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Northwest Texas Conference.

FIRST DAY.
GEORGETOWN, October 31, 1883.

The Northwest Texas Conference is seventeen years old to-day.

Her first session was at Waxahachie. The minutes of that session are before me. Bishop Marvin presided. W. M. C. Lambdin, Louis B. Whipple, John S. McCarver and Thomas Stanford were there as leaders. The first two have long since gone home. The other two are with us still—Bro. McCarver superannuated; Bro. Stanford, vigorous and effective.

Mordcael Yell, Joseph P. Saeed, J. P. Stanford and R. Crawford were superannuated. Bro. Saeed died two years ago. Bro. Stanford is in the bounds of the North Texas Conference. The other two are here, stout for their age, but still on the roll of honor.

At that session the conference reported its strength as follows:

White members.....	3750
Colored members.....	520
Local preachers.....	100
Traveling preachers.....	37
Sunday schools.....	28
Scholars.....	493

The statistical tables this year will show a very different state of things.

The eighteenth annual session met in Georgetown, October 31, 1883, Bishop Linus Parker in the chair.

After the usual religious exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the Mayor of the city, Mr. A. B. Strange, was introduced to the conference, and gave us a cordial welcome to Georgetown. L. M. Lewis replied on the part of the conference.

The secretary of the last session called the roll. The names of J. S. Lane, James Hiner and Joseph B. Allison have been transferred to the roll in heaven.

Trains missing connection caused the failure of an unusual number of brethren to be present on the first day.

They are on the road, and to-morrow will see them in their places.

F. P. Ray was chosen Secretary, of course, and G. W. Swafford, H. B. Henry and W. F. Packard, Assistants.

The presiding elders retired to prepare their nominations for standing committees.

Papers from Publishing House, Board of Missions, Southwestern University, etc., were read and referred to proper committees.

Papers from Board of Publication of Texas Christian Advocate were referred to a special committee.

A number of visitors were introduced to the conference. Among them R. A. Young, Secretary of the Board of Missions, who towers among us as his wont in the days of his canvases for the Texas Conference.

He is not much did he say when introduced, but we will hear from him by and by. David Morton, Secretary of Board of Church Extension, will be here to-morrow. We also look for G. W. Briggs, of the Texas Conference.

The Bishop passed quickly through the organization and preliminary matters, and took up the first question:

Who are admitted on trial? Charles S. Field, J. T. Bidwell, John W. Sampson, Leonidas Lantz, A. B. Trimble, Albert P. Smith, Isaac L. Mills, and Jesse T. Ellis stand on the imminent life. God bless them!

A number of names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. The report of the committee will appear.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Nov. 1, 1883.

Most of the missing brethren are in their places this morning. A number of visitors are present. David Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, is with us, displaying the "Dutch build" of Bishop Kavanaugh, and often displaying the zeal, the eloquence and the humor of the old Kentucky bishop. They ought to be kin.

The church extension papers were read, after which the second question was called.

A. H. Sutherland, Ygnacio Sanchez and J. S. Lane and Joseph B. Allison were transferred to the roll of the West Texas Conference. W. G. Hedley, transfer from Memphis Conference, and Milton H. Porter, of the Texas Conference, were introduced.

Question one was resumed, and at five o'clock Bro. Benson and Andrew F. Culbertson were admitted on trial.

Question two was called and R. W. Weiborn, John A. Gordon, John B. Hawkins and Barrel F. Baggett, remain on trial.

A. P. Hightower and W. A. Wood were discontinued at their own request.

Jere Reese, W. J. Lemons, James B. Wood, Andrew Anderson, James H. Wellman, R. F. Dunn, Abram Long, James M. Baker and David C. Strange, were admitted on full connection and elected deacons. Cornelius Rowland, Joseph B. Womack, and J. W. Dickinson were continued in class of third year.

W. C. Brodie, Milton K. Little, Crockett G. Shutt, James T. Hosmer, Charles W. Daniel, W. H. LeFevre, Dennis G. Stark, John H. Trimble, Stephen B. Ellis, Harrison C. Trammell, George W. Riley and James W. Carson were elected and ordained elders.

A number of local preachers were elected and ordained deacons and elders.

The credentials of J. K. Street were surrendered, and those of E. F. May restored.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Nov. 2, 1883.

W. Monk, B. Harris, G. M. Edwards, W. T. Thornberry, of the West Texas Conference, and M. B. Rankin, agent of American Bible Society, were introduced to the conference.

Question six was asked, and G. M. Edwards, from Mission Conference; Bascom T. Pearson, from North Mississippi Conference; and J. J. Harris, from North Georgia Conference, were announced as transfers.

F. P. Ray, S. S. Yarbrough, J. H. Hines, J. A. Walkup, John Powell, J. J. Shirley, M. L. Martin, E. R. Barnes, and E. J. Perry were placed upon the supernumerary list.

W. B. Allen, John Carpenter, Robert Crawford, John P. Stafield, T. G. Gilmore, Mordcael Yell, H. W. Smith, John S. McCarver, J. W. Walkup, James M. Johnson, James M. Jones and Peter W. Gravis were placed on the roll of honor.

Question two was called, and J. McFerrin Barnes, W. L. Harris, Jr., and A. P. Taylor, were passed to the class of second year.

A communication from J. W. Hinton, editor of the Quarterly Review, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Question seven was called, and John A. Wallace, William A. Gillette, Bascom J. H. Thomas, G. S. Wyatt, J. D. D. Scoggin were passed to the class of the fourth year.

Robert M. Morris was continued in the class of third year. William F. Packard, having concluded to go to Vanderbilt University, declined to go before the committee and was continued in class of third year.

The remainder of the day's session was spent on question 20: "Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?"

The Board of Church Extension met at night, and had a pleasant time. F. H. Wells, President, was in the chair. David Morton addressed the audience, and the entire assessment for that purpose against this conference was read.

Missionary day was lovely. Dr. R. A. Young was sick, and we read about it. But after completing the business preparatory for Sunday, Bishop Parker announced the hymn "Jesus shall Reign," which was sung, and offered earnest, fervent prayer for the cause of missions.

The Northwest Texas Conference has so many missionaries that it takes but a short time to rouse them to enthusiasm on the subject.

H. A. Bourland, of North Texas Conference, made a speech on the subject and the fire commenced burning.

In the afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society met. This society was doing a noble work of attending the meeting by pressing engagements. He learns that eloquent speeches were made by Mrs. Siegoff, Mrs. Ellis and H. A. Bourland.

At night the centennial of Methodist work in the State of Texas was celebrated by Bishop Parker, A. H. Sutherland and our own Charley Brown, and the anniversary resulted in four thousand and sixty-three dollars and the purchase of a new building for the State of Texas.

The prayer meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Siegoff, and the conference supports Bro. Tafolla, on the Mexican Border.

Sunday was bright and beautiful. The missionary fire that shone so brightly on Saturday was still burning. The love-feast at 9 a. m., conducted by the oldest superannuate of the conference, Bro. Mordcael Yell, was a time of great refreshing. There came the Bishop's sermon. If it were announced at conference that the Angel Gabriel would preach at some other church, the majority of Methodist preachers would go to that church to hear the Bishop.

For his part, I don't blame them; for, so far as we know, Gabriel has never yet been soundly converted, while, thank God, the Bishop has.

So there were nearly all the preachers in the Methodist church, when Bishop Parker came in. His style of preaching is different from most men; it is expository from beginning to end. If the truth does not make you happy, he is not going to quit teaching to get up a storm; but on that Sunday morning the tide of emotion swelled as the story of their lives fell from living lips in choking utterance, until many a shout rang out thanksgiving to God. Then came the sacrament. It was intended as the close of the services, but not so. So gladly grew the influence of the Holy Ghost among us that we could not adjourn. A call was made, several penitents came to the altar and five professed conversion.

There was no preaching in the other churches in the afternoon or night. David Morton preached in the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. We heard good report of his sermon and services.

Georgetown District.

G. W. GRAVES, PRESIDING ELDER.
Georgetown Station—A. A. Allison.
Belton Station—W. L. Nelms.
Round Rock Circuit—J. S. Tunnell.
Taylor and Temple Circuit—J. M. Barnes.

Corn Hill Circuit—E. A. Bailey.
Liberty Hill Circuit—Allen P. Taylor.
Belton Circuit—L. S. Chamberlain.
Salsado Circuit—W. T. Melugin.
Oenaville Circuit—J. D. Crockett.
South Gabriel Circuit—Albert C. Benson.

Burnet Station—W. C. Brodie.
Barnet Circuit—C. S. Field.
Lampasas Station—R. H. Burnett.
Sugar Land Circuit—W. L. Harris, Jr.
Southwestern University—F. A. Moad, Regent.

Rice and Chatfield Circuit—F. M. Winburne.
Italy Circuit—N. A. Keen.
Agent of Marvin College—Charles E. Brown.
Professor of Marvin College—J. Fred Cox.

Fort Worth District.

W. R. D. STROCKTON, PRESIDING ELDER.
Fort Worth Station—Horace Bishop.
Fort Worth Mission—W. D. Robinson.
Arlington Circuit—Geo. S. Wyatt.
Village Creek Circuit—James H. Wiseman.

Martinsburg Circuit—J. A. Murphy.
Cleburne Station—S. J. Franks.
Noland River Circuit—W. W. Sansom.
Alvarado Circuit—Leander Lantz.
Grandview Circuit—B. T. Pearson.
Sycamore Circuit—T. Henderson.
Hillsboro Circuit—G. W. Swafford.
Hillsboro Circuit—J. P. Missett.
Whitney Circuit—B. F. Baggett.
Mt. Creek Circuit—To be supplied by Joseph Trice.

Waxahachie District.

R. C. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDING ELDER.
Waxahachie Station—L. M. Lewis; F. P. Ray, supernumerary.
Waxahachie Circuit—C. G. Shutt.
Emis Station—James Campbell.
Sims and Greenwood Circuit—William Vaughan.
Lancaster Circuit—J. W. Owens.
Wesley and Rush Circuit—M. K. Little.
Red Oak Circuit—John S. Davis.
Ferris and Palmer Circuit—S. B. Ellis.
Emis Circuit—To be supplied by C. E. Gallagher.
Ranger Circuit—To be supplied.
Irene Circuit—C. S. McCarver.

Weatherford District.

C. H. ELLIS, PRESIDING ELDER.
Weatherford Station—M. H. Whit. Weatherford Mission—E. F. Stone.
Cartersville Circuit—W. W. Simmons.
Springtown Circuit—G. W. Edwards; M. L. Martin, supernumerary.
Whit Circuit—R. M. Morris.
Elkhorn Circuit—J. L. Moore.
Jacksonburg and Carroll's Creek Circuit—J. G. Patman; J. F. Hines, supernumerary.
Graham Station—J. R. Nelson.
Graham Mission—J. M. Baker.
Sycamore Mission—T. Hosmer.
Mineral Wells and Missap Circuit—G. W. Riley.
Vinyard City Mission—Andrew T. Culbertson.
Sunday-school Agent—William Price.

Eastland District.

A. K. MILLER, PRESIDING ELDER.
Granberry Station—H. B. Henry; J. J. Shirley, supernumerary.
Cisco Station—John A. Wallace.
Eastland Circuit—Marion Mills.
Ranger Mission—Abram Long.
Breckenridge Circuit—To be supplied by T. M. Price.
Lipan Circuit—J. J. Davis.
Palo Pinto Mission—J. N. Reeves.
Polunoy Circuit—W. E. Woodward.
Genossee Circuit—D. C. Strange.
Throckmorton Mission—Joseph T. Bloodworth.
Acton Circuit—O. M. Allison.

Stephenville District.

S. S. SCOTT, PRESIDING ELDER.
Stephenville Station—Robert A. Durham.
Stephenville Circuit—R. V. Gallaway.
Carlton Circuit—H. J. M. Querry.
Irene and Meridian Circuit—J. J. Harris.
Jonesboro Circuit—W. L. Harris.
Gatesville Station—Thomas Stanford; R. P. Perry, supernumerary.
McGregor Circuit—F. C. Stephenson.
Crawford Circuit—J. H. Trimble.
Clifton Circuit—W. E. Grayson.
Dublin Circuit—E. A. Smith.
Mountain Mission—To be supplied.
Duffan Circuit—J. W. Kizzler.
Henson Creek Circuit—H. C. Trammell.
Gatesville Mission—To be supplied.

Brownwood District.

J. K. LANE, PRESIDING ELDER.
Brownwood Circuit—J. C. S. Baird; Jesse I. Ellis, junior preacher.
Coleman Circuit—W. A. Gillette.
Rannels Mission—Daniel Morgan.
Williams Circuit—J. B. Smith.
Center City Mission—J. B. Hawkins.
Pocan Mission—J. P. Hulse.
Comanche Circuit—W. Daniel.
Bibb Mission—L. W. Wellborn.
Hamilton Circuit—Cor. Rowland.
Sawyer Mission—O. A. Shook.
Lampasas Circuit—M. E. Johnson.
Plum Creek Circuit—E. T. Bates.
Higgins Gap Mission—L. F. Collins.

Ablene District.

J. T. L. ANNIS, PRESIDING ELDER.
Belle Plaine Mission—Andrew Anderson.
Caddo Peaks Mission—Dennis C. Stark.
Rising Star Mission—George F. Fair.
Buffalo Gap Mission—W. J. Lenons.
DeLeon Circuit—J. B. Womack.
Colorado—B. J. H. Thomas.
Sweetwater Mission—R. F. Dunn.
Ablene Circuit—A. D. Gaskell.
Albany Mission—J. W. Dickinson.
Anson Mission—J. B. Wood.
Gillespie's Rancho—James Grant.

Transferred.

Texas Conference—J. J. Canfax.
North Georgia Conference—Jerry Reese.
Tennessee Conference—W. F. Packard.
West Texas Conference—L. D. Scoggin.

Suspended.

L. H. Trimble suspended from ministry and membership of the church.

The conference united in singing the Doxology, and adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

A cutaway jacket is the proper costume for an eloquent.

Kind Words from Tennessee.

THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for many years meant to me only the Nashville Address. It has become a reality to me; and it will give me much comfort and cheering winter evenings.

Some features of the TEXAS ADVOCATE are specially to be commended. Its outlook is not only a genuine Godsend to the country where it is circulated. Having been a close student of journalism for several years, the conclusion has forced itself upon me that the journal does not take positive grounds losing the respect of all classes; and the "religious" paper that is so "spiritual" that it cannot afford to discuss the topics of the times is unworthy the patronage of Christian people. This journal is both and the Sunday question, and the Mormon question, may be "political questions," but they affect all the social and religious interests of all the people in this great country of ours.

It is a relief to find in the religious press of the land, our central organ, the Nashville Advocate, is leading the secular press of this State into right paths; and a public sentiment is being created that portends death to the whisky interest; and that means a prophecy of life to every other interest. THE TEXAS ADVOCATE is behind no journal in this line; and its gallant fight with the immorality of the Texas daily press is being watched with much interest by others than Texans.

Another feature of the TEXAS ADVOCATE that should be commended and copied, is its plan of having every communication signed by the writer. The interests of any cause are more endangered than benefited by the advocacy of an anonymous correspondent. Such discussions almost invariably engender unkind feelings between the writers, who may have been the best of friends. It is a most interesting department is the "revival news." These reports from the brethren do much to encourage others.

The seventeenth session of the Tennessee Annual Conference met here last week, with our beloved senior Bishop Pierce in the chair. His rulings were as one would expect from him; and his preaching on Sunday such as only Bishop Pierce can do. All the eyes of the church were fixed on him. The Bishop gave a rather eulogistic report to the conference on its missionary work. He declared that if his conference did not do better in proportion to its ability than the Tennessee conference, he would resign. However, the brethren promised improvement in all their collections. The work—a great deal of it—for Centenary year was well laid out; and a part of this is the raising a fund for the education of the children of deceased Methodist preachers. Dr. Kelley, of course, is a leader in this movement. The study of "reports" from the various churches in a conference is a very interesting one; and this interest is heightened by the fact that the reports are qualified with every part of the conference. In our conference, the Nashville district is, of course, far in the lead in the matter of collections, salaries. The Clarksville district pays the best salaries in the Nashville district; but it does not pay near as much in the way of collections as some other districts. I take this for the purpose of asking a question: Who is responsible for the smallness of our collections, in "revival news" of the Nashville district, Oct. 26th.

Our Educational Interests.

To the Advocate.

Shall we pursue the plan of the last ten years? Shall we have a common interest to which all can look, and of which all may be proud? I favor this, and believe it to be the only one, and because we have voluntarily committed ourselves to it. Every Methodist in the State has property in the Southwestern. Whatever may be his interest elsewhere he has an interest in the educational interests of the State by doing his best for this central institution. It is this made more and more honorable, an institution of which the church and the State is justly proud. This fact will itself contribute much to the prosperity of every other institution under the care of the church. Shall we make it a university that can stand side by side of the first schools on the continent? When we stop short of this point, we have taken short of the great endowment in the Southwestern, and have been urging to ourselves and our people. While much has been done, much is yet to do to make the Southwestern what it is designed to be. Its success so far has really been wonderful. It has become the first institution of learning in the State. It is the first institution in the State that has reflected much honor upon its graduates. Shall we stop here and let it work out its own destiny? A new state of things has been inaugurated by the State University, which is well endowed and ably managed, with free tuition, has been opened for the first time by the State. The Southwestern lacks the money which this State university has by the million, and must be content to depend on the State—its advantages for a time—its advantages which nothing but money can remove. How long shall this be so? Can the crisis be met? If they can raise one hundred thousand dollars it will be interesting to raise another hundred thousand. The people are generally poor, but we have a large territory in Texas, and if that territory could be made to contribute, that would be expected, that hundred thousand will be raised. If any one has no money to give to aid this good work, let him do nothing, say nothing to hinder it. This is a legitimate part of our work and it is the work of the church in every part of the State; so let the preachers give the full force of their influence in every quarter of the State to carry out an enterprise that so deeply involves the interests of the church in Texas. The university must be endowed or in a large measure fall to meet the anticipations of its friends. It cannot be done by any section of the church, it can. Men who are able to give money generally desire to invest in something which has a foundation and a future, and if they see the church united and zealous in this one work, it will inspire confidence, and they will feel that the investment is a safe one. Brethren, we must be one on the

Southwestern; nothing else will insure success, and we have too much at stake to fail. This is the time set apart for special efforts to build up our schools. If this effort does not divide us in our interests, it will do much good; if it does, it will do much harm. But why should it divide us? What interests are in conflict? Is there any conflict between our district and conference schools and the Southwestern University? I see none. We will aid the one most by aiding the other. No one is asked to give up his home interests; no one ought to give them up. On this we will write again.—ISAAC ALEXANDER, Knoxville, Nov. 29, 1883.

Transfers to Texas.

To the Advocate.

There seems to be a nervous state of mind, almost amounting to fear, on the part of some of our preachers in Texas, in reference to transfers coming to our conferences from the East. This was natural when, as was the case some years ago, the conferences were already full to overflowing, and the newcomers must crowd somebody out. Even in such a case the law of "the survival of the fittest" must work, and no truly efficient preacher has anything to dread.

But are our conferences "full" at this time? Look at the appointments of the West Texas Conference and see how often "to be supplied" occurs. In our North Texas Conference I know of eleven places that will be left vacant by as many preachers, most of them our very best and strongest men. No conference can stand such a drain as that without feeling it seriously, or drawing fresh supplies from her sister conferences. Then, is there no time to throw obstructions in the way of recruits. It is no time to make those brethren who come among us, in response to the law of supply and demand, feel that they are unwelcome intruders.

I do not intend this as an advertisement for transfers for Texas. Such calls usually bring the very material that absolutely cannot be utilized in Texas—those who find it hard to secure appointments in their own conferences. I write to protest against any effort to obstruct the natural influx of preachers following in the wake of their people; not places—churches, but humble workers in the Lord's harvest field. His after, the Bishop gave a rather eulogistic report to the conference on its missionary work. He declared that if his conference did not do better in proportion to its ability than the Tennessee conference, he would resign. However, the brethren promised improvement in all their collections. The work—a great deal of it—for Centenary year was well laid out; and a part of this is the raising a fund for the education of the children of deceased Methodist preachers. Dr. Kelley, of course, is a leader in this movement. The study of "reports" from the various churches in a conference is a very interesting one; and this interest is heightened by the fact that the reports are qualified with every part of the conference. In our conference, the Nashville district is, of course, far in the lead in the matter of collections, salaries. The Clarksville district pays the best salaries in the Nashville district; but it does not pay near as much in the way of collections as some other districts. I take this for the purpose of asking a question: Who is responsible for the smallness of our collections, in "revival news" of the Nashville district, Oct. 26th.

Paine in-Hit.

The last General Conference outlined the plan of a school in aid of the Colored Methodist Church in America. Two objects were proposed—the education of teachers, and especially the preparation of the children of deceased Methodist preachers. It was the common conviction of the delegates—all representative men—that something ought to be done in this direction in the interest of the country and religion. The action of the conference resulted in the organization of the Paine Institute. We did not intend to set them off, as though we had no interest in them, but aimed to promote their growth and prosperity. The scheme has worked well. We have nothing to complain of as to their spirit and conduct. They are poor and need help. A more intelligent ministry is indispensable to their prosperity and progress. For these objects it seems certain there could be no reasonable objection. The question of the general education of the negro race is outside and independent, and otherwise provided for. The conference proposes no alliance with the State, nor the existing system of public instruction, but seeks to contribute her part to the right-thing, the well-doing of what is going on to-day, and in some respects, mischievously. The church wishes to eliminate the weak, the impotent, the inefficient, and to forward the very eyes which many dread by right teaching and sound principles. The work seems to be wise, conservative, necessary.

But the main object is to preserve the purity of the people, to furnish moral, intelligent men able to teach the people scriptural doctrines, Christian morals, and to illustrate by example and character a pure and unadorned religion. This is a Christian duty. We are also of the view that we are going on and must share in the calamities they entail, if we connive at them by neglect, and do not seek to provide against them by proper safeguards.

We have been surprised at the indifference, the opposition of the church and people. Believing the project wisely conceived, Christian in spirit and aim, and conservative of the interests of all parties, we commend it to the prayers and support of all our people. Ed. F. Price, Secretary of the College of Bishops.

REVIVAL NEWS.

10 Conversions—10 Accessions.

O. T. FOREMAN, Nov. 2. Since my last report we have held two interesting meetings on this work. The first at Merrilltown, resulting in 4 professions and 1 addition. The other meeting, at Willow Springs, resulted in 6 professions and 9 additions. My local preachers have given me good help.

36 Accessions.

J. F. SMITH, Longview, Texas, Nov. 2. Our meeting is still going on in Longview. The interest is good. Thirty-six have joined the church. If we can get the figures, will give you the number of conversions. The Methodist Church in Longview is on a boom. Peace reigns. Something over one hundred have been added to the church on this work this year.

14 Accessions.

R. S. DIXON, Gabbon, Nov. 7. I have preached twice in the new church at High Island, Bolivar Mission. It

has not been dedicated as yet, because we still owe \$1300, and we wish to present it clear of debt. There have been 11 accessions to the church—all by ritual. Our Sunday-school, with Methodist literature, now numbers 32 scholars. Have baptized 6 adults, 4 by affusion and 2 by immersion in the Gulf of Mexico.

6 Accessions.

R. M. STEWART, Farnsville, October 30, 1883: Our fourth quarterly meeting is over. Results, 6 accessions, 6 infants baptized. Bro. Thompson, our presiding elder, was present and preached two good sermons, and looked closely into the interests of the church. The local preachers' report showed that they had been at work. The finances are well up as will be. Bro. Allen has done a good year's work; we want him back. He has taken about 75 into the church. About the same number have been converted. God bless the ADVOCATE.

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

ADA TAYLOR, Berry's Creek, Oct. 7. I was at a prayer meeting this evening. It was opened by Bro. John Russell. There are about twenty members here. They have a good Sunday-school. Bro. John Russell preached on Sunday. The singing was with life and the services were profitable.

J. A. CREAIGER, Vernon, Oct. 20: It has been two years since we have had a visit at this point from a presiding elder, and the same length of time since we have had the opportunity of taking the sacrament, as our pastor is not authorized to administer it. I do not wish it understood that we wish a change in our preachers, but we have met all the demands of our stewards and of missions and conference claims, I would suggest that there be changes in the districting of the work, so that an elder may be enabled to give us that work to which we are entitled. Though few in number, the foundation for a good work has been laid by Bro. Hosmer. We trust the conference can so arrange the work that we may have all the aid the church can supply.

T. A. HAYES, Wortham: Resolved, That we, the quarterly conference now in session at Wortham, unite our prayers in invoking God to bless upon the board of stewards and officials elected; that his spirit may guide them and imbue them with wisdom, and stir them up to a redoubling of their diligence, energy and zeal in the discharge of the responsible duties growing out of the positions to which the church has called them.

That is a good idea. Special prayer for stewards and other church officials is an appropriate action on the part of the church. Weighing in response to the rest on this, it will be well if the stewards also remember themselves in their prayers.—Ed.

JOHN DAVILA, Oct. 25th: Our fourth quarterly meeting was held here yesterday. At 11 o'clock was our "chil ren's meeting." Although the weather was bad and prevented some of the schools from being present, yet a large crowd came. Miss Manly Walker read an essay on missions, which was very good. Addresses were made by Bro. Morris, and Dr. Dukes, who will go next year to China. The donation made by the children will be 50 cents. On the assessment on the circuit, which was revised in February, a full attendance of official members were present, and finances were reported in full. No place for "deficient" is found in our presiding elder's report. The stewards were a fine body; and the "fifth quarter" will bring that up. At night a church extension meeting was held, the presiding elder preached a sermon, and of course took a collection and got the assessment. This work has raised for all purposes this year two thousand six hundred dollars. To the Lord be all the praise.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

[As these notices appear but once, those published will do well to preserve this paper for reference.]

East Texas Conference.

The class of the fourth year in the East Texas Conference will please meet on committee at the Methodist Church in Tyler on Tuesday, the 27th of November.—L. M. FOWLER.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CENTREVILLE, Nov. 2.—It is earnestly requested that the reports, together with statistics of church schools under the direction of the Texas Conference, be ready for presentation on the first day of conference. Please do not overlook the statistics.—J. F. FOLLIN, Ch'n Board of Education.

PARIS, Nov. 5.—Please announce in next issue that Miss F. E. Willard will hold a State meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Paris, Texas, Nov. 15, 1883. All friends of temperance invited.—E. L. DORRNEY.

BOY INVENTORS.—Some of the most important inventions have been the work of mere boys. Watt left the engine in a very incomplete condition, from the fact that he had no way to open or close the valves except by means of levers operated by the hand. He set up a large engine at one of the mines, and a boy was hired to work the valve levers. Although this was not labor, yet it required his constant attention. As he was working these levers he saw that parts of the engine moved in the right direction, and at the exact time that he had to open or close a valve. He proposed a strong cord and made one end fast to the proper part of the engine, and the other end to the valve lever; and the boy had the satisfaction of seeing the engine move off with perfect regularity of motion.

A short time after the foreman came around and found the boy playing marbles at the door. Looking at the engine he soon saw the ingenuity of the boy and also the advantages of so great an invention. Mr. Watt then carried out the boy's inventive genius in a practical form, and made the steam engine a perfect automatic working machine.

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Beecher, Science and His Critics.

To the Advocate.

Beecher came, got his money and is gone. They say he got away with thirteen thousand dollars. He came for the money, not for the good of anybody or class. He got his reward. We now propose to look at what the people received for this sum of money.

such a subject (what is the matter with people?) and being wholly and strikingly in favor of evolution; that is rich for scientific proof may fairly be called (indeed be called by such soft men as Beecher, we suppose) demonstrative evidence of its occurrence? There it is now. Did mortal ever see such a kite and such a tail? Are these the words of science? We forbear to take up his effort on this. It is simply pitiable.

we found out that which most would pass muster at an old-fashioned back woods camp meeting. His delusions are ready as his wit, but it is artificial. He delights in caricaturing the grandest man of modern centuries, from whom proceeded our very civilization itself, while the men who are deluging their own States with social crime and disorder, Ingersoll and his pals, do sprinkles with rosy epithets or showers with the riches of the rited spring.

Not all great Neptune's realms! can wash out the stains that man has left upon the broad page of American history. By pursuing the course he had he attained a lofty height. In those great cities thought, research, profundity and solid matter are the last food those greedy money sharks want. Beecher was perfectly adapted to the class that surrounded him. And backed by their wealth, an eloquent, sharp, smart, rattling talker, he attained to his eminence. But he fell.

yourself able from a human standpoint you will never be able. If you pay only when you have a surplus, what do you more than the Pharisees? I tell you we must pay because it is a duty. If we would do our duty and trust God, we would have tenfold more than we do have in this world, and in that to come eternal life. But we strive, and desire, and still have not, because the hire of the laborer is in our hands. God honors faith. If we see a thing, why do we yet hope for it? If we cannot see ourselves able to pay, let us do it, because it is a duty. God will bless us. We need not be afraid to invest in his cause. His Kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and surely the subjects of his Kingdom will neither starve nor become bankrupt. I bless God that the assessor of that Kingdom has found me and assessed me, and placed my name on the roll call, and that I can pay and pray and be a citizen of that Kingdom. God forbid that I should be a dead-head and try to go to heaven on the shoulders of the Jewish citizens. Let me pay and pray my way.—T. M. TOWLER.

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It is only great papers that can afford to enjoy the luxury of such enterprise. Great is Texas, and worthy of her is the Galveston News.—Terrell Star.

"Have you brought your gimle with you?" "Hush, Johnny," said Mrs. Yeager. "Go to bed." "What do you mean?" asked Gus. "I don't mean nuffin," except I heard pa say you were coming up this evening to bore us all."—Texas Sitings.

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Ret. Wm. G. Duke. Wm. G. Duke was born in Montgomery county, Tenn., January 19, 1806; was converted early in life; joined the Tennessee Conference in 1822; was married October 20, 1833; moved to Arkansas and traveled in the ministry of the M. E. Church until 1836; came to Texas in January, 1837, and did faithful service as a local preacher until his death, of congestion, October 10, 1883.

A Grateful Tribute. To the Advocate. I would beg a space in the Advocate to say a few words about the people of Moscow.

FICKER. Mary E. Ficker was born in Alabama, Oct. 15, 1809; moved with her mother to Texas, Jan. 1829; was married to Joe A. Ficker, Oct. 19, 1832, and died Oct. 18, 1883.

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NICHOLS. Mary C. Nichols was born December 29, 1814, and died in Sabine county, August 25, 1883, aged 68 years.

HOGAN. Anna Isabella, daughter of Martin and Anna Mathas, and wife of A. L. Hogan, was born November 25, 1801, and died September 26, 1883.

CROSS. Minnie O. Cross was born in Tennessee, February 1, 1833. She moved with her parents to Texas early in life; became a Christian and joined the M. E. Church, South.

LOVEACE. Died, at Indian Gap, October 22, 1883, of typhoid fever, Mrs. Thomas A. Loveace, aged 36 years.

school the song of blessed, "glory hallelujah." She left us all weeping, but she went peacefully to her rest.

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News Notes and Comments. There are 25,475 officers and men in the United States Army.

Five deaths from cholera occurred in Alexandria, Egypt, the 4th.

Public debt reduction for last month was estimated at \$10,500,000.

There were 1,210 miles of land-grant railroad constructed last year.

Less the cash in the treasury, the national debt is \$1,511,506,737.

Two million bushels of coal were shipped from Pittsburgh, Nov. 1.

Negotiations for peace have been opened between France and Madagascar, for terms to remove slavery from Cuba.

The Spanish government says it is trying to remove slavery from Cuba.

The cause of the failure of the Greeley expedition are to be investigated.

In October the coinage was \$5,284,704, of which \$2,350,000 were silver dollars.

It is estimated that the population of New York city increased 25,000 last year.

The French minister of war is preparing a reserve corps for Tonquin, of 100,000 men.

Many districts of Thessaly have been flooded and the fate of several villages is still unknown.

Rachel Layton, a colored woman at Trenton, N. J., died November 4th, at the age of 106 years.

The French have occupied the West coast of Africa, from the Gaboon to the mouth of the Congo.

The False Prophet of Soudan has been defeated in two battles, and his forces scattered.

Last year there was an increase of 12 per cent. in the amount of foreign mail over that of the previous year.

A report was published last week at Paris, that Dr. Bizza, the Congo explorer, had been killed in a fight.

The crown prince of Portugal is to be betrothed to the youngest daughter of the emperor of Austria.

George B. Loeb, the architect of the New York Produce Exchange building, receives \$60,000 for his services.

Over 19,000 acres of public land were sold last year. Receipts from public and Indian lands were \$11,713,833.

The statistics show that 447 of the inquests held in England and Wales in 1880, resulted from excessive drinking.

It is estimated that there are between 700,000 and 800,000 cattle on the Black Hill ranges, and 25,000 head of horses.

Gen. Sheridan took command of the army November 1. Gen. Schofield assumed command of the division of Missouri.

European ports are renewing precautions against the cholera, in view of the reports of its reappearance in Egypt.

The vote in favor of the woman suffrage bill in the lower house of the Washington Territory Legislature was 14 to 7.

The French government will ask the Chamber of Deputies for a grant of 10,000,000 francs for the Tonquin expedition.

The Friends in England have repealed the prohibition of the marriage of first cousins, which has been in force for 200 years.

The largest oyster shell in the world is in the Church of St. Sulpiac, Paris. It weighs over 500 pounds and is used as a baptismal font.

Admiral Courbet has assumed command of the troops at Hanoi, Tonquin, and expects to attack Cauchin with 3,000 men and thirty guns.

The liabilities of Morris Ranger, the Liverpool cotton operator, are placed at \$750,000. It is said his operations last year covered \$50,000,000.

On the 3d a collision took place at Danville, Va., between the whites and blacks, in which the whites were shot and five negroes killed.

John Jurgans, the boatman of the steamship at New York, November 3, lost his life in an effort to save a passenger who had fallen overboard.

The Marquis of Hartington says, though the peace of Europe may be strained by the Chinese question, yet he thinks peace is assured. How long?

Aghmistan is in a complete state of anarchy. The treasury is empty, the troops demoralized and the Emir at play in the hands of the Ghilzies.

Portugal has sent a circular to European powers asserting its claim over the lower Congo river in Africa, and stating it has no desire to interfere with the regulating of that river.

Orders have been sent from Paris to Admiral Courbet to push operations at Tonquin, in order to make China show the course it intends to pursue so that France can take definite action.

A cyclone traveling northeast struck Springfield, Mo., the afternoon of the 5th. Six lives were lost and much property destroyed. The storm was a slight wind from 30 to 250 yards wide.

The Mary Churchhill sensation is over. The letter received by her father some days ago was genuine and led to her recovery. She was found as a domestic in an insane asylum near Indianapolis, Indiana. She gives, as yet, no reason for leaving home. There it was neither a case of abduction or an elopement is now clear.

The marquis and princess of Lorne were welcomed in the Town Hall, Liverpool, Nov. 5th, on their arrival from Canada. The marquis, replying to the German princess, a diminutive creature. Of course the ceremony is to be public to attract the crowd. The Kentucky giant will act as best man, the Brama priestess will give the bride away, and the child with the Daniel Webster head will act as first bridesmaid.

Protecting the Bivalves. Baltimore, having more than \$20,000,000 invested in oyster packing, and 30,000 persons engaged in the business, is taking measures to prevent the destruction of the oyster beds in the Chesapeake Bay. It is proposed that the period of rest for oysters shall be lengthened an extend from April 1 until October 1.

The Old War Horse. General Ben McCulloch was shot from the back of his war horse Monday at the battle of Ekhorn. Money, which was then five years old, died at Seguin, Texas, a few days ago at the age of twenty-six.

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son, Judge Blackwell, Judge Aiken, Hon. George C. C. Cabel and a number of the best citizens, in which they say they desire to have peace preserved and a fair election held on the 4th instant. The law requires the closing of all liquor stores at sunset, preceding the day of election, and an order has been issued for closing them during the morning of the 7th. A mass-meeting at Richmond, the 4th, adopted preamble and resolutions expressing the belief that the riot was the result of a conspiracy in the interest of the coalition movement. A feverish state of mind prevails all over the State, and other riots are apprehended.

Children Drunk. Mrs. Emma Malloy says that in Chicago children were found going into the public schools drunk. The mothers complained, and an examination was made. It was learned that 12,000 children under fourteen years of age frequent the saloons of Chicago daily. On the persons of these children were found tickets with holes punched in them. When asked what they meant one of the boys responded that "Jerry Monroe gave us these. One punch means a drink of beer, two a Tom and Jerry, and three a whisky straight. Whoever gets the most punches in a month is to have a prize. The first prize is a pocket pistol, the second the Life of the James Brothers," and the third a mechanical pipe. It is as any wonder, with such influences as these, that our young people go astray?—Buffalo Advocate.

Another Air Ship. Another aspirant to fame, Capt. Carl W. Peterson, seems to think he has solved the problem of aerial navigation. He has organized a stock company for the purpose of putting the invention into practical use. It is described as an oblong, horizontal flat, capable of being raised or lowered, and is furnished with closed cabins and all the complements of a fully equipped vessel. The propelling force is an electric motor, which is located to bear the ship across the Atlantic in five weeks. Before Christmas an experiment will probably be made.

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The Electoral Vote. There will be 401 electoral votes next year, of which 201 will be necessary to the election of a president of the United States. The Southern States will have 137, the "Solid South" and 48 other votes will elect.

This Fifty-first Anniversary. It will be fifty-one years in December since Mr. Gladstone made his first entry into Parliament, and in commemoration of the anniversary the working men of Derby will present him with a magnificent desert service made by the Derby Crown Porcelain Company.

Luther's Ring. The wedding ring given by Martin Luther to his bride is still in existence, and has lately been on exhibition in Frankfurt-on-the-Main. It bears a representation of Christ upon the cross and the instruments of the Passion, and in it is set a small ruby. The inscription is: "Dr. Martin Luther; Catherine Bora, June 13, 1525."

Cholera in Egypt. From the latest reports regarding the cholera in Egypt, which became epidemic last summer, it appears that the disease was regarded as being present in the Nile delta, and only wait the circumstances which go to their development to make a pestilence at any time. The disease does not seem to be imported. It has an abiding place in the country.

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Unanswered Letters. October 27.—T J Milan, subs. B R Bolton, subs. S C Riddle, subs. S W Jones, subs. T P Smith, subs. C M Keith, subs. W A Shook, subs. R T Parson, subs. E A Bailey, subs. W L Harris, subs. M E Blocker, subs. J B Wood, subs. E D Ogburn, subs. J T Booth, subs. R T Woolsey, subs. J F Henderson, subs. W F Graves, subs. D M Procter, change. O A Shook change. J T Browning, subs. T M Price, subs. C J Sherwood, subs. Seth Ward, subs. C H Martin, subs. John O Allen, subs. (Jubilee). T B Graves, subs. Daniel Morgan, subs. J D Crockett, subs. A Little, subs. Samuel Morris, subs. E T Brasher, subs. T E Graves, subs. Elias Robertson, address changed. E W Simmons, subs. W H Moss, subs. John R Allen, subs. L S Chamberlain, subs.

October 29.—R H Burnett, subs. S Ashby, subs. (Jubilee). J P Childers, subs. H J Harris, subs. T L Miller, subs. R T Woolsey, subs. W C Brody, subs. M S Hotchkiss, subs. J E Weaver, subs. Samuel Morris, subs. W R Wages, subs. A P Smith, subs. R N Brown, subs.

October 30.—W H Vaughan, subs. R Y Galloway, subs. J M Smith, subs. W H Moore, subs. N F Law, subs. A D Gaskell, subs. W L Harris, subs. E F Boone, subs. C C Williams, subs. (Jubilee). Charles E Laub, subs. Seth Ward, subs.

November 3.—F C Pearson, change. Jas B Hall, subs. W J Davis, subs. J C Woolson, address changed. J T Smith, subs. H C Rogers, subs. blanks sent. Mm Hay, subs. G D Wilson, subs. C B Pflager, subs. J H Chambliss, subs. I T Crutched, subs. O H Fisher, subs. T L Miller, subs. cards sent. B A Thomason, subs. H Twomey, subs. Advocate and Jubilee; 2 cards. J J Davis, subs. J A Loggins, subs. cards sent. M H Porter, subs. R R Nelson, subs. J T Bindworth, subs. (Jubilee). W L Harris, subs. A D Howell, subs. L M Fowler, subs. J S Tunnell, subs. G S Sander, subs. I G Watkins, subs. O A Fisher, subs. Sam'l Morris, subs. Advocate and Jubilee. Jas McDugald, subs. C J Sherwood, subs. J F Sherwood, subs. J F Fisher, subs. Advocate and Jubilee. J L Parker, subs. T Garrett, subs. E B Chappell, subs. W J Jackson, change.

Nov. 5.—H B Swafford, subs. B T Hayes, subs. R M Leaton, address changed. A D Decherd, subs. G S Sander, subs. A D Howell, subs. W H Moss, subs. J T Smith, subs. J P Childers, subs. L L Pickett, subs. J W Horn, subs. Mrs M E Whitten, subs. W Wootton, subs. (Jubilee). J T Simpson, subs. Jubilee and Advocate; cards sent.

Nov. 6.—O T Hotchkiss, subs. W F Clark, subs. Advocate and Jubilee. J H White, address changed and subs; 2 cards. J A Price, change. T F Dimmitt, subs. H T Hart, subs. J F Chambliss, subs. D F Collins, subs. S D Wood, subs. (Jubilee). W L Harris, subs.