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Mrs. J. C. Moore, Dec. 5: Our second year's work for Prairie Plains Circuit is closed, and by the time this appears in print we will know where our appointment for another year will be. These people have been kind to us. We are sorry to report a shortage of between \$10 and \$11 on the conference collections. The assessment for pastor was some \$85 short. Two of the appointments—Bay's Chapel and Johnson's Chapel—paid all claims in full. We could not do much for the Twentieth Century Movement. Our members are mostly farmers and have not made much this year on account of the almost continuous rains last spring and summer; then the boil weevil came in thime to destroy the late cotton; so our people have made only from oneour people have made only from one-fourth to half a crop this year. Some of them have done nobly, considering their ability to pay. During our two years' stay among these people they have been as kind to us as we could ask of any people, and even better than perhaps we have deserved. We love them, and whether we are returned to this circuit or moved, we pray that God's richest blessings may abide with them, and that they may constantly be-found in discharge of every Christian

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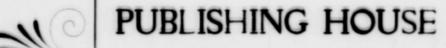
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EDITORIAL.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS GREETING. fold character—that is, he is both hu-We are again approaching the fes- man and divine. That he is human tivities of another Christmas occasion is a proposition that none will deny and we hasten to send forth a happy at this day. Once upon a time there greeting to the wide circle of the Ad- were infidel writers who endeavored vocate family. We wish for them all to account for his existence upon the a delightful season and we indulge the prayer that Heaven's blessings may had erected him into a real man. But rest upon their homes and hearts. The that was successfully exploded prior occasion gathers around it tender to the middle of this century. So one memories and hallowed associations, denies the fact now that he was a It tells of the Incarnation and repeats real man, possessed o. a real human the angelic chorus, "Peace on earth body and a real human soul. The and good will to men." As we con. gospels themselves leave no doubt template its significance, we again see the Babe in the manger with a loving he embodied a helpless infancy, that Mother pressing him to her anxious he grew up to completed manhood; bosom, while wise men from the East and that throughout these incipient come and worship him. In Him is and continued stages of existence he embodied the moral and religious des- was attended by all of those physical, tiny of the world. For Him the ages mental and spiritual demands common had been looking, and in the rullness to the needs of universal humanity of time he made his appearance. He All writers are now a unit in their came as the highest expression of God's love to a fallen race. He was of the further fact of his life as Divinity manifested in the flesh. "He contained in the gospels, such as took upon himself the form of a ser- his lowliness of existence, his symvant and was made in the likeness of pathy with the masses, his efforts to man organism and was possessed of a tressed, and to teach the ignorant human mind and spirit. As such he and the outcasts. Yes, and they are a grew up to matured manhoo-i and touchel life at all points of our experience. Out of this experience he was touched with a sense of our needs and brought himself into sympathy with every grief and woe ei the human heart. He delivered himself of great living truths and lormulated wholesome laws for the government of conduct. He taught the necessity for the spiritual regeneration of the mind and heart and for the bringing of the life into harmony with the will of the Father. But the world did not receive him kindly, because his teachings required 6cep contrition for sin and the mortification of the flesh. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not.' He was persecuted for righteousness' sake, and in the end he was cruciful upon Cairuy. But he arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, where he now makes intercession for us. He is become the Mediator between God and man. Through him we obtain pardon and cleansing He is the sinner's only hope in the life that now is and in the world to come. This happy Christmas occasion brings these blessed thoughts to our minds afresh. In faith we meet around his cradle in the manger and we follow him in his walks among men, even to the place of skull where they put him to death. and we cease not to rejoice in the salvation which he brought to the world. We love him because he first loved us. This glorious Christmas season, in millions of harmonious voices, tells in trumpet tones of his advent among men and of the march of his saving treth along the track of tne world's history. In his name, the Advocate greets its thousands of readers on this his glad natal day! May he have an abiding place in all of your happy homes and struggling

hearts as our Friend and Savior.

VINE CHARACTER.

Jesus Christ is possessed of a two-

assumption that he was a myth, and that tradition, aided by superstition, touching this subject. They tell us that he was born of a woman, that views of the manhood of Christ, And they are united in their acceptance He was endowed with a hu- lift up the fallen, to comfort the disunit in their further acceptance of the facts that he was arrested, taken before Pontius Pilate, condemned to death and was crucified upon Calvary. The most blatant infidel of modern times does not call in question any of these facts of the gospels. All agree that he was a man in the best and truest sense of that term. But the infidel goes no further than this admission. However, this is only half of the truth as it relates to Christ. He is not only a good man, a great teacher, and the founder of the purest system of moral and religious world has ever known, but according to these same gospels he is also God in the deepest sense of this wonderful word. "Being in the form of God he thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men." He claims for himself all of the attributes that inhere in the character of God. Eternity, Omnipote-co. Omniscience, Omnipresence, Creator, Preserver and Infallibility are the chara teristics of the Divine nature to which he lays unqualified claim as the Son of God. In all of these lofty prepossessions he purports to be equal with God. Read his gospels carefully and you will be convinced that we are not over-stating his true position upon these sublime issues. And as a matter of fact the possession of these attributes is absolutely essential to the validity of his Gospel. The carrying out of his announced purposes can only be accomplished by the assumption that he is Infinite and Eternal. He proposed the regeneration of the heart, the bestowment of the Holy Ghost, the restoration of the race to normal relationship with God, and the

CHRIST IN HIS HUMAN AND DI- Maker and Redeemer of mankind. And before the conferences, his stated adnot only do the gospels and the epis- dresses on anniversary occasions and tles ascribe to se character to him to the most of his sermons from the up his character and study it in the upon the preachers as he sent them light of these claims we are forced to forth to their fields of labor. tion. He has changed the whole it is our deliber; to judgment must no course of history and transformed the Bishop in the years gone by ever gave civilizations of men wherever his Gos- more general satisfaction pel has become the dominant factor masses of our preachers and people in human thought and purpose. The That he is a man of pre-eminent abil very best and truest in the life of the fity is conceded by us all. In his adlife and teachings.

the level of heman existence and by in these parts exactly like him. He man in whom all peoples and races measurement of them he and nations find a common kinship, curate. His presidency over the cor But as God he forgives sins, blots out ferences was exceedingly satisfactory finished his provisional reign of grace, over-taxed. He was never in a hurry the righteous saved, the wicked damn- and yet he transacted the bus eternity. We love him as man, we ulation. The bother of high degre adore him as God. He is the fairest and the brother of low degree among ten thousand and altegether kept upon a common level, and neither

BISHOP CANDLER'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO TEXAS.

For the first time in his official ca-Texas and made the rounds of our five Bishop; but even in this he is tru Annual Conferences. To the most of to nature, and such is the strength a sonally a stranger. But few of us isms are not especially objectionable the Episcopal College and that he was pointments at his hand and as many of these were radical two hundred thousand souls. Would all who wanted to approach him. as he passed from conference to conference until he closed out his round at the Texas Conference, December all-wise and ever-present God, the tened to his various impromptu talks ple. He is a pronounced success.

but the Old Testament prophecies do palpit. We heard him read all of the same thing. Then when we take the appointments and pray a blessing the conclusion that no mere man could fine opportunity to study his spirit and have done for the world what Christ the motives that actuated him during has done since the date of his Incarna- the c six weeks of arduous labor, and world to-day is the outcome of his dresses and sermons be evince, a high order of intellect and a wonderful orig As man he puts his life down upon inality. We have never had a Bisho his love and tenderness he hats up has an individuality peculiarly his the fallen, he inspires the despairing, own. But in dealing with men, he and comforts the distressed and the showed himself to be a discriminating sorrowing. He is the only universal judge of human nature, and in his iniquities and brings the truly penitent. He treated no man with anything akin and genuinely converted souls into to rudeness. His patience was inexlife eternal. And when he shall have haustible and his courtesy was never ed and God's eternal government ap- with dispatch and thoroughness. He proved, then he will reign an indissolu- gave the widest scope to free and full ble part of the triune God over all discussion, but held all of the proceedprincipalities and powers throughout lags down to strict parliamentary reg lovely, the son of man and the Son of one had the advantage of the other in God! He is our human Advocate, the privileges of the floor. His hu the King of kings and Lord of lords' mor and wit were unsurpassed and in useful moral. Such is his aversion to goes almost to the other extreme and occasionally he falls into a looseness pacity. Bishop Candler has visited of style a little bit uncommon in a our preachers and people he came per his individuality that his provincial quaintance. We all knew that in his personality and tend to bring him years he was the youngest member of into kinship with common folks; but a man of very decided ideas and con- be foolish enough to imitate these mi victions. As a matter of course we nor defects in an otherwise well-nigh were a trifle anxious as to his meth perfect man in the pulpit and upon ods of procedure. There were about the platform! In the appointments seven hundred preachers to receive ap- he made a great many changes. Some charges to receive preachers for the them harsh or unkind. In his judgensuing year. The interests involved ment of the men and the work he were extraordinary, and just low le deemed these changes necessary. He would meet the e and dispose of them sought all of the information obtain were questions of no small moment to able and his ear was open to any and moderation control his actions or he assumed all of the responsibility would be be radical and arbitrary? in the premises and did what he We had never seen him preside over thought was best for the interests in a conference and it was natural that volved. He made the appointments we should have a little concern in himself. As a result there are but the face of such weighty issues. Well, few of the preachers or people who he came and began his work at the feel afflicted. In these things his West Texas Conference the first day work gave very general satisfaction. of November. We watched him with That he rendered the Church a great a critical eye and studied his every service in all of these delicate and immovement very closely. After that portant matters is a fact our Texas we followed him in quick succession Methodism concedes with practical una nimity. We are glad that he came and his work will abide; and at any 10, and boarded the train for Florida. time in the future Bishop Caniller will resurrection of the dead. These re- We observed him in the chair, on the be gladly received personally and offi sults belong only to the work of an platform and in the pulpit. We lis- cially by all of our preachers and peo-

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THE CHILD OF BETHLEHEM.

It is no new, new story, but one you know that gladdens the world.

But each year makes it sweeter, more real and more dear.

It can't be told too often, nor too often

And they hushed their hearts' wild beating an angel's voice to hear.

And he told his loving message, and the
chorus high and clear

Was caught and sung by multitudes of
seraphs in the sky.

And mortal cars had never heard such
glorious minstrelsy.

Filled with delight the shepherds ran the little Child to greet:

The costly gifts the Magi brought lay round about His feet:
And calm He slept and sweet He smiled, and all the lowly place

Was filled with breath of incense, and with majorts and grown.

with majesty and grace.

EMMA A LENTE Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS.

Many people celebrate Christmas like it was the devil's birthday. That is the way with him and his children, though. They had rather show off where they have no business than at any other time. It is the b us Christian folks to see that it is celebrated right, and it is the business of the devil to see that it is celebrated wrong. There are some Christians who won't have much to do with Christmas because they say the Catholies started it and the devil plays too big a part in it. I believe it is a privilege and a pleasure, and let's make a good thing out of it.

May we continue, as some of our fathers did, to make it the happiest day in the calendar for our children and kindred. I believe in old Santa Claus. I believe in blowing up hog bladders and saving them to burst on Christmas morning. Hang up your mother's or any of the women folks' stocking you can get hold of that hasn't got a hole in it. Expect old Santa to put something in it. God pity the home that hasn't got a chimney big enough for old Santa Claus to come down. I don't o much on firecrackers and such like. They cost too much and don't leave anything behind but burnt par the fuss has echoed down the hollow and the smoke has cleared away. Raisins and such good things, toys, little wagons, tools, and all such things that will teach lessons of usefulness. Toy pistols I despise for boys. Men are big enough dunces about pistols, any way. Don't give your little girls toy purs, or live ones, etiher, for that matter, Let them have dolls. One good thing, these high-flying society women love puppy dogs better than children, won't have any little girl to hang up her steeking. Give free rope to making glad others with pretty and permanent presents-not costly ones,

Christmas trees are fine things. The custom is becoming more common to have them in the home. Any good way heats no way. Only have your heart in it, and gladness will come out

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Have a good dinner, and enough to divide with kindred and friends, and do not forget the poor and those in prison.

Some fools say and sing, "Christmas comes but once a year: if I get drunk you need not care." Well, let him go reeling down the road if you can't stop him, but go not with him except in pity and contempt.

Like old-time slavery nizgers, some white folks think Christmas was made to dance all night and go home to nod in the morning.

I know these kind of folks don't read Church papers; but ask them if they

Above all, and the best of all things, Oh listen, little children, while a story I let us not forget Christ, the Gift of shall tell: gifts and Savior of every good thing

N. B. THOMPSON.

THE DIVINE CHILD.

Upon a strange and far-off town one quiet, solemn night
Almost two thousand years ago, there shone a wondrous light:
A new star had arisen, and it moved along the air.

Till it stood above the manger-bed where lay a Paby fair

Christmas is again at hand, and the old, old story of the Christ-child in the manger of Bethlehem, the appearance of the angel announcing his birth to the wondering shepherds, the song of the heavenly host, and the miraculously guided wise men worshiping the Christmas is again at hand, and the lously guided wise men worshiping the The tired, patient beasts moved down to make for Him a place—

The little stranger guest from heaven who might any palace grace; His mother leaned above Him with such of homes and Churches all over the The Wise Men knelt before His feet in rapt and glad surprise world. What a charm, what vitality the story of Christ's birth has! and how rich in hallowed associations is And out along the winding streets and o'er the shepherds' plains.

There fleated sounds of mu is sweet—such rare and thrilling strains;
While light streamed down from heaven—till the watchers of the sheep—Were filled with awe and questioning, and wonder strange and deep.

There fleated sounds of mu is sweet—such rare and thrilling strains; its blessed memories, its precious hopes, its immortal significance, and exchanging loving gifts in token of him who so freely gave and was given. The hearts of men grow more childlike as ing loving gifts in token of him who hearts of men grow more childlike as by thought and deed they recall the birth of the divine Child. Every year increasing hosts of little children, deligated over to ir Christma gifts, learn to associate their happiest hours with the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. It is well that we make Christmas 'children's day, for that heavenly birth has made motherhood holier, infancy more sacred and childhood hap: i ", wherever Christ is known. It was the cry of of the fathers to their children and of children to their fathers.

And now each year with willing hands we dock His birthday tree.

And tell the stary o'er and o'er, so dear to you and me:
We sing the joyous carols while the glad bells swing and sway—
The little Child of Bethlehem is King of child whose advent into the world presents such striking contrast and apparent contradictions? He was called by the prophets "a chill," and also the Ancient of Days;" was "despised and rejected of men." and yet the "desire of all nations;" was without form er comeliness," and yet "altogether lovely:" was born in a stable, and yet his birth was announced by an angel, and celebrated by "a multi ude of the heavenly host, prairing God, and saying. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.' What vital relation has the birth of Christ to the needs of humanit , tha makes it so dear to the hearts of men?

We can not understand the meaning of that first Christmas and the hold it has upon the affections of mankind, without recognizing the fac tha the Child of the manger was divine-"God manifest in the flesh." The names given to this Child by in pire! prophecy distinctly affirm his divinty: "The shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us." 'His name," said Isaiah, "shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Princ of Peace." Christ declare! himself to be all that the prophets affirmed him, when he said: "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." apostl's believed his declaration and proclaimed him to be "our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," and announced that "in him dwelleth all the fullness the Godhead, bodily

We need also to know what was the mission of the divine Child before we can fully understand why the day which commemorates his humble birth is so dear to the hearts or men. name given to him by command of the angel who foretold his birth to Jeseph clearly indicates his mi sion: shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." The name Jesus-Savior is "above every name," most dear to mankind, because there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The messige of the angel who announced his bi th to the shepherds. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which Christ the Lord," was "good tidings of great joy," because it meant that God had come among men in haman form to save them from their sins. His coming in the flesh was proof of his infinite love for the fallen race. It was a pladge of divine mercy, of forgiveness, of deliverance from sin, and of eternal life to all who accept and follow Christ as the Savier of sinners. Christ's life of tender ministries, his teaching, his mighty works, his atonare death, his resurrection and a sion, the gift and work of the Holy Spirit were all included in the mis-

When we have identified the C'ill of the manger as God manifest in the flesh to save a sinful race, we have a sufficient explanation of the world's oyful commemoration of his advent. Facing this sublime assertion of Christmas, we must find the supreme proof that the Infinite and the Eterna!, he don't want a little Christmas reading. of its truth, not in historical evidences,

on of "God with us.

or in systems of theology, but in the courses and holds them in their places, fact that Christ is doing what he came to do, as attested by the mighty transformations wrought in the lives and characters of men through faith in a divine Savior, by which the violent become gentle, the selfish benevolent and self-denying, the dissolute pure, the profane prayerful, the drunken sober, the revengeful loving and merciful, insomuch that the subjects of this change are confessedly new men in all their habits and relations. Such reformations have been witnessed in every community where the gospel has been preached, and since no agency adequate to produce them has ever been found. except faith in Christ, they stand as conclusive proof of the truth of Christianity, that "God was in Christ recociling the world unto himself."

Above all, we should find the proof that the Child of the manger was divine written in our hearts. Great as are the other evidences of Christ's divinity, they do not produce conviction in any soul quite as strong as that which results from a personal experience of his power to save. Only those who have this experience can know the full meaning of Christmas and have the deepest joy in celebrating the birth of the Divine Child.-Chris ian Advocate.

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT.

With the Advent of Christ there came into the world a new revelation of God, and a new relationship of the soul to God. This is the faith of the Christian the divine Infant that turned the hearts Church, and it is this faith which gives significance to the Advent season. Historic Christianity," says Dr. Henry van Dyke, "which beholds God incarnate in Christ, stands as a rock, around which the tides of opinton ebb and flow. The Church has changed in some things, but not in this. It has molified, enlarged, diminished, or abandoned some articles of faith, but not this. This is indeed the central truth of Christianity: that our God is Imman-

uel-that is, God with us. It is a very little thing to say that Jesus Christ is divine All that is good is divine. "By the grace of God I am what I am," says Paul. That is, all that is good in me comes from God and is divine. It is a very little thing to say that Jesus Christ is a manifestation of God. Everyt' in r except sin is a manifestation of God. Jesus Christ is the divine. Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God. Every light that sparkles from the electric lamps, every glow in every grate, every color on every flower, is a manifestation of light. But the sun himself is the supreme manifestation of light, from which all other manifestations come. Every virtue, every act of heroism, of patience, of kindness, of self-sacrificing lave is a manifestation of God. But Jesu: Christ is the manifestation of God, in whom all the divine is revealed; not a word of God, but the Word of God, in whom all divine speech is expressed and interpreted. God is no longer a God afar aff: no longer have we to ascend into the heavens that we may find him. The longing to behold God, which humanity has in all ages of the world expressed by image-worship, is met in the marvelous condescension of him who enters into life that we may behold him; begetter of God, born of a virgin and so Son of God and Son of man bringing to humanity a new a clear, a tangible apprehension of the

infinite and the eternal We hear much of the divinity that is in man. But this coming of Christ to the earth reveals something beside that: it reveals what Dr. van Dyke has well called "the human life of God." It shows in God himself a humaneness that links him to us, and so links us to him. To say that God made man in his image is also to say that God is in man's image. If the babe is the image of his father, t'en the father is like the babe. This truth is implied in our faith in the incornation. There is a humanity in the Infinite and the Eternal: a humanity so essential to him, so vital in him, that he can lay aside all wondrous power, all marvelous wisdom, empty himself, beggar himself, to use Paul's figures, and come and dwell a man among men, and still be the essential God. For the essential in God and the essential in man are one; and though the one circle be infinite and the other finite, the center of both is the same There is not a little child to-day that, when he thinks of God, may not think of him who played on the earth a little boy, who longed for education but could not have it, and who went home with all those supernal aspirations stirring in him, to be obedient to a peasant mother, and in that very act of obedience to love revealing the heart of the Almighty and the Eternal. It is not strange that men doubt the incarnation; it is rather strange that they believe it: believe who launched the worlds upon their

he from whom proceed all the forces of the universe, he who is the one infinite and Eternal Energy in whose presence we are always standing, he who rules the nations of the earth, building them up and tearing them down, he who is the God of history and of nature, he who fills all matter and all space with himself, as the soul of the individual fills his mortal bodythat he is so human that ne has been able to walk the world as a man, seen of men, and handled of men, and talked with by men. Do any of us really believe this divine int rpretation of the human life of God?

With this coming of a new apprehension of God comes a new relationship with him. We no longer bow before a veiled Holy of Holies, no longer worship a doubt, no longer kneel before an altar bearing an inscription to God The Unknown. We can walk in fellowship with the divine-man, can reach the hand that in man God has reached out to us, can listen to the voice that speaks to us, can look upon the form that is human. We can turn to these Gospels, call up the picture of the suffering Son of man, who was Son of God because Son of man, and Son of man because Son of God, and talk with him.

That which was from the beginning. which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have look ed upon, and our hands have handled. of the Word of life (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also mar have fel lowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

WHAT IS THE CHRISTMAS

TRUTH!

It is that Jesus, called the Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

St. Matthew writes that

. the generation of Christ was in this wise: When his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost; and in the evangelist's mind this con-

ception fulfilled the prophecy of "Behold a Virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son; and they shall

call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted, is, God with us." In the narrative of St. Luke we see that, from the outset, one aspect of the awful mystery, what might be termed its human side, was realized, if not

comprehended: And Mary said to the Angel: How shall this be done, because I knew not man? And the Angel answering said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son

And lest there should be any misunderstanding as to the divine element involved. John, the Beloved, indicates in no uncertain way the identity of his Master

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us: and saw his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Fat'er full of grace and truth. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

To the same effect are the teachings of the Great Apostle, "born out of due time," it is true, but nevertheless "rapt even to the third heaven" and enlightened by "secret words which it is not granted to man to utter;" look where you will in his writings you will find that Grace and prace, as it were ex aequo, came "from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!" In view of these facts one need not wonder that to the Christian mind the central event of history 's the incarnation of Jesus Christ, with its completion, his

Marvelous, however, as is this great truth by itself it is also singular when considered under another aspect namely, the most ordinary circumstances accompanying, or rather, cloaking the facts that constitute it: circumstances evidently of Diving choosing. Were it not for God's explicit declaration no one would dream that in Mary were consummated the mysteries of virginity and divine maternity. Sunpose his word-spoken by the angel unrecorded, then everything in her case is exteriorly as we would expect to find it where no mysteries are involved. Without this record we would be ignorant as Joseph was before the secret was whispered in his ear; the

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In this combination of the ordinary and the unique what, in regard to us, may be the purpose of Divine Providence? In our regard its every dispensation is a purpose. Without presuming a knowledge of God's secrets, one toay hazard an answer, inadequate like every human interpretation of his designs, it is true, withal worth, may'e,

the favor of expression In all his ways for the work of his own hands God observed du- respect. Now, God made man free-free not merely on the surface, but withinabsolutely. The individual who takes it into his head to beli ve himself not free but a creature of necessity acts just as he would did he consider him self free. He talks, thinks, and, in the common precantions of life, plans as a being of a nature entirely unobstructed would talk, think and plan Having endowed man with this liberty it seems to be what we might term a point of bonor with God to repet all the consequences of sucl a gift; man is allowed full swing, and he is gifted with this unlimited freedom, although God, because he is perfect, is himself

oblised to observe and lay down a law of right and wrong, of truth and falsehood. This law of God finds expression, even if at times a poor one, in the common possession of all of us conscience; that sense of responsibilit for our actions, which cannot be done away with, though it may be overridden. Every relation of life, personal or social, implies this premise: I am a moral agent. Nevertheless, in spite of this sense of responsibility, man knows that there is no instinct nor principle which he cannot violate if he so choose. Furthermore, God has ordered man's circumstances and powers that not only is physical restraint and moral restraint withheld, but even what we know as intellectual. The thought demands a brief development. God, being the essence of Truth, when he planned to make intelligent creatures, was held by his own nature to make them Truth-seekers; so that if their minds saw a trut's, at once they would feel compelled to seize hold of it. To make these intelligent creatures at the same time free creatures, able to resist the attractions of truth, was a problem; for if they saw the truth too plainly they could not help but embrace it; and if they had to grasp it, then they were no langer free. How was the problem solved? God made us having a body as well as a soul; we see the truth through a material veil; the body hampers the powers of the soul, and Truth becomes like the sun behind a bank of clouds; its dazzling brightness is absorbed, its rays diffused: only in odd places beams break through. As a result our minds, naturally constrained by Truth, are able in their present condition to resist its attractions: a man can turn from a truth, or reject it. It so presents itself in this clouded state of our minds that

God is. Yet, try to put the grounds of their assurance in logical shape, and, notwithstanding the power with which the truth is borne in upon the mind. you will find it encompassed with such difficulty that, even for the mass of intelligent and educated men, its acceptance is a moral act, a free choice. It is within the competency of a man to say "I will," or "I will not believe in Not that the grounds justify him in saving: "I will not believe" or even "I cannot but doubt:" but, as matter of fact, he can do so without thereby stultifying himself. This sense of honor then, if the word be again allowed, on God's part-which so delicately guards the gift of freedom he embodied in his creature man-sufficiently accounts for the simpleness characterizing his manifestation when

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which makes life worth living is his relation to us and ours to him-a relationship so astoundingly actualized in the Word made Flesh!-Prof. Joseph V. Tracy, in Independent.

A DREAM OR VISION-WHICH?

A few evenings ago my daily papers were all mislaid, and to pass away the time I picked up an old copy of the Advocate. By mere chance my eyes rested on an article, "How Can We Bring the People to Church?" The author discussed the subject with great ability and much amplitude. The mission of the Church, the labors of the preachers, the empty seats in nearly every church, were all treated of with much elaborateness of detail. I read on and on, till the lamp burned low and a drowsy feeling crept over me.

Suddenly I was following a pleasantlooking gentleman as he went briskly along the street.

He had a paper in his hand, upon which were a large number of names. He stopped, looked at his list, then at the number above the door, then put the paper in his pocket, went up and rang the bell. A tired-looking lady came to the door.

Good-morning, Mrs. Brown. How

are an your people to-day We are all well. But I don't know

I did not suppose you did. I am the new Methodist preacher, and just came a purely financial institution. vesterday.

'Oh, will you come in?"

Mr. Marvin glanced at her flushed face, then looking at his watch, said: Please excuse me this time. I have

much to do to-day, and only stopped to make sure of where you lived. will call again. Of course you will all come to church next Sunday.

Mrs. Brown's eyes fell, but there was something so pleasant on Marvin's face that she could not say no.

Yes, we will try to come. A hundred yards further on Mr. Marvin stopped before a large, palatial residence. A middle-aged man answered the summons.

What do yo want, sir?" Can you tell me where Judge Armstrong lives?

My name is Armstrong."

I am glad to meet you. I am Marvin. just sent here by the Methodist Conference.

M:. Armstrong held out his hand. Come in and see my wife and son.' I am much pressed for time, but

will be glad to do so.' Mr. Marvin did not hang his hat on the rack, but held it in his hand as he

followed the Judge. Mrs. Armstrong, this is your new preacher.

Let me take your hat," said Mrs.

Armstrong. No. no; excuse me. I really can not I dropped in to say I would call next week or the week after. What

time and day would suit you best? Any time Tuesday or Friday after-

Here the door opened and a boy of sixteen or seventeen came in. This is our son, Edward," said the

The boy was a little slow in taking

the proffered hand. I once studied the same books you have," said Marvin. "But I will have to go. You are all coming to church next Sunday, are you not?

My wife usually goes. I seldom do,

but will be there." And you, Edward?"

I must work several hard problems in algebra Saturday night, and am afraid I will not be able to go."

"Come to the parsonage Saturday night, and I will help you out. I once taught algebra."

I followed Mr. Marvin all day long. At one house he just wanted a drink, at another to know where Clay Street was, at another to ask for a rose-bud. At noon he stopped to ask the nearest way to the parsonage.

"I don't know where it is," said the man, with a look that also meant, "I asleep over an hour.
don't care, either."

J. J. MATTHEWS

Well, I am a little tired. May I rest a minute? Some one may come

along who can tell me. "Of course you may. But our dinner is ready. Won't you come in and sit down with us. A cup of coffee will make you feel stronger."

Yes, I will.

Mr. Winterman, returned thanks to conference to the Mexicans. ment was ordinary; there was nothing the Lord. in the circumstances of Jesus' birth to "What Church do you belong to?"

> asked Mr. Marvin at the close of the 'Not any now. We were once Methodists, but are neither Church mem bers or goers any more." This with

> some little bitterness in tone. Why not?" asked Marvin, feeling that he was in a fair way to hear something that might partially solve the great problem of how to fill the

empty pews. Because we feel that our preachers take no interest in us except so far as we pay our assessments. It has been over three years since a Methodist where these Rectors lived in Guada- tained from any first-class grocer.

preacher called here. Why should we go to church or pay a preacher whose whole demeanor shows he cares nothing for our welfare

To say that Mr. Marvin was aston ished would hardly express his feel ings. He was dumbfounded with amazement. Here was a man whose conversation showed him to be a gen tleman in every sense of the word, of wide reading and varied accomplish ments, as his large library fully at tested, with every indication of culture and refinement pervaoing his house hold, declaring that the pastor had not called in three years! Was this mere ly an extreme case of what to a graer or less extent existed in every charge in the Church, and how far could empty pews and shortages in preachers' salaries be ascribed to such causes? After a long pause, he said

You are right in theory, but a little wrong in opplication. Most any selfrespecting man would do as you have done. But I must introduce myself. My name is Marvin, and I am pastor of the Church now. I don't want any of your money, but will you not come to church at least a few times? For one, I do not look upon the Church as

Mr. Winterman was entirely

Well, I believe I will."

I followed Mr. Marvin all through the week. By Saturday noon he had called on every member of his Church. besides a good many who, like Winter man, did not belong to any. Not once had he gone through the ghostly for mality of reading the Bible or praying. He would do that when he became bet ter acquainted. Mrs. Marvin reminded him a score of times that he ought to be preparing his sermon, and that first impressions most always lasted a long

Sunday morning came 'How is your sermon?" asked Mrs.

I really haven't any. But it will not be apt to make any difference. You know Dr. Scholar said hardly any one came in the morning.

But Mr. Marvin was mistaken. Such a crowd had not been seen at the church for five years. Mrs. Marvin cried as she leaned over her desk. Mr. Marvin was dazed, but slowly rose and gave out the hymn. As he knelt in prayer the people were a little inattentive, but soon became interested. There were not so many responses from the "amen corner" as usual. I es present, seeing all, but was invisible to all. The people were more impressed than usual. As the preacher closed, a man near me said to his seat mate. "That was a little awkward, but he meant it all."

Mr. Marvin began his sermon in rather a hesitating way. He was clearly embarrassed. He had not expected such an audience, and was not prepared. But he loved his Master. loved his calling and loved his people He did not set up the points of his sermon like so many bricks in a row, to be knocked down one after the other. In fact, it would hardly be correct to call it preaching. It was more like a great-hearted, honest man talking to a lot of brothers. In plain, simple words he told the people of the great love of Jesus, of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and how our love to our Father in heaven could best be shown by the way we treat our brother on earth. As he talked on, his voice grew in tenderness and power till more than one man felt ashamed of his past life. Scores of people were weeping ere he closed, and I said to myself, "If all preachers and sermons were like this, the problem would not be to find people to fill the churches. but churches for the people to fill.

As I started forward to shake his hand, I stumbled over a chair and fell with a crash to the floor. I had been

BRIEF NOTES.

The editor alludes in East Texas Conference notes to the grave of Robert Paine Thompson, at Pittsburg. He was a member of the old Rio Grange Conf rence, session in Goliad, 1859, and After taking their seats, the host, was the first missionary sent by that take part at the military drill tomor-

> E. H. Holbrook, in Advocate of December 6, wonders "that H. S. Thrall does not mention a Rector in his history of Methodism." etc. If the brother will read page 64 of Thrall's History of Methodism, he will discover his mistake. There Thrall mentions Morgan Rector, Mrs. Amelia Rector, Miss Celia Rector, Miss Amelia Rector and Thos. D. James, husband of Amelia Rector. All these and others were members of the first Church organized in Columbia, Brazoria County, 1839.

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lupe County, there has prevailed for many years a first-class type of Meth odism. Evidently ween the Rectors same from Morgan County, Ala., to Brazoria County, Texas, and thence to Guadalupe County, they did not leav their religion behind.

Over at old Prairie Lea, three miles from where some of these Rectors now live, was buried the body of Rev. Mr McCullough, Presbyterian preacher who accompanied John W. DeVilbiss to San Antonio when he preached the first Protestant sermon in that eld Catholic city. Mr. McCullough after wards taught school there and had Augusta Evans, the authoress, as a pupil This old Presbyterian preacher believed in carrying the gospel of a full salvation to the elect.

We have in our possession two lengtby letters from the late H. V. Phil pott, D. D., bearing on early historical points in Texas Methodism. He possessed a retentive memory, cultivated in his devotion to legal studies, and could have greatly enriches and cor rected much historical matter that has been published. While he was tenations in maintaining personal rights. he had the highest respect for the honor and welfare of the Church.

H. G. H.

God knows our needs before we ask Then what is prayer for? Not to inform him, nor to move him, unwiding to have mercy, as if like some proud prince he required a certain amount of recognition of his greatness as the price of his favors. But to fit our own bearts by conscious need and true de sire and dependence to receive the gifts which he is ever willing to give. but which we are not always fit to receive. As St. Augustine has it, "the empty vessel is by prayer carried to the full fountain."-Alexander Mc

A WINNING BOY.

Earns His Medals By the Use of Good Food.

A Vicksburg, Miss., boy, J. B. Smith orner Grove and Third str I have been studying very hard to try and beat my room in examination. have been eating outmeal and cream for breakfast all my life. Lately when the hard study began I did not feel well enough to go to school, and there was an examination ahead of me and an exhibition, too.

"I was determined to go through this examination but felt so sick all the time that I didn't know how to accomplish it. Well, mother saw the Grape-Nuts food advertised, so she bought some and gave it to me for breakfast every morning, and you just ought to see what this food did for me

"I began to get well at once and grow hearty and fat, in spite of my hard work. Above all that I did beat my room at examination, making a general average that was the highest mark in the room. I am also able to row night at the exhibition and will try for the gold medal for general excellence. If you think there is any question about this you can write to Bro. Garbrial, our principal, and he will tell you that it is true.

It is of the greatest importance that parents feed their growing children. during study, on the most nourishing food possible to obtain, and there is no question on this score regarding Grape Nuts, for the food is compounded of the elements selected from the grains which go to quickly make and rebuild the brain and nerve centers. Any parent can prove this statement by feed-In the cottonwood neighborhood, ing the children on Grape-Nuts. Ob-

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Secular News Items.

Since the passage of the new currency law, 348 national banks have been organized.

The census returns show that Rhode island is the most densely populated moral." State in the Union.

The United States legation at Pekin is now guarded by 1900 men, all the rest of the American troops having returned to Manila.

The Brilish Parliament has blea asked to vote \$80,000,000 add.tional fo: war expenses, making the total for the year about \$150,000,000.

Plans have been made for the erection, at Pittsburg, of the largest bridge and steel works in the world. They will have a capacity of 150,000 tons a

It will be a surprise to many peoforeign toanage annual y eat red an i 15,569,768 tons, a ainst 15,201,683 at New York.

The schooner Polly, built in 1805, our flag, was wrecked during the recent ages. gale at North Brooksville. She was a privateer during the War of 1812, and came off victorious in several engage-

The Sultan has issued an ind ordering the reorganization of the Tarkish navy, and commanding the Miaister of Marine to report was, measures four miles from Morristown. The are necessary to place Turkey on an body was identified by those who knew equal footing with other maritime na- the hermit of Wanong Mountain, as he

T. Washington's School at Tuskegee are now on their way to Africa to teach agriculture to the natives in the German Colony on the west coast of Africa, under the patronage of the German Government.

week for the construction of elevan men-of-war of the first class-five battleships and six armore1 cruisers. When completed and equipped for sei, the aggregate cost of these saips w.1 exceed sixty million dollars.

Justice Maddox, of the United States Supreme Court, has decided that an ternational law at Cambridge Univerabsolute divorce granted in Massachusetts to a resident of New York has no force in the latter State. This decision emphasizes the need of uniform divorce laws throughout the country.

Senor Corea, Minister of Nicaragua to the United States, recently returned from a visit to his country, says that by the new treaty between his country and Costa Rica, Nicaragua is free to aid the United States in paiding the canal, and will co-operate with this Government in any reasonable plans.

Another illustration of the swift and terrible way in which Germany avenges any wrong done to her subjects comes from the South Pacific. In the Admiralty group, not long ago, a German trader was killed and eaten by cannibals. The captain of a German warship was notified, and he swooped down upon the islands, burning eighty villages, killing eighteen natives, taking others prisoners and driving the rest to the woods.

south coast of Cuba, has always been counted as a part of that island in its government and administration. But of numerous saloons, which were thus now, it is reported. Secretary of War compelled to confine their sales to Root holds that it does not belong to Cuba, and proposes that it be taken for always the storm-center of vice, crime, a coaling and naval station for the Inited States. The Cubans are considerably exercised over the propost- it out altogether, and you have gone tion, and protest against it as a breach of good faith.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker will edit the London Sun the week before Caristmas. He says: "I shall not conduct the paper on Sheldonian lines. I have no desire to create an ideal newspa-1 r: that will come when ideal society omes, and not before. But I shall e nduct it on religious lines, in no use sectarian, theological or denomational, and shall endeavor to make it a paper all honest men can read, givin ; it a thoroughly religious and moral tone. Betting and gambling in every f rm will be excluded; there will be to reports of horse races, prize fights, s ck markets, or kindred prof scional

sensationalism, but a simple, unvarnished statement of facts. Certain police court news will be allow d. and some court news that is interesting. instructive and useful in pointing a

A religious census has been conducted in the philosophical department of the Johns Hopkins University by the Young Men's Christian Association of the University. About 100 students stated no religious preference, 66 are Episcopalians, 62 Presbyterians and 46 Methodists, with smaller numbers distributed among various denominations. There are thirteen Jews, seven members of the Society of Friends and five Roman Catholies.

The Detroit Free Press recently printed a very pertinent and suggestive cartoon, entitled "Restoring Order in China." It represented John Bull, Uncle Sam and the typical representaple to know that the chastwise and tives of the other great powers busily engaged in lugging off in baskets the eleared at the port of Hoa; Korg is art treasures and curios of the Chinese capital-a performance ironically called "restoring order in China." The picture is true to life, and is a disgrace to civilization and Christendom, worand said to be the oldest vessel flying thy only of the Vandals of the dark

Once a Confederate General with Lee in Virginia, Gen. Herman Bins, who lost all, even wife and children, during the war, and who has for thirty-five years lived as a hermit on Wanong Mountain in New Jersey, was found dead Monday in Black Swamp. was called. His cabin on the side of the mountain was found in ashes by Four young colored men from Booker those who went to it after the body had been identified.

One of the most interesting bits of information that the President's Message contains is the fact that ex-President Harrison, Chief Justice Fuller, Attorney-General Griggs and Judge Bids were opened in Washington list Gray of Deleware have been appointed American members of the Court of Arbitration at The Hague. The British members are: Lord Pauncefote, present ambassador to the United States: Sir Edward Malet, late ambassador to Germany: Sir Edward Fry, former lord justice of appeal: and Prof. John Westlake, professor of ia-

> The United States senate is wrestling over the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. which was negotiated by the State department to take the place of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, of years ago. These treaties have reference to the control and regulation of the proposed Nicaragua Canal, and both treaties include Great Britain with the United States in joint control over the canal when built. A good many Senators think the new treaty gives Great Britain too much voice in the matter, and that the United States should have absolute control of the canal, even to the extent of fortifying it if necessary. There seems to be some dou't as to the ratification of the treaty.

Chicago, like New York, is undergoing a needed crusade against vice, stimulated thereto by a committee of cicizens. The movement is directed chiefly against saloons conducted as resorts for shameless vice. At first Mayor Harrison was reported as refusing to co-operate with his official The Isle of Pines, lying just off the authority; but public sentiment, or something else, induced a change of base, for later he revoked the licenses "seft" drinks. The saloon! Yes; it is disorder-all that is evil. It is bad, bad only, and bad continuation. Wipe a long way to eradicate the of er

Some serous friction betwen the Gogernments of Holland and Portugal. It grows out of the sympathy of Ho .land for the Boers, and a simil r leaning of Portugal toward Great Britain. The immediate cause is the wit drawal by the Portguese Government of the exequator or recogniti n of Herr Pott. the Dutch consul at Lorenzo Marques, aggravated by the fact that King Charles of Portgual manifes ed extreme affection for England to a to st to Queen Victoria, at a banquet to British Admiral Rawson the ot endir. The tension between Portugal and Holland appears quite serious. Holgarabling. Should a murder occur I shall land is alarmed at the prospect of

report it, probably comment on it, but an Anglo-German-Portuguese alliance shall not send a staff in ques of dis- which will threaten her East India agreeable details. There will be no possessions, and it is reported that the possibility of war with England has been discussed in the Dutch cabinet.

> Illinois is the great whisky state of the Union. She pays on fourth of the entire revenue tax of the nation. The Peoria District alone pays the Government the munificent sum of \$23,000,000 annually!

> One Chicago daily contained nearly a full page (illustrated) concerning the marriage of a little English duke to an American girl whose fatuer happers to have a lot of money. The editors must be hard run for something to fill up with. Disgusting arivet!

Senor Cuestas, a Government official of Uruguay, is in the United States looking for a wife. He will find one. Indeed, he need not trouble himself to look. There are huadreds of fool girls who would spurn an honest. hard-working American boy to well any foreign dude who comes alon :

Indanapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.- A special to the Sentinel from Booneville, Ind.

John Rolla, the third of the colored men implicated in the murder of Hollie Simons, was hanged to a tree in the courthouse yard by a mob of about 100 men from Rockport at 6:30 o'clock this evening. Not a shot was fire! and everything was conducted as quietly as though the execution had been one under the sanction of law. Rolla was brought to this place this afternoon. Upon his arrival he was placed in a cell on the s cond floor of the jail, and his presence was thought to be known to only a few citizens.

'The Colombian Government will do everything within its power to facilitate and hasten the opening of a canal by the Panama route, whether it is effected by the actual company holding the concession, which expires in 1903, or by whomsoever may repres nt their rights. The Government will make reservations only to preserve national sovereignty and to give assurance that free transit by way of the canal for all nations shall be fully guaranteed. The Colon bian Minister to Washington will have soon to attend seriously to this matter."

London, Dec. 17.—Gen. Kitchener in a dispatch received by the War Office confirms the Associated Press dispatches from Aliwalnorth, Cape Colony, of last nig't, announcing the capture by the Boers of a detachment of Brabant's Horse, Dec. 13, near Zaserton, Orange River Colony, and says 107 men were made prisoners on that occasion. The Colonial Office, in announcing that Sir Alfred Milner succeeds Lord Roberts as administrator of the conquered territory in South Africa, says his taking up his residence Johannesburg on account of his health must not be ranarded as a settlement of the capital question.

Washington, Dec. 17.-Great Britain and Germany have succeeded in causing further delay on the Chinese question. Minister Conger cabled to-day that the British Minister had proposed a change in the phraseology of the first declaration of the agreement to an "indispensable condition of negotiation," and at another that the agreement represents the "irrevocable" will of the powers. Great Britain wishes these terms harmoniced and still leave the declaration short of an ultimatum. Instructions were cabl 4 to Mr. Conger to-day to accept the change suggested. Presumally all the representatives in Pekin cable! the sugg stion to their home Governments for action. Delay will necessarily result.

In the House of Representatives a great debate took place last week or an Anti-Canteen bill, there oeing a section in the Army Reorganization bill authorizing the canteen. Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, moved the follow ing amendment:

The sale of or dealing in beer, wine or any intoxicating liquors by any person in any post, exchange, or canteen, or army transport, or upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States, is hereby prohibited. The Secretary of War is hereby directed to carry the provicions of this section into full force and elect."

It was supported by Littlefield, Grosvenor and Dick, of Onto, Republicans, and Hay, of Virginia, Democrat; and was opposed by Slaydea, of Texas, and Fitzgerald, of Massac' usetts, Democrats, and Pearce and Burtholdt, of Missouri, and Parker, of New Jersey, Republicans.

The amendment was carried by a



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majority of more than two thirds-159 to 51. The Reorganization bill was finally passed by a vote or 166 to 133. It was a strict party vote, with the exception that three Democrats voted for it and one Republican against it.

What will be the fate of the Anti-Canteen amendment in the Senate remains to be seen.

The widow of Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, was married in Chicago a few days ago. In the course of conversation with one of the officers in the Registry Department of the city, who was engaged in issuing a license to he , she spoke of Guiteau, and said to him: "He was not more insane than you are. He was a political offender, and should so be ranked rather than a mere vulgar murderer. She is said to have remarked that she visited him a number of times in the prison, and that he was no more insane than the clerk with whom she was conversing. With the exception of a few persons who find insanity everywhere, the settled judgment of the medical world is that Guiteau had a somewhat unbalanced intellect, and ideal perfection might be said to be insane, but was not irresponsible, and, therefore, was properly dealt with by the Government of the United States, which condemned him to death and executed the

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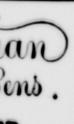
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B. H. Passmore, Dec. 13: After making a hurried visit to our daughter's, we started on our move. Leaving a people with whom you have labored four years is not the most pleasant thing in the world, but such is an itinerant's life. We moved through in wagons, and were most kindly received and entertained at Runge by a dear brother whom we took in the Church about twelve year ago, and who is strong in the faith. We reached this old, historic town the third day, and found a nice, comfortable home awaiting us. Every want for creature comfort had been anticipated and supplied by the ladies of the Home Mission and Parsonage Society. Not only the larger and general needs, but even down to the smallest details. For all of this care and thoughtfulness we feel profoundly grateful. These good women are doing this work of love in the Master's cause, and He who will not forget the cup of cold water given in his name will surely reward them. We have been around on the work, and find it well organized. We have a fine, cultured class of people, and a rich and beautiful section of country. We are praying earnestly that God may give us this year what we so much need—the demonstration of his Spirit in soul-saving power.

STOCKDALE.

A. H. Bezzo, Dec. 12: What a great system is our itinerancy! Conference year in Memphis and West Texas Conferences closes on same day. In Memphis Conference a pastor closes his year's work, preaching three times on Sunday, November II; the great itinerant whel turns, a message flashes over the wire, the preacher responds by steam, and the following Sunday, November 18, fills his appointment fifteen hundred miles away in West Texas Conference. This is a sample of Method-ism. The good people of Stock-dale liberally "pounded" this Kentucky boy, and our hearts—and stomachs (we have five)—are glad. First Quarterly Conference for Stockdale convened December 8. Assessed for preacher in charge \$500, for presiding elder \$15. First quarter paid in full. "Best report in district to date," so says our presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Alexander, Our Quarterly Conference adopted the assessment plan for raising our conference collections. I hope to "clear the deck" by District Conference. The good stewards put a half dozen new chairs into the parsonage, and a committee from the Epworth League informed us that the League is going to carpet our floors, and "the men" are to supply a suite of furniture. Por such kindness and marks of appreciation we offer thanks in advance. We will have watch-night services at the Methodist Church. Methodist Church.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ECTOR.

G. F. Boyd, Dec. 11: After a pleasant year on the Petty charge, and leaving a kind people that Bro. Gorsline is serving, we are at Ector and ready for the year's work. We are fortunate in following such men as Bro. Gober, whose name is a household word, and Joe Weaver, who always leaves the people trained on Methodist lines. He dug with his own hands a tank in the lot that furnishes plenty of stock water—a big thing—and dug and finished up a good storm-house. The parsonage was nice and clean, and wife was glad. Our reception was open and free, and nothing but good words and kind acts have come our way. Last night the old and the young, including some of other denominations and oursiders, filled the house and the yard. My! my! the good things they left in the dining-room. If the publisher were here he would fatten up, and the editor would get better looking. Come over and try it. Then came a song by the young people and a prayer by Bro. McMillion, a local preacher, for the success of the pastor on all lines of Church work. Surely the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. ECTOR

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J. T. Kirkpatrick, Dec. 12: Our reception when we came on the work a year ago was cordial. We started off very well. In March a storm nearly ruined our church. We have it almost repaired now. In the spring we had two cases of smallpox in the family, which necessarily laid me up for some time. In September wife took to bed with consumption, never to rise again. About twenty-six hours after we got our appointment for the new year she received one to the skies. She was ready to die, but she



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tried very hard to live, that she might raise her children. The Lord, though, or-dered otherwise. The people here were very good to us during our sore affliction. very good to us during our sore affliction. There was not a thing that could possibly do wife any good but what was done. At one time they brought in thirty readymade garments for wife and the children, besides goods for several more. I am very lonesome and sorely grieved, but the Lord is very gracious to me, and I will trust him to the end. In the face of all our setbacks, we made some growth last year. The people seem to be glad that I have been sent back to them for this year. They seem to be encouraged at the outlook. I am going to do my best to do them a good year's work.

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Mrs. Anna Parnes, Dec. 16: Again we have received orders to part with a pastor and his family who have endeared themselves to us most tenderly. Bro. L. A. Burk has gone from us to return no more as pastor. Such partings almost make us fall out with the itineracy. We would like to speak of the many noble deeds they did, but will only mention one. During the blizzard of February. 1899. Bro. and Sister Burk were a self-constituted relief committee, and they surely did dry the tears which almost froze as they fell from some noor widows' eyes! And dear old Mother Burk, what an itinerant she has been! We have heard her say she had lost her husband and five children, and no two of them were buried in the same county. Bless the Lord, they will all be together in one place "by and by." Bro. Beagle and family are at home in the parsonage. They were entertained the first two days by that elect lady and staunch Southern Method'st. Mrs. Dr. Clonton, in her elegant home. The Ladies' Aid and H. M. S. made considerable improvements in our parsonage this year. A bath-room has been added and furnished, a telephone put in, a new garden spot neatly fenced, a new barn, with stable, crib and buggy-room, with a driveway around back of the church into a side street. A new roof has been put on the church. Bro. Beagle talks like he wants more improvements to the inside of the church and narsonage. and I dare say they will be forth-coming.

CORSICANA CIRCUIT.

G. J. Irvin. Dec. 14: A liberal pounding was enjoyed at the parsonage last night, executed by Pleasant Grove.

HUBBARD.

J. D. Hendrickson, Dec. 17: We have been most kindly received. The good women have fixed up the parsonage, and are going to fix it up still more. Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. Bro. Bailey was on hand, preached in great power, and the stewards made a fine report. We will begin a protracted meeting January 29, 1991.

---MULKEY MEMORIAL A CARD OF THANKS

R. C. Armstrong. Fort Worth, Dec. 14: I desire to express the profound gratitude of the pastor and his family for the kind reception tendered by the people of Mulkey Memerial charge. We had been absent since the adjournment of our conference on a visit to the home and friends of our youth, and have been back but a short time. Last evening quite a company of men, women and children came and took possession of the pars nage and its inmates. An appropriate program was tendered, prayer was offered and remarks made by the pastor, refreshments were served and mutual greetings and gratulations were freely engaged in. Many substantial tokens of love and friendship were left behind. Ten thou and blessings upon these kind people, and thanksgiving and praise to our God.

GLENWOOD.

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J. P. Mussett: Our reception in Glenwood was warm and generous. The good women carpeted two rooms in the parsonage, bought a dresser, extension dining table, a new cook stove and a Franklin heater, and arranged each in place for us, then prepared a nice dinner and awaited our arrival. We found, also, a load of coal and wood for our own use. When we arrived we were greeted with "We welcome you as our new pastor and his family." On the following Thursday night a goodly company of old and young visited the parsonage, bringing not only words of cheer, but also a free-will offering in the form of a pounding. We thank God and take courage. They are now planning to add needed room to the parsonage. The stewards have made a fair assessment for the support of the pastor. Our first Quarterly Conference is over, and prepares us for active work. Dr. James Campbell was present, but the weather was so inclement we could not have preaching. My congregations are large and appreciative listeners. Rev. A. D. Porter, my worthy predecessor, wrought well with this people the past two years, and stands, deservedly, in high favor with them.

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T. J. Duncan: We are here, soul and body. We have been cordially received by the Methodist people, and have spent two Sundays with them. We had the communion the first Sunday. The second Sunday (December 9) I asked them for \$100, the amount of our conference collections, and they responded with \$340. Ample resources not present on the occasion to make out the whole amount. The money will be in the hands of the boards by February I, at the farthest. What a pleasure it is to a preacher to have these collections out of his way for a whole year almost. The parsonage is very comfortable, the people very kind—the Woman's Home Mission Society especially. They have done much for the parsonage in the past, and have not been unmindful of it since we came. As in other places in our beloved Church, the great need is a deep and powerful revival of pure and undefiled religion. Money and machinery are good—a divinely appointed means to the one great end for

which Christ died, and for which he established the Church; but that end is the holy living of his people and the salvation of sinners. We are praying for a great blessing this year. We have but a few more left, and we want them to be full of love and good works for Him.

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C. D. West: After conference closed at Georgetown, we spent a few days with relatives in Bell County, and got heme Monday night. November 26, to take up the work left off to go to conference. Through the day Tuesday we heard so many pleasant words from different receple about our return to this work that we were glad that we were sent back. But Tuesday night the words turned to blows, and such a "pounding!" About 8 o'clock our front door was opened from the outside, and the house was soon filled with a lively crowd of young people and children, with just enough older people to give dignity to the occasion. And when they were all gone, and we began to look around, we found flour, sugar, coffee, canned goods, dry goods, fruit and turkeys piled around in general. And! think every day since something good has found its way to the parsonage. We don't feel worthy of such a reception but expect to try our best to do these people good service. but expect to try our best to do these people good service.

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NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

WEATHERFORD.

Street all formet records: One of the pastors of Weatherfard District, on the second Sunday after conference, secured all of his assessments in cash and subcollections. The whole amount will be n hand, by February I. Inasmuch as his collections ante-dated the District Stew-one and secured it. His name is Robert Boniface Bonner, and his charge paid last year and secured it. His name is Robert Boniface Bonner, and his plucky charge is Couts Memorial. Last year this Church paid off every cent of a large debt. First Church nobly assisting. It will be dedicated in due and ancient form next month. Not one murnur have I heard or heard of in this disting. It will be dedicated in due and ancient form next month. Not one murnur have I heard or heard of in this disting. It will be dedicated in due and ancient form next month. Not one murnur have I heard or heard of in this distingtion.

MILLSAP CIRCUIT.

Mrs. M. W. Clark, Dec. 17: We have now entered into our second year's work on this circuit. We are pleased with our return, and our people generally express gladness over our remaining with them. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 13th instant. Our "beloved." Jno. R. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 12th instant. Our "beloved." Jno. R. Morris, did not reach us (we suppose because of belated train). Therefore it fell upon the pastor to hold the conference While he could not possibly fill Bro. Morris' place. I will just say—in his absence—that he did quite well. Bro. M. J. Vaughan preached us a soul-thrilling sermon at H. o'clock a. m. With my good mother's help, I had prepared dinner especially for all our stewards, their wives and our presiding elder—cocked them turkey and cranberries and other things to please the taste and I believe they heartly enjoyed dining with us—that is, there who came. We only had ten guests Our report on finances at Quarterly Conference and since is about \$12 for both presiding elder and preacher in charge. As we see the situation, we are not discouraged for this year, but rather hopeful and happy, and by God's grace expect to discharge our whole duty. While we have not had a regular "pounding," we have received quite a good many substantial tokens of kindness. During Annual Conference and since then, we have received from a good brother at Willow Pond one bucket potatoes; from two good members of Holder's Chapel, one bucket of notatoes and two sides "spare ribs" and "backbone;" we have received from our good lady members of Millsap four pounds bone: We have received from our good lady members of Millsap four pound-butter, six pounds lard, pork for severa meals, three gallons pecans, two bushels potatoes, half gallon molasses, a few feeds of corn for "Cricket," plenty of nice CONTINUED ON PAGE FIFTEEN.

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O heart! O heart of Calvary. Thy semblance haunts the Christmas tree.

For still we see 'neath Judah's sky The inn is crowded, not a place Wherein to shrine sweet Mary's face, And, save a lowly cattle shed.
There is no place for a King's bed.
Ah' Child. Thy home above was bright.
Why didst Thou leave its peace and light.
Low mid the lowliest to be?

O heart! O heart of Calvary! A thousand lights are twinkling free. Upon the merry Christmas tree.

But look! Golgotha rises lone, Where One sore burdened falters on: Each upward step is marked by prayer For those who bade Him journey there. And there, upon the cross-tree hung. The cry. "Tis finished." low is wrung From dying lips; O. sacred pain! O loss! for our eternal gain— The lights are dimming on the tree, O heart! O heart of Calvary!

O heart! O heart of Calvary! And shall we not remember Thee?

Above all other gifts the best.
Above all other gifts most blest.
Thy semblance haunts the Christmas tree.
Whose splendor dims compared with

Thee.
Above the star Thou dost appear.
And quickly falls the tender tear.
On this the advent of Thy birth
Into a life that knew no mirth:
Save Thee, all else forgot should be,
O heart! O heart of Calvary!

Ada Iddings Gale, in Michigan Advo-

ELSIE'S CHRISTMAS FRIGHT.

"This little Elste girl wants a muff," said Santa Claus, looking up at the little Christmas tree and down at his brimful pack.

'Let me see' here's a gray one and nothing. a brown one; a speckled one-andah! here's the muff for Elsie!" and the good old Santa pulled out a soft white muff with a pink silk lining and little pink silk tassels

But while Santa Claus had been fastree, little Miss Mousie had been watch- company. ing from a hole in the closet floor.

she, and away she went to see as soon as ever Santa Claus was out of sight.

"How soft and warm!" said she, as she rubbed her nose against the soft "And that pink silk! I like that, tco! It is like the toes and the noses of the baby mice. I wonder why it wouldn't make a nice warm bed; I'm very sleepy, too, just now, I think I'll take a nap.

Mousie never knew how long she troop of children had burst into the room, and somebody reached up and have had at all. I had a special reabeat' She wished she were in the something the year before, and it

the two ends of the muff.

"Que! que!" squeaked mousie. "On! Oh!" screamed Elsie. Then such a confusion as followed! Everybody screamed, and mousie ran as fast as ever she could around the room, out into the hall, up the stairs! Luckily the garret door was open and mousie never even stopped for breath until she was safe beneath the eaves.

Where did that mouse go?" Eisie used to wonder.

What made the people scream?" the mouse used to wonder; for it was a lor time before either Elsie or mousie forcot the fright they had given each other the night of the Christmas tree. Primary Education.

CHRISTMAS ECONOMY.

Now, I am a tremendous believer in economy, and have a suspicion that if we practiced the virtue a little more during the holiday season, we should be happier in June or July. I sunpose this might be taken as rank heresy, in the season of gifts. The question is-when is generosity wiser ents. than economy?

For instance, when a carpenter drops a wire nail, nine times out of ten he of thrift. He may be thrifty, but he me, of an individual six-penny is \$0.0077. quickest, five seconds to pick up that even if the first influx be momentarily hall it will cost to recover it.034 of a blinding. But do tell me what you

cent, calculating that you pay the carpenter twenty-five cents an hour. which is the minimum price. So he expends five times the value of a nail in picking it up. Obviously, this is false economy. It is cheaper to let that nail go to waste. We unconsciouspractice false economies in many different ways. If we could only reduce these false economies to figures would lead saner lives. We save five-cent car fare, and contract a twenty-dollar cold. We live on tea and toast, or coffee and cigars, and lose a bargain or a situation as a consience. Good work demands good food. Scrimping of the first will entail a disproportionate loss of the second. This is cardinal. We save fifty cents or a dollar on an office call at the first symptoms of an influenza, and ye run up a sixtydollar grippe. We wear out worn flannels, or go without furs, in order to buy Japanese plaque or a hand-painted blotter that nobody ever dares to use. to give as a Christmas present to one. who, if she is a friend, would rather go without it than have it at such a disproportionate cost. If we can afford, without expense to our health or without unduly draining our reserve force. to give a present, and we do it spontaneously and happily, then the spirit of the holy season is in us. It is not in us when we give under the lash of precedent or of family or social tradition, wearing a scowl in the heart. In such a case economy is wiser than generosity, and more honest.-Herbert D. Ward, in Interior.

CHRISTINA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

'Have you made your Christmas list, Tina? What are you going to give Aunt Choate this year. She gives such beautiful Christmas presents that it is quite discouraging to think of any return that we can make. What does she care for our bags and glove-menders and lamp-shades? But you always have ideas. Tina, and you are generous with them, too.

"Well, I have a perfectly new idea now-or rather, an old idea has pursued me with such persistence that I am going to put it in practice this Christmas. I am going to give her

pet and favorite, and to single her out for such a distinction! You might as well give nothing to Don, or Rose, or to-to me'

"You are all to share in the distinctening the muff to a branch of the tion, never fear. She will have good

You, who have always scrupulously I wonder what that is?" thought defended your Christmas fund from all encroachments! You, who have made so much of what you had, and have given so many pleasant surprises, and made such palpable hits with your Have you been speculating. Christina?

No: I have been meditating, and my Christmas fund is more than ever How many Christmas presents did you have last year. Marian?"

"Oh, about forty, some very handslept; but the next thing she knew a some ones, too. Some duplicates, some does, and some that I oughtn't to untied the muff. How mousie's heart son for wishing to give the Nelsons Here, Elsie, this is for you," said had never done it till then; and to my the kind voice; and in a second two annoyance, they, who had never given little chubby hands were thrust into me anything, and who, in their circumstances, really ought not to do so, sent me something last year. It went hard, but what could I do?

Yes, I know. I have become invelved in that way, and it is humiliatinc. baffling. It turns the sweet Christmas spirit topsy-turvy. And there are other things that perturb the mind not a little, in a circle where every one almost everything to begin with. and is sure to have thirty-nine presents beside the one you are distracted y trying to conjure up as a suitable and original and unexpected offering on your part."

I hate to think of it in that way, Besides, as I say, what can you do? Shall you announce that you are not going to give presents in your own set. so as not to be mortified by receiving when you are not-Well. I know that sounds crude, for, of course, most of us would"

Would what? The year that Cousin Jane took that house at Deepford and furnished it was a poor year for her, and, being an honest woman, she gave no Christmas pres-The next year her list of presents received fell off more than half. Imagine the shock of the inevitable inference to a delicate mind! stoops to pick it up under the instinct. No: I shall not sound a trumpet before I shall just let it take care of itis not economical. The money value self. Time will right it, and if I have mortifications, they will also be reve-Suppose it takes the carpenter, at lations. Light is better than darkness,

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meant by having 'dogs' among your must begin by trying to be what we

Christmas presents?

'Oh! that is an old family by-word. Years ago, when Christmas shopping was a much simpler affair than it is now, and when modern bric-a-brac had not been thought of in this country, grandmother and Aunt Hannah were mildly prowling about on Market Street before New Year, and they lighted on a lot of china dogs, a mongrel breed, white and gilt, but quite a bargain, they thought. So they bought up a supply of them, to fill any gaps that might occur unexpectedly in the apportionment of gifts. Of course it leaked out, and, to this day, a gift that is not specially designed for the recipient, but is merely a make-shift, is a dog,' with us.

'Delicious! 'I thank thee, Jew, for

teaching me that word."

No one-except the charmed Recording Angel-saw Christina's Christmas list, but certain unexpected pleasures, reliefs, rescues, that came to lonely and burdened and imperiled ones that year of grace, could have had no other source. A little journey and a fortnight's vacation among dear old friends were made possible to an overwrought and unnoticed woman; an opportunity to hear the Christmas oratorio came to a starving lover of music: a Christmas loan of a good new coat at once, to the widow's slender Why! how can you? You are her boy, who was shivering while his slow savings accumulated: a trained nurse for a week just at the turn of that fever, when the agonized watchers were almost as wan as their hardly-sayed darling: an illustrated magazine that went to brighten the long, lonely winter evenings on a New Hampshire billtop, and to make the barren village post-office a personal benefactor each month in the year. Babyland over whose pages wondering and unaccustomed baby eyes went with delight, and on whose simple tales and rhymes the tired mothers leaned in those bewildered moments when the royal mandate, "Tell us a story!" put all their small inventions to flight: these and such as these were the outcome of Christina's Christmas list .- Mary J. Jacques, in Woman's Journal.

THE RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF CHILDREN.

A child is a rudimental germ, filled Effect of Their Warm Drink in the with possibilities: infinities and eternities are there. A "great, growing. grandly unfolding" personality may be there. But these possibilities are largely dependent on the hands that receive 'rudimental germ." and cradle it. Alas for the newcomer from another world if it be unwelcomed! Exposed. not on bleak hills, as the pagan custom was, but to the chill winds of indifference and neglect. The child's impressions of the world into which it has come are unconsciously forming from the moment of its arrival. atmosphere in which it finds its If will decide what it is to see in the home. Beautiful homes may conceal hideous things from the eyes of guests, but not long from the eyes of a child. In such homes, where mere culture and selfish ness are masters, a child finds itself a slave, or an ornament, like a piece of bric-a-brac. From the windows of such a home the only visible realities are wealth, position, pleasure, power,

Naturally a child has a sense of both heaven and God. In childhood the supernatural is the natural. The difficulty is not in getting along with miracles, but without them. Prayer is as easy to them as conversation. They believe it is heard, and answered. No child can have too much religion of the right kind. The kind that does not make it something apart from life, but a part of life. How different we would if as children we had been taught the Golden Rule. Not as something to repeat now and then, but as something to be practiced all the time. We may so teach it to our children.

This is laying out a good deal of work for parents. Hardest of all. we

are trying to make our children become. As parents we must know what we want for on children. We must decide whether first of all we want them to be distinguished and great, or faithful and good. The child is given us in trust. "Take tois child and train it for me." not for the furthering of our purposes, to perpetuate our names, to carry out our plans, "but for me," "and I will reward thee above all thou canst ask, or think,"-Charles Wood, D. D., in Good Housekeeping,

WHY PEOPLE CALL HER "SO NICE."

Alweys shielding others at her own

Making a sacrifice cheerfully whenevery one is made.

Avoiding discussions in the presence of a third party.

Conforming her tastes, when visit ing, to those of her hostess.

Always repressing criticism when there is anything to praise.

Inquiring after the friends and families of those whom she meets.

Expressing an interest in that which she sees is interesting to others.

Avoiding jokes of a personal nature likely to wound another's feelings.

Showing "small courtesies" to humble people without an air of patronage. Looking at people and speaking

pleasantly, although she may feel dis-Taking no notice of accidents which happen to others, unless she can give

Never refusing a gift when it evidently comes from the heart and is be-

stowed with pleasure. Making no unnecessary allusion to

any subject which is known to be disagreeable to another. Dressing suitably, with consideration

for the feelings and the wardrobes of those about her. Writing letters to those who have

benefited her in any way, or to whom she may give help or cheer.

Showing herself happy when she is enjoying herself, remembering it is a pleasure to others to make her happy. -Great Thoughts.

CHILDREN SHOWED IT.

Morning.

"A year ago I was a wreck from coffee drinking and was on the point of giving up my position in the school room because of my excessive nervous-

"I was telling a friend about it and she said, 'we drink nothing at meal time but Postum Food Coffee, and it is such a comfort to have something we can enjoy drinking with the children."

"I was actonished that she would a low the children to drink any kind of coffee, but she said Postum was the most healthful drink in the world for children as well as for older ones, and that the condition of both the children and adults showed that to be a fact.

Just a little thought convinced me that one should not take a stimulant such as coffee, but really should have the best food to nourish the brain and nerves, and that nourishment was found in Postum.

My first trial was a failure. The cook boiled it four or five minutes and it tasted so flat that I was in despair but determined to give it one more trial. This time we followed the directions and boiled it fifteen minutes after the boiling began. It was a de cided success and I was completely won by its rich, delicious flavor. In a short time I noticed a decided improvement in my condition and kept growing better and better month after month, until now I am perfectly healthy, and do my work in the school room with ease and pleasure. I would not return to the nerve-destroying regular coffee for any money."-F. Scott. Warrensburg, Mo.

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December 20,

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AN UP-TO-DATE SANTA CLAUS.

When Santa Claus came to town last

Tis said, Struck a live wire and fell down dead.

Poor Santa felt sad to lose them so,

Was not of the kind to give up, you see. So he rigged up his sleigh like a trolley-

That night Via telegraph wires, he took his flight;

To each little child in bed

He sped, Nor missed A single one of all the list.

But this year he's going to take in hand

New way,
And deliver his goods in a horseless sleigh.

-H. G. Paine, in Harper's Round Table.

HOSPITALITY.

The etheriel essence of hospitality. the priceless attar, each drop of which holds the soul of a thousand loses, consists in making the stranger or friend within your gaces breathe the atmosphere of your home-the home you have made and which has helped to make you what you are. As you are at your very best there, so should you beguile him to be. If he be never so little shy or ill at ease, you have failed in the gracious enchantment. The tender peace and blessed security in which your heart

'Is like a bird that sings And feels as light as it had wings. must be shared with one who, for the time of his sojourn under your rooftree, is dependent upon you for com-

fort and pleasure.

Everybody knows, although few can define, the charm of homes where an influence, subtle and delicious, like the breath of the ointment which filled the Bethany house of feasting, stea's upon the inner senses of the guest at the first word uttered by host or host ss. In crossing the threshold you shed the sense of strangerhood, as a flower drops the withered calyx. You will speak gratefully afterward of having been made to feel at home at once. You feel, without saying it in so many words, that you are as one of the family, but with a difference. You are, for the time, the most honored inmate of the dwelling, a charge which is evidently a pleasure to all. The pricciess essence is poured out for you in gladness and singleness of heart. It is not so much that your entertainers make room for you. They carry the beautiful work further by conveying the impression to you that your place in their home and lives was all ready and waiting for you. This is "hospitality without grudging." Because you are there, the home, be it cottage or mansion or city flat, becomes the house of feasting. - Marion Harland.

EARLY TULIPS.

In a northern town, an ambitious bousewife cultivated a little flowerplot on the south side of her house. When the early spring sun came, w th unusual warmth in its rays, she w 1comed it heartily, and withdrew the continued to increase in warmth, the roots and bulbs stirred in their nests. and soon stalks appeared. The proud housewife conceived herself in great advance of her neighbors, and when the tulips held up their magnificent heads, and glisten d with their multicolors in the sublight, their gardener was very proud of her flowers and was the envy of her neighbors. A few of these neighbors, when they saw the tulips, attempted to hurry on their force flowers as she had done. But others said, "It's too early yet for the flowers. There'll be frost, and perhaps snow." Still, as they were standing in the sunshine and wiping their perpiring brows with their coats and tackets laid aside, the proud gardener and her friends only laughed at the chilly anticipations and gloomy fore-

bodings of their neighbors. One morning we awoke a little late. Cold makes men and women unconsciously cling closer and longer to their warm resting-places. When we did arise, however, it was to find the sun shining very brightly, and the world in white. In the night about an inch of snow had fallen. When we saw this we thought of the tulip-bed and all rushed to see the effect of the frost and snow upon it. We were met by a beautiful sight. The tulins were frozen stiff, but they were upright, each holding a little bowlful of snow, glistening in its colors, and standing a few inches above the rich white bed be-

But as the sun's rays grew stronger in their warmtn, the frost gradually left the tulips, and one by one the heads began to bend and droop and

die. The snow also left, or rather was turned into miserable slush. Where there had been life and beauty, and an exceptionally fine exhibition of color and charm, there now reigned ugliness and desolation. Most of the tulip plants, as well as the flowers, died; only a few survived, and it took the survivors long to recover. The neighbors who had followed the gardener's example also suffered, and saw many promising plants destroyed. In dutime the cautious neighbors uncovered their beds, and their flowers came up and flourished in full beauty through-

out the summer.

How like ambitious teachers and parents in their treatment of children. is this ambitious gardener and her tulips! Because of the sunny smiles on the children's faces, the fierce heat of the educational sun is turned on to their minds, and in its warmth they are prematurely advanced. Parents a every proud of a precocious child. !t is beautiful to see the flowers of wisdom blooming in the sweet innocence of childhood. So glistened the talips in the snow. But such haste in development is dangerous to sight, growth. and even to life itself. The active forces of to-day, with their tremendous strain upon heart, nerves and vitality, demand careful shielding of childhood and maturity of fibre and strength ere they are launched into school-life with its intellectual struggles and earnest competitions.

As long as there is hastening of education and forcing of children, these educational gardeners must be prepared to spend much time in nursing wilted tulips, and bewailing the loss of many bright and promising bulbs.-E. Ryerson Young, Jr.

A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

In the world of business, science and human ingenuity are constantly devising new ways of saving time and ener-Production with the least expend ture of energy is an economic necessi-

ty where competition is so great. I recently visited a large and wellknown manufacturing esta' lishment, and my attention was attracted everywhere by the ingenious methods use to save time and labor. The whole plant was to me a wonderful lesson in the conservation of energy, and immediately I was impressed with greater force than ever before by the contrast between woman's way of working and

man's way of working. Housekeeping, as generally conducted, involves much useless expenditur time and energy. A woman's idea of economy is to save money, and, it carrying it out, she often spends tim and strength far out of propertion t the results obtained. These two precious forces, more precious than money, if she could but see it, are not generally considered in her economy at all; yet the cry goes up continually from the great majority of women, We have no time for this, that, or the other," and the number of tiredcut, nervous women we see attest the fact of exhausted energies. If you spend more energy than your body produces, your nervous system m st ance. pay the debt, and that is a ruinous method indeed. I think, if the actual straw from the flower-bed. The days cost of some of the things women feel called upon to do in conducting their much extra work. housekeeping could be computed, even wonder if it was worth while.

I wish that every woman would write over her mirror, or on her heart. or anywhere, where it would make an impression, the words, "Conserve your energies." Some one has said that true effects of catharties and similar drugs. economy is the best means to the highest ends with the leas expendinge of sia Tablets after meals is as necessar

The mother's time and strength constitute a most valuable part of the family resources, and if she is wise. she will endeavor to spend these, as well as the income, where they will yield the best return for the rea' weltare of the family. Think how much we spend ourselves to serve the gods of custom and fashion. A careful

study of the essentials and non-essen-

tials of right living will help us in more wisely distributing our energies. What a large proportion of their time most mothers spend in sewing. not in order that the family be comfortably clothed, but in order that they may be fashionably clothed. How much time is expended in cooking elaborate distes which do not serve any purpose of nutrition but rather retard digestion. In the arrangement of our kitchen have we considered the economy of time and strength, or do we walk miles to get a meai? Even if we pay some one else to get the meal for us. it is not economy to pay for wasted energy. In furnishing our homes we are very prone to op nd money for elaborate and useless ornamentation, but we must not forget that every added ornamentation means that

some one's time must be spent in car ing for it. If the mother must perform this labor with her own hands, can she afford to do it? Might not the money thus spent have been used to better the sanitary conditions of the home, and thus prevent possible illness? How many women spend themselves in anxious nursing of sick chil dren, when, with proper and intelligent care, the sickness might have been avoided? Nothing is a greater drain upon the family resources of all kinds than sickness, and sickness generally means that somebody has crred somewhere.

That is truly wasted energy which does not contribute to the health, com or highest development of the family. Count the cost of things in more ways than in dollars and cents. and then have the courage to decide for yourself what thing you can afford te do. It is the short-sighted follow ing of esta' lished customs, the doing things because other people do them which, more than anything erse, makes so many over-strained, anxious, tired-

Therefore it seems to me that woman has much to learn in the matter of economy, and her first lesson should be to learn to economize her own en ergies.-Mrs. Maude H. Lacey, in Pit'sburg Advocate.

THE HOME REFUGE.

Blessed is the man whose home is a real refuge! who, being tossed to and fro on the waves of a tumultuous and combative sea throughout the day leaves his office, his business perplexities behind him, and when he opens the door and enters the house, enters the landlocked harbor. But the home ought not to be a refuce for the hushand and the father only, but we who are husbands and fathers ought to make it a refuge for the wives and mothers as well. They have their carealso, and when we come to our homes we ought to come bringing with us such a spirit as shall exercise these cares and make home their refuge. Rev. Lyman Abbott

THE HEALTH HABIT

Just as Fasy to Form as Any Other.

We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously ac quired and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are hurting us we find them too strong to be easily

Then, why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones, in other words contract the unfashionable habit of being always

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach can drink your beloved coffee, smok your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach, without any assist-

Form the habit of taking after meals some harmless but efficient eigestive which will relieve the stomach of so

Nature furnishes us with such dithe most short-sighted would begin to gestives, and when they are combined in such a pleasant preparation as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, they give the overworked stomach just necessary assistance to secure perfect digestion without any of the harmful P. O. Box 2865.

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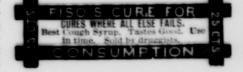
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The Home Circle

THE HEART OF CALVARY.

Above the twinkling Christmas tree, A vision hangs where all may see It is the heart of Calvary.

The holly glows, the merry bell Feals on the air a joyous knell. And laughter beams from lip and eye. And mirth with revel paces by— The hall is lit, the feast is spread. The half is lift, the feast is spread. The lordly cup with wine is red. Light feet go floating o'er the floor. And sorrow waits outside the door. Day of all days from care set free-O heart! O heart of Calvary!

O heart! O heart of Calvary, Thy semblance haunts the Christmas tree.

For still we see 'neath Judah's sky Two weary travelers tolling by, The inn is crowded, not a place Wherein to shrine sweet Mary's face. And, save a lowly cattle shed.
There is no place for a King's bed.
Ah! Child. Thy home above was bright.
Why didst Thou leave its peace and light.
Low mid the lowliest to be?
O heart! O heart of Calvary!

O heart! O heart of Calvary! A thousand lights are twinkling free, Upon the merry Christmas tree.

But look! Golgotha rises lone,
Where One sore burdened falters on;
Each upward step is marked by prayer
For those who bade Him journey there.
And there, upon the cross-tree hung.
The cry, "Tis finished," low is wrung
From dying lips: O, sacred pain!
O loss! for our eternal gain—
The lights are dimming on the tree.
O heart! O heart of Calvary! O heart! O heart of Calvary

O heart! O heart of Calvary And shall we not remember Thee?

Above all other gifts the best Above all other gifts most blest. Thy semblance haunts the Christmas tree. Whose splendor dims compared with

Thee.
Above the star Thou dost appear,
And quickly falls the tender tear.
On this the advent of Thy birth
Into a life that knew no mirth:
Save Thee, all else forgot should be,
O heart! O heart of Calvary!

Ada Iddings Gale, in Michigan Advo-

ELSIE'S CHRISTMAS FRIGHT.

"This little Elste girl wants a muff," said Santa Claus, looking up at the little Christmas tree and down at his brimful pack.

"Let me see! here's a gray one and a brown one; a speckled one—and—ah! here's the muff for Elsie!" and the good old Santa pulled out a soft white muff with a pink silk lining and little pink silk tassels.

But while Santa Claus had been fastening the muff to a branch of the tree, little Miss Mousie had been watching from a hole in the closet floor.

I wonder what that is?" thought she, and away she went to see as soon as ever Santa Claus was out of sight.

"How soft and warm!" said she, as she rubbed her nose against the soft "And that pink silk! I like that, tco! It is like the toes and the noses of the baby mice. I wonder why it wouldn't make a nice warm bed; I'm very sleepy, too, just now, I think I'll take a nap.'

Mousie never knew how long she slept; but the next thing she knew a troop of children had burst into the room, and somebody reached up and untied the muff. How mousie's heart son for wishing to give the Nelsons

'Here. Elsie, this is for you," said the kind voice; and in a second two little chubby hands were thrust into the two ends of the muff.

Que! que!" squeaked mousie. "Oh! screamed Elsie. Then such a confusion as followed! Everybody screamed, and mousie ran as fast as ever she could around the room, out into the hall, up the stairs! Luckily the garret door was open and mouste never even stopped for breath until she was safe beneath the eaves.

Where did that mouse go?" Eisie used to wonder

What made the people scream?" the mouse used to wonder; for it was a lor time before either Elsie or mousie forgot the fright they had given each other the night of the Christmas tree. Primary Education.

CHRISTMAS ECONOMY.

Now, I am a tremendous believer in economy, and have a suspicion that if we practiced the virtue a little more during the holiday season, we should be happier in June or July. I sunpose this might be taken as rank heresy in the season of gifts. The question is-when is generosity wiser than economy?

For instance, when a carpenter drops a wire nail, nine times out of ten he stoops to pick it up under the instinct of thrift. He may be thrifty, but he is not economical. The money value of an individual six-penny is \$0.0077. Suppose it takes the carpenter, at quickest, five seconds to pick up that hail it will cost to recover it.034 of a blinding. But do tell me what you

cent, calculating that you pay the carpenter twenty-five cents an hour, which is the minimum price. So he expends five times the value of a nail in picking it up. Obviously, this is false economy. It is cheaper to let that nail go to waste. We unconsciously practice false economies in many different ways. If we could only reduce these false economies to figures would lead saner lives. We save five-cent car fare, and contract a twenty-dollar cold. We live on tea and toast, or coffee and cigars, and lose a bargain or a situation as a cons quence. Good work demands good food. Scrimping of the first will entail a disproportionate loss of the s cond. This is cardinal. We save fifty cents or a dollar on an office call at the first symptoms of an influenza, and ye run up a sixtydollar grippe. We wear out worn flannels, or go without furs, in order to buy Japanese plaque or a hand-painted blotter that nobody ever dares to use, to give as a Christmas present to one. who, if she is a friend, would rather go without it than have it at such a disproportionate cost. If we can afford, without expense to our health or without unduly draining our reserve force. to give a present, and we do it spontaneously and happily, then the spirit of the holy season is in us. It is not in us when we give under the lash of precedent or of family or social tradition, wearing a scowl in the heart. In such a case economy is wiser than generosity, and more honest.-Herbert D. Ward, in Interior.

CHRISTINA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

"Have you made your Christmas list, Tina? What are you going to give Aunt Choate this year. She gives such beautiful Christmas presents that it is quite discouraging to think of any return that we can make. What does she care for our bags and glove-menders and lamp-shades? But you always have ideas. Tina, and you are generous with them, too.

"Well, I have a perfectly new idea now-or rather, an old idea has parsued me with such persistence that I am going to put it in practice this Christmas. I am going to give her

Why! how can you? You are her pet and favorite, and to single her out for such a distinction! You might as well give nothing to Don, or Rose, or to-to me!

"You are all to share in the distinction, never fear. She will have good company.

You, who have always scrupulously defended your Christmas fund from all encroachments! You, who have made so much of what you had, and have given so many pleasant surprises, and such palpable hits with your gifts! Have you been speculating. Christina?

"No: I have been meditating, and my Christmas fund is more than ever How many Christmas presents did you have last year. Marian?"

"Oh, about forty, some very handsome ones, too. Some duplicates, some 'dogs,' and some that I oughtn't to have had at all. I had a special rea-She wished she were in the something the year before, and it again. had never done it till then; and to my annoyance, they, who had never given me anything, and who, in their circumstances, really ought not to do so, sent me something last year. It went hard. but what could I do?"

> Yes, I know. I have become involved in that way, and it is humiliating, baffling. It turns the sweet Christmas spirit topsy-turvy. And there are other things that perturb the mind not a little, in a circle where every one as almost everything to begin with. and is sure to have thirty-nine presents beside the one you are distracted y trying to conjure up as a suitable and original and unexpected offering on

'I hate to think of it in that way Besides, as I say, what can you do? Shall you announce that you are not going to give presents in your own set. so as not to be mortified by receiving when you are not-Well. I know that sounds crude, for, of course, most of us would".

Would what? The year that Cousin Jane took that house at Deepford and furnished it was a poor year for her, and, being an honest woman, she gave no Christmas pres-The next year her list presents received fell off more than Imagine the shock of the inevitable inference to a delicate mind' No: I shall not sound a trumpet before I shall just let it take care of it-Time will right it, and if I have mortifications, they will also be revelations. Light is better than darkness. even if the first influx be momentarily

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meant by having 'dogs' among your must begin by trying to be what we Christmas presents?

'Oh! that is an old family by-word. Years ago, when Christmas shopping was a much simpler affair than it is now, and when modern bric-a-brac had not been thought of in this country, grandmother and Aunt Hannah were mildly prowling about on Market Street before New Year, and they lighted on a lot of china dogs, a mongrel breed, white and gilt, but quite a bargain, they thought. So they bought up a supply of them, to fill any gaps that might occur unexpectedly in the apportionment of gifts. Of course it leaked out, and, to this day, a gift that is not specially designed for the recipient, but is merely a make-shift, is a

dog,' with us. "Delicious! 'I thank thee, Jew, for

teaching me that word."

No one-except the charmed Recording Angel-saw Christina's Christmas but certain unexpected pleasures. reliefs, rescues, that came to lonely and burdened and imperiled ones that year of grace, could have had no other source. A little journey and a fortnight's vacation among dear old friends were made possible to an overwrought and unnoticed woman; an opportunity to hear the Christmas oratorio came to a starving lover of music: a Christmas loan of a good new coat at once, to the widow's slender boy, who was shivering while his slow savings accumulated: a trained nurse for a week just at the turn of that fever, when the agonized watchers were almost as wan as their hardly-saved darling; an illustrated magazine that went to brighten the long, lonely winter evenings on a New Hampshire hilltop, and to make the barren village post-office a personal benefactor each month in the year. Babyland over whose pages wondering and unaccustomed baby eyes went with delight. and on whose simple tales and rhymes the tired mothers leaned in those bewildered moments when the royal mandate. "Tell us a story!" put all their small inventions to flight: these and such as these were the outcome of Christina's Christmas list .- Mary J. Jacques, in Woman's Journal.

THE RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF CHILDREN.

A child is a rudimental germ, filled Effect of Their Warm with possibilities; infinities and eternities are there. A "great, growing, grandly unfolding" personality may be there. But these possibilities are largely dependent on the hands that receive the "rudimental germ," and cradle it. Alas for the newcomer from another world if it be unwelcomed! Exposed. not on bleak hills, as the pagan custom was, but to the chill winds of indifference and neglect. The child's impressions of the world into which it as come are unconsciously forming from the moment of its arrival. The atmosphere in which it finds itself will decide what it is to see in the home. Beautiful homes may conceal hideous things from the eyes of guests, but not long from the eyes of a child. In such homes, where mere culture and selfish ness are masters, a child finds itself a slave, or an ornament, like a piece of bric-a-brac. From the windows of such a home the only visible realities are wealth, position, pleasure, power.

Naturally a child has a sense of both heaven and God. In childhood the supernatural is the natural. culty is not in getting along with miracles, but without them. Prayer is as easy to them as conversation. They believe it is heard, and answered. child can have too much religion of the right kind. The kind that does not make it something apart from life, but a part of life. How different we would e if as children we had been taught the Golden Rule. Not as something to repeat now and then, but as something to be practiced all the time. We may so teach it to our children.

This is laying out a good deal of work for parents. Hardest of all. we

are trying to make our children become. As parents we must know what we want for on children. We must decide whether first of all we want them to be distinguished and great, or faithful and good. The child is given us in trust. "Take tois child and train it for me." not for the furthering of our purposes, to perpetuate our names, to carry out our plans, "but for me, and I will reward thee above all thou canst ask, or think."-Charles Wood, D. D., in Good Housekeeping.

WHY PEOPLE CALL HER "SO NICE."

Alweys shielding others at her own

Making a sacrifice cheerfully whenevery one is made.

Avoiding discussions in the presence of a third party.

Conforming her tastes, when visiting, to those of her hostess.

Always repressing criticism when there is anything to praise

Inquiring after the friends and families of those whom she meets.

Expressing an interest in that which she sees is interesting to others.

Avoiding jokes of a personal nature likely to wound another's feelings. Showing "small courtesies" to hum-

ble people without an air of patronage. Looking at people and speaking

pleasantly, although she may feel dis-Taking no notice of accidents which

happen to others, unless she can give Never refusing a gift when it evi-

dently comes from the heart and is bestowed with pleasure. Making no unnecessary allusion to

any subject which is known to be disagreeable to another.

Dressing suitably, with consideration for the feelings and the wardrobes of those about her.

Writing letters to those who have benefited her in any way, or to whom she may give help or cheer.

Showing herself happy when she is enjoying herself, remembering it is a pleasure to others to make her happy. -Great Thoughts.

CHILDREN SHOWED IT. Morning.

"A year ago I was a wreck from coffee drinking and was on the point of giving up my position in the school room because of my excessive nervous-

"I was telling a friend about it and she said, 'we drink nothing at meal time but Postum Food Coffee, and it is such a comfort to have something we can enjoy drinking with the children.

I was astonished that she would a low the children to drink any kind of coffee, but she said Postum was the most healthful drink in the world for children as well as for older ones, and that the condition of both the children and adults showed that to be a fact.

Just a little thought convinced me that one should not take a stimulant such as coffee, but really should have the best feed to non-ish the brain and nerves, and that nourishment was

found in Postum.

My first trial was a failure. The cook boiled it four or five minutes and it tasted so flat that I was in despair but determined to give it one more trial. This time we followed the directions and boiled it fifteen minutes after the boiling began. It was a decided success and I was completely won by its rich, delicious flavor. In a short time I noticed a decided improvement in my condition and kept growing better and better month after month, until now I am perfectly healthy, and do my work in the school room with ease and pleasure. I would not return to the nerve-destroying regular coffee for any money."-F. Scott. Warrensburg, Mo.

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AN UP-TO-DATE SANTA CLAUS.

When Santa Claus came to town last Tis said

Struck a live wire and fell down dead. Poor Santa felt sad to lose them so,

I know; Bur he Was not of the kind to give up, you see. So he rigged up his sleigh like a trolley-

cat. And far That night Via telegraph wires, he took his flight;

To each little child in bed He sped. Nor missed

A single one of all the list.

But this year he's going to take in hand

And deliver his goods in a horseless sleigh.

-H. G. Paine, in Harper's Round Table.

HOSPITALITY.

The etheriel essence of hospitality. the priceless attar, each drop of which holds the soul of a thousand loses, consists in making the stranger or friend within your gases breathe the atmosphere of your home-the home you have made and which has helped to make you what you are. As you are at your very best there, so should you beguile him to be. If he be never so little shy or ill at ease, you have failed in the gracious enchantment. The tender peace and blessed security in which your heart

"Is like a bird that sings,

And feels as light as it had wings. must be shared with one who, for the time of his sojourn under your roof-

tree, is dependent upon you for comfort and pleasure.

Everybody knows, although few can define, the charm of homes where an influence, subtle and delicious, like the breath of the ointment which filled the Bethany house of feasting, stea's upon the inner senses of the guest at the first word uttered by host or host ss. In crossing the threshold you shed the sense of strangerhood, as a flower drops the withered calyx. You will speak gratefully afterward of having been made to feel at home at once. You feel, without saying it in so many words, that you are as one of the family, but with a difference. You are, for the time, the most honored inmate of the dwelling, a charge which is evidently a pleasure to all. The priceless essence is poured out for you in gladness and singleness of heart. It is not so much that your entertainers make room for you. They carry the beautiful work further by conveying the impression to you that your place in their home and lives was all ready and waiting for you. This is "hospitality without grudging." Because you are there, the home, be it cottage or mansion or city flat, becomes the house of feasting.-Marion Harland.

EARLY TULIPS.

bousewife cultivated a little flowerplot on the south side of her house. When the early spring sun came, with produces, your nervous system in st ance unusual warmth in its rays, she w 1comed it heartily, and withdrew the method indeed. I think if the actual some harmless but efficient digestive straw from the flower-bed. The days continued to increase in warmth, the roots and bulbs stirred in their nests, and soon stalks appeared. The proud housewife conceived herself in great advance of her neighbors, and when the tulips held up their magnificent heads, and glisten d with their multicolors in the sunlight, their gardener was very proud of her flowers and was the envy of her neighbors. A few of these neighbors, when they saw the tulips, attempted to hurry on their flowers as she had done. But others said, "It's too early yet for the flowers. There'll be frost, and perhaps snow." Still, as they were standing in the sunshine and wiping their perspiring brows with their coats and ackets laid aside, the proud gardener and her friends only laughed at the chilly anticipations and gloomy forebodings of their neighbors.

One morning we awoke a little late. Cold makes men and women unconsciously cling closer and loncer to their warm resting-places. When we did arise, however, it was to find the sun shining very brightly, and the world in white. In the night about an inch of snow had fallen. When we saw this we thought of the tulip-bed and all rushed to see the effect of the frost and snow upon it. We were met by a beautiful sight. The tulins were frozen stiff, but they were upright, each holding a little bowlful of snow, glistening in its colors, and standing a few inches above the rich white bed be-

But as the sun's rays grew stronger in their warmto, the frost gradually left the tulips, and one by one the heads began to bend and droop and

die. The snow also left, or rather was turned into miserable slush. Where there had been life and beauty, and an exceptionally fine exhibition of color and charm, there now reigned ugliness and desolation. Most of the tulip plan's, as well as the flowers, died; only a few survived, and it took the survivors long to recover. The neighbors who had followed the gardener's example also suffered, and saw many

promising plants destroyed. In dutime the cautious neighbors uncovered their beds, and their flowers came up and flourished in full beauty throughout the summer.

How like ambitious teachers and pa-

rents in their treatment of children. is this ambitious gardener and her tulips! Because of the sunny smiles on the children's faces, the fierce heat of the educational sun is turned on to their minds, and in its warmth they are prematurely advanced. Parents a e very proud of a precocious child. !t is beautiful to see the flowers of wisdom blooming in the sweet innocence of childhood. So glistened the tulips in the snow. But such haste in development is dangerous to sight, growth, and even to life itself. The active forces of to-day, with their tremendous strain upon heart, nerves and vitality, demand careful shielding of childheod and maturity of fibre and strength ere they are launched into

gles and earnest competitions. As long as there is hastoning of education and forcing of children, these educational gardeners must be prepared to spend much time in nursing wilted tulips, and bewailing the loss of many bright and promising bulbs .-E. Ryerson Young, Jr.

school-life with its intellectual strug-

A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

In the world of business, science and human ingenuity are constantly devising new ways of saving time and ener-Production with the least expend ture of energy is an economic necessity where competition is so great.

I recently visited a large and wellknown manufacturing esta' lishment, and my attention was attracted every where by the ingenious methods use to save time and labor. The whole plant was to me a wonderful lesson in the conservation of energy, and immediately I was impressed with greater force than ever before by the contrast between woman's way of working and

man's way of working. Housekeeping, as generally conducted, involves much useless expenditur of time and energy. A woman's idea of economy is to save money, and, in carrying it out, she often spends tim and strength far out of propertion t the results obtained. These two precious forces, more precious than money, if she could but see it, are not generally considered in her economy at all: yet the cry goes up continually from the great majority of women. We have no time for this, that, or the other," and the number of tired-In a northern town, an ambitious out, nervous women we see attest the fact of exhausted energies. If you spend more energy than your body pay the debt, and that is a ruinous called upon to do in conducting their much extra work. housekeeping could be computed, even the most short-sighted would begin to wonder if it was worth while.

I wish that every woman would write over her mirror, or on her heart. or anywhere, where it would make an impression, the words, "Conserve your energies." Some one has said that true economy is the best means to the highest ends with the leas expendi are of

The mother's time and strength constitute a most valuable part of the family resources, and if she is wise. she will endeavor to spend these, as well as the income, where they will yield the best return for the real welfare of the family. Think how much we spend ourselves to serve the gods custom and fashion. A careful of study of the essentials and non-essen-

tials of right living will help us in

more wisely distributing our energies What a large proportion of their time most mothers spend in sewing. not in order that the family be com fortably clothed, but in order that they may be fashionably clothed. How much time is expended in cooking elaborate distes which do not serve any purpose of nutrition but rather retard digestion. In the arrangement of our kitchen have we considered the economy of time and strength, or do we walk miles to get a meai? Even if we pay some one else to get the meal for us. it is not economy to pay for wasted energy. In furnishing our homes we are very prone to sp nd money for elaborate and useless ornamentation, but we must not forget that every added ornamentation means that

some one's time must be spent in caring for it. If the mother must perform this laber with her own hands, can she afford to do it? Might not the money thus spent have been used to better the sanitary conditions of the and thus prevent possible illhome. ness? How many women spend themselves in anxious nursing of sick chil dren, when, with proper and intelligent care, the sickness might have been avoided? Nothing is a greater drain upon the family resources of all kinds than sickness, and sickness generally means that somebody has erred

That is truly wasted energy which does not contribute to the health, com or highest development of the family. Count the cost of things in more ways than in dollars and cents. and then have the courage to decide for yourself what thing you can afford te do. It is the short-sighted following of estatlished customs, the doing things because other people do them. which, more than anything eise, makes so many over-strained, anxious, tiredout mothers.

Therefore it seems to me that woman has much to learn in the matter of economy, and her first lesson should be to learn to economize her own en ergies.-Mrs. Maude H. Lacey, in Pit'sburg Advocate.

THE HOME REFUGE.

Blessed is the man whose home is a real refuge! who, being tossed to and fro on the waves of a tumultuous and combative sea throughout the day leaves his office, his business perplexities behind him, and when he opens the door and enters the house, enters the landlocked harbor. But the home ought not to be a refuse for the husband and the father only, but we who are husbands and fathers ought to make it a refuge for the wives and mothers as well. They have their cares also, and when we come to our homes we ought to come bringing with us such a spirit as shall exercise these cares and make home their refuge. Rev. Lyman Abbott

THE HEALTH HABIT

Just as Fasy to Form as Any Other.

We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously quired and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are burting us we find them too strong to be easily

Then, why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones, in other words contract the unfashionable habit of being always

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach; if you have a healthy digestion you can drink your beloved coffee, smoke your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach, without any assist-

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The great itinerant wheel has made five revolutions in Texas, and several hundred devoted preachers have settled but no friction is reported from any charge. The preachers and the people are happy in the work of the Church, and we look for great results.

government works throughout the Church is illustrated annually in the appointments of our ministers. They go to the and pray, and without a murmur receive their orders to new fields and move off to service with joy and delight. And when they reach their places of toll, the people are there to bid them a cordial welcome. There is nothing like it any-

The fellowship of a conference season brotherly greeting from the time its members come together until they separate. They love one another like brethren, and harmony and good-will prevail among differences touching many matters, but they differ like Christian men, and hatred and ill-will are strangers to their motives and actions. They recognize the no place for strife and discord.

This is the season for "poundings," and the columns of the Advocate will tell of these in many of our parsonage homes object to records of this kind, but the objection is not well founded. There are two fine elements in a Methodist pounding. The first one is the expression of a and to live among them at least for a year. Thus they meet at the parsonage in large numbers, bring a little token of appreciation and spend an hour in a sort of social reunion. It makes the preacher and his household glad for weeks to come. The second element is a full larder at no great cost to any one, and it more than offsets the expense of a long move. It is better than the cold payment of a sum of money, for it carries with it love and good wishes. So the Advocate is open to the reports of poundings.

AT THE RESCUE HOME.

Last Sunday afternoon was an event at the Rescue Home. It was the occasion for opening the new chapel which has been in process of construction for some time. It consists of a two-story wing to the main building, of considerable dimensions. The chapel is in the lower story, and it will seat easily two hundred people. It has a pulpit and altar, and all necessary equipment for public service. The second story has rooms and apartments for the occupants. The whole building is a nice piece of architecture, and well adapted to the needs of the Home. There is a little Church organization out there in connection with Haskell Avenue, and Rev. C. A. Spragins has the work under his charge. Rev. I. W. Church, South, in Texas are agents and Clark was present last Sunday, and had charge of the service. He was aided by Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, Bro. Spragins and the writer. A few of the DISCONTINUANCE.-The paper will be good women of the city were present, and a number of the immediate neighbors. Bro. Clark preached a very helpof a paper changed should be careful to ful sermon and opened the door of the name not only the postoffice to which Church. Two came forward and were received on profession of faith. There are fifty-odd young women in the All remittances should be made by draft. Home, and nearly all of them have professed religion and joined the Church since they entered it. Mrs. Johnson has done a great work in getting this Home established, and no one can look into the faces of those people without getting the impression that this is the sort of work that Christ The mail lists for all the Confer- would help along if he were here in ences have been corrected since the flesh. He is not here in that form issue of Advocate of Dec. 13. The but he is present in his gospel and date of every subscriber who paid Spirit, and this explains the progress should show an advance correspond- of this enterprise. Misses Moore and ing with the amount paid. If errors Matthews are the matrons of the are noted please repe t at once. It Home, and they are eminently adapted will cost you only a postal card and to its needs and purposes. We feel consave this office much labor in future. fident that if our Methodist people could only see what is being done by these good women in this Home, they would all extend to it a helpful hand. in their places and hard at work for Why not remember it on Christmas another year. Many changes occurred, day? Send them a box of clothing, a coop of poultry, some groceries, or anything to eat or to wear. In helping this Home you are helping Christ at the point of his greatest need. All of The facility with which our system of the managers and the inmates are doing their best to aid in its self-support but it is necessary to get outside help several conferences, make their reports, to make it a success. All honor to the have their characters passed, sing, shout good women whose hearts are in this

REV. R. J. BRIGGS AND HIS NEW

CHURCH AT AUSTIN. transferred from the Pacific Confer- college, has no parallel in any other convocation tioned at Tenth Street Church at Aus- now. The buildings are literally of men. It is one of good cheer and tin. After he had been there a year swarming with healthy-looking girls, them. True, they often have their little found it necessary to transfer him powers of endurance and immense cafact that they have one common Lord answer to the complaint. The com- met that old veteran, Rev. J. M. Binkand Master, and in his service there is mittee, after a faithful consideration ley, and had a few words of pleasant within the next few weeks. Some people cepted, but that body refused to pass a century he has been a sturdy figure his character, and a motion was made in the aggressive movements of North happy reception to the preacher and his vote. This left him in the ranks of ure. He has been a man of action so family. The people are glad to receive the local ministry, without the privi- long that work is a sort of second na-Bishops. He immediately returned to der is installed in the district parsonfriends began to rally around him. looking after the affairs of the Church.

tin and to preach in the vicinity. At We have no better charge in the conference he was again recommended for stood that the good ladies, seconded by readmission into the traveling connec- the stewards, are contemplating the tion, but at the late session of the purchase of a good parsonage proption was again refused by the proper congregation will be about complete in committee. This was a great disaptheir equipment for aggressive enterpointment to Dr. Briggs and his prise and progress. friends. Now we notice in the Austin Statesman that he has gathered around him quite a number of the leading members of Tenth Street Church, and they have organized what they call the "Methodist Protestant Church." They propose to erect a house of worship and retain Dr. Briggs as pastor. The Statesman gives the following account of the movement:

As a result of the refusal of the Methodist Conference at Rockdale to reinstate Dr. R. J. Briggs into active work as minister. Austin is to have a new Church, to be known as the Methodist Protestant Church. The movement was put on foot a few days after the action of the conference became known in Austin, and is backed by some of the most prominent members of the Tenth Street Methodist Church. A meeting was held Friday afternoon. and stirring resolutions were adopted. which were made public yesterday. It is understood several bundred dollars were subscribed toward retaining Rev. Briggs in Austin, and to begin the erection of a church.

As to Dr. Briggs, the Advocate has nothing to say; but to those of our Tenth Street people who are following his unwise leadership in his grievance. we exceedingly regret their action. They are good men and women, and for them we have love and affection. That they are making a great mistake is a fact that will become apparent to them further on. No movement inspired by the disappointment of one man can succeed permanently. It is bound to come to naught. In a few months or years at most he will fade out of the memory of men, but the Methodist Church will continue to live and flourish. He is transient, but good cheer and Christian greeting. Methodism is permanent and abiding. Knowing these good people as we do, we indulge the hope that they will discover their mistake and again take their places in the Church where they properly belong.

Rev. S. G. Shaw, a superannuate member of the West Texas Conference, has recently undergone a surgical operation at San Antonio, with the hope that he may be restored to health. He asks the prayers of his brethren in this time of his suffering. their places in the Church where they properly belong.

A SHORT VISIT TO SHERMAN.

We made a flying visit last week to Sherman and spent a night at the North Texas Female College, Bishop Key was at home and in good health. His next conferences will be those in Mexico, but they will not begin until Four years ago Dr. R. J. Briggs was toward the last of next month. The the ministrations of ence to the Texas Conference and sta- Mrs. Key, was never so prosperous as tin. After he had been there a year or so, some trouble developed back in the Pacific Conference affecting his Key is in superb health, and never moral character, and Rishon Hendrix looked better the buildings are literally ference, and who was the host of the conference at Rockdale, goes this year to Bremond. He brought us under obligations at the late session of his conference for much kindness. He is a good man anywhere you place him. moral character, and Bishop Hendrix looked better. She has wonderful back to that conference for investiga- pacity for hard work. Her school is a tion. This was done, and he appeared credit to the Church, and she is planbefore the proper committee and made ning for larger improvements. We of the matter involved, exonerated conversation with him. He looks a Dr. Briggs by a vote of eight to five. trifle lost in his present position, but as we remember it. When the report he is expecting to do some good work was made to the conference it was ac- in his college agency. For nearly half to locate him, and this was passed. Texas Methodism, and a well-earned without his consent, by a very close rest, even, does not afford him pleaslege of being used as a supply by the ture with him. The new presiding el-Austin, and many of his Tenth Street age, and already he is out in the field At the ensuing session of the District We predict for Bro. Stafford a fine Conference, he was recommended to year. We stopped long enough at the the Texas Annual Conference for read- parsonage to shake hands with Dr. mission into the traveling connection. Boggs. He is comfortably located and The Committee on Recommendation at hard at work in his new charge. We the Annual Conference considered his heard the most favorable reports of case and refused to indorse his appli- his ministry, and the people are

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

We were pleased to have a call recently from Bro. J. W. Fields, father of Rev. R. N. Fields, of the North Texas Confer-

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowrimore request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Agnes, to Joseph P. Da-vis, which will take place at Harmony Church December 25, 1990, 3 o'clock p. m.

Rev. J. Marvin Nichols and his family were kindly remembered by the good people of Trinity Church last week They gathered at the parsonage, filled the larder, and left sunshine in their preach-er's home. er's home.

Rev. C. A. Meyers, of Sachse, Texas, called to see us Monday. He is a useful local preacher, and has charge of the Santa Fe depot agency in his town. His good wife also made a visit to this office recently.

Rev. and Mrs. John Adams, of the East Texas Conference, will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary the 28th of this month at Tyler. We wish for them a joyous occasion, and pray God's blessa joyous occasion ings upon them.

In a note from Cuero, we learn of the death of the widow of Bro. J. C. Box. He was at one time a member of the East Texas Conference. She died in great peace, and left behind her a life of great faithfulness.

We were cheered up the other day by a visit from Rev. W. D. Bradfield, now of Tenth Street Church, Austin. He was here taking in the Branch House and visiting his old friend and school-mate, Rev. J. W. Rowlett, of Oak Cliff.

Rey. C. J. Oxley, of Calvert, ran up to the city last week and made us a pleasant visit. He took in the Branch House and replenished his library, as the most of his books were either lost or ruined in the Galveston flood.

The Methodists of Dallas and Oak Cliff gave Rev. I. W. Clark and his fam-ily a reception at the district parsonage last week. Quite a number of them gath-

Rev. C. M. Pickens, who came by transfer to the North Texas Conference from the Territory and was stationed by Bishop Candler at Montague, was unable to go to that work, and at his request the Bishop retransferred him to the In-dian Mission Conference.

Rev. M. L. Hamilton, of Crandall, was in the city last week and made us a pleasant visit. Last year he was in the Bowie District, but this year he is closer to us. He is a friend to the Advocate, and always keeps a good list of subscribers on his work.

Rev. G. H. Collins, of the Texas Con-

At First Church last Sunday night the pastor preached an earnest sermon, and called for penitents in the old way. Several came forward and knelt at the altar for prayer. The meeting was a good one. Three persons were received on profession of faith and five by certifi-cate.

We were delighted with a brotherly visit from Rev. Mac M. Smith, of Wortham, a few days ago. It was his first visit to this office, though he has long been one of the best workers for the Advocate. He came up to lay in a supply of books. We hope he will repeat his visit.

We noted in the proceedings of the East Texas Conference the transfer of Rev. I. T. Stafford to the Baltimore Conference, but since then a vacance has occurred at Montague, in the North Texas Conference, and Bro. Stafford has been changed to this conference and placed in charge of this appointment.

Rev. Jno. E. Green, of the Texas Conference, goes back to McKee Street. Houston. At Rockdale we heard him preach an edifying sermon. Some of his brethren humorously said that the Advocate had crippled him by publishing h's "Railroad Sermon," but it is a mistake. He has other sermons just as good as that one. that one.

We notice in the dispatches last week that Dr. John Howell McLean, a young physician of Fort Worth, has received high honors at Cornell University. He

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was chosen orator of the graduating class for 1901, and was also elected Pres-ident of the Cornell Medical Club. The young man is the son of Judge W. P. McLean, of Fort Worth, and nephew of Dr. J. H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference. Conference.

December 20, 1900.

We were pleased recently to have a visit from Mrs. Jno. S. Turner, of Terrell. She is editor of the White Ribbon, and a sister of our Hightower brothers, of the Northwest Texas Conference. Hence she is a true Methodist.

We were delighted to have a visit from Mrs. M. F. Barcus, of Richie, Texas, and her grandson, Master Pascal Barcus. Sister Barcus is the mother of all of our Barcuses, and Texas Methodism owes much to her consecration to the Church. She is truly a mother in Israel.

. From our Temple exchanges we infer that Rev. G. S. Wyatt is cutting a wide swath in that little city. Recently he made a speech introducing Rev. Homer Wilson to a popular audience, and it was the talk of the town. Last Sunday he preached a sermon on the "Good Shepherd" which left a lasting impression. Evidently the "old man" has things his own way in Temple.

Miss Caroline Duncan, daughter of Rev. T. J. Duncan, is now in Boston taking a course in elocution in the Emerson School of Oratory. She formerly taught in this department in Southwestern University. We hope to publish something from her pen before long; and if we do, it will be good reading, for she has a strong vein of Duncan running through her style of writing.

In another place in this issue will be found an advertisement from Dr. G. Beaumont, of this city, who claims to have a cure for consumption. We have not tested his remedy, but we know him personally, and he is an admirable Christian gentleman. He is a member of First Church, and has lived in this community a great many years; and he is a physician of character and standing. He has a large practice among the best famhas a large practice among the best fam-ilies in this city, and he is a man of in-tegrity in his personal and professional

Rev. Seth Ward. D. D., says the Galveston News, in his introductory talk to his new charge, the Central Methodist Church, Galveston, among other things said: "I have known of your difficulties and sympathized with you, and I have known of your prosperities and rejoiced with you. Now, under conditions of which none of us could have dreamed two months ago, by appointment of the authorities of our Church, I come to Galveston as your pastor. I desire to accept my appointment as providential. I am here, I trust, because this is the field in which God would have me work to the utmost end to the upbuilding of this Church and to the advancement of pure religion among the people of this city. I shall expect your fullest sympathy and co-operation in the work committed to our hands, and I pledge to you the utmost service I can render."

We clip the following pleasant personals of two of our worthy men from the Ladonia News: "The appointment of Rev. J. C. Weaver as pastor of the Church here was received with every evidence of satisfaction by the members. Some years ago he was stationed at Ladonia, and endeared himself to our people, through his gential disposition and ple through his genial disposition and carnest work. This deep regard has suf-fered no abatement during his absence fered no abatement during his absence from this Church, and his second coming is looked forward to with deep satisfac-tion. * While the departure of Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Riddle is regarded with a sense of regret, this feeling is mitigated to a great extent through the fact that they will not be far removed from us. The Church at Honey Grove is to be congratulated upon securing for its fact that they will not be far removed from us. The Church at Honey Grove is to be congratulated upon securing for its pastor a man of scholarly attainments and social disposition. As pastor of the Church here for two years. Rev. Riddle endeared himself to the people of Ladonia. Liberal in spirit and earnest in endeavor, his work is characterized by noble impulse and purity of purpose. The News joins heartily in the best wishes of the friends of Bro. Riddle that in his new field of labor he may reap an abundant harvest." dant harvest.

CHRISTMAS.

The light of heaven shone around.

And waked the shepherds on the ground:

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Upon the shepherds' earnest gaze. There fell a flood of mellow rays. On which was floated to their ears. The song that stopped all human tears.

The Eden Choir in gladness sang. Until the hills and valleys rang About the great Redeemer's birth. Who came to make anew the earth

The Wise were thus inspired to go After the bright, unceasing glow, A star that led them to the place In which they found the Prince of Grace

With cruel hate and jealous care. An earthly king did even dare. Hunt up this Infant, to destroy. The Hope of man and angels' joy But scathing vengeance on him fell in worm-like form to pay him well For what he did in Bethlehem. The worms abhorred and slaughtered him.

To the Pastors of the Sherman District, North Texas Conference

Dear Brethren-I will be obliged to you if each pastor will send me, at his earliest convenience, the names and post-offices of all official members. This will help us all in our work.

J. A. STAFFORD.

58 S. Montgomery St. Sherman, Tex.

To the Preachers and Members of the Georgetown District: At the last District Conference, held in

Temple, a collection was taken for Bro. Thomas Hu. The subscription list has been lost. Let all that have not paid their subscriptions send the money to me at earliest time convenient.
W. L. NELMS.

To the Preachers of the West Texas Con-

Dear Brethren—Please remember our Orphans' Home at this happy season of home-coming. The people will cheerfully contribute to the wants of these homeless little ones for whom the Church provides a home, if you will only present their claims. Let us meet the assessment, and beyond.

J. T. GRAHAM. Kyle, Texas.

Like the Buffalo of the plains, many wild animals, dispossessed by the ad-vance of civilization, are rapidly disap-pearing from the regions in which they once abounded. In an article which will appear in The Youth's Companion, Dr. Fe-lix Oswald points out where they are still numerous and undisturbed, and where the huntsman may still find a "paradise."

---DEDICATION

Our new church house in Lampasas will be dedicated on the fifth Sunday in this

month. The sermon will be preached by our presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Putman, of Gatesville, Texas. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present. J. H. BRASWELL, P. C.

Austin District-First Round. Elgin sta. Dec 29, 30
McDade cir, at McDade Jan. 1
Center Point cir, at C. P. Jan. 2
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South Austin Feb. 10, 11
Hotchkiss Memorial Austin Feb. 12
First Street, Austin Feb. 15
Merrilltown and Walnut, at M. Feb. 16, 17
Manchaca cir. at Pleasant Hill. Feb. 23, 24

The District Stewards will meet at El The District Stewards will meet at El-gin on Saturday at 2 p. m. December 29. A full attendance is urgently requested. The preachers in charge are urged to set apart the months of January and Feb-ruary to raise in full the collections for both foreign and domestic missions, Or-phanage and Bishops' fund. E. S. Smith, P. E.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, Bastrop, Texas, Rev. J. M. Smith, Henderson, Texas, Rev. G. A. Le Clere, 703 Bell Avenue, Houston, Texas.

CHANGE

"The Coral Bracelet; Or, A Story for Girls," is a beautiful little book written by Mrs. Florence E. Howell, who is in charge of the Woman's Department of the Advocate. Such is the merit of this book that Dr. Cunnyngham placed it in his collection of books for Sunday-school libraries while he was Sunday-school Secretary. Since Dr. Atkins has taken charge of our Sunday-school literature, he continues to give this work a place in these library collections. It is a book worthy a place on the table of all of our girls, and mothers would do well to make a boliday present of it to their children. Our Branch House will fill orders for it, either singly or in the library collections for Sunday-schools.

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Houston. Texas—December 3-17, Masonic Grand Lodge meeting. November 27, Chapter Committee meeting

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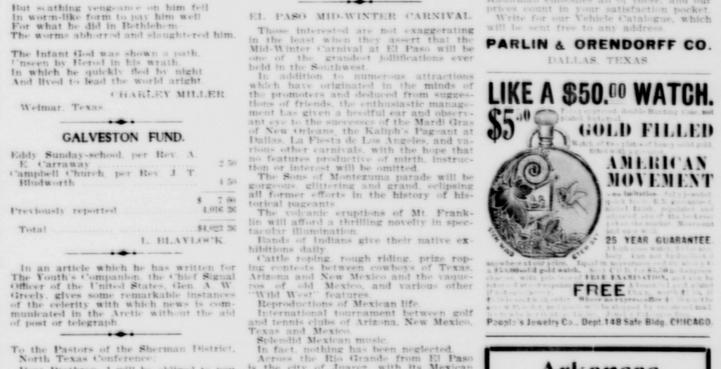
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FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON 13, DEC. 30.

REVIEW.

Golden Text: "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."-Ps. 65:11.

The principal fact of Lesson I, Luke 14:1-14, is, that Jesus was invited to eat bread on the Sabbath day at the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees, where they watched him to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. He silenced their opposition and exposed their inconsistency by two questions. The leading lesson is, that he that puts himself up, God will put down, and he that puts himself down, God will put

The principal fact of Lesson II. Luke 14:15-24, is, that one sitting at a meal with Jesus and listening to his words, said to him. "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God," and Jesus replied in a parable, in which he showed how men displayed their contempt for God's invitation to his great feast by making trivial excuses for not coming. The leading lesson is, man's folly in despising the invitation of God's grace and the utter unreasonableness of man's excuses.

The principal fact of Lesson III. Luke 15:1-10, is, that the publicans and sinners were greatly attracted to Jesus and drew near to hear him; but both the Pharisees and scribes criticised Jesus for receiving sinners and eating with them. Jesus replied in the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. showing the Pharisees and scribes how unlike they were to God. The leading lesson is that there is lov in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons which need no repentance.

The principal fact of Lesson IV Luke 15:11-24, is, that Jesus exposed to the Pharisees and scribes their utter unlikeness to God and the contemptibleness of their treatment of penitent sinners by the parable of the prodigal son. The leading lesson is, that God is a Father, and when the sinner comes to himself and returns to him. God will have compassion upon him, lovingly welcome him, and give him every privilege of sonship.

The principal fact of Lesson V. Luke 16:1-13, is, that Jesus taught his disciples the right use of money by the parable of the unjust steward. The leading lesson is, use your money while you have it for the benefit of others, that when it is gone you may have it still in the eternal tabernacles

The principal fact of Lesson VI. Luke 16:19-31, is, that Jesus rebuked the covetousness of the Pharisees by telling them the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The leading lesson is, that the one who seeks his good in the things of this life will be tormented with anguish in the life to come

The principal fact of Lesson VII. Luke 17:11-19, is that ten leper eried to Jesus, "Master, have mercy on us," and Jesus bade them go and shew themselves to the priests, and as they went they were healed. One, and only one, and he a Samaritan, turned back glorifying God with a loud voice, and ing him thanks. Jesus asked, "Where are the nine?" The leading lesson is, that we should not be so taken up with Christ's gifts as to forget the Giver.

The leading fact of Lesson VIII, Tit. 2:1-15, is, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live sensibly, righteously and reverently in this present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus

The principal fact of Lesson IX Matt 19-16-96 is that one who had lived a very exemplary life and was a very lovable person, came to Jesus, esking, "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus pointed him to the law, all which he professed to have kent. By a single command Jesus showed him that he did not love his neighbor as himself and called upon him to give away all his money. He went away sorrowful. Leading lesson, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

The principal fact of Lesson X. Mark 10:46-52, is, that as Jesus departed from Jericho, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus called to him for mercy, and as the crowd tried to silence him, he cried the louder, and Jesus stood still and called him and opened his eyes. The leading lesson is, that Jesus is the Son of God and will listen to our cry for mercy and grant our prayer.

The principal fact of Lesson XI. Luke 19:1-10, is, that a little publican named Zaccheus, in his eagerness to see Jesus, climbed a tree under which

he was to pass, and Jesus looked up ESSAYS IN MORAL AND SOCIAL and bade him come down with haste, as he must lodge with him that day. Zaccheus was transformed by the love of Jesus. The leading lesson is, that Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

The principal fact of Lesson XII, is, that Jesus as he drew nigh to Jerusalem and people thought the kingdom God was immediately to appear, spoke the parable of the pounds to give them a true conception of his coming again. The leading lesson is, that Jesus has gone to heaven to receive his kingdom, and when he returns he will reward his servants according to their faithful or unfaithful use of the gifts which he entrusted to

THE TEACHING FUNCTION OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

While the opportunity for collecting a magnificent sum of money is given in the Sunday-school, the value of the financial feature is insignificant when compared with the value of the Sunday-school as a means of disseminating information on the subject of mis-

In the first place, a million children are gathered each month in the missionary society. They have been studying the Bible from Sunday to Sunday. and have at least the rudiments of a missionary conviction. The facts of modern mission, "the fuel for missionary fires," is all that is needed to kindle a conflagration that will sweep around the world.

In every Sunday-school a program from ten to thirty minutes long, to include the preliminary or closing exercises, but not to interfere with the regular study of the lesson, should be carried out on Missionary Day. There are a number of songs both in the Hymnal and the Young People's Hymnal, and it is only necessary to look at the subject index to find them grouped under the head of missions,

The following list of subjects has been agreed upon by the Sunday-school and Missionary Secretaries for the half year beginning with January, 1901:

TOPICS FOR MISSIONARY DAY

January.-The Land of the Rising Sun.-Map Talk. See map of Japan, in "Japan and Its Regeneration," References - "Japan: Carev. Country. Court and People." Newton. pp. 1-17: "Japan and Its Regeneration." Carey, pp. 1-18; "The Gist of Japan." Peery, pp. 1-19; "Japan in His-" Griffis, chapters I, II.

February.-The Locking and Unlocking of Japan.-References-"Japan and Its Regeneration," Carey, chapter "Japan: The Country, Court and Newton, no. 281-304; 'Japan,' Murray, chapter XIII.

March.-New Japan.-References-Japan and Its Regeneration." Carey, chapter VIII: "Japan: The Country, Court and People," Newton, pp. 333-"Japan," Murray, chapter XV; Japan in History," Griffis, chapter

April -- Modern Missions in Japan .--References-"Japan and Its Regeneration," Carey, pp. 83-98, 130, 131; "Gist of Japan." Peery, pp. 160-190; American Missionary in Japan." Gor- his sermon, and went immediately to don, chapter XX; "A History of Prot- the home of his friend, and as they estant Missions in Japan," Ritter, pp. 343-358

May. - The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Japan.-References Japan and Its Regeneration." Ca-See, on map of Japan, stations of M. E. Church, South, in the Index to Protestant Societies and Stations. Report of Board of Missions, 1900, pp. Review of Missions, February,

June.-America's Responsibility for the Evangelization of Japan.-Refer-"Japan: The Country, Court and People," Newton, pp. 402-120; "Japan and Its Regeneration," Carey, p.

Those desiring to make this study of Japan would do well to cut out the above topics and keep them for ready reference. The books given as references can be obtained from Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn.

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ETHICS.

By J. F. Riggs.

(Dedicated to the Epworth Leagues of Texas.)

Example: The Ideal Teacher.

God has so arranged the economy of grace that every one who accepts and enjoys the salvation provided for man becomes a teacher. "Ye are the light of the world; let your light so shine before men," is but the command and the commission to teach by example.

There are many Christians in the world who, like the servant with but one talent, bury it because they have

It should be a source of gratification of joy unspeakable—that if we can not teach from the pulpit or press, we can teach by example, which is always the most effective mode of teaching.

The great excellence of exampleteaching is that any one may become a successful teacher. We have but to live up to the ideal of a consecrated Christian, and wherever we go our example will speak louder and more convincing than words; and what adds to its beauty and force is that it shines more and more unto the perfect day

Every truth that Christ taught while on earth he enforced with an example that burned into the minds and hearts of his hearers.

"Love your enemies: pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you." Christ's whole life was a standing affirmation of this divine

"Love thy neighbor as thyself." How eminently was this exemplified. When Christ said, "I lay down my life for the sheep," and his bitter enemies saw him suffering and dying on the cross and heard his divine prayer, "Father, forgive them," and saw him expire in agony, this was example-teaching more convincing than the most eloquent declaration in words.

Greater love hath no man than this. that a man lay down his life for his friends." What an exemplification of

infinite love!

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It is related that a learned infidel lived in a Western village, and often attended a church the pastor of which was his personal friend. Their families were also intimate.

The pastor very much desired the conversion of his friend, and did and said many things in a quiet way calculated to lead his thoughts toward Christianity. With this view, with much labor and prayer, he prepared a sermon to preach when his friend was present in the congregation. Seeing him in the audience, he preached his sermon with intense earnestness and unusual pathos.

After the usual greetings, the minister and his friend returned to their respective homes. Soon after the minister arrived at home he received a note from his friend: "Please come and see me this afternoon. I wish to talk with you on the subject of reli-

The pastor was somewhat elated at what he supposed was the result of met it was with an unusually warm greeting. The note had prepared the

The minister remarked, "I thought you could not resist my presentation of the truth of Christianity.

You are greatly mistaken," remarked his friend. "To my mind I successfully parried every argument you presented, but as I came out of the church an old black aunty, whom I well knew. was coming out of the gallery. I saw it was difficult for her to get on to the payement, as she was feeble and infirm. I stepped quickly to her assist ance, and giving her my hand assisted

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laration of the truth of Christianity.

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the power of God unto salvation. What

a divine call we have here to our

young people to become missionaries

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ty years, and yet, during that period,

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we may meet in heaven. Bless God, I I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. am on my way to see my Jesus.' Just E. L. Armstrong, of Corsicana, in then the arrow of conviction sunk deep into my heart. I thought, if religion which he kindly points out some errors could transform an illiterate African in my article on page 9 of the Advocate into a kind-hearted, polite and unselfish Christian, there must be both truth William and Henry Stepherson, for early in 1842. and power in it. I tell you, friend, I which I tender to him my thanks, and have to my satisfaction been able to answer every argument I have ever which errors I hasten to correct. (I read or heard from the pulpit, but exgive the page on which my article is p. inted, because it is not on the same page with other communications.) Brother Armstrong can not be misconquering power of Christianity that taken, for he learned the facts partly from Rev. William Stephenson's son, I want you to instruct me how to get Rev. James Stephenson, and partly from Rev. Henry Stephenson's children, with all of whom he was well acquainted. The difficulties in discriminating between the respective labors of these two pioneers of the gospel in Texas arise from the fact that they fective, that no Christian should fail both bore the name of Stephenson. though not related. Since writing the article referred to, I remember that they both preached in Arkansas at eardates, and later, as I now learn, both in Louisiana.

The errors in my article are, first, that William Stephenson did not preach in Louisiana; secondly that he did not knowingly preach in Texas (I am not sure that this is not correct); thirdly, that Henry Stephenson organized a Church in Texas in 1823; and, fourthly, I inferred that Henry phenson never married, as I had never heard or seen mention of his family.

The corrections are, first, that William Stephenson was presiding elder. first, of the Arkansas District, of the Missouri Conference, and then of the louisiana District, of the Mississippi Conference; secondly, that William Stephenson preached in what is now Red River County in 1817, which locality, it is inferred, was known to be in Texas (but I think that there is a chance for this inference to be incorrect, as the present county of Bowie, part of which was then confidently believed to be part of Miller County, Arkansas, was part Red River County when State line was run; and yet, if he preached in what was then known to be part of Texas, it was not practically such, as Arkansas had extended her civil jurisdiction over that territory); thirdly, that it was not Henry Stephenson, but Rev. James Stephenson, a son of William Stephenson, who organized the first Church, which was practically it Texas, in 1833, though this organization did not prove to be permanent; and, fourthly, that Henry Stephenson was a married man, as he had six children, with whom Brother Armstrong

was well acquainted. Do not forget that what I said of William Stephenson was repeated from hearsay, though ! was prepared to speak authentically of Henry Stephenson. Excepting the parts herein corrected. I am sure that all that I said in my formr article of Henry Stephenson is correct, to-wit: that, in 1829, he visited what is now San Augustine ble aggression in evangelism until County, and preached at the residence of George Teal and Thomas Spencer; his sermon at Teal's being the first Protestant sermon preached in what tianity from the pulpit and the press, was then practically part of Texas; but live it in daily life, in the family, that he went thence to the Trinity in the marts of commerce and trade. River, intending to visit the colonies of Perfect example and united prayer Austin and DeWitt, but returned from must be our slogan if we want win a the Trinity to Louisiana in consequence of opposition by Judge Williams; that he again visited Texas in 1830, and preached at the residences of George When you have rheumatism. Muscles feel stiff and sore and joints are painful. It does not pay to suffer long from this disease when it may be cured so promptly and perfectly by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine goes right to the shot, neutralizes the acidity of the blood, which causes rheumatism, and puts an end to the pain and stiffness. Teal. Abraham Zubar and Thomas Spencer, and probably in the settlement called Bevill, but went no further west, as he understood that Judge Williams would again oppose him; that he again visited Texas in 1834, and organized the first permanent Church in what was practically part of Texas, near San Augustine, and that he proceeded thence to Austin's Colony, held a camp-meeting and organized a flourishing Church west of the Brazos.

I wish that some brother or sister may yet find, in some old file of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, a copy of Rev. Joseph P. Sneed's elaborate obituary of Henry Stephenson and republish it.

The correction of errors is always unpleasant to sensitive minds, and

To My Friends and Brethren: God bless you all. Have been for two weeks afflicted with la grippe—and grippe it is But. thank God. I think I am improving. My address until further notice will be Ovilla. Ellis County. Texas. Remember us kindly in your prayers. Lovingly yours in Christ. SAM'L MORRISS. Dec. 11, 1999.

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her down, and as I did it she looked A QUESTION OF METHODIST HIS-doubly so when they are one's own; but when we find that we have perpetrated them, we ought never to rest till we can truthfully say, "Duty per-

> I learn from Brother Armstrong that William Stephenson located in 1827 or 1828 and died in Louisiana about 1842 also, that Henry Stephenson died of of November 15th, relating to Revs. asthma in the latter part of 1841, or W. P. ZUBER. Iola, Texas.

> > P. S.—Brother Armstrong's letter to me is dated November 17th, 1900. It was written in bed, with a lead pencil. Though not intended for publication, ! assume the liberty to annex the latter part of it to my foregoing article, as I believe that it will be interesting to all Christians who may read it, especially to our traveling Methodist preachers. as an example of prayer, faith, patience and cheerfulness in severe affliction. It is as follows:

> > "I came to Texas-to Jasper countyfitty-one years ago. Forty-three years ago I became a traveling preacher and continued such up to November, 1894. On the 22d of September, 1895, I sat and preached my last sermon. I am unable to attend Church, or even sit up for an hour. I suffer a great deal of exeruciating pain. I read, pray, think and await my coming death. I will hail the end with joy. I write in bed, and cannot use pen and ink. God has been good to me, and the Church has honored me. I have served circuits, stations and dis tricts. I was fourteen years a presiding elder, and was a delegate to four General Conferences. And now, with old age and disease, both incurable, I await, in bright hope, the end of my pilerimage. I often think of Sam Williams. Jake Crawford. Burke. Woolam, McMahon, Irvines, Young, the Stovalls and Shooks, who have gone before me. I'll see them again.

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The Christmas celebration once more signals its approach, and into December's dreary drift of shortening days we welcome this fair messenger of brighter and happier hours. For nearly twice ten hundred years increasing throngs have naused amid the walks and works of life to mark the memorable date and share the common joy somehow or other springing from that event, which in royal and persistent form has flung its impress and influence across the world. Explain it as we may, it is a fact compelling indisputable and universal acknowledgment that something transpired in the East about twenty centuries ago which has fixed with imperious, author, ... ve hand the calendar of the civilized nations and the registers and chronicles of the world. Every book from the printing press, every morning's newspaper, every let-ter of affection, every bequest from the Ging, and every written contract of the living bears in the date inscribed thereon silent but eloquent witness to the truth of the story of Christ. Why does not the civilized world reckon time from the nativity of Confucius, or Socrates, or Homer, or any other of its distinguished sons, or memorable events, rather than from the birth of the once lowly despised Nazarene? The reply is found in the fact that one name only endures and fills the world with a luster eclipsing every The advent of Jesus into the world is the one event that proves the rivot of time upon which all others may be safely balanced without danger of chronological confusion. an unexplained and sovereign manner Christ "sways the world's great pen-

dulum and regulates the horologe of history." . . In the Christian teaching of the incarnation we discern the fact that challenges our highest attention, and that crowns and glorifies the sacred page from first to last. In this event find the dynamo which has sent its light through the long coil of past centuries, and which is still shining at car end to-day. In "God manifest in the flesh" the far-off promises are realized, the unconscious wailings of heathen ages are met with the divinest response, and in the Christ of the New Testament, humanity in its sorrows, mysteries, aspirations and needs finds a bread, strong, central column of relief against which to lean amid the convulsions and almost tragic experiences of a changing and unhappy world. The long years did wait the coming of the Redeemer, and when he came the "one great hour of time" was fixed forever. * * * The late Gail Hamilton, speaking of the present hold of gospel truth upon men, said that "it requires no learning to see that if the stamp of Christ and everything which has come from it into the life of the world could sud-cenly and completely be burnt out of the memory, consciousness and record of man, society would be a chaos."

* * It may be said that every man who reads or heeds December 25 1960, consciously or unconsciously recognizes the great fact upon which the whole stup adous structure of Christianity and Christendom firmly and serenely rests. It is not a matter of surprise that men are asking with ever deepening interest and wonder what mighty, over-mastering impulse it is that has traveled over the vanished institutions and empires of two thousand years and still proves itself sufficient to move the world's big heart to-day, to inspire it with loftier, summer moods and hopes than all other events combined can do. What august transaction is it that has marched across the earth's horizon, leaving its imperishable track upon all the subsequent years and that wins a wider recognition and commemoration as the generations come and go? Surely any event that can ay its hand of power upon the swiftest, busiest of all ages and arrest its vast and varied machinery; that can command the intellectual and religious homage of the most enlightened people of the globe, and that is doing all this on an ever extending scale about 1900 years after its occurrence, surely such an event forever refuses to be classed among the things that are commonplace or to be pushed aside without a fair and adequate explanation. To assert that the great Christian anniversary is the creation of an ancient outburst of empty sentimentolism, or a brilliant hallucination, or a lawless dream, is the veriest non-sense. * * As we greet again the

great Christian festival with the na-

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story of old" in nearly 400 languages of earth we can with an ever-deepening joy unite in singing:

"Hail, Prince of life, forever hail! Redeemer, brother, friend! Though earth and time and life shoul!

Thy praise shall never end." -American Methodist Magazine.

Resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the W. H. M. Society of the North Texas Conference on receiving the notice of the resignation of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home

Whereas, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove has been our General Secretary for more than seven years and has in all this time given her faithful service without compensation, and that she has in her love and zeal given even life itso that now she is onliged to tender her resignation; therefore be it

Resolved. That we regret very much

that her health makes this a necessity; that we tender her our sympa-thy and pray the Father to restore and comfort her; that we send her our grateful thanks for the great work she has done for the womanhood of our Church; that we assure her of our appreciation of her loving service and that we will endeavor to emulate her selt-sacrifice and love for the work and will do our best to carry on the work which she has helped to estab-

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Hargrove, and that a copy for publication be sent to Our Homes, the Texas Christian Advocate and The King's Messenger.

MRS. L. H. POTTS, President. MRS. W. T. HENDERSON, MRS. GEO. SEXTON, Rec. Sec. MRS. L. P. SMITH, Cor. Sec.

In the resignation of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary Woman's Board of Home Missions, which took

effect Oct. 11, 1900, the W. H. M. Society of the Church has suffered loss of the services of a most faithful and efficient officer. It is earnestly hoped that in the rest from the arduous duties and responsibilities of the office, recommended by her physician, our dear sister may find a compiete restoration to health and strength. We know that the prayers of her sisters and co-laborers in the society will ascend for her that she may be thus blessed. It is earnestly hoped, too, that her successor, Mrs. R. McDonald, of Macon, Ga., who has been so recently elected to the office, may have the sympathy and co-opera tion and prayers of her sisters in the work, and that she may be blessed spiritually and physically for the responsible duties to which she has thus been called.

To the Members of the W. F. M. So-

At the last meeting of our Conference Society, held in June in Seguin,

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Our Cities in the 20th Century. Chicago -Its Present and its Future, by Ma Carter H. Harrison.

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ference Corresponding Secretary. Recently Mrs. Abernethy finds herself so situated that she can not discharge the duties of the office to her satisfaction. Accordingly she has tendered her resignation, which was accepted with regret by the Executive Committee. Mrs. H. T. Steele, of San Marcos, Texas, our President, was requested to serve, and her consent obtained. She for her that she was duly elected, and Mrs. E. C. Nichols, of San Antonio, First Vice-President, declared President, these conditions to hold good until the annual election of officers at the next annual nieeting of the society.

MRS. E. C. NICHOLS. President. MRS. H. T. STEELE. Conf. Cor. Sec.

GOOD NEWS.

The Mission Home and Training School, Dallas.

We have just completed a large three-story addition to this insutution, comprising chapel, school room. sewing department and four rooms for workers. Total cost \$2000 cash. We have now a fine property worth \$20,000, with comfortable quarters for forty girls. We are overcrowded now. having nearly fifty.

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We need at once for furnishing for chapel 150 chairs, a large coal stove. curtains for the entire addition, stoves, cutting tables and eight good sewing machines, furniture entire for four bed rooms, which costs entire about \$30 per room. We believe the auxiliaries, or private individuals. will gladly give this help.

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greens; but the prettiest gift was the nice quilt that Sister M. J. Peters gave me. For these tokens of love we return our hearty thanks, and feel stimulated to give our people the most carnest labor of our lives. We are rejoiced to see the spiritual growth of our Church. There is much advancement on this line since a year ago. For Millsap we can say: The congregations are large, the prayer-meeting is spiritual, the Sunday-school is interesting and well established and the League is doing good work. The aspiring ones of our young people are pressing higher at a healthy rate. God bless our precious youths, and crown with success their every rightly-directed effort. May God bless all the parents and little children. I pray this to be a glorious year on our charge—well rounded up on every requirement of our dear old M. E Church, South.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

IOWA PARK.

C. C. Davis, Dec. 17: We are now in our new home. Have been kindly received and genuinely pounded. Have preached at three of the six appointments, and held one Church Conference. Saturday and Sunday was the time of our first Quarterly Conference. Bro. Peterson was on hand and preached three sermons, which seemed to meet with great favor by all. He looked after all the interests of the Church. The stewards made a liberal assessment for salary of preacher. They paid \$77.25, with scarcely any notice.

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W. H. Brown, Dec. II: Well, we are located at this place now. I feel a little awkward without a circuit, but am happy and hope by next conference to be able to take a regular work. I am having more calls for revivals than I will be able to meet. Though, if the good Lord will give me health and grace, I am willing and anxious to do all I can to help the brethren and save souls. My health is fine except my throat, and it does not bother me much only when I am exposed to the cold air. Bro. Alderson is starting off well on this station. The people were loth to give Bro. Gober up, but seem to be delighted with the new preacher. We are hoping and praying for a great year in this station. Bro. Alderson preached on a high grade yesterday, and the people heard him gladly.

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J. W. Tincher, Dec. II: At the Annual Conference held at Denton I was read out to Rosston Circuit. I served this charge last year, and surely I was glad to return. I came home with a light heart, yet with a determination, by God's help, to do more this year, if possible, than ever before. The people have so far received us kindly. We have not had a regular pounding yet, but the ribs and sausage have been coming in almost ever since we came home. Wife and I were visiting last evening. On returning home we found that Sister Henderson had been at the parsonage and left a large, fat gobbler in the coop for Christmas. So you see we will have something to eat Christmas. May God bless us all this year, and give us a great revival.

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MRS. W. H. JOHNSON.

GAINESVILLE.

J. I. Morris, Dec. 15: When we arrived home from conference, the fact confronted us that this preacher's family had to move, but nowhere to go and nothing which the sun-at least to us. When I stated our conditions to surply something new under the sun-at least to us. When I stated our conditions to pastor I had been for three years, they, in less than five minutes, gave \$25.55 with which to furnish a house. At night the matter was brought before the plucky congregation of Broadway, and notwithstanding they expect to buy and furnish a parsonage this year for their preacher, whose president to us. When I stated our conditions to the good people of Denton Street, whose pastor I had been for three years, they, in less than five minutes, gave \$25.55 with which to furnish a house. At night the matter was brought before the plucky congregation of Broadway, and notwithstanding they expect to buy and furnish a parsonage this year for their preacher. section A good lady of Denton Street gave a handsome cherry bed-room set. One good sister gave wife \$10, another gave her \$75, while a brother gave me an elegant relier-top office desk. All in all, we are better fixed than ever in our lives. Now, if we can buy this fine two-story, eight-room house in which we are living. I stand ready to vote for the removal of the "time limit" and remain right here till death do us part. Pierce and Ashburn have received royal welcomes, and both have made fine impressions. Bros. N. R. Brown, A. F. Hendrix and F. M. Sherwood, whose conferences I've held, are starting off well and are in fine favor with their people. with their people.

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C. M. Harless, Dec. 15: The late session of the North Texas Conference was a great blessing to Denton Method sm and an eye-opener to the citizenship of Denton. It was a bigger and better thing than anybody anticipated, and all-Methodists and others as well-were delighted and profited by it. It will long be talked of with the pleasantest of memories. I heartily thank all the brethren who spoke kind words to me about the entertainment. I did the be t I could, and took genuine pleasure in so deing, and am glad that there was general satisfaction on the part both of the hosts and of the guests. Bishop Candler made a profound and lasting impression on our Church and town. His sermons and remarks relating to second-blessing'sm will make the pathway for every fiture paster of Denton smoother. Without these I should very reluctantly have remained here another year; but with them, and the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the greater part of the Church. I am truly glad to remain. Hardly had the last preacher left Denton before a cyclone of great proportions began gathering. It did considerable damage to many residences and business houses. Just what the damage was I have not been able to this good day to estimate. The funnel of the cyclone pointed directly to the parsonage, and all the contents were emptied therein. It attracted about 100 people to the manse. There were groceries, ple to the manse. There were groceries,

staple and fancy, silverware and money, a flow of cheer and good words, and much pleasant conversation. Then the crowd dispersed, returning to their homes. They left the preacher and his family with indelible memories of approciation, gratitude and new resolutions for more faithful service in the future than we have ever rendered in the past. May the good Lord abundantly bless all the people of Denton, all the pastor and charges of the North Texas Conference, and all his people everywhere, and may the twentieth century open with thanksgivings for all past blessings and for the bright promises for the future of His cause, and close amidst shoutings and jubilant ringings because of the great and glorious victories of the gospel of the Son of his love.

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W. H. Stephenson. Dec. 15: After a two years' ministry among an appreciative people on the Renner Circuit. I left for my new field of labor Monday, December 2, and after a day and a half drive through the country, I arrived at my destination at noon of the second day, my family arriving in the evening. The good women of the W. H. M. Society soon had charge of the parsonage, looking after the comforts of preacher and family and making some nice and valuable additions to the furniture, so that now we have a good and well-furnshed preacher's home. We have never been more cordially received by any people, and already feel ourselves at home among them. They gave us a royal pounding, bringing money and many other things "pleasant to the eye" and delightful to the tate. Then the off mill men have sent cotton reed hulls and meal enough for the cow for many days. Our congregation last Sunday at Lane was large and attentive. "Surely the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." Already we have begun to pray for and expect a gracious revival. May the great "Head of the Church" grant us this "for his own name's sake."

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W. F. Clark, Dec. II: I moved into my new home on last Monday. On Saturday Bro. Stafford, our pre iding elder, came over from Shetman. We visited the cotton mills: found the manager, Bro. Smith, to be a nice Christian gentleman, in great sympathy with the mission work. He has a large hall, in which he owns a half interest, he gave us permission to use as a preaching place until we can build a church. The people came in and fitted it with temporary seats, stove and organ. I preached Sunday morning to a good congregation. Twenty-one penitents came forward for prayer. At 3 p. m., Bro. Stafford preached, also at night. One conversion at night. Several penitents at the altar—some old gray-headed men. I organized a Sunday-school Sunday morning with fifty-four pupils, I feel proud of our presiding elder. He is in great favor with this people, having once been their pastor. I feel that he will be a great stay to me in my mission work. Bro. Archer is getting on well in the station. They have one of the prettiest churches in the conference. Bro. Archer seems to be in great sympachy with the mission work, ready to assist as far as he is able. I found several converts from my meeting at the cotton mills in Dallas, and, best of all, they are still converted.

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James J. Rape, Dec. 13: We have been here in our new field three weeks. On meeting with our new people we were pleasantly received by every one. We have met with large congregations of appreciative people at each of the places where I have preached, and this gave us renewed energy and courage with which we will proceed But on the night of December 18 we were very agreeably surprised by being pounded much. One of our stewards preceded the crowd, but gave no notice of what would soon follow. Presently a crowd of our good people ru hed up with a rap on the door of the parsonage, and when this preacher opened the door the only thing he could do was to retreat from the many assaults made on him, the last of which was made by one of the young lades, who stember forward asked me if the saults made on him, the last of which was made by one of the young lades, who, stepping forward, asked me if she might throw the pound which she was bearing at me, and when my consent was given she placed in my hand a p und of silver dellars which they had made up. In this there was not sixteen to one, but, bester still for us, it proved to be seventeen to one pound. We tried to entertain this jelly crowd of liberal-hearted friends as best we could on such short natice. A few hours were spent in Christian conversation, after which, out of the deep of the pastor's heart, he felt like he should and did read the twenty-third Psalm, after which prayer was offered by one of the stewards, and the happy donors returned to their homes. May the God of all grace bless each one who participated in this kind deed, and help us to do the best year's work of which we are capable.

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JACKSON — Mrs. Mary A. Jackson died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Lem Ansley, near Brownsborough, Texas, December 6, 1900, in the eignty-third year of her life. She survived her husband, Alburtis Jackson, about thirteen years. She lived well, and she died well. A long, useful Christian life was hers. Her children, mostly gone before, greet her in heaven, and the others are following on. Thank God for victory over death and an endless reunion in heaven.

DR. HALL.

THORNAL.—Jewel Thornal was born near, Neches, Anderson County, Texas, November II, 1884; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1897. She lived a beautiful Christian life until the Lord took her to heaven September 28, 1900. Her death cast a dark shadow over the home of her widowed mother and the entire community. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Thanks be to God for the hope of a happy reunion in the sweet by and by.

J, B. LUKER.

BORING.—Died, twelve miles east of Seguin, Texas, November 2, 1800, Mrs. Emma Boring, aged fifty-five years, widow of the late John K. Boring, last son of Dr. Jesse Boring, of Georgia. Mrs. Boring died very suddenly, of neuralgia of the heart. She had been a Methodist all her life, and was a woman of singular purity of character. She had been through the turnace of affiliction. She was one of the first students in the old San Antonio Female College in 1850, under Joseph and Mrs. Jane T. H. Cross, boarding at Dr. Jesse Boring's. She leaves three grown sons and a daughter. Through all the features of her life she bore the image of her Savior. Her gentle spirit left its record on the hearts of her children and relatives.

McMILLAN - Charlotte Fredricha McMillan (nee Wacker) was born at Drake, Gasconade County, Mo., February 22, A. D. 1861. She was paptized in infancy, and united with the Church at the age of fourteen. May 18, 1887, she was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, at the paternal home, to Bro. Thomas J. McMihlan, by Rev. W. F. Young. With her husband, she joined the M. E. Church, South, at Beur, Mo., in 1888, and ever since has been a faithful and devoted member. She was the mother of three children—Samuel, Minnie and Luther—who, with Bro. Mc-Millan, live to mourn their great loss. With her family she moved to Texas in October, 1828, and united by letter with the Methodist Church at Angleton. The awful hurricane of September's destroyed most of the family property and so wrecked their home that they were exposed to the fury of the storm. From the effects of this exposure she never recovered, but gradually went down until she was taken with typhoid fever, and in spite of the tender and loving care of husband and the skill of the physician, she could not be relieved, but died December 3, 1998. She met death without fear, and in the triumph of her faith in Jesus she exhorted her loved ones to live right and meet her in heaven. A good, faithful Christian mother and wife has gone. May God bless and keep the sorrowing ones. J. L. MURRAY, L. E.

HENRY.—Andrew H. Henry, the subject of this notice, was born in Washington County, Ind., June 17, 1815; moved to Texas in the early forties; settled in what is now Kaufman County. Before moving to Texas he had married Miss Susan Beck. With stout hearts the young couple faced the dangers of the long move, and finally built their cabin on College Mound. In 1852 a camp-meeting was held at what was then known as St. John's Camp-ground. At this meeting Andy Henry was converted, joined the Church and was duly baptized. From the hour of his conversion his life was changed to do good, to save others, and advance the Church—was a great purpose. So a church was built at College Mound. Andy Henry became classifieder and steward, which latter office he held for more than thirty years. Bro. Henry's first great trouble was the loss of his wife, Jane Beck, to be followed by a daughter, and then an only son. In 1851 he married Mary E. Hayes, an estimable lady with several daughters, who still lives. The widow's daughters became his, all making a model family. For a number of years Bro. Henry had been in feeble health. His patience never failed him. The end came the 19th of last October. He was eighty-five years, four months and two days old. I never knew a better man—pure in spirit, rich in faith and charity, his Church and the whole country will miss him. country will miss him.

LEWIS P. LIVELY.

Abner, Texas.

MILAM.—Benjamin Rush Milam, the subject of this sketch, was born in Bowle County. February 28, 1836, and entered into eternal life November 19, 1909. He was a grandson of Col. Collin McKinney and nephew of Col. Benjamin Rush Milam, both dear to the hearts of patriotic Texans. Right worthily did Mr. Milam bear the name of his illustrious ancestor! He was educated at McKenzle, and has many friends throughout the State who claim the same alma mater. When the Civil War began he enlisted in the Confederate Army—a member of Gen, Ector's Brigade—and gave his service to his loved Southland until the struggle ended,

being twice wounded in battle. Gen. Young, his mess-mate, paid him this tribute a few months ago: "Ben Milam was one of the bravest soldders I ever saw, but would never hold office during the war." After the war he merchandised in Weatherford a number of years, and fifteen years ago moved to Glen Rose, where he was extensively engaged in farming and mercantile pursuits, and at the time of his death was President of the Glen Rose Bank, which he had lately purchased. He was twice happily married—to Miss Lula Fain, of Weatherford, in 1868, and to Mrs. Josie Hutchinson in 1891, who survives him, with his four sons and two daughters. Naturally of a warmhearted and affectionate disposition, his character shone with more luster in the home-circle than in any other place. He was a most conscientious Christian, and for many years a faithful and efficient steward in the Methodist Church. Those who have been numbered among his friends, or have been one of his guests, feel that it was a privilege to have known so honorable, true and genial a gentleman. The world was better for his life, and his influence still lives in our memory. His last filness was only of three days duration, and seemed so slight that no thought was entertained that it was serious. I can not imagine an ending to this life's journey more desirable than his-sitting up most of the time, pleasantly and cheerfully conversing with triends and loved ones until the last. For him, indeed, the "Shadow" in the "Valley of Death" was made by the light from the other shore—'the light that never was on sea or land.' In a talk on spiritual things, on Sunday afternoon, he uttered the prophetic wish—so soon to be realized—that, when he came to die, he might go quickly, without suffering. On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after spending most of the morning in cheerful conversation, in the language of his wife. "He raised up, and fell back on his pillow without a struggle, closing his own eyes lightly, as if in a pleasant slumber, his whole face weating such a sweet, calm

Dallas, Texas. GREENWOOD.—Mr. Franklin J. Greenwood was born in Grimes County, Texas, September 7, 1876; united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1893. After three years course, the degree of B. S. in civil engineering was conferred on him. He died November 16, 1999. Nature, reason and Revelation admonish us that the aged must die, but not only is the heart pained, but our minds are startied when "the arrow that flieth by day" or "the pestilence that walketh in darkness" consign the young to the ley embrace of death. We are grieved the more if the sharp sickle levels to the earth the unripe gram in all its strength and beauty, clothed with the rich promise of an abundant harvest of good fruit to the glory of the wise Creator and the good of his fellowman. I need not say to his instructors and companions while a student at the A. & M. College of Texas, to the Toved ones at home or to his associates in life, "Frank was a model young man." While he was prudent in his social intercourse, and selected confidential friends with cantion, he was kind and courteous to all. His meek and quiet spirit and uniform gentlemanly conduct and conversation not only added to his own usefulness and consequent happiness, but combined with a frankness and child-like artlessness (unusual for one of his age and opportunities), contributed to GREENWOOD.-Mr. Franklin J. Greenbut combined with a frankness and child-like artlessness (unusual for one of his age and opportunities), contributed to make him a general favorite. He was steadfast of purpose in all his undertak-ings, whether pertaining to things tem-poral or eternal. He maintained his Christian integrity and passed unscathed the ordeal that overwhelms so many of our talented youths during their college course. It is a sad truth that thousands of our boys and girls form frivolous, if not corrupting, associations and habits during their academic or collegiate course, and enter upon life utterly disqualified and enter upon life utterly disqualified to meet its stern realities, with cultivated intellects and corrupt hearts. Alas: in how many instances has the broken heart of a fond parent who has sacrificed all for the good of the child, followed such a one with the painful inquiry, "O! where is my wandering box my wayward cit. a one with the painful inquiry, "O! wher is my wandering boy—my wayward girl-to-night?" Such fatal wrecks are me with every day, floating on life's tempes tuous sea—in the end going down "amis the blackness of darkness forever." No the blackness of darkness forever." Not so with our young friend. After qualifying himself by diligent study, his exemplary habits secured for him positions of trust, and while actively engaged with a corps of civil engineers in our coast country (in the opinion of his physician) contracted the disease that proved fatal. When aware that death lurked in his disease, he shrank not at its approach. His spirit was serene, submissive, unwavering in its trust in God, and gave assurance he was "ready to depart and be ing in its trust in God, and gave assurance he was "ready to depart and be with Christ." The writer (by request of family) endeavored to deliver a suitable funeral discourse to a large and deeply affected audience, who had known and appreciated him from childhood. His mortal remains were placed away in the family cemetery by loving hands, and his newly-made grave watered with a gentle shower from the skies.

THOS. W. BLAKE.

MALL.—Vera Lee Hall, daughter of D. M. and Ina Hall, was born March 39, 1892, and died June 29, 1890. Vera was a pure, sweet little girl. All who knew her loved her. We laid her away to rest in the Larissa Cemetery. The writer conducted the funeral service, which was a very touching service, as her little Sunday-school mates marched around the grave and sang a beautiful song, and placed their flowers on the coffin lid. Weep not, father and mother, for your little Vera is not dead, but just fallen asleep, to rise in the resurrection morning to vie around the throne and to sing the song with the pure, white throng forever and ever.

J. A. BURKS.

BROYLES A. E. and Nannie Broyles, on September 23, 1900, were compelled to surrender back to God the soul of their little boy, John Alfred. He was given them March 22, 1857. A very interesting, bright little fellow he was. The body we laid away in Cottage Hill Cemetery—a

very carefully kept cemetery—to awalt the resurrection day. His parents are devoted members of the M. E. Church, South. Bright stars disappear. Beautiful flowers fade and die. Bright, beautiful children are called away to their home on high. O let us say, though hard it may be, "Thy will be done."

E. G. ROBERTS, P. C. Weston, Texas.

Weston, Texas.

CULWELL.—D. W. Culwell, son of J. G. and Martha J. Culwell, was one of the cleverest and friendliest boys I ever knew—universally loved, so far as I know. He carefully nursed his brother. Oscar, through a long spell of fever, and then took it himself and died. He had been a member of the Church about seven years, having joined it when thirteen years of age. Perhaps I have seen but few suffer as did his father and brother, the departure of a loved one. How hard to give him up! He died October 28, 1909, being nineteen years, ten months and twenty-seven days old. His was a kind heart, gentle manners, and he was nearly always at church. The ways of God are past finding out. Why go while so young and active, with the promise of usefulness to the Church? God knows best, and we may some day understand it. I loved the boy, and feel a personal loss. Peace to his sacred dust.

E. G. ROBERTS, P. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

Thou hast all seasons for time own, O Death!"

Not alone in the winter of age are the world-weary called home; but in the spring-time of life, to the young and fair, comes the message, "The Master hath need of thee."

Miss Mamie Ellen Fain, youngest daughter of John Asbury and Elizabeth Peyton Fain, was born in Lenton, July 3, 1873. She was a Christian from her early child-hood, often saying that she could not remember when she began to love Jesus. She was converted under the ministry of Rev. D. J. Martin, but, because of youthful timidity, did not then take the vows of consecration. She was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1886, at Georgetown, by Rev. J. R. Nelson, and never wavered in her devotion to its principles. She was educated at the Southwestern I niversity at Georgetown, being a graduate of the class of 1892.

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Georgetown, being a graduate of the class of 1892.

The consistent beauty of her Christian life was always recognized by her companions, for she truly lived her religion. She entered fully into the higher lite of consecration as the years went by, for heart and mind were always open to sacred influences, and to do good was her one desire. The poor, the unfortunate, the helpless, appealed always to her ready sympathy, and she gave unreservedly of her time, strength and cheerfulness to all the needy. Children repaid her affection with deep love, and many date their christian experience to her example. In the work of the Church, the Sunday-school, the League, the prayer-meeting, she joined with all the fervor of an ardent Christian spirit, and, gifted in intellect, magnetic in manner, ner influence over the young was unbounded. Her pastors often said of her, "The world is better because she has lived in it." She was the sunshine of her home—a devoted daughter, a loving sister, a constant friend.

For three years she was a sufferer, and though love, skill and travel exhauseed all resources, yet God had claimed her

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all resources, yet God had claimed her for his own, and earth loosened its hold. All her pain but deepened her compassion for others, and her renunciation of health, and the hopes and ambitions of youth, was most sublime.

Never a frown of dismay, never a word of bitterness, escaped her, though earthly dreams must lack fulfillment. Her brave, sweet spirit breathed but one prayer—not for self, but for others—"Lord, give me strength to smile to the last!" So fully was it granted that even her closest friends knew not the end was near. Her bright face and tender smile forbade the thought that she must go so soon. Her way through the Valley of the Shadow was mercifully short. Only a word of thanks to her dear ones for some tender office, and she, who had "shared her couch with Pain," had flitted away in perfect peace, on the morning of November 11, 1899.

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Her pastor's beautiful words over her flower-strewn form were heard by many sympathetic friends, and all felt the appropriate significance of his theme. "Elessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Her heart-broken parents, her loving brothers and sisters, felt that God's hand was laid heavily upon them; and yet, the only sorrow they can rightfully associate with her memory is their own sense of irreparable loss.

This is the brief record of her short life, but who shall say where its blessed influence shall end. She was called up higher, ere the golden fruitage of her earnest effort had been garnered; but other hands shall finish the work she so well began. Though she has been a year in heaven, the evidence that her beautiful life was not lived in vain comes often to her home, from far-away hearts thrilled with remembrance of her heavenly-mindedness.

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But, though they look for comfort to Him "who doeth all things well," yet the mother's heart still aches, the father's house is left unto him desolate, for when our "sweet Marie" went away it was "the passing of the sweetest soul that ever looked with human eyes."

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Lake Creek	
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Cumby, at Cumby 1st Sun	Feb
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Cooper, at Cooper4th Sun	Feb
The District Stewards' meeting will c	on-
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Grand Prairie.	Feb. 16, 1
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San Angelo District-First Round	
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Sherwood, at S	Jan
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			B. H	arris	s. P.	E.

B. Harris, P. E.
Llano District-First Round.
Bandera and MedinaJan. 5, 6
Round Mountain cirJan. 12, 13
Blanco cir
Rock Springs staFeb. 2, 3
KerrvilleFeb. 9, 10

Beeville	District-First Round.
Beeville sta.	Mathis Dec. 22, 25 Dec. 23, 3 at Oakville Jan. 5, 6 J. M. Alexander, P. E.

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# NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Abilene District-First Round.
Sweetwater, at Sweetwater Dec. 22, 2
Putnam, at PutnamDec. 2
Eastland, at Staff
Stamford, at StamfordJan.
Albany and Moran, at Moran Jan.
Colorado staJan. 5,
Colorado cirJan.
Big SpringsJan. 1
MidlandJan. 12, 1
Merkel, at MerkelJan. 1
Buffalo Gap, at B. GJan. 19, 2
Anson, at AnsonJan. 2
Anson, at Anson
Asperment, at Asperment Jan 2
Clairemont, at ClairemontJan. 3
Snyder, at DunnFeb. 2,
Crystal Falls, at GroganFeb.
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Waco District-First Round.		
Abbott, at Abbott	90	2
West	23.	2
Troy, at OenavilleDec.	25,	3
MoodyDec.	30,	3
Riesel, at BattleJa	n. D	. 1
Mount Calm, at M. CJan	6.	
Peoria at BethelJan	12,	33
WhitneyJan	13,	-11
Besqueville, at Wesley Chapel, Jan. Lorena, at Lorena, Jan.	19.	2
Lorena, at LorenaJan.	26.	2
Bruceville, at BrucevilleJan.	27,	2
Aquilla, at AquillaFeb	. 2.	- 3
R R Rolton P	160	

Georgetown District-First Ros	und.
Salado, at Holland	Dec. 2
Conventown	Dec. 1
Harris or Harris	I Nec. 1
RartlettDec	. 29. 3
Bartlett cir. at Bartlett Dec	c. 29, 3
Temple, First ChurchJ:	in. 5,
Temple Seventh Street	an. b.
Burnet, at BurnetJar	1. 12, 1
Rurnet cir. at BurnetJat	a. 12, 1
Liberty Hill at Liberty Hill Jar	1. 19. 2
Maxdale, at OakallaJat	1. 26, 2
Florence, at Florence	CD. 4.
Bertram, at HorebFe	b. 9, 1
W. L. Nelms,	P. E.

		11.	L. Nei	ms, r	. Es.	
Fort	Worth	Distric	t-First	Rour	nd.	
Arlington Grapevin Cresson,	e. at G	rapevin	e	. Dec.	20,	31
Azle, at	Azle	rleson		.Jan.	12,	13 20
Joshua, a Mansfield Covingto	i, at M	ansfield.		.Jan.	26,	21
Blum, at	Blum.		Campb	Fel	b. 3,	. 4

Blum, at Blum	bell, P. E.
Dublin District First	Round.
Sipe Springs, at S. S. Rising Star, etc., at Salt Tan Granbury. Stephenville Dublin. Morgan Mill, at P. Valley Bluff Dale, at Post Oak. Glen Rose, at Glen Rose Iredell, at Iredell.	Jan. 12. 13 Jan. 12. 13

Duffau.	at Duffau Feb. 2. 1
Hico, at	Hico
Carlton.	at Olin Feb. 9, 10
Prector.	at ProvidenceFeb. 18
Green's	Creek, at HarbinFeb. 16, 17
Carbon :	and Gorman, at G Feb. 22, 21
De Leon	
Desdimo	nia, at Ross' Chapel, March 9, 10
	E. F. Boone, P. E.

Weatherford District-First Round. Weatherford mis, at Shady Grove.

Weatherford mis, at Shady Grove.
Dec. 22, 23
Quarterly Conference will be held at
First Church Dec. 27, at 1 o'clock.
GrahamJan. 5. 6
FarmerJan. 9
Plinoville at Control Change In 10 10
Eliasville, at Smith's ChapelJan. 12, 13
Breckenridge, at Breckenridge Jan. 15
Ranger, at RangerJan. 17
Couts MemorialJan. 19, 20
Strawn and Thurber, at S Jan. 25
GordonJan. 26, 27
The Preachers' Meeting and Missionary
institute will be held at Gordon January
50 and 91 hardening Walnut and
23 and 24, beginning Wednesday morning
at 9 o'clock. The district stewards will
meet at the same place on the afterneon
of the 24th, at 2 o'clock.
Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Gatesville	Dist	rict-	First	Roun	d.
Lampasas				.Dec.	29.
Coperas Cove.			.11 a.	m. I	Noc.
Killeen and No	olany	ille	11 :	. m.,	Jan.
Oglesby				Ja	m. 5.
Crawford				Ja:	1. 6.
Harmony				Jan	12,
Brookhaven				Jan	. 19,
Valley Mills				Jan	. 26,
Coryell City				Fe	b. 2,
Bee House				Fet	5. 9.
Evant					
Hamilton				Feb	. 16.
Jonesboro					
		J. G.	rutn	nan, I	. E.

Waxahachie	District-First Round.
	at Lovelace. Dec. 22, 23
Lillshore charge	at H. 7 p. m., Dec. 22, 23
inisooro charge	, at H , p. m., Dec. 22, 23
Militora charge,	at Milford Dec. 29, 30
Palmer charge,	at Dixon's Ch Jan. 5, 6
Itasca charge, a	t Itasca11 a. m., Jan. 10
	re, at G 11 a. m., Jan. 11
	at Alvarado Jan. 12, 13
Red Oak charge	, at Ovilla Jan. 19, 20
Midlothian char	ge, at MJan. 26, 27
Boz charge, at !	BethelFeb. 2, 3
Bardwell charge	at Elm Branch.
	Feb. 16, 17
	Harris District to the

	riorace	Disnop, r. E.	
Clarendon Di			
Claude, at C		Dec. 22.	No.
Matador, at M		Jan. 5.	6
Memphis, at M		Jan 12	13
Wellington, at W		Jan	
Amarillo sta		Jan. 19	90
Channing, at Ch.		Jan	99
Coldwater		Jan :	21
Clarendon sta		Jan. 26. !	27
Canadian, at C		Feb. 2.	3
Higgins, at H		Feb.	4
Cataline		Feb.	6
Hereford			
Emma		Feb	19

Vernon District-First Round. Crowell, at Black's S. H., Sat., Sun., Dec. 22, 23 Granite, at Granite...Sat., Sun., Dec. 29, 29, Management Sun., Sun., Dec. 29, 39,

G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Mani	umSun. night, Mon., Dec. 30, 31	
Eldo	ado, at Pleasant Hill.	
	Wed., 11 a. m. and afternoon, Jan. 2	
Wille	w Vale Sat., Sun., Jan. 5, 6	
Thro	kmorton, at T. Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13	
Chill	othe, at C Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13	
Child	ess, at C Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13	
Gore	at Goree Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13	
	Timbers, at R. T.,	

Paducah					
Altus, at Altus					
Harrold, at Harrold	Sat	t., Sun	Fel	5. 2.	3
Quanah	Sat.	. Sun.	. Feb	9.	10
Vernon	Sat.	Sun.,	Feb.	16.	17
Seymour					
District stewards					
December 27, 7:30 p.					
J.		Visem:	in, P.	E.	

Brownwood District-First Round.	
Burket, at Cross Plains Dec. 22.	23
Burket, at Cross PlainsDec. 22, May, at HolderDec.	25
Blanket, at Turkey Peak. Dec. 29. Zephyr, at Zephyr. Dec. 30.	30
Zephyr, at Zephyr	31
Indian Creek, at McAnally Jan. 5,	- 1
Center City, at Center City Jan. 12.	
GoldthwaiteJan. 13.	
Lometa, at LometaJan.	
Comanche cir, at BibbJan.	15
Comanche Jan. 20. Fleming, at Fleming Jan.	
Fleming, at FlemingJan.	21
Santa Anna, at Santa Anna Jan 28, Bangs, at Thrifty Feb. 6,	20
Isangs, at InfiltyFeb. 6,	
Brewnwood. Feb. W. H. Matthews, P. E.	2
W. H. Matthews, P. E.	

Corsicana	District	-First F	tound.	
Porsicana cir. i Brandon, at Br Frost, at Salen Dresden, at Jo Barry, at Barr Armour	andon nes' Ch	ар	Dec. 25 Dec Jan Jan	8. 30 n. 1 n. 2 6. 7

# EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Ty	ler !	District-	-Ffrst	Round.
Mineola s	sta			Dec. 22, 21
				Dec. 29, 30
				Dec. 30, 31
Golden m	its, a	t Alba		Jan. 5, 6
				Jan. 12, 13
Cedar Str	reet a	and St. 1	Paul	Jan. 10
Emory, a	t En	nory		Jan. 19, 20
				eJan. 26, 27
				Jan. 28
				Feb. 2, 3
Athens				Feb. 3, 4
New Yor	k, at	New 1	ork	Feb. 7
Meredith,	at (	Joshen.		Feb. 9, 10
				Feb. 16, 11
				Feb. 21
				Feb. 23, 24
Marvin				mith, P. E.
Pale	stine	Distric	t-Firs	t Round.

Grapeland cir. at Grapeland. March 16, 11
West Palestine, at Howard Avenue.

March 17, 18
The District Stewards will meet in
Jacksonville January 2. Let every one be
present, that the work may be done with
the facts before us, and in a business
manner.

W. F. Davis, P. E.

San Augustine District-First Rou	nd	
Garrison cir, at Garrison Dec.	96	300
Center cir. at Asbory Jas		6
Teneha cir. at Joaquin Jan.		
Burke cir. at Center Jan.	19.	20
Ilmpson sta	B.71	
Melrose cir, at Simpson's Camp Ground	ind	
Jan	26.	27
Lufkin sta Feh	2.	
Shelbyville cir. at Shelbyville. Feb.		
Center sta Feb	10.	
Nacogdoches sta		
San Augustine and Chireno, at C.		
Feb		24
The Paleston St		

Feb. 23, 24
The District Stewards will meet at the ethodist Church at Timpson January 2, 2 p. m. A. J. Weeks, P. E.

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Pittsburg	District-First Round.
Queen City, at	Q. C
Atlanta	These 99 hr
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Mildey, at Hr	
MIL Fleasant	Total 20 24
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Linden, at I'n	
Naples, at Na	plesJan. 26, 27
Quitman, at &	Fish 2 2
Leesburg, at	Leesburg Feb 9 10
Pittsburg	Feb. 10, 11
Fairview	
State Line	Feb. 17, 18
Dalby Spring	and DeKalb.
at Hub	bard Chapel, Tues., Feb. 19
Musgrove, at 1	Soule Chapel Feb 22 24
Daingerfield, a	t Cason March 2, 3
Redwater, at	R March 9 10
The District	Stewards will meet in the
Methodist Chu	rch at Pittsburg on Thurs-
day, January ?	at I o'clock p. m.
	John Adams, P. E.

#### NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Albuquerque				S		ď	R	ound	
Deming								Jan	. 3
Gila River								Jan.	
Las Cruces cir.								Jan	5
San Marcial								Dan.	
Magdalena								Feb	í
Albuquerque								Feb	3
Watrous		12						Feb.	2
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# INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

	Duncan District-First Round.	
- 3	erral and Ryan, at Terral. Dec. 23. 2 linco, at Minco. Dec. 20, 3 larlow, at Marlow. Jan. 6	
i	nadarko Jan 12 1 uncan Jan 20 2	
. *	hickasha Jan 27 1 L. L. Thurston, P. E.	8

Weatherford District-First Round
Edwardsville, at Butler Dec 20 23
Gip, at Gip. Dec. 29, 30 Chevenne, at Chevenne Jan 5, 6
Wood, at Valley Jan 12 13
Burns, at Page Jan 19, 20 Woodward, at Woodward Jan 26, 27
Grand, at Pleasant Valley Feb. 2 3
Cordell, at South Boggy. Feb. 9, 10 W. A. Randle, P. E.

Oklahoma District-First Rour	id.	
Chandler, at Chandler Dec Keokuk Falls, at Pleasant Valley.	22,	338
Dec		
Earlboro, at Earlboro Dec Shawnee sta Dec		
Tecumseh eir, at Tecumseh Ji	in. 5	. 8
Dale, at Bethel Ja McLoud cir. at Centerville Jan		
Hennessey, at HennesseyJan	13.	14
Billings and Enid, at Enid Jan Byron cir, at Byron Jan		
8 G. Thompson, I		

Ardmore District-First Ro	and.	
Lebanon, at Lebanon 4th	Sun	Dec
Broadway, Ardmore 5th	Sun	Dec
Oakland, at Madill		
Leon and Burnaville, at L 2d		
Cornish, at Cornish		
Washita, at Washita4th		
Springer, at Springer		
Orr, at Simon		
W. J. Simi	s, P.	E.

Canadian	District-First Round.	
Muskogee cir	Palestine Jan I	5, 6
Whitefield, at 1	Higler Jan 1	9, 20
Canadian, at 1	A. N. Averyt, P.	

Wynnewood	District-First Round.	
Whitebead cir		3
	Jan. 5.	
	Jan 12, 1	
	Jan. 19. 2	
	Jan 26, 2	
	r Feb. 2.	
	Feb. 9, 1	
Ada cir	E. L. Massey, P. E.	
	E. I. Massey, P. E.	

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#### A LOST FRIEND.

Have you seen an old man pass this way. With faltering steps and locks of gray. And eyes grow dim with the briny tears The world has shed for an hundred years?

years?
He's a friend of mine—I've known him long—
A friend who never has counseled wrong.

He was neither old nor young when we First met; 'twas in mine infancy. They told his age on the self-same morn When they recorded that I was born. Together we've traveled since that day. Until, this morning, he's gone away.

Where I expected to see his face
"Twas a fair young form lay in his place.
Instead of the dear old locks of gray,
Fair locks of geld on the pillow lay.
When I asked his name, he smiled at me
And answered: "The Twentieth Century."

For the dear old friend my heart is sore: I fear I shall see his face no more. At midnight's hour on my ears there fell An hundred strokes of a funeral bell. I love him best, for he kept with care My father's counsel and mother's prayer.

He smiled at me on my wedding morn, And kissed the cheeks of my eldest born. The clouds drooped low with the tears he

While I was kneeling beside my dead. The fairest and best of earth to me Was born in the Nineteenth Century. MOLLIE T. WALKER.

Bardwell, Texas.

#### CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN.

Angels and men rejoice! Ten thousand times over will be heard on De-cember 25, "Christmas Gift!" What does it mean? That 1900 years ago Christ was born. But was he really born? Is there really no mistake? Let os answer by another question, "Is there actually a day we keep now as Christmas? O yes. Then if Christ was not really born, how did Christmas get started? This is the greatest holiday of all the earth, the greatest festival of all the ages. Men, great men, kings, poor men, learned men, ignorant men -all men of all Christendom, with millions of women and children, observe it.

It got started somehow. Such things go not start themselves. Why did it start if Jesus was not born?

How could such a fraud get such a start? Yes Jesus was truly born; that's beyond debate, and December 25 is the day the Church has fixed as his birthday. No odds whether it's the very day or not, it does.

Christmas is a time of joy for heaven and earth. The first celebration of the birth of Jesus was kept by angels and n.en. Angels brought the news, saying, "Behold we bring you good tidings of great joy." which shall be to all people." Then they shouted and sant, Glory to God in the highest," until bill top and valley trembled with the melody of the skies. Men listened, quit their work and hurried away to see this thing that had come to pass.

Christmas is a time for giving and receiving gifts. This because God so loved the world that he gave his only tegotten Son. Tens of thousands of Christmas trees-evergreen like God's love-loaded with millions of gifts will tell of God's great gift. It's a time of home coming. "The children will be home Christmas." Wat gatherings under the old roof tree that day! That because Jesus has gone to prepare a home for us. What a gathering of the good after while

When we get home to that beautiful

land. That beautiful city of gold."

Christmas is the time for advertising Jesus. The great work shops where saws and planes, hammers and chisels are run by great steam engines, and thousands of employes are ept busy the year round making Christmas toys, which say as plain as whistle of engine, whirr of saw and clash of hammer can say, Jesus is born and we are getting ready to celebrate his birthday. Every toy drummer, every toy shop, whether run by Jew, Christian or infidel, says Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, and we are going to celebrate. Every clerk joins in the chorus and says we are going to celebrate, and every little boy on Christmas day with his rocking-horse. jumping jack, tin horn and pockets full of firecrackers, says this is Christmas, and I am celebrating, and every li e girl with her new doll and doll cradle, toy cooking stove, w'll celebrate by acting a grown-up woman. This may not all be to our liking, but it's advertising Jesus. Who would stop it? Not this writer. Let it go on until the nations observe Christmas and the babbling tongues of earth

learn to sing "Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room.

And heaven and nature sing." J. T. SMITH.

Tyler, Texas.

When we think to thank God for our pleasures, it will be easier to bless him for our burdens.

#### PESSIMISM IS SIN.

Optimism has been in order ever since the first Christmas morning. The world had then sunk to its worst. The civilizations - Hebrew, three great Greek and Latin-had met and ningled in the historic holy land. The priesthood of an Annas or a Caiaphas, and the rule of Herod the Great, was the result. Hypocrisy waved the censet and cruelty the scepter. Religion was a ritual, morality was a sham and truth a jest. A woman had twenty living husbands, and the man she was living with twenty-one wives. The armored soldier was omnipresent, suppressing the schemes of the Jew and the riots of the Galileean, not for the sake of law and morals, but to maintain the rule of the tyrant on the Tiber. It was then that Almighty God intervened to restore lost confidence. He committed to the care of a wrecked and rotten society a little Babe, his clined the trust. Hidden away in a stall in the corner of a wagon yarl the Heavenly Babe was laid in a manger. Shining stars and singing seraphs came with congratulations to the lost and guilty. Light supernal shone along their way. Oriental wise men watched the moving star and follow-eo with their gifts. Their faith declared the King was born; but is was only by diligent search they found But like the heavenly messengers, physical conditions did not provent them from discerning in the Babe the lineaments divine.

The place, though rude, was historic, When David fled from Absalom, hundreds of years before, an old man named Barzillai had come to his rescue with food and cots for his re-When Absalom had treating army. met his doom David had adopted the o'd man's son, Chimham, in lieu of lost Absalom. Chimham was a worthy son of a noble sire. David gave him the old homestead hard by the gates of Bethlehem, near the well whose pure waters had refreshed him in childhood, and for which he afterwards longed when athirst in the heat of battle. Here on this classic ground was kept for centuries the Khan, or wagon yard. Here Jews had found asylum when fleeing from their foes in Jeremiah's day, and here the Virgin Mother and Joseph found a refuge for David's son when the hotels refused him shelter. I can not imagine stronger statement of optimism. Cod believed in us to the extent of vices, giving the only begotten one to redeem us. And with the utmost confidence in the result placed him where he would be hunted in babyhood, misunderstood in boyhood, scoffed at, reviled and put to death in manhood: but the outcome would be the redemption of the world; and so it is. seraphs are still singing the "gloria in excelsis." The stars are still shining

and the heavenly light still breaks on agine that the remedy must contain some form of cocaine or opium, but a lost Absolom. Chimham was a worthy the vision of faith. Only one mother then sang the Magnificat, but now millions join the refrain. Only three men were wise enough to bring their gifts. Now unnumbered multitudes are giving promiscuously to His representatives in poverty. Then a few shep-herds guarding the flocks kept for sacrifices in the temple heard with dull ears the story of the advent of the true Lamb, typed in those victims in their charge, and saw with drowsy eyes the messengers from heaven. Now heaven is peopled and earth is girdled with voices singing the refrain taught by the angels. Optimism is the order of the day. Pessimism is sin, and they who say "the world grows worse" are

'Out of the darkness of night The world moves into light: There is daybreak everywhere."

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#### THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

To the Friends of the Orphanage Everywhere:

The Business Manager of our Orphanage attended the recent sessions of all our patronizing conferences except the German Mission. The asssments for the current expenses of the Home were more than paid. With hearty unanimity the same assess-ments were accepted for the ensuing year. Our new building is habitable, but not finished. We have finished gathering the crop and are now hauling wood for the winter and plowing the land to plant again.

We need some extra money for repairs. Our fencing is old and untrustworthy. The insurance upon our luildings is about \$100. We are well, grateful and hopeful. We want your empathy and prayers, and ask material remembrance of the orphan children in your Christmas joys and services. W. H. VAUGHAN.

Waco, Texas.

# WEATHERFORD COLLEGE.

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Marshall District-First Round.
Marshall, North S.de
Marshall, First Church Dec. 18
Longview and Hallville Dec. 23
Henderson cir. at Good Springs. Dec. 29, 30
Kilgore Jan 5 6
Kellyville Jan. 12, 13
JeffersonJan. 13, 14
Harleton, at AsburyJan. 19, 29
Coffeeville, at Mims' Chapel Jan. 26, 27
BeckvilleFeb. 2, 3
Church Hill, at Fowler's Feb. 9, 10
Henderson sta
Arleston at Bethany Feb. 23, 24
Harmony, at Midyett Feb. 24, 25
Harrison, at Rock Springs March 2, 3
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Houston District-First Round.
Tabernacle
McAshan
Washington Street Dec. 30, a. m.
McKee Street Dec. 30, night
Cedar Bayou, at Alexander Chapel.
Jan. 5. 6
Central Church, Galveston Jan. 12, 13
West End, GalvestonJan. 13, 14
Wharton and Hungerford, at Wharton,
Jan. 19, 20
El Campo, at El CampoJan. 26, 27
Angleten, at Angleton
Rosenberg, at RosenbergFeb. 9, 19
Columbia and Brazoria, at C. Feb. 16, 17
Matagorda, at MatagordaFeb. 23, 24
Alvin
Dickerson, at Harrisburg March 9, 19
Richmend
Shearn Wed. night, Feb. 20
The District Stewards will please meet
me at Change Church in Hauston Thurs

The District Stewards and the stewards a

Calvert District-First Round.
Jewett cir, at Oakwoods Fri., Jan. 4 Fairfield cir, at Sunshine Sat., Jan. 5 Freestone cir, at Jordan's Chapel.
Kosse cir, at Kosse. Mon., Jan. 7  Kosse cir, at Kosse. Tues., Jan. 8  Centerville cir at C. Sat., Jan. 19
Leon cir. at Pleasant Ridge, Sat., Jan. 19 Rogers Prairie, at R. P., Mon., Jan. 21 Franklin cir. at Concord., Sat., Jan. 26
Franklin sta, at Franklin Mon., Jan. 28 Calvert sta, at Calvert Fri., Feb. 1
Mt. Vernon cir. at Mt. V Sat., Feb. 2

Hearne and Wheelock, at W.,

Durango eir, at Durango Sat. Feb. 9
Lott eir, at Lott. Mon. Feb. 11
Rosebud sta, at Rosebud Frl. Feb. 15
Travis eir, at Terry's Chapel, Sat. Feb. 23
Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan,

Sat. March 2
Marlin sta, at Marlin Mon. March 4
H. M. Sears, P. E.

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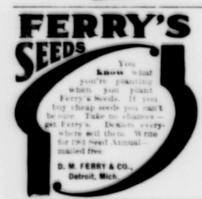
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On the beach where the thousands had sported.

And challenged the billows at play, Ity her black-hooded minious excerted. Night dug the deep grave of that day?

th, beleaguered, strand-strewn, island Wind-wrecked, billow-beaten, storm-

And the monsters that dwell in the rewhirlwind and maelstrom were there:
And they charged with demonlar legi-

And the Furies whose scorpion-like

Ocean-rollers, possessed of sea-devils, Drank billow and breaker and bore, And they whited and they swirled in mad revels. That peopled the sepulchred shore!

Far-off planets, by some maddining po-

Sense-eclipsed mortals dreamed not the meaning
of tempest and torrent and tide
till the ravenous Reaper was gleaning
With billows Alps-high, i-land-wide!

In the vortex of that cataclysm.
Ten thousand white faces are whirled!
Ob. God! It's an awful baptism.
When Beath is the priest of a world! 11.

There's a hush in the North that is holy— A hull in the wild-throbbing marts; And the millions, both lofty and lowly, Have turned to the business of hearts!

From the Gulf comes thy Rachel-like wailing.
Thou Eden of blossem and bloom.
But that ery shall not be unavailing.
Elest land of the spindle and loom!

For thy voice, breaking through depths of sorrow, And sporning a low minor key, Sang that through golden gates of To-morrow Atlantis should rise from the sea!

And thy tills and thy mills held no treas-Too sacred for thy loving hand to bestow with beneficent measure On storm-smitten city and land?

Ah! thy love is as high as the mountains And deep as the deepest deep sea! And the how in the spray of its fountains Keep cov'mant between me and thee!

On Memphis, Granada, Mobile! Tis the same which, when harvests were purching.

And valleys, flood-drenched, gave no yield.

Thy affection thus ever unfolding.

Hierars section and party and clan—
Dissipates all men's brotherhoods, moulding
One brotherhood only of man:

In the life-depths are greetings far grander Ve can send only crushed oleander Baptized in the tears of the storm:

For we know that no visible token Commens rate can ever be shown For the heart-words that can not be spoken Or symboled on canvas or stone!

So long as the rallships blow leeward, Or shells sing the song of the sea. So long as the rivers flow seaward, I hear sister, be sister to me!

Here's a faith that no storm can disbrink deep from the loving cup's bowl!

For the heart of my heart shall forever brink life with the soul of thy soul!

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