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EDITORIAL.

THE POWER OF THE COSPEL.

the experience of believers the gospelis the power of God unto salvation. This power consists in the truth of the gespel invested with the presence and energy of the Holy Ghost. The appli- old-fashioned gospel when preached their contributions to the support of tricts so large that gospel efficient in the accomplishment of its mission. Eliminate this element and the gospel is shorn of its strength and reduced in its teachings to an the preaching of the gospel is made efthe Spirit in him who proclaims it. If he knows from experience the indwelling fullness of this power the people to whom he preaches will be brought under its influence and thereby moved to repentance and desire for a better life. The one dominant need of the pulpit and of our average Church service is the special enduement of this power. As we increase in membership, education and in social prestige the tendency is to depend upon these advantages for success instead of upon the direct agency of the Holy Ghost. At least we permit these to modify our spiritual zeal and earnestness. If as a are brought face to face with the obli-Church we are confronted by any one danger it is just at this point. In the years gone by we had but a limited membership, meager education, and no social preferment to boast of. But our preachers and people were largely filled with the Holy Ghost and our fathers turned the world upside down. the information necessary to apprize Great revivals swept over the land as the result of the preaching of the gos. teach, and of the enterprises in which pel under the anointing of the Spirit. We are engaged. The eighth page is That we need all of the advantages of education to the furtherest extent poswill deny; but that we still Ghost to the divine truthfulness of the densed statement of the various secunot permanently benefit them while children live and how they die.

preacher, noted for his devotional city week it makes its pastoral visits administration this eventful year!

THE ADVOCATE AS A FACTOR IN, CHURCH WORK.

It is the purpose and aim of the Advocate to make itself helpful to the life and to the work of the Church. To do this we treat in its editorial department those practical subjects which concern the preachers and the people to whom they minister. In the understanding of these subjects the preacher is stimulated to his best efforts in the work committed to him and his people gation resting upon them to give to him their hearty co-operation and encouragement. In the department of communications the brethren discuss a variety of matters bearing upon doctrine, polity, education, literature, missions and the like. Here can be found our people of what we believe and reserved for such odds and ends as will interest and enliven the paper with its variety and versatility. Upon need the direct witness of the Holy our news page will be found a con-

away in a large hall an earnest revival than could otherwise be possible. Ev- day. Even the sacrament is not always Continent.

spirit, was preaching to an audience in and delivers its silent though helpful at it o'clock the power and demonstration of the messages to the young, the middle- ally he has to leave Holy Ghost. By actual count the learn- aged and the old. It instructs, it ad- apother appoints According to Paul and according to ed man had an audience of seventy- monishes, it informs, it liberalizes, and holds a short but two orderly people. The other one had it strengthens the life and the characteristic some some strength of the characteristic strength of the characteristi a room that would scat several hundred ter of those who read and study its and all of the available space was pages. Under such tuition they become packed with anxious people. The plain, broader in their views and larger in General C cation of this power is God's method under the power of the Spirit, wheth- the institutions of the Church. The little time in a place. He of saving men from sin and making er the preacher be a learned or a self- other day a good brother told us of a ly on the rush and as a them partakers of the divine nature. It made man, will bring the people out to man in his community who was well as the quarterly meetings is this inherent power that makes the hear it. It is the power of God in the to do, but who could not be induced to we are minimizing the preacher that we need to make the give more than a dollar to the support the presiding elde gospel do its old time work. Nothing of his pastor. He was induced to take to mere rote his a under heaven can take the place of the the Advocate. This was several years Conference. Holy Ghost in the preaching of the ago; and now he pays \$15 regularly to mistake. If the pres ethical system. It follows then that Word. O for the baptism of this di- this cause and contributes to the other to hold its place of important to hold its plac vine power to rest upon all of our matters of Church work. He still takes economy we fective in proportion to the measure of Methodist pulpits and people during this paper. Numbers of brethren have some changes in Javor remarked to us that where the Advocate method. The Quarterly circulates they have but little trouble cought to continue to informed on the needs of the Church coming of the Telder, and when they see the work that the the great sermon at 11 o'cl Church is doing for humanity they poinstaking examin want to help do their part. They be- tairs of the "society homes of the people stands in his own to is not every one who is acquethe widest circle possible. Particularare endeavoring to make this the most ism. In the accomplishment of this undertaking the Advocate will be the it access to the people and the work of Christ will be promoted.

THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF

That the quarterly meeting occa-Word preached is emphatically true to- lar items of the day which will keep day as it was on the day of Pentecost. our readers posted as to what is going prominence and power is very apparent. The sermon prominence and power is very apparent. To gain all modern advantage of on in the world. To this feature we to the Methodists who have come down painstaking labor and wealth, social standing and education want to give special attention from from other days. In the years gone by and at the same time depreciate in week to week. Our good women also these services were looked forward to many other things spiritual power is a sad possibility to have their page, and upon it can be seen with an interest that was keen and time and attention of the page contemplate. Let us therefore acquire the progress of their work. Over this solicitous. The coming of the "elder" all of the former that is possible, but page one of their own number presides was no ordinary event in the commusee to it that we do not deteriorate in with grace and wisdom. And for the nity. The service on Saturday at 11 gation is small, he will the latter. The possession of this power benefit of our young people we keep a o'clock, the conference in the afterby our ministry and Church will con- special department for Sunday-schools boon, and then preaching again at supposition that he has tinue to give us access to the hearts of and Epworth Leagues. For this night were features of peculiar moment the people. It is this power of God large class we make the very to the people. But the 9 o'clock loveunto salvation for which they are hun- best selections from our very best ex- feast Sunday morning, when the door them into gering and thirsting to-day. If we do changes touching the expositions of the was closed, the bread and the water time not give them this we will preach to lesson subjects. Then in our home passed, and the happy experiences rethe few and not to the many. All of department our preachers and people lated, how thrilling the occasion! the modern clap-trap and make-shifts tell in a brief way of the progress of After this came the great sermon by that we may be able to introduce into their work from one end of the State the "elder," followed by the Holy our services in the way of lectures, to the other. And at the last we come Sacrament, and the people were greatly music, speculation, humor, ethics and to that sacred place where the names edified. The occasion formed an epoch special sensations will not hold people and the lives of our loved dead are repermanently in the service and will corded. Here we read of how God's It became the theme of conversation a difficult matter to conve for weeks to come. But in this age of ple that their pastor is doing there. We noticed a singular illustra- These are some of the features of business and hurry we have permitted to think the more demands tion of this truth in one of our recent the Advocate provided especially for much of this interest in the occasion the better. Poor pastor, buffer exchanges. In a Church, in one of our our preachers and people. When it to slip away from us. In most in-every hand misjudged cities, belonging to an evangelical de- visits their homes it is bound to be a stances the quarterly meeting is in often discouraged, disheariened nomination, a learned clergyman was blessing to the families and the beeping with the ordinary service, the "dead line" so soon " Remediately and the beeping with the ordinary service, the "dead line" so soon " Remediately and the beeping with the ordinary service. lecturing recently on "The Literature Church. The people who read it feel Very frequently there is no preaching dear reader, that of the Bible." A few hundred yards more interest in the work to be done on Saturday and no love-feast on Sun-

THE DEMANDS ON A MINISTER

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER.

Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D.

Ministers of the Church of God are the accredited ambassadors of the singdom of heaven. After solemn yows by sacred ceremonies, they are inducted into this holy office. Due care has been taken that the work of the ninistry, with its sanctities, responsibilities, privileges and restrictions, shall be fully known to the candidate. He enters with the clear understanding that he is to be an example before men, a mouthpiece for the gospel of Christ, and a representation of the kingdom of God in this earthly sphere. In assuming the responsibilities of such an office, he ought to look well to his own religious experience, his faith and doctrine, and his fruits of the Spirit, Jesus said, "I am the truth." The true minister of God must never be less in his messages to hungering hearts. "I am the way" must be the voice of the leader of those groping in darkness, feeting after God. The personality of the minister must be the warrant for the truthfulness of his utterances. The message of a life commands consideration. The holy office must be filled by holy men, if holiness shall result there-

Can a sour, petulant, cynical, selfish minister recommend a sweet, gentle, forbearing, self-sacrificing religion? Can a harsh, gossipy preacher be effeetual in denouncing tale-bearing and slander? The minister's spirit should be marked by gentleness, meekness, peace and joy, and he must be able to suffer long and be kind, thinking no evil, being not easily provoked, but enduring all things with hope. should be such a man that even the world shall see in him "the beauty of holiness." While a holy dignity should characterize all his actions, he should be as approachable as a mother and as companionable as a brother. Stiffness and levity are the two extremes to be severely avoided. The Father above is and his representative sons should be tender, loving and lovable. To a high, holy life the people are to be called, and those who speak must be such as they desire their people to be

Ministers are members of a holy brotherhood. It is said that in the old age of the saintly apostle, John, he often said to those under him, as well as to the people, "Little children, love one another." Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." It is a sad fact that many ministers do not exemplify this virtue of brotherly love as well as they preach What mean these thrusts in the Advocates, these divisions in the conferences? If brotherly love reigned, would there be "sides" and parties in our ministerial organizations? Sometimes the criticisms of a brother minister are harsh, hurtful and contrary to the Christian spirit. Lawyers will meet in a case and come almost to blows in a heated contest, but in a few hours the whole mater is past and they are friends again. It is not always so with ministers, it grieves us to say. man can be a true minister of God and carry a grudge. The holy office is polluted by any man who is self-seeking, jealous or envious. The man who will speak evil of a brother ought to leave the ministry. What pastors require of the people ought to be required of the pastors.

The ministry needs not only holy men, manifesting true brotherly love, but it needs energetic, earnest, diligent men. How can a man be unemployed or triffingly employed when "the harvest truly is great and the laborers are few?" The ministry requires work - hard work. Luther said: The labors of a minister exhause the very marrow from the bones." The Master represented slothfulness as the height of wickedness. There must be times of rest for restoration, but not for pleasure only. The gun and the fishing tackle are not to be too prominent. The long conversations and desultory discussions in offices and stores are not always profitable in sermonizing. The ministry is degraded by a man who seems to be a person of leisure—with nothing to do. We exhort the people to be doers of the words and not hearers. Sometimes we scold-yea, too often we scold-because they are idle and are becoming lukewarm and indifferent in the Master's work. Jesus became weary in doing good, but never too weary to do A minister must come to his bed every night tired and worn in the day's work for God and man. The burdened, all need the comfort he ought to bring. The hungering multitudes that come on the Sabbath eager for that which will be bread that gives

life, and water that satisfies all thirst. men must use the sickle and take them one by one. Surely, no man can consider his charge small when men's interests are so great. Many people think ministers have nothing to do. Is that because some have done noth-Laziness becometh not the servant who appreciates the interests of his Lord's kingdom. The Church is right in requiring its ministers to be diligent, never unemployed, never to trifle away time.

The ministry requires not ony a pure character after the similitude of Christ, brotherly love as John recommends. diligence and hard work as the Church lemands, but also manliness of the highest type. Weak, effeminate, wavering men can never preach a strong. convincing gospel. Once the people respected the "cloth" and honored a man because of his office. That day is passing, and complaints are sometimes made that the ministry is not properly respected. The day will never come when a true, manly minister of the Church of God will not be respected and honored. Sterling manhood wins in all circles. "Quit you like men, be strong," ought to be a constant admonition to ministers. Fill the pulpits and pastorates with stalwart, manly men, and the Church must advance.

Travis Park Church, San Antonio.

COL. IGNATIUS A. FEW. The first account we have of this noted Georgia preacher and first President of Emory College is in 1804, near Augusta, Ga., when he was visited at his father's house by Bishop Asbury. While a very young man he was tinctured with infidelity. He was converted in 1827; was educated at Princeton. He adopted law as a profession and practiced in Augusta, Ga. His health was bad. One night he sent for Travis, the Methodist preacher, to visit him. The preacher induced him to read Fletcher's Appeal. From this resulted his conversion. He immediately entered the ministry. This same Travis was on Abbeville District, S. C., when he gave license to preach to Stephen Olin, then a young school teacher from Vermont, who had come South for his health. Dr. Few was the first pastor of Macon, Ga., after it was made a station. The old records show that I. A. Few filled the best stations in Georgia during his brief career as a preacher. being in Columbus in 1832. At the conference in 1833, Dr. Few was active in advocacy of a college for Georgia. At the following session of conference the efforts of Few and Olin resulted in the establishment of the Manual Labor School and of Emory College. Dr. Few was the first member of the Georgia Conference who introduced a resolution requiring preachers to keep a record book. Dr. Few was several times member of the General Conference. While the Manual Labor School served its purpose, Drs. Few and Olin felt Georgia must have a school of higher grade, and Emory College was resolved A tract of fourteen hunderd acres was purchased in Newton County, entirely in the woods, at a cost of \$14,000. Dr. Means sketches the scene the laying of the follows: "It was in the midst of a widespread and luxuriant forest of native oaks, one and a half miles from Covington, and within the corporate limits of Oxford, which received its classical appellation at the suggestion of Dr. Few, in honor of the seat of the old English university. All was silence around. The sun shone in splendor from above, and the earth beneath was robed in its garniture of green. The company present, standing under the open sky, with uncovered brow, sang a hymn to the Most High, knelt in prayer and dedicated Emory College to God." Dr. Few was elected its first President. He was succeeded in that office by Judge A. B. Longstreet, who was afterwards President of Centenary College, Louisiana. Following Longstreet came George F. Pierce as President, since which time Bishops Haygood and Candler have both served terms in that office. Dr. Few was cultured and eloquent as a preacher, and always gathered to his ministry the best classes of society. Bishop Asbury pressed religion upon his attention, Fletcher's Appeal finished the work of his conviction, and his consecrated soul was quenchless in zeal until his frail body rested in the grave. H. G. H.

"WHO WILL STAY?"

In the consideration of a progressive civilization, the contemplation of a sick, the poor, the perplexed, the heart- moving central position is suggestive of new relations and responsibilities.

As the wave of advancing millions has severed the ties of native heaths for truth should impel him to search and pushed onward westward, the duties devolving upon the associated in-

habitants have greatly increased and portions, contaminating society and and moral, of necessity have been enlarged.

and the center of political supremacy have never been stationary, and until civilization is consummated by absolute Christianity, never will be perma-

Far back in the history of human activities we note the changeableness of man's purpose and the overthrow of man's intentions.

A Babylon, with hanging gardens and frowning specimens of architecture, wielding the scepter and commanding the respect and admiration of other nations; a Greece, where was first sown the seed of real civilization, of political freedom and of religious liberty, where the arts and sciences were loved and studied, and where men of bravery, wisdom and genius demonstrated the character and intention of scientific research; a Rome, from whence emanated political power and influence and brought into subjection all surrounding nations—these in their turn were the centers of civilizationthe pivotal points of the human race that was restless, dissatisfied and hungering for an enlightenment and development that were not given.

Westward-leaving the shores of the Orient-as is led by a "star of Bethlehem" through perils on sea, anchored on the shores of a heretofore world unknown.

In keeping with former changing. the center of civilization, as well as opulation, has likewise changed.

With the increase of population and the central relation, to be maintained, come salso the accretion of duties and responsibilities. The former nations mentioned did not recognize their relation and neglected their opportunities. The tangible and perceptible, apparently, were alone sought. They failed to obey the divine injunctions and thereby radiated no elevating forces and disseminated but little of gospel truth. Disobedience bred disaster and calamity came; political supremacy vanished and heathenism prevailed.

As a nation we are brought into the same relations and surrounded, doubt-

less by similar environments. Is it assumption to state that, to-day, we are not only the center of political power, but also the pivot (earthly) of Christian influences? Three centuries of existence, and yet in point of literature, influence and religious activity. at home and abroad, we are in the front rank. In foreign fields, in Mexico, the "Isles of June," Japan, "the land of the morning calm"-yes, in every clime-the picket guard, as watchman, unfurl the "banner" and tell of Jesus and his love. Yet, how weak our efforts and how negligent our Churches! We send missionaries by the tens; God sends us heathen by the thousands! "Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim" (China). The prophecy is being literally fulfilled. From every heathen land on the globe these benighted souls are wending their way to our shores (is not God sending them in rebuke of our lethargy in missionary effort?) bringing all forms of heresy and idolatry.

Meet them with an open Bible and 'convert them, or they will heathenize As this "center," the work devolves upon us. If we neglect the trust -if we refuse to obey the commandmay we not expect trouble, calamity, disaster to come upon us?

A full knowledge not only of forces, but of facts, is requisite for an onward movement in religion as in every other undertaking. But few, comparatively, have knowledge of real conditions, political and moral, and an adequate conception of responsibilities and du-

Are we, as followers of the "Lawgiver," to neglect political duties and thereby disobey divine injunctions? True, his kingdom is spiritual; but in the consummation of such, God utilizes human forces and concentrates physical agencies in order that truth may pre-Isaiah asserted that "unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders," etc. If this must come to pass, men of God must not be latent and passive, but sincerely in earnest and righteously determined. Gospel truth must permeate every consideration and influence every action.

The world to-day is pregnant with conditions prophetical of great changes or indicative of wonderful upheavals. Our own land seems to be freighted with conditions which, if not checked, will undermine our institutions and bring chaos on our people.

Mormon heresy striving to gain admission to legislative halls to formulate laws to govern millions; the liquor traffic, of mammoth pro-

Then those who glean in the field of the required activities, social, political educating in evil a future gen-men must use the sickle and take them and moral, of necessity have been en-eration of tramps and criminals; "the woman movement" (here we tread The pivotal point of social relations softly) in politics, a precursor of coming calamities! Is it a blessing? Will it not prove a curse? "Misery loves company." Some time ago the Legislature of Colorado voted to recommend woman suffrage" to other States of the Union! Ever and anon, the agitators of this movement have exclaimed. "Give the ladies the ballot and they would knock out the liquor traffic In the State of Colorado, at the polis of 1892 (before women had suffrage). 7000 votes were cast for prohibition; two years later (women voting), less than 5000 votes for prohibition; in 1896, about 7700. Prohibition with a vengeance!

> Noticeable in that connection, women, when in politics, follow the same trend of men. They care but little for children and home, and less for Church. Take the female following from the Church and it falls into a state of "innocuous desuetude;" take the Church from the community, and calamity results.

Those "who will stay" with and openly meet these things, let him "cry aloud and spare not;" and with an upright, righteous determination gather en masse the followers of Christ, and in this spiritual warfare assist in the destruction of the works of the devil. RUFUS E. NUNN.

Eagle Lake, Texas.

"IS AN INFANT A SINNER?"

Some time ago I had an article in the Advocate under the above caption in which I took the position that infants are as pure in their moral nature as regenerate adults are. I did not assert that this purity comes to them through their parents, but that it is the gift of Christ through the atonement, the gift being bestowed as soon as there is a moral nature to re-ceive it. Bro. S. L. Ball replied, and in his reply took pretty much the same line of argument that is usually followed by those who believe as he does. I therefore offer the following

reply to what he said: In the outset he said: moral status of infants is hard to determine." Then it is hard to determine the exact moral status of any If Christ had pointed to a converted adult and said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," there would be no trouble in determining the moral status of that adult. Bro. Ball would say at once that his moral status is that of citizenship in the kingdom. Why not say as much for the infant? Indeed, he does say that "by virtue of the atonement they belong to the kingdom," but in the very same breath he said they are "in a lost condition." Then the kingdom of heaven is composed in part of those who are lest! Indeed, it is composed entirely of such, for the infant is "in a lost condition," and the adult must become 'like" it before he can enter. This presents rather a gloomy aspect of the

kingdom to me. Suppose the infants in the kingdom are corrupt and the adults who are in it have been purified? Then those who have committed sin and been forgiven are purer than those who have need no forgiveness. That looks to me very much like putting a premium

upon sin. Then Bro. Ball says that if all infants were pure, surely some of them would not go astray. In reply I ask if an adult can be found who has never committed a sin since he was converted? If the fact that all children commit sin when they come to accountability proves that they have never had renewing grace, does not the fact that all converted adults do wrong in some way at some time after their conversion prove that they never had that grace? I do not say that converted people are compelled to sin. I only assert that it would be as hard to find a sinless adult, if he has been converted any considerable length of time, as it would be to find a sinless child who has passed the line of accountability.

"If their hearts were He says: right some of them would certainly speak the truth and worship God. What about Samuel, who worshiped God as soon as he was weaned?-I Sam. 1:28. And was not Jeremiah sanctified from his mother's womb? Likewise John the Baptist. These did not go astray, speaking lies, and yet it can not be proved that in their natures they had any advantage over other children. I rather think the scripture which speaks of infants as going astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies, refers to what they would all do if left to the dictates of their own human nature. And can not the same thing be said of converted adults? If it were not for restraining grad out long after Then the b sage where thoughts, mu ceed out of t passage draws infant is in would take a the connection and the cone riously wheth It is contend heart was pr into these ou reply that th adult's heart from going in is not always verted man r increased lig strength, why having a wors

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Then the brother quotes that passage where Christ said that evil thoughts, murders, thefts, etc., proceed out of the heart, and from this passage draws the conclusion that an infant is in an ungenerate state! It would take an Aristotle to discover the connection between the argument and the conclusion (and I doubt seriously whether even he could do it.) It is contended that if an infant's heart was pure it would not go off into these outward sins, but I would reply that the purity of a converted adult's heart ought also to keep him from going into outward sin, but such is not always the case. And if a converted man may go into sin with his increased light and knowledge and strength, why charge the child with having a worse nature than he because it goes into sin?

But let us look for a moment at that rattlesnake argument. Bro. Ball says the little snake is poison by nature, and only lacks time and opportunity to develop, and that it is the same way with a child. Unfortunately for this argument it makes Christ teach that his kingdom is filled up with rattlesnakes! According to Bro. Ball, Christ's meaning would be "except ye be converted, and become as little rattlesnakes-beings that 'time and opportunity will prove to be dangerous repti's -ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." I always thought that the kingdom of God was righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, but I should think there would be but little righteousness or peace and but a scant allowance of the Holy Ghost in an empire of rattlesnakes. True, the snake is poison by nature, and must develop into a dangerous reptile. No element has been injected into its nature to neutralize the poison or prevent the development. But I must not be called a heretic for saying that it is different with an infant. Something has been done for the child that was not done for the snake. Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." The blood of Christ is the neutralizing cordial that makes the difference. For a rattlesnake to become venomous and dangerous is but a course of natural development, but for a child to become so is a course of degeneracy. The snake has to become dangerous, because he is abandoned to an evil nature that must make him so, and if children were as Bro. Ball represents them they would all become outrageously bad by a law of necessity, just as the snakes. Through the atonement the infant is pure, but capable of becoming bad, while the snake is bad, with no possibility of being otherwise

I have no controversy with Paul on our being by nature the children of wrath. I believe it as much as Bro. Ball. There is nothing good in human nature, and the purity for which I contend in children is not of nature, but of grace. The question is, "When was it imparted?" The great trouble that I have observed in those of Bro. Ball's way of thinking is that they take into consideratoin all those scriptures which teach what we are by nature, and leave out those which teach what we are by grace. Take, for instance, Rom. 5:19: "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." If the first part of that verse teaches that we were all made sinners unconditionally in Adam, the latter part teaches that we are all made Christians unconditionally in Christ. "many" in the first clause embraces the whole race, the same word in the latter clause is equally comprehensive. The first clause teaches what we are by nature alone, the latter what we are by grace alone. "Where sin abounded grace did much more According to Bro, Ball it abound." ought to have read, "Grace did much less abound.

But the most surprising stroke of Bro. Ball's pen is where he quoted from the third of Romans and applied the language to infants. "There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their tongues, whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known." Paul was speaking here of Hebrew degeneracy and pagan rottenness, and yet Bro. Ball and others apply it to infants just born. To mention it is to refute it. Where is the infant whose feet has been swift to shed blood? Where is the deceit and poison of asps alleged to be

heard an infant cursing? Don't talk speech. about their crying and disobedience until you take similar troubles out of the consideration of converted adults. Bro. Ball may apply the above language to infants if he chooses, but Christ applies to them the following: For I say unto you that their angels do always benold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

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OUR NEW PREACHER.

The day is lovely! Perfect in all things. The sun shines brightly, the air cool. The stillness of the Sabbath and the quiet of our country home have a soothing effect upon us as we see the radiant light and shimmering gleam "across the sward of the croft." where every russet leaf is aflame with the crimson of the dying foliage. It is not to give a pen-picture of a Texas sunset, but to read the Texas Advocate's list of appointments made recently at Cleburne by the Methodist Conference that we retire to our lounge. We are singularly interested in the lives of many of these noble men, and we eagerly move down the list. We see many names we call friend and brother, going wherever sent, some finding pastures green, others, alas! to bleak plains of dry herbage.

We go on down the list until we come to one in whom we are more interested than others, and we mark the place with our thumb and fall into a study of his new suroundings-what they may be or how it may not be with this earnest man giving his whole life to the ministry

We wonder what are the many comments being made to-day on the "new preacher." How discussed! How torn to pieces-weighed in the balance and many found wanting. "How do you like our new preacher?" has been upon many lips to-day. We would so like to hear the different dinner-table talks upon this subject! Dear me, how nice, if such a thing could be, to have a little bird make the rounds of each household at the noon-day meal and report to us what is said of the new prophets who have arisen among us. We are resting very comfortably after our four-mile ride to meeting this morning. We close our eyes to better facilitate our conception of the many sided question, and we grow drowsy and swing off at last from everything real, lose sight and hearing of all tangible life, and enter dreamland, with all the power and privileges accorded pilgrims to that mystical shore. From beggars we become kings and queens. From the "commoners" we emerge into mighty potentates. Often we hold the lightning in our fist-the thunder in our clasp. We wander far afield sometimes, gathering star-eyed daisies with one hand, while we brush the hoar frost from blackened stems with the other, so inconsistent are our dreams. But we hear "a rapping. gently tapping, tapping at our chamber door," and when we fling wide the lattice, no stately raven enters in; nor is our gaze rewarded with the sight of that ominous bird of gore, but a dainty linnet, with dress of brown, perches upon a high-back chair. It preens its wing and breast with an air of satisfaction and then a trill of melody gushes forth upon our expectant ear, a lay burdened with gossip so much enjoyed by the best of us.

I sat high upon the chandelier at Judge A's to-day while he dispensed turkey and cranberry sauce to his household and the stranger within his gates. I heard all they had to say about the new preacher. Yes, indeed, I heard it all, and the son, a precocious lad of fifteen, was first to bring up the subject for which I was listen-

The Judge, still handling the carving knife and fork with great ease and dexterity, took no time for thought in replying with words of "truth and soberness," but instead launched forth upon that mighty sea-the memory of

"Oh! say, papa, how did you like the preacher to-day?" his children-words and comments of lightness which will be washed ashore by the restless waters in their afterlives as hideous wrecks of his own creation. "As for me." said a little miss of a dozen years, "I did not like him at ail. He was so fidgety and spoke so loud, and O. mamma, did you see how

know her bonnet came out of the-Here she was stopped by a look from

doudy and tacky his wife looked.

her mother, who said: Well, yes, dear, we know- but perhaps they were poorly paid last They do seem like quite comyear. mon-place people. But let us hope he will do his duty by this Church."

The girl felt that she said quite the proper thing, although she was mild-

in their mouths? And who ever ly requested to refrain from further

"Oh! how little they knew of the heart-burnings and many misgivingson the subject of that same bonnet had the wife as she entered church that morning among the new peop. her husband was called to serve. Th bright boy again spoke, adding his adverse opinion:

'I don't intend to hear him often he looks so straight at one all the time. He seemed to be preaching righ at me while he was berating the sin ners. I do hope he will not keep up this disagreeable habit all the year.

The Judge turned to his visitor with some remark about the corner of wheat, on the "future" in cotton quoted by the papers that morning. knew the theme for which I was gathering was at an end, so I hopped to the upper sash and flew at will Bro, C's house came in view, and hop ing I was not too late to hear the opinion of the new preacher, I rested upon the lintel unobserved and just in time to hear Mrs. C. answer

Yes, I do like him. He is an ear nest man; one who, I think is call lated to do much good here that a helpful hand was extended m when I was introduced this morning

I think he was very shabbily dress ed, to say the least of him," said a starchy, well-attired youth.

His father put down knife and fork and looked at him steadily.

My son, when you know as muc as I do about the privations and ove work of some of our traveling preach ers, you will understand why many o them dress as they do. Never again let me hear you comment on his ap pearance until you are capable of a preciating the motive and cause of his lack of fine clothes. I happen to know somewhat of this man's private his tory-how he supports his aged moth er and young sister.

Away I flew and rested now upo the almost leafless branch of a Chin tree near the window of Widow D's Their meal was nearly over. A young man, however, was saying-as all others had done something about the preacher so new to them.

"That is the truth, mother. I have never been made to see so plainly my duty to God and man as I have to-day never realized the importance of Godly life and the possible nearness of our approach to Christ. He may have been a little nervous in his address but his new surroundings could have caused that. I hope to become bette equainted with him than I was with X. of last year

Really, brother, I, too, was charmed by his earnestness, and his-sweet faced little wife looked so patient and sad-but I thought her quite pretty when she brightened up as mother re marked something about hoping they would be quite at home among u

There was a sudden leave-taking on my part just here, for little Effic spic me on the branch so very near the window, and came running. "O! do see the pretty bird. So gentle, too There! I liked to have caught him.

I next passed Bro. E's, but seeing the remnants of the repast being thrown out to old Carlo, who was growling and snarling at the which came shyly are there was no chance to overhear a diner table talk here, and only caught a few words of Grandmother as shhad just settled herself in her old arm-chair on the gallery. She seemed to be finishing up the comments.

No matter how other people took it, his sermon was a benediction to me, for I know that"

Oh, my what was that slammins We start up to find the gossipping lit tle songster no where to be seen. had gone as he came, with the hallucination of our dream. Can it be we have slept while we were so interested in the great "hiring-out" up at Cle burne? But we are grasping the best appointments, and our thumb marks the name in which we were so interested when we fell asleep. "Fort Worth District, J. M. Barcus, Cleburns MARY H. BLANCHARD. Station." Temple, Texas.

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Blackburn, of Kentucky, is again a United States Senator. The joint session of the Legislature last week elected him by a large majority. Governor Bradley was the Republican whom the anti-Goebellites supported, but to no avail. Blackburn had things his own way.

Last September Mrs. Julia Morrison James shot and killed her associate in a theater in Chattanooga. In the court the other day she pleaded emotional insanity and the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. She then reply. proceeded to address the court in a very sensible speech, in which she showered thanks by the bushel upon those who had cleared her.

Editor Pulitzer, of the New York World, had the misfortune to have his When he was elected, he was given mansion destroyed by fire last week. The total loss is estimated at \$300,000. The insurance is placed at \$250,000.

Two young slugs, of prize repute, met to face with a crisis. in a ring fight one night last week in New York and bruised one another for a couple of hours. The daily papers gave glowing accounts of the "funccovering three or four pages. In their estimate it was by far a more prominent event than the late battle of Modder River.

sions, asked through Minister Choate, to save him. to the United States for the seizure of American flour and other goods on the three vessels, Beatrice, Mashonna and Maderia. This seizure occurred on the high seas two or three weeks ago, and complaint was at once lodged with the English Government.

in the assault made by the Boers on Ladysmith the 6th inst., it is reported that fourteen officers were killed and thirty-four wounded, and that 800 noncommissioned officers and men were killed and wounded. The loss of the Boers is said to have been frightful. In aese days a real battle means destruction on a large scale.

Jacob Hienz and Henry Kaiser were convicted in St. Louis in March, 1893, and sentenced to life imprisonment for supposed murder of Edwin E. Brown, a wealthy stockman of that city. Once before their trial they were convicted, but got a rehearing. Since then it has been learned that they were the State pardoned them the other day.

The Grand Jury of this county, after to kill Mr. Harrell in self-defense a while back, failed to find an indictment, The killing was greatly deplored by the whole community, but by none more than Mr. Ethridge himself. With him it was either kill or be killed.

Hon, Dudley Wooten, of this city, has announced himself a candidate for Congress from this district. He represented the county in the last Legislature and made a most efficient member. man of rare gifts as an orator.

In a St. Louis dispatch of last Saturday morning it is said that a riot occurred in the City Council the night before which threatened to be serious. The citizens from certain portions of the city appeared before that body and demanded street lights, and in the discussion which followed the trouble deof the Councilmen to lynch him, but cific direct connection with the sea.

brought before that body. The friends Jackson dangerously ill of pneumonia. of the measure are determined to leave His recovery is said to be doubtful. no stone unturned to secure its passage. If it fails this time it will keep That it will finally become a dominant issue there is no doubt, for it is of vital interest to all the South and West.

of the Artillery Company and their

doubt but that the service will do him those so detailed shall return to the good if he will observe what was said: but as a matter of fact the "Captain" needs the gospel just like the rest of us.

Last Tuesday the Live Stock Association met in Fort Worth. It was a great gathering and of special interest to our Texas people. Persons from many other States were present, and the exhibits of stock were fine. Many cattle changed hands and contracts for large numbers were made

John Barrett, ex-Minister to Siam, delivered an address in Chicago last Saturday night, in which he charged that the speech made in the United States Senate prior to the breaking out of the trouble between the American army and the Philippines was the cause of the war. He says that it was sent over there by cipher by the enemies of the present administration and scattered among our officers. It had the desired effect. The Senator makes no

President Ayers, of the University of Cincinnati, has asked the resignation of all the members of the faculty of that institution, and they have declined to comply with his request. the power to select his co-workers, but the trustees did not dream that he would take so radical a step as this. His position brings the University face

W. A. Williams, an immigrant ager in Georgia, has been busily engaged in inducing negro laborers to leave that State for Mississippi and Texas. Through his efforts hundreds of them have left there, and now the farmers of those sections thus deserted made an attempt on Williams' life the other England has made the proper conces- day. The authorities had to interpose

> Charges have been brought in Congress against Perry Heath, First Assistant Postmaster General, that he has been using his high office for personal ends. He has turned the money passing through his department into banks in which he and his kinspeople are interested-at least this is the charge alleged. He is not accused of misappropriating any of this money, but of giving his financial institutions the benefit of the deposits.

ernorship of Kentucky against Taylor, whole district will soon follow, and the present incumbent, goes slowly on. the latter, as he has things his own way in both branches of the Legislature. It is a bitter political feud, and it will leave things in bad shape, it matters not how it may end.

The Yale alumni in St. Louis gave a banquet last Saturday night and infalsely convicted, and the Governor of vited Prof. A. T. Hadley, now President of Yale. He was present, but for some reason the association refused to perinvestigating the case against Mr. hall. The men of the quill took this soon be advertised for in the United the attorney who was forced in high spirit, and the result is that States.

Ir. Harrell in self-defense a not one word of the proceedings got into print. Not even the speech of the President of Yale, though thoroughly prepared for the public, saw daylight.

Col. J. S. Harrison, of Kansas City, and brother of the ex-President, was severely kicked near Beaumont, Texas, by a horse last Saturday, and was dangerously injured. His life was saved by a surgical operation, in which a piece of bone pressing the brain was re-Col. Wooten is a fine lawyer and a moved. He was down there on busi-

It is reported on what seems to be good authority that the Southern Paciroad has bought the La Porte Road. This is a road extending from Houston via La Porte to Galveston. It was built by private parties five years ago, but when completed was forced to sale on account of debt. It is a fine piece of veloped. They tried to get hold of one property, and gives the Southern Pa-

Gov. McLaurin, of Mississippi, who The Nicaraugau bill, which was be- was recently elected to the United fore Congress last year, has again been States Senate, is lying at his home in

Secretary of War Root has laid down coming until it is favorably acted upon. the following regulations concerning the army: 1. The establishment of an army war college. 2. The detail of every officer of the army below the rank of field officer, who is not already a The News has twice given an account graduate of one of the service schools. to receive instructions at the war col-Captain, O. Paget, attending divine ser- lege for some fixed period. 3. The device in Oak Cliff. Paget is the Prest- tail of officers from the line of the dent of the so-called "Free Thinkers" army for staff positions, other than

line and not be eligible to staff duty for a fixed period. 4. To promote officers below field rank for efficiency as well as seniority in certain proportions. To make staff appointments and staff and line promotions by boards of officers appointed for that purpose.

Last summer the State of Louisiana brought suit against the State of Texas to have the quarantine laws against the former dissolved, and the matter was taken to the United States Supreme Court. Last Monday that eminent body dismissed the suit, and this leaves Texas at Liberty to establish quarantine laws whenever the danger demands such radical steps.

A poplitical feud has existed in Colorado County for some time, and out of it have originated several ugly difficulties. A party was charged with murder as one of the results, and he got a change of venue to Bastrop. The case was called last Monday, and 300 witnesses were present from Colorado County. As the case proceeded a difficulty occurred, and promiscuous shooting followed. Arthur Buford was killed outright and Will Clements mortally wounded.

At Cleburne the other day the jury in the case of John Renfro, charged with the killing of M. M. Williams, brought in a verdict of guilty and assessed his penalty at death by hanging. Strange to say he did not plead insanity. Had he been in Dallas County he might have come off bet-

Lord Kitchner, the hero of Khartoum, has really been put in command of the South African war. This leakout the other day. Lord Roberts is only to be in nominal command. Kitchner is below Buller, White and veral other Generals in the field in toint of service and rank, but Lord Salisbury had all of these questions set aside and put the young General the front. He has a record as a fighter.

There are several martyr-like patriots who are willing to succeed Mr. italley for Congressman from that district. Sherman had two good men in the race and they agreed to submit their respective interests to the people in primary. This election came off last Saturday and C. B. Randell was The contest by Goebel for the Gov- selected. Now the primaries for the then it will be known who the Con-It looks like he will be able to oust gressman will be. Several condidates are still in the field.

The question of cleansing the filthy harbor of Havana is a most important one. Col. Waring's plans are approved by many scientific experts, and very probably they will be put into operation. A significant fact with regard to Gen. Wood's plans for education in Cuba is the note, cabled last week, that bids for \$600,000 worth of mit the reporters to be present in the school furniture and supplies will

> When all the troops now en route to South Africa shall have reached their destination Gen. Roberts will have 200,000 men under his command; the total white population of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State is only 227,000, and this includes 87,-000 Uitlanders. The latter are as far from the fighting lines as they can possibly get.

A fearful tragedy occurred at Frankford, Ky., last Tuesday between Col. D. G. Colson and Lieut. Ethelbert Scott. These two men had a difficulty while in camp in Alabama, just at the close of the war with Spain, as they were members of the same volunteer regiment. They were soon mustered out and separated not to meet again until this tragedy occurred. Scott was killed immediately, also Luther Damarree, and Chas. Julian. Commonwealth's Attorney B. B. Golden was fatally wounded, and several others more or less dangerously injured The parties are all prominent people. The trouble occurred in the leading hotel of the city about dinner time. Colson himself was shot twice in the arm. The difficulty had no connection with the political troubles of the State.

The South African war remains in statu quo. Both are making a few movements and counter movements, but no decisive action has taken place. Builer has tried to flank the Boers off Ladysmith in order to relieve the besieged garrison under White, but with what result is not known at this writing. One thing is sure and that is, of Dallas, and this fact is stressed. No medical, for a fixed period, after which England has nothing in the way of

favorable news from the seat of hostilities and she gives out practically nothing to the public. The English people are very much disturbed at the failure of their countrymen to gain any advantage so far in the war and they are threatening the present ministry under Salisbury. before our next issue something on a large scale will take place in the Transvaal, as the British army will be compelled to become aggressive.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler will soon return to the United States, as the war in the Philippines is about over. President McKinley did a graceful thing when he made Gens. Lee and Wheeler Brigadiers in the regular army. They are worthy thrice over of the honor.

It will surprise many people to learn that the new South is paying annually \$350,000,000 in wages to those mployed in its manufacturing establishments; that it has more than a billion dollars invested in them, and that the annual output is valued at a billion and a half of dollars. It has \$125,000,000 invested in the manufacture of its own cotton, and last year consumed no less than 1,400,000 bales, using 5,000,000 spindles. It is producing 2.500,000 tons of pig iron, 40,-000,000 tons of coal, 75,000,000 bushels of grain, 10,000,000,000 feet of lumber, and nearly 11,000,000,000 bales of cotton. Its railway facilities have been improved so that it now has 50,000 miles in operation.

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good time, notwithstanding it was Monday.
We had a good crowd and a good communion service. We had a good report
from the stewards. They raised the assessment for the pastor to 8400, and paid
\$101 of it to start on. So you see they
mean business over here on this poor circuit. It is true we are poor out here, but
that don't hinder us from being honest and
teligious. I feel sure we will have seen Bishop Ellicott's Commentary,
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A circular letter explaining in detail a new proposition, hoping to induce them to take more interest in the quence of the three teams of the three teams of the W. H. W. S. have make a more size of the three teams of the three teams of the teams of the teams of the teams of the team of the terms of the teams of th BAILEY.

NEVADA.

S. W. Miller, Jan. 11: Just as my wife or to sell again. Let the responses was dressed to go to Church last Sunday morning, she slipped out on the back walk at the well and fell on the stick walk-way and came very near breaking her back and hip, and has been confined to her bed ever since, suffering at times severe pain, with some fever nearly all the time. She has not been out of hed nor able to turn in bed since Sunday, but can, by the use of ropes, raise up for a few moments to-day. I think now she will recover all right, if nothing else interferes, Bro, Barnette, a Cumberland, preached for me at 11, and 1 preached at night. I tried to hold a meeting last week, but the slick sidewalks and rain, with wife's affliction, stopped us. I think I can see the dawning of a revival here, which is needed as greatly as I think I can see the dawning of a revival here, which is needed as greatly as I think I tried to hold a meeting last week, but the slick sidewalks and rain, with wife's affliction, stopped us. I think I can see the dawning of a revival here, which is needed as greatly as I think I tried to hold a meeting last week, but the slick sidewalks and rain, with wife's affliction, stopped us. I think I can see the dawning of a revival here, which is needed as greatly as I think I tried to hold a meeting last week, but the slick sidewalks and rain, with wife's affliction, stopped us. I think I can see the dawning of a revival here, which is needed as greatly as I think I tried to hold a meeting law and the district. Bro, Monnteastle is finishing up his fourth year on the Paris lay and the district. Bro, Monnteastle is finishing up his fourth year on the Paris lay and the district. Bro, Monnteastle is finishing up his fourth year on the Paris lay and the district. Bro, Monnteastle is finishing up his fourth year on the Paris lay. When the afternoon to at the district. Bro, Monnteastle is finishing up his fourth year on the Paris law when the finishing up his fourth year on the Paris law when the finishing up his fourth year on the Paris law when the finishing up his fourth year on the Paris law when the finishing up his fourth morning, she slipped out on the back walk s far and away the best we have ever ad. The four books are as follows:

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GARLAND.

Jan. 1. Bro. W. D. Mounteastle, preacher in charge, was with us. He impressed us as being the right man in the right place. At the II o'check service he preached a most excellent sermon, and to the regret of all was called away in the afternoon to attend the funeral service of a leading layman of the district. Bro. Mounteastle is finishing up his fourth year on the Paris District and has in every way proved him self equal to the numerous and sometimes difficult duties that devolve upon a presiding elder. The Roard of Stewards made a satisfactory assessment for the preacher in charge and came up all right at the first quarter. There is no preacher in the North

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Our Young Folks

DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART.

Don't take it to heart, little friend, When the world seems to use you unfair:

Just believe that the worst soon must come immediately. mend-

That the dreariest road has an end: And that some day a full, measured share

Shall be given to you as your part, So don't take it too much to heart.

Don't cry when endeavor proves vain To work out some sweet, kindly

You may feel all the hurt and the pain For the loss that was yours, but the gain

Was the trying to do, and the meed God will give unto you by and bye; So take heart of His love, and don't CIY.

Don't take it to heart if your best Is reckoned of not as much worth:

A failure is gain oft confessed, And God sees it, blessing and blest, As a gracious, sweet gift to the earth: Why seek for the world's empty

smile-God will make it all right in a while

Don't ery when you see your years speed

As a cloud-shadow under the sun, And you stand as a wind-broken reed Weary, waiting, helpless, in need.

And the sands of your glass nearly God will call you up home bye and

Be patient, dear heart, and don't cry.

Take nothing to heart but the thought That God knows us, and just as we

That He misses no sheaf we have brought. That He knows all we have yearned

are;

for and sought. That He judges all kindly and fair:

Don't fret, then, dear heart, neither

God's kingdom will come bye and bye. -S. B. McManus, in the Ram's Horn.

HARRY'S SISTER.

Away in the barren regions of Asia stands a little hut, with which the occupants were very content, but how often was the darling mother heard sighing the name of her only son, Harry! For was he not to carry her back home when his education was completed?

An only sister of Harry's was left remaining. When one evening going to turn. her mother's side she threw her arms cound her neck with many, many

Mamma, darling mamma, do you love me?" asked the little one.

Mrs. Mason looked up in surprise. Why, Susie, my love, how could you once doubt it? Doesn't mamma very ften tell you 'she loves you more than life?

Yes, mamma, you do, but it takes more than words to prove it."

Very well, darling child, we'll each firer try to prove the love each of us has for the other," said Mrs. Mason, drawing her closer.

Mamma, do you not love Harry

"My precious child no! I often speak of my son because he is such a tower of strength for me.

'Mamma, won't you rely upon me? Because I can and will help you very Her mother only answered yes" in broken sobs.

Susie was a very determined child. and especially so if she realized that something must be done which fell her lot to do it. Bright and early one Monday morning she was off and, stopping before a merchant's house of business asked "if she might secure a position." The old man looked very grave a moment or two, then said: You're a mighty little tot, but I see you are really in earnest, so I'll try you and see what kind of store cleanyou'll make." She thanked him in breathless excitement, hastening home to tell her mother.

Well, Susie, you are certainly proving a daughter's love, for which you will be fully repaid," answered her mother, giving vent to her tears.

Susie did her work so satisfactorily and was very eager to learn, whereas her employer gave much attention to seeing she did advance, giving an hour each day for her study and buying her books, he, therefore, helped all he possibly could.

please write and buy her a home in America, where her mother used to live, which thing he must keep

The dear old man slyly winked, be-

cause he had a secret to keep from is a spark that the clouds can not hide, Susie, for he'd written and bought the nor the mists put out," I said to myold homestead himself.

man one morning as he entered his store, which shone like polished sil-

Susie, oh, Susie! Come here, pet;

"See, Susie, how very happy your mother will be when she knows we have bought the very home of her childhood! A happy old Dutch mansion it is indeed, Susie!

The jovial old man saw a shadow flit over Susie's face, and clasping her in his arms asked the trouble.

Mr. Jones, how long will it take me to pay for it? You see I'd like for us to be at home when my brother Harry finishes, which is next May.

He caressingly smoothed back her straying locks, assuring her that all would be well.

The time rolled around, which dawned bright on Susie's birthday. She went to the store and, kissing the kind old employer, he seated her his knee and made known all of his dear secret. He was fully repaid when he received a hearty kiss, which was more heartily returned. Susie could gasp but few words, for gratitude was too deep. It was a happy little girl that was embraced by her mother that evening, and once did Mrs. Mason venture to ask the cause of Susie's smiles while sitting alone.

"Oh, very well, mamma, you shall some day know!" replied Susie with a kiss.

One morning Mr. Jones told Susie 'he would call on her mother, while she went to the milliner's shop and tried her bonnet and suit." She looked at him in great surprise and had actually to be reminded by Mr. Jones "that he kept such little girls that disobey him, so she ran away as he had bidden.

Mr. Jones presented himself at the widow Mason's and told her to prepare to go and have all ready, for he'd end down a certain day after her. By and by all things were in readiness and they started for "Columbia, the home of the free," and happy was the first day spent when they arrived. The house was well furnished and all was just ready for them. Harry was first to greet them on the threshold of the old-new home. The shock was too great for his weary mother, who fainted in his arms.

The fact is, Susie," said Mr. Jones, "I wrote for Harry to meet us here. He may be brave, true and kind, but he can't be compared with my brave little Russian!

Susie kissed his dear old face in re-

Mr. Jones remained a short while. After fixing the deeds in Susie's name he returned, saying: "I'll have my little heroine graduate in Europe and see she lacks nothing."

And he did. JOSEPHINE GRIFFIN. Kilgore, Texas.

TWO LITTLE TEACHERS.

Such a cheerless morning! The sky looked like an arch of ground glass. The mist that drove squarely from the east seemed to have brought its bleakness all the way from the Atlantic The few leaves still on the trees and the pale blades on the cornstalks fluttered like flags of distress. Nothing broke the sombre stillness, not even the hoarse call of the crow, nor the ery of "thief" from the dishonest jay. "One must have little of the barometer in his make-up," thought I, "if he would entirely escape the grayness and gloom of such a morning.

Suddenly a pure, sweet strain filtered down through the thick air from a bare treetop-a strain untouched by the mist, and the chill, and the grayness. The singer, a feathery darling, with his eyes on the east, as if determined to watch, for the sun and sing till it came, rehearsed again and again his one sweet theme. And there was something in the song of that mottled meadow lark that diluted the bleakness of the morning. It seemed to have in it the very ring of that prophetic voice that once sang, "Altho' the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the folds and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I win joy in the God of my salvation.'

The evening matched the morning. The mist still drove from the east: the One day she had asked him to wind still fluttered the faded, tattered leaves; the night blotted out the landscape and sealed up the stars. A prolonged look into the blackness revealed only one little gleam, and that came from a glow worm at my feet. "Here

self, as I bent over the little yellow He was an exceedingly happy old ray that lighted up a tiny circle of moist earth. And I was glad of the two little teachers who had taught me that the one who listens may find a song floating through the grayest morning; and the one who watches may see a ray gleaming through the blackest night.-Alice W. Milligan, in Herald and Presbyter.

A PECULIAR FRIENDSHIP.

"The most peculiar friendship I ever saw formed was one between a hawk and a rooster," said a traveler recently. "One day, when living on a farm in Western Pennsylvania, I shot and wounded a hawk. When I picked up the bird I found that its wings were broken, but otherwise it was uninjured. My sister begged that the creatture's life be spared, and the request was granted. Within a few days the hawk had become quite tame, and would come to us for its food when we called it. The chickens were greatly frightened at its presence and kept up a considerable fuss. This soon wore off, and in a short time its presence was taken as a matter of course.

The bird was tied to a stake in the back yard and the fowls would go several time a day to look at him. One rooster, more courageous than the rest, concluded to get acquainted with the enemy. In some way they succeeded in commuicating together and establishing a bond of friendship. They were constantly together, and after the bawk's wounds had heated and he was liberated, he would spend a portion of each day with his friend the rooster. paying no atention to the other chickens. In some way he must have told the other hawks that our flock was unwere obedient." She knew better than der his especial care, for we were never troubled with them afterward, although before that we had lost a great chickens."-Farm, Field and

JOEY HAD A LITTLE DOG.

The teacher of a district school in Maine tells a story that reminds me of Mary and her little lamb, only it is of Joe and his little dog.

Joe was a boy about eight years old and was devoted to a small lank puppy. Out of school hours boy and dog were inseparable, and Joe apparently could not reconcile himself to the necessity of leaving the dog at home. For several mornings the teacher allowed the puppy to remain at Joe's feet under the desk.

Then there came a day when the small dog could not be kept quiet, but frisked about, to the delight of the school and the dismay of the teacher. 'Joe," she sa.d firmly, "you must

take that dog out."

Joe looked at her mournfully, but picked up the pup and, with his head against his cheek, started for the door. The boy's feelings were evidently hurt. but he said nothing until he reached the door; then, giving his teacher a reproachful look, with a pitying glance toward his dog, he said slowly: "And he's named for you!"-Youth's

GEN. MITCHELL'S ADVICE TO BOYS.

The advice once given by Gen. Mitchell to an audience of poor boys, is as good for the boys today as it was for boys then. He was invited by Mr. Cyrus W. Field to address a Sunday evening meeting of newsboys. The sight of shoeless, ragged, weather-beaten little fellows seemed to arouse all the sympathy in the heart of the good general, who said:

"Boys, when I see you I feel that I am one of you. No one of you can be poorer or more friendless than I once was. I have known all about being poor.

No wonder all the eyes in the room were fastened on him. He then told the boys this story:

"When I was a boy of 12 years of age, I was working for an old lady for 25 cents a week, and I tell you she kept my hands full. One day after I had endured it as long as I could. I met a man with a team. I addressed him boldly and asked him to hire me to help him. He looked at me and said that he didn't think I would be of any use to him.

'Oh, yes, I will.' said I. 'I can rub down and water your horses for you and do a great many things for you. if you will only let me try.' He didn't object any more, and told me to get up and ride. It was hard traveling; the mud was deep, and he was on a long journey. But that was my starting point in life. I went ahead after that.

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A little boy, with an interest in the meaning of familiar words, said to his mother, "What is the meaning of 'civil?" "Kind and polite," answered the mother. A puzzled look brooded for a second on the boy's face. Then he said: "Was it a kind and polite war that was in this country once?"

A little girl five years old was told by her teacher that the Mississippi was the Father of Waters. "How is that?" she queried. "If it is the father of waters, oughtn't it to be Mister

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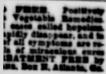
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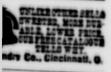
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That little word, though half the future's length Well used, holds twice its meaning and

Like one blindfolded, groping out his

its strength.

I will not try to touch beyond to-day. Since all the future is concealed from sight.

I need but strive to make the next step right.

find.

Perchance, some day I am no longer blind: And, looking up, behold a radiant

Friend. says: "Rest now, for you have reached the end!" Who says:

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE MINISTRY OF PAIN.

"I don't know what I have done to deserve all this!" mouned a poor woman whose son lay dying, as we supposed, from a sudden attack of disease. a few months ago. But the young man did not dle, thanks to the skill of the young mistress of the parsonage, whose own recent illness had taught her how to handle a case like this.

It is not of this sickness and cure we would write, however, but of this mother's philosophy: "What have I done to deserve this?" It is the reappearance of the same pagan notion that was in the mind of those barbarians of Malta, who, when they saw Paul bitten by a viper after his escape from the sea, said: "Doubtless this is a murderer whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice hath not suffered to and which had cropped out in the disciples when they asked Jesus "Who did sin, this man or his father, that he was born blind?" It is the same idea of suffering being a punishment that the book of Job was written to combat. Yet how the idea persisted through all the ages of which Scripture treats, and makes it appearance as large as ever, to-day!

He would be a daring man indeed who would aver that sin does not cause suffering. Jails and hospitals and asylutus shrick against his creed. But to jump from that to the conclusion that all suffering is a punishment for sin is a leap in the dark, indeed, and would leave us all in a midnight of doubt and moral chaos. For the best people we know anything about suffer

or have suffered. New, nobler and larger life is the explanation of much if not all of the suffering in the world. God allowed Job to suffer to bring a larger faith to others. Men were accusing Job of ate in the depths of the sea. And writrejoice in God, to give the lie to the in his old age that he did not know and superscription hath it?" said Christ why he had been permitted to live so long unless it was to show the world that a man could be as happy without a fortune as with one. It is the patient, heroic suffering of God's saints that brings blessing to the world oftener than anything else. Men behold them and are compelled to believe in the girding power of the invisible. These patient men are God's anvil saints. They can sing, even while they

"Hammer on, ye hostile bands! stands.

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It is bound to do it, if he will let it. as long as we live, and as long as we The pearl forms at the wounded place need shall have stores sufficient to sup-

in a Christian is a fresh opportunity ing in many letters of the one nam to prove the faithfulness of God, and is God. That is what we want-that, and a fresh opportunity for the inflow of nothing less.—By Alexander Maclarer the divine life. It is a new aqueduct D. D., in Christian Commonwealth. between us and heaven. When the I leave with God to-morrow's where Suez canal was first completed vessels of the heaviest draught could not pass And do concern myself but with the through. But the channel was deepened and widened. Then the great, heavy-laden grain ships of the world could sweep through. So God clears a larger channel for himself and his thoughts and plans in our life. Not punitive, but preparatory, are God's chastisements. The sins of his children are forgiven, not punished. I mean this-sins honestly repented of, and put away from us, God remembers against us no more. Days of wrath are for his enemies, not his children. The chastisements and sufferings he sends That done, the next! and so on, till I on his children are the enlargers and enrichers of their life, by which they are enable to enjoy more and bless more. It was so with Moses in his forty years tutelage of his shepherd life. It was so with David, anointed for a throne and yet not permitted for nearly a score of years to mount that throne. It has been so in the inner and outer history of the great souls who have blessed mankind most. And so their pains have been turned to paeans. The divine Alchemist has turned their iron into gold, their gall Lito honey

How easily God turns the tide of affliction to blessing when he sees that the affliction has wrought its work! Our angels do always behold his face His eye always behold our face. He will not suffer one quiver more than is And then, "ye have seen the end of the Lord, how he is very pitiful and of tender mercy." Ah! that is "The end of the Lord!" He does not say we shall not suffer. But he does say that in the end of it the Lord shows himself "very pitiful and of tender mercy."-Rev. Wilbur F. Sheridan, in Central Advocate,

FEEDING ON ASHES.

A life that substantially ignores God is empty of all true satisfaction. Isaiah says of such an one "He feedeth on ashes." Very little imagination will realize the force of that picture. The gritty cinders will irritate the lips and tongue, will dry up the moisture of the mouth, will interfere with the breathing: "and there will be no nourishment

in a sackful of them. Dear brethren, the underlying truth is this-God only is the food of a man's soul. You pick up the skeleton of a bird upon a moor; and if you know anything about osteology-the science of bones-you will see in the very make of its breast-bone and its wing-bones the declaration that its destiny is to soar into the blue. You pick up the skelton of a fish lying on the beach and you will see in its very form and characteristics that its destiny is to expatiserving God because his cornucopla ten on you as disttinctly as flight on the funnelled in Job's hand. It was the bird or swimming on the fish is this loaves and fishes he was after! So that you are meant, by your very make men say still of the Jobs in every com- to soar up into the heights of the glory munity. Enough Jobs suffer and yet of God and to plunge deep into the abysses of his infinite love and wisdom charge. It was Wilberforce who said Man is made for God, "Whose image The coin belongs to the King whose head and titles are displayed upon it. And on your heart, friend, though a usurper has tried to recoin the piece. and put his own foul image on the top of the original one, is stamped deep that you belong to the King of kings, to God

himself.

For what does your heart want? A perfect changeless, all-powerful love. And what does your mind want? Reliable, guiding, inexhaustible and yet accessible truth. And what does your Your hammers break; God's anvil will want? Commandments which have an authoritative ring in their very utterance, and which will score for infallible guides for your lives. And what do our weak, sinful natures want? Something that shall free our consciceive the enemy's fire. Paul was never ences, and shall deliver us from the so noble and inspiring a figure as when burden of our transgressions, and shall he was being led out the Appian Way calm our fears, and shall quicken and to his execution, while the way to the warrant our lofty hopes. And what do cross still remains the way of redemp- men whose nature is to live forever tion to increasing multitudes. It is want but something that shall go with said that the slopes of Vesuvius where them through all changes of condition. the fire and lava swept centuries ago, and, like a light in the midst of the are now the richest vineyards of all It- darkest tunnel, shall burn in the passage between this and the other world, man suffering, borne for Christ's sake and there shall never be taken away or humanity's, press the sod, the flow- from them? We want a person to be ers spring into bloom, and fields smile everything to us. No accumulation of things will satisfy a man. And we want God allows man to suffer that it may all our treasures to be in one Person. bring a larger life to the man himself. and we need that that Person shall live in the oyster shell. Every fresh sorrow ply us. And all this is only the spell-

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ways going to do something, but from unworthy of your support. some cause or other they never do it. If anything is worth doing at all it is but if held in vague prospect they are will not repair. visionary and worthless. The man who is always expecting something to the end.

Laziness, whether in a preacher or a layman, will greatly retard his interest in Church work. Energy wisely applied is the secret of success. A lazy burden to himself and a nuisance to others. Nature has no room for an organism that never exerts any strongth. Activity is the law of development. Indolence is the law of deterioration. Nothing grows without effort. The man who puts forth no exertion will fix himself as a habitual sluggard. He will make no progress in mind or in morals. Water must be on the move in order to keep itself

The most of our grief and affliction is the result of unconscious selfishness. We think about self until we have no room for anything else. Our pain, our sorrow, our grief and our affliction become to us the greatest that can be endured. We study about them and complain on account of them until they absorb our thought and our concern. If was met by Rev. J. L. Morris, the exwe could only stop thinking about self cellent pastor of one of our flocks and think about the conditions and there, and he consigned me to Mrs. needs of other people our own afflic- Lourie Potts, whom I knew as a school tions would be reduced to a minimum. girl at Martha Washington College, Therefore the best and the surest rem- Va., twenty-odd years ago. Then she edy for these things is to forget self was a young, rosy-faced girl, but now and put forth an effort to relieve some she is a matured woman, dressed in one else whose condition is worse than the weeds of widowhood. Brother our own. In the very effort to give Potts, one of the best citizens and one this relief we forget self and of our best Church members in Gainesthereby lessen our own affliction. Sel- ville, died about one year ago. It was. fishness is at the bottom of the most a great delight to me to be entertained of our real and imaginary ills.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT. An irreligious choir is not an inspir-

tion to the minister. A Church service is not for the en-

tertainment, but the edification of the people.

A sermon that aims at nothing in particular does not even hit anything in general.

...... 1 00 preacher will obstruct the flow of the gospel through his lips.

can not settle it there is something public buildings are a credit to the from which he never rallied. No wrong with their religion.

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way of a privilege.

Just a few remarks in conclusion have often been the occasion of spoiling a great many otherwise good sermons.

A perfect pulpit knows how to instruct without dogmatizing and how to reprove without showing an ugly tem-

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Pedantry walks on stilts and looks down upon the common herd, while humility gets upon its knees and looks up for help.

When you hear a candidate say I believe in religion, but I am not a Puri-There are many people who are al- tan you can safely push him aside as

By an ill-timed and an unbrotherly worth doing well and at once. Plans remark you can work an injury to a are all right if you will apply them, man's character that the coming years

The spirit of jealousy looks through turn up may be hopeful for the time eyes that are green, talks with a being but he will be disappointed in tongue that is malicious, and hears through ears that are throbbing with false alarms.

A SUNDAY IN GAINESVILLE.

miles north of Dallas, on the lines of work in this great State. The bone and Methodist preacher in the regular the Santa Fe and M., K. & T. Rail- the sinew of the towns and the coun- membership of his conference. Since roads. The trip up there was a pleas- try are with us, and we ought to do that time he has gone in and out beant one, as it passes through a fine sec- great things for the Master! tion of country and by a great many thriving North Texas towns. Out of Dallas I met up with Brother W. G. Bryan, father of Rev. Brother Bryan whiled away the time pleasantly. The late a great many excellent white peohealthy and pure. So must men and rains for the past few weeks have been ple in Texas. It breathes a fine spirit spirit. And when the time came for lent condition for farming. Wheat is lation: looking most promising, and preparations are in progress for the next summer's crops. If the farmers of this section are not in fair condition, the signs are misleading. They are receiving good prices for all of their products, and the country looks prosperous.

I reached Gainesville about dark and under that Christian roof and renew

the acquaintance and friendship of other days. Christ abides there, and

the home. possibilities than this one. It is com- eternal haven is entered. posed of an elegant class of people, and Rev. Thos. P. Smith was born in all of the appliances of the Church tell Pickens County, Alabama, October 17, roundings.

G. C. R.

FROM A COLORED BROTHER.

of our conference; Capt. Johnson, of Rev. F. B. Sinex, from a colored broth-Pilot Point, and others, so that we er, and its publication ought to stimu- without a murmur and wrought with abundant and the ground is in excel- and we commend it as worthy of emu- him to die he was ready to lay his

> Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 2, 1900. Rev. F. B. Sinex, Georgetown, Texas:

Your letter was forwarded to me from Paris, where I subscribed the dollar to on for the new building. I was very glad out wrote me, for I had begun to inquire tere as to your direct address.

here as to your direct address.

I am so glad and happy that the work on the building is going on. I wish I were able to send a thousand dollars instead of one; then I would gladly do it. It was because of the benevolence of Christian friends that I, a poor colored boy, had access to eleven years of college and theological seminary life—praise the dear Lordand almost every penny of my ald was from white people, too; and now I do think I know how to appreciate benevolence.

Among the multiple of dollars that will

know how to appreciate benevolence.

Among the multitude of dollars that will come from various sources mine will help a little. I really believe the dear Lord will say of the giver of this dollar that he hath done what he could. I thank the Lord so much that I can give.

May the Lord bless the work and prosper it in your careful hands. You have my prayers and sympathy in the glorious work of making men for God and his service.

Yours for Christ and the work.

J. C. DONALDSON.

DEATH OF REV. T. P. SMITH.

It is with profound sorrow almost of bis presence is a perceptible entity in a personal kind that we announce the death of Rev. Thomas P. Smith, of Gainesville is a fine town of 12,000 to the East Texas Conference. At Timp-14,000 inhabitants. It is situated in a son, when we last saw him, which was sandy region, with excellent black land about a month ago, he was apparently in the vicinity. It has some of the in fine health. He had just completed most elegant residences to be seen any- four years of most successful work on where in all of this section of country. the Pittsburg District and was placed The streets are simply elegant. They by Bishop Hargrove at Marshall Staare macadamized and kept in good re- tion. He had just made the change Personal hatred in the heart of the pair. All of the modern improvements and was entering hopefully upon his are to be seen, and the citizens are new field of labor when called last proud of their community. The evi- Sunday to his reward. From the secudences of thrift, progress and intelli- lar press we learn that he was taken If two brethren have a grievance and gence are visible upon every hand. The with a severe attack of pneumonia, community. We have two large and truer man than Bro. Smith ever beprosperous congregations there and longed to the Methodism of Texas. He Men who make a failure in their one mission point. Brothers Morris, was an able preacher, a painstaking chosen vocation usually get the idea Stuckey and Brooks are the pastor and a fine executive. Personpastors. The latter was received ally he was the highest type of the at the last session of the con- Christian gentleman. Quiet in dispo-A cold and unresponsive congrega- ference, and he is doing good sition, cultured in mind and heart, and tion will reduce the spiritual tempera- service. Brother Stuckey I did not see, deeply pious, he was loved by all of but heard a favorable report of his his brethren and esteemed and respectwork at Broad Street. I spent the day, ed by the world. He stood in the fore-People who go to Church service by special invitation, with the Denton front of his conference. Bro. Smith from a sense of duty ought once in a Street charge. The day was a perfect was a valuable member of the Joint while to get something out of it in the one. There was not a cloud in the sky Board of Publication and took a deep and the air was as balmy as spring. interest in the success of the Texas The church edifice, which is a large, Christian Advocate. His death is a handsome modern brick structure, was deep loss to all of these enterprises filled with a large congregation both of the Church. But we do not mourn morning and night, and we had two as those who have no hope. He died very pleasant services. This is a strong in the faith and he has only been congregation, both in numbers and transferred to the great conference in ability. In fact, we have not in the above. We will meet him again when entire conference a Church with larger the storms of life are over and the

of their progressive spirit. The singing 1844. He was converted to God unwas inspiring, and the people were re- der the ministry of Rev. John Mathis sponsive. Brother Morris is thorough- on August 10, 1869, in Smith County, ly installed in the confidence of his Texas. He at once became a mempeople, and he is making them a wise ber of the M. E. Church, South; in and judicious preacher and pastor. I fact, the very day he was converted heard nothing except that which is fa- marked his membership in the Church. vorable concerning his ministry. He He was licensed to preach by the is living in a good parsonage near his Quarterly Conference of Starrville church. It was bought not long since Circuit November 17, 1877, Rev. R. W. at a cost of about \$4000. So that the Thompson, presiding elder. He was pastor not only has a responsible admitted on trial in the East Texas charge, but also a most pleasant one. Conference at Tyler in December, 1878, And he is in all things worthy of the Rishop Keener presiding; was ordainresponsibility and his agreeable sur- ed a deacon December 19, 1880, by Bishop Keener at the Louisiana Con-We have a large list of subscribers ference on account of the absence of in Gainesville, and among all of these a Bishop at that session of the East I felt very much at home. Many of Texas Conference. He was ordained them expressed pleasure in the weekly an elder at Henderson by Bishop visits of the Advocate. The more I see Parker December 3, 1882. These facts of the masses of our Methodist people show the progress of the man from the the more I am impressed with the time he was converted until he was in-Gainesville is situated about ninety hopefulness of all departments of our vested with all the authority of a fore his brethren the peer of them all. He left no duty undischarged, no mission unfulfilled. Wherever the Church sent him to labor, whether in the ob-Below we give a letter, written to scure places or in the sphere of conspicuous responsibilities, he went armor by and depart in peace.

"Servant of God, well done, Rest from thy loved employ. The battle fought, the victory won. Enter thy Master's joy!'

BISHOP HARGROVE'S ANNOUNCE. MENT.

The lamentable death of Rev. T. P. Smith, of the East Texas Conference, has made it necessary for Bishop Hargrove to make some changes in three appointments over there. Hence by telegram he has forwarded to the Advocate the following appointments:

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 16, 1900.-Rev. G. C. Rankin, Editor Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas-Announce for Marshall District, C. R. Lamar; Marshall, L. M. Fowler; Orange, Jas. E. Crutchfield, supply.

R. K. HARGROVE.

We have just received a letter from Rev. C. R. Lamar stating that he will

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K. HARGROVE.

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January 18, 1900.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We hear good reports from Rev. J. H. Reynolds, of Lancaster. He has struck the town just right and the people are delighted with the old man, as they have a right to be.

Brother Spragins, at Haskell Avenue, this city, is making a fine start in his new field. He has things under good movement. His membership is giving him a hearty co-operation.

Rev. W. M. Foster has recently buried two of his children. This is a heavy bereavement, but God's grace sustains him and his good wife. Brother Foster has charge of the Church at Alba.

We are pained to announce the death of Livingston, little son of Professor and Mrs. D. S. Switzer, of Weatherford, which occurred the 11th inst. He was four years of age and a bright little there.

Rev. F. O. Miller, of the Terrell District, was in to see us last week. He is expecting great things from his District Missionary and Educational Rally, announcement of which has appeared in the Advocate.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, of the George- solidation. town District, passed through the city last Tuesday, and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. He is Chairman of the Board of Education of the Northwest Texas Conference, and much interested in that work. His district is in good shape.

Secretary Jackson, of the Dallas Y. M. C. A has resigned his position and accepted a similar one at New Orleans. He has held this place for a great many years, and rendered most valuable service. He is one of the best equipped association men in the South. Our people in New Orleans will find a capital man.

Since our last issue Rev. L. W. Cain has moved from our midst to Mangum, Ok. Rev. Cain, is an able minister and was beloved by all who knew him, and while we regret very much to loose Bro. Cain our loss is another's gain. We congratulate the people of Mangum for having secured the services of such an able man. We bespeak for Bro. Cain Joshua Messenger.

METHODIST NEWS.

It is announced that Bishop J. C. Granbery will deliver the Cole lectures before the Biblical Department of the Vanderbilt this year.

short illness.

Rev. Dr. F. J. Masters, a promi-city. nent missionary to the Chinese on the Pacific Coast, died the 2d instant. He CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD, TEXAS "may be Vilhelm der Grosse, put, py was a minister in the M. E. Church. His death is a loss to that work.

The Nashville Advocate announces that Bishop Hendrix will contribute to the subject of pastoral responsibility. These will be worth reading, as they will come from a trained mind and a wide observation.

The Methodist Recorder, the organ of the Protestant Methodists, says that fifty per cent of the preachers of that Church change their pastorates annually, and yet there is no time limit imposed upon them by the Church.

Dr. Hoss states that the sum of \$600,000 of the proposed century offering of our Church has been secured. This is a good beginning, and nearly one-half of the amount we are to raise. Surely we ought to more than double this in the course of the year.

Lafferty, in the last issue of the "Old Richmond." has a striking editorial on "Cats." He shows their quarrelsome

meet the Quarterly Conferences on the Church, having been in all the General Marshall District as announced by Conferences for twenty-five years. Pishop Galloway attended his funeral. He died of pneumonia.

> The M. E. Church is discussing the probability of electing four new Bishops at the approaching session of their General Conference. It is assumed by those who favor this number that at least four of their present pannel will be "retired on half pay."

It is stated that the \$5,000,000 offering proposed to be raised by the Wesleyans of Great Britain is already practically secured. Those English Methodists mean business when they undertake anything. They will not stop with this amount. The probability is that they will nearly double it.

The New York Christian Advocate recently stated that the M E. Church will not for the present place any missionaries in Cuba, but will devote their time to Porto Rico and Philippines. We infer from this that Cuba will be left to the M. E. Church, South. Then we need to get down to business over

The Methodist Magazine, published in New York, concluded some time ago to sue the Illustrated Methodist Magazine of St. Louis for infringement of title, but now the former has made peace by selling out to the latter. This is good, and Drs. Lee and Luccock will make a great periodical out of the con-

Dr. Hoss comes out in a long article in last week's Nashville Advocate in a lucid statement of his sympathies with England in her present conflict in South Africa. The Doctor may be correct in his reasons, but there is much sympathy on the other side of that question, and many good reasons therefor. Still we admire his outspoken convic-

The Joint rublishing Committee of the Tennessee and Holston Conferences met last week and elected editors of the Midland Methodist. Rev. James Lyons, who has been the Holston man on the staff for the past year, de-clined a re-election and Rev. James Burrow was elected to fill the vacancy. Dr. W. M. Green was re-elected from the Tennessee Conference. We are sorry to lose Lyons from the tripod, but we welcome Burrow. He is a live

Dr. S. Parks Cadman, of New York. great success in his new field .- The will preach the commencement sermon at the Vanderbilt University next June. Dr. Cadman is the preacher whom the secular papers in New York heralded some months ago as having 'ripped" up some portions of the Pible in a speech before the New York Preachers' Meeting. But it may be he did not do this, as secular papers sometimes get things wrong. Anyway The Southern Christian Advocate the little episode made Dr. Cadman announces the death of Rev. A. M. famous and the Vanderbilt people Ataway, of the South Carolina Confer- want to hear him. He is a distinence. He died the 4th instant after a guished minister in the M. E. Church, and at present pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in New York senger Agent.

CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Church Extension Board of the Texas Conference will meet at Hempstead Tuesday, March 6, 1900. All applications to the parent its pages a series of articles covering board should be in the hands of the Secretary, H. C. Willis, Houston, by March 1.

PROHIBITION CARRIED.

W. WOOTTON, Pres

We carried prohibition in Wise County by several hundred majority. The preachers of all denominations were the only speakers for prohibition. It was a victory for the Churches. We are now organizing for the enforcement of the law. To the T. H. MORRIS. Lord be praise. Decatur, Texas, Jan. 15.

----A LADY TELLS HOW SHE SUPPORTS HERSELF AND FAMILY.

I often read of ladies who work hard trying to earn enough to keep body and soul together and for their benefit I will relate how easily one can get along in the world if they only know how. There is a big firm in Pitt burg that manufactures flavoring powders. I had tried them myself and knew they were splendid, so sent for samples and tried selling them. I found it so pleasant and easy that I have kept right at it and never make less than nature, and their disposition to pull "fur" off of their kind, and then proceeds to find a good deal of this "cat" nature in mankind.

Dr. C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference, died the 7th inst. at his home in Meridian, Miss. He was one of the most prominent ministers in the

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Dockum-Swanson. — At the Methodist Church in Llano, Texas, November 15, 1890, at 2 o'clock p. m., by Rev. M. A. Rlack, Mr. J. L. Dockum, of Corsicana, and Miss Myrtle Swanson, of Llano. Mears-Vaught.—Mr. C. M. Mears and Miss Dora Vaught, in the Methodist Church at Liberty Hill, Texas, Documber 20, 1890, Rev. Sam C. Vaughan officiating.

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Flanagin-Russell.—At Somerville, Burleson County, Texas, December 20, 1899, Mr. W. L. Flanagin and Miss Lizzle L. Russell, all of Burleson County, Rev. W. E. McClellan officiating.

Stanford-Trice.—At the residence of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dollins, Richie, Texas, Mr. Jno. T. Stanford and Miss Ruby May Trice, January 7, 1900, Rev. E. R. Barcus officiating.

Kirk-Spencer.—At the home of the groom's father, Fate, Texas, on December 6, 1899, Mr. Walter Kirk and Miss Lizzle Spencer, Rev. T. M. Kirk officiating.

Madlin-Hale.—At the home of the bride, near Kingston, Texas, on December 24, 1899, Mr. J. J. Madlin and Mrs. Bulah Hale, Rev. T. M. Kirk officiating.

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Watts-Culver,—At the home of the bride, in Kingston, Texas, on January 4, 1900, Mr. R. L. Watts and Miss Ivy Culver, Rev. T. M. Kirk officiating. Avant-Petty.—At the residence of Mrs. W. M. Petty, five miles west of Palestine. Texas, Mr. M. M. Avant, of Tennessee Colony, and Miss Susie Petty, at 7:30 p. m., January 10, 1800, Rev. W. A. Moore officiation.

Paul-Herrington.—At the residence of A. L. Herrington, In Anderson County, Texas, on the 17th of December, 1830, by Rev. W. A. Moore, Mr. Robt. C. Paul and Miss Nora Herrington.

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 4, JAN. 20.

THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.-Luke 3:1-17.

Lord. Luke 3:4.

Time: Summer, A. D. 26,

Place: In the wilderness of Judea. The Doctrine Taught: Repentance unto

Dr. Edward Leigh Pell says of this lesson:

The Pharisees, like the poor, we have always with us. These words of John are quite as timely, therefore, in our day as they were when they fell burning from the

For, when the preacher demands of us the fruits of repentance do we not begin to say in our hearts that we have Abraham our father? Does not our whole nature rise up in protest against the vulgar heresy hat we are only one of the common herd? Is there not a voice within us contending that we are not as other men are, and do we not hug to our bosoms the hope that God will treat us with a consideration which he will not show toward others? Did we not when little children comfort our hearts with the thought that God would not let us die because "it's me," and that he would not let our mother die because she

We have Abraham to our father. The rest of the world may come under the general rule, but as for ourselves, we are the people. We never confess these feelings to conscious that they have place in our hearts, There is the thought so fondly cherished that we are a little-just a little-superior to others by birth. And there is the fact which we love to remember that we have had better home training than other people. And then there comes up before us the sweet face of the dearest mother in the world who has never, never ceased to pray for us and whose prayers are going to save us whether or no. Then, too, we have been faithful in observing all the ordinances of the Church. We fast twice a week-in spirt- and give tithes of all we possess, aftthen but there is no end to the things to list in practice as well as in theory. The be said in our favor!

But they are not worth repeating, says John, with a merciless dash of cold water on all our beautiful robes of self-righteousness. The fact that you and I were brought up in a gospel land by God-fearing parents is nothing if we have not walked in the footsteps of our parents according to the gospel; just as the fact that the Pharisees the additional statement, "And he were descended from faithful Abraham was arose, and came to his father." nothing if they had not inherited Abraham's faith and faithfulness. God is not con cerned about genealogical tables; he wants men. The world is full of pedigrees and family frees God wants men

John does not make light of falthful Abraham, nor does he infimate that it is of no advantage to be born a Jew, or to born of pious parents in an enlightened Christian land. What he insists upon is that these things are valuable only as they are used as means, and that otherwise they can be of no possible service to us; they will only rise up in the judgment to condemn us. It is nothing that our parents were plous if we are not plous. It is nothing that we do not pray. It is nothing that our names tre on the Church roll we are not mini bered among the faithful. It is nothing that we have been baptized if we have not shown our repentance in any other wayby leading better lives, by self-denying acts of love, by renouncing every form of dishonesty, by resisting the temptations of our position and being content with such things as we have. For "what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love merey, and to walk humbly with

Epworth League Department.

January 21. Lesson Topic: In The Far country.-Luke 15:11-24.

Below we give five steps between "the far country" and the Father's house as stated and discussed in the last issue of the Era:

1. Reflection. The expression, "when he came to himself," showed that reason had resumed its sway. He awaked out of an evil dream with eyes wide open, and saw his better nature, and visions of home pressed upon his inner sight, and he remembered that even his father's hired ser- Texas. vants had "bread enough and to spare," while he perished with hun- 1 am, your fellow Leaguer, The Lord says to the sinner, Come now, and let us reason togetherer." (Isa, 1:18.)

Repentance and confession. "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee." He will not attempt to excuse or gloss over his con-It is inexcusable. He has been foolish and wicked, sunk in self-deg-

radation and madness. Sin against man is also sin against God. So David said, although he had sinned most grievously against conscience and his neighbor: "Against thee, thee, only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight." (Ps. 51:4). As our Heavenly Father considers every service for Golden Text: Prepare ye the way of the man as for him (Matt. 10:42; 25:40), so he counts every sin against man as against him. When you do evil to your neighbor you strike God.

Humility. "Am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants." Before, he had been self-confident, proud, boastful. He had peremptorily demanded his portion of his goods. Now selfconfidence, pride, and boasting are dead. He will not ask for reinstatement as a son and heir. He has forfeited his birthright, but he realizes that it is better to be a servant in his father's house than a feeder of swine in 'a far country." Proper contrition is willing to take the lowest place, if it will bring the father's favor and deserve his praise. A doorkeeper in the house of God is happier than a king in the tents of wickedness. (Ps. 84:10.)

4. Resolution. "I will arise and go to my father." Reflection, repentance. and humility, without determination to turn the back upon the past and to seek the father's house, would only twine more thorns in "sorrow's crown of sorrow.' The will which has been weakened by dissipation must reassert its regnancy, and the man must say. I will arise from the slough of despond. I will extricate myself from the miry clay of evil habits and vile associations, and, by the hep of God, stand on the rock of faith in Christ and that sonship which I lost in leaving my Father's house.

5. Action. This is the final step. One may reflect, repent, and will, but he must clothe his thoughts with energy and invest his resolution with performance. It will not do for a drunkard to say, "I will never drink another drop." He must keep out of saloons, abandon the company of drunkards, turn down the er a painful mathematical calculation. And glass at banquets, and be a prohibitionsinner must not content himself with remorse for the past; he must reform and be transformed by the Spirit of God for the future. He must leave the "far country" and really come back to the Father's house. There is the ring of genuineness in "I will arise and go to my father" which leads us to expect

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(MISS) BELLE MARKEY, Dist. Sec.

Clarendon, Texas.

To the Epworth League Secretaries of Sulphur Springs District:
Please send me the names of all your officers elected since January 1, 1900.
Your Secretary.
KATE LAMBETH.

Cooper, Texas.

"There is no God!"
This is the tenet of a fool:
For if man has a tested rule
Ry which to make such statement, he
Has been from all eternity.
And all worlds trod:
For if there ever was a time
When man was not; or world, or clime,
Or space, or single night or day
To him unknown, how can he say.
"There is no God?"

There is a God.

This mighty truth the heavens declare,
The floating breeze, the balmy alt;
The sun, in every gittering ray.
The night that cometh after day:
The heads that nod.
The sleep that gives us back our strength;
The height, the depth, the breadth, the length.
Of all creation everywhere.
In all the tongues of men, declare
There is a God.

"There is one God."
One God and Father of us all.
One Son, through whom on God we call;
One Spirit who reveals the name
Of Jesus Christ our Lord, who came
To this dull clod.
And died for us, and rose and went
To heaven, and then the Spirit sent
To us the Trinity to show
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And pity may postpone the curse
To be pronounced, in that great day.
Upon the man who dares to say.

"There is no God!"

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Dr. and Mrs. Park, with their little mirably adapted to the purpose, but unfor-

provision.

Dr. and Mrs. Park, with their little daughter Rita, together with Bro. Hearn and myself, left Soochow one rainy evening for Nanzing, a large town of fifty thousand in the silk district, about thirty miles away. Our boats passed out of the city wall through the water-gate and came to anchor, waiting for the Doctor, who had been called to see a patient. We waited long before we heard his request for a gang-plank and a lantern. A second urgent call had come before he was through with the first patient, and thus it had been day after day during my visit to Soochow. One the first patient, and thus it had been day after day during my visit to Soochow. One night he was up with a sick missionary, and snother ministering to a dying Chinaman. With frequent recurring chills and occasional attacks of dysentery, an iron constitution is required to meet such demands. With the additional care and instruction of eighteen medical students, it is well that Dr. Trawick, of Nashville, is under appointment to reinforce the hospital.

under appointment to reinforce the hospital,
Getting a tow by a steam launch, which is one of the signs of progress, we were at Nanzing by 8 o'clock next morning. Breakfast was an enjoyable meal, with its fried chicken, hot biscuit and coffee-prepared, too, in a cubby-hole, where no one save a Chinaman could have cooked a meal. Breakfast over, red cards the size of a blotting pad were carried by our head boatman to several of the principal families in the town who had been the Doctor's patients. These were the Changs, the Bongs, the Liews and the Kiungs. In 1800, Bro. Dzau (C. K. Marshall) opened work here, renalning three years. Through his knowledge of medicine, and by tactful management, he got a strong hold upon the people in the town. He was followed by Bros. Hendry, Lucas, Filley and See Tsekia, the present pastor.

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Last spring an event occurred in the history of one of these families which first deepened the impression already made, and then threw the homes of these wealthy ople open to the medical missionary and friends.

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A wedding took place in the Chang family. Two younger sons, during the mapital festivities sat up all night playing dominoes and indulging in wine. Not very strong, their eyes were attacked with acute tritis. The father became greatly alarmed, especially as the disease deepened so rapidly that in a few hours both hoys were hedpless, and seemed to be hopelessly blind. Dr. Park had cured a Shanghail merchant, who lived in Nanzing, of an eye trouble a few months previous, which had baffled all the native physicians. Mr. Chang was advised to seek him without delay, which he did by taking his sous aboard his steam haunch and heading it for Soschow. They arrived in the night, and treatment began intucdiately. Not a moment was to be lost, for pus had already appeared in the anterior chamber. For three days and nights the issue was—abubiful. In Bro. Marshall's home, where the young men were entertained, as well as in the home of the missionary, prayer was being offered for their recovery. The Sabbath came, and one of the boys, convinced there was no other hope, requested the pastor. Bro. Marshall, that they be prayed for during the morning service. It was done, the native congregation joining hearity in the petition for the restoration of sight. The service was hardly over before it occurred to Dr. Park that he had not tried mercurial inunction. It was the key to the situation, and before the green were well, but without question the turning point hinged upon the prayers of God's people, and the hand of the Christian physician reads to obey the suggestion of a higher Intelligence.

It was in the home of this Chang family that we were invited to dine. The day was spent in calls upon Chinese friends and in service in the church of which Bro. Tsokia is pastor. As the hours of the afternoon wore on it was clear that Dr. Park was the center of all attraction. The aged mother of a wealthy slik merchant had a carboncle on her bac A wedding took place in the Chang fam-

itself was the size of four ordinary drawing-rooms. The attraction here was two beautiful bridges in lacquered wood, upon the steps of which rested pots of chrysanthemums of about every variety and hue. The pure white were, to my eye, of exquisite beauty. These flower bridges were parallel to each other, dividing the room into three sections. We passed under the arch of the first bridge, and were given seats in the middle section, at a round table, about which five young men gathered, making nine, with our party of four. For two hours we were regaled with teas spleed candy, ginger, watermelon seeds, shrimps, sharks' flas, ducks' tongues, chicken, pork, pigeson eggs, soup, and on and on until the feast ended with rice, more hed tea, and towels for our faces and hands, wrung out in hot water. Then followed another hour of music on the guitar, including serveral duets by the music teacher and the youngest son, who exhibited no fittle skill in handling his instrument. Last of all, we were treated to the gramophone, adapted to Chinese airs—an instrument which must have cost hundreds of dollars. The wealth represented by four of the young men with whom we dined that night was over nine million dollars—one of them being worth, in his own name and right, four millions. And yet the fifth-their tutor in English and an carnest Christian—sat with equal social right though he was of obscure and humble origin. When permission was asked, at the beginning of the meal, to return thanks to God—that heing our custom—the older Chang replied: "Our consent is readily given; that young man," poluting to the tutor, "gives thanks at every meal."

His words refreshed my spirit. Here was a youth living among heathen and surrounded by wealth and exposed to the most subtle temptations and yet he was true—constantly true to his convictions.

We returned to our boats believing that the gospel has worked its way into many no interior city, is steadily leavening every class of society, and will keep for the Master's taseliste host. Walter R. L

BIBLE READING ON METHODISM.

Chapter 7.

Justification by Faith.-In this series of Bible reading we are still on the great fundamental principles. There are those who would have you to believe that the Church on the fundamental principles has very far gone from the teachings of the New Testament. Well let us see. Go back to the Philippian jail where a trembling sinner under deep conviction fell down before two gospel preachers and cried out: "What must do to be saved?" Hear the answer thou shalt be saved."-Acts 16:31.

You might have scores of ministers to-day of different denominations of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Con- through years of misery and suffering. gregational, of the various schools and let a trembling sinner like that fall before them and say: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" With one voice they would cry out: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." verily. Consult the following scriptures, Rom. 5:1: "Being justified by faith we have peace with God." Rom. 3:28: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the matter with me." writes Mrs. John more nervousness. It give a healthy deeds of the law." John 3:15: "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

John 6:47: "Verily, verily I say unto

done. My husband's mother had been coming ordeal, which is made practice.

My husband's mother had been coming ordeal, which is made practice. not perish, but have eternal life." you he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Acts 10:43: "To Him give all the prophets witness through his name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." To the truth of this doctrine then the prophets, the New Testament ministers and the Church of to-day C. G. SHUTT. agree.

Bary, Texas, (To be Continued.)

THE NORTHWEST TEXAS JOURNAL-A WORD EXPLANATORY.

I appreciate the desire of the brethren to be correctly reported in statis- was sick and see me now have said-tical tables. This is right. I can not 'How well you look,' and they ask me tical tables. This is right. I can not ask the Advocate to admit explanatory what I got to make me so well. I replies to each. This much for the quickly tell them what made me better. benefit of all concerned: "Owing to the It used to be before I used your medicrowded condition of our columns," cine that every month I had severe columns for cents in financial reports pains and then the hemorrhage would were omitted, but correct totals were stop and in a day or two come back given for all charges and districts. As again, and so on for a week at a for all other corrections up to date, I time, and I would have to lie in bed. find on investigation that the printers but now that is all over. I can go

have "followed copy. A matter of importance: Orders for the extra edition are reaching me daily. I have about 200 copies left on hand, and all who desire them will do well to order early, as no more can be printed. One brother writes: "All the jouranother dozen." He got them. Moral: Order early. JEROME DUNCAN.

Vernon, Texas.

people at home.

CHILD WIVES.

The Pathetic Picture Dickens Drew.

the master mind of Charles Dickens, scription insures this regularity and there is perhaps none which can rival more than all, gives positive strength in its pathetic interest, that of Dora, and vigor to the womanly organs, the "Little Blossom." She found the the "Little Blossom." She found the "I wrote you for advice February 4th, wedding ring grow too heavy for her 1896," writes Mrs. Long Halstead, of

tory reaches its climax in that last in-terview with her husbond. David sits ter, advised me to use your valuable

"I try to stay my tears and to reply. Oh. Dora, love, as fit as I to be a

"I don't know," with the old shake



of the curls. "Perhaps! But if I had been more fit to be married I might have made you more so too. I was very happy, very, but as the years went ment, the suffering woman could be on my dear boy would have wearied of his child-wife. She would have been less and less a companion to him. I the average local practitioner can make know I was too young and foolish. It no allowance for the differences in is much better as it is.

Poor little Dora! The sweet little "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and blossom faded and fell. But how many the delicately constructed woman women wake up to a realization of the burden of marriage, crying with Dora. "I was not fit to be a wife." and live on

UNFITNESS FOR MARRIAGE

is the cause of much of the unhappiness which is so frequently ventilated in the divorce courts. The young woman, knowing nothing of physical That is the doctrine the ministers of disabilities enters into the marriage Christ taught in Paul's day, and that obligation to wake from her dream of is the doctrine they teach now. Is it love and happiness to a realization of cessful in curing the diseases of wom clearly backed up by the Bible? Yea, possibilities of suffering hitherto un- en, as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescrip known.

> using your remedies, and one day she cally painless through the use of came over to see me and brought some vorite Prescription of your 'Favorite Prescription' with are no less marked. -I know it will help you.' I took it and it did help me, and I got better of the bad feelings that I had before I commenced taking it; was soon able to do my work myself. I took the medicine right along till after confinement. and I can safely say that Dr. Pierce's Pavorite Prescription is better than all the other doctors' medicine put together. Now I am happy and well, and the people who saw me before when I ahead with my work as if nothing was the matter. I will ever be thankful to God and you for having such remedies to help poor suffering invalids like I was myself.

THE YOUNG WIFE'S DANGER nals that I had went like hot cakes commonly grows out of neglect of conyesterday. I hope you can let me have ditions which seem to her trivial. But every variation from the normal, in the womanly functions is a prophesy of evil great book, containing 1008 large to come. Irregularity in the girl is pages, is sent free on receipt of stamps often the beginning of a deranged con- to pay expense of mailing only. Send The effect of your prayer in the dition, which in wifehood opens the twenty-one one cent stamps for the young people's meeting, is somewhat way to serious disease. Inflammation book in paper covers, or thirty-one marred by your neglect of the old comes and ulceration to be followed by stamps for cloth binding. Address Dr. that condition of general disease known R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

as "female weakness." No woman is fit to be married in whom the womanly Of all the characters evolved from The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pre-

little hand, and in spite of the lavish- Claremore, Cherokee Nat. Ind. Ty ness of a husband's love, she faded "I was racking with pain from the away just like some sweet blossom back of my head down to my heels ninned by untimely frost. Had hemorrhage for weeks at a time The pathos of the child-wife's his- and was unable to sit up for ten min on the bed side, and thus the story is medicines, viz. Dr. Pierce's Pavorite told:

Frescription, Golden Medical Discov "She looks into my eyes and speaks ery," and 'Pleasant Pellets," also gavery softly, 'I am afraid, dear, I was too advice about injections, baths and die young. I don't mean by years only. To my surprise in four months from but in experience and thoughts and the time I began your treatment I was everything. I was such a silly little creature. I have begun to think I was not fit to be a wife.

the time I began your a well woman and have not had the backache since, and now I put in sixteen hours a day at hard work.

The question is not hard to answe Women wait because they dread to fa examinations and the obnoxious local treatment which their friends have undergone at the hands of some loca physician. Woman's modesty is af fronted by these things, and disease is allowed to go unchesked. Dr. Pierce tion by letter, and have been treates and cured as was Mrs. Halstead, with out having to submit to questions, ex and only submitted to when ther

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January 1

Address communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 170 Masten St., Dallas, Tex.

HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR.

I take my pilgrim's staff anew, Life's path, untrodden, to pursue, Thy guiding eye, my Lord, I view; "My times are in thy hand."

Throughout the year, my heavenly Friend. On thy best guidance I depend: From its commencement to its end

"My times are in thy hand." Should comfort, health and peace be

Should hours of gladness on me shine. Then let me trace thy love divine: "My times are in thy hand."

But shouldst thou visit me again With languor, sorrow, sickness, pain, Still let this thought my hope sustain: "My times are in thy hand."

Thy smile alone makes moments

That smile turns darkness into light; This thought will soothe grief's saddest night

"My times are in thy hand."

Should those this year be called away Who lent to life its brightest ray. Teach me in that dark hour to say "My times are in thy hand.

A few more days, a few more years-Oh, then a bright reverse appears; Then I shall no more say with tears: "My times are in thy hand."

That hand my steps will gently guide To the dark brink of Jordan's tide; Then bear me to the heavenward side, "My times are in thy hand.

-Charlotte Elliott.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, W. H. M. SOCIETY.

Report of Week of Prayer, by dis-

Bowie-Number observing, 1; number meetings, 6; average attendance, 8; contributions, \$1.80.

Paris-Number observing, 1. Dallas-Number observing, 6; number meetings, 15; average attendance, aries, the current expense fund, I am 17; contributions, \$21.60.

Sulphur Springs-Number observing, 1: contributions, 15 cents.

Total-Number observing, 9; number meetings, 21; average attendance, 25; contributions, \$23.55. MRS. H. A. EVANS,

Cor. Sec. Conf. So. Sulphur Springs, Texas.

FROM TERRELL.

Prayer for the W. F. M. Society was observed by carrying out the program in full each day. The attendance was exceedingly good during the entire week. There was sadness and disappointment among us. Our dear President, Sister M. A. Allen, could not meet with us. She had been called to the bedside of one of her daughters in adjoining town. We so much miss her dear face and sweet Christian influence when she is not in her accustomed place. We met "to praise His name, to give thanks for the numerous blessings so bountifully bestowed upon us during the past year, both individually and as a society. We were greatly blessed and strengthened in the faith. The selections read, the papers so carefully prepared and read, the songs sung and the many earnest, heartfelt prayers made all feel as if they had been "lifted higher." Each resolved to do more for the glory of God's kingdom this year than they had ever done be-

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, our new pastor, preached for us on Sunday a grand and most instructive sermon on "Mis- gilt-edge

Total amount collected during the

week, \$23.40.

Dear Sisters: I was much grieved to learn from our Conference Society Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Evans, that of our eighty-seven auxiliaries only twentyfive have reported this quarter. Why this is as it is can only be answered by the supposition that we have fortytwo Corresponding Secretaries who have not yet awakened to the privilege of serving the Master in this important office. Dear sister, I sincerely hope this does not apply to you. Let us look at the result. Our Conference Society, which easily stands in the front ranks (in this we should all feel a pardonable pride and each should do her part to keep it so), loses just in proportion as the Corresponding Secretary of each auxiliary fails to do her part. She is the connecting link, and failure upon

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT, her part to perfectly perform the du- love the lost. The Church too long, Savior, but could never see his face. Conference Society and none the less to mate, has been saying come here and face soon." One morning when Sister her auxiliary. Will you not make it I will help you up. The quickest and Volino went to administer medicine one of your New Year's resolutions to most horrible route to hell is the one she suddenly said with a smile, and let no duty of your office be delayed or our fallen sisters travel. Indeed what looking upwards: "I see his face, go unperformed?

> departments of the Conference Society. They can accomplish nothing unless Inform your pastor of our plans and dollar we have ever put into the conenlist him in our work; but make him, cern. in no degree, responsible for failure upon our part. We want to be a felt quantity for good, but we can not do this if we seek to place our responsibilities upon a ministry fully charged with its own affairs. You will find it the exception when a minister does not readily give the Home Mission Society the right of way.

Twentieth Century Offering the united effort of our society accomplish if our gifts are but commensurate with our blessings! Does not God speak to us now as he did to the children of Israel centuries ago, and demand that "we bring him an offering willingly with our hearts?" Ex. 25:2. May not our gifts bear with them the blessings of sacrifice? Let them represent some self-denial-the giving up of something for Christ. The twentieth century would dawn upon a fulfilled prophecy, the "heathen would be Christ's inheritance" and "the isles of the sea would know of his glory," if those who profess his name would but do as Jesus would in the year upon which we are about to enter. Not forgetful of the lost ones at our own doors, our Conference Society, in annual session, asked that your Twentieth Century Offering be directed to our Mission Home. If we are to see this institution reach its highest possibility for good, we should centralize and make a special effort to place it upon a basis where such a result may be reasonably expected. Is it too much for our faith to confidently look forward to the completion and thorough equipment of this building by 1901? As the greater must always include the less, if the importance of this can be sufficiently impressed upon our auxilisure, will be taken care of. See to it, please, that your auxiliary is not delinquent in this. It is important that we each do our duty here, as it is upon the presumption that we will do so. that this institution has become a possibility, and when we fail the Master's arm will be stayed just in proportion to our unfaithfulness.

For this year, so pregnant with possibilities and privileges, let us take for our motto: "I can do all things, The Week of Thanksgiving and through Christ, who strengtheneth

May the abiding presence of the blessed Christ inspire and direct all your plans for and to his glory in this glad new year. Sincerely,

MRS. L. H. POTTS. Pres. H. M. So., North Tex Conf. Gainesville, Texas.

My Neighbors:

I was gathering up a few facts concerning our Rescue Home and I thought I would print them in a circular letter, but I have so many and the work would cost so much, suppose we just let them spread out through the Advocate?

I have a good letter from Bro. Pinson about the conversion and first work of the Home, but I must first get his consent to print just as it is. You have already seen Dr. Moore's. I think that is such a nice letter. He says so much about me. Only one error I believe. The deed is a "war-rantee" instead of "quit claim." The committee all say it is all O. K., and

I asked Sister Ireland to give us a little say, because she sometimes is in the Home and always in the hearts of

If any of you at any time want to send a box of provisions or clothing to the Home just communicate with this Christ-like queen and she will get for you free transportation. In the summer time send her fruit to preserve. She is great on that, too.

I asked Bro. Harris for a brief statement because he has been closely connected with this Home from the very first and he is the almost ideal of integrity to all who know him. send along a few testimonials from

those we have helped. The world swings a wide door of welcome to the seducer and slams it in the face of the seduced one. cause lay so close the heart of our Lord while on earth than that of a wayward woman. It is Christ-like to

lined by the Superintendents of the than any diamond that ever dazzled such as she. on the finger of a society belle. The restoration to a pure character of any big friend of every friendless one in they receive the support of auxiliaries, one of the girls is worth every puter this large size sphere.

TESTIMONIALS.

Just a sample or two:

"I feel and know that the Lord has forgiven me. The Home is a wonderme better than she has."

"I was here only two weeks when I that line of work in his vineyard. felt that the Lord had fogiven my should have our first, best thought, sins. I fell very much in love with This will come under the department the Home. Mrs. Volino has been like of systematic giving. What can not a mother to me. My mother died when I was small."

"The Home has done a great deal for me. My mother died when I was four years old. I hope the work of the Home will go on to help others.

"I have been here about one year. I am so thankful to God and to Mrs. Volino and to the committee. If it of the Home, and in 1897 had joint had not been for the Home God only knows what would have become of me. I had no home, no mother, no sister, no brother, no friend."

"The Home has done more for me than I can tell. I had no home nor friends. Here I found a home and friends, and soon after I came I found the Lord. I am so thankful and of God has been clearly manifest durhappy.

One of the rescued women has recently died. (This is taken from a former record.) She had been some months in the Home, and her conver-sion had been clear and her eager, Channing work has been filled. G. S. HARDY, P. E. hungry face was always an inspiration at the services. During her illness her

ties of her office results in loss to the like a teasing school boy to his play- "But," she would say, "I shall see his you do for them must be done quickly, and with these words she went to be Please urge the necessity of your A tear of repentance on an outcast with him, who in the days of his life auxiliary co-operating in work out- woman's cheek is more precious to me on earth had the tenderest love for

Yours with you to be theirs, and the

NATH THOMPSON.

I have been associated with the "Rescue Home" in San Antonio, Texas, and take pleasure in giving it my hearty endorsement.

It is not only a benevolent instituful place. As for Mrs. Volino, my tion, but a Christian home, and I thank own mother could not have treated my Heavenly Father that I am permitted to render some small service in

MRS. A. M. IRELAND.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 28, 1899. I have been connected with the work of the Rescue Home in San Antonio from its inception to the present time. I have served on the committee appointed by the conference to control the institution, and I have raised money to carry on the Home. During the year past, 1898, I served as pastor charge, in connection with Rev. Sterling Fisher. As presiding elder of the San Antonio District, I have kept up my connection with the work of the Home and have had general supervision of all its interests. I believe it to be vital to our cause in Southwest Texas, and a work in which the hand ing all its history. B. HARRIS.

P. E. San Antonio District.

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is delighted with him. The District Stewards, at their meeting here this week, showed material appreciation by increasing his salary. He is planning for universal revivals and full collections, including our pro rata of the Twentieth Century Fund. May his hope-our hope-be fully realized!

BELTON CIRCUIT.

Annie Wilson, Jan. 8: We had a good day yesterday. Our good preacher, Bro. J. D. Crockett, preached us a good sermon. He has preached twice at this Church, Wilson Valley, and I will say that the Northwest Texas Conference and the presiding elder aim to put our pastor through, as they have given him six appointments. We have a Sunday-school at our Church, and ask God to bless us and that this may be our happlest year. We are pleased to have Bro. Crockett with us, and I will say we wish Bro. Lemons well, as he was our pastor last year. May God's blessings be upon him. We have not seen our presiding elder since conference, but wish for our next Quarterly Conference, as it is to be at this Church. I love the Advocate, and wish it was in every Methodist home. J. D. Crockett, preached us a good ser-

MANGUM.

L. W. Cain, Jan. 8: Suffice it to say we are here, comfortably domiciled in a fiveroom parsonage, well provided for, in safe hands. Work very well lin hand; beginning somewhat flattering; outlook most favorable. Our reception was warm, donations liberal. This is our first appointment west of Fort Worth District. Already thoroughly convinced that these Western people are big-hearted and liberal. Evidently they know just how to make their pastor feel easy and at home in their midst. We rejoice to be here, and desire to express our sincere thanks to those who figured in our appointment. This is indeed a great country. Later on we hope to give out some interesting dots from Mangum and our work in Greer County. Hope to place the Advocate in every Methodist home. It is indeed the pastor's helper. room parsonage, well provided for, in safe

MERKEL.

R. S. Heizer, Jan. 9: Our first Quarterly Conference was held yesterday, the 8th, at presided in his usual pleasant way. The morning was very unfavorable, but there was a good representation of the official board. They made a very satisfactory assessment for their pastor's support, and paid to the preacher in charge \$76.09 and to the presiding elder \$10.35. Dr. Chapman preached us a most excellent sermon Monday night and left for Abilene on the midnight train. Since our last write-up our W. H. M. Society have added one nice bedstead and carpeted one room. They are now making an effort to aid the Rescue Home at Dallas. May God abundantly bless these noble women, everyone. My people love the Advocate, and we hope to increase its circulation and renew every old subscriber. 11 a. m. Dr. Chapman was present and

COVINGTON.

D. C. Ellis, Jan. 15: Inasmuch as many have written of the sadness of parting with old friends after conference and the receptions and poundings g'ven them on their new works, etc., it may not be out of place for me to say that after serving the Lovelace charge for four years and being the recipient of many tokens of love and esteem, the ladies presented me with a new overcoat. They were headed by that elect lady, Mrs. Goldie Ansley. (By the way, I prize it so highly that no presiding elder nor thoughtless brother has had a chance to get it.) But as all things earthy must have an end, so our stay at Lovelace came to a close on November 25, 1889, and our work at Covington began on the same date. Here we have found friends; kindnesses have been shown in a material way by many, the whole culminating in a nice old friends after conference and the recepmany, the whole culminating in a pice pounding on the night of January 1. May God bless one and all and enable us to rightly minister to their spiritual needs as we ought.

CROWELL.

C. E. Lindsey: To say that we are delighted with our return to this charge but mildly expresses our feelings. We have remildly expresses our feelings. We have received many "Glad to have you backs." and not a few more substantial expressions. Our first Quarterly Conference is past. Although the attendance of the officials was small, on account of bad weather, we had a good meeting. Our new presiding elder, Bro. Wiseman, easily won the love of my people. He did some preaching that was edifying. He presides with as much case as though he had been there before. He inspires his Quarterly Conference. The stewards present made the best reports in the history of the charge, bringing up one-fourth of the year's salary. They are trying to make this the best circuit on this side of the conference. We believe they will. We are not neglecting the spiritual ing to make this the best circuit on this side of the conference. We believe they will. We are not neglecting the spiri ual side of the work. Our Leagues and Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings are doing good work, and we are preaching to larger congregations than last year. It's not an ensy work however, for the six appointments are scattered over this county and part of another. I wish, for the sake of preachers' throats, we could drop back to the old time week-day appointment, and not have to preach three times on Sundays. We expect a good year.

MATADOR

C. A. Clark, Jan. 10: At the recent session of the Annual Conference we were reappointed to the Matador charge for the second year. Last year this work was a mission, embracing an im-mense territory. A division was effected at conference and Paducah Mission was formed. It embraces more than half the territory we worked last year. We take the smallest half of our former work for this year, and besides, it was raised to a circuit, Matador being made a semi-station. Still we have much better work than we had last year. Our preachers are beginappointed to the Matador charge for

ning to realize that many of our charges in the Panhandle are decidedly too large. A man with a single team can realize more from the cultivation of thirty aeres of land than from one hundred acres partially cultivated. We were cordially received unon our return to this charge. Good things have been pouring into the parsonage ever since conference. Among the many useful lidings were two fine turkeys for Christmas. Good bless these good people. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Our zeahous presiding elder, Bro. G. S. Hardy, was on hand, and notwithstanding his health was considerably impaired from necessary exposure, he was in fine spd its and did his work well. And right here we want to say that our presiding elder is not for let. The stewards made a very liberal assessment for the support of the ministry and showed their intention to pay it by reporting \$127.30 paid. We have raised for all purposes since conference \$175. Our presiding elder says this is a head of anything in the district. We are starting out with the determination, by God's grace, to make this best year of life thus far. God henored our labors hast year with a sweeping revival, and we are determined to keep the fires burning. Whatever else we may necomplish, unless we get sinners converted to God, our labors will be in vain. Let us be satisfied with nothing less than a general revival this year, so we can start into the coming century with Christ's benness my list, unless we get sinners converted to God, our labors will be in vain. Let us be satisfied with nothing less than a general revival this year, so we can start into the coming century with Christ's benness my light and proposed for the table, canned goods of recompliance control of the presidence of the table, canned goods of recompliance control of the proposed for the table, canned goods of recompliance control of the proposed for the table, canned goods of recompliance control of the proposed for the proposed for the table, canned goods of recompliance control of the

East Texas Conference.

CARTHAGE.

C. F. Goodenough, L. E.: This scribe has for some time been at Carthage-Bro. J. L. Dawson, paster. Nearly all the members of the West Texas Conference are familiar to me, but I have not made the acquaintance of many of the East Texas Conference as yet. I want to say though that Bro. Dawson, of this charge, is one of the best men I have ever met; he has an estimable wife and family of four children. On Sunday, the 7th, Bro. Dawson preached two sermons, which were very appropriate to the beginning of a new year. They were listened to by a numerous congregation of different denominations with marked attention, and were two of the best I have heard Bro. Dawson preach. This place is greatly in need of the vitallizing power of the Holy Ghost, and we trust this, the last year of the nineteenth century, may be a year of gathering into the garner of our Lord. J. L. Dawson, pastor. Nearly all the mem-

West Texas Conference.

MORGAN MILL.

J. M. Baker, Jan. 13: First Quarterly Conference for this charge is over: \$420 assessed for preacher in charge; 800 for presiding elder. All the appointments were represented. Night before last the members at this place stormed us and every one left some token of his friendship to, and interest in, the preacher and family. After having a good sociable time singing, reading, and prayers they departed with the benedletion of the household upon their heads.

JUNCTION AND MENARDVILLE CIR-CUIT.

M. J. Allen, Jan. 10: Just before the last Annual Conference the good people of Pon-

We were the recipients of a good pounding, which had its desired effect, and we did not hesitate to ask the good people to come again. We found here a snug little parsonage, very well furnished, two houses of worship in moderate condition, two good Sanday-schools and two good congregations (especially in quality). In our first round we obligated ourselves with our people to make this the best year of our lives up to date, and witnessed the same by taking each other by the hand. It was a good time with us, because God was there. We want our souls enlarged, our capacity strengthened, so that when the new century brings her blessings and privileges we may have a higher conception of and be better prepared for the duties we owe to our God. Our first Quarterly Conference is a matter of history. Bro. Waller, our beloved presiding elder, was with us and preached two splendid sermons. His sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock was a masterly effort and a great feast to our souls. Our people love Bro. Waller, and will stand by him. Our stewards met soon after conference and made a liberal assessment for our support, and made a

A SUPERINTENDENT POUNDED.

C. G. Vickers, Winfree, Jan. 5: I hav heard of preachers getting pounded and people being upset by a cyclone and stru-with lightning, but I have never heard a Sunday-school superintendent receiving blow that literally knocked him speechles This writer is superintendent of Fisher Chapel, Cedar Bayon charge. The oth a Sunday-sensor superint endeat received blow that literally knocked him speechless. This writer is superintendent of Fisher Chapel, Cedar Bayon charge. The other day some ladies drove up to his house, I their vehicle was the most beautiful willow rocking chair I ever saw. Sister Oel Willburn, Secretary of the Sunday-school said to me: "Take this out; it belongs byon." On a card fastened to its back by a cute bow of ribbon was written, in clear, bold hand: "For Bio. C. G. Vickers Superintendent. A Present from You Sunday-school." I suppose I booked foolish; wasn't it enough to take the breat from an average superintendent? M. heart's desire and prayer to God is, that his richest blessing may ever rest upon this people, and that he may so shine it and speak through their unworthy super intendent as that he shall be a beace light to lead and guide them into a swee haven of rest.

BASTROP SETH WARD TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

Nathan Powell, Jan. 10: We were re-turned for a second year to this charge. The people have received us kindly. Last Sanday Bro. Seth Ward was with us, made two strong addresses on education and secured four hundred dollars in larger amounts. The member-to-member canvass has just begun. It is probable that the final contributions will foot up something

Annual Conference the good people of Pontotoc Circuit presented me \$23.75 with which to buy me a suit for conference and I bought a most excellent suit and wife a nice cape. The money was collected by Sister Jan Man Marcett and Miss Ruby Simpson, of Pontotoc, Miss Effer Thon, or Fredonia, and Sister Jonnée Williams, of Brown School House. Many thanks to the people of Pontotoc Circuit for their kindness to us. At conference I was read out for Junction and Menarchile and got here on Nov. 28. Thinks and the property of the party of the property of the property of the party of the property of t

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NEW FOUNTAIN.

amounts. The member repolable that the has Just begun. It is probable that the has Just begun. It is probable that the final contributions will foot up something near one thousand dollars, counting what has already been paid and subscribed. Bro, W. C. Powell, who died last year, left one thousand dollars in his last will to the Church at this place. The money is to be invested on good security, and, according to the pravisions of the will, the interest to be paid over to the preacher in charge of this station. This was a liberal thing to do, and this act clearly shows where our deceased brother's heart was, God prospered him in business and he honored God with his substance. Let others follow this good example and donate their money to God's kingdom.

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SMITH.—Mrs. Milly Smith (nee Reeves), daughter of John M. and Clarissa Reeves and wife of Harvey M. Smith, of Stockton, Mo., has crossed over the chilly waters and is now at rest with Jesus. She was married to H. M. Smith fifty years ago, 20th day of May, 1809. She was a member of the M. E. Church for fifty years. She passed away eighten days before her sixty-ninth birthday, which would have been on the 23d of November, 1809. She raised six children, foar girls and two boys, all married and have families. Rest on, dear mother, in Paradise with our loved ones. We will soon meet you, when this weary, weary life is ended. In memory of mother, M. E. CASKEY.

EDWARDS.—At the home of her broth er in law, Mr. Wm. Mizelle, in Chatfield, December 13, 1800, one of the sweetest Christian spirits we ever knew passed through the beautiful gates into the city of God. Eugenie Edwards was her name; daughter of Jas. H. and Henrietta Edwards. She was born in Butler, Taylor County, Ga., November 3, 1870. Her body was feeble, but her soul was serene and heavenly from communion with God. Her ideal of life was to make some one else happy. Like her Master, she ministered to others. Her testimonies for Jesus were frequent and beautiful. Her last moments, though full of pain, were full of heavenly pence. Shall we meet her beyond the river? Amen.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

ANDRESS.—Cynthia Violet, the little daughter of R. T. and Cynthia J. Andress, was born August 17, 1897. At the Quarterly Conference held at Oxford Church last year she was dedicated to God, Bro. Lecelete conducting the impressive service. The sweet little girl is now asleep in Jesus, She fell on sleep December 17, 1899, and her little body was laid away the next day in the Oxford Cemetery, the writer conducting the services. Sister Andress lost her husband—a most excellent man, too, as report goes, for his name yet lingers as a precious olutiment poured forth—in July. This makes the seventh child that she has laid away—an uncommon experience. But through it all she preserves her integrity. With her two children who are left to comfort her, she looks up through her tears, and by the grace of God says: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

AKIN.—Verger Hill son of J. W. and Magrie E. Akin, was born August 4, 1883, and died January 5, 1890, aged six years, five months and one day. He was a sweet child, and loved by all who knew him. He was innocent in the home below, with loving parents and tender brother and sister; beautiful and holy will be be in the home of the pure and good. Our hearts bleed when we think of Yerger's voice being forever silent in this life, where he made the little world around him happy with his song. 'I want to be an angel.' May the drooping spirits of the brokenhearted parents be lifted by the beckoning hands of their angel-child from the beautiful gate, "Papa, manuam, come home," and God's blessings and love be with the bereaved family in this dark hour.

S. A. BARNES.

MKIN.—Verger Hill son of J. W., and Magris E. Akin, was born Agust 4, 1863, and died January 5, 1890, aged six years, five months and one day. He was a sweet child, and loved by all who knew him. He was innocent in the home below, with loving parents and tender brother and six ter; beautiful and holy will he be in the home of the pure and good. Our hearts bleed when we think of Yerger's voice being forever silent in this life, where he made the little world around him happy with his song. 'I want to be an angel. May the drouping spirits of the broken hearted parents he lifted by the beckoming hands of their angel child from the beautiful gate. 'Papa, manua, come home, and God's blessings and love be with the bereaved family in this dark hour, and God's blessings and love be with the bereaved family in this dark hour.

MULLINS.—Little Clarence L. son of R. C. and H. E. Muillas, was born October 4 being forever all this dark hour, and the fore his cousin and mother could reach him he was burned so badly that he died the next moraling the lith. Sweet Little Clarence's sky on earth was short just longer chosen of the next moraling the lith. Sweet Little Clarence's sky on earth was short just longer chosen of the next moraling the lith. Sweet Little Clarence's sky on earth was short just longer chosen of the next moraling the lith. Sweet Little Clarence's sky on earth was short just longer chosen of the party and the party is an another could reach him he was burned so badly that he died honey the party of the party and the party of the party of the next moraling the lith. Sweet Little Clarence is watching for them at the party gate, another the to draw them and all his loved ones to a higher and bester life here and to heave a moraling which him till the last, which against the little Clarence is watching for them at the party gate, another the to draw them and all his loved ones to a higher and bester life here and to heave the moraling on the was bundered that flower from this surface, infested with briars and th ---

PERKINS.—Reese, the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Perkins, of Lake Charles, La., was born November 16, 1830; was transplanted from earth's chilly clime to that beautiful and bright garden, hard by the throne of God. October 11, 1839, Handsome in face and form, blessed with an unusually sweet and affectionate disposition, endowed with an intellect far above the average child, he could not be other wise than a bright ray of sunshine, scattering joy and gladness throughout the home. Loving God and all things lovable, his nature seemed to run out toward worship of Him who is the author of all things beautiful and good. While confined to his bed in his last illness, he would oftentimes put his arms around his mother's neek and say: "I love you, mamma, better than anything in this world except Jesus." He was regular in his attendance at Sunday-school, choosing to go of his own free will, because he loved its teachings and beautiful, sacred songs. When the last sad hour came, and weeping loved ones were standing by, he turned to his mother and said: "Do not cry, mamma: I am all right," and raising his eyes heavenward, his faltering voice rang out with the song he loved so well, "O how I love Jesus,"

and thus singing and smiling radiantly, he was borne away on angel pinlons to live with God. Take comfort, sorrowing father and mother, from the little text of scripture you read from his Sunday school paper, found in his coat pocket after he had gone: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another 'comforter." May your angel child in heaven be a star that shall guide you both from earth's land, where sorrows, like thorns, pierce through every rose, to that bright and beautiful clime, where father, mother and children may all be reunited, never more to know sorrow, pain or separation.

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN.

DEATON.—Miss Bertie Deaton, daughter of J. A. and Bettie L. Deaton, was born in Virginia May 24, 1879, and died at the residence of her sister, at Wichita Falls, Texas, December 21, 1879. She joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of eleven years, in which she lived faithful until called home. The summons was unexpected, but her life was such that we are satisfied that all is well, so amiable and loving was her disposition. Oh how we miss her in our Sanday-school class! Sometimes in our weakness we wonder why our kind Father lays the hand of affliction so heavily upon us, but some sweet day, when the mists have cleared away, we shall understand. Look up, dear parents, and be comforted, remembering that your darling Bertie is safe in the home of the blest, and if her sweet voice is heard no more in your earthly home, no doubt your loss is her gain, and you know where to find her. May the brothers and sisters and all those she loved live so that they will be like her when the summons comes—have nothing to do only smile and go home to Jesus.

NETTIE JONES.

Allendale, Texas.

HICKMAN. Mary E. Hickman, daughter of John R. and M. E. Boatner, was born January 10, 1846, in Lippah County, Miss.; was married to Rev. L. B. Hickman November 6, 1845, at Navasota, Texas, and departed this life January 1, 1960, from her home in Hico, Texas, where she had lived since 1875, Sister Hickman began her Christian life at the age of fourteen years. Then she gave herself to God, and through all the days that followed she lived in constant and loving obedience to his commandments. The result was a genuine Christian character, with a rich experience in "the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." She accepted the Bible as the very word of God, and her faith in its doctrines and promises gathered greater strength and fullness in the closing days of her life. Repeatedly she said: "I am ready for the change, and long for my release from suffering:" and only a short time hefore she breathed her last she requested the family not to grieve over her death, and secured a promise from her three grown sons, who are not Christians, to make preparation to meet her in heaven. Among her last words was a most pathetic prayer for God's blessing on the labor of her pastor, and the statement, "Oh, it is so sweet to die!" and those who witnessed her departure feel very sure that for her death had no sting, and that she had the victory over the last enemy through our Lord Jesus Christ. Truly, she has only gone to our "Father's house," and the husband, with the four children, an aged and blind mother, a sister and a host of friends will follow on. If faithful, we shall meet her again.

J. E. WALKER.

HARPER.-J. W. Harper, the son

YOUNG.—The subject of this sketch, William Mason Young, was born in Prentis County, Miss., August 10, 1870; professed religion under the ministry of Bro. White-hurst in the same county, at old Rlythe's Chapel, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at that time, at about seventeen years of age. He moved to Texas with his parents in 1880, and settled at Hickory Creek, Fannin County. He joined our Church at this place and fived a useful and devoted Christian until the day of his death, which sad event took place October 7, 1880. He died of smallpox, his father and nurse staying with him till the last, but his mother, brothers and sisters could not be with him during his malady. One of the noblest and purest young men of our Church has been taken away. Mason (as he was called) was of a loyal Christian parentage, whose loss is so keenly felt in bis death. The Church and community have lost a great deal in the transfer of this member from the militant Church to the triumphant. We lay this tribute of affection, with tenderness and love, upon the grave of a true friend, duifful son, loving brother and exemplary Christian.

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HAYES.—John Mack Park Hayes was born October 9, 1878, in his father's home in San Saba County, Texas, and died in the same house November 27 1880. This young man was the only full brother of six sisters, all of whom, with their father, step-mother, a balf brother and two half sisters still live to mourn his untimely death. Mack had been a constant and increasing sufferer from a tumor on his check for ten years. It seemed uncertain how the trouble would locate and terminate until about a year ago, when it seemed to centralize its work in one great subtle destroyer. Many doctors were consulted, not only at home and in neighboring towns, but in San Antonio and Austin, but no permanent relief could be afforded. For three months before he died he was confined to his bed, and suffered beyond the power of pen or tongue to describe. He had never made a profession of religion until about a month before his death. His conversion was then as clear as crystal dow. His last weeks were a perfect triumph. He called all the family and friends about him often and talked freely to them of his peace of soul, assuring them that he was ready and willing to die. Two days before his death he said he wanted them to sing. Some one asked him what song he would like, and he said: "In the sweet by and by." They sang it, and he said it was so sweet. He then called for their neighbor, that aged, trembling veteran of the cross, Bro. Woodward, whom every one respects and loves, and together they talked, Bro. Woodward, whom every one respects and loves, and together they talked, Bro. Woodward, whom every one respects to know how he followed to the said everybody to know how he followed to the said everybody to know how he together they talked, Bro. Woodward reading the scriptures and praying. Mack then said he wanted everybody to know how he felt; said everything looked so beautiful. And amid such scenes and feelings he fell on sleep. Already he may have recognized his dear mother in the realms of ceaseless light. We will meet him again. The family in great grief linger behind. Ere long they will begin to cross over one by one, and soon all will be in their eternal family communion. Here we hush. Submit and wait.

J. W. SIMS.

ROBBINS.—Electra May, daughter of J. J. Robbins, deceased, and Anna Robbins, was born December 29, 1884, and died of slow fever December 16, 1889. Electra was an extra good girl. Too much can not be said in her praise. She was of a quiet, pleasant disposition, and loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and those who knew her best believed her to be a true Christian and never knew her to do a wrong. How hard it is to give her up, and know that we shall see her no more in this world. But, thank God, we are not without hope. We expect to see her again in the sweet by and by. May God comfort and console the bereaved mother, and may she remember, while she mourns the loss of her precious child. Electra is done with the trials and troubles of this life, and is now happy in the better world, and no doubt shouting the praises of Him who doeth all things well.

PENN.—George Thomas Penn, son of G. W. and Alice Penn, was born in Dallas County, Texas, September 1, 1875, and died in the same house in which he was born. September 27, 1869. Tommy was a good boy, a noble voung man. He was industrious, economical, accommodating, honorable and in every way worthy of the high esteem in which he was held by a large circle of friends. He was the only child of a widowed mother, his father having died when he was quite young; hence he was the joy and pride of his mother's life. His affliction was long, his suffering great, and for some time before death came he knew the end was near. He was not afraid to die. He gave his mother, for whom he feit the deepest concern and expressed the tenderest sympathy, the blessed assurance that he would meet her in heaven. In his death his friends and the community sustain a great loss, while none but those who have had 'o pass through a similar affliction can have any idea of the sorrow and grief of his devoted mother. His noble young life, his triumphant death, will be an inspiration and benediction to mother and friends, and "after awhile, when we shall see as we are seen and know as we are known," we will understand better why our Heavenly Father takes our loved ones from us.

L. A. HANSON.

JENNINGS.—On the 25th of last October we laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, Paris, Texas, our valued friend and sister. Mrs. Laura Jennings. Her death was the result of several months of suffering. Around her deathbed, with many friends, stood her aged mother, husband, two daughters, two sons, a brother and sister and their families. Sister Jennings was born in Red River County, Texas, near Starkesville, December 30, 1854. Of her parents her mother, Mrs. T. F. Scott, survives, living with her children in this city. On the 13th of September, 1871, she was married to Mr. John M. Jennings. Two years after her marriage she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and hers has always been the Methodist preacher's home. In the life and death of our sainted sister there was exhibition of qualities rare and worthy of our emulation. She was gifted by nature of a sunny cheerfulness, added to which was a remarkable patience. Both these especially marked the months of her protracted sickness. She had an unshaken faith in her Master. These genial and heavenly virtues left an abiding impression on those who visited her bedside. Peacefully she lived and peacefully she fell on

sleep. But we shall meet her again when this life, so beautiful here, shall be yet more beautiful under the transfiguring light of divine love. The presence of divine power was very manifest in that home of death, and the triumphant faith of the sorrowing ones was indeed inspiring. May the salvation of our Christ preserve in the comfort of love and the beauty of holiness husband and children, and be the daily consolation and joy of the saintly mother, till faith is lost in sight "in the city beyond." Her pastor.

J. J. CLARK. Her pastor,

DEFEE.—Lee Defee was born in Farmer.
Ark., in 1876; came with his widowed mother to Texas about eight years ago; died December 24, 1820, at his home in Fort Worth. Lee was converted and joined the Methodist Church under our ministry in 1897. He lived a consistent Christian till God called him home. Lee had been a cripple for three years, and went on crutches. He was always lively and had a pleasant word for all who met him; had no enemies, and was a friend to all, Oh, how the home will miss the sound of the crutch on the floor; how they will miss his merry laugh. Yes, we all will miss him, but we would not call you back, Lee, to suffer; rather we will come to you. May the blessings of God and the communion of his blessed Spirit be with the aged and heart-broken mother, brothers and sister, and may they meet Lee in the world of bliss, with father and sister, who have gone before.

Graham, Texas.

ELANTON.—Mrs. Zula Blanton (nee Deberry) was born in Allen Co., Ky., March 17, 1878. Moving to Texas with her parents in her youth, she grew to womanhood here, and was married to Thos. E. Blanton January 10, 1897. After a very short illness, she died December 19, 1820, leaving a husband in deep sadness, and two children who will never know the gentleness of a mother's hand nor the sweetness of a mother's voice. Sister Blanton professed faith in Christ under Bro. W. J. Blud worth's ministry in the summer of 1838. However, she had never connected herself with the Church, waiting for her husband to join with her. But she was anxious to be baptized and received into the Church before she crossed the last river. At her request the writer was sent for to administer, baptism to her. On my arrival I asked her if she still wanted to be baptized. Her reply was, "Yes; I want to be baptized before I go." We baptized her and sang one of her favorite songs, and tried to pray. Her last words were, "I see heaven. Oh, how bright! Two beautiful crowns! One is mine. Jesus, which one is mine? We burled her at Oak Hill Cemetery. The Lord bless and comfort the sorrowing husband, children, relatives and host of friends.

ZORO B. PIRTLE.

HUFF.—John Whitfield Huff was born in Nacogdoches County, Texas, February Cl. 1867, and died December 28, 1889. He was the oldest child of Francis M. and Letitia linff. His father died when Whit was yet in his teens, and there fell upon his young but brave shoulders the care of his mother and the younger children. He was as brave as a lion and yet as gentle and modest as a girl. He met the responsibilities which thus early fell upon him not only with courage, but with delight. His was a life of sincere devotion to his Lord. For fifteen years he had been not only a member of the Church, but one of its best friends and supporters; and the Church, his pastor and the community will miss him, as well as the family he loved so well. He had been in bad health several months before his death, and despondent at times, but he was "ready to go" and the Lord took him. We all miss him, and shed tears of deepest sympathy with the sorrowing family, mingled with tears of joy that another of the sons of God has entered into rest.

CAIN.—Rhoda Idell Cain, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cain, was born near Dodge, Texas, April 14, 1897, and departed from this world January 1, 1900. Its days on earth were few, yet its mission was not in vain, for the life it lived is doubtless leading others heavenward. May its parents sorrow not as those who have no hope," for it is a treasure in the skies, more tenderly cared for than it could have been on earth. May you so live as some time to meet again.

J. A. McIVER.

LARKIN.—Little Edna Earl, daughter of John D, and Fannie Bell Larkin, was born September 25, 1805, and died January 7, 1800, at Rockland, after a short illness of thirty-six hours. Little Edna was of a nature to love and be loved by every one who knew her, and her sudden death was a shock to all. She was borrowed of the Lord, and her stay was transient, and her sweet spirit has taken its flight to the

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God.

R. O. BAHLEY.
Chester, Texas. Chester, Texas.

ROBERSON.—Laura Beatrice Roberson was born May 14, 1880, and died December 25, 1870. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church at eleven years of age, under the ministry of that veteran of the cross, J. J. Harris—"Uncle Jesse"—and through the years since has been a true and devoted Christian. She was one of those screne characters who seemed always to smile with the providence which surrounded her. She was Sunday-school Secretary, and took great interest in the work. And thus she lived the few brief years she was permitted to remain in this world, and when the angels came to convey her soul to glory she said to her aunt Sarah Slims: "I'm going home." She will be missed by friends and kindred: but she now enjoys the friendship of saints in glory, and Christ the Lord is her elder brother. She will be missed by her Sunday-school and Church, but we know "our loss is her eternal gain," and with the Church triumphant this beautiful soul, throughout the bounds of endless time, will shout and sing hosannas to God and the Lamb.

McCANN.—On the evening of the 11th of April, 1820, God sent his death angel, who wafted away on his pinions the spirit of little John Foster, one of the brightest sunbeams that ever gladdened our home. In our poor human weakness we wonder why our kind heavenly Father has lain the hand of affliction so heavily upon us. Let us look up to him who doeth all things well. Our little darling is walking the streets of the heavenly city with his little brother, who had gone on before, and when we reach the golden gates our darlings will be walting to welcome us home. Let us live closer still to our risen Lord. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord." His mamma, MATTIE McCANN.

Center Point.

HENRY.—Miss Elizabeth J. Henry was born in Jackson County, Ala., April 22. 18:3, and died at the home of her sister. Mrs. Deborah, in Layaca County, Texas, December 28, 1889. She had been in falling health for some time, but died quite suddenly and unexpectedly. She was a member of the Methodist Church from youth, and her friends do not sorrow without hope. We turn from the sadness of death to the blessed promise of immortal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. May his Spirit comfort the bereaved.

F. J. PERRIN.

VAUGHAN.—Robert Carrol, the infant son of Geo, C. E. and M. E. Vaughan, was born February 16, 1829, and died December 24, 1839, being ten months and eight days old. This little babe fell suddenly ill with a malady that nearly if not quite baffled the skill of the physician. He suffered four or five days and then departed at God's call to join other members of the family on the other shore. On Christmas day we laid the body to rest beside the graves of four other babes of the same parents. How strange, how sad! The doctor said: "It seems that a child can't get sick in that family and recover," and the community were in grief and sympathy; but the parents are Christians. They sorrow not as those who have no hope. They how in wise submission to their Lord. Haif of the family is now on the other side the river of death—at home in the house of many mansions; half on this side, the parents and three boys, left doubtless to fill some divine mission among men. Submissively may they follow the leadings of their Lord, and they will all meet again.

J. W. SIMS.

Waelder, Texas.

BYERS.—Sister Rebecca Byers was born January 13, 1895. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at thirteen years of age. She was very active as a Caristian, teaching a class in Sunday-school, often walking through black mud for more than a mile to reach her class. She was always on time. She was faithful and died at her post, in full faith, December, 1899. She was married to Wm. Byers Sept. 16, 1872, by Rev. F. M. Winburn. Her husband was not a Christian, but she did what she could, with Jesus to help her. She leaves four children, and her husband says they shall go in the way she led them. May God bless and save both him and them. W. H. CRAWFORD.

If you have catarrh, theumatism, or dyspepsia, take Hood's Sarsaparilla and becured as thousands of others have been.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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Dayton, at Dayton ... Jan. 27, 28
Dickinson, at Dickinson ... Feb. 3, 4
Cedar Bayou, at Alexander Chapel.

Feb. 10, 11
Columbia and Brazoria, at C. Feb. 17, 18
Matagorda, at Matagorda ... Feb. 24, 25
Tabernacle ... Wednesday night, Feb. 28
Rosenberg, at Marshall's S. H. Mar. 3, 4
McAshan and City Mis, Wed. night, Mar. 7
Harrisburg and Bay Shore, at Pasadena.

Mar. 10, 11 St. John's Wednesday night, Mar. 14, 18 Sandy Point, at Sandy Point ... Mar. 17, 18 McKee Street ... Wednesday night, Mar. 22 O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Huntsville District-First Round.

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Austin District-First Round.
Austin, Tenth StreetJan. 20, 21
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Austin, First StreetJan. 24
South AustinJan. 25
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Weimar and Osage, at Weimar Feb. 11, 12
Columbus Feb. 17, 18
Eagle Lake and Rock Island, at Eagle
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Calvert	District-First	Round		
	at Gum Spgs.		Jan.	20
	Evan Chapel			22
Leon, at Cents		Tues.	Jan.	
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Mt. Vernon, at	Mt. Vernon	Fel.	Feb	
Calvert		Sat.,	Feb.	
Hearne and M	heelock, at H	.Mon.	F-b.	
Durango, at D		Sat.	Feb.	20
Rusebud, at R	osebud	Sat.	Fish.	17
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Marlin		Mon.	Fish.	263
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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Tyler District-First Round.	
Wills Point Mission, at Clifton, Jan. 20, 2	á
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Cedar St. and St. Paul at Cedar St. Feb. 3.	4
Grand Saline, at Oakland Fish to 1	3
Linden, at Mr. Sylvan	s
Marvin Feb. 24, 2	
Mincola sta	4
Malakoff, at Walnut Creek March 10, 1	ä
New York cir. at New York March 17, 1	ŝ
Troupe and Overton, at Overton, Mar 24, 2	
Meredith, at Meredith camp-ground	
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Emory, at Sabine Pass	
Canton, at Canton April 14, 1	
Edom, at Tunneff's Chapel April 21, 2	
White House, at Flint	
J. T. Smith, P. E.	

Marshall District-First Round
Marshall sta
Hallville sta, at Winterfield Jan 27, 28
North Side sta
Harrison cir, at Concord Feb. 10, 11
Kellyville cir. at Kellyville Feb. 17, 18
Arleston eir, at Mt. Zion
Kilgore eir, at Hickory Grove, March 10, 11
Church Hill cir at Union Spgs March 17, 18
Henderson cir. at Pleasant Grove, Mar 24, 25
Coffeeville cir
Hindenen sta March T, 8
L. M. Fawler, P. E.

San Augustine District-First Round.
Center sta
Homer cir
Lufkin, at Lufkin
Melrose cir. at Melrose
Nacogdoches sta
Minden eir, at Locklin Feb. 17, 1
San Augustine and Chireno, at Union
Feb. 24, 2
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Shelbyville, at Shelbyville March 10, 1
Appleby, at Linn Flat March 17, 1
Sexton, at Sexton
Hemphill, at Hemphill Mar 31, April
A. J. Weeks, P. E.

Beaumont District First Round.
China, at China
Kountze, at KountzeJan 27, 28
Woodville, at Woodville,
Chester, at Midway
Leggett, at Elm Wood
Livingston, at Moscow
Orange
Jasper and Kirbyville, at K Mar. 3, 4
Jasper eir, at Magnolia Mar. 10, 11
Burkeville, at Burkeville Mar. 17, 18
Benumont cir, at North End Mar. 23, 24
Beaumout sta
Call, at Cairo
T. J. Milam, P. E.

Palestine District-First Round.
Prockett cir, at Bethel11 a. m. Jan. 20, 21
Prinity and Lovelady, at T. Jan. 27, 28
Wells, at Chronister's Mill
Proveton cir, at Josserand Feb. 10, 11
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	Pittsburg District-First Round.	
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	New Boston, at New Boston Feb.	
	anden, at Douglassville	
	baingerfield, at Hughes' Spring, Feb. 17, 1	
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- 3	fairview	ı
-	Texarkana, at State LineMar. 4.	
	Vaples, at Naples Mar. 10. 1 Redwater, at Redwater Mar. 10. 1	
	eesburg, at Reeves' Chapel Mar. 17, 19	
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A FEW THINGS.

By D. F. C. Timmons, of Texarkana, Texas, and Arkansas.

After Living in Texarkana one year, it is to be supposed that I would know the place pretty thoroughly. As to the morality of this city. I was never more happily surprised. From reports I had supposed that it was among the worst of places, either in Texas or Arkansas. But I find it one of the most moral I ever lived in. Christmas has just passed, and in a city of nearly twenty thousand souls, with four railroads coming from the south, three from the east and north, and three from the west, there has not been any disorderly conduct that is worth the mention. The oldest inhabitant will tell you that there is nothing like it in all the history of the city. Evil-doers have less showing in this city and county than any place I ever knew when once before our Judge and juries and prosecuting attorneys. The wholesale and retail business is immense. It is said that we have a wholesale house that alone has done a business of \$1,000,000 during the past year. I speak of these things because it has so long been the custom for the disagreeable to be told. The character of this city is far better at home than is her reputation abroad.

METHODISM IN TEXARKANA.

We have one Northern Methodist and four Southern Methodist Churches in the city. State Line is by far the largest as well as the strongest. I have have a connectional officer to make the never been pastor of a more responsive and helpful audience anywhere than at State Line. The Church furnishes a good home for the pastor and pays a salary of \$1250. The past year was one of the most fruitful in all my life as to results. State Line now ranks easily among the best stations-if not the best-in East Texas. And yet we have the most inviting house to worship in I ever saw, all things considered. But the matter of a new and beautiful building is before us. The work will be done, not as soon as is needed or desired, but it must be done, or our lieve was worth more than one thou-Church will lose its crown. We have sand dollars to the occasion. And in our Church all of the societies that now, Mr. Editor, by the authority vest-are usually found in any of our city ed in me, I hereby appoint Abe Mulkey Churches. Hence the different depart- a member of the Board of Connectional Churches. Hence the different departments of our Church are carefully studied and carried on with great success, in at least some directions. We enter upon the new year with bright By the help of God, we shall sons: seek to make good the motto for this

year: "A revival in every heart, and a special gift to the Twentieth Century Fund from every hand."

THE R. R. Y. M. C. A.

The different lines of railroads running in our city gave \$8000 for the building, the citizens added \$3000 more, and Miss Helen Gould gave \$2000 for the library. The work is now complete, and the building was opened January 3. The occasion was indeed a happy one. Many leading railroad magnates were present and spoke, endorsing the movement from a moral and religious standpoint. The Christian idea was the prominent one in almost all of the speeches. It is said that Texarkana has one of the handsomest and best equipped buildings in the Southwest.

SOME THINGS IN THE TEXAS AD-VOCATE.

We have been delighted to see that you remind our connectional officers that there is an East Texas Annual Conference. The "go-by" that they gave us at our recent session is quite usual. We have heard a great deal of connectionalism, but its practical working in our conference is "non est." I am not sure that we are very much in need of them, anyway. The last session demonstrated that our conference swept clear beyond any other conference in the State in the Twentieth Century Fund-even those which are so strong and powerful in wealth and numbers. It is true that we did not Twentieth Century speech, but Rev. Seth Ward, the State Manager of the movement, was present and delivered a good address, and Bishop Hargrove followed in a strong and powerful statement of facts as to the needs of Vanderbilt University. The grace of giving fell upon both preachers and people, and the subscriptions were beyond anything that the most sanguine expected. Our own Abe Mulkey was present, and just at the right time and in the proper spirit made a two or three minutes' speech that I verily believe was worth more than one thou-Officers. His field is to be in Texas. He is to run it-after much prayerpretty much as he thinks best. I make this appointment for the following rea-

1. To preserve our connectionalism

("Abe" always comes to the East Texas Conference).

2. To make our connectionalism a success. (When "Abe" comes we expect to win.)

3. To keep our connectionalism and us religious. (We believe that "Abe" is on the best of terms with the good Lord, and Methodist preachers love men who keep religious and come to see us.)

Mr. Editor, if you will visit us at State Line, Texarkana, you will receive a warm welcome have the privilege of preaching "to a large and appreciative" audience-will do us good, and help the Texas Christian Advocate. But you must let us know in good time. Texarkana, Texas.

METHVIN INSTITUTE.

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I wish to write a word to our Advocate readers in behalf of Methvin Institute and what great times we had there Xmas. On Monday night a very enjoyable entertainment was witnessed, which consisted of appropriate songs, recitations and sacred readings. The children reflected much credit to their instructors, and in a very appropriate manner Bro. Methvin presented several prizes of general excellence. The Misses Hall and Methvin deserve special mention for their untiring energy in the training of these young minds. And right hete I will say that a casual observer will scarcely realize what training Indians means, but it is a life of noble self-denial as well as a wholly consecration to the great work of the Lord. The next night the little folks' hearts were all made glad by a pretty tree, and the hearty way in which they expressed their appreciation was indeed gratifying to see. Bro. Methvin is the right man in the right place, and one can not fall to see that the Indians all look upon him as Guide, Philosopher and Friend. MRS. W. H. SAVAGE, JR.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES. Rev. T. T. Booth, Kilgore, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 11—C. E. Simpson, subs. F. J. Perrin, sub. Mrs. A. M. Ireland, sub. Joe F. Webb, sub. Jas. Campbell, subs. J. B. Adair, sub. W. K. Simpson, sub. J. E. Blaylock, sub. M. L. Meody, subs. S. W. Turner, sub. Sam R. Hay, sub. Jno. R. Steele, o. k. M. K. Fred, sub. D. P. Cullen, sub.

Jan. 12—N. M. McLaughlin, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. C. A. Tower, sub. M. L. Dickey, subs. R. N. Brown, sub. H. P. Shrader, sub. D. P. Cullen, sub. J. G. Miller, sub.

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Jan. 13—A. A. Wagnon, sub. J. H.
Whseman, sub. M. I. Brown, sub. G. W.
Templin, subs. E. R. Barcus, sub. Jesse
Willis, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. E. A.
Smith, sub. W. H. Terry, sub. M. L.
Moody, sub. R. L. Bridges, sub. Geo. H.
Adams, sub. T. F. Sessions, subs. W.
H. Harris, sub. C. R. Wilght has attention. C. R. Gray, subs. W. S. P. McCulloch, sub.

Jan. 15—W. H. Brooks, sub. S. W.

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Jan. 15—W. H. Brooks, sub. S. W. Turner, sub. J. H. Trimble, sub. W. H. Crawford, subs. F. O. Favre, sub. R. L. McIntyre, sub. Ed R. Wallace, sub. W. S. May, sub. S. J. Drake, sub. G. W. White, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. G. W. Kincheloc, subs. A. T. Culbertson, subs. M. I. Brown, sub. G. W. Templin, sub. E. A. Smith, subs.

Jan. 16, W. N. Commission.

In, sub. E. A. Smith, subs.

Jan. 16-W. N. Curry, o. k. J. B.

Adair, sub. D. P. Cullen, sub. T. T.

Rooth, sub. Gus Garrison, subs. Sam'l

Morriss, sub. H. T. Hart, subs. S. W.

Turner, sub. W. H. Crawford, o. k. Geo.

H. Phair, sub. J. M. Baker, sub. Henry

Long, subs have attention. M. W. Clark,

sub. J. F. Archer, sub. E. R. Edwards,

sub. W. B. Andrews, sub.

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Jan. 17—Geo. H. Phair, subs: 2 cards.

J. M. Peterson, sub. Sam'l Weaver, sub.

D. A. Williams, sub. Mac M. Smith, sub.

L. W. Carlton, subs. J. B. Turrentine,
sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. Frank M.
Sherwood, sub. J. W. Hill, subs. J. R.

Steele, sub. J. M. Crutchfield, sub. Jas.

M. Sherman, sub. R. O. Bailey, subs.

W. T. Carl, sub. A. P. Nach sub. Steele, sub. J. M. Crutchneid, Sub. M. Sherman, sub. R. O. Bailey, W. T. Gray, sub. A. R. Nash, sub.

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Clarendon District-First Round. Wellington, at Wellington Jan. 13, 14
Claude, at Claude Jan. 17
Memphis, at Newlin Jan. 20, 21
Channing, at Channing Jan. 27, 28
Canadian, at Canadian Feb. 3, 4
Higgins, at Higgins Feb. 5
Clarendon cir, at Naylor's Feb. 10, 11
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THE ORPHANAGE.

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A MEMORIAL WINDOW

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The window costs \$142.50. Some friends have gladly responded thus far and have ndded to the fund \$55. Will not some others do likewise as early as possible that we may be able to pay for it when it arrives?

In His Name, MRS. ABE MULKEY.

Corsicana, Texas, Jan. 13, 1900.

Dear Abe—Hand to Mrs. Mulkey \$8,05 for the memorial window in memory of little-Joe W. Allen and B. B. Vaughan. A gift from the good ladies of Killeen. More to follow. Respectfully, O. P. KIKER. Killeen, Texas, Jan. 15, 1900.

Killeen, Texas, Jan. 12.

Mrs Mulkey—I have just handed Bro. Abe
85 for your memorial window in memory of
little B. B. Vaughan. Yours truly.

J. M. WARRIN.

Dear Bro. Mulkey—You will please find inclosed exchange, \$33.00, to pay for \$500 brick in the wall of new orphanage building. I have no doubt that the masons sweat when they laid these bricks; I am certain the men wept when they put this amount in the hat. We lift our hat to your Orphanage enterprise and say: "Go it, bud, you're a corker." Yours fraternally.

O. P. KIKER, Killeen, Texas, Jan. 15, 1900.

Dear Bro. Mulkey—Inclosed please find New York exchange for \$5.50 toward fur-nishing boys' building of the Orphanage at Waco. This is from the Junior League of Hillsboro. Respectfully. MRS. C. R. WRIGHT, Supt. Hillsboro, Texas, Jan. 11, 1900.

Bro. Abe—You will please find \$2—P. E. sessment for San Augustine District.
The very best of success to you.
J. T. SMITH, P. E.
Tyler, Texas. Jan 11, 1900.

Dear Bro. Mulkey—Inclosed please find ten dollars for the orphan boys at Waco. Wishing you a prosperous New Year, MRS. M. COCKRILL. Flatonia, Texas, Jan. 6, 1900.

Dear Advocate—Twenty-five of the presiding elders of 1899 have sent their \$2 for Guests' Chamber. One of these sent \$5 and another sent \$10. So there are thirteen who have not responded. Bro, Vaughan is ready to furnish. Are there not thirteen pastors (who want to be presiding elders) who will send me \$2 at once? Every apartment has now been taken in the new building but this one. We can't afford to fail here.

Respectfully your brother.

ABE MULKEY.

Corsicana, Texas, Jan. 12, 1900.

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Rev. Abe Mulkey, Corsicana-Dear	Dans
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From M. E. Church, South, Hubbard City.
Wishing you much success in your labor of love.
JAS. A. GREER, Secretary.

Waco District-First Round. (Revised List.)

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REV. J. W. THOMPSON, Rogers Prairie, Tex.



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