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EDITORIAL.

THE RISEN CHRIST.

That Christ arose from the dead is a fact as thoroughly established as any other fact attested by eye witnesses. Nearly six hundred men and women saw him after his resurrection, and heard him talk, and many of them conversed with him face to face. So much so is this true that his disciples took courage again and went forth to preach him to mankind. They were so thoroughly convinced that they were willing to stake their lives upon the truthfulness of the statement that they saw him and communed with him after his death and resurrection. They made this the basis of their ministry from that day forward as long as they lived in the world. They believed it with all their minds, and taught it openly as one of the fundamental doctrines of their creed. The whole exposition of the four gospels by Paul the Apostle is founded upon this fact of Christ's resurrection from the dead. He made this more prominent than any other one truth in all of his epistles. And upon it the foundation of the Christian system has rested throughout the ages. It is the Central thought in Christendom to day. All over the civilized world his resurrection is the theme of song and sermon as this returning Easter dawns upon the nations of the earth. The daily press, the monthly periodicals, literature in general, are teeming with the story of the risen Christ. As a result of his resurrection, he lives to-day in millions of hearts and homes as the one altogether lovely, full of grace and truth. We do not worship a dead Christ but a living Savior. His grave is still empty and in it our hopes have no place of repose. We look up and rejoice in the comfort and the love his resurrection life inspires. We also look forward to the time when we too shall rise with him and our bodies shall be fashioned after his own glorious body, after which death shall have no more dominion over us. Out of this thought we gather an inspiration which robs death of its terror and the grave of its victory. With Christ risen from the dead we can afford to live, bear our burdens, suffer our afflictions, and wait like an heirling till our change shall come. And we can plant flowers around the graves of our loved ones and look out and up toward the breaking of the morning. The resurrection of Christ, therefore, gives a new interpretation to human life and destiny. In his risen attitude he throws light upon the possibilities of the intellect and the will and the affections and he opens up a future of growth and development whose prospect is gorgeous and inspiring. Under the power of his life we rise to the noblest altitudes of faith and hope and consecration. In him we reach all of the excellencies of which our transformed natures are capable. Hence we join with universal Christendom in the anniversary of his resurrection from the dead, and add our notes of praise to the anthems which celebrate his victory over the yawning portals of the grave!

"IF YE THEN BE RISEN WITH CHRIST."

The resurrection of Christ from the dead will do us no personal good unless we be risen with him. Before his resurrection he was crucified and dead. Without this fact there could have been no resurrection. The former was essential to the latter. He died for our sins, and then arose from the dead and brought immortality to light in the gospel. It follows, then, that before we can experience the power of a spiritual resurrection, we must die to sin. If sin lives in our mortal bodies we can not be spiritually raised from the dead. Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ." That is, his passions and appetites, together with his carnal mind, were nailed to the cross. The old Saul of Tarsus died, he was crucified, and ceased as such to live. But listen, "Nevertheless I live." That is, the regenerated Paul lived. After the death of his sins and the resurrection of his better self from the death of sin, the spiritual man lived in the vigor of a resurrection life. However, he wants the condition and cause of his higher life well understood, and hence he says, "Yet not I, but Christ, liveth in me." That is, all the powers of his soul and spirit became the channel through which the power of Christ's life flowed in the fullness of his salvation. Therefore, he concluded that marvelous passage, "And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Sin no longer had dominion over him. It had been crucified together with the life it inspired. By the power of God he arose from the death of sin to a life of righteousness, and Christ became formed within him the hope of glory. He was risen with Christ. The resurrection of Christ was not to him simply a historical fact, established by the testimony of eye-witnesses, but it became the power of a new spiritual life to his mind and heart. So must we die to sin if we expect to rise with Christ. There can be no spiritual resurrection without it. And if we are crucified and raised with Christ, the injunction of the passage and the verse following it, now under discussion, have a forceful application. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God." Because the Savior had already said, "Whosoever the treasure is, there will the heart be also." We need to come into oneness with God and have in us "the mind which was also in Christ Jesus." Being born into the image of God, the greatest desire of the heart is to become more and more like him in thought, and in purpose, and in aim. We cease to be groveling and low, of the earth earthy, and endeavor to become noble and lofty in life and character. Christ in the beauty of his holiness is the ideal of our effort to grow into the enlargement of the highest type of spiritual life.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION.

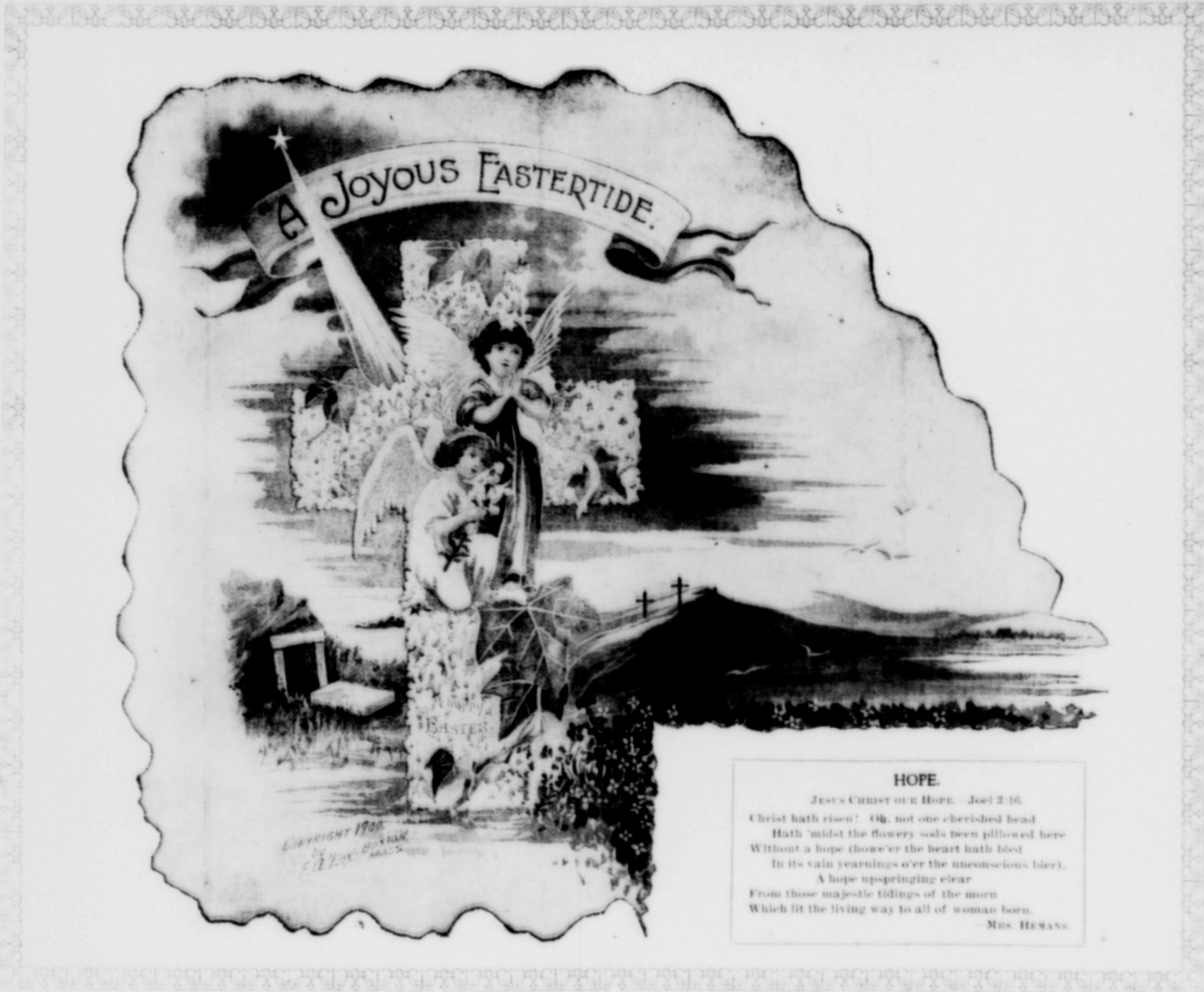
We have heard people say that belief in the doctrine of the resurrection is not necessarily essential to the development of Christian life and char-

acter. This is a radically false position. No man has any right to eliminate any truth from the scriptures and then pretend to claim them as the ground of his faith and practice. That the resurrection is one of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible no one who has read the New Testament can question for a moment. Paul made it the foundation doctrine of his ministry and he based it upon the resurrection of Christ's body from the grave. He says: "If Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen; and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised; and if Christ be not raised your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins. They also that are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable." This is the view the great apostle takes of the matter in the fifteenth of first Corinthians. His idea is that with the denial of the resurrection we also deny Christ's resurrection, and then our faith becomes vain and our preaching suffers likewise; and he even goes so far as to assume that we are still in our sins. And then he follows up his argument with the conclusion that if there is no resurrection, then our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are perished! He even goes so far as to say that "if in this world only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." That old fallacy needs ever and anon to be refuted that if there is nothing in Christianity beyond the grave, it is better for us to accept it for the good it does us in this life. The very suggestion has a subtle skepticism in it of sufficient force to uproot the very foundation of faith in Christ. We are to accept Christ not simply for what he does for us in this life, but especially for what he is to do for us in the life to come. The present life is incomplete without the future life. The latter is essential to the completeness of the former. We can not mutilate the doctrines of the gospel. Their acceptance in their entirety is essential to our faith and hope as the followers of the Savior. To weaken on any one of them is to undermine our characters and do violence to our faith. The resurrection of Christ is one of the verities of the gospel and the resurrection of the dead in general is consequent upon his having been raised. The first fact gives validity to our faith, and it carries promise into the graves of our dead and tells us to look for that day when we shall meet them again!

The morning was ominous and the terror stricken soldiers had hastened to the city. When the grave was visited, the seal was broken, the great stone was rolled away and the glad news announced, "He is not here, he is risen."

THE HURTFUL AND HELPFUL EFFECT OF MONEY.

Wesley's motto, "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can," is still a wise one for people to adopt and follow. Such is the influence of money-making upon life and character that to pursue any other course is to stifle the noblest instincts of the heart and dry up the fountain of humane sentiment. The man who makes and keeps money for money's sake gets the least possible pleasure out of it while he lives, and after he is dead he is as poor as though he had been a pauper in this world. The tendency to hoard money and become rich results in the most unmitigated selfishness of which human life is capable. Such a man forgets everything else except himself, and he restricts his expenditures to his own immediate wants; and he even begrudges the little from which he is forced to part in order to meet his own needs. He unconsciously becomes a money toper, just as much as the drunkard becomes a whisky toper. He lives for self and what self can gather around its own interests. You can not satisfy him, for the more he gets the more he wants. He lives in mortal dread that by some mishap he will lose some of it or be induced to bestow a little of it upon needed charity. Such is his love of his gains that he loses confidence in people, and is in danger of becoming a misanthrope. He often suspects his own friends, and he is opposed to the enlargement of his circle of acquaintances lest some one of them ask him for a contribution. He becomes narrow-minded and hard in his nature. He looks at life only through the medium of a dollar. And what is the result? In most instances he dies and his children proceed to make way with his money much faster than he made it. And often it is the cause of their physical and moral ruin. The man who makes it a rule to set a part of his income by for benevolent purposes develops an opposite character from the one above described. He keeps himself in touch with the needs of mankind. His sympathies grow with the growth of his manhood, and he interweaves himself with the institutions in the community about him. He cultivates confidence in mankind, keeps up the ties of friendship, and opens his hand toward the promotion of all good enterprises. He sees something outside of himself and his own life broadens out into the life of human kind. He is willing to help a struggling girl or boy to obtain an education; or he is willing to help save the little home of a poor widow from foreclosure, or to lend his part toward public improvements, or invest a portion in an institution of learning, or to extend a helping hand to a Church enterprise. In these works he takes a positive pleasure. He sees some of the good that his money is doing while he lives. His children are brought up and educated under that style of life, and they absorb that sort of influence. His money is only a means to an end. He is its master and not its servant. He makes and saves it for the good he can do with it. Money in the hands of that sort of a man is a blessing to himself, and those around him.



HOPE.

JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE. Joel 2:18.

Christ hath risen! Oh, not one cherished head
Hath 'midst the flowery sods been pillow'd here
Without a hope (tho'w'er the heart hath bled
In its vain yearnings o'er the unconscious bier).
A hope upspringing clear
From those majestic tidings of the morn
Which lit the living way to all of woman born.

—MRS. HERMAN.

EASTER MORN.

Tis Easter morn, let all the earth rejoice:
Let every tongue repeat the story
Of an empty tomb, a risen Savior;
Who hath ascended up to glory,
And, far beyond the azure sky,
Now sits enthroned, the Majesty on high.

How it thrills the heart, the pleasing recital
Of the old, old story, that is ever new!
The dreadful quaking, and the rolled back stone;
The veil of darkness, over all, that Jehovah threw.
As if the awful tragedy to hide
Of Jesus hanging, with pierced side.

God! bring your floral offerings sweet,
And wreath them around each sacred shrine;
And as you strew them, joyfully sing
Of the fair young King, the child divine:
Tell how he nestled, in a Virgin's womb,
Tell how he break the fetters of the tomb.

Let every tongue join in the chorus:
Proclaim to the world, in joyous refrain,
That death hath lost its sting,
That "the Lamb that was slain now liveth again."
Tell the sweet story, O joyfully sing
Of a country where is one eternal spring.

T. H. YARBROUGH.

EASTER PROMISES AND PRIVILEGE.

The key-note of Easter is life and joy and hope. "Fear not," said the angel of the resurrection. A Christian has no business to be other than cheerful and fearless. He belongs to a conquering race. He is a disciple of One who never lost a battle. He has no reason to fear anything or anybody, not even God himself in any servile sense, for God has become his friend. Still less does he fear the censure or the anger of man, for in the discharge of his duty he is invincible. And death has no terrors for him, since Christ so completely overcame that "Arch-Fear" that he is truly said to have "abolished" it.

How greatly this sad world needs just such a note of cheer! Let it ring out strong and clear on the April air. Jesus said, "I have overcome." And in him we, too, prevail. We overcome the world, so that its ideals, its ambitions, its alarms, have no influence over us, no power to detach us from the right to turn us a hair's-breadth from the course. We live in a higher atmosphere than the world supplies, and are not interested in the objects it pursues. We overcome the flesh. Its

pleadings for indulgence we promptly trample down when they run counter to the call divine. We overcome the devil. Baffled and discomfited, he flees as the believer opposes to his darts the shield of faith and wields the Spirit's sword.

The resurrection gives loudest possible testimony to Jesus as the conqueror of death and hell, and of all that those grim words denote. If our trust is in him, then indubitable is our right to all the rich comfort which comes from the fullest acceptance of the angel message, "Fear not." But let us not forget, in the midst of our Easter Joy, that this is only half the message. The other half was, "Go quickly and tell." Here is the aspect of duty which always lies close alongside that of privilege. It is not enough to receive. What can we do for Him, who has brought to light for us life and immortality? We can run and proclaim the good news, as did those first ones to whom the tidings came. The new-found joy is too good and great to keep to ourselves. If we try to do so, it will surely be the worse for us. Silence is a betrayal of our trust. We must "tell it out among the nations that the Savior reigns." Oh, blessed work! Oh, labor that lay nearest to the Savior's heart, forever linked with the day of his resurrection and his going up on high! We best celebrate the day as we dedicate ourselves anew to the prosecution of this glorious task, counting no sacrifice too great that the kingdom may go steadily forward, and the world be lifted a little higher out of darkness into light. —Rev. Jas. Mudge, in Zion's Herald.

Since Christ is risen, it is the precious privilege of the people of God to think less of the grave in which the body is laid, and more of the glory into which the soul has entered. It is because we are slow of heart to believe all that the Heavenly Father has told us concerning departed friends that there is often so little sweetness in our cup of bereavement. We think only of our great loss, of our desolate home, and, as some one has well said, "the very crown of life is eclipsed by the casket, and the glory exelling grows dim in the shadows in which we choose to abide.—Christian Intelligencer.

THE RESURRECTION.

(From the German of Novalla.)
Among a thousand hours in life,
That I have found with pleasure rife,
But one to me did true abide;
One that, amid a thousand throes
To me in heart, it did disclose
Who it was that for us had died.

My world to me was desolate,
As if by a worm perforate;
The bud and blossom withered were,
My whole of life in this you have;
My wishes all were in the grave,
And to my grief, I still was here.

Thereupon, I in secret pined,
And ever wept the way to find;
Did but from fright and fancy stay,
But suddenly, as from on high,
The stone that on the grave did lie,
By hand unseen was rolled away.

Whom I saw, and what he did grasp
In his hand, let none seek to ask,
I grew immortal, this but seen,
Of all the hours in life's brief round,
Will but that one, as does my wound,
Remain ever clear and serene.

J. M. GREENE.

ABOUT EASTER.

I wonder if all the boys and girls know what Easter means, and why we welcome the day with beautiful flowers and songs of rejoicing?

Do you remember that terrible night when the destroying angel smote with death the first born in the homes of the Egyptians, but "passed over" the homes of children of Israel?

In memory of that night and that deliverance the Jews have always kept the Feast of the Passover. It was at the time of this feast that Christ, "the Lamb of God," was crucified, and his disciples accordingly changed the Jewish feast into a Christian festival.

The Hebrew name of the festival comes from a word which meant "he passed over." The same word has grown into a great many different languages, all referring to the same thing. Among the French the day is known as "Paque." In Scotland it is "Lash," and in Holland it is "Paschen."

Did you ever hear of Pasch eggs? These are Easter eggs, boiled so hard that you can play at ball with them. They are dyed with different colors, and often have inscriptions or landscapes traced upon them.

The custom of boiling eggs, and coloring them with bright-hued dyes at Easter is very ancient. The eggs were at first dyed scarlet, in memory of the

blood of Christ. Will you remember this when you are coloring yours?

A good many curious customs have been observed in different parts of the world in connection with Easter. One of the most beautiful of these was practiced by the early Christians, and is still followed in Russia by the members of the Greek Church. Early in the morning of the festival friends and neighbors visit each other to exchange their greetings. The one who enters the other's house says, "The Lord has risen!" And his friend replies, "The Lord is risen indeed."

But I have not yet told you where we got the name of Easter. Long ago, when the first Christian missionaries went to England, which was then a heathen land, they found the people worshipping, among other false deities, a goddess named Easter or Eastre. She was the goddess of spring, and the month of April, which they called Easter-monath, was dedicated to her. The missionaries taught the people to keep the Christian feast, but they allowed them to give it the name of their discredited goddess—Easter.—Morning Star.

Our lives are too often graves in which the best possibilities of moral and spiritual beauty and strength lie sleeping. Perhaps not one of us is living at his best. There are better things in our soul than have been brought out. There is more love lying in our heart—sympathy, compassion, gentleness, helpfulness—than has yet been called out into service. There are undeveloped possibilities of usefulness in every one's heart and hand. Many of our lives are like trees in orchards and forests, all over the land, these early April days, waiting for the warm sunshine and gentle rains to call out their foliage and fruits; we need the warm south wind of God's love and of the Holy Spirit to woo out the blessed possibilities that are sleeping in our lives. We need Easter in our hearts, a resurrection which shall cause us to arise and shine and put on our beautiful garments.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

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PULPIT ORATORY.—No. 3.

At the same era, the pulpit of Protestant England or of the Anglican Church produced illustrious examples of theological eloquence, rather than of oratory proper, in the persons of Richard Hooker, Jeremy Taylor and Isaac Barrow. Hooker, the first of these great divines, was distinguished for his vast erudition, his stately and classical style, his earnest eloquence, enlivened by a natural humor lovely in its fresh simplicity. Jeremy Taylor was the poetic preacher whose genius led him to cull the flowers of thought from the fields of classic antiquity, and which blended in fragrance and beauty with those of his own imagination and fancy, and inwoven in his sermons in rich profusion, made them garlands fit to be laid in tribute of service on the altar of God, and beautifully emblematic of the grace and sweetness of the religion of Him who in scriptural metaphor is called the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. The eloquence of Barrow, the third of this illustrious triad, with his mind trained in the field of abstract study and natural science, was "severe and majestic, the handmaid of the strictest and most comprehensive logic." Those who desire richness, fullness and universality of style and thought, will derive benefit from the diligent perusal of the writings of these three divines, as models in sacred literature.

In the eighteenth century, pulpit oratory in England, as the fixed and favored abode of Protestant Christianity, had declined from its early models and had become degenerate. During the progress of that era, it assumed a new style and phase, as exhibited in the examples of John Wesley, George Whitefield and Robert Hall, taken at different periods. Wesley, the first one of these three eminent preachers, was the great expositor of the scriptures and spiritual reformer of the Church. It may be said that his preaching was a living embodiment of the grace and power of sanctified learning and the work of the Holy Ghost, exciting and winning the thoughtful considerations of men rather than their panegyrics, as attested in the statement and the fact that one hundred thousand persons were made converts to Christianity under his preaching during the sixty years of his ministry. The Methodist denomination in all its branches, that now counts its members by the millions, stands as a living evidence and monument of the efficiency and fruits of his labor and that of his co-workers in the gospel at that day. George Whitefield stands crowned by the consubstantial voice of time as the eloquent pulpit orator. His gifts were in a large measure the spontaneous grant of nature, or rather of divine beneficence. It is said that such was the thrilling pathos of his voice that he could make a congregation weep, under his pronunciation of the word Mesopotamia three times. Robert Hall, the third one of the immortal three, was an elder of the Baptist Church. Born in 1764 A. D., and dying in 1831, his ministry began in the eighteenth century and extended into the nineteenth. As a pulpit orator, his discourses were characterized by broad, profound and comprehensive range of thought, long, winding periods with grace of rhythm and diction exhibiting the full scope and wealth of the English language in its composite character, with a strong strain of Anglo-Saxon. These were delivered with such rapidity of utterance, fervor and exaltation of soul and melody of voice that at times, with magnetic power, he drew his auditors to their feet. Fervent in his piety, liberal in his doctrines, profound in his theology, eloquent in his oratory, his fame and usefulness have not been hemmed in by sectarian lines. His published sermons have been received as standards of sacred eloquence by the evangelical world, and read with delight.

During the present century, which is now closing its last round, such has been the increase of population, the general diffusion of knowledge, the advancement of art and science, the progress of the gospel and the extension of the borders of Christianity, that there has been a large accession to the number of pulpit orators in the deepening ranks of the ministry. From the long list of illustrious ones throughout Christendom, we select for notice and comment, as to styles of oratory and representatives of the age, William Capers, H. B. Bascom and George F. Pierce. These three ministers of the gospel were of the M. E. Church, South, and well known in the annals of Methodism. Each one bore the palm of the orator, and has a revered and precious memory in the Church. Each one, as anointed of the Holy Ghost, and in his gifts and graces of speech,

won many souls to Christ. Each one has a grand record of earthly fame.

The first in order of the three, William Capers (Bishop in the M. E. Church, South), had the natural endowments of body and mind that make the orator: being tall and graceful in form, courtly in manner, classic and handsome in countenance, eyes radiant with the light of genius, and voice as musical as Apollo's lute. There was also to him the mind glowing with thought and rich in culture, and the seraphic fire that fills the soul, from knowledge and love of Christ and the grace of the Holy Spirit. In memorial sermon of him preached before the conference, Bishop Pierce said of him: "Oh, he was a charming preacher. At times, he was transfused, his very form dilated, his eye beamed with celestial beauty, soft with light of love, yet radiant with the joy of his rapt and ravished spirit, and his voice, mellowed by emotion, spell-bound while it inspired the hearing multitude."

The second of these eloquent sons of the Church, H. B. Bascom, likewise of the Episcopal College, was cast in a magnificent mold, both as an orator and as a man. He was tall and massive in frame, regal in intellect and impressive in the majesty of his bearing. His sermons were broad and comprehensive in their scope, presenting the truths and principles of Christianity in an elaborate manner, and as adorned with tropes, metaphors and similitudes poured forth in rich exuberance by his imagination from the chambers of its imagery, they are rich mosaics and specimens of pulpit eloquence, unique, grand, novel and dazzling. His elocution was in harmony and adaptation to the magnificence and stately structure of his discourses, and placed him among the Titans of oratory.

The third one of this list of eloquent divines, Bishop George F. Pierce, possessed in rare excellence from nature the elements of the orator. There was to him grace and symmetry of form and person that gave to every pose of his body in the pulpit the eloquence of preaching; the forehead ideal, serene and expressive of intellectual power; the eye vivid, and in its fine setting giving dreaming brilliancy and fascination to his countenance; the exquisite contour of mouth and chin and lips, expressing majesty, beauty and grace; the deep-toned voice, that in all its modulations, from the lowest note to the highest pitch, possessed magnetic power. His imagination was bold and fervid, scaling the highest heaven of invention, and the thoughts of his mind in his "poet's tropic heart" blossomed into beauty and fragrance and richness of language. It may be said of "his flowers they were not artificial; they all had roots, and they were redolent of the morning dew, fresh and fragrant as a vernal garden in the early day." He was a matchless orator. In natural endowments, theme and divine afflatus, he was greater than Demosthenes, greater than Cicero, and wore the purple robe and the imperial crown in the world's wide lists of oratory.

J. M. GREENE.

PAGES FROM MY DIARY.—No. 2. IN ENGLAND.

A long journey is an unheard-of occurrence in England. It takes only about twelve hours to go from the north of Scotland to the southern portion of England. Their locomotives and coaches are built on a small scale, and their freight cars are not much larger than our good size wagons. To see unbaled hay stacked on these cars looks much like our country wagons as they come into town loaded with that product.

When the train arrives—they are always on time—everyone is ready to rush for a compartment, into which coaches are divided, mostly to the third-class ones, for the old saying is that only the aristocracy, Americans and fools ride other than third. The "guards" then hastily close the doors and the train moves off so smoothly that it is hardly perceptible until you see from the window the trees, hedges and houses flying by.

I shall not attempt a description of London—it is too large and complex—but I shall try to tell you something of the country and of my impressions of home-life in and around the little town of Buckfastleigh, in Devonshire, where we spent six weeks visiting relatives. And I am told that many things that pertain to this district is true of most of the country districts.

Old England is built to stand. You see no broken-down, or barbed-wire fences; but green hedges that, in the spring of the year, are thickly covered with primroses, and close to the ground the modest violet grows. You see no dilapidated wooden bridges, but grand, old ivy-covered bridges, with

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just enough of the bridge itself showing between the leaves for the passer-by to know that it is all of solid stone.

A drive through the country in an open carriage, with a typical English coachman, who sits so rigid that your sympathy is aroused, and who, when spoken to, never fails to give the salute, and say, "Yes, sir," is most enjoyable. The lanes are so narrow that it is almost impossible for carriages to pass each other.

Looking over the green hedges you get a splendid view of the surrounding hillside farms cut up into fields of all shapes and sizes—triangles, squares, pentagons, hexagons, etc.—with their various shades of green and gold, or perhaps you may see a patch of the red soil mixed in for color. In all, it is a charming sight.

The Dart-moor hills can be seen in the distance, which, in July and August, are given, by the peculiar shaped heather and gorse flowers, a covering of deep purple and bright yellow. Near the town, at the top of a hill among a cluster of trees, the old church steeple is silhouetted against the deep blue sky. Should you ascend the side of the hill by the hundred or more stone steps to this church, you would hear the tinkle of sheep bells as the little flock graze in the old churchyard, in which are the graves of past generations.

Perhaps you might pass through an old village where the curfew is still rung. You would notice that the streets are very irregular and that the old "Butter-walks" are still in existence. Few houses have yards, but everything is clean and the white curtains and flowers in the windows give a homelike appearance, even to the most unpretentious.

In one of these drives we went about seven miles to an old castle—Berry Pomeroy—which dates back to Queen Elizabeth's time, and a portion of it as far back as the Norman Conquest. The road to this led down through thick woods, so that the old ruins could not be seen until very near and then they came suddenly into view.

Not much more than the old ivy-covered walls remain, but enough else to enable one to spend some time in exploration. As we entered the old gate-way only the chirp of a cricket in one of the walls broke the silence. This was the only live creature that had kept watch for several hundred years. What a contrast was this to the time when tumult, bloodshed, and anxiety reigned there! Climbing up into the large gate-tower, we peered through the narrow sentinel windows and were much impressed with the strength of the position.

We went down into the dungeon where Lady Margaret is said to have been imprisoned for years. Only a faint ray of light came into it through a very small window near the top. We also entered the narrow passage where

prisoners were kept. There were some niches in the walls that had evidently been secret chambers. The narrow stair-way still remained and the great fire-place in the kitchen. We were shown the place where at one time the knights, who were holding the castle, finding the place being taken by the enemy, blindfolded themselves and their horses and rode them over the precipice (upon which the castle was built) to a certain and awful death below.

We enjoyed the cordiality of the generous, warm, honest hearts of the old folk and the rosy cheeks and smiling countenances of the young. The number of picnics, teas, garden-parties and hunts that are constantly being planned and indulged in proves how much the English enjoy life and the fresh air and sunshine. At the garden-parties they play "tennis," "bowls"—a real English game—"shuff-flie-door and battle-cock," while the picnics are the places where the sack, potato, two-legged pick-a-back and many other races are run even by the uncles and grandfathers.

I do not wonder that the young especially take advantage of these entertainments, for it is their only chance of making love, these social gatherings being the only occasion when the young gentlemen are left free with the maidens. Should a young man call more than twice at a home the father must know his intentions. When I told of our custom, how we girls allowed our gentlemen friends to call or to escort us to social gatherings, they thought it "quite improper." And then when I told them that after my engagement I received callers other than my fiancé, their hands went up in amazement and they exclaimed, "What a dirt you must have been." Perhaps both our English cousins and we Americans would do better to make a compromise and strike the happy medium.

We found it pleasant to chat over a cup of tea when making an afternoon call, but after three or four calls we began to think the beverage not quite so good, and at last had to force ourselves to drink it. We should not have been social had we said: "No, I thank you."

The English are proud of their homes and gardens, and well they might be. They enjoy showing the house from cellar to garret, never missing a room, not even the kitchen, as well as taking their guests into the "kitchen garden" and showing the fruit trees, flowers and vegetables, and occasionally including the stables and even the pig-pen and poultry yard.

I was recognized as an American and a Southerner at every turn by my accent and characteristic expressions, and of course I thought their provincialisms equally striking. The weather with them is either "nice" or "heavily." They are continually "fancying" people, and books are "clever," and the little word "nasty" comes in on all occasions, "don't you know."

Our six weeks passed away only too quickly and we were loath to say good-bye to our friends and relatives as well as to the green hills and hedges of Devonshire.

MARGARET JOHN MORGAN, Dallas, Texas.

HAPPY FAMILY.

When They Got Rid of the Coffee Habit.

A little woman out in Oswego, Ill., tells about her husband having determined to see if he could not make her quit coffee drinking, which he believed to be the cause of her constant neuralgia and general nervousness, brought home several packages of Postum Food Coffee which he had discovered, by trying elsewhere, to be good.

She says: "What in the world he brought home five packages for, I could not understand; nevertheless I quit coffee and started in on Postum Food Coffee. I did not have much faith in the change doing me any good, but was astonished to discover that my neuralgia left me almost at once, and the nervous troubles kept getting less and less.

"Little daughter at that time had been ill and could eat little or nothing. She was pale and thin. As soon as I discovered how Postum treated me, I began to give it to her. She liked it very much, and would drink it when she would take nothing else. She began to pick up rapidly and got plump and round and rosy.

"I don't care what sort of food there is in Postum so long as it treats me as it has. It is plain enough the food contained in Postum Coffee is good, and that's all we want to know. I am rid of neuralgia and nervousness, and am a healthy woman. Husband has also been improved, and daughter is well and happy, as I stated above." With best wishes, Mrs. Nellie Treman.

Secular News Items.

The great Auditorium Hall in Kansas City, in which the National Democratic Convention was to meet the 4th of next July, was burned to the ground last week.

The large corn shelling and electric light plant at Plano was burned last Wednesday night—last week. The loss is \$10,000, with no insurance.

A half-witted anarchist one day last week, while the car carrying the Prince of Wales and his family out of Brussels, jumped upon the rear platform and fired two shots directly at the Prince, but missed him.

The announcement of Dewey's intention to become a candidate for the Presidency has stirred up the politicians in both parties; but the politicians are disposed to ridicule the naval hero's course at this late day.

A fearful wreck occurred on the 5th inst. on the Denver and Fort Worth Road near Mangenta, 27 1/2 miles from Fort Worth.

Senator Chilton is sick at his home in Tyler, and he is forced to take a rest of several days. This will interfere with his campaign against Mr. Bailey.

In an interview with a New York World correspondent with President Kruger, we quote the following about the old man: "According to his own declaration, the war has added many burdens to his life, but his health is as good as it ever was."

The Kentucky Court of Appeals handed down a decision last Friday in the contest for the Governorship in favor of Beckham, but the Republicans have appealed the matter on a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Early last week the British had another setback at the hands of the Boers. A regiment of mounted infantry came upon a large force of the enemy, and in the encounter the Boers captured five hundred of Roberts' men.

The most appalling disaster ever known to befall the city of Austin occurred there Saturday last about 1 o'clock p. m., when the great dam across the river gave way, carrying death and destruction in its track.

Gen. Otis, after having done good service in the Philippines, has been relieved of duty and Gen. McArthur will assume the command. The former has given satisfaction to the Government, and has won the respect now given to him.

The great Carnegie Steel Company have already begun the shipment of material to Kansas City with which to replace the great Auditorium recently destroyed by fire.

Speaking of Gen. Villebois Mareuil, the French commander of the French legion of the Boer army, and who was recently killed in an engagement, a correspondent says of him: "He was a fine type of the French man of war, brave, dashing, highly intelligent, loving war, yet a polished gentleman at home and a scholarly and almost brilliant writer."

He it was who warned Gen. Cronje that he was being flanked by Lord Roberts. Cronje replied angrily, "The British will never leave the railway."

Austin, Texas, April 7.—The charter of the West Cotton Mills, of West, McLennan County, was filed to-day. Capital stock, \$100,000; purpose, the manufacture of cotton and wool into products of all kinds.

Washington, April 8.—A report was in circulation to-night that Mrs. Dewey had left the Catholic Church and had become an Episcopalian, but no verification of the rumor could be obtained.

The Herald's Washington special says the committee of Arrangements from Chicago will submit plans to Dewey. The committee assures him he will receive a hearty welcome.

Civil government, with the Taft Commission in supreme control, is to supersede the present military government in the Philippines on July 1. This is what the instructions to the new commission contemplate.

Arrangements have been practically concluded with Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the acquisition by the United States of a strip of territory ten miles wide between Greytown and Brito.

The Houston Daily Post came out last Sunday in an anniversary edition, which eclipsed anything of the sort in the history of Texas Journalism. It contained sixty-eight pages of reading and advertising matter, and it covered a wide range of matter.

Ex-Speaker Reed's daughter has just completed her course in the study of law, and was graduated March 29 from the women's law class of the University of New York.

Philadelphia is pushing the collection of the fund of \$100,000 which she agreed to raise in order to secure the Republican National Convention.

The public schools of Cuba have an enrollment of 130,000 pupils. The teachers are all Cubans and the Spanish language is taught, though it is announced that the English will be taught later.

Rev. Dr. William Park, a resident in China, says that "in the province of Gunnan, population 5,000,000, the average number of suicides may be estimated at about 1,000 a month, and that in the whole of China there are over 800,000 deaths by suicide each year, and that 200,000 of these deaths are due to opium poisoning."

The announcement of the financial embarrassment of the old and honored publishing house of D. Appleton & Co., of New York, has occasioned both surprise and sorrow.

The faculty of Princeton University some time back invited ex-President Cleveland to deliver two or more lectures before the student body on the "Independence of the Executive," and last Monday night he delivered the first of the course.

The French authorities have decided that all exhibits at the Exposition are to be open to the public on Sundays, and the United States exhibits are naturally within the regulation.

Russia's activity is attracting the attention of the diplomats, and the nations are asking, "What does it mean?" Russia blandly says, "Nothing," but the others are incredulous.

ally granting the railroad concessions asked for. Japan is said to be not ready for war, so will not risk anything yet by interfering with Russia's move in Eastern Asia.

Webster Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, returned from South Africa last week. In an interview he said: "I saw fighting by the Boers as well as by the British. I had never seen fighting before, and I don't care to see it again. In my opinion, war is just what Gen. Sherman said. The Boers don't fight in masses; they spread out. They are made up of small bodies, scattered everywhere, and you can never tell when you are going to run into them."

The Election Committee appointed to investigate charges against Senator Clark, of Montana, have unanimously reported against seating him. The evidence showed wholesale fraud in his methods of securing his seat at the hands of the Montana Legislature.

The British have received another severe check. A dispatch from Brandford, April 8, gives an account of a bloody battle near Meerksfontein, in which the British lost six hundred killed and wounded and nine hundred prisoners.

STATE ORPHAN HOME. It gives me great pleasure to write that Rev. Milton S. Hotchkiss, former pastor, paid a visit to the Home while here in attendance upon a meeting of the Missionary Board.

On last Sunday evening he preached one of his Holy Ghost sermons to our children. At the close he called for all who wanted membership in any of the Churches. One hundred and eleven came forward, fifty-five for our Church (M. E. C. S.). The children dearly love Bro. Hotchkiss, and look upon his visit to the Home as a special providence.

On San Jacinto Day, April 21, 1900, the monument will be unveiled which was presented by the great philanthropist, Henry Rosenberg, to the State of Texas, a memorial to the heroes of the Texas Revolution.

Mr. Rosenberg for this purpose, the execution of which has been under the wise direction of his executor, Major A. J. Walker, of Galveston, who has done so much toward the successful realization of Mr. Rosenberg's charities and benefactions to the city of Galveston. The bronze statuety for the completion of this splendid testimonial to the valor, honor, courage and patriotism of the founders and defenders of the Republic of Texas, was all cast in Rome, and was designed by Prof. Amaties, of Washington, D. C., one of the noted sculptors of this country.

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Books for Sale. Bowie, Texas, March 27, 1900. Our brother, W. C. Pryor, of the North Texas Conference, who died last fall, had in his library McClintock and Strong's Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature—twelve volumes, sheep binding, in good condition; and the Britannica Encyclopaedia, paper binding.

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Notes From TEXAS

OAKWOOD B. W. Allen: that we are to church at Buffalo it will happen. The South Ward delivery dress at Buffalo 27. It was fine, of the place of his after he was gone welcome. Sunday one of the greatest ever saw. I don't its influence and Perhaps I should up to get a little meeting ran so houses closed a church. All the in the work and S. Burk, of Elkh He is a member of lycerian Church, byerian, but the S him. There were the various Church odist, twenty-eight Campbellites, see three. The last \$ with which to r church at Oaks minutes we had I than the \$500, an away. We praise ward.

MEMORIAL

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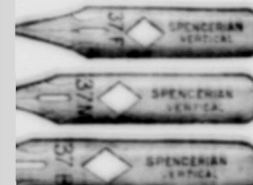
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COURTEOUS CONFESSION.

Compromising with the world is the bane of the Christian Church. This is so because every compromise is a concession to the devil. Concession is what Satan sought to secure from Christ in the third temptation. "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Come now, the tempter seemed to say, you will need influence and power and earthly possessions and money to carry on your great work in the world. All these will I give thee if thou wilt but make some concession to me. On this point, Doctor John Watson, in his "Life of the Master," an admirable serial in "McClure's Magazine," after noticing the noble, unyielding firmness of our Lord, says: "His Church has not turned a deaf ear to this insidious device, or been disinclined to take an evil road to a good end. She has gratefully received tainted gold, and therewith established missions; she has made alliances with kings, and trafficked with her own freedom; she has condescended to cunning and violence to advance her sphere of influence. These things have the servants done, but not the Master. Where the choice was to hold the world from his Father on condition of the cross, or to receive a show of power from Satan on condition of an act of homage. Jesus made a swift, final decision, and Satan, thrice defeated, departed, for a season." Yes, "and angels came and ministered unto him."—Religious Telescope.

THE FRUIT OF A WASTED LIFE.

On the brow of a hill overlooking a modern little town in northern Illinois stood the comfortable old homestead of the Rutherford family with its hip-roof and dormer windows, and a two-story wing, very much as they used to build in early colonial days. Beneath its hospitable roof were cozy and substantially furnished rooms heated by an old-fashioned fire-place, where Walter and Beatrice, during the long winter evenings, told stories while cracking nuts and roasting apples. But the warmth emitted from its glowing embers did not compare with, nor did it penetrate as far as the great flood of geniality which continually flowed from the generous hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford. The rich and the poor alike were welcome there and the beggar was never turned empty-handed away. Too, it was a kind of rendezvous for the boys and girls, and they were made to feel as much at home as though they belonged there. "Welcome, children, welcome," Grandfather Rutherford would say, as they burst into the house, having just been released from school. "Your rosy cheeks look like apple blossoms kissed by May's mild sun, and your merry voices fill the air with music such as I expect to hear in heaven. May they always ring as blithe and free, my children."

So the years passed on with nothing to mar the perfect harmony and happiness to this devoted and beloved family. As yet the frost of sorrow had never cast its chilly shroud about the family circle. No clouds or mists of sin had driven out the sunshine of righteousness. But so perfect a paradise on earth could not always last. The harp of the soul was to have its major cord severed, so that it could no longer fill the halls of that ideal home with its melodious strains. Beatrice, the pride and joy of the household, after a prolonged illness, was summoned to bid farewell to the loved one whose lives she had so brightened, and join the ranks of the celestial. How hard it was for the devoted father and mother to give up the darling of their hearts, the idol at whose shrine they would have gladly sacrificed all the comforts and luxuries of life. How hard it was to bury out of their sight this beautiful bit of clay. Their fondest hope had been broken into fragments. The light of their lives had been suddenly extinguished. Where mirth and happiness reigned supreme in that little home, sadness now prevailed. Sorrow and disappointment superseded joy and thanksgiving.

But the dark cloud in time cleared away. The smothered hope once more began to burn brightly in their bosoms as Walter grew into young manhood. He was given the advantages of a college education, and thus equipped with learning and an unusual amount of natural business ability, he launched out into the world for himself. But learning and natural ability along any line is of very little benefit to a young man's successful career, if he does not possess that one essential requisite, viz., the power to say, No.

Walter did not. He found the invitations of the sons and daughters of iniquity tempting; the harmonious strains of the world's voluptuous music, fascinating; the glitter and splendor of the halls of pleasure, delightful; the cordial welcomes and the warm handshakes of the members of the reception committee, charming; the sincere congratulations, encouraging; so much so, that to his surprise, he woke up one day to find the props of manhood stolen away, leaving him helpless in the clutches of the great reptile of sin and degradation.

What a pitiful sight to see that once pure, innocent boy, in whom the fond hopes of a loving father and mother were centered, returning to those expectant ones, void of Christianity, shorn of his good name, robbed of his character and manhood. The heart-aches and pangs it brought to those dear parents can never be expressed. The death of Beatrice and the sorrow it brought was as nothing compared with this living death of their son. Without a thought of how many of father's and mother's sighs and tears, sleepless nights and restless days it would cost, Walter had sacrificed all he possessed on earth, and his home in heaven, for a summer's vain indulgence.

He is another example of the many who see their mistake too late, and are ready to say in the words of Christ, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body." Matt. 10:28.—Harry A. Eastman in Michigan Advocate.

THREE STEPS INTO THE KINGDOM.

The return of the prodigal son furnishes us a good example of the three steps which the unsaved must take to be saved.

The first step is consideration. "He came to himself" (Luke 15, 17). "My people doth not consider" (Isa. 1, 3). "Consider what I say; and the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things" (2 Tim. 2, 7). The prodigal is a wanderer far away from his father's house. He came to himself; that is, he thought of father's house, of home. Surely the first step to heaven is to consider. "He came to himself."

The second step is action. "I will arise" (Luke 15, 18). The first step is important, but it is not enough; there must be action. Resolutions are well, but good resolutions will not save. It is said that the way to perdition is paved with good resolutions. Resolving will not save you. The prodigal actually returned, and that is the thing to do. Action is the word. "Escape for thy life."

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the services were ended he refused to leave the house, although the pastor told him it was late, and he must go and seek the Savior at home, and come again the next night. "No," said the miner, "it must be settled to-night, to-morrow night may be too late." So the minister stayed with him until he found peace. The next day while at work in the mine a mass of rock fell upon him, and he was killed. His last words were: "Thank God, it was settled last night; to-night it would have been too late."

Only three steps to heaven! Will you take them?—Rev. W. H. McCormick, in The Watchword.

tion. The father's welcome is a type of God's love for all returning prodigals.

"Come home! Come!
You who are weary at heart,
For the way has been dark,
And so lonely and wild;
O prodigal child!
Come home! Oh, come home!"

The third step is confession. Father, I have sinned" (Luke 15, 18). Confession is a very necessary step on the way to heaven. The Father will welcome your return; come home, and come now.

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We sometimes wonder why Paul in giving the list of the witnesses to the resurrection of Christ did not mention the women who were first at the tomb and discovered the absence of the body and to whom Christ first appeared. They were also the first to announce the fact of his resurrection to the astounded disciples. Yet Paul makes no mention of them in the fifteenth chapter of first Corinthians in which he furnishes an array of more than 500 who saw Christ between the time of his resurrection and ascension. The explanation of this is found in the fact that in that age of the world a woman amounted to very little outside of domestic drudgery. To bring her into a case of this sort would have been to invalidate the whole story in the common esteem of mankind. So the testimony of those good women to the resurrection of Christ is ignored. But Christianity has rescued womanhood from that ignoble state and to-day her testimony is as valid as that of man! And her work in behalf of the cause of Christ is the secret of the success which has attended the progress of the gospel throughout the world.

DEATH OF REV. P. W. ARCHER.

Rev. P. W. Archer, of Georgetown, died the 5th inst., and his remains were taken to Houston last Saturday for burial. He was an aged and venerable minister of the gospel, and rendered valuable service to the Church. For many years he was in the traveling connection in the Texas Conference, but some time ago located, and since then he has been living at Georgetown, doing good as he had opportunity. Rev. P. C. Archer and Rev. J. F. Archer, of the North Texas Conference, are his sons. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and a preacher of great strength of thought and clearness of aim. We have heard him preach several sermons of power and breadth. In disposition he was lovable and popular. Thus another veteran drops out of the ranks below to join the hosts above.

REV. W. R. DAVIS.

This worthy minister and member of the North Texas Conference died at his home near Ridgeway the 7th instant. We received this intelligence just as we went to press, and are not able to give any particulars. He was advanced in life, being seventy-six years of age, and for some time he has been on the superannuated roll of the conference. He was ready and anxious to depart and be with Christ.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Perfection in human character is relative, not absolute.

Even religion can not impart brains to embezzle people.

Persistent fault-finders rarely ever see their own imperfections.

It is easy to contribute to current rumor and neglect your own current expenses.

Many good people make a success of their own business, but leave the bar-rooms to run politics and public offices.

Religious impulse, backed by deep conviction, is potential for good, but without conviction it is a species of fanaticism.

Gentleness of spirit, guided by firmness of purpose, has made many a home to blossom with hope and bring forth the fruits of domestic bliss.

The accumulated wealth for which many people labor and deny themselves in this life is often the ruin of their own children in the end.

What does it avail a man to spend money in the improvement of the stock of his cows and hogs and turn loose a lot of silly girls and ignorant boys upon society?

Most every man has an abnormal bump on his head if you only happen to strike it, but it is much more prominent on the heads of some people than others.

A life made up wholly of prayer, Bible reading and pious meditation may be an eminently tranquil sort of existence, but for practical purposes it does not amount to much.

Religion is born within the heart and the Holy Ghost bears witness to its vital existence, but the sphere of its active operations is within the realm of human need all about you.

We are in receipt of a copy of the minutes of the last session of the East Texas Conference. We are under obligations to Bro. John R. Heartsill, the Assistant Secretary, for the favor, and we appreciate it because we make much use of the minutes of the different conferences in our work. The minutes of this conference have been delayed, but the editor of them says that he will make a satisfactory explanation of the cause of the delay at the next session of the conference.

AN APPALLING CALAMITY.

The break in the Austin dam last Saturday and the destruction of life and property which followed is the greatest calamity of the kind that has ever occurred west of the Mississippi. The work on this magnificent piece of masonry began in 1890 and was finished May 2, 1893. It was 1150 feet long, 60 feet high above low water, 60 feet thick at the bottom, and 16 feet thick at the top. The upper and lower faces and the top of the dam were built of red granite and the interior was hard limestone laid in imported Portland cement. The foundation was blasted out of what was thought to be solid rock, and then all of the bottom was thoroughly probed for stray pockets, until it was pronounced by the most competent engineers to be invulnerable. On more occasions than one there has been higher water than that which swept it away last Saturday, and no one ever dreamed that it would be affected by any volume that the river might carry against it. But it is now surmised that a subterranean erosion had been going on for some time, until a hollow shell was formed beneath it for some distance and then the heavy pressure

caused it to drop through at this point and the break having been made the irresistible flood swept 600 feet of it away as though it had been made of clay. A number of people were at work in the power-house, just below the dam, and they were drowned in the twinkling of an eye, save only one, who managed to escape. Others were caught in the sweep of the mad waters and carried off. Houses were lifted from their foundations and went down with the current. And clear on down the valley houses, live stock, fences and people were submerged. Crops were destroyed along the banks of the river almost to the Gulf. At this writing it is not known how many people were drowned. The wires were used to the fullest extent possible, and hundreds were enabled to escape before the arrival of the tide. No such excitement has ever been known in Texas as this catastrophe produced, and its results are fearful. To say nothing of the loss of life, which is the most appalling feature, the financial loss to Austin is incomparable and almost irreparable. The whole property in connection with the dam cost the city \$1,600,000, and nearly all of that amount in bonds is now outstanding against the city government. The tax, in order to meet this large interest, has already been run up to within 12 cents of its limit, and now with the property a total wreck, how the city is to manage the debt and make arrangement for supplying itself with water and light and other needed provisions to take the place of those destroyed is a problem of momentous character. It looks just a little like the State will have to come to the relief of its capital city in this its time of emergency. As to the immediate needs of the people along the route of devastation, the State is looking after these, aided by private contributions, but the public enterprise of Austin is almost paralyzed by the sudden and unexpected blow. It is almost a repetition of the famous Johnstown disaster.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We have a pleasant note from Rev. S. E. Burkhead, and he expresses much pleasure in the Advocate.

Bro. S. I. Munger, one of the stewards of First Church in this city, is one of the most successful business men in Dallas, and he is a liberal supporter of his Church.

We are having many pressing invitations now to attend District Conferences, but there are so many meetings nearly the same time that we can not expect to attend them all.

Mr. Lee Hughes, son of "Uncle Buck," has been appointed by the Commissioners of this county to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Cabell, who has resigned to become the Mayor of Dallas.

Judge Ed. Lauderdale is an excellent Christian gentleman and the people of Dallas County can not afford to give him most any office for which he asks. He would make an efficient County Judge.

Rev. G. W. Owens will attend a number of the Northwest Texas District Conferences in the interest of the Advocate. It is no use to introduce him to the brethren, for this is his old home conference.

Rev. R. H. Field, of Lone Oak, was in the city this week on his way to aid in a meeting at Duncannon, and he called to see us in passing. He has two church buildings on his work ready for dedication.

In a note from Rev. Felix A. Knox, of Pontotoc, he says: "The Advocate has greatly encouraged and helped me, and it is doing the same for thousands of others." This is the aim of the Advocate. To encourage and help is its mission to our people.

Bro. Stuckey and his people had their Broadway Church building at Gainesville dedicated by Bishop Key a few Sundays back. Getting Gainesville and Bonham mixed is the cause of the mistake about the Bonham dedication in the Advocate. It was at the former place where Bishop Key dedicated the building instead of the latter.

METHODIST NEWS.

Rev. W. E. Towson will have charge of our missionary exhibit at the Ecumenical Conference of Missions in New York.

Zion's Herald says: "Of the Bishops' call to prayer be heeded as it ought to be,

it will put an end, for a time at least, to the shameful self-seeking and scandalous political practices which are so seriously hurting the Church."

Bishop John P. Newman's last book, "Conversations with Christ," is passing through the press under the direction of Mrs. Newman.

Rev. James Atkins, D. D., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the approaching commencement of Greensboro Female College, N. C.

Bishop Vincent is to be one of the lecturers on Homiletics at the Harvard University Summer School of Theology. His dates are July 16 and 17.

From the Central Methodist we learn that Bishop Morrison has been prostrated with an attack of pneumonia, but is now improving. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Delaware Methodists, in conference at Wilmington, adopted resolutions condemning the army canteen, and requesting the General Conference to censure President McKinley for setting aside the anti-canteen law.

The Michigan Christian Advocate says: "If all the Bishops, Secretaries, editors, presiding elders and pastors on salaries of \$2,000 or upwards were as other-worldly as many of our circuit riders are, matters would be in a better condition."

The third Ecumenical Conference of Methodism will be held in London September, 1901. The first was held in that city in 1881, and the second in Washington City in 1891. Both of these were occasions of great interest, and that to come next year should be the best of all. Methodism throughout the world will be represented. The Methodist Episcopal Church will have one hundred and twenty-nine delegates, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, seventy. The other one hundred and one, to make the total of three hundred from this country, are distributed among the smaller bodies. The Eastern Section will have two hundred, making the total five hundred.

LITERARY NOTES.

The April number Preacher's Assistant might be called an Easter and a Boer War number. It devotes fifteen pages to Easter sermons and thoughts, and twenty-one pages to prize essays on the "Rights and Wrongs of the Boer War," written by Englishmen. The prize essayist, who is far from being a pro-Boer, is compelled to admit that "The Boer has something to say for himself," and reaches the conclusion that "Great Britain is not justified in the present war." The other essayist fully presents the English cause. Judging from the editorial, it can hardly be denied that the editor has pronounced pro-Boer sympathies. Dr. Hallock's Prayer-meeting talks are fresh and suggestive.

The April number of Werner's Magazine contains a number of features not only valuable to its particular class of readers, but interesting and instructive to the general reading public. While continuing to be indispensable to the artist who works in any part of the field of Expression: the elocutionist, the reader, the dramatist, the singer, the entertainer, the physical culturist, the teacher in general—the publishers aim to make the Magazine of such general value and attraction to cultured persons that it will be a welcome guest to every home in the land.

APRIL REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

Leading articles of the month: American Opinion on the Boer War. After the War—What? What Might Have Been in South Africa. Losses in Modern Warfare. South African Climate and Contour. Signaling in South Africa. The American Commercial Invasion of China. Our Consular Service. French and English Sugar. Forty Years of British Trade. The Conquest of the Nile. Progress of the Congo Free State. A New Danger for Northern Africa. The "Young Turkish" Party. Our Mohammedan Wars. The Norwegian Flag. Race and Religion in Swiss Referendum Voting. The Italian Future in America. A Study of Children. Mr. Augustine Birrell on Taste in Books. The Question of Academic Freedom. How Women Workers Live in London. The Ice-Breaking Russian Steamship.

CENTURY MAGAZINE.

A few of its leading articles: Cole's Engravings of Old English Masters; The Thames, painted by John Constable; engraved on wood, Timothy Cole. The Dulce-Pill Family, a Study of Marmosets. Justine Ingersoll; pictures from life by Charles R. Knight. Music, John Vance Cheney. The Annunciation (the Century's "American Artists Series"), painted by H. G. Tanner. Fashionable Paris (The Paris of To-day Series), Richard Whiting; pictures by Andre Castaigne. Stratford Bells. F. B. E. The Soul of William Jones, Cornelia Atwood Pratt. Red Magic, Abbie Carter Goodloe; pictures by Jay Hambidge. The Greatest Wonder in the Chinese World, the Marvellous Bore of Hang-Chau, Eliza Ruharian; initial by Malcolm Fraser. Talks with Napoleon—His Life and Conversation at St. Helena—The Original Record made by Napoleon's Physician, Dr. Barry E. O'Meara.

C. PORFIRIO DIAZ.

This is the Mexican town across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass. Formerly it was called Piedras Negras (black rocks.) Its rechristening was in honor of the President of Mexico. The location there of the extensive shops of the Mexican International Railway resulted in most of the Mexicans and a good many of the Americans formerly living at Eagle



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AT THE SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
 A great audience assembled on Sabbath evening, March 18, to hear Bishop Candler's closing lecture on the "Evidences of Christianity." The lecture was a masterly argument for the integrity of the Holy Scriptures, drawn from the usual sources, but put with very unusual force and effect. To hear Bishop Candler read a hymn—it seems so carelessly and ineffectively done—you would not feel inclined to hear him read a lengthy lecture; but judging by his reading of his lecture on Sunday evening, I should class him as a very effective reader, thoroughly possessed by his subject, and reading out the sense of it into the heads and hearts of his hearers. The lecture closed with a powerful appeal to both saint and sinner to follow the teaching of the Lord Christ, to whom the Book bears witness as the One True Light of men and the Savior of the world. A profound spiritual impression was made upon the large assembly that heard him. A temporary illness prevented me from hearing the other lectures of the course; but careful inquiry assured me that the lectures were highly appreciated and rendered a valuable service to the University and community generally. Put into book form, these lectures should go into the hands of thousands of our people. They would find them well suited to quicken their spiritual life and nourish their faith.


SABBATH MORNING.
 It is rare that a more inspiring audience greets a preacher than the one that faced Bishop Candler on Sabbath morning. His subject was chosen from the 12th chapter of II Corinthians, 7-9: "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan, to buffet me. . . . For this I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee." The sermon was an exceeding helpful discourse, full of argument, pathos and spiritual power. Summed up, its main points were: 1. That sorrow and suffering are not to be taken as proofs of sin and guilt in the subject of them. Job, the perfect man, was a great sufferer, and Paul had his life-long sorrow and pain, not by way of penalty for wrong-doing, but, as he himself declares, as a preventive of undue exaltation. In many cases suffering is a badge of excellence rather than otherwise. To remove pain from the earth would be to take the cross of Christ out of the world. 2. Genuine prayer is always answered, though not literally in the form of the petition. Paul thrice prayed that the thorn might be removed from him, and received the answer: "My grace is sufficient for thee." And grace to endure suffering is something far more valuable than the taking away of suffering itself. 3. Grace here means the favor of God that comes through the atoning merit of Jesus Christ—that peculiar grace which brings the sorrowing sufferer to the Man of Sorrows himself, in whom alone he finds consolation and support. This grace is given in answer to prayer. Faith in God, not faith in prayer as a process, is what we need. God certainly hears and answers prayer; but he does not put himself unreservedly at the service of the man who prays. 4. Bishop Candler put much stress upon the words, "And he said to me." They mean, he declared, "And he said unto me once for all." This point I most carefully examined among my books in the afternoon. Winer, I find, in his Grammar of the Idioms of the New Testament, points to these very words as an example of the peculiar force of the perfect tense of the Greek verb, implying that what the Lord had said was still in force. He has given me an answer, and I must be satisfied with it." And Lange, to the same effect: "The perfect here expresses a continued action." And Meyer also: "He has spoken and I now have this utterance abidingly valid. The Revised Version renders the phrase, "And he hath said unto me." He hath said, and that answer is enough—"he hath said once for all." The evil still holds on—the painful thorn remains—but the pledge of all-sufficient grace was also still in force. So even now to everyone of his suffering saints "he hath said," and his words remain forever true. "My grace is sufficient for thee." John Wesley, who, in so many instances, anticipated the greater accuracy of the Revised Version, omits the point here as to the force of the perfect tense, but calls attention to the words, "That the power of Christ may abide upon me." "Abide or dwell"—the Greek word, he says properly means, "may cover me all over like a tent." Naturally enough the mind of Mr. Wesley would

rest upon this point, for Methodism was a most helpless thing without this covering of the power of Christ—power which has its very perfection in the main of the forces of the world. Even now it is the joy and the glory of the weakest saint that the power of his Lord is made perfect in his weakness. Bishop Candler has not a few of the qualities of a great preacher—force of intellect, clearness and strength of utterance, unction, pathos and spiritual power—and he is not devoid at times of the dangerous weapons of humor and ridicule. We had him but a short time with us at the Annex. The Georgians—Prof. Cody, his host and an old class-mate; Presiding Elder Nelms, another class-mate; Regent Hyer, a fellow alumnus; and Dr. Campbell, our pastor, kept him close about their quarters, or somewhere else. Preachers from several parts of the State were here to attend the lectures—Timmons, from Texarkana; Duncan, from Mexico; Morris, Nath Thompson, and others, from West Texas.

IN GOOD HEALTH.
 For several weeks here we had an epidemic of the grip, and a number of our students were affected by it; but it seems to be about done with now. All our students are in fair health and at their regular work. The grass in our fields is beautifully green and the wild flowers and orchards in glorious bloom, and the good cheer without helps us to good cheer within.
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NATH'S ODDITIES.
 Each day is a leaf in the book of life.
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W. T. MELUGIN, Pastor.

CRUMP—Ona Crump, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Crump, was born May 26, 1855, in Lott, Texas, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, for the Master said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," while loved ones watched and prayed, March 12, 1900. Little Ona has done her work, and done it well, fastening cords of love around the hearts of mama and papa, and not only so, but she won the affection of every one she met; and now the little-tired hands, filled with heart-strings which she had gathered, have gone to that home for which she sighed, and where she will remain pulling at those cords of love around our hearts until, by the aid of the Master, she lands us all in glory, where the hand of God and not the hand of Ona will wipe the tears from mama's eyes. Dear parents, be encouraged with the thought that the same God who furnished her with a home will supply you with grace, and afterward receive you to glory. Farewell, sweet Ona. We are coming by and by.

BEN H. BOUNDIS.

RUGH—Father Daniel Rugh died at Barbera, Texas, December 21, 1899, aged 57 years and 11 days. It was the good fortune of the writer to be his pastor during the year 1895-96. We were together in revival meetings, at his home, at the parsonage, at the mid-week prayer-meeting—he seldom missed a religious service—and we visited among the people. In all this, how deeply was I impressed that he was a man of God. He had certainly "learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord." He had great power in prayer; his talks in the experience meeting were always interesting, and his every day life was such that people took knowledge of him, that he had been with Jesus. Just four months before his good wife had entered into the rest that awaits God's people. For many years they had labored side by side in the vineyard of the Master. Together their bodies rest, awaiting the summons to call them forth; and reunited in spirit, they will part no more. Loved ones left behind, they are waiting for you.

A. W. WILSON.
Ruge, Texas.

SIMMONS—Ruby Aurora, daughter of Henry and Rebecca Simmons, was born November 22, 1895, and died March 12, 1898, near Canton, Texas. It was a bright, cloudless morning, and our darling was playing about in the field near where her father was at work when she ran to the fence and climbed upon it and fell and a heavy rail falling on her breast, she died before her father could carry her to the house. A bright little face is missed in the home, and the parents' hearts are sore with grief, but the angels loved our darling too, and she is now one of them in the paradise of God. Who knows but what her bright spirit hovers near us, and that her baby voice will oftentimes whisper to us. Grieve not, dear parents, for darling little Ruby is waiting for you at heaven's gate and will finally welcome you with an angel's kiss when your journey is ended through this "vale of tears" below. May God help you to meet her there when your life's work is finished. Her cousin.

WESLEY.
Quannah, Texas, February 7.

MAYNARD—Mrs. Jennie Maynard was born December 18, 1854, and fell on sleep at her home, Rosenthal, Texas, January 23, 1900. She was the daughter of A. S. and L. F. Lillard, and was born in Meigs County, Tennessee, but came to Texas with her parents in childhood, and spent the remainder of her life in McLennan County. Sister Maynard became a member of the M. E. Church, South, in early life, and her life was eminently consistent with that relation to the end. Her religion was of that steady, quiet, earnest type which has its springs, not simply in the emotions, but in a well grounded principle of devotion to God and the right. She loved the Church and all her usages. Her pastor could always rely upon her loyal sympathy, both in his public ministry and in his pastoral labors. Her house was the preacher's home. Like all true women, her excellences were most conspicuous in her home life. As of the wise woman, it may be said of her: "She looked well to the ways of her household. In her tongue was the law of kindness." Not being blessed with children of her own, the orphan found in her house a home and a mother. To her friends she dispensed a simple, generous hospitality. Having buried her first companion, Sister Maynard was married a second time to Bro. R. H. Maynard, on April 15, 1894. Her husband, father, brothers and sisters, together with a host of relatives and friends, mourn her death. But we sorrow not without hope. Her death was peaceful and happy. She talked with calm assurance of her departure, exhorting her loved ones to meet her in the better world. May she not be disappointed. Her pastor.

W. H. TERRY.

HOGUE—SHEPPARD—Carrie Elizabeth Sheppard was born in Saline County, Arkansas, November 12, 1885. While yet tender in years her parents were taken from her; but she found a home with her uncle, T. N. Hogue. Jennie, the youngest daughter of Bro. and Sister Hogue, was about the same age, and naturally these two young lives began to move out on parallel lines. Carrie remained with her mother long enough to receive the impress of her spirit, and under the genial influence of Bro. Hogue's Christian home, she gave her young life to Jesus and joined the

Methodist Church. Jennie also found her Savior, and walking by Carrie's side from day to day manifested the same gentle Christian spirit. It is hard to say which life received the greater impress from the other. Their love was like that of David and Jonathan, and in their last illness, made frequent inquiries of each other, and exchanged tokens of love. They loved the Church and Sunday-school, and never complained, as do many, of the services being too long. They were both taken about the same time with typhoid fever, and after an illness of three weeks the silver cord was loosed, and Jennie was gone to be with the angels. She had never known the contaminating influence of the world, and like the little flower closes its petals when the sun goes down, she closed her young life, only to bloom and shed its richer fragrance in the paradise of God. Our Father above, who had moulded these young lives would not separate them; so, just one week from the day that Jennie left us, he called for Carrie, and we laid her by Jennie's side in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, February 27, 1900. Carrie had been but a few months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hopper, of Denison, but she had won their affection, and they felt that the light had gone out of their home; but it was only that it might shine the brighter in our Father's home above. May the God of all grace sustain the bereaved ones in this sad hour.

J. F. ARCHER.
Lorena, Texas.

TERRY—Our parsonage home has been made desolate since March 18 our only daughter, Willie Irene, went to our Father's home above, after nearly two months of suffering. Her age was two years, three months and two days. Our hearts, though breaking, find comfort in the blessed gospel.

W. H. TERRY.
Lorena, Texas.

LINDSEY—I have just returned from a sad mission to the home and charge of our dear Brother and Sister C. E. Lindsey, of the Crowell Circuit. I was called by phone to preach the funeral of their precious little boy, Edgar LeRoy, who died on the 5th inst., of membranous croup. Edgar LeRoy was born in the parsonage at Aledo, Texas, April 28, 1896, and died at Crowell, Texas, on date above named. This was the first time the death angel had entered this happy home, and father and mother and little brothers were sorely bereaved. The remains were carried to the church and the large concourse of people from the town and surrounding country and the public school in a body, and their tearful eyes, well attested the love of this people for their pastor and his family and their deep sympathy for them in this sad hour of bereavement. I tried, by the help of the Holy Spirit and out of the precious Word of God, to comfort the sorrowing ones and to show that "It is well with the child." They sorrow not as those who have no hope. While they loved the child as only fond parents can, they also love and trust Him who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We committed his body to the ground in the cemetery at Crowell, to await the general resurrection at the last day. This family may be separated in life and in death and burial-place, but there will be a blessed reunion in the resurrection. May the grace of our God keep them till that glad time.

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Channing, the headquarters of the Synodiate ranch, and a town of 150 souls, is a station. There are only fifteen members, a small charge to take a preacher's full time, but there is nothing adjacent with any promise, and the Channing brethren want the gospel. They pay \$7.50 per month for the support of the ministry, have a parsonage, and are exceedingly kind to the pastor. Bro. Rascoe, who was assigned to this place, died before the year's work was begun, and the place was supplied by C. C. Thompson, once a member of the Western Virginia Conference, also later of the West Texas Conference. He located five years since, and went back to his old home to die. His health, however, has been regained, and he may be up next fall for re-admission. He is an exceptionally good preacher and a magnificent Christian gentleman. Channing has spoken for him for four years.
Canadian Circuit has expanded so much that Bro. Hollers has had to call to his assistance a Junior preacher in the person of W. L. Harris, well known in the Northwest Texas Conference. Bro. Harris is in feeble health, but is doing full work. He has the Mobeetie end of the work, with several new places. Bro. Hollers has Canadian, Miami and Panhandle, on the road, and Cataline, off the road. Miami and Cataline have church buildings. Canadian needs a house of worship more than any town in this country. We expect to have one on foot ere long. The Board of Church Extension will have to help us considerably, however, as our membership is small. Excepting Clarendon, which has made \$500 worth of improvement on the parsonage recently, Canadian has the best parsonage in the district. This charge is capable of much development. The pastor's salary was raised to \$900. Bro. Hollers' health has greatly improved since coming to the West. He is a strong and earnest preacher, a man of solid piety and most exemplary in his life, and expects his membership to be subject to the Discipline. He is a Methodist throughout, and never does things in a "slipshod way." In fact we don't need any latitudinarian preachers in this country.
Geo. A. Nance has territory enough in the Higgins charge for a good-sized district. There are about seventy members in the work. The territory is sparsely settled with stockmen, mostly from the North. The people generally are very intelligent, and there are some signs of progress. Nance is very popular with the people, and they have requested his return, already, another year. His salary was advanced from \$75 to \$100. Higgins has a very good three-room parsonage. Nance doesn't need it, however, just now. From all indications, I think he is making progress, and he may go to house-keeping before the year ends.
Wilbur Park is supplying the Clarendon Mission. He expects to apply for admis-

sion next fall. He is a fine young man, and very popular on his work. I am sure he has been faithful, but his membership has largely left the charge. One-half his appointments have been broken up entirely on account of this. Unless there is some unexpected development, the work will necessarily have to be discontinued another year.
Bro. Paul Bentley, the "biggest preacher in Texas," has an outside charge formed since conference, around Dimmitt. He is doing good work in territory hitherto unoccupied. He reports progress, but doesn't know whether he will be able to continue through the year, as his support is very meager. He has been supplying charges acceptably in this country for several years, but was crowded out last conference. He is a fine-spirited man that everybody has a kind word for—a man of strong native ability, and well informed in the standard works of Methodism.
We have secured \$6,100 to date on the Twentieth Century Fund. A general revival is anxiously desired, and we are determined to pay the general collections in full.
Clarendon, Texas. G. S. HARDY.

LEAGUE MUSIC.
By mistake our Secretary announced through the Advocate some time ago that Prof. Hemphill had been appointed chairman of the Music Committee of the State Epworth League. Prof. D. J. Evans has been appointed to this position by the State Cabinet, as provided by our Constitution and By-laws, and we leave the appointment of the other members of the committee to Prof. Evans. In other words, we name him as a committee of one, and if he desires assistants he is authorized to appoint them. This was the course taken by the Cabinet in regard to the Transportation Committee, and we think it best in this instance.
Let our singers throughout the League rally enthusiastically to the support of Bro. Evans, to the end that our music may be a valuable part of our meeting. We shall endeavor to give proper time to this feature of the work. It is desired to make that great auditorium ring with Methodist singing and shouting.
F. P. WORKS, President.
Hillsboro, Texas, April 9, 1900.

SINGERS WANTED.
Having been appointed chairman of the music for the State Epworth League Conference, which will convene at Waco, May 15-17, and as the time is too short to write to all the Epworth League singers of the State, I take this method of calling for voluntary singers through the Advocate. Let all the singers who will attend this State Epworth League Conference and will sing in the chorus, notify me at once. State what part you sing. It is very necessary that we should know this at once. We will provide seats on the

choir platform for those who will send in their names first.
Waco will head the list with a good chorus. The Executive Committee has a grand treat in store in the way of a program. And let us singers make an earnest effort (even at a sacrifice, if necessary) to make the music a special feature of the occasion. Write at once.
D. J. EVANS,
Chairman of Music for S. E. L. Whitewright, Texas.

ATTENTION, LEAGUERS AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKERS.

The Fort Worth District Epworth and Sunday-school Conference meets in Arlington, Texas, April 19-22, 1900. We have arranged a fine program of the best talent in the district, and earnestly desire every League and Sunday-school in the district to be fully represented.
Pastors, urge your Leaguers and Sunday-school workers to come, and come praying. Let each bring with you your Bible, note-book and pencil. We are expecting a great time. Above all things let us make this a deeply spiritual conference—characterized by the presence of the Holy Spirit in power, awaking the hearts of all to an holy enthusiasm, the influence of which may be felt all over the district in the renewal of consecrated zeal for this great work.
A. H. McVEIGH, District President.
Cleburne, Texas.

PREACHERS, TERRELL DISTRICT.

Send names of delegates and others from your charge that are members of District Conference. If you are going to bring your wife, let me know. Send names of delegates for H. M. S. and W. P. M. S.
S. A. ASHBURN.
Plano, Texas.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

Committees for Sherman District:
License to Preach—J. B. Gober, A. W. Gibson, A. Noble.
Admission on Trial—P. L. Smith, S. Weaver, T. J. Simmons.
Deacon's Orders—P. C. Archer, W. F. Clark, E. B. Newman.
Elder's Orders—J. S. Davis, C. W. Jacobs, J. P. Lane, J. R. WAGES, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

The Gainesville District Conference will be held at Sanger, May 15-18. Opening sermon by C. S. Ballard, Friday, 15, will be missionary day. Committees:
For License to Preach—J. L. Morris, A. F. Hendrix and R. N. Brown.
For Admission on Trial—E. S. Williams, Webb, L. F. Palmer.
For Orders—W. A. Stuckey, B. T. Hayes, Marvin Nichols.
J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

TIME CHANGED.

Owing to conflict with other meetings, the date of Fort Worth District Conference is changed from May 21 to June 28. Committees of Examination as follows:
For License to Preach—W. H. Moss, J. Sam Barcus, E. A. Coe.
For Admission on Trial—R. C. Armstrong, M. K. Little, M. H. Major.
For Deacon's Orders—Jno. M. Barcus, J. P. Mussett, M. E. Hawkins.
For Elder's Orders—E. D. Mounzon, W. N. Curry, I. Z. T. Morris.
B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

The pastors in the San Antonio District will please send me the names of the members and delegates in their charges of the district that expect to attend at Cotulla, Texas, May 8, 1900. "Of this take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly," that there be no confusion on arrival at Cotulla.
J. C. RUSSELL, P. C.

"Persevere and prosper." If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully for scrofula, salt rheum, boils, eruptions, dyspepsia, it will cure you.

I incidentally mentioned the Advocate Sunday at the 11 a. m. service, and at the close a young man came to me and said: "I want to subscribe for your paper. I want to send it to my mother in Tennessee."
Beckville, Texas. J. C. CARR.

H. & T. C. R. R. SPECIAL RATES.


Meeting Grand Tribunal, Knights of Pythias, 27th Annual Convention Knights of Pythias, Fire Tournament. Austin, April 16th-19th, 1900.
For the above occasion H. & T. C. Agents will sell round trip tickets to Austin April 16 and 17, limited to April 22, at the following rates:
From stations where one way rate to Austin is less than \$2.50, round trip rate will be double the child's fare.
From stations where one way rate to Austin is more than \$2.50, and less than \$3.00, round trip rate will be \$3.00.
From stations where one way rate is more than \$3.00, round trip rate will be one fare not to exceed \$5.00 to be the highest rate from any point on the H. & T. C.

MEETING STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, WACO, APRIL 24-27, 1900.

For the above occasion H. & T. C. Agents will sell round trip tickets to Waco, April 23, and for trains arriving Waco morning April 24, limited to April 28, at following rates:
From stations where one way rate to Waco is less than \$2.50, round trip rate will be double the child's fare.
From stations where the one-way rate to Waco is more than \$2.50 and less than \$3.00, round trip rate will be \$3.00.
From stations where the one-way rate to Waco is \$3.00 or more, round trip rate will be one fare.
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For the accommodation of those wishing to attend the Southern Baptist and Auxiliary Conventions, to be held at Hot Springs, Ark., May 16-17, 1900 the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, from its stations in Texas, on May 5 and 6, will sell round trip tickets at rate of one fare plus \$2.00, except from stations west of Big Springs, where the rates of sale will be May 7 and 8. All tickets limited for return 20 days from date of sale, with the privilege of an extension of 10 days, providing tickets are deposited with Mr. R. M. Smith, ticket agent at Hot Springs, prior to May 17.
Our relations with the Iron Mountain Railway place us in a position to offer the best service obtainable from Texas territory, the operation of through chair cars to Malvern making the journey both comfortable and pleasurable. We are operating five trains daily between North Texas points and Hot Springs. Ask any ticket agent for schedule, or write H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, G. P. and T. A., Dallas, Texas.

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Such an excursion will leave Houston Saturday, April 21, at 11:15 p. m., and San Antonio 7 a. m., Sunday, April 22, via Sunset Route.
The rate is phenomenally low.
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"Did yer?" said Tommy.
"Yes," replied Willie. "Papa caught me laughin'."—Philadelphia Record.

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