

Manager of our Orphanage. I suggest that call on each class to be gotten up in thirty to me at Corsicana, in New York exchange. will subscribe, let me can report it to the been our best friend he new building. Had gular fee, it would have

December 27, 1899. We wish you all a year. Please find exchange for \$28.65, to in the old building for the boys' apartment the girls'. Respectfully, SUNDAY SCHOOL.

December 27, 1899. Enclosed please find for \$28.65 to furnish building. God bless the his apartment. SUNDAY SCHOOL. M. STONE, Secretary.

East Waco, Texas. down for Apartment for the boys. The idea or preparations for the is all wrong. I claim, chair to sit in and good and a good bed to lie in make a bad boy a good EAST WACO LEAGUE. J. A. Ruffner.

December 25, 1899. find enclosed \$50.00 for in the new building. have denied themselves and determined to "It is more blessed to A merry Xmas and a to you and the orphans. Sec. M. E. C. S. S.

December 23, 1899. the cash balance on the ment at the Orphanage \$30.00. I handed it to the memorial window, the friend who solicited nee this would be, as and presents. Toys are destroyed, perpetuate the memory at have gone. ABE MULKEY.

THE LORD'S PROTECTION.

and direct us ing life: every strife.

along the rugged paths t us and keep us from ny temples, ver lodge.

You would y lamb eavy. e our efforts will be in

nd keep us from every

we will be forever lost; Thy noble self-- all doth belong.

ittle offering of request, ed name would like to heart.

rule, reign and implore. HENRIE L. FERRELL.

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EDITORIAL.

MINISTERIAL ETHICS.

Ethics is defined technically as the science of duty. It deals with the relation that we sustain to one another and the corresponding obligations arising out of these relations. The sense in which we here propose to treat it varies somewhat from the above definition. We want to look at it as a rule governing men in a given calling in their official dealings with each other. Physicians have adopted a code of ethics in their profession and lawyers have done the same. This code places these professional men under certain limitations as they come into contact in business. No regular physician will think of visiting the patient of another unless professionally invited to do so. No lawyer in good standing will entertain a proposition from a defendant to take charge of his case while negotiating with the plaintiff in the same suit. The code of ethics under which they are placed will not permit it. All professions and all vocations more or less have their ethical codes, either written or implied. By common consent ministers have this same unwritten code, and as a rule they adhere to it strictly. No preacher ought to think for a moment of coming into another's parish and interfering with the work of his brother. When you get a little deeper into the moral aspects of the question our General Conference has enacted a law forbidding this sort of interference. This law, however, is intended primarily to apply to men outside of pastoral relations who at one time made themselves very obnoxious to regular pastors. But we are now speaking to the question of this code, as it bears upon the courtesy that one pastor is due another in any part of the field. When one pastor has served a charge with great acceptability for a term of years he naturally makes a great many friends. They are always glad to see him among them again. Very often some of them will want him to return and marry a couple, or attend a funeral, or baptize their children. Once in a while we have known a pastor of this sort to make arrangement with the people to be invited back to attend to matters of this character. Well, there may be very exceptional cases where this is proper, but they are very rare, and when they do occur the regular pastor ought to be the medium through which the invitation is extended. But as a rule this ought never to be a necessity. The preacher in charge is the proper man to attend to all such duties, and to invite some other minister to take his place is to treat the pastor with a discourtesy almost unpardonable. He is sent to his charge invested with authority to discharge all of these duties and no other man, however popular or high in the esteem of the people he may be, has any right to come into that charge and marry people, or attend a funeral, or baptize a child without the approval and consent of the pastor under whose jurisdiction the work is to be done. If such an outside preacher is desired for any reason whatever, let the family consult the pastor and the

invitation can be extended in the proper way and no violence be done to his feelings or prerogatives. But to ruthlessly set him aside and call in somebody else to do his work without ever doing him the common courtesy of consulting him, or for an outside preacher to come in under the circumstances and be a party to the offense, is a breach of ministerial ethics without reason or excuse. Occasionally this is done thoughtlessly upon the part of people, but every preacher in charge of work understands it thoroughly, and for him to repeat offenses of this character ought to subject him to complaint at the session of his conference. Every pastor has work enough to engage his time and attention, and he has no business fishing round for work in the charge of a brother minister unless he is properly invited. People ought to be made to understand this code of ethics and then they would not wantonly do violence to their pastor by setting him aside and installing some one else in his rightful place. Your pastor is the proper man to marry your children, baptize your infants and bury your dead; but if there be a special reason for calling in another, which ought to be exceedingly rare, do your pastor the courtesy of extending the invitation through him and see to it that he is given a part to do in whatever duty is to be performed.

THE HOBBYHORSE AND HIS RIDER.

The hobbyhorse is a wooden animal and he has no life in him; but he looks like a horse, and the little boy who rides him finds pleasure in the exercise. But the two never make any progress, and after an hour's travel they stop just where they started. And so far as you can see they are both satisfied with the result. When used for this purpose the hobbyhorse is all right, and no home where there are children is hardly complete without him. But when grown men appropriate the hobbyhorse and try to ride him out into real life the thing becomes ridiculous. We have known a great many men to attempt this feat. Occasionally we have seen it in progress in the Christian ministry. A preacher will get hold of some pet theme and the theme will get hold of him, and here they go back and forth from one year to another, but they never make any progress. They stop where they began. The illustration contains a principle, and this is why we have introduced it. Concentration of thought and effort upon a given subject is essential to a thorough understanding of it; but to single out one subject and persistently pursue it is fruitful of evil. Just here we find the wreckage of much promised usefulness in the ministry. A preacher, from the very nature of his calling, must be a progressive man. In the process of progress he develops symmetry of character and completeness of life. When he ceases to grow he disintegrates and becomes inefficient. He goes to seed, and life at once becomes dormant. The preacher who rides a hobby can not grow. The trouble with him is that he imagines he is growing, and it is next to impos-

sible to disabuse his mind of the delusion. He becomes narrow, one-sided and intolerant. He has lost the ability to look at things from all points of view, and because he is rocking back and forth upon his little hobbyhorse he is personally convinced that he is traveling. If you attempt to correct him by brotherly counsel he at once concludes that you are persecuting him for righteousness' sake, and he resents your offices as the suggestion of an officious meddler. He alone is right, and all the world is wrong. He verily believes that if the Church will let him and his horse pursue their journey, that through their efforts the world will be brought right in a very short time. He has an experience and you must not bother him—he is the Lord's anointed. He has prayed over this matter and he is in possession of the will of the Master. And when the time comes for the Church to take hold of him and lift him bodily off his little horse, he runs hither and thither and claims that he is the victim of oppression because he had the courage to advocate some great cause or principle. He longs to be a martyr and claims sympathy upon that score. The fact is he is a foolish, visionary and self-deceived man. He wore himself and the people threadbare upon that little wooden horse, and the Church was called upon to give them relief. We have had twenty-five years of experience in the itinerant ministry and during that time we have been a close observer of men. And it is our candid judgment that a hobbyhorse rider in the Methodist Church will sooner or later bring either himself or the Church into trouble if he pursues that sort of boyish sport. The most of the men whom we have seen set aside for alleged inefficiency and who have cried oppression and persecution have been devoted to the folly now under discussion. Christ was a broad, symmetrical and complete man, and those who represent him in the pulpits of to-day must strive to measure out to the breadth and up to the stature of his mental and spiritual manhood. Keep your little old painted hobbyhorses out of the pulpit if you want to win souls and build up the kingdom of Christ in the world.

HOW TO HELP YOUR PREACHER.

The preacher has a great deal of human nature in him just like other people. He is not impervious to kindness nor blind to intentional neglect. There are things that will encourage him in his work, and there are other things that will dampen his ardor. To know how to help him ought to be the desire of his people. Therefore upon this subject let us talk to one another for a few moments. Your preacher ought to stand very close to you in his personal as well as pastoral relation. If from any cause he is a little backward in this respect give him at once to understand by your affable manner that you regard him as a Christian brother and friend. Take him into your confidence as your spiritual adviser and make known to him the state of your experience. This will not only help him, but it will place him where he can be a great

blessing to you. Make it a point never to tell him the numerous little criticisms that you chance to hear people make upon his preaching and work. These amount to but very little when reduced to their last analysis, and to repeat them to him is only to annoy him and disturb his peace of mind. It is better for him never to hear of many of these irritating remarks. But when you hear people say good of him tell him of this, and it will inspire him to do his best. Kind words make a helpful tonic, but harsh words superinduce a rheum. Be in your place at the public service and give him the benefit of a hearty response when he utters some truth specially helpful to you. Never neglect the prayer service. You need this more than any other exercise in the Church, and he needs you. It is worse than anywhere else in his ministry. A good attendance at the prayer-meeting is one of the most encouraging signs of success in the preacher's work. Do not permit anything to keep you away from Sunday school. Be there as a teacher or a pupil, for when the preacher feels that his people are interested in the study of the Word of God he realizes that his work is not in vain. All of these evidences of interest in his pulpit, with the thought that you are praying for his success, will go a long way to bring out of him all the service that he is capable of rendering you. Many a preacher has failed in his work because of a lack of encouragement. Help him and he will help you.

The opportunity of saintliness comes into our special way of life whatever it may be. All the power which was in the spiritual heroes of the earlier time, all the purity which was in the virgin saints, all the faith which was witnessed by the great army of martyrs and confessors—these all wait to be incarnated anew in the homeliness of your work, in the staidness of your thought, in the courage of your truth, in the steadfastness of your trust, in the sweetness of your charity.—Henry Wilder Foote.

"If gratitude is due from man to man, how much more from man to his Maker! The Supreme being does not only confer upon us those benefits which proceed more immediately from his hand, but even those benefits which are conveyed to us by others. Every blessing we enjoy, by what means soever it may be derived upon us, is the gift of him who is the author of good and Father of mercies."—Augustine.

Very few men have piety enough to risk humor in the pulpit, for humor lets down the tone, unless the audience sees that it is a lure to get the gate in the open, for a sure shot. Humor for humor's sake in the church is on the edge of sacrilege. The preacher who licks out his tongue to enjoy his humor ought to join burnt-ork minstrels.

"Think with the wise but speak with common people," said Aristotle. There is a modern and Southern translation of this advice. "Study Butler's analogy and preach to negroes." The art of best utterance is to say great truths so simply that they need no chewing to assimilate—a meat juice, a hallow in a vial, soaking into the stomach.—Richmond Advocate.

COMMUNICATIONS.

**"THE CRUCIFIXION, THE RESURRECTION,
THE FORTY DAYS, AND THE ASCEN-
SION OF OUR LORD."—A GREAT
DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.
BY WM. MITCHELL.**

(Reviewed by Rev. Jno. L. Williams,
Round Mountain, Texas.)

SEC. IV.

"Ecce Homo." Pilate brings Him
once again before them, with crown
of thorns and his brow all stained with
blood. The Master is stricken and
despised of men. Mr. Mitchell de-
scribes the scene pathetically thus:

"Hushed for the moment, gazed the
impatient crowd,
When Pilate, beckoning with uplifted
arm,
Points to the prisoner, with scornful
lip
Words for undying time, 'Behold the
man!'
'Nay; he is innocent. In him I find
No fault at all to justify his death.'
'We have a law,' they say, 'and by
that law
He stands condemned; we need no
other law;
This man proclaims himself the Son
of God.'
'Away with him!' they shout. 'Away
with him!
Crucify! Crucify! Away! Away!
Pilate still hesitates, and then aside
He reasons with himself: 'Shall I, in-
deed,
A Roman Judge, to clamor basely
yield?'
'We have no King but Caesar,' they
reply;
And still they shout, 'Away, away with
him!'"

SEC. V.

It was not far to Calvary, to which
they led the Christ, while never sor-
row sat like his on a son of Adam's
race. They had compelled one Simon
to bear his cross, that it might be
written that this Christ had been cruci-
fied.

"He lays himself extended on the cross,
His arms outstretched, a willing sacrifi-
ce.
With cords the soldiers, stooping by
his side,
Bind fast his limbs upon the trans-
verse beams;
With iron spikes they pierce his hands
and feet;
Bright drops of crimson fall upon the
ground;
Paler and paler grows that gentle face,
Nor murmur, nor reproach, nor angry
word
Breaks forth from those parched lips
of love and grace.
It is his Father's pleasure. He will
die."

"Father, forgive them!" is his sup-
pliant cry;
"Father, forgive them! They know not
what they do!"

His description of the malefactors by
his side upon the cross transcends the
most sublime. He seems to catch the
very spirit of the "beloved apostle"
who was an eye-witness to all that had
transpired upon that doleful day.

"One of the malefactors by his side
Malignantly reviles him with the
crowd;
The other, grieved in spirit, turns his
head
And penitently chides his comrade
thus:
'Stay thy reproaches. Dost not thou
fear God?
The God thou hast offended? He is
just;
Rightly we suffer here our due re-
ward.
This man is good, and has done naught
amiss.'
He turns to Jesus: 'Lord, remember
me
When to thy kingdom's glory thou art
come.'
To him the dying Savior: 'Thou shalt
be
With me in Paradise this very day.'"

Now all is dark, for it was "black
night," who reigned for the space of
three hours, and all shuddered at the
scene. "But amid the silence I hear
an anguished cry, which rises to heav-
en from a broken heart," Mr. Mitchell
blends in beautiful sentiment:

"Eh! Eh! lama sabachthani!
My God! My God! why hast thou me
forsaken?
The heavens were silent. Neither
Father's voice
Nor angel's ministry responsive came;
For on him lay the sin, the penalty,

The shame, the doom, of Adam's fallen
race—
The broken law of an offended God."

"It is finished!" he cries. Now heav-
en's arches ring with thousand halle-
lujahs to the Lamb. In holy calm our
Savior breathes these words: "Father,
to thee." "Into thy hands I commend
my spirit," "then bows his head and
resigns his soul to God." The veil is
rent and the temple, where the Lord
has dwelt upon the earth, resigns the
consecrated custody of heavenly mys-
tery in symbol given. Mr. Mit-
hell, in ecstasy, proclaims:

"The forerunner has gone
Within the veil, and all may freely
come
Into the presence chamber of the King,
Made welcome through the one great
sacrifice
Of Jesus Christ, himself the great High
Priest."

The holy Sabbath threw her mantle
o'er the tomb and folded in its loving
embrace the body of the Lord, cold in
death. With Roman soldiers, the an-
gels of the Lord kept watch and were
beside the tomb, while no voice or
rude hand of man disturbed its repose.
It is early morn. The lamps of night,
which have sparkled in beauty, fade
away into the glorious resurrection
morn. The hour comes. He describes
it thus:

"It is the resurrection hour, when sud-
denly
There came to earth, charged with di-
vine behest,
An angel bright and glorious from the
throne,
His countenance like lightning, and his
robe
Pure as the virgin snow. At his ap-
proach
Earth trembled, and the Roman senti-
nels
Shook in their terror and became as
dead.
The cumbersome stone which blocked the
sepulchre
Rolled back at his command, and from
within
Bright beams of glory shone, while at
the tomb,
In holy ministrations, angels stood,
No foot approached, no mortal eye be-
held,
When from his rocky couch the Lord
arose.
In the humility of death he lay,
But in the councils of eternity
Death could not hold him—Prince of
Life he rose,
Triumphant over Satan, death and
hell."

(End.)

DIVORCE.

The alarming increase of divorce in
our country calls for most serious re-
flection. In the District Court of Ellis
County, now sitting, there have been
ninety-three petitions for divorce. This
question was recently discussed in
one of the pulpits of Waxahachie,
and a protest entered against the
increasing dissatisfaction prevailing
among married people. The divorce
laws on our statute books are rather
an encouragement to resort to the
civil courts for release from marital
vows; and these laws are in plain
violation of the law of God, which
recognizes but one legitimate
ground for the dissolution of the mar-
riage contract. The Savior, with all
that weight of authority which Chris-
tians accord to him in matters of faith
and practice, has forever settled
this question: "And I say unto
you, whosoever shall put away his wife
except it be for fornication, and shall
marry another, committeth adultery;
and whoso marrieth her which is put
away doth commit adultery." There
you have it. He does not say whose
marries and afterwards finds a want
of congeniality, etc., they may sepa-
rate and marry again. There is but
one cause specified by Christ. We are
fast drifting to the condition of things
in the Roman Empire when men had
a score of wives successively, and the
women as many husbands. The United
States Congress has expressed its dis-
approbation of polygamy in refusing
to seat Roberts, and they are to be
honored for it. But what better are
they who have two or more living
wives from whom they have not been
divorced according to the New Testa-
ment standard? The sacredness of the
matrimonial relation is being destroyed
by these lax and anti-scriptural laws.
Ministers are not blameless in the
matter who solemnize the rites of mar-
riage between persons who have been
divorced for other than scriptural
reasons. Be it said to the honor of
the Catholic Church, they will not suf-
fer a priest to officiate in such a way.

Ministers of the gospel, above all
men, ought to create healthful senti-
ment on this subject. There is a cus-

tom, all too common, of celebrating
these solemn rites in buggies. I blush
for shame when I read in the Advocate
that certain contracting parties were
married in a buggy in front of the par-
sonage by our pastors. I persistently
refuse to degrade the institution in
any such way. Brethren, for decency's
sake, quit it. It is no suitable place
for so important and momentous a
transaction. We have a ritual which
we promised to follow, and that in-
vests the occasion with a solemnity
that is intended to impress the sacred
step taken forever on the minds of
those who take upon them these sol-
emn vows. These parties, in a spirit
of romance, ask this thing, and it is
a light affair with them, and no won-
der that those who enter so flippantly
upon such responsibilities should grow
restive under them. The public street
is no place for prayer and joining of
hands and the exchange of vows. The
witnesses are not friends, but the pass-
ing crowd and the barking dogs. Such
was not the marriage instituted in
time of man's innocency, signifying
unto us the mystical union that is be-
tween Christ and his Church, which
holy estate Christ adorned and beauti-
fied with his presence and first mir-
acle which he wrought in Cana of Gal-
ilee.

H. A. BOURLAND.

THE HONOR ROLL.

In looking over the minutes of the
five Texas conferences that have just
been held, I find that there are eighty-
five names on what we call the honor
roll, and only sixteen on the supernu-
merary. I confess that I am unable
to see why this is so. I served four
years in the Confederate Army, and
have been an itinerant preacher nearly
forty. And my experience and obser-
vation have led me to believe that
there are more men slightly than mor-
tally wounded.

I have often been amazed to see with
what rapidity a fellow could fall from
the effective list to the hospital or the
honor roll. No one holds the true vet-
eran in higher esteem than I do. The
Church and State cannot do too much
for him. His interests ought to be
protected. I sympathize with the
Committee on Conference Relations,
for they often have a very difficult
task to perform. I know whereof I
speak, for about half of the twenty-six
years that I have been a member of
the West Texas Conference I have
served on this committee. The com-
mittee will therefore excuse me when
I suggest that a little more backbone
and conscientious voting is necessary.
It has often seemed more like an ac-
commodating committee than other-
wise. Gum logs like myself rolled out
of the cabinet for this committee to
dispose of. I have often heard brethren
say: "Bishop, I am in vigorous health,
and can go anywhere," and in less than
forty-eight hours he is turned over to
this committee for the honor roll.

Some of my brethren, at my last
conference, asked if I would not con-
sent to have my name placed on this
roll of honor. I said: "No; I do not
really believe that I am worn out in
the itinerant service, but my sermons
are and ought to have been superan-
nated twenty-five years ago." I fear
that in too many cases it is the ser-
mons and not the man that are worn
out. I say this for the benefit of the
younger brethren. I have heard sev-
eral brethren say that they would quit
the conference before they would ac-
cept of the relation that my confer-
ence gave me (namely, the supernu-
merary). Really, I do not see what
there is about this relation that is so
offensive to the fellow that wants to
do right. I have always felt it to be
an honor to have my name on any roll
in Southern Methodism. I have never
felt that I had any more right to de-
mand a certain relation than I had to
demand a certain appointment.

Let us protect the honor roll.

J. W. VEST.

San Marcos, Texas.

ONE EAST TEXAS RAILROAD.

Dr. Rankin, since you and all the
other members and visitors to the East
Texas Conference, and probably
scores of those who were neither, have
had a good laugh at the expense of our
little road, the "Windy." It is "meet
and right" that you should all know
something of its history; and I think
you will agree with me in finding
something that commands respect
rather than ridicule, when viewing the
"engine that was made in the early
part of the century," and the "three
things called coaches." In some re-
spects it stands apart from all roads
that have ever been constructed.

It is true, as you say, that the part
lying between Carthage and Longview
was built several years ago; but the
part from Carthage to Timpson we call
"ours," and was started some two years

ago and was completed last May. It
was quite an undertaking, considering
the fact that it was not only built by
private enterprise, but by a single in-
dividual.

I was anxious to tell the Advocate
something about this road while it
was being constructed; but where the
sub-head of the family is housekeeper,
mother, nurse, cook, seamstress and
general maid-of-all-work, the pen
grows rusty—or, if it is a gold one,
lasts a lifetime—from disuse, and the
road has been completed, has passed
into other hands and has gone into
every-day use, while the story is yet
untold.

The man who undertook to do this
work was our own Capt. T. S. Garri-
son, whom you very appropriately
style "a wheel-horse in the commu-
nity." He is the very backbone of the
town—a good, strong one, too, and
many a movement would fall through
but for his public-spiritedness, good
judgment and resistless courage. He
has practical religion; the kind that
manifests itself in every-day life; that
makes all men brothers, and that
forces the pocket-book to find its
tongue.

Seeing the benefit which would ac-
cure to his home town from this road,
he proposed to build it with his own
money, asking only the small bonus
of \$5000 from the citizens of Timpson,
to be paid after the last spike was
driven and the train had made the full
run to Longview.

He pitched his tent in the woods,
took his family and men with him,
and also carried his religion, which
some men fold away with their Sun-
day clothes. They camped out all the
week and came home Saturday night,
for Capt. Garrison is our Sunday-
school superintendent, and he is sel-
dom absent from his post.

The work of building the road was
slow and arduous; the very elements
seemed to conspire against him. At
times, failure seemed imminent, and
one with less courage would have
given up and entered upon a more con-
genial occupation; but this man toiled
on, encouraged his men and paid them
in the coin that brings its own satis-
faction.

He could not pick a set of religious
men to work for him; he took typical
railroaders—those who understood
the making of roadbeds; but from the
first his influence asserted itself. At
night, after the evening meal was dis-
posed of, each member of the company
of workmen was invited to family
prayers, and every Wednesday night
there was a prayer-meeting out there
in the woods. Of course, a blessing
preceded each meal.

Whether in camps or out upon the
scene of the day's work, each oath
brought a ready reprimand from the
manager; the third offense brought a
discharge.

When Thanksgiving day came, there
was not only a half-holiday for the
men, but a sumptuous dinner also, part
of which was the all-essential turkey.
After dinner special services, consist-
ing of songs, prayers and talks, were
held suitable to the occasion, and led
by Capt. Garrison. There is no reck-
oning the amount of good seeds that
were sown in that soil of neglected
hearts—only the open page at the last
day will bring the revelation.

As soon as the road was completed,
the manager invited the three Sunday-
schools of the town to take a free ride
and go to Carthage for a picnic. The
whole town belonged to the Sunday-
schools that day, and this magnani-
mous offer was overwhelmingly ac-
cepted.

There is no exaggeration in saying
that there is an "effectual fervent
prayer of a righteous man" for every
foot of ground between Carthage and
Timpson, and, Doctor, perhaps that is
why the "Windy" treated the preach-
ers right" and carried them safely,
even in her "swaybacked" cars, after
her "jerky and zigzag fashion."

Capt. Garrison now holds only a part
interest in the road; but it is still
"ours," and it will always have a
special eye to Timpson's prosperity and
advantages.

Probably there is not another man
in all Texas who would have under-
taken and pushed to completion the
work that has been accomplished by
Capt. Garrison. He deserves great
credit, and I believe Timpson gives as
much of that article as he desires. He
is no man to boast, however, and he
probably didn't tell all he knew while
you were with him at the recent ses-
sion of the conference.

We all enjoyed your coming very
much, indeed, and our town feels not
only complimented, but benefited
also, by the association of such a body
of workers in the Master's vineyard.
Your welcome will be as cordial seven
years hence. Come.

MRS. J. D. FORD,
Timpson, Texas.

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IMMERSION AGAINST THE BIBLE.

By Old Fogey.

Once more we call attention to a conversation on defilement and purification between Jesus and certain Jews and scribes from Jerusalem, recorded in the seventh chapter of Mark.

But before we discuss the bearing of this conversation on the mode of baptism, we want to say a word as to the attitude of those parties concerning cleanness and uncleanness. The scribes, although they were originally only copyists of the law, in the course of time assumed to be interpreters of the scriptures and doctors of the law. They abated nothing from the Mosaic ceremonial law of purifying, but by their glossaries they affixed endless additions. After a while these casuistries were regarded by the Pharisee as of equal if not more importance than the original law. Therefore the Master called these additions the commandments of men, or the traditions of the elders. Those who only observed the law as given by Moses, and did not also observe the tradition of the elders, were condemned by the Pharisees and Jews. Therefore, when they "saw some of the disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashed, hands, found fault." Then follows the conversation between Christ and the Pharisees on purifying. The Pharisees adhered strictly to external, ceremonial purification, and Christ emphasizing the necessity of spiritual cleansing, saying: "This people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."

Now, having placed the parties to this conversation in a proper light, we proceed with our investigation. And in order to get the question at issue fairly before the reader, we quote first from the common version: "For the Pharisees and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from the market, except they wash (baptize), they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing (baptizing) of cups, and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables." Mark 7:3, 4.

The Baptist version says: "For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, unless they wash their hands diligently, do not eat, holding the tradition of the elders; and coming from the market place, unless they immerse themselves, they do not eat; and there are many other things which they receive to hold, immersion of cups, and pots, and brazen vessels, and couches." Mark 7:3, 4.

When the Bible tells us the "Pharisees and all the Jews, when they come from the market, unless they baptize themselves, eat not, we believe it with all our heart.

But when immersionists tell us that nothing is baptism except a plunging under the liquid wave, which submerges the whole body, and claim these people actually practiced this kind of plunging before they eat every time they come from the market, propriety hesitates to believe and common sense absolutely contradicts.

If these baptisms were by immersion, in order to learn how often this people immersed themselves, we have only to know how often they went to the market. If we take the practice of our people in the cities of the present day as the rule, we conclude they went to market at least once a day, and in many instances oftener. If this be correct, then we are asked to believe these "Pharisees and all the Jews" immersed themselves at least once a day, and perhaps oftener. But did they immerse themselves naked or with their clothes on? If clad, they must have worn wet clothes a good part of the day, which would have jeopardized health. If naked, then the Anabaptists were nearer right, who said, "We are the naked truth," than the latter-day saints. But the Baptist version says they immersed their "couches" and the Campbellite translation says they immersed "beds." These versions would therefore have us believe that the "Pharisees and all the Jews," besides the foolish practice of wearing wet clothes a good part of the day, must have slept in wet beds at night. We defy any man to escape the logic of this conclusion, if these translations be correct. Surely the "Pharisees and all the Jews" must have been amphibious, for nothing short of an alligator

could have survived all these immersions of "themselves, couches and beds."

Again, we know our Baptist friends have the hardihood to assert, without a vestige of proof, that there were tanks in the Philippian jail, and in the house of Cornelius, etc., large enough to immerse a man's whole body. But is there a man on earth so full of water prejudice as to assert that every Pharisee and all the Jews had such fixtures in every private house? If not, how could they have immersed themselves every time they came from the market? A man who can believe all these things has the bump of credulity sufficiently developed to make a good, reliable, exclusive, close-communication Baptist.

Finally, let us search for a scriptural exegesis of this text, and learn the true mode of baptism, by letting the Bible explain itself.

- 1. The "Pharisees and all the Jews," the people spoken of in this text, were religionists, and worshiped God as they understood the Mosaic law.
- 2. No people on earth were so universally tenacious for their national religious customs as were the Jews.
- 3. These oft-repeated baptisms were acts of purifying, for they used the words baptize and purify interchangeably. John 3:25, 26.
- 4. The Pharisees and Jews, by practice as well as in plain words, said: "We are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses."—John 9:28, 29.
- 5. Moses then is their teacher and they are his disciples or pupils. To know what a pupil believes and how he will act we must learn what the teacher taught and how he acted.

Now turn to the law of purifying as taught by Moses and learn why the Jews and Pharisees baptized all these vessels spoken of in this text, and the mode by which they did it. Here it is:

"Because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt leifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel.

"And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there."—Num. 13:17-19.

Mark you they were not to be dipped in the running water, but they were to put it in a vessel from which they were to "sprinkle the tent and all the vessels and upon the persons that were there." Now I ask in all seriousness where did the Jews get the idea of baptizing "themselves" and the vessels spoken of in this text? We answer from the Mosaic law of purification, which in plain words commanded them to put running water in a vessel and sprinkle it "upon the tent and all the vessels and upon the persons that were there." This custom of purifying by sprinkling prescribed by the Mosaic law had been scrupulously practiced by the Jews for more than 1400 years. Thus if the scriptures be allowed to explain themselves they demonstrate beyond a reasonable doubt that the "Pharisees and all the Jews" baptized themselves, pots and brazen vessels and beds by sprinkling, can any man doubt the scripturalness or logic of this conclusion?

Again, what example did Moses set? "He took the blood of calves and of goats with water and * * * sprinkled both the book and all the people."—Heb. 9:19. Therefore if the Pharisees and all the Jews followed either the teaching or the example of Moses, the mode was sprinkling.

These historic Bible facts, incidentally recorded in the holy scriptures, together with the universal practice of pouring and sprinkling in the Jewish ceremonies for which the Pharisees were great sticklers, prove beyond a peradventure that immersion was never thought of in the days of the Savior as the mode of baptism.

These sprinklings prescribed by the Mosaic law and which were applied by the Pharisees to many things not commanded by the law are in this text called baptisms. They were perfectly consistent with the laws of sanitation and health and could have been applied to persons, "couches" and "beds" without detriment to either. Therefore we conclude immersion is contrary to the laws of health, common sense and the teachings of scriptures.

CHARITY.

When the sculptor is about to do a piece of work of great value he goes to the quarry and selects the best material to be found, and carries it to

his studio or workshop and takes the sharp chisels and removes the rough exterior; and, after many months of weary toil, the faint outlines of the image begin to appear, and after many more weeks of labor and anxiety the image begins to look almost perfect and life like, and methinks if the cold, dumb marble could speak it would say: "Oh, master, have you not labored upon me long enough? Do I not look well enough to command the admiration of the gazing multitude? Have I not suffered long enough under the chiseling?" And then I seem to hear the kind master say: "Oh, no; you are not near my ideal of perfection. You must endure many hard blows yet before you are made perfect. You must be made perfect through suffering, and when you are finished in my eye, then you will bring me a great sum of money." Then the subdued and patient marble says: "Oh, then, master, I will endure all the suffering if you will design me to be grand and beautiful. I am so glad you took me out from the useless quarry and are making me of some benefit to the world." So the Divine Sculptor takes our crude and unsightly human nature and puts us in affliction's crucible test, where he can mould and fashion us into his own inimitable likeness. Most all great and beautiful lessons come to us in seeming paradoxes. He who was the greatest teacher among the walks of men came to us in the habiliments of a mendicant and knocked at the tement doors of our poverty to "tarry but for a night" in order that he might tell us that "in his Father's house were many mansions," and that he was "going to prepare a place for us." He asks bread of us in order that he may give us the bread of everlasting life. He asks a cup of cold water at our hand, so that he may give us the "fountain of everlasting life." He asks clothing at our hands, that he might clothe us in the vestments of heaven—his own immaculate robe. He lived the life of a servant, that we might reign as princes with him in his Father's kingdom. He dies, that he may show us what life means. "Charity endureth all things." When all human tongues have ceased and lie in the tomb of silent forgetfulness and knowledge has vanished away, and faith has folded her weary pinions on the shores of eternal rest, charity stands amid the debris of a wrecked world, holding her torch of celestial light to guide the last wandering sons of men back to their Father's house. "Charity never faileth." Oh, charity, thou, like the silent dew on nightly mission sent, silently and unobserved, stealth through the darkness and the gloom of our despair, infusing new life and beauty into the fading, drooping petals of a dying faith.

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BIBLE READING ON METHODISM.

CHAPTER 6.

Repentance.—This is one of the great fundamental doctrines of our holy Christianity. It will never do to make a mistake here. No hay or stubble can go into this part of the building. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." So we see from Christ's own words that it is of the most vital importance. No surface work here. The plowshare of truth must go to the bottom. It is well for us to have a clear definition of a doctrine that is of such vital importance. What is repentance? I will word my own answer. Repentance is to be sorry for sin as to give it up forever and get out of the devil's territory and never go back any more. No matter whether you call it the gift of God or the act of the creature, or both. If you will work with God as he works in you by the Holy Spirit, the work of repentance will soon be done. There is one thing sure, if you are going on in sin until God saves you against your will you will go straight to the devil. You may go on fighting and resisting the promptings of the Spirit until you stab the life out of your conscience and drop into hell. When the Spirit says: "This is the way, walk ye in it," then is the time to walk in it. Any one who will use the means of repentance need not long be in the service of the wicked one. But you must have the will to use the means. As a farmer, you may have the means at your command by which you can make a crop, and yet you may never have the will to take hold of it and make the earth yield her increase. These very simple means of repentance, which are in the reach of all, as given by theologians are as follows:

- First. Serious reflection.
- Second. Self-examination.
- Third. Meditation upon the goodness of God.
- Fourth. Earnest prayer to God.

It is very clear from the Scripture

that the penitent sinner has a right to call upon God, and that God will hear and answer such a prayer. Acts 10:4: "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

Acts 2:21: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2:11: "Behold, he prayeth." That is the cry of the penitent Saul, who continued to call upon God until the scales fell from his eyes.

Luke 23:42: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." That is the cry of the penitent thief, who turned in the very agonies of death to the loving Christ who gave him the assurance that his prayer was heard.

Luke 18:12: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." That was the cry of the poor publican sinner who went down into his house justified.

Ps. 40:1: "I waited patiently for the Lord and he inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings." This is only the testimony of a poor penitent soul that came turning from sin and calling upon God. How any one can take such an array of scripture facts together and then doubt that the penitent one has a right to call upon God is more than I can understand.

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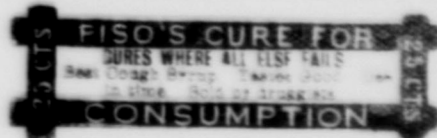
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SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

Minister Choate, in London, has notified Lord Salisbury that the United States refuses to recognize the rights of England to search American vessels on the high seas and on their way to friendly ports.

For some time the French Court has been sitting on the cases of Buffet, De Roubled and M. Guerin on the charge of conspiracy against the Government. They were prominent in public life at the time of their arrest and they are Royalists. All of them were convicted the past week. The two former were sentenced to banishment for ten years and the latter was given ten years in prison.

The bribery case against Col. Jno. H. Wallen and Chas. Ryan, of Louisville, growing out of the contest for Governor of Kentucky, has been taken up by the Grand Jury and indictments against the accused brought in. Senator Harrell charged them with having deposited in a safety vault a box containing \$1500 with which to purchase his vote. The box, by order of the court, was turned over to the jury and the money was there as charged.

The old Pope made his appearance in theistine Chapel on New Year's Day and made an official deliverance. Hundreds of his adherents were present and participated in the ceremonies. It is said that he referred to his successor as Cardinal Ciralomo Maria Gotti. But the Pope does not determine his successor. The Cardinals of the Church attend to that matter on the death or resignation of the incumbent; and the preference of the incumbent in this matter has never yet been respected.

The increase of wages which Mr. Andrew Carnegie has authorized among the 11,000 employees of his great iron and steel mills in the neighborhood of Pittsburg is a matter to be rejoiced over fully as much as his recent gifts for the establishment of public libraries. Last spring he brought about an aggregate increase in yearly wages amounting to \$1,300,000, and now another advance of \$928,000 has been made.

The Suez Canal cost \$94,000,000 and its bonds first sold at sixty per cent; now the capital stock is worth five hundred per cent.

Richmond, Va., recently suffered from the greatest fire that she has ever known. One whole block was cleaned out, and the loss foots up more than \$400,000.

The British made a terrific attack upon the Boer stronghold off Mayfeking last week and met with a fearful repulse. A number of officers were killed and the dead among the privates not given.

Seventeen miles southwest of San Antonio, on the I. & G. N. Road, last Thursday night, a tragedy occurred in the home of a family by the name of Wisdom, in which Mrs. Wisdom, aged seventy-one years, was killed, and L. A. Wisdom was fearfully beaten up. Thos. B. Wisdom, a deaf mute and a nephew of the family, is under arrest, charged with the crime.

At El Paso last Friday, Geronimo Parra and Antonio Flores, two Mexicans, were legally executed for the crime of murder. As the officers entered the cells to bring out the prisoners, they made a fearful attack upon them, and the officers had to overpower them by sheer force before they could be taken to the gallows.

Robert Stephens, one of the men charged with the lynching of the Humphreys last spring near Athens, Texas, was tried for the crime at Palestine last week and found guilty of murder in the first degree. His penalty was assessed by the jury at life imprisonment. Strange to say he did not plead insanity!

North Carolina and Georgia are going right ahead with their cotton mills, and the number of them continues to increase. This is one of the most hopeful signs for the South. When our Southern States go into this business as we ought, then the moneyed conditions of this country will not be dictated by the North.

The Ingham County Grand Jury in Michigan recently returned indictments against a host of State officials, including the Speaker of the House, the Land Commissioner, the ex-Attorney-General, Quarter-Master General, a number of the Representatives, and numerous others. For the most part they are accused of offering or receiving bribes.

A couple of ruffians under the influence of liquor went to the house of Gen. A. W. Greeley, in Washington City, last Sunday night and knocked for admittance. The General went to the door and expostulated with them, when one of them seized him and threw him down a long flight of steps.

The fall produced unconsciousness for about an hour, but the patient, it is thought, will recover. General Greeley is the well-known Arctic explorer and the Chief Signal Officer in the United States Army.

Lieutenant Gilmore, of the United States gunboat, Yorktown, who was captured last April by the Filipino insurgents, was rescued the other week by the Americans. He tells a thrilling story of his eight months of captivity.

Mr. Carnegie has now concluded to give \$50,000 to San Antonio for public library building on condition that the city will appropriate \$5000 annually for the maintenance of the enterprise. It will have to be a free library for the people of all classes.

F. C. Grothaus, Postmaster of Victoria, was drowned last Saturday in the river near that town. A note to his wife and his clothing on the bank lead to the discovery of his fate. No cause is assigned. The deceased was a good citizen.

Twenty thousand pension claims have already been filed as a result of the war with Spain. This would indicate that there are a number who have not yet filed their claims. They will be heard from later on.

General Leonard Wood has taken hold of the reins with a firm hand in Cuba. His new cabinet is from the most honored natives in the Island. The scandals in the revenue department he has promptly checked. Education and commerce he is fostering. But, better than all, he has given definite assurance that the United States is prepared to carry out the policy announced by Congress in its disclaimer of any intention to fasten the permanent sovereignty of this Nation on the Island. He means that there shall be no evasion of that declaration, but that all the powers at his command will be steadfastly used with the ultimate complete independence of the Cubans in view, the only course open for honorable America.

Mall accounts received at Washington of the engagement near San Jacinto in November, in which Major John A. Logan, Jr., was killed, show that his loss was fearfully avenged, over 400 insurgents being killed in the fight. The Americans lost Major Logan killed and six men wounded.

An American officer is to be sent to accompany the Boer army as an observer, most of the European armies being so represented.

The Naval Board of Construction has agreed upon plans for three new battleships, to be the greatest battleships ever projected for the American navy, and fully equal to any foreign warships afloat. They will be called the Georgia, the New Jersey and the Pennsylvania.

A saloon-keeper in Missouri has been fined heavily for selling liquor to a minor. Up in South Dakota a widow sued a liquor-seller for damages on account of the death of her husband who was killed while intoxicated. She obtained a verdict of fifteen hundred dollars. These are some indications that the whisky business is not everywhere regarded as a "respectable moral trade," but is coming to be regarded in its true light—that of an outlaw.

So far the investigation of the charge against United States Senator Clarke, of Montana, for offering bribes, shows that enormous sums of money were used to secure his election. The end of the investigation is not yet in sight.

The Boers made a desperate assault upon Ladysmith last Saturday morning, but the British, after fearful losses, held the town. The fight is still in progress at this writing and London is in a state of great anxiety. The fact that White has thus far held his ground against such odds inspires confidence in London.

They had a hot local political fight in the municipal election in San Francisco lately. As one of the outcomes, the old Tax Collector, Sheehan, was defeated by his opponent, Scott. Last Monday the latter took charge of the office, which was contested by the former, and a fight ensued. In the riot one man was killed and several others wounded.

Notwithstanding all the efforts made to stamp out the bubonic plague which wrought such havoc in Southern India, it still continues to make its baleful presence felt. It is true that in India the efforts of medical and sanitary officers were greatly obstructed by the superstitions and customs of the people. Of late the ravages of this dread disease in India have very much abated, but occasionally news comes that its presence is still felt. The plague has actually made its appearance outside the Indian Empire, though owing to the energy of health boards and more advantageous conditions its spread has been checked. It

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made its appearance at Alexandria but of late there have been no farther reports of its presence in Mediterranean ports. It was most virulent for a time at Oporto, the only European seaport where it had obtained a foothold. It still lingers there, though its ravages are now less severe. The city is still strictly quarantined. Various South American ports have had cases of it. The vigilance displayed by health officers has prevented its spread. Some few weeks ago a ship with two seamen down with the plague arrived at New York, but so effective were the preventive measures taken that no damage was done.

Kruger, says Household Words, in addition to his other accomplishments, is by far the best preacher in the Transvaal, and the Dutch Reformed Church boasts of some capable men there. He occupies the pulpit in a modern brick edifice across the street from his home about once a month, and always talks to standing room only. He uses no notes, but speaks off-hand from a text, and does not hesitate to sprinkle a little humor in the discourse. In his speeches before the Raad he quotes Scripture generously, and even more so in conversation.

The last war in which Great Britain was engaged in which her opponents were white men, was the Crimean War of 1854 against Russia. That was forty-five years ago. Of the leading officers engaged in that war all are now out of the service. The majority are dead, while the few survivors are superannuated. Among England's oldest officers to-day there may be some who served as subalterns in the Crimean campaign, but they must have been very young at that time and could not have held any high command. The fact, then, remains and can not be refuted, that among all England's more or less famous Generals, on the active list, there is not one who ever conducted a campaign or set even a brigade in the field against a civilized foe.

It is obvious that the defense can not be greatly strengthened without increasing very materially the military power of resistance in small nations. When they take pains to arm themselves thoroughly with the most improved appliances of war, and learn how to use them, they can with more impunity resist the pretensions of the great powers, since, in acting on the defensive and choosing carefully their positions, they can render very costly attempts to overawe them. One result of the Boer war, which is illustrating the new forces in the defense in modern times, should be the stimulation of small nations in providing means of resistance, and the discouragement of aggression upon them by the rapidly extending empires of the day. The small State may have more of a chance to exist and have its rights respected if its war strength is thus amplified at the expense of the marauding powers. And especially significant is such a development to any great nation that is inclined to peace rather than war. The improvement of the defense renders a progressive power like the United States absolutely impervious to attack within its continental boundaries, and stamps a great standing army as inexcusable except for purposes of criminal aggression.

Comments on strategy, modern guns, and the various phases of warfare fill the columns of the press, the main point on which all seem to agree being that, as M. Bloch in his famous book on "The Future of War" predicted, the nation on the defensive has an immense advantage over the attacking party. The defenders of Kimberley, Ladysmith, and Mafeking have held out longer than their most sanguine friends predicted, and the Boers have won nearly all their successes by beating off British attacks. The South African correspondents report that the Boer entrenchments at the Tugela and Modder Rivers are now practically impregnable. As the Boers are expected to act on the defensive throughout the war, few believe that the end of the struggle is in sight.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

North Texas Conference.

ARGYLE.

J. R. Atchley, Jan. 9: Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Dr. J. H. McLean, our presiding elder, was on hand and preached three excellent sermons for us. Although the mud and rain were very disagreeable, we had good congregations, and all seemed to appreciate the services. On account of bad weather, only three appointments were represented. Sister Jacobson, of Lewisville, was with us the fifth Sunday in December, and organized the ladies of Argyle into a Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. We appreciate Sister Jacobson's services. Success to the Advocate.

DENISON.

M. A. Cassidy, Jan. 4: Bro. Wages has put me on as supply for the Denison Mission. Am having meetings every night. Our attendance for the month of December was 1785, making an average of 58. We had 42 professions of conversion and reclamations. The work is moving off nicely.

CRAFTON.

S. P. Pirtle: At the last session of the North Texas Annual Conference we were read out to Crafton charge. The charge consists of three appointments, and is located in the northwest corner of Wise County. We are here now and comfortably situated in our parsonage home. Have been pounded in modern and up-to-date fashion. This people seem to be loyal to the core, and know how to make a preacher feel at home among them. Oh, for grace to serve them to the glory and honor of God and to the good of the people. Hurrah for the Advocate!

AUBREY.

R. N. Brown, Jan. 6: We have taken up the lines laid down by our predecessor; have the work in hand and moving off with prospects for a good year. Our Church members have shown us much kindness by supplying our needs, and some token of good will in the way of supplies is shown almost daily. In twenty-eight years of itinerant life I have not met a more generous people, and by God's grace they shall have the best service that it is possible for his unworthy servant to render.

ANNONA.

C. W. Glanville: We have been very kindly welcomed. Have had good services at all of the points. Although the weather was very unfavorable, we had a good Quarterly Conference. The "beloved" acquitted himself well. We are hoping for a gracious year. Have we been pounded? Well, yes. "In due and ancient form?" No, I suppose not. Suffice it to say it was generous, and the donors have our heartfelt thanks. I suppose they thought the "beloved" had exhausted the larder. We will let him come again, if he brings such sympathy as this. May the Lord bestow on us his grace in abundance.

BELCHERVILLE.

W. H. Brown, Jan. 3: I have just returned from a short stay with Rev. W. F. Clark at Pilot Grove. We had a splendid time. I found Bro. Clark held in the highest esteem among his people. Every one seems delighted with him. The outlook is simply fine for a great year for him and his people. He is already having professions and accessions to his Church. How thankful I am to see Pilot Grove Circuit on rising ground again. Rev. J. R. Wages came down and held his Quarterly Conference while I was there, and the report was splendid for such a short time. We are moving on nicely. The Lord is always good to us.

ARCHER CITY.

C. M. Shuffer, Jan. 2: We have wild geese, ducks, prairie dogs and rabbits in abundance, and if you want to hear the wild "coyote" howl, just come to Archer City. Brother Leatherwood left his impress upon the people of this country. It will be a long time before he and his family are forgotten by this people. I can not expect to do as good preaching as he did, but of course I will more than make up for that in "good looks." We have preached seven times in Archer City. Have made forty-five visits, and received five into the Church. We have a nice, comfortable home, a good church, good people and a liberal salary, so we know of nothing to keep us from being happy. Wife has not been in bed a single day in over a year; in fact, since we left Dallas County, and I trust in this fine, pure atmosphere she will still improve. We have not had the pounding others

speak of, but upon our arrival here we found the ladies in possession of the parsonage, with a good fire and a good, warm supper, to which we did ample justice. Some good things are occasionally finding their way to the parsonage. May God help us to make this the best year of our lives so far.

COMO CIRCUIT.

Jno. E. Roach, Jan. 8: We have been returned to this charge for the second year, and have been kindly received. One round since conference shows reason for being encouraged at the outlook for the year. The new church at Pleasant Hill, where two houses of worship have preceded it, is finished and is now receiving the paint. The first Quarterly Conference is past. Bro. Fladger was with us, preaching with power. He is very much loved on Como Circuit. He looks closely after the spiritual state of the Church, believing that if the membership of the Church be spiritual, other departments of the work will be correspondingly up. We reported Orphanage in full, and foreign missions \$20. We hope to make this the best year of our lives up to date. Advocate interests will receive our careful attention.

TERRELL CIRCUIT.

N. C. Little, Jan. 4: Our first Quarterly Conference was held December 30 and 31. Rev. F. O. Miller, our new presiding elder, was on hand; preached two splendid sermons; looked carefully after the interests of the Church. We have six churches. All were represented except one. Assessed for preacher in charge \$600, apportioned by District Stewards for presiding elder \$102, making for preacher in charge and presiding elder \$702. Paid this quarter \$103.50. Notwithstanding the inclement weather on Saturday, the good ladies of our community were there with a most excellent dinner on the ground. This was greatly appreciated by all present. Our "beloved," in company with his pleasant and noble wife, remarked that it looked like anything else than starvation out here. The Quarterly Conference was held at College Mound. Here our people have a splendid church building, built after the most modern style of architecture. This congregation gets two Sundays in the month, and pays half of the salary of the preacher and presiding elder. Two Sundays here and five other appointments, the pastor has no idle bread to eat. College Mound has a record, reaching far back into the past, that is not surpassed by any for meeting promptly all of her financial obligations. Bro. A. H. Henry has been a steward here since the beginning of this Church some thirty-odd years. He is now feeble in health, confined

most of the time to his room. He has lived in his present location nearly fifty-five years. He still loves God and the Church, and helps her with his presence, prayers and money. Rev. L. P. Lively, a venerable superannuate of the North Texas Conference, is a member of this pastoral charge. He is a faithful attendant at Church, and preaches with great acceptability as opportunity affords. His blessed helpmeet has gone on before to await his coming. He is very lonely without her here. May a merciful and gracious Providence attend him his few remaining days on earth.

Northwest Texas Conference.

SILVERTON.

B. R. Wagner, Jan. 5: We have been kindly received at Silverton. While we have had no regular pounding yet, the good things have been coming in since we came. Our first Quarterly Conference was held December 30. Our presiding elder was with us and preached two good sermons. They were spiritual and will abide. Assessment for preacher in charge raised \$100 over last year's assessment. We are expecting a good year.

SNYDER.

E. R. Wallace, Jan. 4: Our first Quarterly Conference was held yesterday at this place. Bro. Chapman is the circuit rider's friend. I find a noble set of stewards in charge of the financial affairs. Salary of presiding elder, \$80; conference collections, \$160, and preacher in charge, \$600. Bro. Will Harris was with us, and preached last night. His influence, created by a four-years' labor with this people, will abide to all eternity. Bro. Raseco was well loved, and his family are here among friends, who are showing her kindness in sympathy and love.

LOVELACE.

G. W. Kincheloe, Jan. 2: On November 24 we left Peoria and our friends there with many regrets, and reached Lovelace, our new work, the same day. When the Bishop read us out for this charge we were surprised. We have had other surprises since we came, but the most pleasant and agreeable surprise of all came last night, when the young people of our town marched on to the parsonage and filed into the kitchen, loaded down with good things to eat. The parsonage dog thought they were bent on mischief and tried to keep them away. Our little girl thought they were burglars, but the preacher and wife soon realized the meaning of all this uproar and gave

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Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese;
Yet the plural of moose would never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hie.
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
Then cow in plural may be cows or kine;
But a bow, if repeated, is never called bine;
And the plural of vow is vows, never vine.
If I speak of a foot, and you show me your feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
If the singular's this and the plural is these,
Should the plural of kiss ever be nicknamed kesse?
Then one may be that, and three would be those;
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;
And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose.
We speak of a brother, and also of brethren;
But, though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him;
But imagine the feminine she, shis and shim!
So the English, I think, you all will agree
Is the queerest language you ever did see.
—Commonwealth.

QUIET ENOUGH.

"Frances," said the little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came down stairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. You know how to do it better than that. Now go back and come down stairs like a lady."
Frances, retired, and, after the lapse of a few minutes re-entered the parlor.
"Did you hear me come down stairs this time, mamma?"
"No, dear. I am glad you came down quietly. Now don't let me ever have to tell you again, not to come down noisily, for I see that you can come quietly if you will. Now tell these ladies how you managed to come down like a lady the second time, while the first time you made so much noise."
"The last time I slid down the banisters," explained Frances.—Michigan Advocate.

JOE'S DISCOVERY.

Joe had been hurt, so badly hurt that after weeks of suffering he still could walk but little and that only with crutches. The time was heavy upon his hands; he had shelled peas and pared apples for mother; he had played with baby while the dishes were washed; he had limped aimlessly around the yard till he was tired out; still the long day would never end. He had cut calico patches till his material was all gone, then had sewed some of them till he was disgusted and flung them away. His mother picked up the puckered sewing with a pitiful look toward the boy. Her resources were so few, but she felt keenly the monotony of the same life day after day for the once active lad.
"Joey," she called, "why don't you read?"

"I've read everything," was the answer, in a voice that bravely tried not to break into tears.
"Go into Mr. Gray's room and maybe you can find something," suggested the mother. Mr. Gray was the teacher, and boarded with them during the winter. But Joe had read everything the schoolmaster had left behind when

he went away for the summer. Everything but the dictionary.

"Well, why don't you read the dictionary?" suggested Mrs. Morton. "I'll get it for you and we'll see what we can find." So the big unabridged dictionary was carried out and the two bent over it.

"If I had any money," said Joe, wearily, "I could take a trip. When rich people are hurt"—

"Never mind," said his mother, "let us find the word money, and see what it means."

"Huh!" grunted Joe. "I know what it means." Nevertheless he helped search, and continued after his mother had been called away. He wrote down the words, and could scarcely wait until his father and the boys were in from the fields for supper until he told the interesting things he had found. At my request he wrote them down for curious boys and girls, and since that day he spends many a spare hour "chasing words," as he calls it, and finds it "lots of fun." These are what he found that first day:

Moneta, who really was Juno, was a Roman goddess in whose temple coins were made. Hence such coins were called money. Moneta's temple, in the course of time, became a mint, and at this day we know the building where our United States coins are made as mints.

Before the government of each country made its own money, the men who owned the mines were accustomed to coin their metal for themselves. Some of them were not strictly honest, but one man, named Joachim, who lived in a German "thal" (which is much like dale or valley), always gave full weight; so any one receiving money stamped from Joachim's thal, or valley, knew it was just what it claimed to be. So when the government began making its own money, it called certain pieces thalers. Joe asked their German boy to pronounce this for him, and he quickly saw where we get our word dollars.

The origin of the dollar sign Joe found to be somewhat obscure. The best authorities, the dictionary said, state that the two straight marks stand for the Pillars of Hercules, which name the ancients gave to the present Rock of Gibraltar and its opposite mountain. The curve was the early sign for eight, because the Spanish dollar was worth eight "reals." In that connection he found the English mark for pounds, £, was only a modified capital L, from the corresponding Latin word, libra. This is the word we abbreviate when we write lbs. for pounds.

The smallest coin made in ancient Venice was called a gazetta, and was worth about one and a half cents of our money. In those early days there were no newspapers, so men would go to a public square and tell all the important events to the people gathered there. Those who went to listen each paid one gazetta for the privilege of hearing the news. From this came the term Gazette, applied to newspapers.

The origin of the term penny is uncertain, but he easily found that dime comes from the Latin decimus, meaning the tenth, and from the same word comes decimal.

"What a dunce I have been all these days when I kept groaning for something to do," and then suddenly, bethinking himself, he looked for the word dunce.

"I found," he said, "that in ancient times a famous scholar lived whose name was Duns Scottus. He was so learned that the men who imitated him were called Dunsmen. After a time the system of education changed, and as these men opposed the new methods the term Dunsman became one of contempt, meaning a man who opposed learning. Finally it was shortened to dunce, and meant one who could not learn."

"Now, don't tell them any more," he said at last. "They'll miss all the fun of hunting these things for themselves. But I'll give you a few words to tell them to look up: Trolley, pen-knife, bridal, triumph, calamity, tantalize, and, oh! they'll find so many themselves, for one never dreams a dictionary is so interesting until he begins to study it."

A CAN OF LIQUID AIR.

Charles E. Tripler, the famous experimenter in liquid air, recently went to Boston, says an exchange, to visit his friend, Elihu Thompson, the electrical expert. He took with him a can of liquefied air.

It was a simple-looking can, and might have held baked beans or cold coffee so far as its outward appearance went. But it contained a fluid so cold that a cake of ice acts on it like fire upon water. It makes it boil, it is so cold that it freezes alcohol still, and turns mercury into a substance hard enough to drive nails with. It was a quart of

the coldest thing on earth that Mr. Tripler had in this can, and he took it with him to luncheon, where he put it on the floor by his chair. They lunched in a hotel cafe and ordered a steak. Ater it had been brought in, and while the waiter's back was turned Mr. Tripler lifted it from the platter, opened the can and exposed the meat to the liquid air. When he put it back on the platter it was as hard as a rock.

"Waiter," called Mr. Tripler; come here." The waiter obeyed.

"What's the matter with this steak?" he asked anxiously.

He lifted it from the plate by two fingers and struck it with his knife. The frozen meat rang like a bell.

"I d—d—on't k—n—now, sir," he faltered, and he started for the head waiter on the run.

Mr. Tripler, by the way, is one of the fiercest looking men in the inventing business. His mustache is of the pirate cut and his eyebrows bristle and meet in the middle. Therefore, the head waiter approached him with almost timidity.

"Do you serve your steaks like this as a rule?" asked Mr. Tripler, as he struck the time of day on it.

"It's that chef," explained the head waiter, as he started for the kitchen.

A few minutes later the chef appeared with the head waiter. He recognized the steak by sight at once. Then Mr. Tripler took it up and made it ring again.

"Merely! Gracious!" ejaculated the chef, "I didn't do it, sure!"

Then Mr. Tripler smiled and Mr. Thompson laughed. A new steak was ordered and the frozen one was carried below to fool the rest of the kitchen.—Christian Uplook.

HORSE-CHESTNUTS.

Grandpa was starting out for his morning walk, and Harold, George, and Annette ran after him, to ask if they might go, too. They dearly love a walk with grandpa, and he always seems glad to have them.

It was a warm morning; but all along the street were rows of large trees, whose spreading branches made it cool and shady.

"I wonder," said Annette—you would hardly believe how many times a day Annette says, "I wonder"—"why we call these trees horse-chestnut trees."

"Oh," said Harold, who says "I guess" as often as Annette says "I wonder." "I guess it must be because the nuts are much bigger than the chestnuts we eat, as a horse is bigger than a man."

"No," said George, who seldom guesses, but can almost always tell you something he has heard or read: "John, down on the farm, told me last summer that they were good for horses to eat when they have colds and coughs. That's the real reason why they are called horse-chestnuts, isn't it, grandpa?"

Grandpa smiled.
"It is a very good reason," he said; "but I am not sure it is the only one. What do you think of this?"

He broke a stoutleaf-stalk from one of the lower branches of the tree under which they were passing, and held the thick end of it for the children to see.

They looked at it closely for a moment, and then gave a little exclamation of pleased surprise.

"Why, it's exactly like a tiny horse-shoe!" cried Annette.

"So it is," said the two boys; "with marks for the little nails and all!"

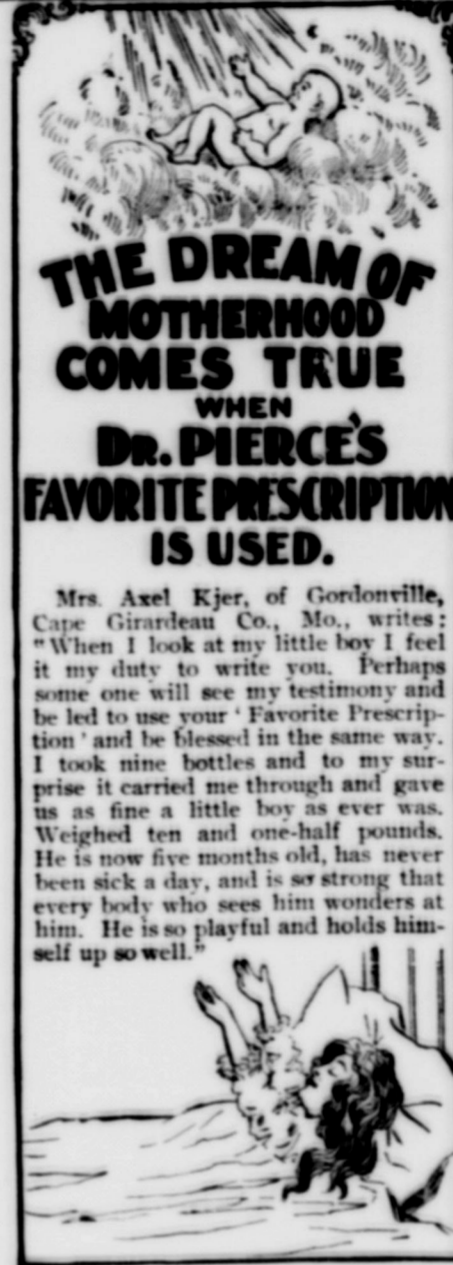
And when they had examined the ends of several other stems, which grandpa obligingly broke off for them, and found them all alike, they agreed that this was the most curious and interesting of all the reasons for the name of the horse-chestnut tree.—Mary S. Daniels, in Youth's Companion.

WHAT A TWO CENT STAMP WILL DO.

It may not be out of place to give an illustration of the vast distance a letter may travel on the strength of a two-cent postage stamp. Suppose one of the girl readers of The Companion in Key West, Florida, has a brother in the Klondike region who has risked all to dig fortune from mother earth, and writes to tell him the news from home. She drops the letter in the postoffice at Key West, and it starts on its long journey.

It does not, of necessity, travel in a straight line to its destination, but must follow the twistings and turnings of the railroads, which have complete charge of it until the northwest corner of the State of Washington is reached. When it arrives at Seattle it has passed through fourteen states, and yet, so far as time is concerned, but one-fourth of the journey has been accomplished.

It now takes a sea voyage from Seattle to Juneau, Alaska, and from the



THE DREAM OF MOTHERHOOD COMES TRUE WHEN Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION IS USED.

Mrs. Axel Kjer, of Gordonville, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo., writes: "When I look at my little boy I feel it my duty to write you. Perhaps some one will see my testimony and be led to use your 'Favorite Prescription' and be blessed in the same way. I took nine bottles and to my surprise it carried me through and gave us as fine a little boy as ever was. Weighed ten and one-half pounds. He is now five months old, has never been sick a day, and is so strong that every body who sees him wonders at him. He is so playful and holds himself up so well."

latter place is carried, as I have already described, to Circle City. It may be taken from there by friendly hands farther into the Klondike country, and finally delivered to the anxious brother, who has been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the next party from the nearest town in which a postoffice is conducted, in the hope that some one would bring him a letter.

This letter has now traveled in the neighborhood of 7000 miles—by railroad, steamboat, stage, horseback and, perhaps, dog-sled—and has been on the road for nearly forty days, without a moment's rest!

No profit, in money, accrues to the government for delivering that letter; indeed, each letter sent into the Klondike costs the government for transportation many times the amount of postage charged; but in such cases, should we reckon the profit only in dollars and cents?

Should we not consider also the happiness and satisfaction afforded this brother as he sits by his fire, perhaps homesick and lonely, but now with a loving smile illuminating his face, as he reads and reads again every word his thoughtful sister has written about home, mother and father, and perhaps of some one else whom he holds dear? When, finally, he places his treasure under his pillow and seeks rest he is happier than for many a day; and Uncle Sam, who has contributed so largely to that happiness, does not regret the small pecuniary loss he has sustained.—Ex-Postmaster-General Jas. A. Gary in The Youth's Companion.

THEY HURT HIS NERVES.

Boys, do you desire to have always good, strong nerves? Then do not use cigarettes. You think they are harmless? They certainly look very innocent—only a roll of white paper with a bit of doctored tobacco inside. But they do weaken the nerves; and, in fact, they have kept many a man from securing a good position on a certain railroad in the West. Read what Mr. Geo. Baumhoff, superintendent of the Lindell Railway of St. Louis, says about their use: "Under no circumstances will I hire a man who smokes cigarettes. He is as dangerous on the front end of a motor as a man who drinks; in fact, he is more dangerous. His nerves are bound to give way at a critical moment. A motorman needs all his nerve all the time, and a cigarette smoker can't stand the strain. It is a pretty tough job for men in good condition, and even they sometimes get flurried. If I find a car beginning to run badly and getting irregular for any time, I immediately begin to investigate the man to find out if he smokes cigarettes. Nine times out of ten he does, and then he goes for good."—Selected.

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"Thou truest friend man ever knew,
Thy constancy I've tried;
When all were false, I found thee true,
My counselor and guide.
The mines of earth no treasures give
That could this volume buy;
In teaching me the way to live,
It taught me how to die."

DIVINE GUIDANCE.

Open thou mine eyes; that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Ps. 119:18. Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths; lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation, on thee do I wait all the day. Ps. 25:4, 5. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path. Ps. 27:11. That which I see not, teach thou me. Job 34:32. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. 32:8.

A PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON.

O Almighty God, who by the birth of Thy Holy One into the world didst give Thy true light to dawn upon our darkness; grant that as Thou hast given us to believe in the mystery of His incarnation, and hast made us partakers of the divine nature, so in the world to come we may ever abide with Him, in the glory of His kingdom. O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only Son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.—The Prayer Book.

WHOSE WILL SHALL GOVERN?

"Not my will, but Thine, be done." It is not easy to say it. It is hard to say it when all goes well, when the pilgrim walks independently through scenes bright with a glad prosperity, and harder still when the sun of hope sets, and the soul, blinded with tears, gropes its way painfully along through the shadows. Man does not readily subordinate his will, either in prosperity or adversity, to the governance of a higher power above him. The lesson of submission come hard. But the lesson must be learned. Some will must be paramount. The mastery of life is centered in the last analysis, in some one being or personality. It is either God or man or Devil, who rules every man. Whose will, then, is to govern? That is the great question of life. There is no other question that can compare with it, for on its true answer depend not alone man's well-being and happiness in this present sphere, but as well, and more momentously, the issues of eternity. There is only one intelligence that can safely be supreme; only one will that if we saw as much as God sees, we would wish to trust with the ordering of our lives, and there is only one temper of mind which, however hard it may be for the natural heart to bend so far, leads to final and perfect peace, to deep-welling and perennial joy, and that is the spirit of filial submissiveness which at every stage of existence and in every experience, murmurs the Master's prayer: "Thy will be done."—New York Observer.

THE FEAR OF GOD.

A reverential fear based upon the consciousness of my own weakness, and upon the recognition of the many temptations that are around me, reinforced by my consciousness that God weighs every action of mine, will rule in my heart if I am his. It is the opposite of the light-hearted security which goes before destruction. I wonder if Peter was thinking about himself and his own past at all when to hope and holiness he linked this holy dread. The opposite of what he enjoins here is what he exemplified himself when he said, "Though all forsake thee, yet will not I." He trusted in himself, and he was not afraid of the enemy, and so he fell. But here, taught and enriched by his experience, he comes to us and says, "Do not do like me. Be not high-minded, but fear."

That fear will be the ally of holiness, and without it there will be no real sanctity. It will be like the tentacles that some creature puts out, sensitive to the very tip, and giving timely notifications of approaching danger. It will be like the scouts that are out in advance of a marching army; and the land in which we walk is not one in which we can afford to march in loose

order, carelessly, and far from our supports. The enemy will be down upon us if we do.

Fear is the ally of holiness, and it is also the ally of courage. Bismarck once said, in his arrogant way, "We Germans fear God, and we fear nought on earth besides." And the man whose supreme dread is to sin, is delivered from all contemptible and lower fears. To offend God is the one thing that a Christian should not dare to do; and if he dare not do that, he dare do and suffer anything besides. This fear will cast out all other fear, and make men bold as lions. "Fear not them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do," but I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear—and then you will be holy and bold.—Alex. McLaren, D.D.

SPREADING THE LIGHT.

In one of the cities of Peru, South America, there is an old woman who goes about from house to house, repeating the precious words of the gospel. Yet she cannot read a word of it herself. Then how does she manage? She gets others to read them to her, commits them to memory, and then goes from door to door telling all who will listen of the Savior who loves them, and saying to them over and over his precious messages. In this way many groping souls have been brought into the glad light. Yet how poor was her way! How many of us with so small a chance would have done as she has done? O let us hasten to spread the precious light! If we cannot bear it ourselves, let us send it. Go or send—that is what we must do.—Selected.

SANCTIFIED PLACES.

Whenever we use a place properly that place at once becomes a help to us. Whenever we abuse a place that place becomes a hindrance to us. We inflit our character upon the places in which we live. For example, a failure to do our duty renders the place where we fail distasteful and enervating. Let a student be idle in his study, and, by-and-by, every time he enters his study a reflex languor will come down upon him like stale smoke; and the very room will take its revenge upon him. But the student does it in his power to make his study a place of magnificent inspiration; to enter which means a new baptism of industry and success.

What we say of the study, we can say of the place of secret prayer, into which the Savior bids us enter daily. We can so use it, so consecrate it, so keep it holy, so make it a part of our lives, so crowd it and recrowd it with the sublime and the spiritual, that the moment we enter it we shall feel ourselves filled with the spirit of supplication, swayed with aspirations for the high and noble, and able with comfort and perfect freedom to talk over everything pertaining to our life with God. I know of nothing more needed in our personal life than a Holy Place where we can meet God face to face, and where God can get into our thoughts, and into the deepest recesses of our hearts, and then out into our conversation and into our lives.—Christian Intelligencer.

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO MAN.

We argue that God must be at least equal to, and is probably better than, the highest of which human nature is capable. God may be better than our highest; He can not be worse. From this point of view we may say that observation of human nature confirms our faith in the goodness of God. The highest is the explanation of the whole; therefore, in spite of the existence of the seeming contradictions of pain and evil, we may say not only that God is good, but that God is love. That love is in the world at all is an evidence that love is an ingredient in the character of God. To create it he must be capable of it. Every little flower in the field is an evidence that the sun is shining somewhere. The flower does not exhibit the whole solar ray, but it gives us some of it. Just of disposition, and willing, self-sacrifice of disposition, and willing, self-sacrifice witness for the greater love which is the source of them.

Or again, to employ another figure—it is worth our while—through the stained-glass windows behind the pulpit this morning the rays of the morn-

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ing sun stream into the church. We can not see the sun outside, we are shut in, and shut off from the view. The window breaks up the rays of light, keeps some of them back, and gives us the rest in crimson and purple and gold. Just so every conscientious man, every hero for the truth, every quiet, unselfish worker, presents to us, as it were, a ray of the character of God.

Take all in a word: the truth in God's breast
Lies trace for trace upon ours impressed;
Tho He is so bright and we so dim,
We are made in His image to witness Him.

—Rev. R. J. Campbell.

STILL CHISELING.

S. M. Haines gives this very apt illustration of the duty of doing one's own work, and not worrying because the great plan as a whole is not comprehended:

"A gentleman who was walking near an unoccupied building one day saw a stone-cutter chiseling patiently at a block of stone in front of him. The gentleman went up to him.

"Still chiseling?" he remarked pleasantly.

"Yes, still chiseling," replied the workman, going on with his work.

"In what part of the building does this stone belong?" asked the gentleman.

"I don't know," replied the stone-cutter; "I haven't seen the plans."

"Then he went on chiseling, chiseling, chiseling. Now that is what we should do. We have not seen the great plans of the Master Architect, but each of us has his work to do, and we should chisel away until it is done."—Michigan Advocate.

PLEA OF THE FAITHFUL.

What if the clouds do gather thick before we cross the stream,
Haven't we the hope of Heaven within us—
Isn't that the hope supreme?

It will soothe us in sorrows manifold;
It will drive all tears within;
It will save our lives from anguish;
It will save our souls from sin.

Then take no thought of the sorrows,
If you hold that hope supreme;
For isn't life but a shadow of shadows,
That flickers—then fades in the stream?

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EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

We do not fire bird shot at quadrupeds, but at winged bipeds.

When sorrow is stripped of selfishness the most of it vanishes.

Habitual fuming in the pulpit is only a cheap way to hide a lack of preparation in the study.

While the sermon did not make you boil over with a shout, if it sent you away resolved to be a better man it was a success.

Full collections make a preacher feel very comfortably, but a good revival in the congregation ought not to be overlooked.

Designing men sometimes imitate good in others with a view to an end, but who ever saw a man counterfeit a hypocrite for any purpose?

Bluish looking dirt when moulded into shape, put in the kiln, and burned, often makes beautiful red brick with which we build mansions.

A well equipped engine on the track and under a full head of steam is the expression of great power, but when in the ditch it is absolutely helpless.

Peculiarities in the pulpit may be all right as the outgrowth of individuality, but when studied for effect they become disgusting and repellant.

We pity the man who can not appreciate a good, clean joke, but we respect the man who turns away with loathing from coarse and vulgar anecdotes.

When people heap indiscriminate praise upon you it is a time for close self-examination, but when they criticize you your spiritual danger is diminished.

A VISIT TO PILOT POINT.

After a week of work in the office I took the "Katy" Saturday afternoon and went up to Pilot Point to spend the Sunday. It is fifty miles from this city and located in the Gainesville District. On the way I passed Denton, and up one of the streets saw the new Methodist Church there now in process of completion. The building is up and covered, and the spire stands out in bold relief. It will evidently be a magnificent structure when finished; and it will doubtless be ready for the session of the conference which will meet there next fall.

While there I was entertained by my kinspeople and old Georgia friends, Bro. J. H. King and wife. They originally lived in Dalton, Ga., but have been in Texas twenty-five years or more. They were staunch members of the Church then, and they are the same now. We had a pleasant time recalling people and events of other days.

I met a number of the good people of the town—such as Capt. Johnson, Bros. Wilson, McFarland, Pickle, and others. Bro. James Pickle I used to know many years ago in Tennessee.

I was glad to meet with Rev. J. W. Chalk and his good wife. He is one of the nestors

of Texas Methodism. He entered the itinerancy a great many years ago at Bastrop, and he has filled many of the most important charges in Texas. He is now an old man, living in retirement, but he takes large interest in the Church and its institutions. He is remarkably well informed on all of these matters, and it is a genuine delight to converse with him. His health is measurably good and his hopes are bright and buoyant.

My visit to this town was exceedingly pleasant. It is a fine community of most excellent citizens. The subscription list of the Advocate is rather smaller in Pilot Point than in any town of its size I have visited lately. Yet they have a larger number of well-to-do Methodists than most any community of the same population in the conference. I trust that my visit will result in improvement in this respect. The Advocate ought to have an extensive circulation among that sort of people. They are intelligent, enterprising, thrifty and moral, and they are able to do large things for the weal of the Church. In matters of this kind the Advocate would be of advantage to them.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE MINUTES.

We are in receipt of a printed copy of the Minutes of the late session of the West Texas Conference. It is a neat and conveniently gotten up pamphlet, showing much painstaking labor upon the part of the Secretary of the conference, Rev. Sterling Fisher. We appreciate the copy sent to us and will make good use of it from time to time.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. C. R. Wright, of Hillsboro, came to Dallas recently and cheered this office with his presence.

Bro. J. M. Holt, of Roysse, made us a welcomed visit the past week. He was in the city on business.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Burton Marchbanks, of Jonesboro. He was a useful layman in the Church there, and he died in great peace.

Rev. Robert S. Adair and Miss Annie Perrin, both of San Antonio, were married on the 4th inst. Bro. Adair is a member of the West Texas Conference.

Rev. O. C. Fontaine, at Floyd Street, and his good people are going to put their parsonage in tiptop shape, and then the preacher will be well provided for.

Master James Hill, of Greenville, called to see us last week. He was in the city visiting relatives. Jim is a good boy, and we are always glad to have such come to this office.

Bro. W. C. Everett, of the Branch House, has been to Nashville on a short business trip. From this on he will spend much time out with the presiding elders at their missionary institutes and educational rallies.

Rev. Jno. M. Moore, of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, has agreed to furnish the Advocate a few articles that will prove valuable to the ministry and the Church. He is one of our most scholarly and capable men.

We have received a good letter from Bro. W. L. A. Self, of Bechouse. He speaks of the state of the Church there and the need of a genuine revival. With men like him to work to this end good results ought to be accomplished.

Rev. S. S. Scott and his good wife, of Gatesville, Texas, were married in Mississippi fifty years ago the first of this month. Through all of these years of happy wedded life God has been good to them, and they have been faithful to the Church.

We announce with pleasure that the wife of Rev. E. H. Casey, of McKinney, who has been severely ill for several months, is now on the road to recovery. She found relief in a surgical operation, and her improvement is marked in its progress.

Rev. Gibbs Mood's people gave him a terrific pounding awhile back. He says it

lasted all day, and that the evidences of it will abide for months. Those people on South Ervay somehow or other have the impression that they've got a preacher.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, of the Georgetown District, has sent for sample copies of the Advocate to use at all of his Quarterly Conferences, and thereby procure subscribers. If all of our presiding elders will pursue this course the Advocate will reach many new homes this year.

Rev. W. H. Hughes ("Old Fog") finishes his admirable article on baptism in this week's issue. He writes for the common people and he knocks the center out every time he puts pen to paper. On this subject his only text-book is the Bible—and, by the way, it is a mighty good Book on most subjects for Christian purposes.

We are in receipt of the sad news of the death of the wife of Rev. Z. V. Liles, of the North Texas Conference, which occurred last Monday, after a protracted illness, at the home of her father, Bro. S. F. Fox, of McKinney. She was a devout woman and died in the faith. The family will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

It is with deep sympathy that we announce the death of little Ernest, the six-year-old son of Bro. and Sister E. P. Newson, of Huntsville, which occurred at the parsonage there last Sunday. He was a bright, religious child, and while his parents feel the poignant grief of the affliction, yet the grace of God is sustaining them. Were it not for our hope in Christ, these things would be more than we could bear.

Rev. Joel Graves, late of the North Texas Conference, has gone to the Baptist Church. After five years of service in the itinerancy it was discovered that he was not adapted to our system of work. So he recently made the change, and like men who are similarly situated he hastens into the press of his newly found communion to criticize and vilify those who no longer had work for him. The Methodist Church is accustomed to this sort of treatment from men of this kind, and for them she only has a sigh of pity.

METHODIST NEWS.

The St. Louis Advocate has donned a new dress, and the costume is quite becoming.

Rev. T. M. C. of the Nevada District, Southwest Missouri Conference, says that his preachers have had over two hundred conversions since the conference closed.

We are in receipt of a copy of Good News, a nice little paper edited and published by Rev. N. E. Jolner at Monterey, Mexico. It contains many interesting items of our work in that country.

Rev. Sam Jones and Rev. George Stuart have been invited by the Nashville Ministerial Alliance to hold a meeting in that city beginning in March. The health of the former is much improved.

Miss Laura Haygood is said to be feeble health and is often confined to her bed. She is one of the great women in the Church and her work in China will abide whether she lives or departs.

Dr. Walter Lambuth has returned from Japan and brought with him two Japanese young men to put into the Vanderbilt. He has been over in that country looking after our property interests in that kingdom.

Dr. J. D. Hammond reported in the December number of the New Century Education that the offerings of twenty-four of our Annual Conferences footed up \$420,080. There are twenty conferences yet to hear from.

Dr. Black, of the New Orleans Advocate, has doubled up his work. In addition to being editor he is also pastor at Jackson, Miss. His son occupies the New Orleans office while the Doctor does the editorial work at long range.

Professor George C. Millar, of Hendrix College, Ark., died in Nashville recently while undergoing a surgical operation. He was a brother of Dr. A. C. Millar, of the above college.

Rev. P. L. Cobb, in the last number of the Nashville Advocate, puts the Northwest Texas down as the banner missionary conference in the connection. With an assessment for foreign and home missions for \$21,000, she paid \$19,117.90—91 per cent of the whole amount. The Northwest is usually well up in all Church enterprises. She is thoroughly organized. Georgetown District paid out everything and went over.

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motion if he could have found a place for us." Our Bishops seem to think, of late, that short terms in the presiding eldership are better for the Church and the preachers.

Lafferty says: "Dr. Brooks, of Salisbury, N. C., has achieved a wonder in authorship. He has written a work on sanctification that has found favor with the sanctified, the un sanctified and the partially sanctified." When Lafferty does write, he always says something. The last issue of the Richmond bristles with points. He does not always do the writing, however, and then the Richmond is as commonplace as the rest of the organs.

BOOK NOTICES.

"Queen Esther" is the title of an elegant little volume gotten out by Rev. M. M. Davis, pastor of the Central Christian Church in this city. The matter of the book was originally prepared and arranged in a series of sermons, which the author delivered on Sunday evenings to his young people. That is, the most of it was thus designed, though after he conceived the idea of bringing it out in the form of a book, he went over the field carefully and adapted it to this style. Dr. Davis is a versatile and scholarly minister, gifted with artistic taste, and the book is just what one would expect from a man of his taste and habit of thought. The subject matter is arranged under a series of nine suggestive topics, such as "Yashti Dethroned," "Esther Enthroned," "The Decree of Death," "The Plot Discovered," "Esther Pleading for Her People," "A Sleepless Night," "Haman Hanged," "The New Decree" and "Victory and Its Memorial." These features of this highly dramatic story are beautifully and clearly treated by the author and under his masterly touch they are wrought into a picture of rare merit and skill. The book will prove highly interesting to all classes of readers, but especially so to young people.

"The Foreign Missionary and His Work" is a handy volume brought out by Rev. W. G. E. Cunningham, D. D., late Sunday-school Secretary and Editor. We have had the pleasure of an acquaintance with him for a quarter of a century, and he is eminently qualified by nature and training to write well and with authority upon this subject. In his early life he spent about ten years in China as a missionary sent there by our Church, and had his health remained good he would have spent his lifetime there. But his experience and personal observation upon the foreign mission field gave him peculiar advantage in his study of the people and the work to be done in order to bring them to Christ. Hence in this valuable little handbook on missions he has put into concrete form the very knowledge that our young people especially ought to know. The book ought to have a wide reading throughout the Church at this time.

NATH'S ODDITIES.

- Silence strikes strife a center shot.
Lots of life does not depend on its length.
Takes a hero to lock his lips sometimes.
Eternal life is the only one worth living here.
Many men fly with fancies, but fail before facts.
Some literature is so rotten men bog down in it.
The coward shows off splendid in dress parade.
What every tramp needs is not coin, but a chance.
If an impure thought lingers long, it will soon rot the rest.
The only one who can teach you about yourself is Christ.
Some Church members mark time and imagine they are marching.
The fellow who shoots without aim is liable to hit his best friend.
Some preachers try to get up a revival when there is nothing to revive.
Most folks lick the butter from the bread before they give it to the tramps.
Some folks think there is no goodness because they only think of themselves.
It is the little things of life which add to or detract from our happiness here.
What your wife needs most, fellow husband, is not a new dress, but a new address—not silk-woven goods and

golden laces, but soft, good words and gilt-edge love.

A Christian can travel farther on his knees and see more than any millionaire in his private car.

"One fly spoils the ointment," but some fellows think God ought to take the heart if there is just one place where there is no fly.

If parents would work more with their children when they are young, their children would work more for them when they are old.

TAKE NOTICE, METHODISTS OF TERRELL DISTRICT, RALLY.

The Executive Board on the "Twentieth Century Movement" in and for Terrell District calls the Methodists of the district to rally at the Methodist Church in Terrell Tuesday, February 6, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Here the "battle cry" will be raised; here the hall will be started to rolling; here the fires will be set to burning, for the greatest educational campaign ever waged in Texas.

Let every lover of Methodism and Christian education come.

The Christian world is rousing from centuries of slumber to the paramount importance of "Christian education." Great things are being done. Methodism will not be left behind. She was born and nourished in a university; her place is there still, and will be as long as she has sons and daughters to elevate to the highest plane of intelligence.

Methodists of Terrell District, let us hoist our banner and start for victory!

Let those who are assigned special work on the program take due notice and make that preparation that the dignity of the Church and the importance of the occasion demand. Something will be expected of you.

W. M. LEATHERWOOD, Secretary Board.

PROGRAM.

Tuesday—2 o'clock p. m., devotional exercise, N. C. Little; 2:15, organization; 2:50, "Christian Education," S. A. Ashburn. Evening Session—7:15, devotional exercise, C. C. Davis; 7:30, "Twentieth Century Movement Throughout Christendom; Its Rise and Purpose," C. M. Harless.

Wednesday—9 a. m., devotional exercise, J. D. Hudgins; 9:15, "Thank-offerings—A Duty and a Privilege," J. P. Lowry; 9:45, "Need of Information Among the People on the Twentieth Century Movement," W. H. Stephenson; 9:50 to 10:45, "Reflex Influence of Christian Education Upon the Church and the World," D. F. Fuller; 11 a. m., "History of Rise and Progress of Methodism," W. M. Leatherwood. Afternoon Session—2:30, devotional exercise, C. C. Williams; 2:45, "Pastors' Relation to the Twentieth Century Movement," F. O. Miller; 3:45, pastors' conference. Evening Session—7:30, "Christian Education from a Bible Standpoint, and the Duty of the Churches in Higher Education," by O. S. Thomas.

A PROMISE.

We see our greatest joy depart; No human e'er can soothe us; We say, "No end but a broken heart;" No earthly thing is beautiful. But out of the darkness, shining clear, A pathway leads us to it— The Throne of God; a promise dear; Neither death nor grief shall e'er inherit. JANE SHELDON.

The love of God does not consist in shedding tears, nor in experiencing sweetness and tenderness of heart, but in truly serving God in justice, strength and humility.—St. Teresa.

Jack H. Frost has again connected himself with the Vano-Calvert Paint Co. of St. Louis. His new connection was formed Jan. 1, and as an evidence of his popularity in the State he has booked orders representing five carloads of mixed paints. "Jack" is receiving the congratulations of his friends, as this is the largest single order ever booked in Texas for paints. The Vano-Calvert Paint Co. is one of the oldest in the United States. Mr. H. P. Fritsch, secretary and treasurer of the Vano-Calvert Paint Co., spent several days in Dallas during the holidays and met the trade. Among the orders booked by "Jack" was one from O. T. Lyon & Son of Sherman, Tex., which is among the largest paint accounts in the State.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 2—W. S. May, subs. E. A. Smith, subs. J. W. Storey, sub. J. E. Walker, sub. J. T. McKown, subs. O. S. Thomas, sub. Jno. E. Rouch, sub. I. E. Hightower, change made. I. J. Coppedge, sub. J. S. Hucabee, sub. J. T. McClure, sub. G. E. Cannon, sub. C. S. McCarver, sub. W. S. Easterling, subs. Jan. 3—H. P. Shrader, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. J. B. Minnis, sub. I. Z. T. Morris, has attention. J. N. Hunter, sub. R. V. Galloway, subs. G. M. Shuffler, sub. M. S. Hotchkiss, sub. Jno. S. Mathis, sub. R. S. Heizer, sub. F. L.

McGhee, has attention. E. R. Edwards, subs. J. P. Skinner, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub. Chas. W. Irvin, sub. L. G. Rogers, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. Jan. 4—J. T. McKown, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, subs. W. H. Carr, sub. J. A. Walkup, subs. J. A. Beagle, sub. R. O. Bailey, subs. F. A. Downs, subs. G. S. Wyatt, has attention.

Jan. 5—A. P. Hendrix, subs. J. E. Buck, sub. W. H. H. Blizes, subs. W. T. Benfes, sub. J. R. Morris, sub. W. P. Pfeizer, change. W. H. Matthews, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, subs. Jan. 6—J. S. Hucabee, subs. G. S. Sexton, sub. J. L. Hollers, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. S. R. Hay, sub. J. D. Hudgins, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. R. V. Galloway, sub.

Jan. 8—J. L. Hollers, trial subs. J. D. Scott, subs. S. J. Drake, sub. J. R. Wood, sub. Ben Hardy, sub. J. L. White, sub. R. L. Bridges, has attention. M. S. Gardner, change made. R. F. Dunn, subs; 2 cards. L. P. Smith, o. k. I. W. Clark, sub. G. J. Irvin, sub. M. W. Rogers, sub. M. H. Hudson, change. Jan. 9—K. S. Vanzandt, subs. J. P. Mussett, has attention. W. H. Crawford, has attention. Jno. S. Davis, sub. J. W. Johnson, sub. A. P. Smith, sub. J. A. Walkup, subs. W. N. Curry, sub. W. T. Gray, subs. I. B. Gordon, sub. S. N. Allen, sub.

Jan. 10—L. C. Mathis, sub. has attention. Felix A. Knox, sub. J. H. Trimble, o. k. R. H. Passmore, subs. Mae M. Smith, sub. A. W. Wilson, subs; 2 cards. G. F. Boyd, sub. Ellis Smith, sub. E. A. Carraway, subs. C. M. Shuffler, sub. Jesse Willis, sub. S. A. Barnes, sub. J. G. F. Boyd, sub. Ellis Smith, sub. A. E. Carraway, subs. C. M. Shuffler, subs. L. P. Palmer, subs. G. H. Casey, sub. J. W. Bowden, has attention. S. J. Vaughan, sub. R. H. Fields, subs. M. S. Loveridge, sub.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. J. A. Walkup, Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas.

Rev. J. D. Crockett, Little River, Texas.

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Sunday-School Department.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 3, JAN. 13.

THE CHILD JESUS VISITS JERUSALEM.

Luke 2:41-52.

Golden Text: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.—Luke 2:52.

Time: April A. D. 9.

Places: Nazareth and Jerusalem.

Event: Visit of Jesus to Jerusalem and his attendance upon the Passover.

Dr. Edward Leigh Pell makes the following comments on the lesson:

You have a friend who is noted for his devotion to whatever he undertakes. The other day you went with him to a distant city on business, and while there you lost sight of him. One afternoon you went to look him up and when at last you came upon him he was just where you would have expected to find him if you had but stopped to think. When you told him of your anxiety he was both surprised and grieved. This man was accustomed to spell duty with a large D, and he could not understand why anyone should look for him away from his post. "Did you not know that I was attending to this business?" he said. "Did I not come to the city for this very purpose? Why should you have been uneasy about me?"

Something of this feeling the boy Jesus must have had when, sitting at the feet of the doctors, He turned to look up into His mother's face. He was so completely absorbed in His Father's matters that the alternative of being elsewhere than in His Father's house, or engaged in anything but His Father's business had not occurred to Him. His inclinations were all that way and anything else would have been unnatural to Him.

This is what you and I want—to be so strongly inclined to the right and the good that it will be natural for us to seek the best things. The trouble with most of us is that our inclinations are all the other way. We purpose to do right, but our bent is toward the wrong. Our aspirations reach to the stars, but our appetites descend to the dust. Our aim is to walk in the path of duty, but our disposition is to wander out of it. If our inclinations would only go along with our resolutions and our better judgment!

What was it that drew the boy Jesus as by a magnet toward His Father's affairs? For a boy left alone in a great city deliberately to choose to spend his time at the feet of great religious teachers is so unnatural that, to many minds, it is almost incredible. Jesus could do it because He was divine, says one. Or He was a pale, sickly child who cared nothing for the sights, says another. But it was not the divinity in Jesus that hungered for the knowledge of the truth at the feet of the rabbis, it was the human Jesus. And there is no evidence that He was a sickly boy with no interest in the beautiful world around Him. There is nothing of the invalid in any picture which we have of our Lord from Bethlehem to Calvary. Jesus was drawn to His Father's house because His heart was set upon His Father. This is the whole story. Where a man's heart has gone, there will he go also. His heart being with His Father, the rest of His being was drawn toward His Father. If His heart had been set upon the world He would have been drawn body and mind and soul to the things of the world, but His heart being set upon His Father he was drawn away from the world.

Here is the solution to one of the most serious problems of life. If you are I are to escape the magnetism of the world we must put our hearts as far from the world as possible; we must give our hearts to God. There is no other way. There is not a pupil in the Sunday-school strong enough to keep himself from the world by sheer force. We follow our hearts as a mother follows her child. If we will give our hearts to God we will be drawn toward God and the things of God. Our footsteps will be drawn toward His house; our eyes will be drawn toward His guiding hand; our hands will be drawn toward His work; our thoughts will be drawn toward His Word.

Epworth League Department.

Lesson Topic for January 14: "In the Far Country."—Luke 15:11-24.

We take from the Central Advocate the following exposition of the lesson:

1. Home was too dull a place for the embryo prodigal. Like many other

young men of every generation he tired of the simple employments and the familiar scenes of his home. He wanted to go out in the world and try his fortunes among men of action. No doubt certain laudable and worthy ambitions stirred his breast. He was conscious of his intention to win a shining name, but wholly unaware of the weakness of his character. After debating the matter in his own mind for some time he approached his father and asked for his portion of the family inheritance. He was not willing to wait the ordinary and inevitable processes of nature, but insisted upon being portioned at once. While this action indicated certain lack of the finer feelings of humanity, yet it was nobler than the conduct of those boys—a great multitude, alas—who leave home without so much as indicating by a word their purpose, thus torturing the parental heart.

2. The substance of the prodigal was wasted in riotous living. Like the notorious character known in other days as "Coal Oil Johnnie," he made a great display in the world for a little while and then sank into abject poverty. He intended to make a name for himself presently. But he concluded that every young man needed his little fling in the world of wickedness and dissipation, and he acted up to his conclusions. Once started, he found a certain enchantment about the life upon which he had entered which blinded him to the inevitable results until he suddenly woke up one morning to find his last penny gone and his credit exhausted. The summer-day friends who had flocked about him so long as he had the means of gratifying their desires forsok him and he found himself in a strange country without friends or resources. Of how many of our modern men is this a true record. They waste their all in riotous living and suddenly discover themselves forsaken by all.

3. The prodigal sought and accepted degrading employment. He was not willing to die. He shrank from the horrors and the agonies of starvation. And so he joined himself to a citizen of that far country and became a swineherd. Perhaps it is not wrong to credit him with the dawn of reason and repentance when he accepted any sort of employment. The fact that he was willing to work revealed the element of good in his character that eventually led to his restoration. Our modern prodigals have retrograded to such an extent that many of them will not look honest labor in the face. They live from year to year by importuning industrious citizens and soft-hearted housewives for aid. Only here and there does the spirit of repentance enter the heart of a modern tramp and set him to work. Still the reformation of the tramp is no more impossible than was the restoration of the prodigal to his father's house, and this parable is given not only to reveal somewhat of the infinite tenderness of the heart of God, but likewise to encourage all good people to believe in the possible salvation of every wanderer and to labor to that end. For every prodigal there is hope so long as life lasts.

4. Misery brought reflection, remorse, sorrow, repentance, righteous resolve. There is no evidence that the prodigal was a vicious young man. It is probable that thoughtlessness was his worst fault, and that to this there was added a certain weakness of character which made him an easy victim to temptation when it presented itself in a sensuous form. Certain it is that his conscience had not been destroyed by his sins, for in the hour of his supreme misery he saw his folly and his heart cried out for the comforts and the love of that humble home whereat he had been so discontented not long ago. And he revealed the possibilities of his future by declaring that he would return to his father and ask to be taken back as a hired servant. In his remorse and humiliation he felt that he had forfeited all the rights of sonship. He would be glad of the opportunity of taking a servant's place. Who can portray the thoughts that filled that young man's heart as he made his way back to his home, stripped of all his fine plumage, sore at heart and uncertain concerning the manner of his reception. But he did the right thing. For every prodigal who now wanders with sore heart over the earth there is a place in the heart of the eternal Father, if there be repentance and amendment.

5. Reflect upon the tender reception accorded the prodigal by the father. There dwelt in that father's heart an inextinguishable affection for his wandering boy. Parental love is an emanation from the heart of God and is immortal. That father never laid his head upon his pillow without a tender thought concerning that boy. He never rose in the morning without the hope springing up in his heart that before sundown the truant would return. It

is no surprise that he saw him while he was yet a long way off and recognized him. He was looking for the lad. Whatever doubt and humiliation might harass the heart of the repentant prodigal, there was no uncertainty in the mind of the father. The essential thing with him was the repentance and the return of his beloved son, and he determined to celebrate the event. Instead of reproving the boy and putting him on probation, he took him to his fatherly heart and made a feast in his honor. That is God's way. He loves all his children. Whenever and wherever a sinner sorrows for his misdeeds and raises feeble hands toward heaven, there the Father's love is instantly and unreservedly manifested. If you are a prodigal the Father awaits with patient love your return. What will you do?

TEXAS LEAGUE TAX.

The following Leagues have paid the State League tax, which is 50 cents for each twenty members or major portion, for the year 1899-1900:

Table listing various leagues and their tax amounts: Cresson \$ 50, Harrold 50, San Marcos 50, Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth 2 00, Wheatland 50, Dawson 1 00, Hempstead 50, Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth 1 00, Terrell 1 25, Buda 50, West 1 00, Richmond, Jr 59.

Total.....\$10 75

R. M. MEANS, State Secretary.

Whitesboro, Texas.

To the Pastors of the Texas Conference:

I take this means of notifying you that those of you who have no Junior League in your charge will hear from me personally this year on the subject. "Forewarned is forearmed," so be ready for an attack. Taking the hint thrown out at our last League Conference that you would attend to this matter when you thought it practicable, without any assistance, I have not troubled very many of you thus far, neither have I learned of any new organizations, save the two I organized myself. I am of the opinion that most of you need to be "bothered" a little, and I intend to do my duty by you in future. There is no good reason why a pastor in a station can not organize a Junior League where he has as many as "ten children whose parents are members of his Church," provided there is no other juvenile society; nor on a circuit, either, if he can find a suitable lady or gentleman to act as superintendent during his absence. "Where there is a will, there's a way." Nothing but indifference or a failure on his part of a realization of the proper relation a pastor sustains to the "lamb" of his flock, will be an obstacle too great for him to surmount. Being a pastor's wife, I know the many calls upon a pastor's time and strength; but believe me, there is no energy put forth that will ultimately bring forth more fruit to the Church than that expended upon the children. Then, too, there is no truer saying than this: "Every time you place your hand upon a child's head, you touch a mother's heart." You may make mistakes, you may be deficient in many respects, but she will stand by you if you show an interest in her child. Now let me urge you, if you have no Junior League, organize at the beginning of this new year. I plead with you in behalf of our children. Do your duty by them. If you wish to organize, I will furnish you with constitutions and by-laws, blanks for charters, and "How to Organize and Direct a Junior League, with Hints for Devotional Meetings," by Mrs. F. B. Carroll, State Superintendent of Junior League Work. If you have Junior Leagues organized, but not yet chartered, please do not wait any longer to see if they are "going to die," but have your superintendent procure a charter and send me number of same, also number of members, etc. By attending to this prompt-

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ly you will save yourself a personal communication to remind you of the neglect. To the Junior League superintendents, I would suggest that if they have no special work planned for the year, they enlist their Juniors in work for our Orphanage at Waco. Furnish a room, if possible; if not, do what they can. Hoping to hear from many new Junior League organizations, and asking your sympathy and prayers, I remain yours, "In His Name."

MRS. S. W. THOMAS, Tex. Conf. Junior League Supt.

LEAGUE MISSIONS.

At a consultation meeting held in Cleburne, Texas, on November 17 last, composed of the State Cabinet and other League workers, it was decided to change our mission work from the special line heretofore pursued and to undertake to accomplish as much, and if possible more by operating under what is known as the "Holston plan." The cabinet hesitated in regard to making any change in our plan, as they did not feel authorized to act for the League in this particular until the suggestion was made by our Missionary Secretaries, and in fact until it was fully decided both by the cabinet and the Missionary Secretaries that a change of plan was not only proper under the circumstances, but really demanded by the good of the cause. So, after due deliberation, the change was made, and Bro. P. L. Cobb, of the Missionary Rooms at Nashville, who was at that time in Texas visiting our various conferences in behalf of the Missionary Secretaries, was requested by us to present the change of policy to the Northwest Texas Conference then in session at Cleburne, and to the other Texas Conferences which had not met, for consideration and action in regard thereto, the West Texas Conference having already indicated its approval of the plan. Under date of December 21 Bro. Cobb reported that he had presented the plan to the various conferences and says that "the action of the State Cabinet was highly commended by all and the movement was received with great enthusiasm when presented to the conferences." As I understand the Holston plan it is that the League shall assist the pastors in reducing the heretofore-always-present-large-deficit on home and foreign missions in the conference collections, and in this way to work through the regular ordained channels of the Church. This deficit in the Texas Conferences for the past year will be about \$10,000. By the special contract made at Galveston the Leagues of Texas undertook to raise \$2000 per year for the support of special missionaries, and the only change that has been made in our work is that we now propose to reduce the missionary deficit at least \$3000 during this conference year, and there is no reason why we should not reduce it quite a good deal more than that amount, as by this plan every pastor and presiding elder in Texas becomes vitally interested in this work, as every cent collected goes to their credit on the collections and reaches our missionaries through the regularly ordained ways. The plan and its various details will be more fully explained from time to time by those having its execution immediately in hand, but the idea is that each presiding elder's district is to be the unit of operation and the Leagues in each district are to see to it that the deficit shall be reduced at least the pro rata part of said \$3000 chargeable to their district, the stronger Leagues and charges in the district assisting the weaker ones to bring up their part, and in case the district has been paying its mission assessments in full, then it will be asked to assist some weaker district in its conference and thereby bring up the amount for that conference. Statistics are being compiled by which will be shown the relative obligations of each district and conference in the State in reference to this matter, and the means by which it is hoped to reach the result named. Suppose your pastor should be \$100 behind on the missionary collections when he had exhausted his resources? It then becomes the duty of the League to take the membership of the Church in hand and raise this deficit, and if possible raise more with which to create a fund to assist charges in the district who may not be able to pay out.

I can not go into detail further at this writing, but most of our people understand enough about the plan to put it into operation, if we can only get enough will and determination into the action. Other conferences have worked this plan to the great reduction of missionary deficits and to the large benefit of the Church. There is now before the young Methodism of Texas a splendid opportunity of doing

something worthy of themselves and the cause they represent, and there is no reason why with proper effort the missionary deficit of Texas should not be wiped out within two or three years, and by making an effort along this line we will undoubtedly be doing the Master good service. The united efforts of every presiding elder and pastor in Texas is invited to this work, and they are urged to utilize the young life of our Church to the benefit of the Church and the eternal good of souls. This is our work, and it depends with us as to whether we shall acquit ourselves worthily or allow a good cause to suffer on account of our indifference and neglect.

F. P. WORK, President. Hillsboro, Texas.

He Couldn't Blow it Out.—An old farmer who had been to the city was describing to his friends the splendor of the hotel he stayed at. "Everything was perfect," said he; "all but one thing—they kept the light burning all night in my bedroom, a thing I ain't used to." "Well," said one of his listeners, "why didn't you blow it out?" "Blow it out?" said the farmer; "how could I? The pesky thing was inside a bottle."—Exchange.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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A CHRISTMAS VISIT.

The Christmas season brings with it, in many cases, a reunion of loved ones who have been separated during the year, and a turning of the heart toward those we love, which has its outward demonstration in the bestowal of gifts upon those of our friends and family relatives whom we hold in special esteem or fondest affection. It is the season for the commemoration of the bestowal of God's greatest and best gift to mankind—the gift of his Son—and the spirit of Christ is at that time abroad upon the earth in special power. Under the divinely sweet influence of the spirit of Christ the heart of mankind is made to rejoice and the finer, nobler impulses of human nature are aroused and the earth is brought nearer to the great throbbing heart of God the Father during Christmas tide.

One of the special blessings which came to this writer (the editor of this department) this Christmas was the week spent with loved ones in Crockett, East Texas Conference. We (my husband and myself) went by special invitation to spend Christmas with these dear ones, and an enjoyable week it was which we spent with them, when heart communed with heart, and each hour brought comfort and cheer. We left home Saturday morning, the 23d of the month, at 10:15 o'clock, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad, making connection at Mineola, after about two hours' stop-over, with the International and Great Northern Railroad for our destination.

The weather was clear and crisp, a delightful contrast to the week of rain which had just preceded. As we entered the chair-car at Dallas, we found almost every seat occupied, and by the time the train had reached Terrell the crowd had been augmented to such degree that standing room was in demand. This was the first day of the Christmas excursion rates given by the railroad, and the consequent rush was on, many availing themselves of the opportunity thus afforded to visit friends and relatives in various parts of the State. It was a comfortable, contented-looking crowd, and one had only to look at the happy, smiling faces of old and young alike to realize that there was "Christmas in the air." The young, the middle-aged and the old were there; parents going with their little ones to spend Christmas with "grandpapa and grandmamma," and in other cases the grandparents going for a Christmas visit to their children and grandchildren, all full of pleasant anticipations of reunions with loved ones.

We arrived at our destination that night several hours late, on account of late trains at Troupe and Palestine. The next day after our arrival being the Sabbath, we attended Church. A more beautiful day I do not remember ever seeing than this Sabbath, the Christmas eve—a cloudless sky, a balmy atmosphere, fair, serene—a day symbolizing indeed "the bridal of the earth and sky." It was a day for special uplifting of the heart Godward; and as we, in company with loved ones, wended our way to the house of God, my inmost nature responded to the call of the infinite, and "the peace of God which passeth all understanding" was mine. We were disappointed that there was no service at the Methodist Church that morning, the pastor, Bro. Beagle, being away spending Christmas with his married daughter at Texarkana, having gone there at close of annual session of the East Texas Conference at Timpson. The pastor of the Baptist Church, Bro. Morriss, was also away for a Christmas visit to his old home in Alabama. We attended service at the Presbyterian Church, where we heard a thoughtful sermon, delivered in an earnest, forcible style, from the pastor, Rev. Tenny, who has been with that Church for over twenty-five years.

We attended services at night at the Methodist Church, where by arrangement of some of the brethren of the Church a sermon was delivered by the visiting local minister from the First Methodist Church of Dallas, and it is needless to say that I felt an individual interest in the preacher and the sermon. It is earnestly hoped that some seed-thoughts were sown by the preacher in his sermon, addressed particularly to the young, on the text, "Stand thou in thy place," that may bear fruit in gracious results in the days to come.

Christmas day was another "pearl of days," a clear, blue sky overarching, a mild, soft breeze stirring—a typical winter day of the "Sunny South." The day was spent quietly within the home

circle, numerous gifts of love and affection being interchanged, and various members of the large family connection coming and going during the bright hours, the babe of the household—my grand-niece—who was enjoying her first Christmas, being the center of attraction and the recipient of the greatest number of gifts.

We dined on Wednesday following with a dear friend of other days, at her home, "Park Hill," about a mile and a half out of town, a lovely old home which was built by her father over forty years ago, the house standing upon a fine eminence, surrounded by acres of noble old forest trees. This domain comprises in all about two hundred acres, and some of the finest varieties of fruit and most choice flowers found in this part of the State have been produced here in the years which have come and gone in its history. Many are the friends and relatives who have gone in and out at the doors of this dear old home during all these years, where a warm hospitality of the genuine old Southern type has always been dispensed. Happy have been the hours which I have spent there, a welcome guest, from time to time, since I first knew the place over twenty-five years ago. At this last visit I felt the absence of her who has been the presiding genius of this home for so long—dear "Aunt Emma,"—with her bright smile and cheery voice, and her quaint manner of the stately old-time dame, who early in the year had been called away to her heavenly home at the ripe age of eighty years.

After dinner we went for a stroll through the grounds, walking leisurely about under the fine old trees, enjoying the air, so soft and balmy, and the deep calm which brooded over nature this midwinter day, which had hardly a touch of winter in it. Dear old home, "Park Hill"—the like of which we do not often see in this newer Western section of our country—I will ever cherish sweet memories of thee, and pray that she who still remains behind to claim thee for her home may be given many future years of comfort and peace within thy walls, greeting her many friends and family relatives as they come and go.

One afternoon we walked out to the cemetery, on an adjacent hillside, and stood beside the grave of one whom my heart holds dear—my brother—who was taken so suddenly from our midst last August. How I had missed him at this Christmas reunion of the family no one could know, save Him who knoweth all our hearts, and now a double sense of my bereavement rushed over me as I stood there. But in the midst of my tears I was comforted with the fact that my brother had left two such noble sons, young men of moral worth, to bless us with their love and thoughtful consideration, the older one having a dear young wife and the sweet little babe to cheer and brighten our lives. I realized anew that God is good, and that there are compensations for all our losses.

On our return trip home, on Saturday, the 30th of the month, the train made a stop-over of nearly two hours in Tyler. We took advantage of the time to see something of the city. We went at once to the Methodist Church—Marvin Memorial—claimed to be the handsomest church of our denomination in the State. It is indeed a handsome building, conveniently arranged and desirably located. We were fortunate in meeting a little son of the pastor, Rev. Greathouse, at the front entrance, and he escorted us through the building, into the Sunday-school room and up into the auditorium, and finally into his father's cozy study, where we were soon joined by Bro. Greathouse himself. We had a most pleasant half hour's chat with the social, genial pastor, whom we had never met before, but whom we at once felt to be friend and brother. We learned the gratifying fact from him that this Church, which has been burdened for several years with a debt of over \$20,000, has during the three years of his pastorate paid off the debt, except the sum of \$3000. This remaining debt has been provided for by a loan from the Church Extension Society, with five years' time in which to pay it. So this Church, one of the strongest in the East Texas Conference, being now relieved of the incubus of debt, is in a condition to go forward on all lines of useful work. We trust that the year just opening—the year 1900—may be the most prosperous in every sense in the history of that Church, and that the same may be true of every other charge within the bounds of our beloved Methodism. F. E. H.

TREASURERS' REPORTS.

Quarterly report of Treasurer, W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, September, 1899: Thank-offering\$ 25

Juvenile mite boxes...	1 15	1 15
Dues	160 89	
Korean girl	40 00	
Cuban offering, Havana	50 00	
Conference pledge	56 75	
Total	\$307 89	
Quarterly report of Treasurer, W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, December, 1899:		
Thank offerings	23 96	
Dues, adult	190 71	
Dues, juvenile	8 35	
Conference pledge	186 35	
Donation	10	
Total	\$409 41	

MRS. G. W. GRAY, Treasurer, Terrell, Texas.

Third quarterly report of Treasurer, Woman's F. M. Society, Texas Conference:

RECEIPTS.		
Auxiliary dues.....	\$135 75	
Juvenile dues.....	37 90	\$173 65
Aux. conf. fund.....	13 60	
Juvenile conf. fund.....	3 55	17 15
Mite boxes	1 15	1 15
Aux. pledge.....	164 90	
Juvenile pledge.....	27 25	192 15
Ju. H. Stafford "Cot.".....	2 50	2 50
Aux. minutes.....	3 00	3 00
Aux. deficiency fund.....	30 05	
Ju. deficiency fund.....	1 50	31 55
Ju. Twen. Cen. fund.....	2 15	2 15
Aux. week of prayer.....	6 78	6 78
Aux. scholarship.....	3 50	
Ju. scholarship.....	3 20	6 70
Balance from sec. qr.	\$436 78	\$436 78
	82 57	
	\$519 35	

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Remitted Mrs. H. N. McTyeire.....	\$407 43	
Remitted scholarship.....	6 70	
Paid Knapp Bros.....	37 50	
Conference expenses.....	7 00	
Balance on hand.....	60 72	
	\$519 35	

MRS. M. E. STEELE, Treasurer, Houston, Texas.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At the residence of the bride's mother, at Hockley, Texas, December 29, 1899, Mr. C. E. McPherson and Miss Fannie Page, Rev. C. E. Simpson officiating.
At the parsonage in Snyder, Texas, December 29, 1899, Mr. Claude Miller and Miss Erna Douglass, Rev. Ed. R. Wallace officiating.
At the parsonage in Snyder, Texas, December 27, 1899, Mr. C. W. Morton and Miss Viola Harrington, Rev. Ed. R. Wallace officiating.
At the residence of the bride's parents, Nona, Texas, December 28, 1899, at 3:30 p.

m., Mr. W. S. Ferguson, of Leesville, La., and Miss Jessie Ellis, of Nona, Texas, Rev. W. S. Easterling officiating.

At the residence of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Barbee, at McPade, Texas, Wednesday evening, December 27, 1899, Mr. Henry Wolfe and Miss Eva Hancock, Rev. R. C. George officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents, near Mars, Texas, Mr. E. M. Scott and Miss M. A. Buckles, December 24, 1899, at 3 p. m., Rev. J. G. Killingsworth officiating.

At the Methodist Church, in Winchester, Texas, December 3, 1899, Mr. Joe Mohler and Miss Francis Hutchinson, Rev. J. W. Kelley officiating.

At the Methodist Church, Winchester, Texas, December 20, 1899, Mr. Sam Bedford and Miss Lula Hart, Rev. J. W. Kelley officiating.

At the Methodist Church, Winchester, Texas, December 29, 1899, Mr. Clay Rabb and Miss Emma Giles, Rev. J. W. Kelley officiating.

At the home of the bride's father, December 27, 1899, Mr. Robert White and Miss Rebecca Baker, Rev. J. W. Kelley officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. Love, six miles west of Coleman, Texas, December 29, 1899, Mr. J. T. Blair and Miss Carrie Love, Rev. G. W. Temple officiating.

At the residence of Mr. Howell White, near Madisonville, Texas, December 27, 1899, Mr. L. F. Mahle and Miss Addie Moss, Rev. Chas. F. McLarty officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James Dean, near Queen City, Cass County, Texas, on December 21, 1899, Mr. S. S. Burkhalter and Miss R. A. Dean, Rev. C. A. Tower officiating.

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ALEDO.
J. M. Bond, Jan. 3: We have made one round on our new work, and will say our work is not for let, as Shutt says. I didn't think I would say anything about the pouncing, but it just keeps coming--no end to it.

CRESSON.
K. S. Vanzandt, Jan. 8: Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone, but the work remains. Our presiding elder, Bro. B. R. Bolton, was with us, and he was fully at himself, both in work and preaching.

CORYELL CITY.
J. R. B. Hall, Jan. 5: Coryell City charge still looks up; congregations increasing, and with this increase there is a marked increase of zeal and energy among the members.

SEVENTH STREET, TEMPLE.
S. J. Rucker, Jan. 4: The work in this charge moves on encouragingly. We have been most cordially received and a liberal assessment made for our support.

ROUND ROCK.
J. M. Armstrong, Jan. 6: I occupied the pulpit in Hutto the first Sunday after conference; moved to Round Rock in time for the next Sabbath. Were delightfully entertained the first night and day after our arrival in the home of Bro. and Sister W. M. Aynsworth.

for that of the American Sunday-school Union. If our people there be loyal, it will work well. At any rate, we'll test their loyalty and find out what we have and what we haven't. We have faith in the final outcome.

CENTER CITY.
W. K. Simpson, Jan. 5: Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Center December 30 and 31. Our able presiding elder, accompanied by Rev. C. A. Evans, of Goldthwaite, arrived in due time.

LITTLE RIVER.
J. David Crockett, Jan. 5: Immediately after our conference adjourned at Cleburne, we returned to Cotton Gin, packed and shipped our household goods for Little River.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.
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W. F. Brinson, Jan. 3: I have been close at home with the sick the last three months. Our eldest child, Pearl, was taken very sick the 7th of October,

and at the time of our fourth Quarterly Conference we despaired of her life, so I did not attend. The presiding elder was here, but did not preach. Our daughter recovered some, but just before conference she relapsed, and so I did not get to conference, and I feel the lack of that inspiration a preacher gets at the conference with the brethren.

PATTERSON CIRCUIT.
M. L. Lindsey, Jan. 1: The "itinerant wheel" whirled me away off down south from where I was last year, but it has dropped me among a good people. We have a cozy little parsonage at Fulshear, and this community is just about as good as one would wish to live in.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
CHESTER.
R. O. Bailey: We brethren had a good time while at conference. The time came for separation. After having received our fields of labor for another year, we boarded the next train for home.

LUFKIN STATION.
A. A. Wagnon, Jan. 2: Out of gratitude to God and the good people of Lufkin, I feel that I ought to speak. Bidding adieu to our many dear friends in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday after conference, we took our journey southward over the Cotton Belt, Tyler and Southwestern Railway.

ters. Our hearts swell with thankfulness for all these things, and we pledge to them and God the very best efforts of our lives. A happy New Year to all of God's children.

CANTON CIRCUIT.
F. A. Downs, Jan. 2: This year has brought me a new experience--I am returned to my work for the first time. The people seemed willing for me to come back, and I did not object, neither did my presiding elder, so I am here at the county site of "The Free State of Van Zandt," getting ready for another twelve months' campaign.

West Texas Conference.

LULING.
F. H. C. Elliott: God has been very good to us in every appointment we have received in the West Texas Conference. The past two years we spent with the splendid people of Del Rio. A more heroic little band can not be found in the borders of our conference.

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TERRELL DISTRICT.
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CHAPMAN.—Iola Chapman, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, was buried December 22, 1899, at Wortham. Death was an unexpected visitor at this home. But God's children must be gathered home. May the cross that falls so heavily upon these afflicted parents be exchanged for crowns of glory in the world beyond.

Mac M. SMITH.

SEITZ.—Miss Cora Bell Seitz was born January 30, 1876, and died December 30, 1899. She embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young, and remained a consistent member until translated to the Church above. Her mother had preceded her to the shining shore by about four years. May her sorrowing father, brothers and sisters so live that they may meet them there by and by.

R. N. BROWN, P. C.

HOOD.—Infant babe of Bro. and Sister T. F. Hood was buried in the Wortham Cemetery December 23, 1899. Its little visit to this world of sin was of short duration. It returned to the God who gave it without one stain of evil. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." May the parents bereft look up to God in humble submission, and say "Thy will be done," and when the trump of God shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise, may they meet their little babe again.

Mac M. SMITH.

GUTTERY.—Elizabeth Guttery was born in Missouri. In early life she moved to Texas. At the time of her death she lived near Sumner, in Lamar County. When young she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. She was fifty-six years of age when she died. Her Christian life was a bright and shining light, which shone more and more unto the day of her translation. She leaves a large family, including her husband, to mourn her death. They have the sympathy of many friends. Her relatives and friends met at the grave and wept and shouted and sang in anticipation of a reunion in the bright beyond.

J. A. OLD.

J. D. AND FANNIE H. STILL.—Jefferson Davis Still was born June 30, 1861. He lived a consecrated, zealous member of the M. E. Church, South, for thirteen years, and died in the faith December 6, 1899.

Fannie H. Still, his wife, was born November 23, 1866. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, the last eighteen years of her life. She died December 13, 1899.

Brother and Sister Still were true to every trust committed to them, and were always found at their post of duty. They died in the triumphs of a living faith, and have gone to their reward. They leave behind them five little orphan children to mourn the loss of father and mother. May God bless them and keep them from the evil of the world, and at last bring them to the saints' eternal rest.

W. A. PRITCHETT.

Gober, Texas.

FRANCIS.—The subject of this sketch, Bro. John L. Francis, was born January 8, 1826, in Kentucky. While a mere boy his parents moved to the State of Missouri, and in this State he grew to manhood. Bro. Francis was a delicate man, and never knew what good health was by experience. Early in his young manhood he began to travel for his health, going to New Mexico and California, thence to Texas, and from Texas to Tennessee, where he was very happily married to Miss Sarah M. Cureton May 29, 1856. They soon after marriage decided to make Texas their home, and moved to this county and settled near what is known as Rockvale Church. Bro. Francis was one of the pioneer settlers of this country, and an old Mexican War veteran. Better still than anything that has yet been said, Bro. Francis was a thorough Christian. His name appears on the Rockvale Church record early in the fifties, and the third name of the list. A pure, clean, upright man in his walk and conversation, and one of the lead-

ers of Methodism in his community, "though he is dead, he yet speaketh." He leaves behind him to mourn his absence a wife and five children, with a host of friends, who rise up and call him blessed. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

JAS. M. SHERMAN, P. C.

WILLIAMS.—Miss Desrel, daughter of Samuel and Lou Williams, was born in Coryell County, Texas, December 15, 1883, and died near Gatesville, Texas, December 26, 1899, aged sixteen years and eleven days. She professed religion at Hackney Camp-ground at a children's grove meeting, and joined the New Hope Methodist Church in August, 1898. The cause of her death was erysipelas, with which she suffered six days before she died. The Lord gave her dying grace to a remarkable degree. She was fully conscious of the approaching hour and talked perfectly rational about it. She mentioned the names of a number of people from same Church who had lately passed away, and said she beheld them. Requested that the old familiar song, "Angels Hovering Round," be sung at her funeral; said she could hear them singing it above. The only thing that seemed to bother her while she was fully conscious was that her brother, Porter, was not living religious, and she requested that the company pray for him, which they did at that time. May God bless the bereaved family and bring them to this loved one again.

J. R. B. HALL.

COPPEDGE.—Mrs. Lula Coppedge was born July 8, 1867, and departed this life December 17, 1899, leaving a devoted husband and three boys to mourn their irreparable loss. She was converted in early girlhood and lived a truly consecrated life—a loyal Methodist—ever ready to aid in any enterprise that was for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. Her consistent life led her little sons into the Church, where, we trust, they will remain and emulate their mother's Christly character, and thus prove a blessing to the Church and with their noble Christian father meet the loved one in heaven. Sister Coppedge was a great sufferer; confined to her bed for many months. As her pastor I visited her often; always found her cheerful and very resigned, only desiring to live for her family's sake. But as the hour of dissolution drew near she calmly and sweetly gave full direction as to her burial and then committed her dear ones to the care of her Heavenly Father; and thus she passed to her blessed reward with the good of all ages. May heaven's benedictions ever be with her devoted husband and children.

J. S. MATHIS.

BARFIELD.—Hallie Byron Barfield was born August 4, 1884, and met his death November 24, 1899, by accident. He and one of his school-fellows, on their way home from school, became involved in a little difficulty, in which he was struck just above the ear with a rock. The wound was somewhat painful, but he was not specially alarmed. He went on home, did up his chores as usual, but soon began to complain and rapidly grew worse. The doctor was summoned, but all efforts to save him would not avail. He was dead by midnight. Sunday, November 26, we laid him to rest. It was a bitterly cold and rainy day, but a large company of sympathizing friends gathered to share the sorrow of his bereaved parents. Hallie was a good boy, possessing a retiring, tender nature. Just as his soul entered the spirit-land, his brother said to his mother: "Do you suppose Hallie ever did anything that would keep him out of heaven?" Such was the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him best. May the sorrow of his heart-broken parents be sanctified to their eternal good. May the blessings of the loving Father keep parents and brothers and sisters in the way of everlasting life.

F. A. DOWNS, P. C.

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McANALLY.—Little Gertrude, daughter of Bro. and Sister John McAnally, was born July 26, 1894, and went home to heaven, having scattered sunshine and gladness in the home circle five years, four months and fifteen days. The parents can never forget her sweet little words and songs, but they must remember that she is singing a grander song in the kingdom of our God. The Master said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," and we know where to find little Gertrude. It is hard, indeed, to give up our precious little ones, but we should remember that she is in no stranger's hands. How precious the thought of heaven when we have friends there, waiting for us to reach that glorious place! Through our tears let us look beyond the "rolling river" and resolve, by God's grace, to meet our loved ones on the other shore. May the parents of little Gertrude remember that they have a child in heaven, and may they start out afresh to win the prize, and never stop till they have clasped hands with their little child in the "city of the great King."

S. M. THOMPSON.

MARCHBANKS.—The subject of this notice, Burton R. Marchbanks, was the son of Jasper and Jennie Marchbanks, deceased. He was born in Johnson County, Texas, about twenty-eight years since, and died in Jonesboro, Texas, January 2, 1900. His parents were devout members of the M. E. Church, South, and trained their children for God, which resulted in the happy conversion of him and his sister, Lilly, now quite sick, when they were about sixteen and twelve respectively. The meeting was in old Springhill, Navarro County, Texas, under the ministry of Bro. Taylor, Cumberland Presbyterian minister, and now a resident of Ennis, Texas. Burton and Lilly, however, united with the Methodist Church at Dawson, Texas. Burton was deeply pious and struggling to prepare for the ministry; but, alas! how uncertain are human hopes and expectations. A few years since that dread disease consumption claimed this precious young man as a victim. After traveling extensively for health he came to his "sister" and died right at my door, and at his request I write this brief tribute to his memory. His end was peace. He sleeps well. He was a nephew of the late "Uncle George Marchbanks," Waxahachie, Texas. To his sister Lilly and numerous relatives let us be as faithful as Burton and ere long will meet him "beyond the sunset's radiant glow."

F. M. WINBURNE.

Jonesboro, Texas.

NEELY.—Thomas Jonathan Burford Neely was a gentleman by nature's lavished gifts; a Christian by the grace of God. To tell the noble traits of heart and soul of Bro. Neely would paint the "highest style of man." The adorning graces—gentleness, patience, charity, truth, justice, mercy, faith in Christ and love for God and man—strive to excel each the other in his beautiful life. He was son of Rev. Thomas J. and Allie Collin Neely; born in Hardeman County, Tenn., March 11, 1833, and died at his home in Whitesboro, Texas, July 23, 1899, and buried by his pastor, Rev. J. B. Gober, and the Masons at Denton, Texas. Of eminent Methodist stock—his father was long one of the "old guard" of the Memphis Conference; nephew of that prince of preachers, Rev. P. P. Neely, deceased, of Alabama. He came from Tennessee to Whitesboro, Texas, about 1886, where the aroma of his pure life still abides. Bro. Gober says: "My association with Bro. Neely was a great blessing to me. His heart and mind were always on the Church. I learned lessons at his bedside I shall never forget. Good, sweet-spirited Bro. Neely is gone. We know where to find him." Converted and joined the Church at fourteen years of age. He knew her doctrines, history and hymns, and loved them because he

knew them. He read and thought much on the Bible and of the Church. His articles in the Advocate, with MSS. yet to be published, show his thought and breathe of his life. He prayed much, hence his purity of heart and triumph in death. Eight long months he suffered, read, talked, prayed, praised and waited. The world is better that he lived. He was thrice married to culture and piety. First, to Miss Mary Baird, of Newcastle, Tenn., who in one short year left him lonely and sad; second, to Miss Augusta Meuse, of St. Louis, Mo., who, after six years, left him and a little daughter, and again he is in mourning; third, January 23, 1881, to Miss H. V. Hart, of Greenfield, Ill., who lives to wear the weeds of mourning, while the "pure in heart" beholds the King in his beauty. Be still and wait, sad, lonely heart; he waits for you—his mateless, mournful dove—where you and he shall never part again.

W. M. LEATHERWOOD.

Forney, Texas.

DEFEE.—There comes a time in the history of our lives when we must weep, when the heart pierced by the cruel arrows of sorrow throbs with pain and the hand of desolation laid upon the eyelids brings forth bitter tears of grief. Such an occasion indeed did we face on the 25th of December, 1899. Instead of a Christmas sermon a funeral service over the lifeless form of our friend and brother, Lee Andrew Defee, who was born at Farmersville, La., in the year 1876. Living there ten years he went with his father and mother to Camden, State of Arkansas, at which place he remained until 1894, when he came with his widowed mother, Mrs. V. A. Defee, to the quiet addition of Glenwood, Fort Worth, Texas. Here in 1897 he was converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. S. A. Barnes. During his three years of affliction this brave, energetic boy was patient and heroic. He was a great comfort to his brothers and sisters, and especially to his dear old mother, who loved him tenderly. At 15 minutes to 5 o'clock on Sunday, as the sunlight of Christmas Eve coming from over the western hills and stealing in through a half-open window, lit up his dark brown locks and dying pillow, the sunlight of heaven broke grandly in upon his living soul. What a peaceful hour in which to die. His pastor, ALBERT D. PORTER, Fort Worth, Texas.

DONNAN.—Miss Helen Collett Donnan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Knox Donnan, was born in Austin, Texas, November 23, 1882, and died, after several months of suffering, December 19, 1899. She professed saving faith in Christ when very young, and united with the Tenth Street Methodist Church in Austin. During her short life—for she was only seventeen when she passed away—she demonstrated the beauty of holiness. She was devoted to her Church, and will be sadly missed, not only at the regular Sunday service, but also at the Sunday-school and the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting. Nature and grace combined to give her a beautiful character. She was perfectly guileless—an evil thought never entered her mind. She was sweet-tempered and amiable, and hence she was charming in the social circle and the joy and light of her home. She passed through the world like a beam of light without being stained by any of the de-

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A MISREPRESENTATION—AN APOLOGY.

I wish it were always as easy to make an apology as it is in this case. The misrepresentation is this: Several times the brethren have asked me how I liked the work in the city, or rather how it compared with work in the country or smaller towns and in what respects did the preacher in city life differ from the preacher in town or country; and among other things I have said: "Well, one difference is that in a city, while a man is appreciated, he never gets any of the many favors shown him that a man in the country or small towns does." I had reference more particularly to the poundings, etc. In this I find that I have misrepresented some of our city folks, at least, I was mistaken. I acknowledge it, and I apologize for it.

On New Year's day, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I saw some of our Sunday-school scholars coming up the street. They stopped at the parsonage. More came, and still more. Each brought a package. They romped and played together till late in the evening. Just after supper more folks began to come—big and little, old and young—till the parsonage was full of a rip-roaring, jolly, laughing crowd, wishing each other and their pastor a happy New Year. We laughed and talked and joked each other until about 9:30, when Bro. Dealy held prayers for us all, and the folks left, all seeming glad and happy and leaving the parsonage literally full of good things. This is the third pounding my folks have given me in less than eighteen months. The groceries, etc., have been appreciated very much, but far more have been appreciated the expressions of love and good will that have come with these gifts. So I hereby acknowledge my mistake and gratefully and gracefully (as possible) apologize.

First Church, Trinity, Oak Lawn, Haskell Avenue, Oak Cliff, West Dallas and Floyd Street congregations, please get your Bibles out and turn to the tenth chapter of St. Luke and the latter part of the thirty-seventh verse, and read for your edification. The editor and presiding elder may read Luke 15, latter part of verse 16.

Ervay Street people will please read Philipians 4:18, 19 and 23.
ROBERT GIBBS MOOD.
 102 Seegar Street, Dallas, Texas.

UVALDE.

N. W. Keith, Jan. 2: The first Quarterly Conference for Uvalde Station was held last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. B. Harris, our presiding elder, came to us in good time, full of the spirit of Christ; preached two excellent sermons. Sacrament at the close of the morning service was a precious season to us all. We are always glad when Bro. Harris comes. Our preacher's assessment is \$600, and we only lacked \$5 paying in full this quarter. We think that pretty good. Rev. V. G. Thomas, our pastor who was sent to us by Bishop Hargrove from the recent

session of the West Texas Conference, is young, active and earnest, and seems to be fully consecrated. He is taking hold of things, and they are moving up on all lines. Through his faithful effort, we now have our church very brilliantly lighted with the acetylene gas. Bro. Thomas is in high favor with all the people, both old and young. The congregations are large at each service, and seem to be increasing. He made a good report to the Quarterly Conference. The condition of the Church was better; the prayer-meeting was good and spiritual; a fine Sunday-school, in good condition, well supplied with our own literature; all the officers and teachers are religious and members of our Church. He has organized two Epworth Leagues, both senior and junior, both doing fine work on all lines. The little folks especially seem to be perfectly delighted. Thomas seems to be the right man in the right place. We feel very much encouraged. We feel like we are going to have a good year. We are praying and working to this end. Pray for us, that we may have it. May the blessing of God attend the dear old Advocate in all the good work being accomplished through that medium.

Accept best wishes for New Year, with grace and courage to edit our excellent Advocate as well in the future as in the past. So far we are not severely pounded, still we live and really live well. Last year was a gracious success, resulting in about one hundred conversions and considerable ingathering to our Church and others. Still, we very much need a revival. I closed the year so sweetly yesterday at Evergreen, which "re-bloomed" last year. Had a pleasant sacramental occasion and one accession. By the way, I have just read "Scriptural Sanctification," Jno. R. Brooks, D. D., Western North Carolina Conference, with introduction by Jno. J. Tigert, D. D., LL.D., Book Editor M. E. Church, South. I am glad it was written, and I sincerely hope our people, and preachers especially, will secure and give the book a prayerful, careful reading; and if read in the same spirit which seems to have led the writer, it will do much good. As it was my good fortune to be the son of a Methodist preacher, I have heard sanctification preached from early childhood, and some of the best old saints I ever knew claimed to enjoy the blessing of perfect love, and so far as I know nobody made much racket about it. I hope, under God, Dr. Brooks will prove to be the Joshua to lead us out of the wilderness.

F. M. WINBURNE.
 Jonesboro, Texas, Jan. 1.
 The kindness of some is too much like an echo; it returns exactly the counterpart of what it receives, and neither more nor less.—Bowes.

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MISSION STUDY CLASS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

Arrangements have been made for the Leagues to study "Our Island Empire," the book on missions in the Epworth League reading course, during the months of February and March. Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, will furnish weekly during these two months an outline series of studies on this book for publication in the Epworth Era. Let every League in the bounds of the Church meet at once and arrange to organize a class to pursue this series of mission studies. Dr. Brown for some years has had charge of the mission study class at Wesley Hall; he was a missionary to China for some years until the Church recalled him to take the position which he now occupies as professor in the theological department of the University. He is every way qualified to give the Leagues the very best on this subject.

Remember, the studies will appear weekly in the Epworth Era, beginning with February and continuing through the month of March. First Vice Presidents and missionary committees will take due notice.
P. L. COBB.

PROGRAM

Of Fort Worth District Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference, to be held at Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, January 25 and 26, 1900:

Thursday, January 25: 9 a. m., preachers' class-meeting; J. P. Mussett; 10 a. m., "Work of 1899," B. R. Bolton; 11 a. m., "Missions," J. Sam. Barrett; 12 a. m., dinner on the ground, Fort Worth Methodism; 2 p. m., "How to Secure All the General Collections," M. K. Little; 3 p. m., "Building, Repairing and Furnishing Churches and Parsonages, and Their Effect on Preacher, People and Other Interests of the Church," M. E. Hawkins; 7 p. m., "Twentieth Century Movement," Jno. M. Barrett.

Friday, January 26: 9 a. m., "Needs and Benefits of Instructing Our People in the Doctrines and Policy of the Church," W. H. Moss; 10 a. m., "What is Necessary to be Done by Presiding Elder and Preacher in Charge to Make Quarterly Meeting a Spiritual and Financial Success," R. C. Armstrong; 11 a. m., "Reviews, and Agencies to be Employed," E. D. Monzon; 12 a. m., reception at district parsonage; 2 p. m., "Division of Preacher's Time in Study and Pastoral Work," E. V. Cox; 3 p. m., "How Can We be Most Helpful to Each Other During the Year?" W. N. Curry.

We will be pleased to have with us any local preachers or other laymen who may desire to come.
B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.
 San Angelo, 24 Sun Feb
 Sterling City and Water Valley, at W., 24 Sun Feb
 San Angelo etc, at Divide, 24 Sun Feb
 Ozona and Sonora, at S., 1st Sun March
 Menardville and Junction, at Coprea, 24 Sun March
 Paint Rock, at Mustang, 24 Sun March
 Mason, 24 Sun March
 Pontotoc, 4th Sun March
 Brady, 1st Sun April
 Milburn, 2d Sun April
 Sherwood, 3d Sun April
 Theophilus Lee, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Albuquerque District—Second Round.
 Gallup, Jan. 14
 Los Cerillos, Jan. 28
 Lordsburg, Feb. 4
 Deming, Feb. 18
 Las Cruces, March 4
 San Marcial, March 11
 Magdalena, March 18
 Albuquerque, March 25
M. Hodson, P. E.

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The National Live Stock Association and the Texas Real Estate Association will hold conventions at Fort Worth January 16 to 18, 1900. For these occasions the Santa Fe Route will sell excursion tickets at nominal rates. No rate higher than \$5.00. Tickets on sale January 15 and 16, limited January 19.
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THE ORPHANAGE.

Castell, Texas, Dec. 26, 1899.
 Rev. Abe Mulkey Corsicana, Texas—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find \$52 for the Orphanage. This amount was joyfully contributed by our Church during Christmas time. We are getting acquainted with the little ones more and more, and feel that they belong to us as well as to anybody else.
 If you can conveniently use this money or a part of it to furnish a room or an apartment, put on the tablet: "Furnished by Llano Circuit, Germ. Miss. Conf." Use the money where it is mostly needed. Yours in Christ,
E. A. KONKEN.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 2, 1900.
 Mr. Mulkey: Please find enclosed \$5 for the memorial window in the chapel of the new Orphanage building. Respectfully,
 your friend,
M. L. McELWEE.

Hubbard City, Jan. 2, 1900.
 I spent Sunday, January 31, in Hubbard City. I preached twice in our church. They contributed enough money to pay for 14,000 brick in the wall, at \$6.50 a thousand. By their fruits you shall know them. Hubbard City has been one of the most liberal supporters of this institution. Let all those who have subscribed towards furnishing the building send their money in as early as possible. Brother Vaughan is now placing orders for the furniture.
 A happy New Year to all. Yours,
ABE MULKEY.

San Marcos, Texas, Jan. 4, 1900.
 Dear Bro. Abe: I send you exchange for \$17.45, which makes \$15.15 yet due on hospital ward. I will send it just as soon as subscribers of West Texas Conference send it to me. Your brother,
J. JOHNSON.

Tyler, Texas, Jan. 3, 1900.
 Dear Bro. Mulkey: I have just sent Bro. Vaughan my \$28.65. I subscribed for apartment in new building. God bless you all in the noble work.
MRS. KATE DOUGLAS.

Elgin, Texas, Jan. 4, 1900.
 Dear Bro. Mulkey: We send to Brother Vaughan \$30 to wind up our \$90 on nurses' room; also \$5 over. Use as you deem best. A happy New Year to the Orphanage.
 Yours,
S. T. KING, Sr.

Crockett, Texas, Jan. 3, 1900.
 Rev. Abe Mulkey—Dear Abe: You will find exchange for \$29.50, balance collected for reception hall. Yours, with best wishes,
R. M. ADRISON, Sec.

McDade, Texas, Jan. 3, 1900.
 Rev. Abe Mulkey, Corsicana, Texas—Dear Bro.: We enclose our check for \$51. This is something over the balance on McDade's subscription to Orphanage Home, but the good people have paid this in, and you can use it as you see proper. Yours sincerely,
HARVEY & LEMASTER.

Temple, Texas, Jan. 5, 1900.
 Dear Abe—You will please find \$28.65 for an apartment in old building for boys. Neglect not the boys. You will also find enclosed \$7.00 for memorial window. God bless you and the Orphanage.
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, S. S.
G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

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