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Editorial.

STRONG DRINK IN OUR HOMES.

The drink evil needs to be watched at every point. There is no circle where it does not strive to press itself and get in its work. Our homes are not exempt from its presence and temptation. It comes sometimes in the form of a doctor's prescription and wins its way under the guise of medicine. Then it occasionally intrudes itself as an element of food. In some of the recipes for pastry it is included as a fine flavor, and many of our good wives and mothers put it into the mouths and stomachs of their husbands and sons through the palatable deserts with which the dinner is served. Once in a while it creeps into canned fruits and is served as a relish along with cherries and peaches and the like. Last and not least, it is used as a tonic in beer and is brought to many doors and delivered in bottles. The good wife and mother is run down and feels languid and beer is recommended as a harmless remedy. She soon finds it to be the very thing she needs and at most every meal she has it as though it were water, or milk, or coffee. Many of our grocery stores carry liquors and bottled beer for domestic purposes, and it is supplied along with the grocery orders. These are a few of the methods adopted by the strong drink temptation to force itself into the home circle, so that it can get in its work with the children, the mother and the father. These forms of temptation are the most insidious of all the temptations of the drink evil. They appear to be so harmless and really necessary. The result is that, according to statistics, a large class of women in good society are becoming addicted to strong drink. Not a few children are being turned out into the world by the time they are grown practical drinkers, and husbands form the habit at home. These observations make food for deep thought, and our wives and mothers need to open their eyes to the situation. The doctor who makes it a habit to prescribe toddies and strong liquors and beer for the many little ailments of life has no business in a Christian home. He is an enemy to the peace and sobriety of the domestic circle. The grocery store that carries these articles for sale ought not to be patronized by temperance and moral people any more than an ordinary beer joint or liquor shop. Canned goods with alcohol in them are not fit and safe diets for a Christian table. You had just as well have your well filled desanter and glasses and serve the stuff straight as to set brandy peaches and brandy cherries before your husband and children. Deserts spiked and flavored with wines and liquors are practically equal to the influence of the social glass in the grog shop. They are even worse, for maybe your husband and children would not go to the latter place to find these things, but you bring them into your home and set them before your board in the form of enticing foods. In these things there is nothing but evil and evil continual-

ly, and if any wife or mother is guilty of this sort of questionable practice and she should happen to read these words, we beg her to stop and think upon these things seriously before she is cursed with a household of drunkenness.

THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

The members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society throughout the whole Church are deeply interested in the success of their Scarritt Bible and Training School, located at Kansas City, Mo. Our Texas ladies are taking the matter up and proposing to do their part toward the endowment of a chair in the institution. The Advocate is ever ready to aid them in any enterprise connected with their work. So we present this matter in this connection in order that our readers may have some idea of what is proposed. In next week's issue we will give other information concerning it, so that all the readers of these columns may have an opportunity of informing themselves concerning it. For the present we quote from the Woman's Missionary Advocate the following item: "Twenty-five years of active work in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have brought us into touch with the leaders of thought in our beloved Church and awakened confidence not only in them, but also in the individual members of the body of Christ; so that in this appeal we have reliance on their power and confidence in their willingness to do all that God asks of them through this message. We herein give an extract from the minutes of the twenty-fourth session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, held in Charleston, S. C., May 29, 1902. The special committee appointed to consider the report of the manager of the Scarritt Bible and Training School beg leave to submit the following: 1. To increase the endowment fund, we recommend the establishment of a lectureship in the Scarritt Bible and Training School in honor of our President, to be named the Maria D. Whitman Lectureship; and to help secure the amount necessary for its endowment, \$5000, it is recommended that the Easter offerings of 1903 be used for this purpose; also that the principal of the Training School be requested to prepare a program for the Easter occasion looking to that end." We heartily endorse the enterprise herein outlined and commend it to the prayerful consideration of all the readers of the Advocate. And from time to time we hope to furnish other matter touching this movement so that our people may have an intelligent idea of its purpose.

THE WICKEDNESS OF THE SIX-SHOOTER.

Not only in Texas, but throughout many of the States human life is very cheap. Men seem to think it their privilege under slight provocation to draw a six-shooter and take the life of those against whom they happen to have a political or personal offense. Just the other day a case of this sort was demonstrated in the higher circles in South Carolina. The Lieutenant-Governor met a prom-

inent editor of a leading daily who had criticized him rather severely, drew his pistol and shot him down without warning. Some time before that a hired assassin shot and killed the Governor-elect of Kentucky. But when you come into the lower walks of life fatal shootings are not uncommon amongst us. Here in our own State public sentiment touching the crime of murder is on a low plane. Scores of men within the last twenty years who have wantonly taken the lives of their fellows and who now ought either to be in the penitentiary or in their graves for these crimes, are at large and recognized as good citizens. In fact, it is next to impossible to convict and deservedly punish the man who kills another, provided the slayer have money and influence. And such is our reckless disregard of life that the hardware stores and the second-hand shops along our streets have large supplies of pistols of all sorts, sizes and prices for sale; and the result is that every worthless-tramp and vagabond Negro, together with a large class of citizens of better repute, walk hither and thither with six-shooters on their persons. With this condition of things is it any wonder that we have so many killings? Our Legislature ought to make pistol carrying by unauthorized persons a felony instead of a misdemeanor. The time has come when we need to take radical ground on the crime of murder and the causes leading up to it.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIRD LIFE.

More and more we are coming to regard the importance of the bird life of our country. But heretofore there has been such a reckless destruction of the feathered tribes that many varieties of them are becoming very rare. That it is right and proper at certain seasons of the year to slaughter a few game birds for table use, we do not question; but even these ought not to be slain extravagantly. But other species of birds ought never to be injured for any cause. The laws of the State ought to protect them with severe penalties. We need them for the sweetness of their songs. To wake up in the early morning and hear the merry chirp of these little songsters is an inspiration to our hearts. Such silvery notes make us glad that we live and the echo of them follows us through the whole day. They drive away depression and melancholy and produce buoyancy of spirit and gratitude of heart. The sight of them spending the busy hours gathering their daily food is a lesson to us in industry and frugality. They also teach us the superintending care of a loving Providence, whose watchfulness does not permit a sparrow to fall to the ground without his notice. But above and beyond these reflections, the birds are essential to vegetable life. They search the trees and gather from them the eggs of insects and the worms that seek to impair the vigor of these useful and ornamental works of nature. They flit over the garden and through the fields consuming the pests that destroy our cotton and cereals. Were the country alive with these little insect-exterminators the green bug would stand no show and the boll weevil and the chintz

bug would have to fight for their existence. But we have so ruthlessly killed out these insect-destroying birds, that we are now cursed with the pests that threaten the ruin of our annual crops. Let us then begin to hold the bird life of our country sacred, and instead of killing them off, strive to cultivate their confidence and friendship until our woodlands and fields are teeming with their voices. Let us make it a point never to wantonly take the life of these little friends of our vintage and granaries, but rather give to them our protection and support.

THE REAL WORK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We often fear that the real work of the Sunday-school is overlooked. Why have we given this institution such a prominent place in the Church? Is it merely to furnish an hour of pleasant social and mental recreation? Is it even to provide for the formal religious needs of the young? Well, the affirmative answers to these questions may include some part of the work to be done by the Sunday-school, but after all this is but an imperfect statement of the design and aim of this important branch of our Church enterprise. There are two elements that enter radically into the purpose and object of Sunday-school work: (1) The personal salvation of our children. As a matter of fact the Sunday-school is the major part of the religious influence of the Church to which our children have access. Not one family in ten take their children to the Church service. They send them to the Sunday-school and when that is over nearly all of them go home, while their parents go to Church service. Now if the children are to be converted through the work of the Church, it must be done in the Sunday-school, for there is the only place that the most of them know anything about public worship. If they are not brought to Christ under its influence, where will they be reached under the direction of the Church? The probability is, the way we now provide for them, that if the Sunday-school does not reach them, they will pass out into the world unconverted. Therefore every teacher ought to make the conversion of his or her pupils the dominant result to be accomplished. (2) After they are converted the next thing to be done is to thoroughly indoctrinate them in the truths of the Word of God so that they will become established in their minds and hearts as the intelligent children of God. Then the Church will have members in whom whose lives will amount to something and whose service will be rendered efficient and permanent. No teacher can afford to trifle away the hour with his or her pupils in the Sunday-school. The work is too important to be triflingly esteemed. It means something, and direct results ought to be confidently expected as the lesson proceeds. Nothing short of the conversion of the pupil and his establishment in righteousness will meet the exigency of the occasion. What a responsibility rests upon the Sunday-school teacher!

Devotional and Spiritual

ONE WORLD AT A TIME.

To turn away from useless and barren speculations; to persistently withdraw our thoughts from the unknowable, the inevitable, and the irrepairable; to concentrate them on the immediate present and on the nearest duty; to waste no moral energy on excessive introspection or self-abasement or self-reproach, but to make the cultivation and the wise use of all our powers the supreme ideal and end of our lives; to oppose labor and study to affliction and regret; to keep at a distance gloomy thoughts and exaggerated anxieties; "to see the individual in connection and co-operation with the whole;" and to look upon effort and action as the main elements both of duty and happiness! —William Edward Hartpole Lecky.

LAWS OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH.

Growth in the Christian life must follow the laws of growth everywhere. A plant in a dark cellar must either die or live a poor, feeble, and dying life. It needs light; it needs sunshine. If you live in the dark cellar of your own nature, you will grow more and more feeble, until spiritual death succeeds to the long absence of spiritual life and power. If you live in the shadows of doubt, in the gloomy vales of misanthropy, in the dark dens of fault-finding and selfishness, you will lose all the light and joy, and finally the very life of the true believer. Come out into God's sweet sunshine. Eat the divine manna as given in the Divine Book. Exercise all the spiritual sympathies and muscles by following Christ, "who went about doing good."—R. S. McArthur, D. D.

DO WE PRAY AMISS?

It is written, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss." These are very plain words, and again, "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." The reward is offered to us. The conditions are for us to fulfill—do we believe? Where is our faith? "If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." Yet we continue to beseech for a hearing. Do we pray amiss? We need rather banish from our lives that which conflicts with his will, and thus divert our prayers from reception by the Father, for "the prayer of the upright is his delight," and "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Let us know his words and seek his ways, that we may be in harmonious, spiritual accord in love, truth, and faith. Then our prayers shall prevail, "for he is faithful that hath promised." The fervent, silent prayer of the heart is closer to the Father than the utterance of the lips for the ear of man.—Presbyterian.

YOUR OWN LITTLE GIRL.

Mr. Moody tells how he was sent for by the mother of one of his Sunday-school pupils, who had been drowned in the Chicago River. He went to the house and talked with the woman; told her he would see that a coffin was sent up, and that he would come on the day appointed to conduct the funeral. Then, accompanied by his own daughter, who was about the age of the one drowned, he started for home. They walked in silence for a time, when the child said: "Papa, suppose we were very, very poor, and I had to go to the river every day to get wood; and suppose I should slip in and be drowned, wouldn't you be awful sorry?" Mr. Moody says it was then and there that he awoke to the fact that he was getting "professional." Folding his darling to his bosom with a strong embrace, as if it were indeed she who lay in death, instead of the other, and lifting his heart to God in prayer, he

turned and retraced his steps to the poor woman's door. On being admitted he grasped that weeping mother's hand, wept as if his child and not hers had been snatched away by death, and got down to pray. This time professionalism was gone; now he really took a part in the "fellowship of her suffering." Selected.

IN GOD'S CARE.

There is a Bible promise that if we take everything to God in prayer the peace of God shall guard our thoughts. It is the figure of the sentinel that the words suggest. In the camp, in war time, in the most perilous hour, soldiers sleep in quietness and confidence because all about the camp sentinels wake and watch. So it is that God's peace sentinels the very thoughts of him who makes God his intimate, confidential friend. There is no other keeping like God's. We had better commit to him the keeping of our thoughts, and he will guard them for us. It was a prayer of Fenelon's: "Take me, O Lord, for I cannot give myself to thee. And when thou hast me, O keep me, for I cannot keep my own life!" We must let God keep us, otherwise we cannot be safely kept.—Selected.

THE LIVING CHRIST.

"I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore." The words with their great truth and triumphant ring sound in our ears amid the hush of bereavement, and the startling consciousness of the loss of valued workers at home and abroad. "The living God." What a thought it is: "I am alive for evermore." What a joy and comfort and strength the message brings! Loved ones pass hence before us, the holy and useful and seemingly indispensable are taken from the ranks of the hosts of Christ's army, but he remains, he continues with us, "all the days, even unto the end of the world." Then let us thank God, and take courage for the work and the warfare that are ours still. Since he is alive, since he is with us, his strength, his wisdom, his all-sufficient grace are ours as we need them. And where these are, is victory.—Exchange.

AS WE LOVE WE GIVE.

A man who loves his home gladly gives to the extent of his ability and its needs, and without being appealed to for such liberality. The man who loves God supremely will count it a privilege to give liberally to his cause. The plain, if painful, truth seems to be that most of us love him very little, else why are there empty missionary treasuries, and why unnumbered millions of heathen who have never heard about our Savior? Do we not give thousands to self-gratification and beg-

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boast of; it is a wrong to one's self, to dead leaves under the feet. There is and a greater wrong to those whom we love. Perfect love shows itself in sacrifice; is almost a contradiction in terms.—Sunday School Times.

IN THE TIME OF TESTING.

"It is wonderful how much of our goodness is due to the lack of temptation," said a wise woman recently. "We plant our little virtues in some warm, soft soil, some atmosphere of comfort where they are sheltered from storm and stress, and they grow into hothouse, luxuriance and beauty. We never doubt their vigor or genuineness until something deprives them of their shelter and leaves them where the blasts of trial beat upon them."

"I thought myself a strong, reasonable, self-controlled woman, just and tolerant toward others, sweet-tempered and unselfish. O no, I never said so, of course, but that was the estimate of my friends, and I secretly accepted it. There was little trouble in living up to it in the dear home atmosphere of love and appreciation."

"But when a sudden change came to my life, when I was where half-voiced distrust took the place of the old, tender loyalty, where petty jealousies and clashing interests made themselves felt, and many things that had long been considered mine of right were called in question, then—ah, well! I discovered that there was a deal of bitterness, morbid weakness, anger, and selfishness left in my composition. I was weak in ways I had not deemed possible, and scarcely less bitter that the change in outward circumstances was the revelation of myself."—Wellspring.

BREAD AND WATER.

"Jesus is not a phenomenon, he is bread; Christ is not a curiosity, he is water. As surely as we cannot live without bread we cannot live truly without Christ; if we know not Christ we are not living, our movement is a mechanical flutter, our pulse is but the stirring of an animal life. It is in this way, then, that Jesus Christ is to be preached. It is even so I would ever preach him; I would call him the water of life; I would speak of him as the true bread sent down from heaven; I would tell men that it is impossible to live without him; I would say, with heightening passion, with glowing and ineffable love, that he only, even the holy Christ of God, can satisfy the hunger and the thirst of the soul of man."—Dr. Joseph Parker.

EMPTINESS OF HIDDEN LOVE.

In the rough and ready ethics of everyday life little value is attached to that which costs little. And, in a sense, that estimate is right. It is easy to say, for instance, that one loves one's friends, one's Church, one's country; but what value is to be attached to such a claim if the love which is asserted is never evidenced by outward act? "Better is open rebuke," says the proverbialist, "than love that is hidden;" for love that is hidden is love that denies the very nature of love—love that reveals not itself in self-sacrifice for the sake of the loved ones. Love that is so hidden is like an overdue debt that is still unpaid, it is something to be ashamed of, rather than to

SECRET GRIEFS.

Trouble comes in many forms. It may be a bitter disappointment which falls upon a young life when love has not been true, or when character has proved unworthy, turning the fair blossoms of hope

Jesus wept.—John 11:35.

"Jesus wept." That is the fully-revealed secret of the steadfastness of His love. If He had been a mercenary deity, He would have spared those who sought to oppose Him; but He was a Savior; He was the Son of God, and therefore He loved all humanity; when He was reviled He reviled not again, for it would have been loss of dignity and loss of love; and disqualification of Himself for His sublime ministry. All things spent in reviling it thus, when sweet from saving. He gave His back to the smiters, and His cheek to those that plucked off the hairs; and still He thought He could save the world. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied. When the fight is over, there will be but one compass, and His name shall be Jesus of Nazareth.—Joseph Parker.

A LAYMAN

Gave Doctor a hint about Coffee.

"Speaking of coffee, a doctor at the university, Ohio, says: 'We used to analyze coffee at the Medical College, and in spite of our laboratory tests which showed it to contain coffee, an active poison. I continued to use the drink, and later on found myself afflicted with serious stomach trouble, indigestion, headaches, etc.'

The headaches came on so regularly and oppressed me so that I found it difficult to attend to my regular duties. One day last November I met a friend whom I had known to be steadily afflicted. His marked improvement in appearance caused me to inquire what he had been doing. He answered that he had some time ago quit coffee and was using Postum Food Coffee, and this change he attributed the change in his health."

I took the hint, even from a layman, and made the same change myself. The first week I noticed a little difference but not much. The third week the change was almost magical. I have continued with the Postum and now my digestion is perfect, the nervous headaches have entirely disappeared, and I am well. My own analysis of the Postum Food Coffee shows it to be a pure food drink of strong character which is a marked contrast to the old-fashioned coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Secular News Items.

The Southern Railway has placed orders with a number of car and locomotive works for the immediate construction of 200 locomotives, 2,000 freight and coal cars, and fifty passenger coaches, the deliveries to be made at the earliest possible moment.

ate more than one half of the sum asked for by the Philippine Commission as necessary to make the display. The Filipinos ask for \$200,000; only one hundred thousand can the World's Fair management be induced to allow for this purpose, nor will they permit the exhibit to be managed as a special concession to which the visitors will pay a small admission fee.

while simultaneously a clockwork is released and rocks the cradle. When the crying stops the wires cease to vibrate and the cradle stops rocking. However, the dispatch neglects to say what this supplanter of 'the hand that rocks the cradle' will do when the baby is hungry."

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Although the House and the Governor favored it, the Kansas Senate killed a bill granting to women the privilege of voting for Presidential electors.

Free Hair Grower advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman's face and the text 'No Longer Any Excuse for Dandruff, Falling Hair or Baldness.'

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The Home & Circle

AUNTIE'S BABIES.

There are three of them; bless the darlings. There's Laurence and Edith May. And the dear little baby—Walter. Just six months old to-day. And I think, as I rock the wee one To sleep in his tiny nest. And kiss the smiles and dimples. "It is you I love the best."

But Edith, with eyes so solemn, "Climbs up on my knee to say, "May I hold 'your footch'?" and listens As it measures our lives away. I stroke the brown locks sunny, The sweet young brow caressed. And I think, "Your auntie loves you, Dear little niece, the best."

But little arms clasped softly My neck in a close embrace. And a boyish cheek all rosy Is crossed against my face. "To auntie's little sweetheart; An' I love you lots, I do; Whole-hearted hugs, auntie, Is 'at enough for co'."

When I kiss my ardent lover, And hold him to my breast, And I think, "Of all the babies, I surely love you best," But at night, as the tiny toddlers Reluctant go to rest, I know, as I tuck them under, That I love them all the best.

—Emma F. Swingle.

THE CHIEF DESIRE OF MANKIND.

Happiness is the chief desire of all mankind. We all yearn for happiness. The rich, the poor, the great, the small, the old and the young, seek for happiness. And here a thought comes to our mind: Is there any real happiness in this world? One writer has said, "There is none."

I shall not stop to take sides with this question; but wish only to illustrate how easily and quickly it can be taken from us, whether it be real happiness or not. Let us imagine we were once on the sea shore, and while standing there I stooped down and with my finger wrote in the sand, the chief desire of all mankind, "Happiness." I read it over, then turned to the misty deep, which was as calm as the shores it met. A clear, bright sky canopied its twin sister, the sea, while the sun poured a flood of golden light over all. Every little grain of sand was a sparkling eye of delight and every tinted shell was a blushing cheek of pleasure; but while I stood admiring Happiness, I saw dark waves far out at sea, like an ever-threatening pulse, heaving along the shore. Onward and onward they came and dashed along the shore and then crept back to hide in the sea as if ashamed of their rudeness. I looked down for "Happiness," but the waves had been there and it, with its sparkling sands and tinted shells, was gone. Gone forever in all time, maybe in all eternity. Would "Happiness," with its sparkling sands and tinted shells be just as it was? Then I thought, may we not read in this the history of man? We stand on the beach and look out on the great ocean of human life, and in the sands of time we write "Happiness," but oft have we scarcely traced its lines until waves of unperceived sin in the depths of our selfish nature and dash along the shores of our existence, and "Happiness" is gone. Perchance forever, in all time, maybe in all eternity, we may not be as happy as we were. KATIE STRATTON.

HOW JOHN ROBERT FED HIS CHICKENS.

John Robert was a little boy three years old and he lived on a farm where there were a great many hens and chickens.

was thinking how hungry the chickens were waiting so long for their dinner. So he took one of the big rubber boots and dragged it along as fast as he could run into the barn, where he knew the corn and oats were kept in a large bag; and what do you suppose this funny little boy did then but fill it with corn and oats and hurry back to the chicken-house to hide it behind the door. Every morning he would fill his little hands with corn and oats from the rubber boot and feed the chickens. Now these chickens were not as hungry as John Robert imagined and they really couldn't eat so much. So there were little piles of oats and little piles of corn all about the yard. One day John Robert's papa said: "Where does all this grain come from?" He hunted about the chicken-house and very soon found the rubber boot. So he called John to him and said: "You are a naughty boy to take the grain and you can't have any more."

This seemed very cruel to a little boy three years old and he cried and cried and was very unhappy. While he sat crying, up came the three little bantams, scratching and clucking and seeming to say: "Don't cry any more, little boy; it will be all right." This made John feel much better, so he stopped crying and began to think what he would do next. "What do you think he did this time?" Why, he looked all about until he found a big bottle, with which he ran to the barn; and this he filled to the top with corn and oats and took it back to the chickens. Now, when his papa and mamma saw how persevering he had been, they said, "Well, the poor little boy has tried so hard to be kind to his chickens that we will let him have the bottle of grain;" and after that day John Robert had fine fun feeding them and they grew fat and strong, though never very big, because they were bantams, you know.

One day up flew one of them on to the fence and said, "Cock-a-doodle-do," as loud and clear as a big rooster might have done; and then, as you may suppose, John Robert was a proud and happy little boy.—Mary G. Bates, in Christian Register.

PASTOR DEAN'S PLAN.

"No!" "Yes, John." There was a heavy silence. The Rev. John twisted a paper-knife. Mrs. John sewed placidly. "It seems that because we are sent here the Church is to lose its wealthiest member, the one who has given most toward the support of the society."

"How so?" said Mrs. John, as she turned a hem and set the first tiny stitches. "Peter Harmon wanted Dr. Lucas to be sent here. He hasn't said in so many words that he will not do anything while I stay, but he has implied as much. I wish he would try to endure for the year. I wish I didn't know he disliked me. I believe it would be easier. I wouldn't have come."

THE IRISH SCHOOL.

Clifton Johnson, in the Woman's Home Companion, gives this picture of a school on the Irish bog-lands: "The pupil who had the most distressing experience during my visit was a mild, red-headed boy about eleven years old. He failed in his grammar, and the master set him to

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pleasant, no matter how hard it hurts you to do it. "Peak like you do when you laugh; begged a little sick child from bed chamber, on hearing a neighbor's plaintive inquiries below stairs. It is a good advice for everybody. Train your voice to notes of exultation. With a gospel of gladness, it is a shame to go about drooping at the mouth- corners."

GOOD ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

My advice to a young man just starting in life, and ambitious to become wealthy, is to take good care of his health, to shun all bad habits, and to save at least one out of every five dollars he earns, and immediately get that one dollar out at interest. A man must have good health to put his powers to the best advantage. To make money his brain must be clear, and not clouded by rum or tobacco. I have spoken of the importance of getting your savings out at interest immediately. Few people have any idea of the rapidity with which money at interest grows, and there is no better, safer way to get it out at interest than to buy some small piece of real estate that is improved and pays rent sufficient to yield a surplus that will pay the taxes; the interest on the mortgage you will have to give, and something on the principal each year. Continue to work hard and save all you can from your earnings, and apply all you save to paying off the mortgage. In this way you will soon have a good and perfectly safe investment. —Enoch Pratt.

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NORTH TEXAS MINUTES.

I have before me all the minutes of our entire connection. I am prepared to say that with the possible exception of the Holston Journal, the North Texas souvenir edition is not second to any. Bro. Mood has done a large and gratuitous amount of labor that is worthy of the appreciation of all North Texas.

J. MARVIN NICHOLS, Ex-Sec. N. T. Conf.

THE VOICE OF MEMORY.

Sometime ago I wandered back to the scenes of my childhood. Ten years had gone by on wings of light and shadow since I bade farewell to the "old home" to try the fortunes of the West.

"A voice came floating through the air, Reminding me of mother's prayer" 'twas the voice of memory in accents clear and sweet: "Remember your innocent childhood and keep yourself unspotted from the world."

WILL HAMILTON, Austin, Texas.

TWO RARE OLD BOOKS.

I have in my possession an old hymn book. The preface was written and signed by John Wesley, and was printed in Nottingham, England, in A. D. 1796, making the book one hundred and seven years old.

My purpose in writing you about the books is to know if you know of any museum or collector of relics where I can sell the same.

JOANNAH L. CUNNINGHAM, Rockdale, Texas.

"THE BOY SAMUEL."

How old was he? We say between seven and twelve. His faith came by hearing. He was justified by faith. Repentance was no prerequisite to faith on his part.

Samuel had been under the Adamic condemnation, a child of wrath as others. Sin is a prerequisite to nothing but death.

Samuel, like Abraham, took God at his word, believed and obeyed and became a servant of the most high God. J. C. PALMER, Duffau, Texas.

OUR SCHOOL AT THE ORPHANAGE.

We are progressing very well indeed as a school. The boys and girls are apt and bright. We have some very quick minds, here, and it is a great pleasure to come in contact with them.

We were pleased to have Bishop Hendrix with us some time since. He made the children a splendid talk Bishop Hendrix always brings a message to those whom he addresses.

S. E. BURKHEAD, Waco, Texas.

N. W. T. CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The Institute will be held at Cleburne, Texas, April 8-9, beginning Wednesday night and closing Friday night. Dr. and Mrs. Hamill will be present and conduct the institute, assisted by conference Sunday-school workers.

We have about 90 Methodists in Cleburne, led by that generous and whole-souled man of God, C. E. Brown. He directs us to "let down the bars" and tell all our Sunday-school workers who desire to attend to come and Cleburne will spread herself in way of entertainment.

Secretary S. S. Board, N. W. T. Conf., Colorado, Texas.

NEVER EXPECTS TO BE WITHOUT IT.

I am 50 years old and have read the Advocate since I was a little girl. The Advocate is the first paper I remember ever reading. It was then published in Galveston. It grows dearer to me all the time and I never expect to be without it.

MRS. N. C. DUNCAN, Wholesock, Texas.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference for Woodbine Circuit has been changed from March 7 and 8 to March 10 and 11. G. S. SEXTON, P. E.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

Will the preachers send me the names of all delegates to the San Angelo District Conference as soon as convenient? Will you bring your wives? How will you come—by private or public conveyance? Please let me know, if you can, who will be present from your charge. W. WOOTTON, San Angelo, Texas, Feb. 22.

MARRIAGES.

Short-Wilson.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Marysville, Johnson County, Texas, Feb. 29, 1898, Mr. H. F. Short and Miss Carrie Wilson, Rev. J. P. Mussett officiating.

Owen-Duskin.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Mabank, Texas, Feb. 29, 1898, Mr. Oscar Owen and Miss Taine Duskin, Rev. Jesse G. Forester officiating.

McMillan-Hill.—At the bride's home, Brandon, Texas, Feb. 29, 1898, Mr. James A. McMillan and Miss Anna Hill, Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Grizzel-Frater.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Brandon, Texas, March 1, 1898, Mr. Walter Grizzel and Miss Eliza Bell Frater, Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Jarrod-Hays.—Near Trenton, Texas, March 1, 1898, Mr. A. P. Jarrod and Miss Jennie Hays, Rev. W. B. Dayless officiating.

Arnold-Mady.—At the home of the bride's parents, Garza, Texas, Feb. 22, 1898, Mr. W. E. Arnold and Miss Alice Mady, Rev. W. A. Fritchett officiating.

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Brenham District—Second Round.

Caldwell mis. at Deansville, Mar. 21, 22; Caldwell sta. Mar. 22, 23; Faircar and Brookshire, at K., Mar. 25, 26; Lyons, at Lyons, Apr. 2, 3; Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Breckenridge, at Earlsboro, Apr. 18; Crystal Falls, at Grogan, Apr. 25, 26; Whit, etc., at Whit, Apr. 29, 30; Peaster, at Centerville, May 2, 3; Springtown, at Walnut, May 5, 6; Farmer, at Markley, May 11, 12; Elizaville, at Fish Creek, May 25, 26; Throckmorton, at Rocky Pt., May 26; Graham cir. at Upper Tank, May 26, 27; Graham sta., May 27, June 1 District Con. at Breckenridge, June 25, 26. Let all the stewards see their members and all the members see their steward.

McKinney District—Second Round.

Allen cir. at White's Grove, Mar. 21, 22; McKinney sta. Mar. 22, 23; Nevada cir. at Millwood, Mar. 25, 26; Princeton cir. at Pleasant G., Apr. 4, 5; Pano sta., Apr. 11, 12; Boner cir. at Frankford, Apr. 18, 19; Wyle cir. at Murphy, Apr. 25, 26; Colina and Roseland, at R., May 2, 3; Farmersville sta., May 5, 6; Prosper cir., May 25, 26; Frisco cir. at Lebanon, May 25, 26; Weston cir. at Weston, May 26, 27; Copville mis., June 6, 7; Blue Ridge cir., June 12, 13; F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round.

Houma and Winlock, at W., Mar. 21, 22; Jewett, at Oakwoods, Mar. 25, 26; Centerville, at Red Land, Apr. 1; Marquet, at Gum Springs, Apr. 4, 5; Leon mis., Apr. 11, 12; Fairfield, at Stewart's Mills, Apr. 18; Frostone mis. at Jordan's Ch., Apr. 18, 19; Franklin cir. at Macy, Apr. 25, 26; Franklin sta., Apr. 25, 26; Hammond and Boagan, at B., Apr. 25, 26; Pettyway, at Boon Prairie, May 2, 3; Koss, May 2, 3; Calvert sta., May 7; Rosebud sta., May 9; Travis, at Terry Chapel, May 16, 17; Left, May 16, 17; Eureka, at Bivins, May 25, 26; Martin sta., May 25, 26. The District Conference will convene at Franklin July 2-6. I make this announcement early so the preachers can arrange for it. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 28.—H. P. Shrader, sub. M. K. Fred, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub. J. T. Hudworth, sub. Frank Hughes, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. S. R. Hay, sub. has attention. J. F. Smith, sub. C. W. Mar- gine, sub. R. A. Waltrip, sub. J. E. Wages, sub. D. E. Fuller, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. W. H. Moss, sub. C. W. Jacobs, sub. J. A. Phillips, sub. Eugene T. Bates, sub. H. T. Cunningham, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. Feb. 27.—F. Luker, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. G. V. Ridley, sub. W. F. Evans, sub. Feb. 28.—A. D. Porter, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. R. C. Armstrong, has attention. W. A. Gilliland, sub. J. G. Putman, sub. A. White, sub. P. R. White, sub. J. P. Patterson, change. C. R. Lamar, sub. S. J. Drake, sub. R. B. Maryland, sub. O. A. Shook, sub. R. E. Young, sub. March 2.—L. A. Reavis, sub. J. M. Bond, sub. T. R. Vinson, sub. has attention. M. H. Read, change made. T. F. Sessions, sub. C. W. Perkins, trial sub. J. C. Carter, sub. J. M. Mills, sub. J. P. Mussett, sub. C. A. Evans, sub. R. D. Moon, sub. C. Bruce Meador, sub. M. L. Dickey, sub. March 2.—Geo. A. Nance, sub. J. B. Turrentine, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. T. J. Milam, thanks. C. R. Wright, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. Nath. Thompson, sub. T. W. Lovell, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. G. W. Kinchele, sub. R. D. Moon, sub. J. K. McMillan, sub. March 4.—A. E. Carraway, sub. M. S. Hotchkies, sub. J. M. McCarter, sub. R. E. Wagner, sub. Zoro B. Pirie, sub. E. N. Cook, sub. J. T. Studworth, sub. Jno. E. Rouch, sub. J. B. Adair, sub. M. F. Daniel, sub. T. S. Armstrong, sub.

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