

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Address communications to Mrs. Florence R. Howell, 170 Mason St., Dallas, Tex.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care. But at Christmas it always is young. The heart of the jewel nurses narrows and fair. And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air.

—Bishop Brooks.

CHRISTMAS.

Luke 11: 8-16. Was it that the preparation of the hearts of the shepherds made it meet that their eyes should see the multitude of the heavenly host?

There were no others who saw that band of musicians nor who heard the blessed song of "good tidings of great joy." Unto you is born this day...

The angels said to the shepherds, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Matthew 11: 1, 2, 9-11. Our gifts cannot go to the masses. The wise men took their gifts there. Our gifts, for love of Him who lay in the stable...

The wonders are too great for us to explain. Of all the maidens in the world, Mary was the only one near enough to God to be the mother of the Lord...

What is the thought of Christmas? Giving. What is the hope of Christmas? Living. What is the joy of Christmas? Love.

No silver or gold is needed for giving. If the heart is filled with Christmas love.

Learned from the joy of God above. —Selected.

Shall not the twentieth century be the greatest missionary century since the first?

Prince Etu Wha, heir to the throne in Corea, has been sent to this county to be educated, under the care of the missionaries.

ance, and may lead to large results. The prince is about twenty years of age.

The cause of missions is the cause of Christ, and the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ.

The gifts from colleges to missions are said to have increased from six thousand dollars ten years ago to fifty thousand dollars during the past year.

The McAll Mission, begun twenty-five years ago in a room in Belleville, France, now has thirty-five places of meeting in Paris and its environs, and nearly fifty more scattered through France and Corsica.

"The World Lost Without Christ," "The Sufficiency of the Cross," "The Promised Presence of Christ," and "The Final Victory of the Work," have been called the underlying doctrines of missions.

The famous president of the Transvaal Republic, Paul Kruger, was converted, it seems, through the labors of an American missionary, the Rev. Daniel Lindsay, of North Carolina, who went to South Africa in 1834 to work among the Zulus, and when that work was stopped for a time by war turned his attention to the Boers and preached among them with great effect.

A GREAT PREACHER TELLS HOW TO PREACH.

Among the last articles that came from the pen of the departed Horace L. Hastings is the following stirring one on preaching, which appeared in the last issue of The Christian, edited by him on his dying bed:

Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message declare it; if not, hold your peace. Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best things first, and stop before you get prosy.

Leave self out of the pulpit, and take Jesus in. Defend the gospel, and let the Lord defend you and your character. If you are lied about, thank the devil for putting you on your guard, and take care that the story shall never come true.

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Double Your Income. If your present employment does not take up all of your time, it is quite possible that you can double your income by taking the agency for your town for The Ladies' Home Journal and The Saturday Evening Post.

Don't argue with dirt. Use Pearlina. One fact that you have seen or felt is worth a bushel of moldy ideas dug out of molder books.

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Take long breaths. Fill your lungs, and keep them full. Stop to breathe before the air is exhausted. Then you will not finish each sentence with a terrible gasp, as if you were dying for want of air.

Have a clear head and your words will be clear. Know what you are talking about; then you will make others understand you. Stand for God if you stand alone.

THE RESCUE OF PIT-A-PAT AND PETERKIN. Pit-a-Pat opened one round blue eye, and yawned a round pink yawn. Then she opened the other eye, and yawned again.

Whereupon Peterkin went through precisely the same motions. But the paws he stretched out were as black as Mistress Mary's shoes; and so were his other paws, and his whole suit, in fact.

Then they glanced toward the window. Oh, joy! What they had been longing for ever since Mistress Mary adopted them was a chance to get on that window-sill and see what they could see.

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December 28, 1899. Sunday-School FOURTH QUARTER. THE QUARTER Golden Text: "I soul, and forget not"—Psa. 103:2. We take the for the lesson subject from Dr. Notes: 1. Glad Invi was glad when the us go into the Psalm 122:1. But there were Babylon of who deen were distrib tives and concern next lesson: 2. Haman's Plot If God be for us, us? Rom. 8:31. Haman's course of the courtly co of his age and co action was faithfu 3. Esther's Plea 15-17. Commit t Lord; tr also i bring it to pass, I Haman they ha lows, because he the Jews, Esther etc. 4. Ezra's Jour The hand of our G that seek him fo Seventy years s of Zerubbabel's te came to reform its its service accordi 5. Psalms of 85 and 129. They shall reap in joy. The principle o beautifully enun The seedtime of s then the harvest t 6. Nehemiah's Prosper, I pray th day. Neh. 1:11. God is over all a to the prayers of t man for good. P distinguish every age. 7. Rebuilding the Watch and pray, ing without and 8. Between the D open enemy and note that brave prayerful men wit 8-12. The tears o attentive unto the Ezra 8:3. The city of Jer wall now complet powerless without 9. Woes of 1 22:29-32. Wine I drink is raging; a cerved thereby is 29:1. This is wo At the last! Ah, The serpent, the of the sea and tor and beaten, yet 10. Keeping the 22. Remember th keep it holy. Ex. Nehemiah appre for its personal, s political blessings desecrate the Sabb temple, jeopardize alize the nation. 11. Cheerful G 7:8-12. God love Gal. 6:7. The scriptures, keeping, and chee essential to a pro people. If all of u tionately regula and worshipfully, better. 12. Fruits of Con Whatsoever a ma he also reap. Gal. What profit? Y discern. Fear his the law. God is faithful that bath 13. Christ For 9:2-7. Unto you the city of David Christ the Lord. Have you welco heart and life? H What is he to you him? What are y world in which y other year? O fo women—Christians To be pushed o nest is always th can happen to a b sometimes comp this way that we 14. Over Exertion Take Hoardford It is a wholeso brain and nerves, in its action.

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The first of last March the publisher of the Advocate placed the subscription of the paper to all new subscribers at one dollar for the rest of the year. This was done in order to place the Advocate in many homes where it had not hitherto gone, with the hope that many of these new subscribers would continue to take it at the regular price. This a great many of them are doing. Of course that dollar proposition is withdrawn and will not be renewed. The Advocate will be sent to all subscribers at the regular price, which is two dollars per year. We are trying to make it worth ten times that amount to those who read it. Let the preachers note the above fact and renew their efforts to increase the circulation of the paper. We are going to make it the best paper in the Church for the masses of our people.

COMMENDABLE ENTERPRISE.

For a number of years the South Ervay Street Church people in this city have been carrying a burden in the way of a debt upon their property. It has interfered with their progress and otherwise severely crippled them. The other Sunday their pastor, Rev. Gibbs Mead, brought the matter before them in a very impressive manner, and they resolved to lift that burden from the church and be free. So they went to work and secured then and there something over \$1500, leaving about \$150 of the entire amount unprovided for, and by this time that little shortage is in sight. No congregation in the city has done a nobler thing than this since our residence here. Good for Bro. Mead and his heroic people! With this debt out of the way, South Ervay will go forward with zeal and efficiency.

REV. D. L. MOODY IS DEAD.

Rev. D. L. Moody, the great evangelist, died at his home at East Northfield Mass., the 22nd inst. For some time he had been in bad health on account of over-work, and heart failure was brought on which was the cause of his death. No man in Christian work has more impressed the public mind of this generation than Mr. Moody. He was pre-eminently a man of God, and to him the Scriptures were a living verity. He preached nothing but the Bible, and he did this with an earnestness and simplicity that won thousands and thousands to the Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody ever doubted his piety. He loved God and he loved man. His work will abide. His last testimony was, "The world is revealing and heaven opening!"

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

If you are a new comer in the community, do not force yourself to the front.

It is not good taste for a man to try to advertise his vocation through the medium of Church service.

If you want to get charge of any department of Church work, it is not necessary to sneak about it.

High-flown music may be all right in a Catholic Church, but it is a poor make-shift for Methodists to practice.

The capital letter "I" is not offensive when pronounced by modest lips; but in the mouth of a braggart, it becomes intolerable.

A pocket full of certificates of commendation amount to nothing, unless a man has real character to go along with them.

A professional old blow-hard is the most unmitigated nuisance that ever attempted to ingratiate himself into the favor of a patient people.

The man who takes it into his head that he knows it all, and that you know nothing, is in a fine shape to get his gas-bag slightly punctured.

A sorrowful penitent at the altar of some modern Churches would prove a puzzle to the pastors and people who make up those admiration societies.

Many of our city Churches are mere spiritual repositories in which are placed the certificates of membership of the people who come from the small towns and country districts.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE MINUTES.

We have before us a copy of the Northwest Texas Conference Minutes, edited and published by Rev. Jerome Duncan. It is one of the most handsomely gotten up pamphlets of the kind that has fallen under our observation. It covers over one hundred pages, giving a complete and accurate account of the proceedings of the late session of the conference, with excellent pictures of one hundred and seventy members of the conference, together with fine cuts of the University buildings and faculty. Cuts of other institutions are also printed, and many parsonages and churches. No such copy of the Minutes of any of our Texas Conferences has ever been issued before, and the work is a model of neatness and good taste. The editor deserves great credit for this piece of skillful work, and it ought to be in the home of every family within the bounds of that conference. It can be gotten from Rev. Jerome Duncan, at Vernon, at the small price of 25 cents. We place a high estimate upon the copy kindly sent to us by the editor.

ALEXANDER INSTITUTE.

An authority who knows said, in substance, before the conference.

Alexander Collegiate Institute is the best classical training school in Texas. Its work is equal to the work of the best of such schools anywhere. It meets fully the entrance requirements of the New England colleges, including such institutions as Yale and Princeton. Its representative at the Southwestern University is in the lead of her classes.

The conference resolved to divide the Century Fund equally between the Institute and the Southwestern University, less the 25 per cent for general expenses.

AN INQUIRY.

I want three old books, which I once loaned and lost to my regret: 1. "Georgia Scenes," by Longstreet, once President of Centenary College, La. 2. A book entitled, "Sermons for the College," published during the 40's to build a college at Greensboro, Ky. 3. "Push Times in Mississippi," etc., by Martin of Natchez, Miss. I will pay liberally for either or all of them. I would like to get the name of some publishing house where I can see the information. JNO. H. PIPES, Huckabay, Texas.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

WAEELDER AND THOMPSONVILLE.

J. W. Sims, Dec. 23: This is a new charge. It has two appointments, two good church buildings, and a good parsonage very well furnished. The ladies have just added a new cook stove. Two good Sunday-schools and Leagues, a good Woman's Home Mission Society, good Board of Stewards, who put the pastor's salary at \$600 and paid one-fourth at first Quarterly Conference, which met just three weeks after the Annual Conference. The stewards at Waelder are well organized, using the Reynold's System, paying the pastor monthly. The charge has so far subscribed \$107 on the Twentieth Century Fund since conference and paid the Orphanage assessment. Rev. New Harris preached for us last Sunday on "Christian Education," a very eloquent and effective sermon. We have been very kindly received. The Woman's Home Mission Society and Epworth League, together with many others, gave us a generous pounding the first evening. We feel encouraged and are determined to do our best. The charge seems resolved to be and do every good thing possible. Forward is our motto.

SECOND CREEK.

Geo. A. Nance, Dec. 18: Higgins is headquarters for my work, but the appointments are so far apart I can't date this Higgins. By the perseverance of Bird and Hill (my grey ponies) I arrived safe and sound without camping out a single night. Spent one night with Mr. Milam, a nephew of Rev. S. H. Millam, of the Missouri Conference. He said: "I am glad you got lost. I'm so tired staying alone." He was very kind. I preached three times on my work yesterday. A friend handed me a \$10 bill. Of course I cracked my voice, split my mouth and scared a baby. Am much pleased with my people. They are intelligent, well-to-do and liberal.

BELCHER.

W. H. Brown, Dec. 25: Yesterday was our day at Prairie Mound and White Priddy. At the Mound we had a good crowd and a good service. Many promised to live better lives. At White Priddy in the afternoon we had a crowded house and an old-fashioned revival. There was a general move among the Christians, and there must have been a score or more who came forward for prayers, and several backsliders renewed their covenant and several weeping sinners promised to yield to God from that hour. Nearly everybody was moved to tears. Some were shouting, many shaking hands with their friends and a general good time was had. To God be all the glory. We are "as usual" hopeful for great revivals all over our work. God give us hundreds of souls this year.

HASKELL.

J. T. Bloodworth, Dec. 21: We have settled in the parsonage and opened up for a good year. I came 220 miles in my buggy from the plains. Haskell is a good town of about 1200 population. It has been raised to a station, and Bro. Lovelady, a local brother, takes the country appointments around about Haskell. We have been pounded in due and sacred form. Haskell Methodists are as kind to their pastor and family as any Methodists between the seas. We are hopeful. We need a genuine revival and feel we will have it ere long. I find here the footprints of Bros. Haralson, Bennett and Moody. The new elder, Bro. Wiseman, was here many years ago and organized this Church, and of course Haskell people gave him a warm welcome on his first trip which he made recently. We are in for a good year.

DIXIE.

L. F. Palmer, Dec. 19: We are again at Dixie, after a lapse of seven years. Find that there have been many changes. Many have died, others have moved away. The children have grown up to manhood, and find some of the old guard yet on duty. So far we have received a hearty welcome and our needs are being supplied by the stewards, and we are hopeful of a good year. There is much to be done to make this a first-class charge. The material is here for the purpose. The greatest feeder of corruption is in full blast here—the saloon. On the 9th of this month an election was held to give the people a chance to say if they wanted the saloon to stop, and the majority said so on. We propose to try it again soon and we hope to be right side on with care. This would be a first-class part of Cooke County but for the whisky element. There was a shooting affray Sunday about noon near Riverside Church. A Mr. Gilmore shot a Mr. Medows. The man shot is yet alive. They were brothers-in-law. We had a meeting of the stewards on the 12th at 2 o'clock, and they

proposed to pay the present pastor \$400. This ought to be done with ease. The other claims to be apportioned by the District Stewards has not yet come to hand. The Twentieth Century thanks-offering is to be looked after right away. I hope we will do our part on Dexter charge. We trust to give you a good report of this circuit ere long.

AZLE CIRCUIT.

W. K. Rucker: The Lord has some faithful workers in this part of his vineyard. Much has been done. Much remains to be done. We are undertaking great things for God and expect adequate help and blessings. Azle Circuit has five appointments and a host of whole-souled people. This pastor is going to visit far and wide both saint and sinner. As for preaching, he is willing to preach at a dozen places if so be he may reach the more hearts. All departments of our work that are practicable here will be looked after. Pray for us that we may declare the whole message of salvation. Woman's Home Mission Society has just raised \$5 for our Home at Dallas.

PEASTER.

H. G. Summers, Dec. 19: I am in my new field—new conference, among new friends, forming new acquaintances, shaking hands, talking religion and trying to preach the gospel. After seeing many things and hearing other things I greeted my congregation with Paul's wholesome advice: "Be not conformed to this world." It has had already a wholesome and otherwise effect. I have made the first round. I am pleased and displeased. I am pleased with the people. So I am constrained to believe have the old-time religion. Some have been disposed to help bear the burdens, and one has almost paid a dozen. The displease has been expressed to the above. The pounding was full and free. The work was done by the Peaster regiment. This was one of the most systematic and well-armed army of humanitarians I've found anywhere. They formed at the church, got the step and started the march. I had been used to them making this attack at the front door, and this regiment marched right in at the dining hall door without form or fashion, rushed right in and laid their open-hearted free-will offering on the table. Well I'll take that back. They could not get it all on the table. Everything needed for the larder except flour and that came next day—100 pounds. May we prove ourselves worthy of such generosity.

CLAUDE.

J. E. Stephens, Dec. 18: We have reached our new field of labor after a move of 528 miles. We stopped on the way with our beloved for a few days. We found him at home planning for his first round. The good fire, warm supper and hearty welcome were much appreciated by our crowd, which consisted of Rev. J. L. Hollers, who was en route to Canadian, my family and myself. We stayed in Clarendon over Sunday; heard Bro. Henson the itinerant pastor, preach, and a good sermon it was. Bro. Henson brings things to pass. Bro. Hollers preached for him at night, and to say the least the people were not disappointed. The next week we finished our journey. We found the people of Claude ready to receive us. These people know how to make the new preacher and family feel welcome. We have begun our year's work with bright prospects. Our predecessor has wrought well and his work abides. He was in favor with the people, and their prayers go with him and family. We were loth to leave our many friends at Copera Cove, but such is the itinerant life; but with all we like the system. We find a noble-hearted and intellectually a high type of people in this country. Methodism is in the lead. The outlook is very encouraging indeed. We are praying for and expecting great things this year. Our educational interest in this district is being well cared for. We expect before the close of the year to report our Twentieth Century Educational assessment paid in full.

I have still on hand some copies of my booklet, "Fifty-two Years of Preacher Life," which any friend can have by sending address and 8 cents in postage stamps.

WESLEY SMITH, Abilene, Texas.

DIED.

Dr. J. D. Frazier, one of the princes of good men, died at his home in Preston Bend, Grayson County, Texas, Dec. 22, 1899.

D. F. FULLER.

Suffer, if you must; do not quarrel with the dear Lord's appointments for you. Only try, if you are to suffer, to do it splendidly. That's the only way to take up a pleasure or a pain.—Phillips Brooks.

LITERARY NOTES.

TWENTIETH CENTURY'S DAWN.

The Friendly Islanders Will be the First People to Halt Its Advent.

"The first people to live in the twentieth century will be the Friendly Islanders, for the date-line, as it may be called, lies in the Pacific Ocean just to the east of their group," writes John Ritchie, Jr., in the January Ladies' Home Journal, of which the "New Century" will readily begin. "At that time, although it will be already Tuesday to them, all the rest of the world will be enjoying some phase of Monday, the last day of the nineteenth century, December 31, 1899. At Melbourne the people will be going to bed, for it will be nearly ten o'clock; at Manila it will be two hours earlier in the evening; at Calcutta the English residents will be sitting at their Monday afternoon dinner, for it will be about six o'clock; and in London, 'Big Ben,' in the tower of the House of Commons, will be striking the noon hour. In Boston, New York, and Washington the people will be eating breakfast on Monday morning, while Chicago will be barely conscious of the dawn. At the same moment San Francisco will be in the deepest sleep of the night, popularly called Sunday night, though really the early, dark hours of Monday morning and half the Pacific will be wrapped in the darkness of the same morning hours, which become earlier as the date-line, until at Midway or Brooks Island it will be but a few minutes past midnight of Sunday night."

The Youth's Companion offers its readers for the coming year, its seventy-fifth issue, a program of unusual variety. Among sixteen, timeliness and variety. Among the famous authors who will write for it are Ian Maclaren, Mrs. Burton Harrison, Margaret Deland, Charles Dudley Warner, Lewis Zangwill, Mary E. Wilkins, Ruth Sargent, Jane Barlow, Blanche Hazard, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Frank R. Stockton, the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney-General of the United States, John Philip Sousa, Reginald de Koven, Van Meter, Lord Bishop of London, Bishop H. C. Potter, Dean Farrar, Prof. W. M. Stone, Prof. W. J. Rolfe, Prof. Shoun N. Wood, Prof. C. A. Young, Prof. John Trowbridge, President Angell, of the University of Michigan, Capt. Charles D. Sigsbee, of the Maine, Captain A. T. Mahan, Gen. Wesley Merritt, Gen. Joseph Wheeler, Prof. A. S. Packard, the Duchess of Sutherland, General John R. Gordon, Henry M. Stanley, Walter Camp, Dr. Cyrus Eaton, Hamilton Taylor, Andrew Carnegie, Phil Henshaw, Sir H. H. Johnston, President Morton, of the Stevens Institute, Jacob A. Bliss, Justin McCarthy, and Commander J. D. Jerrild Kelly.

"The United States in the Far East," or, Modern Japan and the Orient. This beautiful new book by ex-Governor Hubbard, of Texas, bids fair to have a large sale. It is splendidly written, attractively illustrated, handsomely printed, and substantially bound. It is such a work as will throw a great deal of light on the far Eastern questions which are now daily coming before us. Just published by the R. F. Johnson Publishing Company.

"THREE MEN ON FOUR WHEELS."

"Three Men on Four Wheels" is Jerome K. Jerome's rather recent title for the series of humorous stories which he has just completed for The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia. Every one who has read "Three Men in a Boat"—and who has not—will wish to follow the misadventures of Mr. Jerome and his two companions on their tour through Germany across a tandem and a safety. Mr. Jerome's wit is no less keen, nor his humor less kindly, than when he scored his first great literary success ten years ago. The first story of Jerome's series will appear in the Post of January 6. It has been splendidly illustrated in half-tone by Mr. Harrison Fisher.

Edward F. Bigelow, editor of Popular Science, a well known specialist in nature-study, is to conduct a department of "Nature and Science for Young Lads" in St. Nicholas, and will answer all the questions children ask him. Another new departure is the St. Nicholas League, an organization of young people wherein prizes are offered for the best compositions, drawings, photographs, etc. St. Nicholas will give unusual attention to educational subjects in 1900. The January number will contain an illustrated article describing the work done in Washington in "Our of-Door Schools," where classes study plants and animals, government, geography, science, and art in the parks, museums, and public buildings.

The Eleventh Annual Book Number of The Outlook is the December Magazine Number 2. The Outlook was, it is believed, the first publication to issue a special number not far from the holiday season, giving a careful survey of the literature of the season and of the months immediately preceding. This year it carries out that general purpose by printing a group of special articles, profusely illustrated, of these articles, that entitled "In the Field of Fiction" is editorial in character, has portraits of many recently prominent novelists, and talks in a familiar and interesting way about recent works of fiction of the highest class; the article called "Biography and History" is written by Mr. Alfred Hodder, a journalist, book critic, and reviewer of marked ability; the third, "Books and Art" by Mr. James McArthur, until lately the assistant editor of "The Bookman," and now connected with the literary staff of Harper and Brothers, deals with the important and readable and suitable feature of the "Book Number" is that by Mr. Ernest D. North, called "A Group of Young Illustrators." It tells of the advance in book and magazine illustration of the past few years, and describes the personality and achievements of six or eight of the young men and women who have been doing notable work in this direction lately. The portraits and reproduced pictures in this article are designed and illustrated in a unique way. Other illustrated articles, having relation also to literature, are Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie's "Wieland and Goethe," suggested by the recent celebration of the one hundred and fifty-first anniversary of Goethe's birth, fully illustrated by photographs of places in Wieland closely connected with the Goethe memorial; an unsigned paper called "Reminiscences of Thoreau," by one who was an intimate personal friend of the Thoreau family and spent much time at the Thoreau home during the life of Henry Thoreau; and "A Visit to Manus Joki," by E. A. Steiner, with photographs

furnished by Joki him this article. Besides it to books and literature Magazine Number 15 there are to be found a sermon, an illustrated Duke, a Castle and an describing the conditions of the banks of Alaska, and the history of the Week of Departments. (\$3.00 a Company, New York.)

The narrative of "single-handed" ethnologist has proved feature of The Century number the Youth's Companion at Cape Town African Republic, when an interview with President thing went smoothly introduced, Judge Beyvo voyage around the world host. "It is impossible-world." This flat "outlander" honey, an before it occurred "knew ed himself of an eph his shrewdness as a great local "correction" had name. "The corner-st Africa Republic is d of the English he rem first my coat and then

"The Youthful Stu Bonaparte" are to be volume of The Youth's thrilling as a story, the suit of the recent, ult searches of the Prof Columbia University of Slone. A similar article of Admiral Farragut" by Capt. A. T. Mahan, citing incidents in F when, although only eleven, he participated sanguinary battles of the

MARK TWAIN ON HIM.

Mark Twain at his in the Cosmopolitan an article on Er's the Book of Mrs. E. Mark informs us, he ipice and broke over a cure he had to see horse-doctor and a tist. He chose the la and the horse-docto ache and a cold in which he was also a Under the powerfu near treatment and ment together, my usually retreating inwa from view. The a brisk start, now, a swift, my body was ing and stretching, t to accommodate the p ration, and every

heard a dull click in the two ends of a f successfully joined. I ing and gritting at rasping continued three hours, and t connections had be cept dislocations; th en of these: hips, a neck; so that was ce er another they sl sockets with a sm distant cork, and I j as new, as to frames the horse-doctor.

The horse-doctor man and full of hop interest in the case of smelt he was pre fact quite horsey, a range with him for, but it was not in h delicacy I did not p ed at my teeth and e and said my age and were favorable to en therefore he would to turn the stomp botts and the cold in blind stargers; then his own beat and t to do. He made bran-mash, and said every two hours, a drench with turpenti in it, would either k out of me in twenty interest me in other me forget they were He administered my then took his leave.

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THE ORPHANAGE.

CALL NO. 5.

Bro. Vaughan, the Manager of our Orphanage, has just written me that the new building for the girls has been furnished so nicely and up to date, he wants me to contribute the calls for 25 apartments to furnish the old building, which is for the boys; that the old furniture is broken down and was thrown together in such haste six years ago, when it was furnished, that he is ashamed of it; so let us split on our hands. Longview, Sunday school, week-by-week generally, and say we will do much for the boys as we have for the girls. I suggest that the superintendents call on each class to subscribe so much, to be gotten up in thirty days, and to remit to me at Cordonia, in post-office order of New York exchange. Those of you who will subscribe, let me know at once, so I can report it to the Advocate, which has been our best friend in advertising for the new building. Had this charge regular, it would have amounted to \$500. ABE MULKEY.

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At the bride's home, at the Commercial Hotel, in Breckenridge, Texas, November 22, 1899, at 7 p. m., Mr. E. W. Allen and Miss Ellen Hart, Rev. I. E. Hightower officiating.

At Rev. Hodges', Wayland, Texas, November 23, 1899, Mr. Ed Ferguson and Miss Della Hodges, Rev. I. E. Hightower officiating.

November 23, 1899, at the residence of R. N. Fulton, Mr. J. T. Hart and Miss M. E. Childers, and Mr. M. H. Horton and Miss Lella Hart, all of Brown County, Texas, Rev. E. N. Fulton officiating.

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. L. Holt, Claybank, Texas, December 6, 1899, at 9 p. m., Mr. Truman T. Harrison and Miss Sallie Rae Holt, Rev. J. C. Carr officiating.

At the bride's home in New York, Texas, at 10 a. m., Sunday, December 17, 1899, Mr. H. H. Davis, of Anderson County, and Miss Carrie Hall, the father of the bride officiating minister.

On October 22, 1899, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. H. Woods and Miss Maggie Sikos, Rev. J. D. Whitehead officiating.

At the parsonage in Staples, Texas, at 7:30 a. m., Dec. 12, 1899, Mr. J. W. Cook, of Cookin, and Miss Winnie Graham, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Graham, Rev. I. T. Morris officiating.

Near Bush, Texas, December 12, 1899, Mr. A. M. McCann, of Winkler, Texas, and Miss Lela C. McCoy, of Bush, Texas, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents in the southern portion of Lavaca County, Texas, in the evening of December 12, 1899, Mr. Eugene Turk and Miss Fannie Southers, all of Lavaca County, Rev. A. G. Nolen officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents at Erath Texas, December 10, 1899, Mr. F. S. White and Miss Ana Owens, Rev. C. S. Cameron officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents near Falfurley, Texas, on Sunday evening, December 10, 1899, Mr. J. P. McCloskey and Miss Mary J. Gartner, Rev. W. C. Hollingsworth officiating.

At the home of the bride's father December 13, 1899, Mr. Dean Christoph and Miss Ida Brannan, Rev. A. H. Dickson officiating.

On December 3, 1899, at Midway, Texas, Mr. R. H. Hinson and Miss Rowena Hodges, Rev. D. C. Starrs officiating.

Sunday afternoon, December 3, 1899, at the residence of Miss Callaway, near Charfield, Texas, Mr. T. David Donahoe and Miss Flora Sands, Rev. W. H. Crawford officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. T. A. Hill, in Weimar, Texas, December 6, 1899, at 3 p. m., Capt. Geo. McCormick, of Houston, and Miss Lella Hill, Rev. W. F. Brinson officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Falfurley, Texas, on Sunday evening, December 10, 1899, Mr. J. P. McCloskey and Miss Mary J. Gartner, Rev. W. C. Hollingsworth officiating.

At Graham Chapel, Comanche County, Texas, November 25, 1899, Mr. Frank A. Kell and Miss Ethel Clemons, Rev. T. S. Ewell officiating.

At Farmer Chapel, Comanche County, Texas, December 3, 1899, Mr. Jesse Mayes and Miss Olive Reed, Rev. T. S. Ewell officiating.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover expense of space, to-wit: at the rate of ONE CENT PER WORD. Money should accompany all orders.

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STOUGHAN. Little Oscar H. Coughran, the little son of F. H. and M. J. Coughran, was a sweet child and loved by all who knew him. He was beautiful and innocent in the home of his loving parents, and he is being faithful and holy in that home in heaven, where loved ones have gone. And while it is so hard to part with sweet little Oscar, parents and children, look up, beckoning hands are calling, come home, sweet, happy day. Papa, mamma, brothers, sisters, and little Oscar will meet on the sunny banks of the sweet beyond.

HARKEY. Mrs. Martha Frances Harkey, whose maiden name was Pen, was born in Patrick County, Virginia, March 27, 1840. Sister Harkey was brought up under religious influences and early gave her heart to God and united with the Methodist Church. She was educated at the Moravian College, Salem, N. C. In 1874 she came to Waxahachie, Texas. On November 6, 1899, she breathed her last breath with rejoicing. She lived a consistent Christian life forty-three years. Her children and husband mourn not as those who have no hope.

GROVES. James O. Groves, Jr., son of Brother and Sister J. O. Groves, was born December 28, 1881; died December 10, 1899. Jimmy, being thrown from his horse, only lived a few hours and wasn't permitted to leave a parting testimony. Yet he leaves behind a Christian influence that shall last throughout eternity. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. C. H. Smith and joined the M. E. Church, South, July 14, 1897. He lived a consistent Christian until death, ever at the post of duty ready to march forward in the service of his Master. May the now broken chain that has bound together the family circle here be reunited at last without a missing link. M. S. LEVETT 19141.

HOSSELER. Simon G. Hosseiler, son of Simon and Alice Hosseiler, was born July 22, 1854, at Kingston, Tenn. He was married to Miss Isabelle Smuller September 26, 1875. Seven children were the result of this union, three of whom have preceded him to that better world. He removed to Texas in 1877. He was converted when a boy and joined the Methodist Church and lived a consistent and useful member all the day of his death, which sad event occurred on November 22, 1899, at his resi-

dence in Abbott. Bro. Hosseiler was a man of great energy and of an enterprising spirit. He was a good husband and kind father. He was faithful to his trust committed to him. Considering his peculiar disposition and circumstances he was one of the best men we have ever known. His death was sudden and a surprise and grief to all that knew him. But he was not unprepared to leave a wife and four children to mourn their great loss, but they expect to meet him again.

C. N. N. FERIGUSON, Abbott, Texas.

STAFFORD. Cleora Stafford was eleven years, one month, and five days old; born and raised in Pleasant Hill community, Lamar County, Texas; the only one converted and joined the Church at that meeting in the summer. Twenty-one days with slow fever, she was resigned, patient, cheerful, and happy. She told Bro. Russell that she would like to live, but he would die. She loved the Church, her pastor, her Sunday-school teachers, and her school-teachers and playmates. She has left the savor of a good name.

G. F. BOYD, IN MEMORIAM.

Dr. J. Hendricks was born near Hagerdale, Alabama, on the 5th of April, 1826, removed from there with his father to North Mississippi. Here he married his first wife, Miss Mary Medley, in 1846. He moved from there to Texas in 1844 and settled in the Guadalupe Valley, where he remained for four years; from there moved to Mt. Pleasant, where he lived twenty-three years. His wife died here in 1867. He was married to Miss Nellie Martin, and in the evening of the M. E. Church, South, and had his three younger children, baptized by Bro. Tullis, from here in 1874. He moved to Wadwell, Texas, where he died on the 22nd of October, 1899. He leaves a wife and six children. We cannot claim perfection for our loved ones, but I do know that those seeking the sheltering arms of the Church his life has been one long endeavor to shun and please God in his life, with the deepest reverence for his Creator and an abiding faith in Christ as his Savior. We have the Christian's hope in his death, and his children are trying to live as Christians and I do hope to meet them all with their father and mother in a home of sweet rest and reunion when life is done.

HIS WIFE, FERNER. Sister Lizzie Turner, nee Walters, was born January 11, 1815, in Dublin County, North Carolina. She was married in 1834 to A. Walker. This union was blessed with seven children, one of whom survives, with whom she has lived for many years. She came to Texas in 1876, and died November 11, 1899. Sister Turner was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Church in which she lived a consistent life till the time of her death. She had been a great sufferer for many years, but was patient through it all. She was a kind mother and occupied a warm place in the hearts of her children and grandchildren, who are left for her in old age and in her afflictions, in kindness and love. Verily, they have their reward. She died in the faith at the ripe old age of eighty-five. We rejoice in the prospect of a reunion above through faith in Christ.

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WARD. Sister F. J. Ward (nee Rose) was born January 14, 1839; married to M. F. Ward, June 27, 1855; died November 28, 1899. How much of joy and sorrow between these dates none can tell. But in her death she leaves behind her a name that will live. "I will never leave nor forsake thee." She walked with God, who gave to her joy a sweetness born from above, and strength and resignation known only to the Christian. The darkest clouds with light and beauty. Her path was not without thorns, but the Healer was always at hand. She was for more than five years a great sufferer, but she never uttered a word of complaint, but perfect resignation, patience, faith, and hope marked her last days of suffering. A husband and five children are left to follow on. They know where to find her.

D. C. ELLIS, P. C., Covington, Texas.

DAY. Rev. Simon Peter Day was born March 18, 1836, in Carroll County, Virginia. He was the son of Joseph and Rebecca Day; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1854, and was soon licensed to exhort; married Miss Tynning's works March 26, 1857, came to Texas and located in Collin County in the spring of 1879. His wife died in 1881. He was married to Miss Martha Wilburn Honaker, who survives him, July 12, 1885. In March, 1871, he moved to Hunt County, where he was an honorable and worthy citizen until his death November 10, 1899. He was licensed to preach in 1873. Bro. Day was a good man, true to the Church, true to his neighbors, true to his family, and to God. Whenever duty called, he was there. He loved to attend the prayer meetings, and to work in revivals. He supported the Church with his means as well as with his prayers. He lived the gospel he preached. To his wife, Bro. Day was devoted. During his long ministry his love for the Church and his zeal for the salvation of souls knew no abatement. The last year of his life he was afflicted, and for three months confined to his bed. At times his suffering was intense, but he bore it patiently to the end. It was a benediction to be with him in his last days, and those who were with him as the writer was can never doubt that there is something in the Christian religion that makes death of its own and makes the Christian die happy. He was the father of ten children. Eight are living, and all in the Church but two. In his death the Church, the community, and his family sustain great loss; but our loss is his gain. We all know where to find him.

L. A. HANSON, \$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not only a certain remedy, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution, and assisting nature in her work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. The Hall's Family Pills are the best.

LILLARD. Mrs. Milley N. Lillard, daughter of W. M. and N. E. Stevenson, was born in Dallas County, Texas, November 6, 1875; died at Elizabeth Town, Denton County, Texas, November 28, 1899. She was converted and joined the Church at the age of 13 and lived a consistent member of the Church until God called her from labor to reward. She was married to Mr. S. J. Lillard May 15, 1898. A little boy about three years old is left without a mother. On Thanksgiving evening we laid her to rest in the Cape cemetery, near Justin, in the presence of a loving husband, father, mother, and brothers, and a host of friends, but we weep not as those who have no hope. In that land of pure delight we expect to meet again where sorrow, weeping, and death never come.

A. P. HIGHTOWER, Ponder, Texas.

OLSON. Sister Mary E. Olson was born January 28, 1867, and was converted and joined the Church in her thirteenth year; died at her home in Bayou November 24, 1899, aged 32 years, 9 months, and 24 days. Sister Olson was one of our best mothers, and a devoted wife and a kind and affectionate mother. During the long sickness of their baby girl, who died a few months before, all the care and attention of a mother's love was bestowed on the little one. It can be truly said of her, she was a sincere friend and a good neighbor. As a Christian, she was consecrated, true, and faithful, and certainly lived her religion to a high degree. She had her membership in the Church, and loved the Church and all departments of Church work. Her father, Bro. Barnum, is now our Sunday-school superintendent. She was always the preacher's friend, and her comfortable home was always open to him. The writer preached her funeral at Bayou to a large concourse of people and the remains were carried to Waxahachie for interment. She has reached the mansion of eternal life, where there is no sorrow, no sickness, suffering or death, and where there will be a happy reunion of loved ones and friends in the end.

JAS. A. WALKUP, "Take time by the forelock." If your blood is out of order, begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and prevent serious illness.

Beaumont District—First Round.

Port Ballou, at Patton, Dec. 30, 31; Sabine Pass and Sabine, Jan. 1, 2; Liberty, at Liberty, Jan. 15, 16; China and Houston, Jan. 20, 21; Koenigs, at Koenigs, Jan. 27, 28; Woodville, at Woodville, Feb. 3, 4; Chester, at Midway, Feb. 10, 11; Leggett, at Elm Wood, Feb. 15, 16; Houston, at Houston, Feb. 17, 18; Jasper and Kirbyville, at Kirbyville, Mar. 3, 4; Jasper, at Kirbyville, Mar. 10, 11; Jasper, at Kirbyville, Mar. 17, 18; Beaumont, at Beaumont, Mar. 24, 25; Call, at Call, Mar. 31, Apr. 1.

Beaumont District—Second Round.

Gallard, at Chappell, Jan. 17, 18; Hamilton, at Normanna, Tex., Jan. 20, 21; Florioville, at Florioville, Jan. 20, 21; Lavender, at Sandy Elm, Jan. 27, 28; Kennedy, at Karnes, Feb. 3, 4; Laverda, at Karnes, Feb. 10, 11; Elgin and Houston, at Elgin, Feb. 10, 11; Alton, at San Diego, Feb. 17, 18; Laredo, at Laredo, Feb. 24, 25; Rockport, at Rockport, Mar. 3, 4; Rockport, at Rockport, Mar. 10, 11; Rockport, at Rockport, Mar. 17, 18; Rockport, at Rockport, Mar. 24, 25; Rockport, at Rockport, Mar. 31, Apr. 1.

Palmetto District—First Round.

Palmetto, at Palmetto, Dec. 24; Jacksonville, at Jacksonville, Dec. 24; Elkhart, at Onond's Chapel, Jan. 6, 7; Rusk, at Rusk, Jan. 14, 15; Crockett, at Bethel, 11 a. m., Jan. 20, 21; Crockett, at Bethel, 7 p. m., Jan. 20, 21; Trinity and Lovejoy, at Trinity, Jan. 27, 28; Wells, at Christy's Mill, Feb. 3, 4; Groveton, at Josseland, Feb. 10, 11; Jacksonville, at Grove Springs, Feb. 17, 18; Brady Creek, at Paces Chapel, Feb. 24, 25; Hilsomb, at Center Hill, Mar. 3, 4; Alton, at Alton, Mar. 10, 11; Grapeland, at Grapeland, Mar. 17, 18; West Palmetto, at West Palmetto, Mar. 24, 25.

The District Stewards will meet in Jacksonville, Wednesday, January 3, at 11 a. m. Delegates to the District Conference will be elected this round, as it will be held early in the year. Let each member be assessed at once, and let some money be paid to the preacher now to meet his winter expense.

V. A. GODFREY, P. E., Palestine, Texas.

Pittsburg District—First Round.

Pittsburg, at Pittsburg, Dec. 31, Jan. 1; Gilmer, at Gilmer, Jan. 6, 7; Mt. Pleasant, at Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 13, 14; Winfield, at Winfield, Jan. 20, 21; Queen City, at Queen City, Jan. 27, 28; Atlanta, at Atlanta, Jan. 27, 28; Oulman, at Oulman, Feb. 3, 4; N. W. Boston, at New Boston, Feb. 10, 11; Linden, at Douglasville, Feb. 17, 18; Deings, at Deings, Feb. 17, 18; Dalby and DeKalb, at Hubbard Chapel, Feb. 24, 25; Fairview, at State Line, Mar. 3, 4; Naylor, at Naylor, Mar. 10, 11; Redwater, at Redwater, Mar. 17, 18; Leasburg, at Reeves Chapel, Mar. 24, 25; Masgrove, at Soules Chapel, Mar. 24, 25.

The Pittsburg District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church in Pittsburg on January 5, at 2 p. m. It is important that all of them should be present.

John Adams, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.

Giddings, at Giddings, Dec. 30, 31; Chappell Hill, at Chappell Hill, Jan. 6, 7; Lexington, at Tangierwood, Jan. 6, 7; Brenham, at Brenham, Jan. 13, 14; Lyons, at Lyons, Jan. 13, 14; Caldwell, at Caldwell, Jan. 20, 21; Cameron, at Ad Hall, Jan. 27, 28; Cameron, at Mayfield, Jan. 27, 28; Ben Arnold, at Ben Arnold, Feb. 3, 4; Pleasant Hill, at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 10, 11; Rockdale, at Davilla, Feb. 17, 18; Belleville, at Belleville, Feb. 24, 25; Soles, at Soles, Feb. 24, 25; Partison, at Fulshear, Mar. 3, 4.

The District Stewards will please meet me at Brenham, at the Methodist Church, January 11. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Crowell, at Crowell, Dec. 30, 31; Seymour, at Seymour, Jan. 6, 7.

Smyour, at Round Timber, Jan. 9; Throckmorton, at Throckmorton, Jan. 9; Haskell, at Haskell, Jan. 16, 17; Bonham, at Bonham, Jan. 13, 14; Quonab, at Quonab, Jan. 20, 21; Kirkland, at Kirkland, Jan. 27, 28; Dalwha, at Dalwha, Jan. 27, 28; address, at address, Jan. 27, 28; Edmond, at Edmond, Feb. 3, 4; Mangum, at Mangum, Feb. 10, 11; Wilton Vale, at Martho, Feb. 17, 18; Chihuahua, at Chihuahua, Feb. 24, 25; Farmer, at Farmer, Feb. 24, 25; Graham, at Graham, Feb. 24, 25; Graham, at Upper Tank, Feb. 24, 25.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.

I desire the preachers and as many of the officials as can be so to meet me at Cameron, Texas, January 3, at 11 a. m. in the Methodist Church for the purpose of holding an educational rally. I have invited the President and Secretary of our Conference Board of Education to be present and to take part in the exercises.

C. E. FRANKLIN, P. E.

Willie: "Pa, what's an usher?" Pa: "He's the man who shows people where they must sit at church."

Eczema!

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Eczema broke out on my daughter, and continued to spread until her head was entirely covered. She was treated by several good doctors, but grew worse, and the dreadful disease spread to her face. She was taken to two celebrated health springs, but received no benefit. Many patent medicines were taken, but without result until we decided to try S. S. S., and by the time the first bottle was finished, her head began to heal. A dozen bottles cured her completely and left her skin perfectly smooth. She is now sixteen years old and has a magnificent growth of hair. Not a sign of the dreadful disease has ever returned.

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Imitation baking powder is mostly made from alum. They may cost less per pound, but their use is at the cost of health.

SAN ANTONIO RESCUE HOME.

In September, 1895, Mrs. M. I. Vollino was converted and was received into membership of Travis Park M. E. Church, South. The house which she had kept in shame she desired converted into a refuge for poor, fallen, unfortunate women and the home of iniquity to become a place of prayer.

cent interest was given for \$6000. In the summer of 1898 Mrs. W. H. Johnson entered the territory of the West Texas Conference to raise money to liquidate this debt.

In view of the fact that nearly one-third of the inmates of the Home come from the territory of the Texas Conference the committee sent me to that body to ask that Bro. Thompson be allowed to solicit aid within their territory.

So Rev. Nath B. Thompson is Financial Agent of the Rescue Home and is to raise \$5000 to liquidate all indebtedness on the Home and put it in proper condition.

San Antonio, Texas.

GETHEMANE.

It was midnight and the first nap was finished. The clock struck twelve and the chickens added to its noise the usual music of "coo-coo, coo-coo, coo-coo."

Gethsemane, O Gethsemane! Thy memory, O it paineth me!

No wonder the poet wrote, "That dark and doleful night." Gethsemane

night was both dark and doleful. After the last supper with the disciples, and the last long sermon delivered in their hearing, the Master repaired with the eleven to the sacred Mount of Olives, and especially to that more sacred spot called "Gethsemane."

W. J. WILSON.

San Saba, Texas.

DEBATE.

There was a debate at Myrtle Springs, Texas, between Rev. A. A. Kidd, of Malakoff, Methodist, and Lee P. Mansfield, of Kaufman Campbelleites, beginning Monday after the fourth Sunday in October, and continuing six days.

- 1. Infant baptism is authorized by the Word of God. Kidd affirmed. 2. Immersion in water is the only mode of baptism. Mansfield affirmed. 3. Justification is by faith only. Kidd affirmed.

This debate certainly was a victory for Methodism. Kidd proved more than a match, in every respect, for his antagonist. There were some surprising concessions made by the Campbelleites, for information of which you are referred to A. A. Kidd, Malakoff, Texas.

The causes of the debate were that during the summer we secured the help of Chaplain Watts in a meeting at Myrtle Springs, in which there were some forty or fifty conversions, most of whom joined our Church.

Wills Point, Texas.

TWO HEARTS AS ONE.

A ring over the 'phone. "Get ready I am coming." Wednesday morning, November 22, crisp and cool. A twenty-mile drive brought us to Bro. Pugh's, near Jordan's Chapel, in Freestone County, Texas.

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PARABLE.

Two crossed the sea together, One willing and one loth; The chances of the weather Befel the same to both.

The selfsame vessel bore them, They there were like bestad— The selfsame port before them, They thither like were sped.

One took his fortune cheerly, Hoping and trusting still; The other ever drearily Foreboded something ill.

Both reached the haven whither They both set out to sail; But of his voyage thither Each told a different tale!

—William Cleaver Wilkinson, in the Independent.

ADVICE FOR SCHOOL GIRLS.

The principal of one of the large city schools, a man of superb physique, as well as fine intellectual endowments, gives this sensible advice to the young girls under his care:

"Study hard while you study. Put your whole mind into your work, and don't dally.

"Begin your studying early in the evening, but stop before 9 o'clock.

"Take a little recreation before retiring to change the current of thought and to rest your head.

"Be in bed before 10 o'clock. The sleep thus obtained before midnight is the rest which most recuperates the system, giving brightness to the eye and a glow to the cheek.

"Take care of your health. That is first. If you need to do more studying rise at six in the morning—Phrenological Journal.

The father who votes for the saloon, whetting a knife for his own heart.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Dec. 14—W. S. P. McCullough, sub. W. H. Moss, sub. J. E. Walker, sub. Jas. A. King, sub; thanks. E. R. Edwards, sub. Dec. 15—J. E. Roach, sub. M. S. Hotchkiss, sub. J. W. Holt, sub. S. L. Ball, sub. J. E. Minnis, has attention. W. O. Hightower, sub. E. Hightower, sub. Dec. 16—G. W. Tomplin, sub. J. A. Reid, change. W. H. Wright, sub. J. C. Carter, sub; has attention. W. B. Bayless, has attention. T. M. Kirk, sub. G. W. Kinchelo, sub. C. E. Lindsey, has attention. Dec. 18—C. E. Lindsey, sub. M. S. Gardner, sub. J. W. Long, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub; has attention. J. L. Massey, sub. T. W. Sharp, sub. J. P. Patterson, has attention. H. M. Pirtle, sub. D. C. Stark, sub. J. N. Broyles, has attention. Dec. 19—W. B. Bayless, sub. W. B. Ford, sub. G. C. Summers, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. Geo. W. Kinchelo, sub. A. E. Roberts, sub. S. L. J. Inebough, sub. Dec. 20—A. W. Wilson, sub. S. W. Turner, sub. Chas. W. Irvin, sub. Dec. 21—W. B. Thompson, sub. W. K. Simpson, sub. J. P. Rodgers, sub. E. W. K. Strother, sub. J. H. Trimble, has attention. Dec. 22—W. W. Nunn, has attention. B. H. Greathouse, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. J. R. Henson, sub. Nathan Powell, sub. Dec. 23—M. S. Leveridge, sub. V. G. Thomas & Nath. Thompson, trial sub. J. D. Hudgins, sub. J. E. Rook, sub. D. A. McIntire, sub. Dec. 26—J. T. McClure, sub. C. W. Perkins, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. Ben H. Boudin, sub. D. L. Cain, sub. 2 cards; other subs have attention. J. B. Tarrington, sub. C. R. Wright, sub. G. W. Kinchelo, sub. Jno. B. Steele, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. I. J. Coppidge, sub. Dec. 27—J. N. Broyles, sub. A. S. Whitburn, sub. M. W. Clark, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. I. F. Pace, sub. Jas. C. Hutchfield, sub and change. Jno. M. Barcus, sub. J. A. Melver, sub. E. G. Hought, sub. H. P. Shrader, has attention.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

- Rev. C. Williamson, Mathis, Tex. Rev. Z. V. Liles, McKinney, Tex.

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