cause. She is with the Lord Mar the Lord keep and sustain the husband and chidren in this time of great betweenest-keep there until that day, if true and faithful, when they shall meet her again, the Lord keep and sustain the husband and chidren in this time of great betweenest-keep there until that day, if true and faithful, when they shall meet her again, the Lord keep and sustain the husband and chidren in this time of great betweenest-keep there until that day, if true and faithful, when they shall meet her again, the continuent in every hour of nine wife and mother. She was ready when the summons cause. She is with the Lord Mar the Lord keep and sustain the husband and chidren in this time of great between the conveyance was an ox team and wagon. Through cold, rain, snow, mud and slush we reached our destination on January 14, 1820, a total stranger to every one there. Look powers as a contract of the product of the produc

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DOUGLAS.—Mrs. Nancy E. Douglas (nee Judkins), daughter of W. 11. and Frances E. Judkins, was born July 14, 1876; embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Lexington, 1893; married Charles Douglas February 12, 1896. She lived a consistent Christian life until death, which occurred October 21, 1899. She left one child, husband and many relatives, who mourn her loss an earth, but they rejoice in hope of meeting her in heaven. May the Lord guide all to the home of the Christian. Then shall be no more death.

W. T. MELUGIN.

STONDENMIRE.—Curtis Stondenmire was born in Wills Point, Texas, July 25, 1894; died October 16, 1899. The doctor pronounced his disease diphtheria. The little fellow was rational to the last. Yes, little fellow was rational to the last. Yes, our little darling is gone from our embrace. We taid him away in White Rose Cemetery, amid showers of rain, to await the resurrection morn. But, thanks be to Jeus, his soul is basking in the sanshine of God's eternal glery. Oh, how we miss him! He was so good and sweet—the baby darling of his parents. Look up, papa and mamma, brother and sisters, dear; we know where to find him. My prayer to God is that we all may so live that, as we pass out of this world, one by one, the gates of heaven will ity open and admit us to of heaven will dy open and admit us to greet our little angel Curus and all the holy, sanctified ones, where we can praise God our Savier with hallelujahs forever. HIS GRANDMAMMA.

Wills Point, Texas.

DENNIS.—Gerald Allen, son of Geo. N. and Bessie Dennis, of Farmer's Branch, Texas, died suddenly from the effect of poison the 25th of June, 1800, at the home of Bro. Marion Cox, where his parents had gone on a visit. Little Gerald ate a piece of bread containing strychnine, which he found in the drawer of a washstand, where it had been placed to destroy mice. The effect of the poison produced death in less than one hour. This sad accident brought a crushing sorrow upon the hearts of the fond parents and kindred. Their little darling was only eighteen months old at the time of his death, but was unusually bright and promising, and now that he is gone from them. It is a great consolation to know that he is with Jesus. We commend the bereaved parents to the grace of God, assuring them that "earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." May they meet their loved one again beyond the bounds of time and the ravages of death.

J. M. SWEETON, P. C.

MINTER.—Miss Kate Minter was born October 6, 1883, near Pine Forest, Hopkins County, Texas: professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at same place, in July, 1896, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Beckham; died of congestion October 9, 1889, at home near above place. Her death came very unexpected to her and her parents, not living over an hour or two after their detecting that she had congestion. Her death coming so unexpected was a severe blow to her aged parents. It leaves them with grief-stricken hearts. Miss Kate was in the very bloom of health, and had been only a little indisposed for two or three days prior to her death. Miss Kate was a model young lady, and to know her was to love her. She was the young-est child in her family, and was very devoted to her parents. She was a faithful and sweet-spirited Christian, and no doubt she now is enjoying the full fruition of the Christian's hope. Dear parents and loved ones, only a few more years shall roll, a few more seasons o'er, and we shall be with those we love on that bright and bilssful shore.

W. T. MORROW.

HANCOCK.—Mrs. Lucille Hancock died at Evant. Texas, October 12, 1889, of heart failure. She was about forty-nine years of age. She was about forty-nine years of age. She was converted at the age of twelve years and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which she lived a faithful member until God called her home. Mrs. Hancock was an excellent, sweet woman and a good nelghbor. Often during health she would talk about dying, and say she was ready and willing to die. She had many trials and tribulations, but she bore them patiently. "Thus are they that have come out of great tribulations and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." She leaves an aged husband and eight children to mourn their loss. We commend them to God in this the greatest trial of their lives. But, oh, who can take the place of mother? "Semetimes the cords that draw us toward heaven pass through coffin handles." May God blessings rest upon the bereaved ones and may they so live that they will meet their loved one in the sweet by and-by.

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SMITH.—Angelina Smith, daughter of Janes and Juda Davis, was born in Lewis County, Tenn., September 28, 1820; moved with her parents to Hopkins County, Texas, in 1870; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her youth; was married to Gro. M. Smith November 21, 1871, and died at her home, at Campbell, 1871, and died at her home

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North Texas Conference. They are now waiting on the bank of the "maystic river," under the burden of years and physical infirmities, the coming of the charlot of fire. Bro. Smith moved to Hunt County in 1886, and settled on a faith near Cumby, where he and his faithful companion, by industry and economy, soon became prosperous. In 1898 they moved to Campbell to educate their children esta living and one dead, and having bought property and being engaged in building a home, they were happy in the pleasing prospect of years of undisturbed peace in the training of their children for lives of usefulness, when unexpectedly a tinge of sadness fell upon the home, caused by the failing health of the one around whom all the affections of the family clustered, for death had marked that loving wife and good angel mother for his own. For three long months did this loved one patiently struggle with the ravages of disease, and all was done that could have been done by a kind physician, friends and loved ones to preserve the life that was so maseful to her children, but the One in whom she had committed all had willed otherwise, and as strength gave way her redeemed spirit seemed to long for its celes tial flight, and she said to her husband: "I am ready to go," and to her daughter, "I desire to be at home," and the tired heart sank to rest and the ransomed spirit went to join the loved ones in the presence of her Lord. "She is not dead, but sleepeth." The virtues of her beautiful life shall be more enduring than bronze or marble, while her memory, enshrined in the hearts of her kindred and friends, shall pass to the generations to come. "Gone, but not forgotten." Her faith conquered in the hour of her latest trial, and she "endured, as seeing Him who is invisible." May the grace of God sustain the bereaved ones, and as they sorrow for the dear one whose departed steps will never return, may they look forward with an unconquerable faith to a glorious reunion in heaven.

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A. G. NOLEN, Pastor.
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Commerce, Texas.

POWELL.—Rarely has a community been so shocked and saddened as were the good people of Bastrop. Texas, when, about 3 o'clock p. m. on September 30 last, the news passed rapidly from lip to lip, "Major Powell is dead." It was known that he had complained of being unwell during the forenoon; but having passed several hours in his office transacting business, as was his wont, and being in uniform robust health, no one apprehended any serious result. But "in the midst of life we are in death." A few minutes before 3 o'clock in the afternoon, while reclining on his bed in conversation with his daughter. Mrs. Sallie McCord, who was ministering to him, suddenly, without a struggle or groan, his splrit went to God who gave it. William C. Powell was born in Rutherford County, Tenn. April 21, 1820; came to Texas in 1833; was married to Miss Sarah M. Hill, daughter of Major A. W. Hill, of Hill's Prairie, a noble pioneer family from Georgia, in June, 1859; pursued a successful business career; and leaves a wife and an only child. Mrs. McCord, in the deep shadows of beteavement. He was a man of strong character, of excellent business qualities, which brought their usual results of success. He was public-spirited, unostentatiously generous to the needy, and as a citizen lived above reproach. During the writer's pastorate in Bastrop, in 1884, he was soundly converted, and took his place at once in the M. E. Church, South, of which he continued a consistent member until he passed to his reward. The estimation in which he was held was evidenced by a funeral cortege such as is rarely witnessed—the rich and the poor, whites, negroes, Mexicans, in carriages, wagons, on horseback and on foot. All were drawn together by a common grief, for each fett that he had lost a friend. The writes esteemed it a privilege of no ordinary value, having propounded to his departed friend the vows that brought him publicly into discipleship to Christ, to be present and

and a Mason, in the impressive funeral fites. He realizes more vividly than before how rapidly earthly friendships are thinning out; but, thank God, the day draweth nigh when these strands that bind heart to heart, so ruthlessly severed by death, will be knit together again to be broken no more.

E. S. SMITH.

WILBURN.—Scottle Glen Wilburn, son of Zach and Ocia Wilburn, was born July 24 and went to his home above November 4. 1830. Scottle was a bright child, loved by all who knew him, and almost worshiped by his parents, being their only child. But God, in his all-wise providence, saw fit to remove him from our midst. He loved so much to go to Sunday-school. He loved to sing "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there." The Sunday before he died he was at his Grandpa McLean's, and he sang it while his Aunt Birdie played it on the organ. He loved to go to Grandpa Wilburn's house, and they were always glad to see him come. But we will never see the little fellow coming up the road never hear his sweet voice again. Although he cannot come to us, we are consoled to think we can go to him in that bright land where parting comes no more. His aunt.

Lizzie Wilburn.

HOLLEY.—On the 22d of October, 1879, aged six years and three months, "fell askep in Jesus." No purer split ever winged its flight from earth to heaven. So gentle, so kind, so thoughtful of others, so forgetful of self. She was one of those of whom, the world is not worthy," and God, in his infinite wisdom, called her bonne. To her parents we would say your grief is selfish. Your loss is her gain, and though nothing can ever fill the void in your aching hearts, look upward and know that your beautiful, gifted child is "safe in the arras of Jesus;" never will feed the wild anguish of "to have and to part. Bravely take up your cross, and nobly fight the baitle of life. It won't be long till we will meet her on the other shore.

MARRIAGE NOTICES

San Marcos District.—First Round.

Seguin and Mill Creek. Jst Sun in Dec Lalling. 3d Sun in Dec Lauling. 3d Sun in Jan Lockhart eir. 45th Sun in Jan Harwood. 3d Sun in Feb Gonzales. 2d Sun in Feb Gonzales. 3d Sun in Fe m the artas of Jesus; hever will feel the wild anguish of "to love and to part."

Bravely take up your cross, and nobly fight the battle of life. It won't be long till we will meet her on the other shore.

A FRIEND.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

In Ladonia, Texas, November 8, 1890, Mr. Sam Holland and Miss Rosa Garrett, Rev. S. C. Riddle officiating.

At the home of bride's parents, near Cheapside, Gonzales County, Mr. Robert L.

Matthebatt and Miss Anal, Marriada Ray.

Liano District.—First Round.

Lavernia cir. at Lavernia ... Nov 27, 28

Runge cir. at Runge ... Nov 30, 16cc 1

Kenedy cir, at Kenedy ... Dec 2, 30

Alice cir. at Alice, Tuesday ... Dec 16, 17

Beeville sta 10cc 23, 24

Oakville clr. at Oakville ... Dec 30, 31

Corpus Christi sta. Thursday ... Jan 6, 7

The District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church in Recville, December 3, at 7 p. m. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Cuero District-Fi	rst Rot	ind.	
Hallettsville 4th Sa	it. and	Sun.	Nov.
Sweet Home 4th Su	n, and	Mon.	Nov.
Yoakum	1st	Sun.	Dec.
Nursery	24	Sun.	Dec.
Victoria	34	Sun.	Dec.
Port Lavaca		Des	. 18
Cuero	4th	Sun.	Dec.
Clear Creek	5th	Sun.	Dec.
Leesville			
Rancho	24	Son.	Jan.
Ganado3d 8	Sat. and	Sun.	Jan.
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Morales, at Mossy Grove The District Stewards			
Church at Cuere, Thurst 23, 1890. Jno. V	day eve	ning.	Nov.

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San Anton	do DistrictFirst Round.
Moore	1st Sun in Dec
Sherman St a	and South Heights
	4th Sun in Dec
Comal and So	outh Flores St. 4th Sun in Dec
Uvalde	5th Sun in Dec
Travis Park a	nd West End1st Sun in Jar
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	wards will meet Thursday
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Kerrville 1st Sun in F
Rock Springs cir 2d Sun in F
Ingram cir 3d Sun in F
I. K. Waller, P. E

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Marshall District-Fourth Round.

Palestine District-Fourth Round.

Pittsburg District-Fourth Round.

Texarkana, State Line, at State Line, Dec 3, 4 Musgrove cir, at Marvin's Chapel, Dec 9, 10 T. P. Smith, P. E.

Tyler District-Fourth Round.

Beaumont District-Fourth Round.

San Augustine District-Fourth Round.

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 Nov. 20

 Melrose.
 Nov. 25, 28

 Minden.
 Dec. 2, 3

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GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

man Mission Conference convened in the Salem Church at Grassyville, Tex-as, on the ninth of November, 1899, Bishop H. C. Morrison in the chair. All the clerical members, except the superannuates, were present. It was a jubilee occasion, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the conference, and on the evening of the eighth of November, this event was duly celebrated. Two of the surviving members, Bro. J. Bader and the writer, gave some interesting reminiscences of the past history of the conference, and Bishop Morrison followed in a most delightful talk. There are but three members of the original body left, the third being Bro. J. Kern, the paster of Grassyville Circuit, and host of the affliction was unable to take an active part in the exercises of the hour. He felicitously called the occasion the "Silver Wedding of the Conference," and Bishop Morrison made a very happy use of the thought in his speech. He above mentioned. said in substance: "Now may this German Mission Conference be wedded statistical report: Local preachers, 17; anew to her Lord, the Christ, and dur-members, 1294 (against 1224 last year); Simmons' Cough Syrup. Sample bottle ing the next twenty-five years, with infants baptized, 142; adults baptized, free. Satisfaction or money refunded.

him at her side, go on to grander conquests and nobler victories."

The business of the conference pro-

m Santa Anna and six miles from ceeded smoothly and harmoniously un-licach, which is my nearest point der the wise guidance of the Rishon and by Saturday night conference was prepared for the "last act"-the reading of the appointments-which you will find below. The reports of the brethren showed some progress on all lines of Church work, and there was a larger increase in membership than for many years past. B. C. Rausch was received into the conference in full connection. E. Frenzel was granted a location at his own request. H. Jordan is supernumerary, and J. A. Schaper and J. Prinzing are the superannuates. One of our pioneers-Frederick Vordenbaumen-had died. He was one of the men who helped to make the history of German Methodism in Texas. Suitable memorial services were held on Sunday affernoon. One of the sons of the deceased was present as a lay delegate. The conference raised \$1712.95 for missions-foreign and domestic-which is a per capita of \$.32. A larger amount was raised on the regular educational as-sessment than in any previous year. Friday evening was Twentieth Century Movement. The Bishop and your correspondent were the speakers; the latter took up the time, and the former took up the collection, which amounted to about \$1100 in subscriptions and cash. Having no conference school of our own, it was determined to devote the amount raised on the Twentieth Century Thank-offering towards extremethening. Thank-offering towards extremethening. raised on the Twentieth Century Thank-offering towards strengthening the educational fund of the conference. the interest accruing on the same to be used in helping to educate young men for the ministry in the German Mission Conference. This is an omen of good for the future of the German work. The need of the present hour is men-men, fully equipped for work of carrying the gospel to the tens of thousands of irreligious Germans all over this great state of ours. To get them, we must first educate them; hence the timeliness of the aid fund

I will give you a few figures from the

League members, 337; Sundayschools, 30; teachers, 192; scholars, 1135; collected for Church Extension, \$81.85; for Bible Cause, \$72.75; for pre-siding elders, \$412.39; for preachers in charge, \$3509.15; for Bishope, \$62.50. We have sixteen charges, and sixteen parsonages. (Which conference can beat that?) Twenty-six and one-half houses of worship, valued at \$36,177—all free of debt.

We had no connectional officers with us at our late session, except Bro. Cobb, of the Board of Missions, who addressed the conference to the delight of the brethren. We had with us also Bro. Jos. B. Sears and Bro. W. H. Vaughan. himself to all the brethren, and should he come again next year, he may be sure of a rousing welcome.

Lest I weary your readers, I will bring these rambling remarks to a close.

J. A. G. RABE.

FORTATION NOTICE.

All persons attending the East Texas Conference at Timpson, Texas, will be entitled to one third fare on return if they purchase full fare theket from their starting point and secure the certificate of the agent to that effect.

J. R. HEARTSILL.

Secretary of East Texas Conference. both of whom addressed the confer-ence. Bishop Morrison has endeared himself to all the brethren, and should

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FORNEY CHARGE.

On the fifth Saturday and Sunday in Oc-

the Terrell District, held the fourth Quar-terly Conference for the Forney charge. terly Conference for the Forney charge. There was a good attendance of the official members. The report for this year showed that the work was in a very good condition. The collections ordered by the Annual Conference are all padd in full. One of the appointments (Allen's Chapel) has paid the pastor in full, but there is a deficiency at Forney. This closes our four years on this work. During our stay here we have raised for Church purposes, all told. St. 274.79, making an average for cach year of \$2.088.69. When we came to the work four years ago we found two dilapidated church buildings and one parsonage. To-day we have two splendid churches and a good parsonage and it is very well furnished with heavy furniture. The church building at Forney is equal to the best in the district, if not the best, and the beauty of it all is, we owe but a small debt on the whole property. The work is assessed \$650 for the pastor, yet it has better church buildings than some other works in the district that pay almost double. We have good Sunday-schools, Leagues, H. M. Sordety, and Foreign Missionary Society. We have made many kind friends on the work. Mrs. Beckham has just been presented a nice dress by Mrs. N. E. Shands and a beautiful hat by Miss. Frances Jones. God bless the donors. We have the work with sad hearts. We have been kindly treated here by both saint and sinner. We pray God's blessings on them all. We hope to meet them in the home above. After the business of the conference was over the stewards appointed a committee of their number, who offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the official board: To the members of the fourth quarterly conference, we, in behalf of the Forney charge, offer the following resolutions: Whereas, according to the laws of the M. E. Church. South, T. J. Beckham, our beloved pastor. There was a good attendance of the official that may be so fortunate as to secure him as pastor. And again we further pray the blessings of God upon him and his family. WM 1802IER. T. J. WIDEMAN, N. A. HAYNER,

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE TRANS-

The committee and class of the second year will please meet at the First Baptis Church in Marlin, Texas, on Monday even lug. December 4, 1820, at 7:20. It is desired that all of the committee and all of the class should be present at the first meeting.

NO. B. SEARS, Chairman Committee.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL, TEXAS CON-FERENCE.

Applicants for admission on trial in the Texas Conference will please meet the Committee of Examination at the Meth-odist parsonage in Marlin, Tuesday, Decem-ber 5, at 9 o'clock a. m. SETH WARD.

RAHLROAD RATES TO TEXAS CON-FERENCE.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I am anxious to have all the preachers of the East Texas Conference to make diligent inquiry and bring to conference all the information possible about the several claimants upon the fund for the superannuated ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, so that our Joint Board can act intelligently and justly with them all.

R. W. THOMPSON.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERE

Honey Greve, the seat of the ent session of the North Texas ference, is one of the most attri and prosperous towns in the The people who make up its ci ship are intelligent, hospitable open-hearted. They have schools, well built churches, and er public improvements. Our C here is a stone structure, with gant furniture, tasteful carpet handsome stained glass win The good people of the Church by that useful layman. T. U. purchased a large vocation and t it in the choir loft, and ha ready to lead the music. On Tu night they dedicated the in ment by giving a recital, which sisted of vocal and instrumental sic. Some of the Dallas muswere present by invitation, and part in the exercises. A large ence was present, and the enter ment was of a very high order greatly enjoyed. The beautiful strument cost \$1050, and it an all the purposes of a large pip gan. It has a perfect tone, and volume. On Wednesday the va committees met and looked their several works. A great of the preachers came in, and communion was refreshing and arating. These occasions are of reunion and renewal of acqu ance. On Wednesday evening th nual meeting of the Confe Brotherhood was held in the cl in the presence of a large com Rev. J. W. Hill. President. the meeting to order, and the was called by Rev. S. C. R the Secretary. Dr. E. E. Hoss present, and as he could not re over for only one day, he was quested, by special vote, to preathe Brotherhood, and he came ward and announced his text 3:7. "Ye must be born again." said, in part, the doctrine of re eration is one of the great cons tive doctrines of our holy rel: The several definitions of this trine are expressed in such stater as being passed from darkness light, from nature into grace. death into life. From these pressions we get at a correct d tion of the doctrine. It is change which takes place in heart by the power of the Ghost by which we become heirs of and joint heirs with our Lord . Christ, Let us notice, in the place, the necessity for this doct This grows out of the fact that by nature is possessed of a depr mind and beart. Depravity i shadowy abstraction, and can exist in connection with a sinful ture. That position which ass that personal sin is forgiven, an the same time inbred sin is only tially touched, is an error wit scriptural foundation. It is a unjust to saddle all of our sins

our ancestors. We are respon

for our own transgressions and

our depravity when we apply

depravity and make it our own

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cessity for regeneration fu

grows out of the actual sins of lives. This comes, not through ramental mediation or priestly nipulation, but by the imme