

Our Duty to Home Missions

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The Lord says, "Send the divine commandments to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

How are we keeping this command? Is it a command which should be prayerfully considered? Every time follows of Him who gave the command.

A full consideration of every Christian duty should open upon the doors of our hearts, that the Word may be preached throughout the world. This purpose has been answered, so that now it has not our country into which the ministrations of the cross can not enter.

Next is prayer—“Lord, raise up men and women to carry the gospel to foreign lands.” This prayer has however been answered so that there are hundreds of consecrated Christian men and women who are saying, “Here I stand, Lord.” But how shall they preach except they be sent? The Church gatherings are anxious to send them. But how can they be sent without the means with which to send them? The doors having been opened in answer to prayer, the men and women who are willing to go having been raised in answer to pray for the prayer now is, “Lord, awaken the Church to a deeper sense of duty, to furnish means to send these willing ones in at the open doors.”

We thank God and take courage when we see how in answer to prayer, so many have been sent, who are bearing with Christian fortitude the hardships incident to their labors, relying upon the divine promise, “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

What a glorious work! The angels and archangels no doubt rejoice to see that in our efforts to obey the divine command the “Highway” of Christian civilization is now extended to so large a portion of this world, as was predicted by the Prophet Isaiah (Isa. 25:8).

But how many today are refusing the blessings of this highway, who have never run red upon the “Way” predicted by the prophet in the same passage, and which he there says shall be called the way of holiness?

True to call it a Christian country, it is such being in the “highway.” But how many are in this favored land, enjoying the fruits of Christian civilization who have never entered upon the way of holiness, where alone the man enjoys perfect peace and from which there can reflect the light from His who is the Light of the World?

While we should never tire in our efforts to obey the command, “Go into all the world,” we should not forget the command so directly connected with this—“and preach the gospel to every creature.”

There are thousands and tens of thousands in this very land of ours to whom we have never preached. Are we obeying the command, “Preach the gospel to every creature?”

I will not make a sneak of the denouement and infamy in our former pages. The attrition of all Churches being called to those and many noble men and women are making sacrifices in their behalf. Nor will I speak upon the great demand for missions among the ignorant masses of the Northern and Central East mountain regions. Noble efforts are being made to reach and relieve them from the baneful influence of ignorance and superstition.

I wish here to call attention to a large class of our fellow-citizens inhabiting some of the fairest portions of our land and enjoying in a higher degree the blessings to be found in the highway of Christian civilization, but who have no assistance or encouragement from the Church to enter the “way of holiness,” wherein they may receive directly the refuting rays of the Light and be enabled to reflect to become the light of the world. To illustrate my idea I propose to give but one example. In one of the fairest portions of our State, where the flat is set of undulating prairies, with the most beautiful landscapes, make the most desirable location for homes, there is a large community of intelligent, law-abiding citizens whose children have the advantages of good public schools, but have no opportunity whatever of learning of God and their duty toward him. They know that Sunday is a day of rest but not that it is the Sabbath of the Lord, to be remembered and kept holy. They perhaps never heard a sermon. They hardly know there is such a being as a preacher, while their parents have so long lived in this condition that they fail to recall the lessons of their early childhood.

Within fifteen miles, at the four points of the compass from them, there are four different railroad towns. One of them, with a population of 4000, with great wealth, has at least a half dozen churches, each of which has

brethren to contribute to the saints, as Paul did when he sent to them his second epistle (II Cor. 8).

God forbid the commercial spirit of the day should enter our beloved Church and destroy its spirituality and usefulness. But may we return to the faith, the fidelity and zeal of our fathers, that we may again go forward in the reclamation of the world, rather than to longer witness the decline in the work, which has so burdened the hearts of our people of late.

This is but one case. Hundreds of others exist where may be seen our failure to “preach the gospel to every creature.” Who is responsible for this condition of things? Some one will answer, “The people themselves.” This will not do. Such a community may be so divided on denominational lines that they can not unite in support of any one. There may be, and there are, such communities which are financially able to support a pastor, but they do not realize the importance of such an outlay of money. They have not been educated to a sense of their duty.

“Preach the gospel to every creature” is the divine command to the Church of Christ. “I am the Light.” “Ye are the light of the world.” Divine light shed into our hearts must be reflected by those who have received it.

But who is to blame? I answer, the Church. But what branch of the Church of God? The Methodists started out with the declaration, “The world is our field.” They further declared as their motto, “Our mission is to carry the gospel to the poor, the ignorant, the needy.” So loudly did they declare these as their mottoes that other denominations save only, perhaps, the Baptists, withdrew their forces from rural districts and entrenched themselves in large centers of population, leaving the sparsely settled sections to be occupied by us alone. Are we keeping our promise to “preach to every creature”? The tacit agreement between us and other denominations left upon us the most solemn obligation to cultivate the field voluntarily occupied by us. Are we fulfilling this obligation as in the sight of God?

But I hear one say, “We have no house in which to preach. We can not get a congregation.” Did Asbury and his co-laborers stop for such reasons as these, when they were laboriously traversing the wilds of America from New England to Carolina? Far from it. From house to house they went, making personal appeals to single individuals and preaching in the log cabin residences wherever they could get together a half dozen persons, or in the open air when the house would not hold the congregation. God blessed these efforts, and to show his approval he gave to us a rich inheritance—a Church built on a firm foundation and eclipsing in size every other evangelistic organization in the world.

But I hear again, “They will not stay. A preacher must not be sent to a work in vain.” In the latter proposition, from a human standpoint, there is some merit and the first is too often true. But let us examine them. Our Master sent out his disciples “without purse or scrip, or shoes.” When he said “preach the gospel to every creature,” he coupled the command with the premise, “Lo, I am with you always.” If He who fed five thousand with a few leaves and fishes be with us, how can we starve? Our forefathers stopped not at such trifles. Strong in faith, they trusted in the promises of God. They went. They preached. They exhorted. God was true to his promise. He was with them to own and to bless. He took care of their material welfare. He blessed them with a mighty outpouring of his Spirit. He used these noble heroes, these faithful volunteers in his army, as instruments for the salvation of millions now gone before, who are beckoning us to be true to our obligations and by the use of the millions now in our arms to storm the battlements of sin and ignorance and never to cease the warfare until we have truly obeyed the command, “Preach the gospel to every creature.” May we heed the call, “Go forward in the strength of God” and never waver until all the world shall enjoy the blessings of the “Highway” of Christian civilization, and until “every creature shall be called, individually, to enter the Way of Holiness.” God forbid that our prosperity should cause our downfall! May not our spirituality be lost in material prosperity?

Our Church polity better fits us for this work than any other Church organization. We are connectional and therefore better able to “support the weak” (Acts 20:25). We are better able to send from “Macedonia and Achaea” to the poor saints in Jerusalem. We can more conveniently distribute the contributions from Philadelphia in Macedonia and Thessalonica. We can, without apology, send Litus to Corinth and urge the Corinthian

Church to contribute to the saints, as Paul did when he sent to them his second epistle (II Cor. 8).

A FEW SPLINTERS.
Some people kindle the fires of persecution and then imagine themselves martyrs.

Conquer by kindness, and your foe is your friend.

NATH THOMPSON.

Hypnotism and Religion

L. H. Browne.

The facts of hypnotism have been profitably applied in medicine, in surgery and in practical business, but not thus far in religion. I have not seen anywhere an attempt to show that our religion can be illustrated by the phenomena of this occult science, and yet in its facts are to be found, in my opinion, the most striking proofs of the reasonableness of some of the great doctrines of Christianity. I have just witnessed a hypnotic fact of this class, which in my judgment, most strongly corroborates the theory we teach of the office of the Holy Spirit, and I place it before the readers of the Advocate as a profitable study.

The fact that I allude to transpired here in San Marcos during this week. A hypnotist, who makes it a business to travel and illustrate the truths of hypnotism, spent two days here. At 9 o'clock in the morning of one day he placed a young lady in a hypnotic sleep, and she was laid on a couch in the show window of a store, where she continued her sleep until night. During the day she was observed by many people, whose critical eyes found not the slightest evidence of sham, but clear proof that the sleep was genuine. She was undoubtedly in the state of hypnotic sleep, and not susceptible of being aroused, except by the hypnotist. About 2 o'clock p.m. of the day the hypnotist suggested that the time was opportune for him to exhibit a fact which he could not well bring out at his public night entertainment. He proposed to show us that it was not necessary for him to be present with the sleeper in order to influence her, and he offered to go anywhere in the city with a committee of citizens, who should suggest the movements of the sleeper desired, and that he would from that distant place influence her to perform them. A like committee was to remain with the sleeper to note the movements made. Both committees were raised, and after an accurate adjustment of watches, the hypnotist, with one committee, repaired to a back room of a bank on the opposite side of the public square, the other committee remaining by the sleeper. That stood by the body. The committee with the hypnotist was composed of leading citizens of San Marcos. The performance began. The sleeper raised herself and sat upright on her couch and then fell back again she moved, turning over on her left side, and soon she was seen, moving entirely over to her right side. There were pauses between these movements, and each movement seemed to result from great exertion on her part; but her sleep was not interrupted by them. The committee that went with the hypnotist suggested the movements and the time of each one, and kept a register, and I kept a register of the time of the movements of the body, and when we compared registers they corresponded exactly. The committee that attended the hypnotist reported that when they would suggest a movement to him his whole being would gradually rise in tension, until he would announce, “She has performed the movement.”

I have not given a picturesque view of the fact, but I think I have presented it clearly, and the extent and gist of it is that there exists a force in human nature, which, under certain circumstances, may dominate the will of another person across any extent of space and at pleasure. The hypnotist informed us that it was absolutely essential for the person operated on to consent to be hypnotized and influenced by him before he could exercise any power over them; that objection by a person placed it quite out of his power to exercise any influence over that person.

Here is a fact the explanation of which we can not give. It is a scientific fact, too, because it does not belong to the realm of the supernatural and it does not result from accident. The capacity to become a hypnotist is inherent in human nature, and the ability to hypnotize, like the ability to perform any difficult intellectual task, is acquired by properly directed and continued efforts. The fact is, within the natural, and we can perform them; but we do not know the why nor the wherefore. It takes much data to construct a science, and the facts of hypnotism are far too meager yet, but that science is sure to come. Now the application I would make of the fact described will be readily seen. The Christian world claims that the Holy Spirit influences the action of those who willingly yield to his control, and that he may be induced by prayers to exercise this influence. The Christian world allows that the assent of the subject is an absolute essential to the exercise of the power of God, and that objection by man necessarily closes

the door of divine grace. That the hypnotic fact bears a wonderful resemblance to the working of the Holy Spirit can not be denied; and that the former illustrates the latter, and vice versa is most apparent. The hypnotic fact is susceptible of ocular demonstration, and it is putting it mildly to say it supports strongly the Christian theory of the Holy Spirit's office.

Admit the existence of the Holy Spirit and then the work of the hypnotist proves that he may do all the religionist claims that he does. There is this other view very naturally presenting itself to those contemplating this subject. If man can by agreement with his fellow create conditions under which one may dominate the will of the other, is it not likely to be true—nay, is it not highly probable—that man and his Maker may by mutual consent stand so related to each other that man may act under God's direction, and not in a few, but all things, that make for the good of the one and the glory of the other?

But to be sure that others see this resemblance as I see it I will particularize, stating what I consider as the corresponding steps in the two processes:

1. The subject of the hypnotist must consent to be and must be hypnotized. Man must desire to be and must be converted by the Holy Spirit.

2. The hypnotist must use means to induce the hypnotic state; the Holy Spirit in conversion must possibly act on the human soul.

3. In the hypnotic state the subject responds to the behests of the hypnotist only; in the heart of the converted man the Holy Spirit is completely enthroned.

4. To every suggestion of the hypnotist the subject yields a prompt obedience; the language of the converted soul is, “Thy will be done.”

5. The hypnotist dominates the will of his subject, and directs all his acts; the Christian's song of triumph is, “He leadeth me.”

6. The hypnotist may be induced to exercise his power over his subject; the Lord in answer to prayer directs the lives of his believing trusting children.

I submit the resemblance must be admitted to be close between the steps of the different processes as in the culminating act. We know the work of the hypnotist is a verity. Why not the work of the Holy Spirit be also a verity? Many a recognized truth rests on analogical reasoning alone. While there is little skepticism about me, I am glad to find facts in nature that support Christianity. To my mind what we claim the Holy Spirit does in directing human conduct is most aptly illustrated in hypnotism, the difference being in the extent and character of the power of the agents to effect results, one being the great Creator and the other the infinitesimally small thing created by him. In this comparison I do not intend to belittle man. Compared with God he is little better than nothing; it is true; but in him there is a power unmeasured, unknown, of which we as yet have only a glimpse. The hypnotist, out of the sound of the voice, beyond the reach of the eye, with no possible connection, is able by his mere will to communicate with his subject, and what he wills is that subject's law. Where is there a mystery greater than this? That he instigated the simplest motions of the body is immaterial. The fact that such a power is in man's soul is the mystery.

San Marcos, Texas.

THE BEST GIFTS.

God's best gifts often come to us under such disguises that we fail to recognize them as gifts, but only look upon them as misfortunes. A disappointment, a sorrow, a trial, a cross, a temptation, a withholding of some much desired object, are very often the best gifts that God can possibly give us. His will is to perfect us in Him, to impart to us His nature and He will accomplish His purposes in the best way for us. If when the disappointment or trial or temptation comes we realize that in this God is answering our prayer to give us His best gifts, what peace, what fulness of joy, what delight we will find in following the paths that cross our wills. May we covet earnestly the best gifts from God, but desire just as earnestly to receive them in His way.—Emily Gardiner.

Keep the altar of private prayer burning. This is the very life of all piety. The sanctuary and family altars borrow their fires here, therefore let this burn well. Secret devotion is the very essence and barometer of vital experimental religion.—Spurgeon.

Secular News Items.

It has been definitely decided that King Edward will not open Parliament.

Gen. Louis M. Stowe of Iowa has been made Secretary of the Treasury, to succeed George A. Gage.

United States Senator William J. Sewell died at his home at Camden, N. J., at 8:30 a. m. December 25, 1901.

Sir Joseph Noel Paton, the English painter, was sound dead in his bed at Edinburgh, December 28, 1901. He was born in 1821.

Jacques-Prudent Henri Poujol, aged 80, the publisher and former member of the Chamber of Deputies, died at Paris, December 25, 1901.

Edgar Simon Marley, the labor-historian who figured in the Simpson-Schley case, has been dismissed from his position of laborer in the Brooklyn navy yard.

Cpl. Douglass West died in San Francisco, Cal., last week. He was a Mexican War and Confederate veteran, 36 years of age, and served with distinction in both wars.

The Secretary of the Interior has approved the boundary maps of Marion, Leflore and Jefferson, I. T. Early apportionment of property in these towns is looked for.

A check for \$50, given by President Roosevelt in aid of the Washington Newsboys Home at a Banquet last week, was framed by the lady receiving it and sold at auction for \$60.

The Chamber of Deputies at Madrid adjourned without having adopted the bill for the payment of the customs duties on grain, coal oil, petroleum, dried fish and other specified products in gold.

Rear Admiral Francis Arbuthnot Lee, U. S. N., retired, died at Washington December 25. He was born in New York, and was placed on the retired list October 1, 1882, after thirty-four years of active service.

Capt. Richard P. Leary, United States Navy, died December 25 at Marine Hospital, Chelsea, Boston. Capt. Leary was the last Governor of Guam after that island came into the possession of the United States.

Former President Grover Cleveland has accepted the appointment to the industrial department of the National Civic Federation, created at the recent peace conference of business and charitable leaders held in New York.

Brig. Gen. Bell, commander of Northern Luzon, has issued an order making the purchase or drinking of "vino," a Filipino beverage, by soldiers and civilian employees a military offense.

At under R. Howell, chairman of the Illinois Auxiliary of the McKinley Memorial Association, reports that the monument fund for the State is fast approaching the \$5,000 mark. The total amount subscribed to date is \$20,000.

The civil ceremony of the marriage of United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew and Miss May Palmer took place at 2 p. m. Dec. 25, 1901, in the United States consulate at Nice, France. The lady being a Catholic there were also two religious ceremonies.

The War Department has received a telegram from Gen. Chaffee at Manila giving an account of the engagement near Dapitan, Samar, in which Company E, Ninth Infantry, lost seven men killed and a number wounded.

Miss Mary Millett Lee, a daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, visited the State Senate at Richmond, Va., recently, and was introduced, the Senate taking a recess of five minutes in order that the members might personally be present.

General George H. Stuart, Confederate Brigadier General, has just had returned to him by Mr. Abram Smith, of Long Beach, Cal., a Bible which he carried through the Civil War, and which the latter took from a Confederate of Lee's army.

Homing pigeons are to give way to wireless telegraphy at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The pigeons are to be sold and the department will commence at once a series of experiments with wireless telegraphy as a means of communication between warships.

When Prof. Andrew B. White, the American Ambassador at Berlin, was presented to the late Field Marshal Von Moltke as a man who had been born at Homer, had fought at Balaclava and a resident of Syracuse, the latter said: "I suppose I shall have to talk Greek to him."

In the introduction of pension bills the name of Representative H. C. Smith of Michigan heads all the rest. And why? Because Mr. Smith has no less than 2,700 pensioners in his district. He says that this number cannot be exceeded in any other Congressional district.

The War Department has been advised by cable from Manila of the surrender of the insurgent chieftain, Samson, at Mutasaron, with all officers and men, twenty-eight cannon and forty-five rifles. Mutasaron does not appear on any maps in the possession of the department, but

it is assumed that the surrenders took this opinion he has the support of the place in the Island of Bohol, as it was large majority of officers in the army, there that Samson has been operating with his followers, having crossed over from the scene of his depredations in the Island of Cebu.

C. C. Bangs, a friend of Kit Carson, a veteran of the Mexican War and a Colorado pioneer guide and Indian fighter, died at Atoma, Boulder County, Colo., December 25, 1891, aged 74 years, death being caused by an attack of the grip.

Mr. Bangs, came to Colorado from Missouri in 1859.

A tornado swept over Naples, Italy, December 25, 1901, causing considerable damage. A woman was killed and thirty-six persons injured. Many buildings in the surrounding country were demolished and a considerable amount of railroad property destroyed. The troops were called upon to assist in clearing away the debris.

Mrs. Eliza Pinkham, the oldest woman in Maine, died at Millbridge December 28. She was born January 1, 1788. Although she had never been away from Washington County, she was born in Massachusetts; her birth antedating by nearly a quarter of a century the setting off of the province of Maine. She was married in 1809.

M. Hamard, the sculptor, has just completed at Paris, France, the model of a statue of the French Marshal, Richepanse, to be presented to Washington, D. C., as a companion to the statue of Lafayette. The work of casting the bronze will be commenced this week. It is hoped the finished statue will be ready to send to the United States next April.

At Memphis, Tenn., December 25, the steamer Sun, employed in the Memphis and Fulton trade, burned to the water's edge at an early hour and four lives were lost. The dead: D. N. Rainor, Old River, Ark.; Mrs. D. N. Rainor, Old River, Ark.; Mrs. G. M. Tombs, Richardson Landing, Tenn.; child of G. M. Tombs, three months old.

At Manila, December 25, 1901, it was publicly announced that the ratio for the first quarter of 1902 will be \$2.10 Mexican silver to one American gold dollar. Gen. Wright, Acting Civil Governor, says that though unsatisfactory this is the only solution of the matter the Philippine Commission thought possible. He hopes for early action by Congress on this subject.

Ex-Congressman Thomas B. Reed, in a speech at the St. Nicholas Society's banquet in New York, asked his hearers to honor that handful of Dutchmen who are holding at bay the warriors of the proudest nation of the modern world." This is the nearest to an expression of opinion on the Boer war that Mr. Reed has ever given.

The Italian Government has been renewing its efforts of late with the authorities in Washington to have our Federal statutes so extended as to protect foreigners in cases arising within the jurisdiction of States, thus giving a Federal remedy for lynchings and like affrays directed against Italians, such as have occurred in Louisiana, Colorado and Mississippi.

The exactions on tourists arriving at the port of New York will, it is said, be made more stringent, and tourists arriving in this country will be called upon in future to pay full duty on all extra wearing apparel, as well as on everything else not on the free list. In other words, according to a customs official, "tourists will not be favored at the expense of importers."

Representative Chas. Curtis, of Kansas, who is always returned by his constituents, has Indian blood in his veins and is proud of it. No Indian who visits the great father at the White House feels satisfied unless he has seen and talked with Representative Curtis. They regard him as one of the guardian angels of the Indians in Congress, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A landslide on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad near Hensons Station, five miles west of Lynchburg, Va., on the James River branch, December 25, caused a wreck in which the engineer, conductor and brakeman of a passenger train were killed and several other persons injured, but none of them seriously. The accident occurred between 7 and 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

When Peking was invaded by the troops of the foreign powers last year an old gun carriage was taken by some of the soldiers as a rifle. It was of mahogany and was found on the walls of Peking. Pieces of the wood came into Secretary Root's possession and he had the pieces turned into walking canes. He has presented one to the President and one to each member of the Cabinet.

While officially discrediting reports of differences between Gov. Taft and Maj. Gen. Chaffee, unofficial admission is made at the War Department at Washington that they entertain opposite opinions concerning affairs in the Philippines. Gen. Chaffee has made it clear to the officials that he believes there should be less civil and more military government in Luzon and elsewhere in the archipelago, and in

the beginning of the nineteenth century was the headquarters of the municipality of Amsterdam. Louis Bonaparte, when King of Holland, established his residence there, and it has ever since remained the Amsterdam shade of the sovereign of The Netherlands. It is, however, rarely occupied by the Queen.

China will be relieved of the payment of \$15,000,000 of the \$25,000,000 demanded by the United States of China as indemnity for the outrages perpetrated upon Americans during the Boxer revolt of 1900.

This action will be taken because the Administration, after consideration of all the claims filed by Americans who suffered injury or whose property was damaged, and the expenses incurred by the army and navy, has come to the conclusion that \$10,000,000 will certainly cover the American part. President Roosevelt submitted to Congress a few days ago a recommendation that an appropriation of \$2,000,000 be made to enable the satisfaction of claims received from Americans.

A statement exhibiting the extent of the cotton manufacturing industry of the United States for the year 1900, as compared with 1890, has been issued by the United States Steel Corporation, as formerly proposed, but will be in a form expected to be generally satisfactory. The gift is likely to be in cash or in securities drawing annual interest.

The one hundred and fifteenth anniversary of the battle of Trenton was elaborately celebrated at Trenton, N. J., December 25, 1901. The forces of Gen. Washington, Gen. Sullivan and the Hessians for more than an hour occupied the streets and covered the ground that was gone over in the original battle. A realistic picture of the encounter was presented, except the suffering which the American forces underwent because of the cold weather and the insufficiency of clothing.

There is a growing impression in Congressional circles at Washington that the present session of Congress will witness a movement looking to the Government ownership of telegraphs. Many Democrats and Republicans are regarding the proposition with favor. Senator Mason, chairman of the Senate Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, is heartily in favor of the scheme and believes that the matter will come up for consideration during the present session of Congress.

The steamer Bruce, with Sig. Marconi on board, arrived at North Sydney December 25. Marconi was met by Government officials. He thinks it probable that a spot in Cape Breton will be selected for a permanent station and says that the point chosen must be from 10 to 20 feet above the sea line. When asked as to the present stage of his experiment in telegraphing across the Atlantic, Marconi said that up to the present only one letter continuously repeated had been received.

Henry C. Payne, the new Postmaster General, began his business career as a clerk in the dry goods store of Sherwin, Nowell & Pratt, of Milwaukee. When the firm dissolved he became a member of the company that succeeded to its business. After several years, ill fortune compelled a suspension, and Mr. Payne went into politics. He became postmaster of Milwaukee, and subsequently obtained control of the street car and electric light franchises, out of which he has made a fortune.

News was received at Colon, Colombia, December 27, 1901, that Gen. Marin, the Colombian revolutionary leader, attacked Honda, on the Magdalena River, December 19, with 1,200 men. The garrison, consisting of 40 men, fought from 4 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. At 8 a. m. the garrison received reinforcements numbering 200 men.

The battle started on the outskirts of the city and ended at Caracol, nine miles from Honda. Bayonets and machetes were used. The Government forces were victorious. Four hundred men were killed during the battle.

Great Britain's iron trade seems to be on the down grade, according to a London correspondent. The production of pig iron in 1901 is estimated at about 2,000,000 tons, as compared with 2,100,000 tons in 1890 and 2,250,000 tons in 1889. Although the production of steel should come nearly up to the standard of 1890, when it totaled 1,200,000 tons of ingots of all kinds, a majority of them were captured. Eight were executed at Atlanta as spies, six were exchanged and eight escaped from Libby Prison. The object of the raid was to burn the bridges and cut off the confederate Army from its base of supplies.

The following dispatch has been received at London from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, December 28: "Gen. Rundle reports that on the night of December 23 Col. Firman's Camp at Zeefontein, consisting of three companies of cavalry and two guns, was successfully rushed by a strong command under Dewet. It is feared the casualties were heavy. Two regiments of light horse are pursuing the Boers." Boer resistance has always been very strong in that part of the Orange River Colony, which was the scene of Gen. Dewet's Christmas coup. A great quadrangle of blockhouses is being built there, the four points of which are Vereenig, Volksrust, Harrismith and Kroonstadt. At the southeast corner of this quadrangle is a long open space for Bethlehem to Lindley, where the square of blockhouses is still incomplete, and here Dewet made his attack. Col. Firman's force probably amounted to 400

men, and the disaster, especially the loss of the guns, the possession of which may enable Dewet successfully to attack the blockhouses, creates a disturbing impression. The War Office has received a dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, December 28, saying that the British prisoners captured when the Boers successfully rushed Col. Firman's camp at Zeefontein on December 21 have been liberated and returned to Bethlehem.

Argentina and Chile both have been endeavoring to buy warships in the United States in anticipation of a possible war. Their efforts, however, have resulted in failure. It has been reported that Chile succeeded in buying the new Russian cruiser Retzian, which the Cramps have just completed. This is denied by the Cramps, and the Russian Minister said that he did not believe that his Government would be willing to part with any of its ships, especially such a good one as the Retzian. Secretary of State Hay has informed both Senor Infante and Senor Merino, Ministers respectively of Argentina and Chile, that the United States will not part with any of its battleships, cruisers or torpedo boats or destroyers, nor will it permit vessels which are being built for the United States to be sold. Both of the South American countries are negotiating for submarine boats, but the great difficulty is in getting these boats to the Southern continent. It is not believed that it would be possible.

The London Daily News of December 25, in an editorial discussing William T. Stead's pamphlet on the "Americanization of the world," admits that Mr. Gladstone's prophecy that the United States would replace Great Britain as the premier commercial nation has been on the whole realized, but it declares it to be utterly impossible that Great Britain, as suggested by Mr. Stead, could ever enter an American union except after a series of disasters rendering separate resistance impossible. The paper considers any kind of Anglo-American federation equally unlikely, owing to the Briton's intractable nature. It confesses the enormous influence which the United States wields over the British colonies and that a majority of Irishmen would vote for federation with the United States. The article says it would be interesting to see what might happen if the United States should offer to Jamaica, Canada or even Australia the immense bribe of admission of reciprocal terms to their vast and ever-extending markets.

A race skirmish between whites and blacks in Harlem, New York, December 25, developed serious proportions and kept the police busy for a time. The negroes, 90 strong, were armed with revolvers and clubs, while equally as many whites used stones as weapons. The negroes had the advantage, but were driven back into their tenements by the police after they had charged on the whites with pistols and razors. Fifteen negroes were arrested. Four whites, including a policeman, were badly shot or cut. The rioting began when some white boys stoned two colored girls, whereupon a dozen negroes seized the white boys and beat them. The boys, when released, told their story to white men in the vicinity and an organized attack was made on the negroes, who were driven back to their tenements under a shower of stones. The confusion increased when the white men began to bombard the tenements with stones and other missiles and the negroes fired from their windows into the crowd. The whites, surprised by the shooting and seeing men fall wounded, turned and ran, followed by the negroes, who used knives and clubs freely. At this point a squad of policemen arrived on the scene and with drawn clubs stopped the rioting, chasing the negroes into their houses.

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REAGAN

The Home Circle.

A CHANCE FOR ALL.

By Dr. John T. Sawyer.
Another year has gone to rest.
Another now is born.
Another sun has kissed the West.
Another breaks the morn.

Another guest has left the hall.
Another now is here.
Another face and form pale.
An other infant born.

Another silver lock for each.
Another baby's birth.
Another gem beyond our reach.
Another goodly pearl.

Another rose by sides laid.
Another spark alive.
Another name registered in shade.
Another word to strike.

Another patient all complete.
Another last begun.
Another torn and blotted sheet.
Another rule unspun.

Another statue, clod freed.
Another in the blow.
Another crushed and broken reed.
Another growing stalk.

Another ship all safe in port.
Another setting sail.
Another helpless, comended host.
Another birth's ball.

Another burial service said.
Another belated call.
Another year forever fled.
Another chance for all.
January 1, 1902.

CHASED BY THE YANKEES.

By the Editor.

It was towards the close of the Civil War, and in one of the counties of East Tennessee, that the incident about which I am now writing occurred. At the time I was only 15 years of age, and I was, therefore, not old enough to be in the active service. However, I had seen a good deal of war life; for first one army and then the other had occupied that portion of the State for more than a year. In the temporary absence of either army, scouting parties were constantly passing to and fro. Under the circumstances it was a very difficult matter to keep anything to eat or any stock on the farm. Most everything that could be used was pressed into service by one side or the other. Horses, mules and cattle all shared the same fate.

When the war closed we had but little left with which to begin life anew. Up to this time it so happened that we had managed to keep one horse and a mule by hiding them out in the hills and feeding them by night. This duty devolved upon me and John, an old colored man of unmixed blood. During the two years preceding, we had run many narrow risks in secreting and caring for our charge. There was a kind of suspicion among both the Confederate and the Federal scouts that we had some stock in hiding, and whenever they passed our way they kept their eyes open, and they usually made some inquiry about horses and mules. A cavalryman in that day had an eye for a good horse.

Our horse was a particularly fine one. He was sixteen hands high, coal black, well formed, and in good condition. The mule was almost as large, full of flesh and a bright iron-gray. He was every inch a mule, and he was the pride of my boyish heart.

One drizzly morning in early March, while it was yet dark, John and myself slipped out of bed, gathered up a basket of corn and made our way, some two miles, out into a deep gorge among the hills, to feed and water our stock. When we arrived at the place, we saw that our supply of hay was exhausted, and as a regiment of infantry with some baggage wagons had camped at our barn a few days before and left some hay, we concluded to ride in and take back a quantity of it for our own use. We supposed that we could make the trip before daylight dawned upon us. John mounted the horse and I the mule, and we were soon at the barn, tying up some large bundles of good hay. But we had not properly reckoned our time, for, despite our hurry, the dawn was actually upon us.

Just above where we lived the beautiful French Broad River made a grace-

ful bend, and by the aid of one of the branches of the Pigeon, formed a sort of horse-shoe. Our house was situated so to speak, between the corks of the shoe, with the hills in the rear, and the barn down in front some three hundred yards. The public road ran in front of the house, curving gradually around the barn, on either side of which were the orchard and a large truck patch, heavily fenced all round the road. Stretching down from the barn to the river was a dead level bottom, one mile wide.

We had just flung our bundles of hay across the backs of the animals and mounted, when John looked across the truck patch to the road, and, with his big white eyes shining like new moons in his black face, he exclaimed in a suppressed voice, "Lawdy messy, look yonder at dem Yankees; dese critters is sho gone now." Sure enough, there they were, about twenty in number, with their bright blue uniforms and carbines ready for business. We knew there were more of them not far off. They saw us about the same time we saw them. It was a critical moment. We had but one of two ways of escape, unless we simply should stand still and let them get the stock. The hills were only a few hundred yards away, and if we could make a dash and reach them we were all right; but the blue-coats were headed for the gate through which we had to pass. They would get us, certain, if we made that attempt.

Well, just as my mule made his plunge I saw John going out at the opposite side of the stream. This was the last seen or heard of him for three days. But early on the fourth morning he came down the hill from the direction of our old hiding place, and as he peeped into the kitchen he said, "Is dem Yankees gone?" Da sho did skeer d* here nigger outen a year's grot. But da didn't git de critters."

When the war closed and the last straggling soldier had passed our way,

old John and myself brought from the woods, harnessed up and hitched to the big turning plow the finest horse

and the biggest mule in that country.

We saved that much from the wreck of war.

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE BOOK.

"I once met a thoughtful scholar," says Bishop Whipple, "who told me that for years he had read every book he could which assailed the religion of Jesus Christ, and he said he should have become an infidel but for free things."

"First—I am a man. I am going somewhere. To-night I am a day nearer the grave than I was last night. They shed not one solitary ray of hope or light upon the darkness. They shall not take away the guide, and leave me stone blind."

"Second—I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going and she leaned upon an Unseen Arm as easily as a child goes to sleep on the breast of its mother. I know that was not a dream."

"Third—I have three motherless daughters—and he said it with tears in his eyes. 'They have no protector but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world if you shot out from it all the teachings of the gospel!'"

Perhaps there are other persons who would do well to think of these three things. Infidels think they can destroy the Bible. What of it? Many good things have been destroyed. A child can smash a crystal vase, which all the power of men could never restore. An incendiary can, with a match that does not cost a hundredth part of a penny, burn down a palace on which thousands of men have toiled for years. A slanderer can smite a spotless name with stains that may never be effaced, but what is gained by such exploits? Infidels have vainly tried for ages to destroy the Bible and Christianity. They have not succeeded. Suppose they now give us a rest, and go to work and produce some better book and some better religion.

—Armory.

THE BUMBLE-BEE.

I tried to pu' it out.

Silly was no word for it. It was the most stupid, idiotic, senseless drame of a bumble-bee I ever saw.

You see, it had got into my bedroom, and a bed-room is not the proper habitat of a bumble-bee, so I tried to eject him. I opened the window, and shooed him toward it. Naturally he flew in the opposite direction. I cornered him, and then the question arose, what did I want of him in a corner? So I flitted a handkerchief at him. Then he went under the bed. Of all places in the room, that was probably the worst place for a bumble-bee—from my standpoint; therefore I used a broom, and the bumble-bee flew out and went behind a picture. A vicious



GIRLS PASSING INTO WOMANHOOD

require a mother's most careful watching least these delicate organs of the sex become weakened and irregular in their action. Very many of the pains and miseries of woman's later life could be easily prevented by proper care at this early period when the menstrual functions are just beginning. G. F. P. taken at this time will enable Nature to start the budding woman with an abundance of health, every organ performing its functions regularly and painlessly.

Had Mrs. DAISY SHAW, of Lula, Miss., taken G. F. P. when she was developing into womanhood much of her suffering could have been averted. She writes as follows:

"I was six for a year with female complaints. The doctors did me no good and my husband and parents thought I was so poor and thin and look'd so bad that my friends all said I could not recover. I began a course of G. F. P. treatment, have taken eight bottles, and they have entirely cured me. I am doing all my housework and haven't a sign of ache or pain. I wish every suffering woman could have G. F. P., for it is an ideal remedy for female ailments."

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dab at the picture frame, and the bee buzzed violently around the chandelier.

Now was my chance. I shooed him toward the window again. This time he hit the mark nearer (if he had any mark). He lighted in the folds of the lace curtain.

Instantly he became a wild and furying bee—a completely demoralized insect. The more he fought with the lace curtain, the deeper he drove himself into its meshes. His frantic plunges became pathetic and I gingerly straightened out the folds, expecting nothing more than that the blundering thing would sting me. But no, he clung in desperation to the curtain, with the open window only a few inches away.

Then I got a towel, and I tried to catch him. He did what I had expected—flew directly away into the middle of the room, around and around, barking with anger. So I too waxed indignant. I clutched my towel, and I made a charge. Striking out fiercely several times, at length I hit Sir Bumble-Bee and dashed him to the floor. There he lay stunned and despairing. Quickly I pinched him up in my towel and shook it out of the window, and a very much surprised insect buzzed away on the summer air.

"Well, isn't that a paradise?" thought I, turning away—a fit paradise for the fashion we mortals have when we get where we should not be—where indeed, we can not be and live, and when our Heavenly Father tries to drive us out into the freshness, and the fragrance, and the food, with what stupidity we flutter and tumble, how frantically we dash ourselves against the walls, how terrified we are when God's hand closes gently around us, how we shriek when his merciful Providence strikes us down, and how astonished we are when, after all this turmoil of body and spirit, we find ourselves once more in the Garden of Delights!"—Caleb Cobweb, in the Christian Endeavor World.

"Well, isn't she a baby, Mrs. Martin?" said May, laughing.

"Don't ask me, May," said Alice's mamma. "Perhaps she can tell you."

Alice had gone in the large closet for her workbox, but she heard what her mamma had said. When she came out she answered May's question as she stopped to pick up some pieces of pretty calico.

"I guess I am, but I'm tired of it now, and want to be a big girl, so's I can work and read with you."—New York Observer.

WHAT "BCBS" NEVER DOES.

Never smokes. Never has patience with those who drink to excess. Never uses an oath. Never parades his piety. Never forces it on those around him. Never forgets a name or face. Never passes a comrade. Never forgets to thank those who serve him. Never omits to return a salute, and never, by any chance, neglects to give praise where praise is due.

A STUPID DAY.

"O what a stupid day!" sighed Alice, going to the window to look out. The rain pattered down on the sill and splashed from the morning glory vine which twined up the blind outside on to the window-pane, and ran in little rivulets down and out of sight. "I wish I could go out. I want something to amuse me," and she drummed on the window noisy, forgetting that mamma, who sat sewing, had a headache.

"Why don't you practice a little?" suggested mother. "I have hardly heard you play your new piece. Not this week, anyway."

"I don't want to," was Alice's answer, looking up on the wet street.

"Have you finished reading the St. Nicholas?"

"I am tired of reading."

"Weren't you and May making patchwork together? Don't you suppose she is working this afternoon?"

"I don't know. I don't want to see," and the selfish little girl wandered around the room, with a frown on her face, pulling at the plants, teasing the canary, who looked very much surprised at his little mistress this afternoon, and behaving as no one likes to see a daughter behave. And Alice's mamma was very unhappy.

"Here is your skirt done," she said presently, as cheerfully as she could. "Don't you want to pull the hems out? I must stop now."

"No, mamma, I said I didn't want to sew. I want to go out."

At that moment there was rumble of wheels at the porch, and then the half door opened, and a bright little

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If all who hate would love us,
And all our loves were true,
The stars that swing above us
Would brighten in the blue;
If cruel words were kisses,
And every scowl a smile,
A better world than this is
Would hardly be worth while,
If purses would not tighten
To meet a brother's need,
The load we bear would lighten
Above the grave of need.

If those who whine would whistle,
And those who languish laugh,
The rose would rout the thistle,
The grain outrun the chaff;
If hearts were only jolly,
If grieving were forgot,
And tears and melancholy
Were things that now are not;
Then love would kneel to duty,
And all the world would seem
A bridal bower of beauty.
A dream within a dream.

If men would cease to worry,
And women cease to sigh,
And all be glad to bury
Whatever has to die;
If neighbor spake to neighbor
As love demands of all,
The rust would eat the sabay,
The spear stay on the wall;
Then every day would glisten,
And every eye would shine,
And God would pause to listen,
And life would be divine.

—James N. Matthews.

A MAN OF A THOUSAND.

Nathaniel Rucker was born in McMinn County, Tenn., about the year 1828. His father owned a good farm, and to increase his store of worldly goods he erected on his place a distillery, where he made apple and peach brandy, and changed the God-given wheat, rye and corn into whiskey to curse men's and women's lives and send souls to hell. Aside from being a distiller there was no charge against Mr. Rucker. He was regarded as honest in the sight of the world. Young Rucker was fortunate in having a truly religious, devoted Christian mother. No doubt it was due to her prayers and teaching that he professed religion early in life, joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and became an active member of the same.

Mr. Rucker being a man of means sent his son, Nathaniel, to what is now known as Hiwassee College in Monroe County, Tenn.

Nathaniel was not a prepossessing looking young man; scarcely medium in size, of a light complexion and of delicate constitution and almost bald-headed. There was intellectuality in his eye and magnetism in his being that won him many friends wherever he went. Studious to a fault he made sure and steady progress in school. Vacation time came, and in May, 1847, Nathaniel returned home. Father needed him and mother's heart had hungered for her boy's presence as only a mother's heart can. He was if possible more devoted to religion than before, and announced his intention to preach the gospel. The next morning after his return home his father said, "Nathaniel, yoke up the oxen and hitch them to the wagon. We need wood at the still house and you can haul some to-day." Nathaniel replied:

"Father, I can't haul wood to the still house without violating my church vows and my conscience. I don't think you ought to ask me to do what my conscience and my religion tell me is wrong." His father said: "You are not twenty-one years old yet, and I have a right to control you and your labor during your minority. If there is wrong done it will rest on me and you will not be to blame." Still Nathaniel objected and still his father insisted, nor would he accept other work instead.

Seeing his father was inflexible, Nathaniel resolved to carry out a desperate idea.

"Father," said he, "I have some important business at Athens to-day. Let me go and to-morrow will be soon enough to haul wood to the still house."

After some hesitation his father consented and Nathaniel set out for Athens, some eight miles distant.

At that time Capt. Pierce B. Anderson was at Athens enlisting a company of regular U. S. Soldiers for the Mexican war. To him our brave young hero went and was immediately enlisted as a soldier. He was allowed in addition to his wages a new suit of clothes, thirty silver dollars and a land warrant at the end of the service. He drew his bounty of thirty dollars, arrayed himself in his soldier's uniform, was given a furlough for one day, and returned home to tell his good old mother farewell. Of course the father was furious and the dear mother broken-hearted, but deep in that breaking heart there was a note of thanksgiving that her noble son would rather die than do wrong.

Next morning what a scene. The

father stern and cold, the mother with pale face and red swollen eyes, that proclaimed a sleepless night; Nathaniel looking trailer than usual, yet with firm set lips; they meet around the family board for the last time, poor mother, she has prepared the choicest breakfast for her precious boy. How she begs him to eat and passes him the golden butter, the hot biscuits and peach preserves again and again. Soon the breakfast is over and Nathaniel with a bundle of warm shirts, socks, etc., prepared by mother's hands, is ready to go. How she clings to his neck, weeping as if her heart would break. He murmurs "God bless you, mother," and her last words to him are: "The Lord be with you, my dear Nathaniel," and he is gone. He would not let mother see him cry, but when he reached the top of the hill where he must take his last look at the old home, he sat down and howling his head in his hand he wept bitterly. But with a prayer to God for strength, he arose and passed on to his destination.

Capt. Anderson having been informed of the circumstances under which he enlisted, kindly gave him the appointment of Color Sergeant. His duty was to carry the flag for Co. B, 10th U. S. Infantry, commanded by Col. Trowdsdale, afterward Governor of Tennessee. The company was soon complete and marched to the nearest point on the Tennessee River, where they embarked and were transported to New Orleans from thence across the Gulf of Mexico to Vera Cruz, Mex. On arriving they immediately took up their march and Col. Trowdsdale reported to Gen. Winfield Scott, then on his way to the City of Mexico. The regiment was active in many of the battles of the Mexican war.

From the first Nathaniel Rucker was alert, watching for opportunity to do some Christian duty. Observing this and being impressed by his nobility and high Christian character Capt. Anderson gave every opportunity possible to visit the hospital, to talk, read and pray with the sick and wounded soldiers. He kept this up during the entire war, comforting the dying and preaching to the soldiers.

Sergeant Rucker carried the flag of his country with honor, and the banner of King Immanuel was held aloft by his pure and zealous life. Everybody seemed to love him. Plain in dress, unassuming in manner, he was diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, seeking every opportunity to lead his fellow soldiers to Christ.

But as he carried the red, white and blue through the fire and roar of many battles, the hardships of soldier life began to tell on his delicate constitution, and soon after the occupation of the city of Mexico by the U. S. Army young Rucker fell sick.

The few comforts of camp life were brought to his assistance, and all that was in the power of men and surgeons was done for his relief. But the flush of health refused to come back to the pallid cheeks. In a strange city and a strange land with stranger customs, in a trying climate, surrounded with the noise and discomforts of war this more than hero lay dying.

Many a soldier boy came to his tent and bent lovingly over Nathaniel's cot and pressed his hand in kindly sympathy. To each he gave the parting benediction "Stand firm, and be thou faithful unto death." His last message to his mother was tender and touching. "Tell mother, God bless her. I love her; tell her I died for my religion. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life which the righteous Judge shall give me at his appearing." Clasping his hands above his heart with eyes turned heavenward, as if they peered beyond the vale he exclaimed, "Bright light! High heaven!" And his pure soul took its flight to the God who gave it.

So ended this beautiful life. Thus died one of God's noblemen. They buried him in the City of Mexico in the year 1847. No mother's tears watered the sod above his sacred dust, no sister's hand placed flowers on his grave, but the angels watch over his last resting place. Mother has long since joined him, and his father has gone to his reward.

This is a true story and is vouched for by witnesses still living. It was told to me by one who was a schoolmate of young Rucker's at Hiwassee College. May it be retold to the generations to come, and may others be strengthened and encouraged. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

May you, my friend, have fixed principles and be able to stand firm as did Nathaniel Rucker, who was "one of a thousand." Sonnie Baldwin Dickey.

It is not hard to let your moderation be known to all men so far as the virtues concerned.—Ram's Horn

Next morning what a scene. The

MARVELOUS POWER OF LOVE.

times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."—Acts 3:19.

The important word here is one which I think has escaped the commentators; it is the little word "from." What the writer wants is not merely a refreshing sense of Christ's presence, it is that Christ's presence may be a center of radiation—may refresh unsatisfying things. What the writer desires is the imparting of a vicarious glory to things not naturally glorious. Do you know anything which can do that? Do you know anything that can impinge its own righteousness to everything else? I know of only one such influence; it is the power of a loved presence. Love has not only a beauty of its own, but a power of beautifying other objects, of refreshing unsatisfying things. Love impinges to all things its own righteousness. When I am refreshed by the sense that a loved presence is near, the world is refreshed along with me. Nature and I sing together. Not only her great things sing; her meanest products are glorified. The mosses, the lichens, the grasses, the common turf beneath my feet, are afire and ablaze with thoughts unspeakable. With a loved presence by my side the long way is made short, the muddy way is made clean. Yesterday I walked along the road and found it interminable; today a presence is by my side and the journey is too brief. Yesterday I stumbled at the drenching rain, to-day it is pouring faster, but I am going to the presence of the loved, and I say, "It is but a little shower."

Jesus, Lover of my soul, I ask of Thee more than Thy hemispherical asked. It is not enough for me to fly to Thy bosom to hide there from the rolling waters. I should like the rolling waters to be made musical by Thy presence. It is not enough that I should nestle close to Thy beauty. I should like Thy beauty to radiate to the things around me. I often ask the importation of Thy righteousness to myself and it is well. But I want more than that. From Thee, my Christ, I want Thy righteousness imparted to many things from which I flee—to all but sin. I want my love for Thee to glorify my world. May Thy presence brighten my environment! Send me love's vicarious joy! Let my gladness concerning Thee put me in spirits all round! From Thy presence may all presences be refreshed! Give the sun a new lustre, the stars a new glow, the flowers a new glow. Light the proctic days, the common ways! Illuminate the household drudgery; gild the daily toil. Through every act of mine may Thy love-song be ringing! Through every sight of mine may Thy presence be winging! Through every walk of mine may Thy fountain be springing! Through every night of mine may Thy dear voice be singing! So shall I be refreshed "from the presence of the Lord."—Rev. Geo. Matheson, in Christian World (London).



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A Cheap Trip.

The Central Mexican Mission Conference will meet in our beautiful new church in the City of Mexico, Thursday morning, February 6, 1902. Bishop Granbury presiding. It is proposed to make up a party of Texas preachers and leading laymen and visit that city and country during the sitting of the above conference. It requires twenty names to secure special rates and a special sleeper. If that number can be secured, a rate of not over \$22.50 can be had for the round trip, and a special sleeper from Dallas through to the City of Mexico without change. The sleeping car fare will be about \$6.00 for a double berth, Dallas to the City of Mexico one way, going. It is the purpose of the party to go down in a body without stopovers, and the individual members return at their pleasure. The tickets will be good for at least thirty days, giving one all the time desired. A two weeks' trip on basis of above railroad rates will cost \$200 to \$2000. Living in the City of Mexico is not expensive, and our preachers there will contribute much to the pleasure of the party by advance arrangements. They would be much encouraged to see a large party of Texas Methodists. Dr. G. C. Rankin expects to make one of the party and will write his observations for the Advocate. L. Blaylock, publisher of the Advocate, and W. C. Everett, manager of the Publishing House, expect to join the party also. Either of these will cheerfully answer all questions about the trip. The party must be fully made up before January 20 to insure success. If you are interested, write at once.

BRO. MULKEY'S ENVELOPES.

Some weeks prior to the dedication of the Methodist Orphanage, Rev. Abe Mulkey sent out thousands of envelopes to the friends of orphan children, asking them to enclose therein as many cents as they were years old and return the same to him, the contents to be used in perfecting the water supply at the Orphanage. He wrote us the 22d inst. that to date he had received through the envelopes \$625, but also added that he had not yet received the half of the envelopes sent out. Well, this is a very good sum, but it ought to be increased to three times the amount. Therefore, let everybody mail him a dollar, or fifty cents, or a quarter, at once, and thereby help him to finish this needed work.

THE DEDICATION OF OUR ORPHANAGE AT WACO

All the Methodist people of Waco met in the auditorium last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at which time Bishop Key preached the dedicatory sermon. The morning was bright and pleasant, and a great audience greeted the Bishop. Everybody was in a receptive mood. The Bishop was in fine trim, never looking better.

Before Bishop Key began his sermon, Bro. Hutchins stepped forward and said that he wanted the congregation to sing the long-meter Doxology, which they did with telling effect. The Bishop then announced hymn 392, and read it with much force. This hymn was sung by the great congregation in a very thrilling manner. The prayer of Bishop Key was full of spirituality and power. We give here a brief synopsis of this fervent prayer:

"Almighty God, we are here in thy holy presence this Sabbath morning and we thank thee for thy tender mercy and loving kindness. We have met here to worship in thy holy name. Thou art the God of all grace, all comfort, and all consolation; and our congregation belongs to thee and to none else. We bring gratitude, praise and love to thee this day. O Lord of hosts, the heavens can not contain thee, for thou dost fill all things. O God, great and mighty, do thou put the impress of thy Spirit upon us and fill us with heavenly benediction. We confess that we are very unworthy of thy mercies and blessings. Give us a hungering after heart-purity. We pray for heavenly-mindedness. Bless all institutions that have for their end and aim the glory of God. O God, with thou bless these orphans and all those who have them in charge. We ask these things in the name of our Lord, Amen."

After the Bishop's prayer a quartet was sung, which was very tender and melting. When this song was ended, the Bishop read the twenty-eighth chapter of I Samuel, after which Bro. Vaughan announced that the formal dedication of the Orphanage would take place at 3 o'clock at the Orphanage. Then the children sang "I am a child of a King." Then Bro. Mulkey, ever having the interest of the orphans at heart, passed the envelopes through the audience for a thank-offering, which amount is to be applied to procure better water facilities for the Orphanage.

Bishop Key chose for his text the fourteenth verse of the fourteenth chapter of Job: "If a man die, shall he live again?" We give a few of the Bishop's wise sayings:

"This is your question. What is to become of my wife, my children, my friends? Surely there is no question that can be compared with this. The Hindoo philosophy is perfectly worthless on the great question of the immortality of man's soul, for it is lost in an endless chain of questioning. Knowledge is what we want, and this can only be found in God's Holy Word."

The Bishop gave a complete refutation of the argument of the agnostics, comparing them to the ostrich, which puts its head in the sand and thinks it is safe, as the agnostics bury themselves in the fogs and sands of agnosticism and think that they actually think. The idea of annihilation is utterly intolerable and materialism is an insult to the better thought of the age. "I am here to-day because I believe in the immortality of the soul of man. These little boys and girls shall meet their loved ones in the radiant fields of glory."

This is but a part of the fine sermon preached by Bishop Key. When the Bishop concluded his sermon the children sang "Standing on the promises of God, my Savior." After this song the Bishop pronounced the benediction, and thus ended a beautiful service.

The formal dedication took place at the Orphanage at 3 o'clock p. m. After Bro. Vaughan made a brief statement of the work committed to his hands, Bishop Key, in a resonant tone, started that grand old hymn, "How firm a foundation," which reverberated throughout the halls of the Orphanage. After this song, Bro. R. W. Thompson prayed a remarkable prayer—remarkable for its simplicity, depth and power. After the prayer, Mayor Riggins

delivered a telling address, and among other things he said:

"The great sum of human effort is made up of little things. When the human heart stoops down and lifts up the little orphan children, it is doing the noblest work of God. This Orphanage is the brightest jewel in the crown of Texas Methodism."

After the Mayor's address the children sang a beautiful song, called "The Building of Character." When this song was ended, Bro. L. L. Jester, of Tyler, "umbrellaed" Bro. and Sister Vaughan, whereupon Bro. Vaughan smiled and bowed, and Sister Vaughan was speechless.

Dr. Horace Bishop was introduced, and he made a most excellent speech, stating that Bishop Key first suggested the idea of our having an Orphanage.

Dr. Bishop said that when he introduced the resolution in the Northwest Texas Conference to establish an Orphanage, it was carried with the greatest rapidity, and he went on to state how Bro. Vaughan was chosen Manager, and how the Orphanage became the property of all the Texas Conferences.

Bro. Bolton, the presiding elder of the Waco District, was present, and being called on he made a very interesting talk.

The Bishop read the beautiful dedication service as contained in our Book of Discipline.

Abe Mulkey, the unique, then came forward and passed his envelopes around and realized therefrom a good collection. The good Bishop then pronounced the benediction, and thus closed a very impressive service.

NOTES.

Rev. R. W. Thompson and L. L. Jester, of the East Texas Conference; Dr. Horace Bishop and A. P. Duncan, of the Northwest Texas Conference, directors, were present.

Bro. Abe Mulkey and wife came several days before the dedication and mixed freely with the children of the Orphanage. The children enjoyed their presence very much, and they will always have a cordial welcome when they come to the Orphanage. On one of the corner-stones of the new building we find this very suggestive inscription: "Preached, Prayed and Sang Up by Rev. Abe Mulkey and Wife."

Bro. R. W. Thompson, one of the best men in Texas, will always meet with a warm reception by the children of the Orphanage, for he has been one of their best friends. We all love our venerable friend.

Dr. Horace Bishop dropped in on us, and made himself perfectly at home. The Doctor is in fine condition. We have never seen him look better. The Doctor is always happy, and carries a radiant glow on his face.

Bro. Vaughan carries a big smile on his face all the time, and is jolly and happy over his numerous family, consisting of 108 sons and daughters.

The Orphanage has strong friends and supporters in Bros. Bolton, Nelson, Hotchkiss, Ruffner and Miller, who are here on the ground and know the needs of it.

The Orphanage has a big place in the hearts of the citizens of Waco, who are always ready and willing to give it a helping hand.

Bishop Key is the perfection of physical manhood. His mind is alert, and his big heart bubbles over with love for his Church, its institutions, and all mankind. The appended clipping from the Waco Times-Herald will be a fitting close:

Last night the Auditorium was filled with people who came to hear Rev. Abe Mulkey. Not only was the downstairs filled, but nearly every seat in the gallery was occupied. It was a great meeting, and Mr. Mulkey was at his

best. Notwithstanding the fact that he preached nearly two hours, he held the closest attention of the large congregation, and his deep earnestness and his intangible manner of putting things had a deep impression and no one tired of hearing him.

After a hearty devotional service, Rev. Mulkey announced his subject, "Love Manifested," taking for his text Psalm 141, 12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?"

The sermon was one on giving, principally, but took rather a wide scope and touched right living duty to God and our fellow-men in many places. Mr. Mulkey has lost some of his pathos, earnestness or energy, and his sermon was given in his own peculiar manner that has moved thousands. He does not make any pretense.

At the conclusion of the service a large number of persons rose and asked for prayer, and the influence of the meeting seemed to touch every one.

In closing, an appeal was made for all to lend a helping hand toward the construction of a barn and waterworks at the Orphanage and for the persons present to see to it that the orphans all had a merry Christmas. The evangelist appointed W. J. Wigley and F. A. Winchell to see to the orphans for Christmas, and said that he knew those two men would do this.

A SUNDAY IN MARSHALL.

The new pastor, Brother Spain, was not able to reach his appointment at Marshall last Sunday, so I ran down there last Saturday and spent Sunday with them. The trip is 110 miles east of this city, over the T. & P. road. This is one of the best systems of railway in the State, and to travel over it is a pleasure. In passing Longview I glanced out at the window and just across the track of the L. & G. N. and saw the engine of the "High, Dry and Windy" switching its cars and making ready for a run to Timpson. The sight revived some memories, but the "Windy" is all right and the Advocate is her fast friend.

At the depot I was met by that staunch layman, Dr. G. M. Heartstill, and taken to the home of his wife's mother, Sister Garrett, where I was delightfully entertained. They are old-time Methodists of the very best type and hospitality is a grace that they have long practiced, and to abide with them is like being at home. Dr. Heartstill is one of my old Georgia friends whom I knew thirty years ago. We lived over old times and it was good to be with him. Of course I greatly missed that true and devoted layman, John R. Heartstill, who for so many years was one of the supports of Methodism in East Texas. But he has gone to a rich reward. I had the pleasure of visiting the home of Brother John G. Browning, who is a son of the late Rev. Wesley Browning, for nearly or quite half a century a member of the St. Louis Conference. He died in 1888, some 20 odd years of age. His venerable widow is now on a visit to her son and it was a benediction to meet her and listen to her talk. She was married to her husband in 1839, and of course she has seen Methodism grow into its present greatness. She is ripe for the kingdom of heaven. I met a great many of the members of the Church there and renewed pleasant acquaintances. On Sunday morning we had a good audience. The house was nearly filled, and we had a fine religious service. At night the congregation was even larger and we had a second spiritual meeting. The Church is in good condition. Brother Whitehurst and his good wife did two years of faithful work in that field, and they are well spoken of. One enterprise that they projected and nearly finished was the purchase of a splendid pipe organ. This is now on the road and will soon be in place. They have there about 400 members, and the congregation is growing. The church building is a historic one. It was built before the Civil War, a substantial and well preserved brick structure. The roof projects slightly in front and is supported by massive pillars. The interior is convenient and commodious. It will last for more than another generation and will con-

tinue to meet the demands of Methodism in the center of that good town. In 1866, Rev. Enoch Marvin was pastor of that Church, and while there he was elected to the office of Bishop by the General Conference, then sitting in New Orleans. Quite a number of people are still living in Marshall who were privileged to sit under his wonderful ministry, and they cherish it as a heritage.

Brother Spain, of the Alabama Conference, was transferred at its late session and stationed at this Church. He has arrived by this time and taken charge of his flock. He is said to be a fine preacher and a good pastor. His people were looking forward with pleasure and interest to his coming, and were preparing to give him a royal welcome. May he have large success in that excellent pastoral charge.

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REV. H. M. HAMILL, D. D.

When our General Sunday school Board employed Dr. Hamill to devote his time and talents to the great work of training the teachers and Bible workers in our Sunday school it took a long stride forward. He is peculiarly fitted for this great work. He is the son of a Southern Methodist preacher and claims Auburn, Ala., as his boyhood home. The last year of the war between the States, though but a mere boy, he donned a suit of gray and shouldered a musket and marched to the front. His dash and enthusiasm were manifest in the fact that in a few months he was engaged in more than twenty battles and skirmishes. A few years later found him a member of an M. E. conference in the North, where he did good work until called by the General Board into International Sunday school work. From this latter position he comes to us in the prime of life, ripe in experience and rich in equipment to do, as we believe, the greatest work of his life.

Dr. Hamill is happy in his return to the Church of his ascended father and of his boyhood home. He is now a member of the Tennessee Conference. Already he is stirring things, and the Church is beginning to realize something of the vastness of his possibilities, when the Sunday-school idea shall have been fully developed.

Dr. Hamill fully appreciates the great strength and future of Texas Methodism and is planning for a series of Sunday-school Institutes to be held at different strategical points in the State in the early spring. Fuller announcements of these meetings will be made from time to time.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Now is the time for good resolutions.

The man who can not profit by experience is a poor pupil.

You can not recall the past, but you can make good use of the future.

The old year may have had for us many sorrows, but it mixed with them many joys.

In the heart of the new year there are deposits of golden treasures if we will only dig for them.

The man with lofty ideals may not always reach them, but his efforts to do so will place him far in that direction.

Character is the outgrowth of education, and experience is one of the efficient schools in which it gets much of its best training.

The man who lives right before God and his fellows may suffer occasionally at the mouth of his traducers, but he will come out all right in the end.

The most successful way to control obstinate people is to manage them so adroitly as to leave them under the impression that they are following the dictates of their own judgment.

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. T. J. Duncan, of Ennis, made us a brotherly visit the other day.

Rev. W. H. Moss and wife, of Bardwell, made the Advocate a helpful visit this week.

Bro. J. M. Ramsey, one of our strong laymen at Cedar Hill, made us an agreeable visit recently.

We had a pleasant call the other day from Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., Secretary of Missions for the Northwest Texas Conference.

"Uncle Sebe" Crutchfield, pastor at Paradise, showed his good-natured face in the office last week. He is always a welcome visitor here.

Professors Peacock and Gearhart, of the Peacock Training School for boys at San Antonio, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week.

Bro. W. P. McKinnon, of San Antonio, passed through the city the other day on a visit to the home folks in Virginia, and made us a pleasant visit.

Rev. S. P. Ulrich and wife, of Cochran and Garth, cheered up our sanctum this week with a helpful visit. They are starting off well on their work.

We are pleased to have had a call from Rev. B. H. Webster and son Herman, of Wheatland, not long since. Bro. Webster is moving off well on his new work.

Rev. S. A. Richardson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, dropped in last week long enough to shake hands with us. There was the appearance of prosperity about him.

Rev. T. J. Milam, of the East Texas Conference, has had an attack of sickness which has kept him indoors since the session of the conference. He is now up again and at work.

We learn that Rev. J. M. Alexander, of West End, San Antonio, is starting off well with his charge. One of his members was in this office recently and spoke in high terms of his work.

Rev. I. J. Spence, of Yowell, and his son, who is a teacher in this county, called to see us last week. Bro. Spence has long been a useful local preacher in the Church, and he takes great interest in her welfare.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D., of Georgetown, was in the city on business the other day and gave us the benefit of his presence. He has had an attack of la grippe, but is about well again. His work is prosperous.

Our old friend and co-laborer, Rev. J. B. Sears, of the Texas Conference, was appointed by Bishop Wilson to the position of Secretary of Missions for that conference. He is an untiring worker and a fine organizer.

Rev. C. E. Gallagher and wife, of Rodgers, paid a visit to the home folks in Collin County last week and on their return spent a few hours in the city. Of course they made their presence delightful in this office.

Our old friend, J. J. Terrell, has announced himself a candidate for Land Commissioner at the next State election. He is a true man, and competent to discharge any duty that the people may see proper to place in his hands.

At the recent session of the North Texas Conference, Melissa, an appointment in the McKinney District, was left to be supplied. And we note that the presiding elder, Rev. F. A. Rosser, has appointed Rev. C. O. Jones, our local preacher at McKinney, to supply the charge. He is a fine preacher, and the work will prosper.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Baltimore-Richmond Advocate says: "The Rev. James A. Duncan is now a member of the Virginia Conference, and has a nominal sub-pastorate at Ashland. For domestic reasons he needed a furlough for a year." It is the understanding that he will take regular work next year in the Virginia Conference.

At the recent session of the Mississippi Conference, Dr. Barbee was speaking upon the business of the Publishing House, and referred to the attacks being made upon him by some

of the conferences, when Bishop Morrison called him to order. The Doctor refused to speak longer, and from the printed reports we infer that the act of the Bishop was not appreciated by the conference.

Dr. J. O. Wilson, of the Southern Christian Advocate, has returned to the pastorate, and Dr. W. R. Richardson takes his place on the trisod. Also, Dr. W. L. Crawford, of the North Carolina Advocate, tires of the quill and gives place to Rev. H. M. Blair. We regret to give up the out-going brethren, but we welcome the incoming ones. The editorial chair is not a sinecure, by any means, and we are not surprised what an experienced man concludes to give it up. It is a position of large responsibility and hard work, but it opens up a wide field of usefulness.

Dr. Hoss attended the late session of the Virginia Conference, and in the course of his address was interrupted by two or three of the brethren. They objected to a few of his utterances as irresponsible journalism, and especially to some indiscriminate criticisms of his course as editor of the Nashville Advocate. The episode was brought to a close by Dr. Hoss' refusal to address the conference further. We have heard this same speech of the Doctor more than once. In fact, he has delivered it before nearly all of the conferences in the connection, but the Virginia Conference is the only one to take exception to it. The treatment accorded to Dr. Hoss on the occasion was not in keeping with the usual dignity and courtesy of this polite old conference. Dr. Hoss was their guest.

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Harry Bezzo's passage "from the sand hills to the mountains" was a poem in several parts, going rapidly from founded mustangs to smashed typewriters, the meter of it not being equal to the length of its feet. Variety was its spice, and hog and hominy helped to brace the backbone of its now famous author. Let him mount another pony—not Pegasus—climb the delectable mountains, wipe away tears from the eyes of the poor and distressed, and eloquent poems will be stirred in his soul—albeit they may never find their way to the Halls of Fame.

That the Texas Conference should have passed a resolution indicating a willingness to be absorbed under any circumstances is passing strange. The "wisdom" of past General Conferences must have made a profound impression upon the members of that body. Would Robt. Alexander, H. V. Philpott, I. G. John, J. M. Wesson, or the Whipples, have had such faith in "the Committee on Boundaries" as to vote for such a resolution? Not that it may not be well enough, but the spirit of the new times seems to have covered up, buried, the letter of the old times. The Texas Conference, with eighteen towns, is strong within itself and eloquent in history. No part of Texas to-day is attracting more attention than the territory of the Texas Conference. The graves of the early heroes are in her soil. Thos. O. Summers, Martin Ruter, Abel Stevens, Chauncey Richardson, in the old past, toiled and preached and prayed on her soil. The counsels of Stephen F. Austin and the bold tread of Sam Houston are felt in her civilization and heard on the plains of her progress. No conference in Texas can ever make the history wrought for the welfare of Methodism in this State by the Texas Conference. She has Bish op timber, and the day has been when she could spank everything, ecclesiastically, in Texas.

THE LIVING GOD.

God has a heart of tenderness and love like our mother's heart. He thinks of His creatures and cares for them. He seeks their companionship interested in their life, craves their affection and is grieved by their sin or alienation from Him. Jesus was the revealer of God and He used but one name in making God known—the name Father, putting into the holy word all that is tender, sweet and compassionate, all that love could possibly mean.

The truth of the living God is full of rich encouragement. It assures us of complete satisfaction for all our cravings. We know what a satisfying of the heart even a strong human friendship gives. There are friends who are to us like a great rock in a weary land. We flee to them in the heat of parching days and rest in their shadow.

A friend in whom we can confide without fear of disappointment, who, we are sure, will never fail us, will never stint his love in serving us; who always has healing tenderness for the hurt of our heart, comfort for our sorrows and cheer for our discouragement—such a friend is not only a rock of shelter for us in time of danger, but is also as rivers of water in a thirsty land, when our hearts cry out for life and love.

Complaints, objections, dissatisfaction cannot be avoided. The elders do the best they can in cabinet, with dim or clear lights before them. The mist appears afterwards, too late for the remedy. It is almost impossible to grow fat and strong on starvation.

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**Other incidents Major Boon and the
negation at Cheyneyville.**

There was above Double Bridges a rather noted place which was called the Pig on House, situated on high ground for that country. It was called the Pigeon House in a natural way, because it had the largest pigeon building any of us had ever seen, and perhaps the largest in all Louisiana. The French raise these birds for the squabs, which are by no means an unsavory meat. We had been on the picket or firing line all morning until about 11 o'clock, when we were relieved, and then retired to the Pigeon House hot, soiled and dusty. From the Pigeon House there was a fair view of the country in the direction of the bridges, and over it our skirmishers were continually exchanging shots with the Federals. We were sitting on a fence looking over the skirmishing ground when a knot of French boys gathered around us, talking rapidly in both French and English. They swore furiously. They were the "seed corn" of the country, mad with the Yankee nation. One of our men said to them, reprovingly: "You had better quit your swearing, for that man on the fence is a preacher." They looked at me quizzically, when one of them, looking at the others, remarked in a rather low tone, "I think they are hard-up for a preacher," and then they all walked quietly away.

It was at some point not far above this place that Maj. Blair was sent with a scout of fifteen men on a circuitous route to make observations of the enemy. He went early in the morning about fifteen miles below, flanking the right of the Federal army, and finally came near a place called "Varas Landing." We were in a swampy country and about a mile east of the landing when Blair halted, and we could distinctly hear the rolling and tramping sound of the advancing Federals. Blair told his men to stay there, and asked me to go with him. We crept along through the rattling palmetto flags to the bank of the bayou opposite the landing. Hidden in the flags and brush we were within one hundred yards of the Federal line of march. We stayed there, as I think, about an hour. The Federals were moving in good time. The drill was well-nigh perfect. Regiment after regiment passed, sometimes with batteries of artillery between. It looked solemn and serious. But little was said except, now and then, a word of command. Blair whispered to me and said, "I think we have seen enough," and then we returned to our horses. He wrote a dispatch to Gen. Taylor, handed it to me and said: "I put you in charge of these men, and I want you to take them out."

Blair was a Louisianian, and is said to have known more of the face of the country than almost any man. He went southeast and the scout started retracing north. About 3 o'clock we came to a bountiful place, and I asked the proprietor if we could get food for our horses. He said: "Certainly, sir; but do you know that Banks has been crossing the bridge above here for an hour?" I said: "No sir, I did not. But we must get out of here." I asked him if he could furnish a reliable guide to help us around the enemy. He said his son knew all the country. He, a lad of about 16 years, was soon ready, and we started east, or at right angle from our course. We traveled in roads and without roads in marshy tracts, and sometimes almost swimming small bayous; but after awhile found a fairly good road and turned north again. Our guide had traveled in the night, I rode up to Gen. Taylor and said: "I have a dispatch from Maj. Blair." He said: "We know all about it now," and seemed indifferent about its contents. A member of his staff received the dispatch. Our scout traveled that day as well as can be estimated, between eighty and one hundred miles. Not a horse gave out, and we were all glad to get to our respective commands.

The next day our army passed through Cheyneyville, and Waller's Battalion, under Maj. Boon, was placed on picket duty, with headquarters of the picket at that town. This is the same Hannibal Boon that was Attorney-General of the State under the administrations of Coke and Hubbard, and who not long afterward in battle on the Fodoache lost an arm and three fingers of the other hand.

Cheyneyville was situated on the right bank of Bayou Beoff, and there was a good wooden bridge just below. Further down, on the opposite side, was a

sugar plantation, with sugar-house, barn and other buildings. On that side of the bayou there was a long lane with high rail fences, leading in the direction of the enemy's camp. Cheyneyville was a good headquarters for a picket battalion to watch the movements of the enemy.

The Federal Army hesitated below Cheyneyville for several days; but in the meanwhile companies would come out and drive in our advanced picket and would come far up the lane before mentioned. Maj. Boon set a trap for these bold and daring companies that had so often driven in his advanced picket. He secretly placed the battalion behind the sugar-house and other buildings except one company which was instructed to advance far down the lane to draw out the enemy and then retreat as usual to Cheyneyville. Far down the lane the dust soon began to rise as a cloud, the advanced company retreating in a hurry past the sugar-house and the Federal companies in hot pursuit. As soon as they passed the sugar-house, Boon and his boys were instantly in the lane and in their rear. The dust was favorable to secrecy, for the advanced company and the Federals doubled up clouds of it. In these clouds of dust we could not tell friend from foe only by a certain clang of sabers, which were all on the enemy's side. If any orders were given on either side I never heard them. Nothing could be seen. Only now and then could be heard a carbine or pistol shot. It was simply a jamming, pushing and rubbing business. Yet the battalion kept pushing ahead, holding all it could. I could now and then hear fences breaking and rails falling, but the battalion pushed on, and when we came near the bridge, where things began to clear up, we had thirty-two prisoners.

We had only one man killed, but quite a number wounded among them thirteen had saber thrusts. The enemy had three killed. How many of their wounded escaped and how many among the captured is not known. It must have been as great or greater than our own.

A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

It is now after 2 o'clock (p. m.), but shall begin a letter to you. We had twenty-five in Sunday-school this morning, including myself. Last Sunday I told them to have Scripture verses to-day when I called their names, and nearly every one responded—all but two little tots. Instead of

of batteries of artillery between. It looked solemn and serious. But little was said except, now and then, a word of command. Blair whispered to me and said, "I think we have seen enough," and then we returned to our horses. He wrote a dispatch to Gen. Taylor, handed it to me and said: "I put you in charge of these men, and I want you to take them out."

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from Mark Twain's or Bill Nye's tour among the Mormons in America, of course, where the seventeen widows wanted him to marry them, but he could not because he was a Christian, and where he held their "soft" white hands while they "heaved a sigh of seventeen different sizes." I have since heard that he has been criticised for making such a speech as that at a Church entertainment. There were many other things, among which they put a lighted candle upon a table, blindfolded a man and had him to blow it out. This created much merriment. Then there was placed upon the wall a large paper upon which was drawn a man's head one and a half feet long. The mouth was drawn upon a separate piece of paper; this was to be pinned on by one who was blindfolded. Then, just before the close, Mr. Randolph (the translator for a consulate or something) walked in front of me, and in hesitating English made an address of welcome, and at the close I should have mentioned that our pastor is so far Americanized that he had some of the women in these games, and one woman read an essay. They said it was something about me, but whether good or bad I have not asked. Finally we sang a song Bro. Mosely pronounced the benediction, and we went home. I forgot one of the important things—the tea. Four young men carried cups, then tea, to every one. There was distributed to every one. There was distributed to each one a large husk containing eight small cakes—white and pink—which in appearance resembled soft-shelled eggs mashed flat (one-half inch thick). Inside these soft, tough shells was a soft, mushy brown substance like brown beans mashed and sweetened. I could not possibly eat mine. Well, the shinobiki finally came to an end, and, as I have been initiated, "I feel like one of em." I forgot to say that I went through the salutation performance while there. Miss B. introduced me to several ladies, and as they laid their hands on the floor, with thumbs together and foreheads upon their hands, I did the same, but I had to put forth a mighty effort to do it. There were more than a hundred persons present.

On Tuesday as we had a national holiday, the Church Sunday school had a shimboki, to which we were invited. It is essential also to "keep" the heart. Our hearts may have been purified at conversion by the Spirit, but we must not expect that cleansing to last always. As the violin must be tuned almost daily in order that its tones may not be discordant, so the heart must be "kept" with diligence. The heart should be trained just as we train the body or mind. This is one great duty devolving upon the parent and teacher; for so much depends upon the impressions made in early life. So well was Moses trained in this respect that though taken to Pharaoh's palace at tender age and educated in the learning of the Egyptians, he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures and luxuries of court life. It is only from such a heart that blessing can come and such a life is blessed to the betterment of humanity. The greatest joys of life come from the consciousness that we are doing the right. We can never be happy while we harbor ill-feeling toward another. Hatred or envy cherished in the heart is poison to the spiritual growth. It makes life unhappy, lowers the tone of thought and if indulged in habitually writes itself indelibly upon the face. Envy prompted Joseph's brothers to plot against his life and sell him into Egypt. But bitter indeed was the issue. Though good finally came out of it all, it could not take from their lives the evil effects of their deed. Cain was a murderer at heart before he struck the fatal blow, and the brand he wore was but small punishment in comparison to the remorse of conscience and the bitter fruits that came from his deed. So in our preparation to take our place in the world, let us not forget to train the heart, for out of it come the issues or fruits of our lives.

EDITH SLATEN

One day as Miss B and I were walking the street, we met a man carrying upon his shoulder an old tub with cloth spread over it, and several men following. Miss B said it was a funeral procession; that it was the corpse of a child, mashed down into the tub in a sitting posture; that instead of burying it, they would take it on the mountain, place the tub upon two stones between which a fire is built. A man stands ready with a pitchfork, when the tub burns in two, to put the body into the fire. Bro. Towsen said he saw them burn the body of one child; that the head came off and rolled to one side; that the man forked it up and put it into the fire. When all is consumed, if the family so desire, the bones will be

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KEEP THY HEART

It is a noteworthy fact that Bible
writers say very little about a man's
mind, but they say a great deal about
the heart. Solomon tells us to "Keep
the heart with all diligence, for out of
it are the issues of life." Those things
which dole and those which edify and
bless are from within, not without.
Wealth, social position and even
a well-disciplined intellect, can give
little real happiness if the heart is not
right. Neither can those things alone
give us an influence that will move
men. Paul's mortal gifts were a love
to his fellow-men until he was con-
verted, but when his heart and mind
were both centered on his Lord's service,
he accomplished the greatest mis-
sionary work of his day. Not only did
he influence those of his own age, but
through his epistles he has influenced
all succeeding generations. The inner
life can not be hidden. What is in the
heart will appear sooner or later in the
outward life. Little did the disciples
dream that one of their own number
would betray the beloved Master into
the enemy's hands, but down in the
heart of Judas Iscariot was the seed
of covetousness, which he had cher-
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"Ye did them unto me."
But with these thoughts of grace
My lips alas refused to keep pace;

And harsh and judging words I often
spoke;
When suddenly a light around me broke,
And I was in the presence of the King.
I sought the fond approval of his eye
By lifting up my work of charity,
And marvelled that it did not win his
smile;

When last I thought upon my words of
guile,
And fell before him sadly on my face,
For now I knew what brought the dark
eclipse.

Beside the brightness of his face and
me,

"My God, be merciful to me!" I cried.
He raised me up,
With wine revived me from his blessed
cup,

And when I lifted up my drooping head,
He gently said,
"He who would bear my light and easy
yoke,

Must wear love's bridle also in his lips.
Love is a spring
Which from the dark depths of the heart
must rise,

Fed from the skies,
Extends its influence to everything.
The softness of lip and look of eyes.

This is the charity alone I prize,
Not that which, while it clothes one
brother,

Doth pierce with words the spirit of another,
The cause ofills of blessing and of sighs.

Go forth, my daughter, to thy work once
more;

I for that garment wait without thy door;
But while their blessed work thy hands
pursue,

Be the lips also to their Master true.
He left me and with spirit chastened,
Back to my work I hastened.

—Selected.

A TESTIMONIAL TO THE MEMORY
OF MRS. ELIZA H. MORGAN.

On the occasion of the death of Sister Eliza H. Morgan, beloved mother of our Sister L. P. Smith, the societies of which she was a member gave the following testimonial:

The members of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Floyd Street M. E. Church, South, Dallas, desire to express their very deep sorrow for the loss of our dear companion and co-worker, Sister Eliza H. Morgan. Her sweetness of manner, her gentleness of spirit, her liberality of soul, won our love and made her a character among us truly without a blemish.

When it was made known to us that she had to go, and that very soon, our waiting hearts were burdened with anxiety as to the result, praying that God in his wisdom might spare her to us a little longer.

Now she is gone, and we are almost inconsolable, but the aroma of her sweet presence will abide with us still.

When we gathered at the church and looked on her face for the last time, not one of us but felt that we were bidding adieu to the dearest and best friend we ever had known.

Not one of us doubted her triumphant entrance into the home eternal.

COMMITTEE.

To the Members of the W. F. M. Society of the Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—We have come to the close of our third quarter, and only one more until our year's work will be summed up. Another year, with its privileges and opportunities, will be closed. Let us look well to our obligations, remembering our representatives in the field, who have faith in us, as well as in their Lord; who feel we are praying for them daily, and are giving of our substance to not only support them, but to send out others to aid them in this great work. We are responsible for the care we take of them. Then we should be careful not to overwork them, that their lives may be prolonged, that they may bring many more souls to the Redeemer.

At our annual meeting we pledged \$750 for the support of Miss Lucy Harper, our first missionary from our conference. We won't fail, will we? Now, as we remember our Savior's anniversary, let us put an extra gift into the treasury for those who, like their blessed Master, have left their homes and gone out into places and among a people who are foreign to them, whose manners and ways (outside of their darkness in sin) they could not endure were it not for the Christ-like love that is in their hearts—gone to carry the precious message of the gospel, "that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Let our prayers be as one great petition going up to the Throne for all our missionaries. They are a noble

band, working faithfully. May we be as faithful.

Could we do a greater work during these Christmas times than to interest others in our loved work?

How appropriate it would be for us to show our love for our Christ by helping his cause at home and abroad. May his Spirit help us.

Let us be sure to meet our pledge in full, and not forget our contingent fund. We must advance in our conference bounds, and to do it we need the home fund.

Praise is due many of our faithful members and societies who have wrought well. While we regret some loss numerically, we are encouraged by our financial reports. Some of our auxiliaries have had precious seasons during our Week of Prayer. May they bring forth abundant fruit.

Though this winter quarter may be cold and inclement, may our hearts be warm in God's love, and complete a full year's work. Christmas greetings to you all. MRS. J. P. MUSSETT, Cor. Sec. Conf. Society. Grapevine, Texas.

SUN OF MY SOUL.

One of Tennyson's visitors once ventured to ask him what he thought of Jesus Christ. They were walking in the garden, and for a minute Tennyson said nothing; then he stopped by some beautiful flower, and said simply: "What the sun is to that flower, Jesus Christ is to my soul. He is the Sun of my soul." Tennyson was a man of deep reserve, but only the more significant on that account is such a revelation as this of his inner life. Though not a religious poet in the technical sense, he brings into his poetry more of the tender sympathy, the infinite kindness of Christ, than any other great poet.

To the Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—At the close of the third quarter of our fiscal year, we have much reason to rejoice; yet we rejoice with trembling. We have gained two woman's auxiliaries, with thirty-six members, and two juvenile ones, with thirty-three, making a total gain of sixty-nine members, besides eight "Buds and Blossoms." And the Houston District has not yet reported. The juvenile societies are located at Huntsville and Tenth Street Church, Austin. The woman's auxiliaries are Rockdale, in the Brenham District, and Harmony at Stewart's Mill, in the Calvert District.

Our Corresponding Secretary seems to compensate for failing strength by growing zeal. The District Secretaries are working faithfully and efficiently, encourage by success, yet undaunted by failure, because results are in the hands of Him who is able to control them. Auxiliary officers are reporting more promptly and fully than formerly, and this circumstance, together with the success in organizing, shows that the missionary conscience awakend in the pulpit by the New Century Movement finds response in the pew.

The Houston District has not recovered from the shock of last year's calamities, but is struggling hard against the disasters. By our misfortune or our fault we are without a District Secretary for that district, and the consequence is want of success if not actual failure there. Let District Secretaries take notice of the fact, and "magnify their office." To our work it takes the place of the presiding eldership in the pastorate. If District Secretaries keep in touch with presiding elders, it will be profitable for both. It is difficult to imagine them out of harmony, but that is not enough.

Again, let us try to get all our members to pursue the course of study recommended by the Woman's Board of Missions. Nothing more strongly marks our period than the demand for facts. People feel able to make their own deductions, but facts must be brought before them, and the manner of presenting those facts furnishes the key to all the problems the Church has to solve. Hence, this course of study is arranged in small compass and filled with facts condensed just as far as may be, retaining clearness. It could not be cheaper and be worth anything at all. Let all order the book, "Via Christi," from Mrs. Trueheart, and commence January 1. It is only 30 cents, but if you take the W. M. Advocate—50 cents—you will double the value of both. MRS. S. PHILPOTT, Dew, Texas.

TREASURERS' REPORTS.

Summary report of Treasurer of Texas Conference W. F. M. Society, ending December 15, 1901:

Dues, auxiliaries	\$16.90
Dues, juveniles	62.50
Conference fund, auxiliaries	15.70
Conference fund, juveniles	4.40
Pledge, auxiliaries	25.15
Pledge, juveniles	39.40
Week of Prayer, auxiliaries	25

Minutes, auxiliaries \$5
On life membership, auxiliaries 2.25
Dues \$12.80
Balance from second quarter 3.90 21
Received third quarter 42.40
Total 56.20
Remitted to Mrs. H. N. McTyre \$10.20
Disbursements 55.61
Balance on hand 48.82
Total 56.20

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

Report of Treasurer of Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for quarter ending December 15, 1901:

Dues	\$21.78
Week of Prayer	6.92
Specials	14.62
Adult mite boxes	1.81
Baby mite boxes	1.27
Ed. endowment fund	1.65
Contingent fund	19.28
Life member	29.60

Total receipts during quarter \$86.63
To General Treasurer, December 15. \$17.14
To balance on printing 12.25
To Conference Society's expenses 12.25
To Conf. Treasurer's expenses 12.25

Total expended during quarter \$56.63
Receipts during quarter \$86.63
Disbursements during quarter \$56.63

Bal. in bank Dec. 15, 1901 29.96
Amount in general treasury Sept. 15, 1901 \$61.92
50 per cent dues, less expense 19.44

Total in treasury \$211.26
Gratitude donation 15.00

Amt. in gen. treas. Dec. 15, 1901 \$61.92
Amt. in bank Dec. 15, 1901 29.96

Total on hand Dec. 15, 1901 \$81.88

Local Work—

Number of Parsonages	48
Value of parsonages	\$55,426.00
Spent on station parsonages	708.50
Spent on district parsonages	31.00
Spent on circuit parsonages	38.40
Spent on church furnishings	29.21
Spent on local mission work	25.70
Spent on local supplies	111.29
Spent on rescue work	71.75
Spent for city missions	198.75
Spent for relief of needy	12.25
Spent on day nursery	12.25
Spent to Orphanage at Waco	6.75

Total expended local work \$2,126.48
Total exp'd. connectional work 56.80

Total expended \$2,183.28

MRS. NAT. G. ROLLINS, Treasurer.
Aspermont, Texas.

Report of W. H. M. Society, East Texas Conference, for the quarter ending December 15, 1901:

Connectional dues	\$18.80
General work	15.45
Individual enterprises	1.50
Week of Prayer	26.28
Adult mite boxes	2.25
Baby mite boxes	1.06
Twenty-first Century Dallas Home	15.00
Contingent fund	16.90

Total \$82.48

El Paso District, New Mexico Conference, Roswell, N. M.

PLACE SUPPLIED.

I have appointed Rev. C. O. Jones teacher in charge of Melissa Mission, McKinney District. Let this be an answer to other applicants.

F. A. ROSSER, P. E.

McKinney, Texas.

CREDENTIALS SURRENDERED.

T. E. McRae, who has for several years been a member of the Indian Mission Conference, M. E. Church, South, and only this year transferred to the New Mexico Conference, has surrendered to me his credentials and withdrawn from the membership of the Methodist Church.

He was stationed at Alpine, Tex.

E. F. GOODISON, P. E.

El Paso District, New Mexico Conference, Roswell, N. M.

CHANGE IN DATE.

The Woodbine Quarterly Conference will be held at Woodbine, January 5th, in place of Whetstone's Chapel.

GEO. S. SEXTON, P. E.

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WORK WANTED.

Rev. J. A. Grimes, who served a charge in the Texas Conference last year, is open for work. His address for the present is Temple, Texas. References will be furnished by him.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Dec. 19.—A. W. Wilson, sub. Geo. A. Nance, sub. L. W. Carlton, subs. C. S. Cameron, sub and trial sub. W. B. Wilson, subs. W. K. Simpson, sub. M. J. Allen, sub. and change. O. F. Hatfield, sub.

Dec. 29.—C. S. Field, sub. J. M. Armstrong, change made. P. C. Archer, sub. J. B. Curry, sub. Lee Ripley, sub. J. G. McCarter, sub. C. G. Shutt, sub. L. G. Grimes, sub.

Dec. 29.—R. F. Bryant, sub. Jno. D. Major, o. r. L. C. Matthies, has attention. V. A. Godfrey, o. k. M. M. Morphis, sub. A. B. Robert, sub.

Dec. 29.—A. F. Van Zandt, sub. D. P. Cullen, correction made. J. T. Blood, sub. change made. M. F. Daniel, sub. M. A. Turner, change made. C. V. Odell, sub. J. B. Minnis, sub. R. S. Heizer, sub. C. M. Shaffer, has attention.

Dec. 29.—W. S. McCullough, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. W. B. Bayless, o. k. Frank Hughson, trial sub. Joe F. Webb, sub. D. H. Hotchkiss, sub. T. J. Miller, sub. attention. Geo. A. Nance, sub. Jno. W. Holt, sub. W. P. Edwards, sub.

Dec. 29.—A. F. Hendrix, sub. G. M. Gardner, sub. attention. L. E. Palmer, sub. L. A. Beavis, sub. J. T. McClure, sub. J. S. Tunnell, sub. D. C. Ellis, sub. M. F. Boyd, sub. I. T. Stafford, sub. J. W. Dickinson, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. W. R. Evans, sub. E. G. Hocutt, sub. attention.

Dec. 29.—J. P. Cameron, sub. J. P. Patterson, sub. E. H. Lovelace, sub. Jno. McLean, sub. R. O. Bailey, has attention. A. B. Roberts, sub.

Dec. 29.—G. D. Wilson, sub. W. N. Curry, sub. J. R. Murray, sub. Henry M. Long, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. Stuart Nelson, sub.

Dec. 29.—J. A. Bryce, sub. J. E. Hightower, sub. has attention. W. B. F. Mayne, sub. change made. J. D. Odorn, sub. N. M. McLaughlin, sub. M. A. Read, sub. T. T. Booth, sub. M. L. Lindsey, sub. C. G. Shutt, sub. Geo. W. Kinchloe, sub.

Jan. 1, 1902.—G. J. Irvin, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. O. P. Thomas, sub. W. T. McDonald, has attention. J. W. R. Bachman, sub. T. L. Ripley, sub. J. R. R. Hall, sub.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Paris District—First Round.

Bagwell, at Bagwell Jan. 4, 5
Woodland and Kamawha, at W. Jan. 5, 6
Doughlass, at Doughlass Jan. 11, 12
White Rock Jan. 12, 13
Roselle, at Roselle Jan. 18, 19
Clarksville cir, at Bethel Jan. 25, 26
Boston, at Howland Feb. 1, 2
Marvin, at Marvin Feb. 2, 3
Annona, at Annona Feb. 8, 9
Emerson, at Mt. Tabor Feb. 15, 16
Maxey, at El Bethel Feb. 16, 17
Chicot, at Palestine Feb. 22, 23
E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round.

Kingston, at Kingston 1st Sun. Jan.
Neola, at Wire Creek 2d Sun. Jan.
Kavanaugh, at night, 2d Sun. Jan.
Campbell, at Campbell 3d Sun. Jan.
Fairlie, at Fairlie 4th Sun. Jan.
Greenville mis, at Wheeler 1st Sun. Feb.
Wesley, at night, 1st Sun. Feb.
Merit, at Merit 2d Sun. Feb.
Leonard and Orange Grove, at night, 3d Sun. Feb.
Quinlan, at Quinlan 4th Sun. Feb.
O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round.

Paradise, at Paradise Jan. 4, 5
Boyd and Garvin, at Boyd 5, 6
Childs, at Childs Jan. 11, 12
Bridgeport, at Bridgeport Jan. 12, 13
Rhyme, at Rhyme Jan. 18, 19
Decatur, at Shiloh Jan. 19, 20
Decatur sta. Jan. 25, 26
Fruitland, at Fruitland Feb. 1, 2
Alford, at Alford Feb. 2, 3
Crafton, at Crafton Feb. 8, 9
Gibtown, at Gibtown Feb. 8, 9
Bryson, at Brown S. H. Feb. 15, 16
Jackboro, Feb. 22, 23
Archer City, at Archer City March 1, 2
Holden, at Holden March 2, 3
Blue Grove, at Blue Grove March 8, 9
F. O. Miller, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

Floyd, at Floyd 11 a. m. Jan. 5
Westland, at Westland Jan. 11, 12
Lancaster, at Lancaster Jan. 18, 19
Farmers Branch, at Farmers Branch Jan. 25, 26
Cedar Hill and Duncanville Feb. 1, 2
Argo, at Argo Feb. 15, 16
Denton, at Denton 11 a. m. Feb. 22
Trinity, at Trinity 7 p. m. Feb. 22
First Church, at First Church March 1, 2
Grand Prairie, at Grand Prairie March 8, 9
Lewisville, at Lewisville March 15, 16
Cochran and Caruth 1. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.

Bailey, at Bailey 1st Sun. Jan. 5
Honey Grove cir, at Honey Grove 2d Sun. Jan.
Perry, at Perry 3d Sun. Jan.
Dodd and Windom 4th Sun. Jan.
Lanious, at Lanious 5d Sun. Feb.
Honey Grove, at Honey Grove 5d Sun. Feb.
Trenton and Marvin 6th Sun. Feb.
Brookston and High 6th Sun. Mar.
Randolph, at Randolph 2d Sun. Mar.
Gibson, at Gibson 3d Sun. Mar.
Fannin, at Fannin 4th Sun. Mar.
T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

Van Alstyne, at Van Alstyne 1st Sun. Jan.
Howe, at Howe 2d Sun. Jan.
Sherman cir, at Sherman 4th Sun. Jan.
Collinsville, at Collinsville 5d Sun. Jan.
Whiteboro, at Whiteboro 6th Sun. Jan.
Whitewright, at Whitewright 2d Sun. Feb.
Baileys, at Baileys 4th Sun. Feb.
Tioga and Gunter 1st Sun. March
Southmayd, at Southmayd 2d Sun. March
Pilot Grove, at Pilot Grove 3d Sun. March
Gordonville, at Gordonville 4th Sun. March
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

Kemp, at Kemp Jan. 4, 5
District Stewards will meet at Metho-
dist Church in Terrell, 2 p. m. January 7
Terrell, at Terrell Jan. 11, 12
Fate, at Fate Jan. 18, 19
Garland, at Garland Jan. 25, 26
Kaufman mis, at Eason Feb. 1, 2
Reinhart, at Reinhart Feb. 8, 9
Kaufman sta. Feb. 15, 16
Crandall, at Lone Elm Feb. 22, 23
Royce, at Royce March 1, 2
Mabank, at Mabank March 8, 9
Terrell, at College Mound Feb. 15, 16
J. M. Peterson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.
Mt. Vernon, at Mt. Vernon Jan. 4, 5
Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin Jan. 11, 12
County Line, at Jordan Jan. 18, 19
Cumbly, at Cumbly Jan. 25, 26
Reddy Springs, at Parks Chapel Feb. 1, 2
Cold Hill mis, at Cold Hill Feb. 8, 9
Birthright, at Lone Star Feb. 15, 16
Sulphur Bluff, at Sulphur Bluff Feb. 22, 23
Lake Creek, at Brushy Mound March 1, 2
Compo, at Compo March 8, 9
The Board of District Stewards will
meet at the Methodist Church in Sulphur
Springs, Tuesday, January 1, at 7 o'clock
p. m. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.

Sanger, at Sanger Jan. 4, 5
Era and Valley View, at V. V. Jan. 5, 6
Woodline, at Woodline 6th Sun. Jan.
Dexter, at Dexter Jan. 11, 12
Montague, at Montague Jan. 18, 19
Nocon, at Nocon Jan. 25, 26
St. Jo, at St. Jo Feb. 1, 2
Belcher, at Belcher Jan. 25, 26
Bonita, at Prairie View Feb. 1, 2
Rosston, at Hardy Feb. 8, 9
Greenwood, at Greenwood Feb. 15, 16
Marysville, at West Ridge Feb. 22, 23
Roanoke and Funder, at Drop Mar. 1, 2
Geo. S. Sexton, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.

Bethel cir, at Bethel Jan. 4, 5
Nevada cir, at Nevada Jan. 11, 12
Union and Roseland, at Union Jan. 18, 19
Princeton cir, at Culver Jan. 25, 26
Allen cir, at Allen Feb. 1, 2
Blue Ridge cir, at Blue Ridge Feb. 8, 9
Plano sta. Feb. 15, 16
Brenner cir, at Brenner Feb. 15, 16
Wylie cir, at Wylie Feb. 22, 23
Weston cir, at Anna March 1, 2
Copeville mis, at Milam's chap. Mar. 9, 10
Melissa mis. Mar. 15, 16
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Houston District—First Round.
Angleton, at Angleton Jan. 4, 5
League City, at League City Jan. 11, 12
Alvin Jan. 15
Columbia and Brazoria, at C. Jan. 18, 19
McAsha, at McAsha Jan. 25, 26
El Campo, at El Campo Feb. 1, 2
Cedar Bayou, at Alexander's C. Feb. 8, 9
Washington St. Feb. 15, 16

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Tabernacle, at Tabernacle Feb. 17
McKee St., at McKee St. Feb. 18
Shearn, at Shearn Feb. 19
Central Church, at Central Church Feb. 22, 23
Sandy Point, at Sandy Point Mar. 1, 2
Rosenberg, at Rosenberg Mar. 8, 9
Richmond, at Richmond Mar. 8, 9
Matagorda, at Matagorda Mar. 15, 16
Mt. Belvieu, at Barber's Hill Mar. 15, 16
Geo. A. Lechere, P. E. Mar. 1, 2

Huntsville District—First Round.

Navya-sta, at Navya-sta Jan. 5, 6
Milligan, at Milligan Jan. 11, 12
Cold Springs, at Cold Springs Jan. 18, 19
Madisonville, at Madisonville Jan. 25, 26
Zion, at New Hope Feb. 1, 2
Waller, at Macedonia Feb. 8, 9
Anderson, at Anderson Feb. 15, 16
Hempstead, at Hempstead Feb. 19
Bryan, at Bryan Feb. 21, 22
Dodge, at Black Jack Mar. 1, 2
Prairie Plains, at Prairie Plains Mar. 8, 9
Montgomery, at Montgomery Mar. 16, 17
Willis, at Willis Mar. 19
Huntsville, at Huntsville Mar. 23

The District Stewards will meet
me at Huntsville January 23, at 2 p.m.

Chas. A. Hooper, P. E. Waco District—First Round.

Brenham, at Brenham Jan. 5, 6
Giddings, at G. Jan. 8
Pleasant Hill, at Pleasant Hill Jan. 11, 12
Lington, at Lington Jan. 18, 19
Caldwell, at Caldwell Jan. 25, 26
Fulshear and Brookshire, at Pattison Jan. 25, 26

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the Methodist Church in Hume on Saturday, January 1, at 7:30 p.m. Let every

steward report on time.

H. M. Sears, P. E. Vernon District—First Round.

Hearne cir, at Hearne Sat. Jan. 4
Leon cir, at Liberty Sat. Jan. 11
Jewett cir, at Jewett Mon. Jan. 18
Rogers Prairie, at G. S. Fri. Jan. 25
Centerville cir, at Centerville Sat. Jan. 18

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H. M. Sears, P. E. Vernon District—First Round.

Chillicothe, at Chillicothe Sat. Jan. 4
Haskell, at Haskell Sat. Sun. Jan. 11, 12
Haskell cir, at Mesquite Wed. Jan. 18
Munday, at M. Sat. Sun. Jan. 25, 26

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steward report on time.

H. M. Sears, P. E. Vernon District—First Round.

Brandon, at Brandon Jan. 5, 6
Frost, at Emmett Jan. 11, 12
Dresden, at Jones Ranch Jan. 18, 19
Barry, at Barry Jan. 25, 26

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H. M. Sears, P. E. Vernon District—First Round.

Bluff Dale, at Bluff Dale Jan. 4, 5
Morgan Mill, at S. S. Jan. 8
Glen Rose, at G. R. Jan. 11, 12
Iredell and Fairy, at Iredell Jan. 18, 19
Duffau, at Duffau Jan. 24, 25
Hico, at Hico Jan. 25, 26

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H. M. Sears, P. E. Vernon District—First Round.

Colorado mis, at Rogers Jan. 4, 5
Colorado Sta., at Colorado Sta. Jan. 8
Claremont, at Claremont Jan. 11, 12
Snyder, at Snyder Jan. 18, 19
Midland, at Midland Jan. 25, 26

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H. M. Sears, P. E. Vernon District—First Round.

Colorado mis, at Rogers Jan. 4, 5
Gulf, at Byson Jan. 8
Claremont, at Claremont Jan. 11, 12
Snyder, at Snyder Jan. 18, 19
Midland, at Midland Jan. 25, 26

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