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Among our Exchanges.

The *Independent* thinks that evangelists, as a rule, are not properly received by the regular ministry. Indeed, it thinks they are often badly treated. May be so; and often not without cause. The order, if such it may be termed, is, in its modern phase, new; and many who have gone forth as evangelists have been remarkable mainly for their eccentricities and sensationalism. Others have burst in upon a routine ecclesiasticism with an effect as startling as was the cry of John in the wilderness, showing by their fruits that God hath sent them. Until the office is better correlated, it is useless to rate the regular ministry in such terms as follow:

Among the gifts which our risen Lord gave to his church was that of the evangelist. It is somewhat singular that the evangelist at the present time should be a discredited order of the ministry. Perhaps some will question the statement. Nevertheless we are bound to believe that it is quite true that, as a rule, the evangelist has no recognized standing. If he is not an Ishmaelite, he is at least a minister who is looked on askance by the churches, and particularly by the pastors. It is, we believe, within the truth to say that seven out of ten settled pastors would not consent to have an evangelist occupy their pulpits and conduct a series of evangelistic meetings within their churches. And yet the evangelistic office or gift stands precisely upon the same footing that the office and gift of pastor and teacher does. What, then, is the reason that these two orders of the ministry are not co-operating instead of antagonizing each other? Of course we know that there are a few exceptions to the rule on both sides. There are pastors who welcome the evangelists, and there are evangelists who respect and do all they can to strengthen the hands of the pastors and churches.

The time has come, it would seem, for the churches to give the evangelist a formal recognition and direct his movements. He should be alined with the regular pastorate, and his support provided for in some regular way. He should no longer be left to pursue, like a wandering star, an erratic course across the ecclesiastical heaven, but the chart should be so reconstructed as to embrace his orbit. If the gospel chart does this, the ecclesiastical chart ought to conform to it. Pastors and churches would then know whom to receive and what to do with them.

Both the Michigan *Christian Advocate* and *Zion's Herald* are startled by the frequency of suicides as shown by the daily press. Both hold that the crime is fearfully on the increase. This is not in accord with Buckle in his History of Civilization, who maintains that there is, from the operation of natural law, a fixed number of suicides annually in proportion to population. But all history shows a direct connection between the number of suicides and certain moral conditions of society. After all, the taproot of this upas of our civilization is the materialistic tendency of thought that characterizes this age. Blot out belief in a future life, and no "conscience" is left to "make cowards of us all"—no "dread of something after death" will stay the hand of the poor wretch whose life is blasted. The gospel alone can present motives strong enough to sustain the soul that is struggling under the blows of adverse fortune, or whelmed by the results of its own misdeeds. The Michigan *Advocate* traces suicides mainly to pathological causes; *Zion's Herald* to moral causes. The following, from the latter, giving one cause of the increase of this crime, ought to go into every family in the land:

The chief thought in our mind in writing the title to this article, was that there must be some special occasion for these multiplied and peculiar premature deaths at this hour; something in addition to the ordinary vices of our civilized life. In the case of these children and youth who form the strange anomalies in our day, we are sure there must be fault in the domestic government and training. In most of these cases, probably, the victims have been young persons of violent passions. The looseness of modern family government is greatly at fault. Instead of very early in life gentle but effectual restraint having been used, and constant insistence upon yielding the will, upon submitting to authority, and upon self-control, the children are indulged and permitted to have their own way, and their disobedience is constantly condoned. The natural result is, they grow up willful, passionate and unable to control their temper. Many of these distressing instances, and much of the miscarriage and failure of our young people in life, are to be traced to such a lack of proper early training and discipline. Parents little think what they are preparing for their children and for themselves, when they helplessly yield their control over them, and even weakly interfere with the mild discipline of our public schools.

A correspondent from the South has written to the New York *Christian Advocate*, giving an account of some extravagances among the negroes in their revival meetings, asking for an explanation of such phenomena and the proper remedy; to both of which questions the *Advocate* returns very sensible answers. The cause is a low state of intelligence, in which the sensibilities dominate the intellectual faculties, and is common to all uncultured races; the remedy is an increase of knowledge. The proper equipoise between religious knowledge and the emotion that warms it into a life-controling force was admirably preserved by the fathers of Methodism:

The fathers of Methodism—not the mere ranters who misrepresented them, but the fathers—had a perfect system. They first explained, then proved, then tore away the objections, and put their whole souls into their words as they set upon the people. Nothing would have been done if their perorations, which were mighty exhortations, had been omitted. When they put up a man to preach on a great occasion who had not the gift of exhortation they always had a brother to follow who had that gift. The writer discovered, after some years of clear, forcible, elaborate, exposition with comparatively small results, that this is not the way to lead men to immediate action. When they are convinced they must be persuaded, and they will not be persuaded except by a man who is thoroughly in earnest; and when he is in earnest he will exhort rather than argue, beseech rather than deduce, implore rather than denounce.

The same or a like correspondent has made similar statements concerning the negroes to the New York *Evening Post*, which the *Catholic*, of Pittsburgh, makes the text for a "diatribe" upon Methodism as the chief promoter of an emotionalism that stultifies the intellect. The New Orleans *Christian Advocate* takes up the gauntlet. The following shows how well this gallant knight balances his lance:

Of course, if that theory be true—that our emotional religion deadens the thinking faculty—it will be sustained by the facts. And the converse must be apparent: that an unemotional religion—a religion of ritual, without feeling—quickens mental activity and develops great thinkers. But what are the facts? A little investigation would show that a large proportion of the leaders of thought in the nation are and have been Methodists. Among the jurists, statesmen, educators, orators, and authors, Methodism has been conspicuously represented. The editor quotes, with commendation, "A Southerner's" slander that our Publishing House, at Nashville, "has never published a single work that has received a place in our national literature." Just what is meant by "our *national* literature" has not transpired. What must a book do, or where must it go, to get into "our national literature?" Who is the custodian or librarian of that museum, and determines the admission or admissibility of the book? If the writer means to assert that no volume from our press has found a sale outside of the South, he is too innocent of the truth to be believed under the solemn sanctions of an oath. Some of these books have gone into every section of the United States and found eager readers. But, on the other hand, what has Romanism done in developing great thinkers and authors of "our national literature?" Let the saloon-keeper, in his white apron, and Paddy, with spade and grog, make answer.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MISSIONARIES FOR CHINA.

The Great Preparation.

We turn in confidence to the history of Christendom for a solution of this history of China, via closing sentence in our last communication, No. 3.

We have already referred to the Roman-like achievements of the Chinese—their extensive conquests, their reduction of barbarous tribes and unification of the whole under one intelligent, non-aggressive, peace-loving government, etc., as constituting a preparation for the operations of the missionary enterprise, which finds its parallel only in the similar preparation with which Christianity was introduced into the world.

Indeed, with a simple change of names, what Froude has said of Rome is equally applicable at this day to China: "But the life which is to endure grows slowly; and as the soil must be prepared before the wheat can be sown, so before the kingdom of heaven could throw up its shoots there was needed a kingdom of this world, where the nations were neither torn in pieces by violence nor were rushing after false ideals and spurious ambitions. Such a kingdom was the empire of the Cæsars—a kingdom where peaceful men could work, think and speak as they pleased, and travel freely among provinces ruled for the most part by Gallios, who protected life and property and forbade fanatics to tear each other in pieces for their religious opinions. 'It is not lawful for us to put any man to death,' was the complaint of the Jewish priests to the Roman Governor. Had Europe and Asia been covered with independent nations, each with a local religion represented in its ruling powers, Christianity must have been stifled in its cradle. If St. Paul had escaped the Sanhedrim at Jerusalem, he would have been torn to pieces by the silversmiths at Ephesus. The appeal to Cæsar's judgment-seat was the shield of his mission, and alone made possible his success."

The above quotation is a long one, but is justified by its oppositeness to the case in hand and the need that exists for a better knowledge and appreciation of China as the mission field of the world.

But there is still another element, intellectual rather than political, that enters into and immensely enhances the quality and extent of this great imperial preparation on the part of China, to-wit: the widespread influence of Confucianism. But just as in the case of the great political achievements of the Chinese, so here, but few have ever bestowed a moment's thought on this fact considered in its relation to the missionary enterprise; and so, no doubt, the idea of its constituting an element of preparation will be deprecated rather than approved by the many. However that may be, the fact that Confucianism is co-extensive with the empire, sits in every seat of authority from the throne down to the slenderest slab-stool in the humblest of village schools, and comprises a system of education and intelligence which concentrates in itself the control of all the literature, learning and thought of the land, is enough, when considered in the light of the immediate future, to entitle it to a place with the former.

But that is not all, for its influence, though of a somewhat negative kind, has been almost as extensive in the realm of spiritual ideas as in the schools of literature, morals and government. As a system, it is most generally spoken of as atheistic, and we have used that term in this series of letters; but, properly speaking, it is only a mild kind of agnosticism, having none of the characteristics of a vicious, destructive atheism. Not knowing, it simply ignores, and, if not called agnostics, its adherents would most probably be best described as Ignorists, and, therefore, to be allied with the "brute and irrational barbarians who may be supposed rather to ignore the being of God than to deny it," preferably to being confounded with the adherents of that "ferocious system that leaves nothing above to excite awe, nor around us to awaken tenderness." Commanding the whole field intellectually and in a sense discouraging all religion by simply ignoring the unknown and worshiping only the three visible sources of existence, heaven, earth and ancestors, it has well-nigh suspended the faith of the nation, which in consequence cannot be said to have any intellectual or intelligent religious opinions whatever, unless a sort of ideal pantheism, which the first breath of natural philosophy would sweep away, may be so termed.

Here, then, we have a state of preparation for the introduction and diffusion of Christianity, comprising, politically, an extent of territory, intellectually a medium of language and letters, and spiritually a suspense of faith or general deadness of religion, not exceeded in the better known history of the Roman Empire in the days of the apostles, and which, taken together with the other great facts previously mentioned, constitutes China a mission field at once the largest, best prepared and most accessible in the world. And believing, as we have already said, that this condition of things is anticipatory, a sort of dumb augury of coming events, we now turn in confidence to the history of Christendom for a solution of the history of China.

But before calling for the agents there are yet two other points of inestimable value in this connection: (1) Some explanation of the facts heretofore presented and involved in this history of China, a solution of which is sought at the hands of Christendom, and (2) some evidence of the capacity, fitness and disposition of Christendom, hitherto always taken for granted, to meet the demands so confidently expected of it. * * And as these two points may be satisfied in one inquiry, we now propose to call attention to the philosophy of this history of China and contrast with it the fundamental principles underlying the growth and development of the history of Christendom.

That the Chinese are a numerous and great people; that they have elaborated a wonderful civilization; achieved a conspicuous and prolonged history, etc., are facts sufficiently established to pass unchallenged. But how it has come about that these should present so many points of opposition in such striking contrast with Christendom, points so inverted and at variance with all our preconceived notions, is a question that has given rise to no little speculation and inquiry. To our minds, however, there can be but one answer to the question, and that is fundamental, to-wit: *the absence of revelation*. Their history and civilization are unmixed human productions. The human element, alone and unassisted, is manifest everywhere. In religion they have obeyed the instincts common to universal humanity in seeking out an object of worship, but their feeble conceptions have not raised them above themselves. Everywhere the human touches the human, and as vines, in the absence of suitable frames and supports, twine about one another and topple over and perish in unfruitfulness, so is it here, where idolatry, a purely human invention, is the only, and perishable, support of undying souls. Even Confucius has been idealized by his followers, the ignorists, who, though looking with contempt on the ordinary systems of idolatry, have erected altars to him as the embodiment of the human element in their civilization. While in the person of the Emperor, who affects to reward or punish, promote or degrade the popular gods (idols) at his pleasure, the human element attains its culmination. He makes and unmakes the gods of his people, using this authority simply as a device of government. But with all this, the terrors of the unseen world, death and the future state, the evils of life, fraught with disaster and misfortune and vain imaginations, filled with fears of devils, ghosts of dead men and shades and apparitions, and endless superstitions, still oppress them sore amid their darkness and helplessness. Such is the religious condition of the country. And it may well be doubted whether the unaided human mind, at its best estate, is capable of achieving results any different or any better. This experiment is exhaustive in all its conditions.

As to their civilization, one word will suffice to describe it, great as it is, in comparison with what has been achieved by other heathen nations. It is superficial—wanting alike in intellectual grasp and insight and in the more subtle force and energy of the spiritual. Everything indicates the presence of limits—a subjection of the human mind to restraint. The rudiments are present, but the power to develop is wanting. There is no impulse, no inspiration, no spontaneity, no progress, and life has become a fixed and barren round, a mere monotony of toil, weary and heavy laden.

But vain as has been the help of man, there is yet hope for China, thanks be to God. And as the dumb and silent, unconscious earth, smitten with drought, yearns in every split and crack and fissure of its parched and thirsty surface toward heaven for rain, so China, exhausted, helpless, human, however unconscious and inarticulate her appeal, yearns toward Christendom for relief and help. And help will come, for He who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, hath also laid help upon one that is mighty.

Help! That is the fundamental idea of Christendom, its active principle, the reason and justification of its existence. Of old the oracles of God were committed to the Jews. In that was their advantage. But in these latter days both the oracles and the gospel are the heritage of Christendom. To Christendom, therefore, and not to heaven, must the ends of the earth look. Emmanuel is identified with Christendom. God with us. God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, God working in us to do of his good pleasure, constitute Christendom, the embodiment and source of divine help—help for soul and help for mind, help for body, help universal, for the whole man, for the whole world. The history of Christendom is the history of help—God's purpose in Christ Jesus unfolding, enlarging, extending. And what is the civilization of Christendom but the achievements of this divine principle? And whence the forces still at work enlarging and extending the bounds of knowledge, recovering to man his lost dominion in the realm of nature and uplifting and bettering his estate? Ask China, her civilization, her history. They are the products of the gospel—another name for this divine help—for it "alone has seized this principle in all its force and applied it in all its extent; in a word, it alone has thoroughly discovered and fully satisfied the wants of human nature."

The gospel, then, is the help for which China yearns, though unconsciously; and it alone has the capacity, the fitness and disposition to satisfy her wants and thus solve and complete her long history.

YOUNG J. ALLEN.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, Oct. 12, 1885.

"GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD."

W. H. ANDERSON.

This simple, comprehensive petition is taught us by our divine Lord. It comprises the truth of daily need of food for our bodies to afford them strength, growth, activity, health, and physical gratification. Daily wastes are going on in the necessary life-repairing, life-sustaining processes at work within us. Daily supplies of food are necessities of life. The prayer recognizes God as the source of supply, and that supply is our Father's unmerited gift. A sense of personal dependence is kept ever before us to humble our pride, rebuke our self-reliance, and cultivate our grateful trust in God. The spirit of anxiety as to the future is hushed in simple, sublime faith in God's care for his children. The God that feeds the ravens and clothes the lilies will provide for his redeemed, trustful children. The desire for accumulating treasures on earth is kept within its proper bounds and in its proper spirit. A sense of holy security acts as guardian angel for the soul, keeping back doubts and fears from disturbing intelligent, real religious trust in our Father's holy care. Each reception of our daily bread to the pious soul is both benediction and eucharist.

The prayer has reference to higher wants than those of our bodies. It takes in the needs of our souls. They require to be fed daily with "that bread which came down from heaven, of which if a man eat he shall never hunger, he shall never die." Christ proclaims himself to be "the bread of God." He is the spiritual manna to the chosen hosts journeying to the Promised Land. Truth as revealed in "the Holy Scriptures," the life and labors, sufferings and triumphs of Jesus; truth as revealed to the soul by the Holy Spirit, furnishes the daily bread of the Christian. It is a very full and satisfactory promise, gleaming brightly through the centuries since it was uttered both as a recital of pious experience and of inspired assurance. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Strength of faith, zeal, activity, endurance, submission, holy heroism, gets enfeebled by the frequent collisions of the good man with "the triple alliance" of "the world, the flesh and the devil." All the necessary elements of Christian life and action need daily supply and repair. Continued demands on spiritual vitality and force must receive continued supply of spiritual food. Moses and the Divine Master may fast forty days, but the Christian must receive his daily bread if he would present the robust health, the beautiful symmetry, the association of lovely graces and spiritual forces requisite, as the representative and instrumentality of the Lord Jesus. Christ does not propose to teach and illustrate his holy religion through pious dwarfs, unsightly cripples, still less through miserable starvelings or grinning skeletons. Christ prefers we should study his religion, beautiful and divine, though healthy, happy living beings, than through the bones of anatomy, however skilfully arranged in artistic, scientific order and correctness.

"Give us our daily bread" is as much a precious privilege and indispensable duty to-day, and in every Christian age, as when uttered by the lips of Christ for our lips and lives daily to repeat. "Increase our faith" as regularly ascends in all the languages where Christ is loved and served as when the apostles addressed that short, complete prayer to their Master in their midst. It is idle to attempt to violate this law by effort either to gather food for a forty days' supply or to test the soul's power of endurance and vitality by a forty days' fast.

The gift of our daily bread keeps up the holy tie of mutual, paternal love and filial, grateful trust and dependence. It is a daily reminder of heaven's abiding care for those purchased by the blood of Christ. It is a repeated call to bless the heart that loves us, the eye that watches over us and the hand opened to supply our wants. It is to the soul heaven's Muezzin call to prayer and trust and praise. It associates the widespread, universal love of God to all things he has created. The timid, chirping sparrow, and the mighty eagle, bathing in clouds or basking in the sunlight high up in heaven, receive from God their daily bread. From the mote in the sunbeam that finds in the same moment its cradle and its grave, up to the deathless archangel ever before the throne, all grades of being, alike with the Christian, must receive from God their daily food. May not the full soul exclaim, "Our Father which art in heaven"?

CARLISLE, KENTUCKY.

FORT DAVIS MEXICAN MISSION.

Our Mexicans Die Well—Grace of God Versus Romanism.

When I arrived at Fort Davis, in December, 1883, and gave an invitation to the Mexicans to come out and hear me preach, but a lady and her son came the first night. The news soon spread among them that a Protestant minister was in town; they bore the unwelcome tidings to the priest, and he accordingly issued his edict to beware. Not discouraged by the smallness of my first congregations and the orders of the priest to beware of the padre Protestante, I continued to visit among them and invite them to services and hold services in private houses. The number of hearers increased, and several became regular attendants at services.

January 6, 1884, I baptized my first applicant for membership, and being a person well-known among the Mexicans, the excitement ran high when they learned he had become a Protestant. Others began to inquire into the new faith, and the excitement reached its utmost tension, when, Jan. 13, I baptized two more applicants, and at quite a gathering preached and then joined together in holy wedlock a Mexican couple. The assembly were much pleased to learn that the Protestants married like other people.

The latter part of January I opened a private school at my room for poor Mexican children who were not able to furnish themselves with books, etc. I soon had as many as I could accommodate. The most of them learned English and Spanish fast. They enjoyed the opening and closing religious services of the school, and most of them united with my Sabbath-school, and finally brought their parents to Sunday-school and church. By this plan of work I succeeded in working up quite a congregation in a short while, and by Aug. 7 had baptized fifteen adults and three infants.

After the summer was over I was not able to continue my school, and found that my success was not so good as when I had the school. Through the children I had constant access to their parents and homes. I made quite a number of warm friends among them and many believers will eventually unite themselves with our church when they become well enough acquainted with our doctrines and usages. I sold many Bibles and distributed much good literature among them. Through my books and papers the Mexican people became more or less acquainted with the padre Protestante for many miles away. Having two missions, American and Mexican, I could not devote as much time to the instruction of Mexicans as I desired. It is my delight to visit them in their humble homes and teach them and help them any way I can. They would frequently send for me for several miles in case of sickness or a family difficulty, supposing me to be doctor, lawyer, and everything else in the professional line. Thus I frequently was afforded the opportunity to administer the gospel of love, to do good to soul and body. God's humble poor I delight to be among and labor among, because they receive the Word with all readiness and humbleness of mind, and are not puffed up. They sympathize with and help you in any way they can, and if you are sick or in distress you find willing hands and bleeding hearts at hand.

I sometimes feel low-spirited, thinking I have done nothing during my two years on Fort Davis mission. Yet I leave a respectable church, valued at $1,700, and a studio valued at $300; church lots at Murphyville and Marfa, on the line of the Sunset railroad; a membership of forty-two, nineteen of whom are Mexicans; about $200 worth of Spanish and English books sold among the people, and many Mexican believers who, if properly taught, will become good Christians and useful to society. The field is extensive. The fields are white unto the harvest, and I hope, as the Mexican people have been left without a pastor, that I can secure some local Mexican preacher who will be willing to go and live at Fort Davis and take care of the flock of God and make his own support by the sweat of his brow. People of the living God, this field has been left vacant because God's treasury lacketh. One thing above all others, which transpired on Fort Davis mission before I severed my relations with the work, had a tendency to make me feel as though my labors had not been in vain. One of my Mexican members, a lady, by name Josefa Moreno, died on the morning of Oct. 26, during my absence at El Paso at district conference. She suffered with fever for about three weeks, many times in great pain, yet with the utmost Christian fortitude and resignation to the will of God. A few days before her death her daughter and son-in-law, who are devout Romanists, came to see their mother. Finding her so near death, they exhorted and begged the old lady to send for the priest and make a confession before she died, but notwithstanding their tears and entreaties, she simply replied: "No, son; no, daughter; I believe in God." As often as they would ask her to confess to the priest she would reply: "I believe in God." And thus she died, believing in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, nor leaves his children comfortless when they approach the chilly waters of death.

How my poor heart did bleed when I reached the door of the humble dwelling the evening of the 26th, and the poor orphans and flock began to rejoice at my coming, saying: "We are so glad you are here in time to bury our mother and sister. She died in the faith; such a beautiful death!" Thus die the righteous. How appropriate that just as the sun was peeping over the eastern hills on the morning of the 27th, we should lay to rest the last mortal remains of our sister till the Sun of Righteousness should bid her arise to hail him in triumph descending the skies. She was worthy to be the first saint among the members of Fort Davis Mexican mission. A devoted mother and Christian, first in charity and devotion to the church of her choice, and always zealous for her Savior. She always did what she could. She leaves a piece of fancy needlework, partly finished, that she desired so much to send with me to the Woman's Missionary Society to be sold and the means to be used in sending the knowledge of her Savior to her sisters in the regions beyond. She died, the work is unfinished, but Christ accepts the offering as it is. When my people die believing in God when their dearest relations exhort them to the contrary, I think I have cause to say I know my "labors are not in vain in the Lord."

S. G. KILGORE.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF CURATORS SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—The annual meeting of the Board of Curators of the Southwestern University was held, this year, under circumstances of peculiar sadness and solicitude. Our late Regent, Dr. Mood, has been called from labor to rest. The success of the University had been so largely due to his wise administration and tireless energy, which even the approach of death could not abate, that many feared, when he was called away, the life of the University would die out. He had builded too wisely for such a result to follow the withdrawal of the master-workman from the building into which his life had been wrought. He was assured, ere his departure, that the University had been placed on a basis so broad and deep, and was so solidly entrenched in the confidence of our preachers and people that its permanency was no longer conditioned on the life of one man. The result has confirmed the wisdom of his judgment. Under provisions made at the annual conferences, he, at an early day last year, assembled the Faculty, and held an election for a chairman who, in case of the Regent's death, could assume the duties of the office until the annual meeting of the Board of Curators. His death, which the church has long feared and deeply deplored, demonstrated the importance of this action. The choice of the Faculty, for this difficult and responsible position, rested on Rev. J. H. McLean, D. D., who, on the death of the Regent, took up the burden of administration. The prediction of Dr. Mood respecting the permanent basis on which the University had been placed was established by the result. The chairman of the Faculty and his associates, as they state so impressively in their report to the Curators, "were drawn more closely together by this sad dispensation," while the students, feeling the memory of their late Regent as potential as his living presence, sought to sustain the Faculty "in the maintenance of good order and the furtherance of the interests of the University." There were three hundred and sixty-one matriculations this year against three hundred and forty-five the preceding session. These facts indicate that the Southwestern University now rests on a foundation so firm that, with wise administration and the cordial co-operation of the conferences, it will fulfill the mission which was the hope and inspiration of the first Regent, whose name has been written imperishably on its walls.

The duty of filling Dr. Mood's place rested on the Board of Curators, and each member came to this annual meeting, fully impressed with the great responsibility resting upon him. The names of a number of distinguished educators in Texas, and in other States, were before the Board, and their claims commanded most respectful consideration. After long and, we trust, prayerful deliberation the unanimous choice fell on Rev. John W. Heidt, D. D., of Georgia, whose ripe scholarship, administrative ability, large experience and high Christian character, were indorsed by many of the leading men of our connection. We most earnestly commend the successor of Dr. Mood, on whom has fallen the mantle of a great responsibility, to the confidence and co-operation of his brethren of the Texas conferences.

In addition to the election of the Regent, Morgan Callaway, Jr., who, the past session filled the position of Professor of English Language and Literature, was duly elected to that office; and F. A. Mood, Jr., was elected Assistant in the Preparatory Department. That no changes were suggested in the Faculty is but a feeble expression of the high estimate the Curators place on the superior qualifications and marked fidelity these brethren have brought to the discharge of their important duties.

The conversion of over fifty students during the past session indicates the deep interest displayed for their spiritual welfare. The young men's prayer-meeting was well attended, and the young men preparing for the ministry were reported by the Faculty as "unusually zealous for the conversion of their fellow-students." We cannot lay too broad an emphasis on the importance of Christian culture. A godless education is fraught with peril to the church and State. While such tokens of divine regard rest on the Southwestern University our people may safely entrust their sons and daughters to the moral and religious influences that will surround them within its walls.

With the blessing of God upon it; with a Regent and Faculty admirably qualified for their great work and deeply imbued with the responsibilities of their vocation; with the faithful co-operation of the patronizing conferences, the past prosperity of the Southwestern University may be but the prophecy of the commanding influence it will exert over the future of Methodism and of society in Texas and in "the regions beyond."

F. T. MITCHELL,
Pres. Board of Curators,
I. G. JOHN,
Sec. Board of Curators,
JAMES MACKEY,
Committee.

GEORGETOWN, June, 1885.

To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—At the twelfth annual meeting of the Board of Curators of the Southwestern University, held in Georgetown, June 6-9, 1885, the following action was taken respecting certain changes in the "Rules for the succession and government of the Board of Curators adopted by the several patronizing conferences in 1877," which the Secretary of the Board was instructed to send to each of the patronizing conferences, asking their approval of said action:

1. The Board recommends that the first Rule be so changed as to read:

The Board shall be composed of five clerical members from each of the American patronizing conferences, and two each from the German and Mexican mission conferences; to be appointed by the presiding Bishop of said annual conferences and to hold office at the pleasure of the conference; the Regent *ex-officio* a member.

2. That the 2d article be amended by striking out the clause: "Who shall be Regent of the University."

3. That article 6 be so changed as to make nine members necessary to constitute a quorum.

4. That article 9 be amended by striking out the word "unanimous," and inserting: "majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting."

5. That the word "regular" be stricken from Rule 10.

6. That article 11 be stricken from the Rules.

I inclose a printed copy of the Rules as adopted in 1887, that the conferences can see clearly the changes recommended by the Board.

I. G. JOHN,
Secretary Board of Curators Southwestern University.

RULES FOR THE SUCCESSION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS, ADOPTED BY THE SEVERAL PATRONIZING CONFERENCES IN 1877.

1. The Board of Curators shall be composed of five clerical representatives from each of patronizing conferences. Said Curators are to be appointed by the presiding Bishop of each conference, and hold office at the pleasure of the conference. The Regent *ex officio* a member of the Board.

2. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, (to be elected at the regular annual meeting by ballot,) and a Secretary, who shall be Regent of the University.

3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in his absence, the Vice-President; and in the absence of both, the Board shall elect a President *pro tem.*

4. The President shall give due notice of all meetings of the Board. At the request of the Faculty, or of six members of the Board, he may call special meetings, giving due notice of time and place of meeting.

5. The Secretary shall keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board, which record shall be kept at the site of the University, and constitute part of the history and records of the institution.

6. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually in connection with the commencement exercises of the University. Six members at a regular meeting or a called session shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

7. The concurrence of a majority of the patronizing conferences shall be necessary to make valid any by-laws or regulations passed by the Board.

8. In all questions involving vital interests of the University, as the election of Regent, proposals for the change of charter, or questions of similar importance, the Board shall vote by conference—each conference being entitled to one vote, and a majority of the votes deciding the issue.

9. The sessions of the Board shall be private, and none but the members present, except by unanimous consent of the Board; and in no case shall any but members be present when the election of members of the Faculty or election to degrees are being held.

10. All regular degrees shall be conferred, upon recommendation of the faculty, by a two-thirds' vote of the Board present and voting at a regular meeting.

11. All honorary degrees shall be conferred by a concurrent vote of the Faculty, and a three-fourths' vote of the Curators present and voting, at a regular meeting.

12. All elections to degrees, regular or honorary, shall be by ballot.

13. No one shall be elected to a professorship in the University, except upon indorsement and recommendation of the Regent.

14. The Regent is authorized to fill all vacancies occurring in the Faculty during the interim of the regular meetings of the Board, subject to the revision of the Board at the next regular meeting.

15. By-laws and regulations adopted by the Board, and concurred in by the annual conferences, shall not be altered or amended except upon recommendation of a two-thirds vote of the Board present and voting at a regular meeting.

16. The absence of a member of the Board from two successive regular meetings, without explanation or excuse, will be regarded as a resignation of his office, and the vacancy shall be filled by the Bishop presiding.

REPORT OF TREASURER MISSIONARY BOARD WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

B. Harris in account with West Texas Conference Missionary Board, Gonzales, Nov. 7, 1885.

Dr.	Foreign.	Domestic.
To am't from Victoria	$17 50	$17 50
" " Cuero	25 00	25 00
" " Texana	6 00	75 00
" " Boxville	100 00	20 00
" " Hallettsville	28 00	30 00
" " Moulton	50 00	65 00
" " Concrete	25 00	25 00
" " Middletown	25 00	44 00
" " Leesville	40 00	50 00
" " Yorktown	10 00	15 00
Total	$465 50	$350 50
To am't from Corpus Christi & Banquete	$20 00	$30 00
" " Laredo and San Diego	10 00	10 00
" " Rockport	20 00	25 00
" " Goliad	54 00	65 80
" " Helena		15 00
" " Rancho	45 00	50 00
" " Floresville	35 00	40 00
" " Lagarto	20 00	25 00
" " Beeville	25 00	35 00
Total	$250 00	$295 80
To am't from San Antonio, Tenth St.	$60 00	$68 00
" " Lavernia	12 75	
" " Pleasanton	44 00	45 00
" " Cotulla & Pearsall	30 00	25 00
" " Uvalde & Batesville	20 00	15 00
" " Barksdale	26 50	50 00
" " Sabinal	3 00	3 35
" " Devine	70 00	77 00
" " Boerne	20 00	5 00
Total	26 00	30 00
To am't from San Saba	$312 25	$296 35
" " San Saba circuit	$44 25	$53 25
" " Richland	20 00	15 00
" " Valley Springs		15 00
" " Llano	12 00	
" " Round Mountain and Rockdale	39 00	45 00
" " Willow City	41 80	24 85
" " Kerrville	13 50	15 65
" " Junction City	17 00	22 00
" " Menard	13 00	15 00
" " Point Rock	5 00	8 00
" " Mason	6 55	12 45
" " San Angelo	20 00	20 00
Total	20 00	15 00
To am't from San Marcos	$231 90	$250 00
" " Sunday-school	$90 00	$105 00
" " Circuit	105 70	
" " Seguin	80 00	65 00
" " Lockhart	30 00	26 00
" " Luling	90 00	120 00
" " Gonzales	65 00	60 00
" " Mill Creek	45 00	80 00
" " Kyle	30 00	35 00
" " Harwood	60 00	62 40
" " Blanco	35 00	40 00
" " Dripping Springs	42 60	40 40
Total	16 00	18 00
To am't from Mexican Border Conference	$698 10	$660 40
" " Anniversary	$175 70	$176 30
" " Old subscription	99 15	99 15
	55 00	55 00
Whole amount	$329 85	$330 45
	$2,286 60	$2,219 50

Cr.	Foreign.	Domestic.
By draft in favor R. A. Young	$1,645 65	
By receipts of D. C. Kelley	436 45	
By E. M. Watkins' rec'pt to "Busy Bees," Gonzales	45 00	
By order H. S. Thrall publishing minutes 1884	86 40	
By order J. G. Walker publishing minutes 1885-6	27 70	
	$2,192 20	
Balance forwarded to D. C. Kelley	11 40	
Whole amount	$2,203 60	
By am't paid on drafts		$2,086 20
" " H. S. Thrall for publishing minutes		86 40
" " J. G. Walker for publishing minutes		28 20
		$2,150 80
Balance forwarded missionaries 1884-5		68 70
		$2,219 50

REPORT BOARD OF MISSIONS WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the President and Members of the Board of Missions of the West Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South:

Dear Brethren—Your Secretary would respectfully submit his annual report as below:

Bandera Mission—Was served during a part of the year by Rev. A. G. Nolen, who reports that he preached to about five hundred people; that there are one hundred and seventy-one members of the church, six of whom joined this year, and that three adults and six infants have been baptized. There are four Sunday-schools, with one hundred and fifty-eight pupils, and one house of worship valued at $1,600. The people paid their pastor on salary $116. It will thus be seen that a good foundation is being laid for the church of the future.

Cotulla Mission—Rev. W. T. Burke, missionary, reports as follows: There are two hundred in his congregations, and eighty-seven in the church, the increase during the year being eight. Four infants have been baptized, and there is one Sunday-school having seventy-five scholars. There is one house of worship worth $1,800, and the people paid on salary $92, and for missions $33.50. Thus, while this work has not been absolutely self-sustaining, it has done what it could and is yielding some revenue to the church, which ere long will stand upon its feet.

Boerne Mission—Was occupied by Rev. A. E. Rector. Bro. Rector thinks he has preached to five hundred souls in that field. There are one hundred and ninety-one members, twenty-five of whom have been gathered in this year. He has baptized twelve adults and ten infants. There are four Sunday-schools, numbering one hundred and five pupils. There is one parsonage and two houses of worship, valued at $1,400. The mission paid on preacher's salary $287, and for missions $56—a good showing for our border work, proving that our faithful missionaries do not toil in vain.

Barksdale Mission—Rev. A. F. Cox, missionary, reports a congregation of, say, one hundred and fifty people, fifty-five of whom are in the church. The increase for the year is ten; one adult and two infants baptized. There is one Sunday-school of twenty pupils. Paid on salary $40, and for missions $6 35. A small, hard work, yet yielding some returns and giving out some signs of life. Our hearts ought to be full of sympathy and our hands full of help for these brethren of the outposts.

Junction City Mission—Was served by Rev. T. C. DePew. There are within the bounds of his work some four hundred souls; of this number seventy are in the church. The increase for the year is eighteen. Six adults and three infants have been baptized. The people paid on salary of pastor $91, and for missions $28.80. Here are some of the marks of a divine prosperity, the sure prophecy of ultimate and not far distant success. Let the church sustain the men who reap down these harvests of the Lord.

Paint Rock Mission—Rev. W. E. Rector, missionary, reports three hundred people reached by the gospel. Thirty are in the church, nine being the increase for the year. Paid on preacher's salary $51, and for missions $18.75. Though small, we are encouraged by the items of success given above. They show how the tide is setting, and men who live right will get a following.

Menard Mission—Was served by Rev. N. W. Keith. Bro. Keith preached to about three hundred, sixty-five of whom are in the church; of this number four have come in this year. Two infants have been baptized. Only $23 paid on preacher's salary; paid for missions $13. Poverty and toil lay all about the path of this brother in Christ, and he has not had the encouragement of large success, as success is measured by short-sighted mortals; yet who can tell what divine forces have been set in motion by his labor in that field? At least, we are taught to gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.

Richland Mission—Occupied by Rev. R. H. Waldron, shows some marks of vitality. Three hundred people are under the influence of the gospel of Christ. One hundred and thirteen souls are in the church; seventy have joined this year; ten adults and two infants have been baptized. There is one Sunday-school of twenty pupils, and the people paid the preacher $119 on salary, and for missions $20.

Mason Mission.—Rev. J. A. King, missionary, reports a congregation of eight hundred, and a membership of two hundred and twenty-six souls. Increase for the year fifty-three. Baptisms: adults twenty, infants fifteen; Sunday-schools five; pupils two hundred and forty. Paid on pastor's salary $150, and for missions $20. There is one house of worship valued at $500. This interesting field appears to be making rapid progress towards independence. May it, and many others, soon be self-sustaining.

Dripping Springs Mission—Was served by Rev. J. W. Vest. Bro. Vest preaches to five hundred people. He has one hundred and seventy-five members, of whom forty-five have joined this year. Twenty-one adults and twenty-three infants have been baptized. There are three Sunday-schools with one hundred and ten pupils. There are three churches, worth $1,200. The people paid their pastor $176, and for missions $34. This field is on rising ground and bids fair to take rank at no distant day among our self-sustaining charges.

Cuero Mission—Was served by Revs. J. B. Dibrell and G. K. King. These brethren report as follows: In the congregation one hundred and twenty; in the church seventy-nine; increase for the year, twenty-three; adult baptisms, four; infant baptisms fourteen; Sunday-schools, one; pupils, one hundred and ten; paid on salaries, $400; paid for missions, $70; parsonages, two; churches, one, valued at $800. The work is in prosperous condition and will soon pass to the list of our self-supporting stations. And it is pleasant to reflect that the fields we are now helping will in turn be helpers in the great cause.

Yorktown Mission.—Rev. L. G. Watkins, missionary, reports three hundred and fifty people reached by the gospel; seventy-seven members of the church, increase for the year being twenty-nine. Eight adults and five infants have been baptized. There are two Sunday-schools, with seventy pupils. Paid on salary $197, and for missions $25. There are also two churches worth $600, one of which was built during the year. Here are the signs of genuine prosperity—the marks of God's favor.

Middletown Mission—Served by Rev. Geo. Ward, has the following statement: two hundred in the congregation; ninety-seven in the church; eleven joined during the year. Four adults and fifteen infants have been baptized. There is one Sunday-school of thirty pupils. Paid on salary $252; paid for missions $79. There is one parsonage and two churches, valued at $1000.

Rockport Mission.—Rev. W. M. Shockley in charge, reports that he preaches to three hundred people, of whom eighty-five are in the church. Six of these joined this year. Four adults and five infants have received baptism. There are three Sunday-schools and one hundred pupils. Salary of preacher $226. Paid for missions $65.45. There is one parsonage and three churches.

Tilden Mission—Was served during a portion of the year by Rev. W. T. Burk. The report is as follows: In the congregation, two hundred; in the church, twenty-four; increase, fifteen; adult baptisms, four; infant, three; Sunday-schools, one; pupils, thirty; salary of pastor, $56.50; paid for missions, $6. Here is a field for earnest work, a field where the foundations of Methodism are to be established. Let us go up and possess the land.

Helena Mission—Was served by Rev. J. W. Montgomery. In this field two hundred and fifty souls hear the Word of Life, sixty-five of them being members of the church. The increase during the year is ten. Three adults and one infant baptized. There is one parsonage, and the church owns one-third interest in a house of worship. The people paid the preacher $129.

San Angelo Mission.—Rev. A. J. Potter, missionary, reports as follows: In the congregation, four hundred; in the church, one hundred and four; increase during the year, eighty-eight; adult missionary, twenty-five; infant, six; paid missionary, $257; paid for missions, $33. There is one house of worship, valued at $2000. This is a promising field. Thorough cultivation now must result in an abundant harvest.

Laredo Mission—Was served by Rev. W. M. Adams. The congregation numbers some seventy-five people; forty are in the church; eighteen have joined this year; one infant has been baptized. There is one Sunday-school of forty-nine pupils. There is one parsonage, and the people paid on salary $69.75.

Devine Mission.—Rev. W. Monk, missionary, reports as follows: In the congregation, five hundred; in the church, one hundred and sixty-eight; increase for the year, forty-one; adult baptisms, ten; infant baptisms, fourteen; Sunday-schools, two; scholars, eighty-five; paid on salary, $140; for missions, $25. There are two churches, valued at $1,200.

This is the work as presented to your Secretary in detail, and your attention is now invited to the following summary:

Whole number of missions reported from	19
Whole number reached by the gospel	6,345
Whole number of members of the church	1,942
Number of additions during the year	489
Number adult baptisms	135
Number infant baptisms	131
Number Sunday-schools	30
Number Sunday-school scholars	1,212
Amount paid on salaries of missionaries	$2,882 25
Amount paid for missions	603 55
Number of parsonages	9
Number of houses of worship	19½
Value of houses of worship	$12,100 00

God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. We have had the encouragement of some success. The field is enlarging and whitening unto the harvest. Only a few years ago, and we were few and feeble, but God's hand has been upon us for good, and we have been attended by a divine prosperity. And now the old hive has sent forth a strong colony which hath built for itself a habitation and a home on the borders of Mexico. they have gone out from us, it is true, but they are still of us, and shall receive our help, our sympathy, and our prayers. May the blessings of heaven rest upon us all.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. GILLETT, Sec. of Bd.

LETTER FROM MISS HAYGOOD.

[The following letter was written by Miss Laura A. Haygood, Shanghai, China, to Mrs. J. W. Hombert, of the S. C. W. F. M. S., and is kindly offered to the *Advocate* for publication.—ED. S. C. A.]

Our last mail (July 30) brought reports of the annual meeting of the W. B. M. at Nashville. There are no words in which I can tell you how gratified I am to God and the Board for the cordial sympathy with which you received our plan for founding, in Shanghai, a high school for girls and a mission-home for representatives of our Board in China. I feel that I must give myself the pleasure of thanking each of you personally for the comfort and encouragement the confidence expressed by your indorsement has given me. Your readiness to help has made me stronger to work and wait. More and more clearly with the passing months I see how unlimited is the opportunity before us. The fields even now are white to the harvest. I beg you, and through you I would beg every member of the W. F. M. S. within the bounds of the S. C. Conference, to join us in earnest persistent prayer that God will send forth more laborers into his harvest, and that he will help us to get ready to receive them. "The Home," which in your hearts you are already helping us to build, will increase immeasurably the power of missionaries to work, by affording them the best opportunity for studying the language and the work, and freeing them during the days of preparation from the burdens and responsibilities inevitably attendant upon making a home while they are still "strangers in a strange land." I am sure that the women will be ready by the time the home is ready for them. There must be scores of hearts belonging to the Lord that will be ready to come and help us when they know the need. Through the need he will speak to them, and they can but obey his voice. You are already familiar with the plan by which we propose to raise money for the high school and home; and you also understand that we do not wish a *single dime* of the regular dues of the society appropriated in this way. I shall, by the next mail if possible, send letters to several of our church papers, in which our plans will be presented to the ladies of the church. But that we may more surely reach the entire church, I wish, in the autumn, to send a circular letter from Shanghai to every auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., telling them of our present work in Shanghai and our hopes for the future. For this purpose I hope you will be so kind as to send me, by return mail, a list of your auxiliaries, with the address of the corresponding secretary of each. If you choose to add the names of a hundred other ladies to whom you think it would be advisable to send such a circular, I shall be very greatly obliged. I am glad to report an increasing interest in Trinity day-school and Trinity Sunday-school. At the semi-annual examination of the schools, held July 27, by Dr. Allen and Mr. Sung, the director of the Chinese department of the Anglo-Chinese College, there were in attendance one hundred and one pupils from the day-schools. They gave marked evidence of improvement during the term. I hope that within a year the number of pupils may increase to at least five hundred. Judging from her beautiful record in the past, I shall confidently look to the S. C. Conference Society for support and sympathy in all plans that look to the advancement of our work in China. Asking for myself and those associated with us in the work, an abiding place in your prayers, that God may give us a knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, I am, in the bonds of the gospel of Christ, most faithfully yours,

LAURA A. HAYGOOD.

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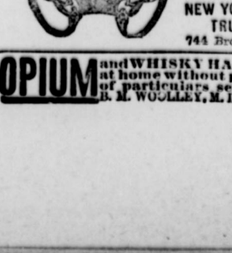
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On hand and not disbursed of collection of last year up to Nov. 4, $131.32, of which amount $9.00 was appropriated for publication of minutes.

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Write to our Conference Secretary for all information. Will the preachers in all parts of West Texas please give me information as to what are the necessities of their various sections, specially where this money is most needed and will do the greatest good. Correspondence solicited. H. G. HORTON, Sec.

SEGUIN, TEXAS.

ANOTHER WHY?

"One reason why preachers do not get their pay is: they do not visit all their members." So says "A. Steward." And another reason why is because a steward does not visit all the members. Or because a steward does not "seek the needy and distressed in order to relieve and comfort them." Or because a class-leader does not see each person in his class once a week, at least, in order to inquire how their souls prosper; to advise, reprove, comfort or exhort, as occasion may require, etc. Did anybody ever hear of the members complaining because a steward or class-leader did not visit them, Bro. Steward? Or another reason may be that "A Steward" does not collect the preacher's salary on a Scriptural basis. "A Steward's" "basis" seems to be "visiting all the members," while the Scriptural ground for paying the preacher is "preaching the gospel." "A Steward" would say, "Pay them who visit all the members," but the "Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Preachers are not to be paid because they visit but because they preach. Visiting is a Christian duty binding upon all Christians—the laymen as well as clergy. "I was sick and ye visited me. * * * Sick and in prison and ye visited me not." Were these words spoken of preachers only, or were they spoken of the laymen also? "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Are preachers alone to have the genuine article, or is it a good thing for stewards also? But how about the backsliders? "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Saith the Scripture this to the preacher only or to the church also? To the church of Galatia it was written. Now, Bro. Steward, when the members refuse to pay because the preacher has not visited them, then ascertain how much visiting they have done and how many backsliders they have restored in the spirit of meekness, and then tell them just to pay for the preaching and all the visiting will be thrown in. No charge will be made for that. Again: Our "Steward" wants the flock penned. Well, the Master did tell Peter to feed the sheep, but already he had made Peter and other apostles fishers of men. And so much more important was the fishing than the feeding, that Peter only was commanded to feed the sheep, while all the apostles were commanded to "go preach the gospel"—not to the members, but "to every creature." Penning the flock and feeding the sheep are important, but fishing for men is more important. The man who spends all his time with the sheep will not be likely to catch many men. "Oh, for men to lead us in battle!' But in truth, Bro. Steward, did you ever know an army to fight many battles while all the men were sick in the hospital? Really, is the church an army or is it only an hospital? Is the preacher a general to lead the army of the Lord, or is he only a nurse? Of course, every well-regulated army will be provided with means to take care of the sick and wounded, and every good general will see that the hospital is properly kept and the inmates properly attended to; but no general who spends his time in the hospital alone will ever win any victories. Why does not somebody complain because the preacher does not visit sinners? A presiding elder once upon a time, urging the preachers to visit, said: "The cry is everywhere for pastors." He might have said the almost universal cry is for nursing physicians. The church has come to regard itself as an hospital, and the preacher has nothing to do but visit the inmates. The members pay (that is, the hospital ones) the preacher, not because the Lord requires them to support his servant sent to convert the world, but for the personal attention they themselves receive. They pay only for what they get. But they forget that they are only the stewards of the Lord, and that he directs how his own shall be used. The church-hospital idea is the anti-missionary spirit. For as long as the members are willing to pay only for the personal attention received, they will fail to realize that the mission of the gospel is to convert the sinners of the world. The fact is, "pastor," which has now come into general use among Methodists from aping other people, is not a Methodist word at all. Preacher is the Methodist word. The general use of the word "pastor" among us indicates a decline rather than growth. We have all so "run to pastor" that the evangelist has almost become a necessity. Every Methodist preacher should be an evangelist in the true sense—one who preaches the gospel. John Wesley was a model evangelist, and also a good pastor. He was a good model, both as a preacher and pastor. So that the one does not necessarily exclude the other. A good Methodist preacher is both. Visiting the members may be a good way to be popular with the church and get the pay, but it hath "pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." We want none the less of the pastor, but more of the evangelizer. The general must not suffer the sick and wounded of his army to be neglected, but he has more to do on the battle-field than in the hospital. Now, Bro. Steward, hoping that you will remember that visiting and restoring backsliders are duties binding upon all Christians, stewards, class-leaders, private members and preachers, I will leave you to meditate upon the following passage of Scripture: "And in those days when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said: It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men (a board of stewards) of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."—Acts vi:1, 2, 3, 4. Submitted in love.

QUINTAX.

THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.

The Christian Statesman.

On the 1st of October, 1885, one of the brightest stars that ever shone in the galaxy of English statesmen faded into immortal day. The lesson of such a life is of priceless value. It shows that there is no incompatibility between the most active political service and the most conscientious, devout adherence to Christian principles. May God in his mercy to our race multiply a thousandfold such statesmen as was Lord Shaftesbury. The London *Recorder*, in a supplement of forty-eight pages devoted to a sketch of his life, closes as follows:

The last years of Lord Shaftesbury have been years of honor. In the earlier part of his public career he was often assailed with bitter hostility, and during the larger portion it was the fashion to sneer at the so-called narrowness of his religious views. But he had long outlived alike the odium and the ridicule which his uncompromising attitude excited, and for some years both political parties and all classes in the community have rivalled one another in showing respect and regard to the veteran philanthropist.

We have traveled, albeit hastily and imperfectly, over Lord Shaftesbury's public life, as a Philanthropist, as a Legislator, as a Statesman, as a Protestant, and as a Church Reformer. In all these characters he had one and the same object—the good of his fellow-men. He saw, as scarcely any one else saw two generations ago, that a vast change was coming over England. He saw that the reins of government were gradually being shifted into new hands. He saw the Democracy while it was still a long way off. He saw also how unfitted the people were by their misery, their ignorance, and their irreligion to use properly the power which was surely coming to them. For their own, and for his country's sake, Lord Shaftesbury set himself to undo the heavy burden, to remove oppression, and to make the gospel message known. He wanted to see England a happier and a better place for the millions of her toiling sons and daughters who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. Assuredly he has succeeded. We have plenty of vice and plenty of misery to contend with; but, nevertheless, who will deny that there is more light and less shade than eighty years ago? To Lord Shaftesbury, far more than to any other one man, is due the measure of prosperity and contentment which the working classes possess. To him, more than to any other one man, we owe it that even in revolution we have peace. Lord Shaftesbury's philanthropy has been unique, first, because while other men have labored for some one great reform, such as the liberation of the slave, his benevolence has been universal; and, secondly, because in addition to its abstract benefits his work has been directed to a great and patriotic end.

But Lord Shaftesbury's life has another side, less easy to write about, but at this time pleasantest of all to contemplate. In that hidden way, unseen by the world, and only dimly discerned even by a man's nearest and dearest, where each one is his real self, without any pretence, Lord Shaftesbury has walked with God. He was a good man, not in any mere conventional sense, not only in the sense which his pre-eminent philanthropy suggests, but in the higher, better sense in which we are taught that "the just shall live by faith." United to the Savior by a real, actual, conscious relationship, he lived in him. The motto of the Ashleys is "Love—Serve." In those two words the whole history of Lord Shaftesbury is contained.

The decline of his long life has been gradual. For several years past attacks of illness have now and again laid him by, sometimes for many weeks together. But his vigorous constitution enabled him to recover to a great extent. Old age showed itself in loss of hearing and in a sensible diminution of physical strength, yet the quiet orderly life both at St. Giles's and London went on much the same. He still read the lessons in the village church he had restored years ago, still presided at family worship before breakfast, and was still ready to show the beauties of his beautiful home to a guest. Last spring for weeks together he devoted morning after morning to furnishing details of his life to an intending biographer. All his old fire would return as he recalled his early struggles and triumphs, and the voice and gesture of his youth seemed to revive. But the strain was too great, and twice while so employed he fell back suddenly in his chair in a dead faint. When in town he had been a constant attendant for many years at Portman Chapel, both during the ministry of Canon Reeve and of his successor, Rev. Nevile Sherbrooke. But for several months past he has been at Folkestone, whither he went hoping to get rid of a troublesome complaint which had produced great weakness, and threatened to become chronic. Recovery was hoped for, but it was not to be. He seemed to be getting better, when one of the sudden east winds of which we have had so many this autumn, gave him a chill. Inflammation of the lungs set in, and he became dangerously ill. A friend who saw him a week or two ago writes: "Lord Shaftesbury said, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he has been my friend for long years.' He was full of calmness and peace in contemplating his very near removal. It was refreshing to witness such calmness and peace in the last days of one who had devoted his life more than any man I have known to the good of the people." During the past fortnight Lord Shaftesbury has suffered almost constantly from pain and restlessness, accompanied by ever-increasing weakness. The end came at 1:15 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 1, 1885, and he fell asleep, to the last fulfilling his own aspiration: "I trust that I shall go down to the grave, and rise again, with the line written upon my heart, 'Jesus Christ and him crucified.'"

THE CHILDREN.

LITTLE KITTIE WHINER.

CLARA J. DENTON.

Tell me, have you seen her passing by this way?
She was crying, crying, all the livelong day;
And the noise grew tiresome, so the neighbors all
Drove her off a-flying, far from sight or call;
But her anxious mother walked so many miles
Searching for her Kitty, hoping for her smiles.

Little Kitty Whiner—far were heard her cries;
When her mother found her, tears were in her eyes;
So she ran and left her, in the dark, alone,
With the night wind chanting in a dreary tone.
Still she wildly wanders up and down the land,
Sometimes finding shelter from a pitying hand;
Pouts and tears she scatters as she wanders wide;
Should you chance to meet her hasten from her side;
Frowns she has so many, smiles she has so few—
Tell me, little maiden, has she been with you?

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

A Boy's Lecture on Manners.

The ways you do things are your manners. The ways you look, the ways you speak, the ways you act, the ways you move, the way you eat, are your manners. What you do with your hat is a part of your manners. I do not mean hanging it up, I mean taking it off or keeping it on. Everybody has to haves one kind of manners, because everybody has to have some kind of ways to do things. There are two kinds of manners; I will mention them. Good ones and bad ones. Your face looks better when you are having good manners than when you are having bad ones. I have heard of six kinds of bad manners, and one more. I will mention them. Pig manners, one; bear manners, two; donkey manners, three; cock-a-doodle-doo manners, four; post manners, five; cow-in-the-parlor manners, six.

First—pig manners—and if you want to know what they are, go and look in the pigs' pen when their dinner is being put into their trough. Every piggy hurries to get the most, and get the best. Every piggy looks out for itself, and does not care for the other ones. Children that have pig manners are the kind that want to be helped first at meal-times, and want the best things for themselves, and the biggest pieces. They look out for themselves, and do not care about other people getting any thing good.

Second—bear manners. Children that have bear manners are the kind that are gruff, and grum, and growly. They have cross-looking faces, and sometimes stick their lips out, and snarl, and growl, and are most always grumbling and growling about something they want to do or they don't want to do. They talk in this way: "Find my hat!" "I want to go out!" "Open the door!" "I want something to eat!" and never think of a please or a thank you and they get cross very often, and look cross.

Third—donkey manners. Children that have donkey manners are the kind that want to do just what they want to do, and nothing else, no matter how much you may ask them and coax them. If you ask them to move, they stay still. If you ask them to keep quiet, they make a noise. If you ask them to make a noise, they keep quiet. If you ask them to go on an errand, they say, "Don't want to!" or "I ain't a-going to!" and the worst kind say, "I will!" and "I wont!" When they are playing, they never will do what the others want to, but only what they themselves want to.

Fourth—post manners. Children who have post manners are the kind that do not answer when they are spoken to, any more than a post would. If a visitor says, "How do you do?" or "Do you like to play tag?" or, "Do you like pictures?" or butterflies, or any thing, they stand still as a post, and do not speak; but maybe if you should ask if they liked candy they would speak one word, and guess it would be yes.

Fifth—cock-a-doodle-doo manners. The children that have cock-a-doodle-doo manners are the kind that feel big and act so. When a rooster struts around among the hens he acts as if he felt so big he did not know what to do, and sometimes he seems to feel so big that he has to get up on a fence and clap his wings, and crow, cock-a-doodle-doo! Sometimes there'll be a lot of fellows playing, and a cock-a-doodle-doo fellow will come there, and he'll act as if he thought he knew the right way to do every thing better than everybody, and he'll give them the rules, and he'll strut around like a rooster; and in his house he does the same way to his mother and the other grown-up ones, and ones that are not grown up. That kind of a fellow ought to stand up on the fence and clap his wings—no, I mean his elbows—and crow, cock-a-doodle-doo! I know better than you.

Sixth—cow-in-the-parlor manners. Children that have cow-in-the-parlor manners are the kind that are always getting in somebody's way, or pushing themselves in between people, or going in front of people, or stepping on somebody's feet, or on bottoms of ladies' clothes, or leaning against people, or stumbling over things, or bumping against the furniture, or against people, or tipping over their own chairs, or knocking down a vase, or a work-basket, or a tumbler of water. They are as clumsy as a cow in a parlor, and do not mind what they are about any more than a cow in the parlor, would mind what she was about.

Besides these kinds there is another kind I heard of, called the Interrupters. Interrupters are the kind that begin to talk while other people are speaking, no matter if 'tis their father, or their mother, or company, the interrupters do not wait for anybody to stop talking, but break right in and say what they want to.—*Reported for Wide Awake by Mrs. A. M. Diaz.*

Faith of a Mexican Child.

Our Mexican minister was telling me this evening about this little boy Ruben (Reuben). Once the father was very poor, so poor that the children had no clothes, and he had no money with which to buy them even the few garments that were necessary; poor little Ruben was very much distressed, and said to his father, "Papacito, what shall I do for clothes?" "My little son," said his papa, "go and ask God to live you a coat, and to give your brother and sister clothes." A little while afterwards the father was told that Ruben was alone in the church, so he went very quietly and looked in, and there he was kneeling, his little hands clasped, and his face upturned and praying, "Oh, dear God, give me some clothes, and my little sister and brother, too; hear me, and help me, dear God, for Jesus' sake;" and the poor little voice choked with tears. That afternoon, to the wonder and grateful joy of that family, a present was sent these three little ones of enough money to buy each one a garment.

This little boy is only about seven years old, and about two years ago he was suffering a great deal with an inflamed face. One night his father, hearing a noise from the children's corner, went quietly over, and there was Ruben kneeling and praying, "Oh, dear God, help me, and make me better of this dreadful pain; take it away and make me well." The tears were rolling over his cheeks, and he was in great trouble, but asking with all faith for help. After he got up and went back to bed his father went to him and gave him some medicine which soothed the pain, and in the morning he said to him, "Papacito, the dear God came to me and cured me last night; I asked him, and he came." I wish I could give you this in the sweet Spanish words, for it seems to me that the speech of the little children is indescribably sweet in this musical language; but you will see the wonderfully strong faith of this little lad, which was the fact which impressed me most forcibly. Many of the little Mexican children have this beautiful faith and trust in God, and it is something very touching. Remember little Ruben and pray that he may grow up a good, earnest, faithful Christian.—*Miss Cochrane in Children's Work.*

"Nobody's Child."

A lady visiting an asylum for Friendless Orphan Children lately watched the little ones go through their daily drill, superintended by the matron, a firm, honest woman, to whom her duty had evidently become a mechanical task. One little toddler hurt her foot, and the visitor, who had children of her own, took her on her knee, petted her, made her laugh, and kissed her before she put her down. The other children stared in wonder.

"What is the matter? Does nobody ever kiss you?" asked the astonished visitor.

"No. That isn't in the rules, ma'am," was the answer.

A gentleman in the same city, who one morning stopped to buy a newspaper from a wizened, shrieking newsboy at the station, found the boy following him every day thereafter, with a wistful face, brushing the spots from his clothes, calling a car for him, etc.

"Do you know me?" he asked as last.

The wretched little Arab laughed. "No, but you called me 'my child' one day. I'd like to do something for you, sir. I thought before that I was nobody's child."

Christian men and women are too apt to feel, when they subscribe to organized charities, that they have done their duty to the great army of homeless, friendless waifs around them. A touch, a kiss, a kind word, may do much toward saving the neglected little one who feels it is "nobody's child," teaching it, as no money can do, that we are all children of one Father.

When Christ would heal or help the poor outcast, he did not send him money, but he came close and touched him.—*Christian Standard.*

The Dancing Pea.

Push a pin half-way through a green pea, making the two ends as nearly as possible the same weight, *i. e.*, let the point come a little more than half-way through. Then break off the stem of a common clay pipe, and the toy will be complete.

To make the pea dance, put it on top of the pipe stem, the point of the pin sticking down the bore. Throw your head back so that the stem may be held vertically, and blow gently. This will make the pea rise; keep blowing harder, till the pea rises entirely from the pipe and is supported in the air. It will now begin to spin round and round and turn over and over, all the while bobbing up and down, as long as the current of air is kept up.

The dance may be changed by pushing the pin up to its head. The pea will now rise to the top of the pipe, and dance slowly and with great dignity around the edge; or if the blast is a little stronger, it will spin rapidly, unless the blower stops to laugh, when it is apt to fall into the open mouth below.—*Harper's Young People.*

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Hepatozone has, since its introduction, proved one of the most valuable medicines discovered. Its merits and success has been as gratifying to the proprietor as its effects have proved beneficial to those using it; almost daily testimonials are received speaking in the highest terms of its efficacy in its action on diseases for which it is recommended. There is no doubt of the value of Hepatozone. It is efficacious, mild and thorough in its action, and there is not to-day a medicine which can equal it as a regulator of the liver and corrector of the bowels. We append a few unsolicited testimonials of its value from persons well known in TEXAS:

From Hon. D. P. Marr, Judge of the Thirty-Sixth District:
PEARSALL, TEX., March 1, 1884.
Messrs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:
Gentlemen—I take pleasure in adding my testimony to the happy effects of Hepatozone as a Liver Regulator. I believe it to be the best known remedy for disordered or congested liver, and I know it will prove beneficial in Dyspepsia, Constipation, Nausea, Dizziness, and particularly Diarrhœa. To those of sedentary habits, I am convinced a short trial will prove it to be indispensable. No professional man should be without it. It excels in the mildness yet thoroughness of its action upon the system, giving immediate relief, and its action is not attended with griping pains or disturbance of rest. Respectfully, D. P. MARR.

From the Rev. Dr. Whipple:
AUSTIN, TEX., NOV. 10, 1885.
Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:
Dear Sirs—I take pleasure in recommending your great Liver medicine, Hepatozone, and from experience, think it would be well for no family to be without it. It is so efficient, mild, and yet certain to accomplish what is proposed by its use. Respectfully, J. W. WHIPPLE.

From Hon. J. B. McFarland, Judge of the Thirty-second District:
JUNE 9, 1884.
Messrs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:
Gentlemen—I have used your Hepatozone for some time and find it one of the best medicines for indigestion and Liver Complaints.
J. B. MCFARLAND.

From the Rev. Dr. Poindexter:
AUSTIN, TEX., July 15, 1882.
Messrs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:
I cheerfully bear testimony to the value of your Hepatozone. I have suffered for years with torpid liver and consequent biliousness, irregular appetite, etc., and have experienced more speedy and permanent relief from your medicines than all other remedies. The medicine is not distasteful, and is unattended with pain in its operations. J. W. POINDEXTER.

INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND,
AUSTIN, May 10, 1883.
Dr. Tobin:
Your Hepatozone as a gentle purgative has no equal. It moves the bowels without making the patient feel sick, weak or languid. It is often the case that we feel a little bilious, have some headache perhaps, and are feeling unwell generally, and only need an easy purgative to relieve us; your Hepatozone is the medicine for that condition. I relieved a case of dysentery with it in a very short time. We use it largely in this institution. FRANK RAINEY, Supt Institution.

From the Rev. Dr. Shapard, Superintendent Deaf and Dumb Asylum:
AUSTIN, TEX., March 26, 1884.
I have been using Tobin's Hepatozone for about eighteen months, and have found it to be a valuable medicine, so much so that as soon as the last dose is out of one bottle, I buy with I procure another. W. SHAPARD.

From our prominent bankers:
AUSTIN, TEX., April 9, 1883.
Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:
I have thoroughly tested the merits of your Hepatozone as a remedy for any liver trouble, dyspepsia or constipation. It is indeed a wonderful medicine, and the best remedy for these troubles that ever has been given. I could not do without it. Respectfully, FRANK HAMILTON.

AUSTIN, TEX., March 25, 1883.
Gentlemen—Your Liver medicine has been thoroughly tried on myself and family during the last year, and it has proved itself to be all and even more than you claim for it. It is beyond a doubt the most valuable medicine now known for any liver trouble, dyspepsia or constipation of the bowels. We use nothing else. Respectfully, JAS R. JOHNSON.

Letter from Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:
SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Jan. 1, 1883.
Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin:
Gentlemen—Your Hepatozone has been used in my family for over a year, and I unhesitatingly say it is the best remedy I have ever used for my liver trouble or constipation of the bowels. I would not be without it. A. W. HOUSTON.

Col. Claiborne Tells What he Knows of the Merits of Hepatozone.
BASTROP, March 26, 1884.
With much pleasure I add this statement to the many testimonials and published cards of many creditable persons coming under my observation in the public journals relative to the virtue and curative qualities of Drs. J. J. & W. H. Tobin's Hepatozone.
In December past, 1883, I was attacked with pneumonia and flux combined and was extremely sick. After very many days of lingering painful sickness (despairing of my recovery), I got a friend at dead of night to procure me a bottle of Hepatozone and commenced its administration at once, after midnight.
It acted on me like a charm, and after less than half a dozen doses (as per directions), I was relieved of all difficulty and had symptoms and convalescent at once. I therefore cheerfully recommend said medicine for diseases of the stomach, liver and bowels. It may not cure everybody and all complaints, but it cured me.
Respectfully, PHIL CLAIBORNE, Attorney at Law, Bastrop.

From Z. T. Fulmore, County Judge:
AUSTIN, TEX., June 20, 1882.
Dr. W. H. Tobin:
I have tried your Hepatozone as a sort of a last resort to prevent the frequently recurring headaches to which I have been subjected for eight or ten years, and unhesitatingly pronounce it more beneficial than any medicine I have ever tried. Its results upon my system are all and even more than is claimed for it. Yours, etc., Z. T. FULMORE.

DR. J. J. TOBIN, PROPRIETOR, 700 CONGRESS AVENUE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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Many of the rich cast large gifts into the Lord's treasury at Jerusalem, but the widow's two mites were more than them all. Many large benefactions have flowed to the fire-smitten city of Galveston, but none are richer in the aroma of Christ-like charity than the gift acknowledged in the following clipping from the Galveston *News* of Nov. 21st:

LAREDO, TEX., Nov. 17.—The Mexican girls of the Mission school, belonging to the Woman's Board of Missions, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Laredo, Tex., send $5 and a package of children's hose for the benefit of the needy children of Galveston, made so by the late fire. Money order sent by Miss N. E. Holding to Mrs. S. S. Park, 616 east avenue K.

REV. R. T. NABORS' SERMONS.

A postal has been received at the ADVOCATE office, from Rev. A. S. Andrews, D. D., President of the Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., saying that he has prepared a volume of discourses, by Rev. R. T. Nabors, formerly of the Texas Conference, and has sent the manuscript forward to Nashville for publication. This will be good news to all who have heard the gifted Nabors in the pulpit. The book ought to have a large sale in Texas. Dr. Andrews will give further information through the ADVOCATE concerning the book in due time.

A LOCAL PREACHER GONE TO REST.

Rev. R. S. Dingman, the "sailor preacher," who has bestowed much and effective labor along the cost country of Galveston bay during the last five years, died in great peace at the residence of W. A. Shaw, in this city, at 5 a. m., Nov. 17. An obituary will appear in due time.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—In the appointments of the Northwest Texas Conference the name of Rev. C. S. Field appeared opposite Hillsboro mission; it should have read Hillsboro station.

—Bishop McTyeire has made the following changes in the appointments of the Weatherford district, Northwest Texas Conference: Springtown circuit, E. W. Simmans; Cartersville circuit, John R. Henson.

—Rev. J. A. Smith, of Liberty, East Texas Conference, paid the ADVOCATE office a visit this week. He expects to carry up a good report to the annual conference, which convenes at Beaumont, Dec. 9.

—Rev. J. F. Sherwood was called from Paris, the seat of the North Texas Conference, by a telegram announcing the extreme illness of one of his children. There seemed to be little chance of its recovery, but we hope for the best.

—Among the homes destroyed by the recent fire in Galveston was that of Bro. Louis Blaylock, one of our publishers. He was in Corsicana in attendance on the Northwest Texas Conference, and was recalled by a telegram to find house and furniture destroyed. Nothing of consequence was saved, and his loss, above insurance, will aggregate $4,000. He desires his sincere thanks to be returned for the many kind expressions of sympathy which he has received.

North Texas Conference.

FIRST DAY.

PARIS, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 1885.

The nineteenth session of the North Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South, convened at Paris, Texas, Nov. 18, 1885, at 9 o'clock. Bishop H. N. McTyeire being absent, Bishop R. K. Hargrove presided.

The conference hymn was announced and sung, after which the Bishop led in prayer. The 5th chapter of 1st Peter was read by the Bishop, after which a song was sung, followed by prayer, led by J. M. Binkley.

E. C. DeJernett, Secretary of the previous session, called the roll, and nearly all the members, lay and clerical, answered to their names.

E. C. DeJernett was made Secretary, and W. M. Shelton, C. I. McWhirter, J. A. Wyatt and John Mathis, assistants.

The conference fixed the hours of its daily sittings and the bar.

The presiding elders retired to nominate the standing committees.

Dr. J. B. McFerrin presented the report of the Publishing House and addressed the conference.

A communication from the Parent Board of Church Extension was presented and referred; also a communication from Paine Institute.

The presiding elders made their report of the standing committees as follows:

Public Worship—T. R. Pierce, J. R. Allen and J. W. Fulton.

Books and Periodicals—M. H. Neely, T. J. Milam, A. W. Gibson, L. L. Pickett, J. A. Stafford, R. N. Brown, M. W. Shearer and A. H. Brewer.

Church Property—Asa Holt, J. S. Noble, John Kilgore, W. J. Clark, A. H. Shoemaker, A. C. Tisdale, J. W. Fulton and M. B. Rhodes.

Conference Relations—W. H. Moss, D. J. Martin, J. C. Smith, A. F. Hendrix, B. H. Bounds, J. H. Reynolds and J. W. Lively.

District Conference Records—W. S. May, J. W. Hill, L. P. Smith, E. S. Williams, H. N. Tuck, J. A. Wyatt, F. A. Rosser and James Campbell.

Memoirs—L. M. Lewis, L. P. Lively, I. S. Ashburn and W. F. Easterling.

Temperance—E. M. Shelton, C. B. Fladger, H. S. Shrader, S. Crutchfield, C. E. Lamb, J. W. Field and J. P. Walker.

Dr. R. A. Young, Secretary of the Parent Board of Missions, was introduced and addressed the conference, presenting the thirty-ninth annual report of the Board of Missions, and on motion of W. H. Hughes the conference determined to collect and forward to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions at Nashville by Feb. 1, one-quarter of the foreign missionary assessment for 1886.

Dr. A. R. Winfield was introduced, and addressed the conference in the interest of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

Under Question 20 the names of J. L. Angel, W. P. Ried, J. B. Rabb, John Beverly, C. J. Cock and J. W. Fields were called, their characters passed, and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation. The names of J. C. Randall, R. G. Rainey and R. Lane were called, and they were referred to the same committee for the same relation.

When the name M. H. Cullum was called it was announced that he was dead.

The names of L. P. Lively, W. K. Duff and S. A. Armstrong were called, their characters passed, and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

The name of F. O. Miller was called and his character passed.

The names of S. W. Jones and F. C. Pearson were called, their characters passed, and their names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

The Committee on Public Worship made the following report: Preaching at the Baptist Church, by Dr. R. A. Young, this afternoon at 3 o'clock; at the Methodist Church, by Dr. A. R. Winfield, this evening at 7 p. m.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

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The following extract from Dr. McFerrin's report gives a summary of the business of the Publishing House from April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885:

Amount from sales of books and merchandise	$107,873 75
Amount from subscriptions to *Advocate*	33,221 81
Amount from subscriptions to Sunday-school periodicals	63,018 42
Amount from miscellaneous sources rents, advertising, contract work etc.	36,009 86
Making a total of	$240,123 84

From this volume of business we present the following net results:

Additions to machinery and permanent improvements to Publishing House	$19,415 76
Increase in personal accounts due the house	9,379 98
Increase in merchandise, material, and cash	7,125 04
Publishing House bonds retired and cancelled	20,725 00
Making a net gain of	$56,645 78

Advocate Subscription List.—The subscription list of the *Christian Advocate* has not materially changed during the year, standing at about 25,000 copies. The total number of copies issued during the year was 1,250,464.

The aggregate circulation of the Sunday-school periodicals for the year has been as follows:

Sunday-School Magazine, total issues	283,000
Sunday-School Quarterly, total issues	479,000
Intermediate Quarterly, total issues	341,500
Illustrated Lesson Paper, total issues	794,000
Our Little People, total issues	1,329,500
Weekly Sunday-School Visitor, total issues	213,250
Semi-monthly Sunday-School Visitor, total issues	106,650
Monthly Sunday-School Visitor, total issues	155,150
Grand total for year	3,702,050

New Books.—During the year the House has issued thirty-seven new publications, aggregating 6,518 pages, which go into the permanent catalogue of our religious literature; 39,225 copies of these new publications have been printed. Among them is the "History of Methodism," by our senior bishop, McTyeire, and several other books which are especially valuable to us as a church.

A draft for $5.40 was presented as the amount due the Widow and Orphans' fund of this conference out of the Colvin fund. The small amount was explained by the statement that the preachers of the conference had failed to make proper reports of the number of such beneficiaries in their several works.

Paris *News:* Bishop Hargrove is a splendid specimen of physical and intellectual manhood and presides with dignity and ability.

Five ex-pastors of the Methodist Church at this place are in attendance upon the conference: J. H. McLean, W. H. Hughes, M. C. Blackburn, W. F. Easterling.

Paris *News:* Dr. R. A Young is a man, every inch of him, and there are many inches. He towers above most men in eloquence like Saul did above the children of Israel in height.

Paris *News:* Dr. McFerrin's form is bowed some with age, but his face shows that the fires of his intellect burn as brightly as ever. He is a grand old man.

Paris *News:* The sermon of Dr. Winfield, at the Methodist Church Wednesday night, was simply grand and glorious. The entire audience was moved by his honest, heart-felt eloquence. Mourners were called to the altar, and there was more than one conversion. The "old songs" were sung and shouts of rejoicing were heard. An experience meeting followed, and men and women testified to a personal knowledge of the Holy Spirit. There should be many such meetings in Paris. Long may Dr. Winfield live to serve his Master so faithfully and so well.

Rev. E. C. DeJernett is at home at the Secretary's desk, and has an able corps of assistants.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19.

The conference was called to order by Bishop Hargrove at 8:30 a. m.

The religious exercises were conducted by T. E. Sherwood.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

A report from North Texas Female College was read by President I. M. Onins and referred to the Board of Education.

A report from the Joint Board of Publication was read. G. W. Briggs addressed the conference in the interest of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and the report was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Reports from the Trustees and Curators of the Southwestern University were presented. Dr. J. W. Heidt was introduced and addressed the conference. The reports were referred to the Board of Education.

Dr. H. A. Bourland, agent of Southwestern University, after a brief eulogy of the late Regent, Dr. F. A. Mood, by permission of the conference, received contributions to the monument soon to be erected to his memory.

Under Question 1 James L. Pierce, of Paris district, A. C. Durr, of Montague district, Henry I. Stephens and Daniel D. Duncan, of Dallas district, and Silas N. Thompson, of Sulphur Springs district, being properly recommended and having passed an approved examination, were admitted on trial.

Under Question 2 E. G. Roberts, J. F. Alderson, Julian Woodson and H. K. Agee were called, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the class of the second year.

Thomas B. Lane was called, his character passed, and he was continued in the class of the first year.

Under Question 4 the name of P. R. Eaglebarger was called, and after having passed an approved examination he was advanced to the class of the third year and recommended for deacon's orders.

After announcements the conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. R. A. Young.

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Paris *News:* A young preacher has to be pretty near perfect to squeeze past the examining committees and the conference in this country.

Paris *News:* Dr. J. B. McFerrin is "the noblest Roman of them all."

Paris *News:* Dr. John W. Heidt, Regent of the Southwestern University, was introduced to the conference. He addressed the conference, giving a historical outline of the Methodist Church schools and colleges in Texas, and set forth, in earnest and impressive language, the importance and necessity of Christian education. The condition of the University was then stated, and an earnest appeal was made for help from the Texas conferences to put up additional necessary buildings. Dr. Heidt is a gentleman of fine appearance and a very forcible and impressive speaker.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20.

The conference met at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

The religious exercises were conducted by Dr. John H. McLean.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Under Question 8 Charles M. Coppedge, S. L. Ball, W. J. Jackson, J. K. P. Dixon and J. F. G. Finley were called, and having stood an approved examination, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the class of the third year and elected to deacon's orders.

The name of John E. Vinson was called, his character passed, and he was continued in the class of the second year.

H. P. Everett, transferred from the East Texas Conference, was discontinued at his own request.

Calvin L. Ballard, a deacon of the first year, and M. M. Dunn, an elder, were announced as transfers from the North Mississippi Conference.

Under Question 4 the Bishop called up P. R. Eaglebarger, C. M. Coppedge, S. L. Ball, W. J. Jackson, J. K. P. Dixon and J. F. G. Finley, asked the questions prescribed in the Discipline, and gave them sound instruction and counsel. By vote of the conference they were admitted into full connection.

A communication from Paine Institute was referred to a committee consisting of L. M. Lewis, J. H. McLean and J. W. Adkisson. The committee reported a resolution pledging the conference to raise $575, the amount asked of this body, in order to secure the donations promised. Dr. McFerrin took the floor and soon secured the amount.

Under Question 10 Edward Jones, from the Jefferson district; Dallas W. Leader and W. M. Boyd, from the Gainesville district; Leonidas L. Naugle and James S. Hewitt, from the Terrell district, and James D. Christian and Patrick J. Kelly, from the Sulphur Springs district, local preachers, were elected to deacon's orders.

Under Question 14 John M. Culver, a local preacher from the Gainesville district, was elected to elder's orders.

Under Question 20, resumed, W. T. Ayers was called and his character passed.

Dr. R. A. Young being about to leave the seat of the conference, took the floor and urged the preachers to begin their collections early in the year.

After a brief session with closed doors the conference adjourned.

NOTES.

Paris *News:* Dr. J. B. McFerrin addressed the conference on the needs of Paine Institute. He said that before and during the war a considerable number of negroes had become members of the Methodist Church, and that after the war a considerable minority of them had remained true, instead of connecting themselves with other churches. A few years ago these had been organized into a church, under the supervision of the M. E. Church, South, and two colored men had been ordained as Bishops. At the last General Conference a request was received for the establishment of an institute for the education of colored candidates for the ministry. The request was approved, and an institute was established at Augusta, Ga., for this purpose. The managers wanted $15,000 in order to buy a building for the institute. If it was raised they could get a splendid one for less than half its first cost, and they had been promised an endowment of $25,000 if they could purchase that building. The Doctor urged the claims of the negroes upon the white people. "They nursed me," he said, "and you, my brethren. They blacked our boots, curried our horses, worked our farms; and they were faithful to us during the war when they could have got right up and marched off to the Yankees. If we send missionaries to China we should try to save the negroes. They are here among us. I am for saving the Chinamen, the Indians, the Mexicans and the negroes. The best way to do it is to educate their own color and to preach to them. We want this building for that purpose. How much will you give or be responsible for from your work? Speak up, brethren." "Ten dollars." "Thank you. Next." "Twenty." "Better. Keep right on." Over three hundred dollars was soon paid and subscribed, and Mr. R. A. Morris, a lay delegate from Linden, in Cass county, arose and said he would pay the balance to make up $575, the amount wanted. This settled it. Mr. Morris was chosen Treasurer of the fund. He announced that he would cancel all pledges not redeemed by the first of February and pay the balance himself. The heart of Mr. Morris is in the right place and his religion reaches his pocket. It is the genuine article.

Dr. M. S. Andrews, of the Alabama Conference, pastor of St. Francis Street Church, Mobile, is among the visitors and preached an able sermon in the Presbyterian Church to-night. He is in Texas on a pleasant errand—to officiate at the marriage of one of his sons, which event takes place shortly at Greenville.

The people of Paris manifest great interest in the conference business. They attended to-day's session in large numbers. At times there was not a vacant seat.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21.

The coference met at the stated hour, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

L. P. Lively conducted the religious exercises.

Minutes read and approved.

A memorial from Sherman district conference relative to changing the constituency of the district conferences, was referred to the Board of Sunday-Schools.

A memorial from the same district conference, to save the North Texas Female College, was referred to the Board of Education.

An invitation from the superintendent of the city schools was read and the Secretary instructed to respond in behalf of the conference expressing appreciation of the courtesy.

A communication from the local society of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was read and the following resolution was passed in regard to it:

Resolved, That we have received with pleasure the communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and that we assure these noble women of our cordial sympathy in their fight with whisky, and that we will support them in it by our efforts and prayers.

Under Question 10 Daniel M. Grounds, a local preacher recommended from Pilot Grove circuit, Sherman district, was elected to deacon's orders.

Under Question 20 the names of T. L. Miller, F. M. Sherwood, P. L. Smith, H. P. Shrader and T. W. Morton, their characters were passed and examinations approved. Under this question F. O. Miller's character passed and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Under Question 12 Wm. T. Ayers, Houston P. Shrader, Thos. W. Morton, Francis M. Sherwood and Pleasant L. Smith, were elected elders.

The conference determined to hold an afternoon session, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Under Question 7 F. V. Evans, C. C. Williams, J. B. Minnis, Robt. I. Allen, C. J. Sherwood, H. C. Rogers, Sam A. Ashburn and O. S. Thomas, were called, and, having passed an approved examination, their characters passed and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

The time was extended five minutes.

E. C. DeJernett, W. M. Shelton, C. I. McWhirter, were appointed a committee to arrange some plan for the publication of the Minutes.

The conference adjourned with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference met at 3 p. m., Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Dr. J. W. Cunningham.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The name of M. T. Rogers was called, his character passed, and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Under Question 20, resumed, G. S. Gatewood was called, his character passed, and he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

L. L. Pickett was called and he was granted a location.

Under Question 20, resumed, S. J. Hawkins, T. R. Pierce, J. M. Binkley, W. F. Easterling, M. C. Blackburn, W. H. Hughes, R. M. Powers, W. L. Clifton, C. E. Lamb, W. A. Coppedge, J. E. Walker, Jas. McDugald, E. S. Williams, B. T. Hayes, J. W. Horn, J. W. Lively, J. R. Allen, J. A. Stafford, W. D. Mountcastle, J. A. Wyatt, J. C. Weaver, I. M. Carter, W. H. Moss, W. M. Crowson, I. M. Woodward, E. W. Alderson, W. W. Horner, were called and their characters passed. W. R. Manning's character passed and he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

The Joint Board of Finance made its report, which was adopted.

The conference adjourned with the benediction.

NOTES.

The missionary anniversary was held to-night. Dr. John H. McLean and G. W. Briggs were the speakers. Dr. McLean took the collection. His method was sound and Scriptural. $237 were given, and given cheerfully and religiously.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, NOV. 23.

The conference met at the stated hour, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by A. J. Worley.

Minutes were read and approved.

Under Question 9, Chas. M. Coppedge and John F. G. Finley, traveling preachers, were reported by the Bishop as ordained deacons by him Sunday, Nov. 22, 1885.

Under Question 11, Daniel W. Grounds, Edward Jones, Dallas W. Lewter, Wm. M. Boyd, James D. Christian and Patrick D. Kelley, local preachers, were reported as having been ordained deacons.

Under Question 13, Wm. T. Ayers, Houston P. Shrader, Thos. W. Morton, Francis Sherwood and Pleasant L. Smith, traveling preachers, were reported as having been ordained elders.

Under Question 15, John M. Culver and Jerome B. Dabney, local preachers, were reported as having been ordained elders.

Under Question 20, resumed, the following were called and their characters passed: O. P. Thomas, W. S. May, A. H. Brewer, W. H. Stephenson, John T. Budworth, P. C. Archer, J. W. Adkisson, J. H. McLean, C. E. Lamb, M. H. Neely, C. I. McWhirter, W. M. Shelton, J. F. Sherwood, N. F. Hendricks, F. A. Rosser, J. H. Reynolds, William Hay, W. A. Shook, Robert S. Gorsline, S. C. Riddle, J. W. Chalk, J. W. Blackburn, I. N. Crutchfield, A. J. Worley, J. D. Whitehead, L. M. Lewis, W. F. Clark, D. F. Fuller, J. W. Hill, H. S. P. Ashby, M. W. Shearer, I. S. Ashburn, Weems Wootton, T. J. Milam, B. H. Bounds, C. B. Fladger, W. J. Budworth, A. W. Gibson, J. R. Wages, W. M. Robins, R. R. Nelson, L. F. Palmer, R. N. Brown, J. C. Smith, L. P. Smith, W. R. Davis, E. C. DeJernett, S. Crutchfield, A. C. McDougal, T. E. Sherwood.

W. E. Wilson was called, his character passed, and he was located at his own request.

L. M. White was called and his character passed.

R. T. McBride was called, his character passed, and he was located at his own request.

Section 1 of the report of the Board of Education was read and adopted.

H. A. Bourland addressed the conference in the interest of the Southwestern University.

Dr. J. W. Heidt, Regent, took leave of the conference in a brief and appropriate speech.

Section 2 of the report of the Board of Education was read, amended and adopted.

Judge I. M. Onins, of the North Texas Female College, addressed the conference.

An afternoon session was ordered.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported as follows: J. L. Angel, W. P. Reed, J. B. Rabb, John Beverly, C. J. Cocke, J. W. Fields, J. C. Randall, R. G. Rainey, R. Lane and G. S. Gatewood were recommended for the superannuate relation. L. P. Lively, W. K. Duff, S. A. Armstrong, S. W. Jones and F. C. Pearson were recommended for a supernumerary relation. The report was adopted.

The session was prolonged, and Rev. Chas. Manton, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Paris, and Rev. J. H. Skinner, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Paris, were introduced to the conference and invited to seats within the bar.

The Bishop submitted the vote on the General Conference resolution to change the name of the church, with the following result:

For change	None.
Against change	126

E. N. Evans was announced as transferred from the Little Rock Conference.

The conference having one hundred and twenty-two clerical and thirty-two lay members, the Bishop announced that it was entitled to four clerical and four lay delegates to the General Conference.

W. F. Clark, W. W. Horner and J. W. Hill, were made a committee to supervise the counting of the votes.

The first vote taken resulted as follows:

Clerical ballots cast	108
Lay ballots cast	20

E. S. Williams was appointed to assist the Secretary, J. A. Wyatt, in counting the ballots.

E. G. Roberts, J. E. Vinson and Julian Woodson were appointed tellers.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 p. m., Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Religious exercises conducted by D. J. Martin.

Minutes read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read and adopted.

A supplementary report from the Board of Finance was read and adopted.

Report on church property read and adopted.

A resolution instructing the Joint Board of Finance to apportion the expenses of the three members of the Joint Board of Publication to the several districts of the conference was adopted.

The committee to whom was committed the counting of the first ballot for delegates to the General Conference reported as follows:

Clerical delegates elect—M. H. Neely.
Lay delegates elect—none.

The report of the Board of Church Extension was submitted for record. E. C. DeJernett, President, then addressed the conference on the importance and needs of this work. Bishop Hargrove followed with earnest remarks on the same subject.

Another ballot for delegates to the General Conference was had and submitted to the former committee, who retired to count the votes.

On motion of J. W. Fields, the conference determined to have a night session.

The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was read and adopted.

On motion it was determined to hold the memorial service to-night as the last business of the evening.

Fixing the next place of meeting being in order, the conference determined to hold the next session at Dallas.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was presented, partly read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The committee to whom was committed the counting of the second ballot reported as follows:

Clerical delegates elect—none.
Lay delegates elect—Asa Holt.

Another ballot was cast and placed in the custody of the former committee.

After a few remarks by L. L. Pickett, the conference adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

The conference met at 7:30 p. m., Dr. John H. McLean in the chair.

Religious services conducted by Gen. L. M. Lewis.

Minutes read and approved.

The committee reported the result of the ballot in their hands for delegates to the General Conference as follows:

Clerical delegates elect—W. H. Hughes.
Lay delegates elect—J. W. Fulton.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was taken from the table, read, and after some discussion adopted.

E. C. DeJernett, the Secretary, presented a copy of a statistical blank for adoption. The conference by vote memorialized the General Conference to adopt this or some uniform blank for the whole church, and in case such action was not taken by the General Conference, the blank to be submitted to the Texas Joint Board of Publication.

The report of the Sunday-school Board was read, amended and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance read and adopted.

The conference, by vote, accepted a proposition of W. A. Shaw & Co., to publish the Minutes for this year.

The memorial service for Rev. M. H. Cullum was then held, Gen. L. M. Lewis, chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, reading the memoir.

Conference adjourned.

NOTES.

The following is from the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals—M. H. Neely, chairman, J. A. Stafford, secretary:

Your committee cannot forbear to make particular mention of our own organ, the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, published for the Church in Texas by Shaw & Blaylock, at Galveston. It is ably edited by Rev. G. W. Briggs, assisted by Rev. S. J. Hawkins, of the North Texas Conference; Rev. Horace Bishop, of the Northwest Texas Conference; Rev. R. S. Finley, of the East Texas Conference; Rev. H. S. Thrall, of the West Texas Conference, and Rev. E. S. Smith, of the Texas Conference. We are glad to make mention of late improvements, not only in the style and make-up of the paper, but also in the quality of the paper used, and in the editorials both as to quantity and quality. We not only indorse the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, but also recommend that all our pastors seek to place it in the home circles of their charges.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24, 1885.

The conference met at the stated hour, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Religious services conducted by B. H. Bounds.

Minutes read and approved.

The fourth ballot for delegates to the General Conference was taken, and the committee retired to count the votes.

The Joint Board of Finance was announced as follows:

Jefferson district, W. A. Coppege, R. A. Morris; Paris district, J. C. Weaver, W. Burgher; Sherman district, W. M. Robbins, N. Wilson; Gainesville district, S. Crutchfield, J. A. Campbell; Montague district, W. J. Jackson, R. C. Johnson; Dallas district, T. J. Milam, W. J. Clark; Terrell district, T. W. Morton, W. H. Appleton; Sulphur Springs district, A. F. Hendrix, L. H. McCorkle.

The following visiting committees were announced by the Bishop:

Southwestern University, W. H. Moss, E. C. DeJernett.

North Texas Female College, P. C. Archer, A. J. Worley.

Dallas Female College, W. F. Easterling, J. F. Alderson, M. H. Neely.

Honey Grove High School—W. W. Horner, J. A. Wyatt.

The conference assessed $1,200 for the Southwestern University for 1886. S. J. Hawkins was appointed Curator in the place of R. Lane, resigned.

The result of the 4th ballot for General Conference delegates was announced as follows:

Lay delegates elect—J. H. Matthews, R. A. Morris. Alternates—F. H. Welch, J. S. Noble.

Clerical—No election.

The 5th ballot for clerical delegates was taken, and the committee retired to count the vote.

L. M. White was located at his own request.

A resolution, returning thanks to the people of Paris for their hospitality was adopted by a rising vote.

The Board of Missions reported the following assessments for 1886:

Foreign	$6000 00
Domestic	4000 00
Total	$10,000 00

Apportioned as follows:

	Domes.	For'gn
Jefferson District	$490 00	$750 00
Sulphur Springs District	470 00	720 00
Terrell	537 50	825 00
Dallas	555 88	850 88
Paris	555 88	850 88
Sherman	550 88	845 88
Montague	360 00	408 00
Gainesville	490 00	750 00

The result of the fifth ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference was announced as follows:

Delegates elect—T. R. Pierce.

The sixth ballot was taken and counted in the conference room:

Delegates elect—M. C. Blackburn. Alternates—J. M. Binkley, R. M. Powers.

W. A. Edwards was readmitted, and, by vote, the conference requested that he be appointed to Louisville Masonic Institute.

The minutes were read and approved and the appointments read as follows:

Jefferson District.

S. J. HAWKINS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Jefferson Station—C. E. Lamb.
Kelleyville Circuit—W. A. Coppedge.
Linden Circuit—R. S. Gorsline.
Belden Circuit—M. T. Rogers.
Texarkana Station—J. C. Smith.
Texarkana Mission—H. I Stevens.
Boston Circuit—S. L. Ball.
Dalby Springs Circuit—J. McDugald.
Mt. Pleasant Circuit—E. S. Williams.
Coffeeville Circuit—C. M. Coppedge.
Gilmer Circuit—C. J. Sherwood.
Atlanta Circuit—To be supplied.
Queen City Circuit—W. H. Moss.
Daingerfield Circuit—J. W. Horn.

Paris District.

T. R. PIERCE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Paris Station—E. W. Alderson.
Emberson Circuit—W. M. Crowson.
Brookston Circuit—W. W. Horner.
Honey Grove Station—W. D. Mountcastle, F. C. Pearson supernumerary.
Honey Grove Circuit—J. L. Pierce.
Dodd City Circuit—J. A. Wyatt.
Ladonia Circuit—J. C. Weaver.
Cooper Circuit—I. M. Carter and Silas M. Thompson, junior preacher.
Blossom Prairie Station—J. A. Stafford.
Blossom Prairie Circuit—C. L. Ballard.
Clarksville and McKenzie—I. S. Ashburn.
Rosalie Circuit—I. M. Woodard.
Maxey Mission—E. G. Robers.
Woodland Circuit—E. R. Eaglebarger.
Anona Circuit—W. R. Manning.

Gainesville District.

M. C. BLACKBURN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Gainesville Station—A. J. Worley.
Gainesville Circuit—S. Crutchfield.
Mountain Springs Circuit—H. C. Rogers.
Dexter Circuit—C. C. Williams.
Marysville Circuit—L. F. Palmer.
Roston Circuit—F. M. Sherwood.
Decatur Station—E. N. Evans.
Decatur Circuit—Wm. Taylor, supply.
Bolivar Circuit—J. E. Walker.
Denton Station—S. C. Riddle.
Denton Circuit—A. C. McDougal.
Aubrey Circuit—W. R. Davis.
Aurora Mission—F. V. Evans.

Montague District.

W. F. EASTERLING, PRESIDING ELDER.

Montague Station—E. C. DeJernett.
Henrietta Station—L. P. Smith.
Bowie and Alvord—J. W. Blackburn.
Wichita Falls Mission—M. M. Dunn.
Archer Mission—J. D. Whitehead.
Post Oak Circuit—F. O. Miller.
Chico Circuit—M. W. Shearer.
Sunset Circuit—F. A. C. Durr.
St. Joe Circuit—H. P. Shrader.
Burlington Circuit—W. J. Jackson.

Dallas District.

R. M. POWERS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Lamar Street Station—L. M. Lewis.
Floyd Street Church—O. P. Thomas.
Dallas City Mission—W. F. Clark, S. Armstrong, supernumerary.
Cochrane and Caruth—O. S. Thomas.
Plano Circuit—T. J. Milam.
McKinney Station—J. R. Allen.
Honey Creek Circuit—W. H. Stephenson.
Bethel Circuit—B. H. Bounds.
Lebanon Circuit—W. J. Budworth.
Grapevine Circuit—J. F. Sherwood.
Kellar Circuit—H. S. P. Ashby.
Merritt Circuit—H. K. Agee.
Lewisville Circuit—C. B. Fladger.
Southwestern University—Prof. J. H. McLean.
Lewisville Masonic Inst.—W. A. Edwards.

Terrell District.

W. H. HUGHES, PRESIDING ELDER.

Terrell Station—M. H. Neely.
Wills Point—T. W. Morton.
Kaufman Circuit—J. F. Alderson, L. P. Lively, supernumerary.
Farmersville Circuit—D. J. Martin.
Forney Circuit—C. I. McWhirter.
Foster Circuit—J. B. Minnis.
Allen Circuit—J. K. P. Dickson.
Mesquite Circuit—Z. Parker.
Roberts Mission—T. C. Eason, supply.
Kemp Mission—J. T. Stanley, supply.
Rockwall Circuit—W. S. May.
Able Springs Circuit—S. A. Ashburn.
Segoville Mission—Julian Woodson.

Sherman District.

W. M. SHELTON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Sherman Station—J. M. Binkley.
Sherman Circuit—R. N. Brown.
Bells and Savoy—J. H. Reynolds.
Bonham Station—J. W. Chalk.
Van Alstyne Circuit—W. M. Robbins.
Fannin Circuit—I. N. Crutchfield.
Bonham Circuit—R. R. Nelson.
Denison Station—T. E. Sherwood.
Denison Circuit—Malcom Henry, supply.
Pottsboro Circuit—J. E. Vinson.
Gordonsville Circuit—J. B. Smith.
Pilot Point Station—J. R. Wages.
Whitesboro Station—D. F. Fuller.
Whitewright Circuit—T. L. Miller.
Pilot Grove Circuit—To be supplied.
Collinsville Circuit—T. B. Lane.

Sulphur Springs District.

W. L. CLIFTON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Sulphur Springs Station—P. C. Archer.
Sulphur Springs Circuit—A. F. Hendricks.
Sulphur Bluff Circuit—A. H. Brewer.
Greenville Station—J. W. Hall; W. K. Duff, supernumerary.
Kingston Circuit—Weems Wootton.
Gober Circuit—B. T. Hays.
Leonard Circuit—A. W. Gibson.
Lone Oak Circuit—Jno. T. Budworth.
Campbell Circuit—Wm. Hay.
Black Jack Grove Circuit—W. A. Shook.
Pittsburg Station—F. A. Rosser.
Leesburg Circuit—P. L. Smith; S. W. Jones, supernumerary.
Quitman Circuit—W. H. Weatherby.
Winnsboro Circuit—J. W. Lively.
Riley Springs Mission—W. T. Ayers.
J. W. Adkisson, President Central College.

Transferred.

J. F. G. Finley, to Los Angeles, California, and appointed to San Bernardino.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

The Southern Methodist Church has fifteen churches and preaching places in Atlanta, Ga.

Two laymen in Maryland have given $1,500 each to the endowment of Randolph-Macon College.

Rev. G. G. Smith, of Georgia, has been conducting revival services at Epworth Independent Methodist Church in Baltimore.

Bishop Granbery preaches every Sunday in or about St. Louis, serving the smallest as well as the largest churches at the request of the pastors.

A revival of great power is reported in the Holston *Methodist* as being in progress in the mining village of Altamaha, Pulaski county, Virginia.

Rev. Hubert M. Smith, President of La Grange College, Ga., has been licensed to preach and recommended to the annual conference for admission on trial.

Rev. W. G. Lumpkin reports in the Richmond *Christian Advocate* a revival meeting on the Campbell circuit, Virginia Conference, which resulted in 110 conversions.

The Denver Conference has memorialized the General Conference to pass a law authorizing each annual conference, at its own option, to appoint one or more evangelists to

operate within or beyond its borders. Also to pass a law organizing a Woman's Auxiliary Church Extension Society to promote the building of parsonages.

Twenty-five young lady pupils of Williamston Female College, South Carolina, have recently been converted in a gracious revival that is pervading the institution.

A meeting of eleven days recently held at Holt's chapel, Guilford circuit, North Conference, resulted in about forty-five conversions. Rev. J. A. Bowles, preacher in charge.

Rev. Dr. Potter, editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*, preached in Griffin, Ga., recently and raised for foreign missions $224 without any pressure upon the congregation other than a plain statement of Christian duty.

Rev. R. R. H. Rivers, D. D., has become associate editor of the *Central Methodist* and appears in the columns of that sprightly paper of Nov. 7th in salutatory, pledging himself to put into its columns his best thoughts.

The limited issue of the "Unexpurgated Edition" of Sam Jones' sermons was exhausted long ago. There is not a single copy for sale. The publisher hopes this notice will stop orders for it, as it will not be reissued.

Dr. John Matthews, of Kansas City, has passed through a severe ordeal of family and personal affliction. Writing to the *Southwestern Methodist*, he says:

"Never a storm but the tainted air needs it;
Never a storm but the sunshine succeeds it."

The North Carolina brethren have for some time been having a lively discussion of the question of a division of the grand old conference. The Raleigh *Christian Advocate* of Nov. 4th editorially closes the discussion, recommending kindness in dealing with the question at the approaching conference session, and a cheerful acquiescence in the will of the majority.

The clerical delegates of the Holston Conference to the General Conference next May, in Richmond, are: E. E. Wiley, R. N. Price, W. E. G. Cunyngham, E. E. Hoss, C. T. Carroll. Alternates: W. W. Bays, J. Atkins, Jr. Lay delegates: Joseph Stras, I. E. Reeves, C. L. Hardwick, J. W. Paulett, W. W. Stringfield, Rev. J. A. Darr. Alternates: J. E. Chapman and T. W. Jordan.

The hold of our church in Southern Illinois, says Bishop Keener, "is far from illusory. From Ashley southward the Southern Methodists are stronger than any other church in the State. We move forward this year with an increase of 500 members. No missionary money has been spent by our church in Illinois. Let our Northern brethren mark that."

The returned missionary, Rev. C. F. Reid, D. D., delighted the good people of Macon, Ga., by appearing among them and preaching recently in Mulberry street in forenoon and the First Church in the evening. On Monday he lectured to a good audience in Mulberry street church of "John Chinaman" to the delight of a good audience. Dr. Reid will depart for China on the 25th inst., carrying with him $4,027.01 for the reorganization of the school at Soo Chow school, collected in the Louisville, South Carolina, North Georgia and Kentucky Conferences.

The young people's meeting at Felicity Street Church, under the superintendence of the accomplished pastor, Rev. S. Halsey Werlein, grows in interest. Largely increased accommodations have been provided, yet the crowds cannot be seated. It is held every Monday night in the lecture room of the church, and is an occasion of pleasure and profit to young and old. Each evening there is a well arranged programme of religious, literary and musical exercises. We rejoice in the success of this enterprise, and most of all, that it is attracting young people to the service and communion of the church.—*New Orleans Christian Advocate.*

GENERAL RELIGIOUS.

One hundred converts were received into the Trinity (M. E.) Church in Chicago on a recent Sunday.

The different branches of Methodists in England report a net gain the past year of 8,041 members.

The first Hebrew-Christian church in America was dedicated Oct. 10, at 17 St. Marks Place, New York.

It is estimated that for every missionary that goes to Africa 70,000 gallons of liquor are sent to that country.

The Church Missionary Society has had constructed for its use on the River Niger, Africa, a steamer costing $30,000.

The question of disestablishment is an exciting feature in the politics of England in the pending parliamentary elections.

The Roman Catholic Church has in China 35 bishops, 565 foreign priests, 541 native priests, and half a million converts.

The new building of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Brooklyn, N. Y., cost $300,000. It has an endowment fund of $150,000.

A nephew of the king of Corea, a son of the prime minister, and a son of a military mandarin, have entered the Anglo-Chinese University, under Dr. Young J. Allen, in Shanghai, China.

Among the students entering Banger Theological Seminary this year is Mr. Korthera Kurahara, of Japan, who proposes taking a three years' course.

Berlin, with over a million of adherents to the evangelical faith, has but thirty-eight churches, and thirteen chapels, with a seating capacity of 50,000.

Negotiations are pending between the English Presbyterian Church and the Calvinistic Methodists of Wales, looking to a formal union of the two bodies.

One thousand four hundred and seventy Scotch clergymen have signed an address to Mr. Gladstone, declaring that they look to him to overthrow the State Church.

The total receipts of the missionary treasury of the M. E. Church for the year ending Oct. 31, was $820 828 36, making an increase over the previous year of $95,702.59.

Mr. Watkins, a missionary in South Africa, baptized on a recent Sunday fifty-four adult converts from heathenism and twenty-one children. On the same day he married seven couples.

The Christians of England and America expend annually for missions $9,000,000 in support of missions. They employ 3,000 missionaries, 27,000 native helpers, and about 700,000 members.

Mr. Gladstone holds that the disestablishment of the Church of England belongs to the dim, distant future, and taunts the Tories with thrusting the question forward as a political dodge.

St. Peter's cathedral, at Moscow, has five cupolas covered with gold, nine hundred pounds of the precious metal being used for this purpose. The door cost $310,000, and the marble floors $1,500,000.

Two hundred and sixty three Jews are said by *Juden-German*, a London paper, to have embraced Christianity in Vienna last year. Of the number were 13 barristers, 9 physicians, 4 journalists, 3 professors, 3 judges and 17 merchants and manufacturers.

The American Missionary Society began its thirty-ninth annual meeting in Madison, Wis., Oct. 27. Its total receipts from all sources were $200,894.06. The expenditures amounted to $206,345.93. Its work in the South is as follows: Number of churches, 112; missionaries, 89; pastors, 119; members, 6881; Sunday-school scholars, 10,562.

Rev. George Muller, in the forty-sixth annual report of his Bristol Orphan Houses, England, acknowledges a receipt of $210,000 in gifts last year. He has maintained eighty-five Sunday-schools, devoted $30,000 to missionary work, and more than 100,000 Bibles and Testaments have been sold and given away. Mr. Muller is eighty years old.

For five years, every night in the year without intermission, well attended gospel meetings have been held with good attendance at 36 Bowery, the Bowery mission of the young men's home in New York. On a recent Sunday evening the fifth anniversary was held, at which wonderful testimonies were given by men who had been rescued from degrading sins.

The Vicar-General of one of the Roman Catholic dioceses in Brazil has published a circular to the clergy, warning them against the Protestant missionaries that are overrunning the country, and says: "They bring the Bible in the vernacular without notes, without the ecclesiastical authorization, and mutilated, with which they sacrilegiously endeavor to combat truth." He exhorts the priests to warn the people against these pernicious books and if any have fallen into "unwary hands," the priests are to take and "burn or destroy them." Rev. W. M. Brown, the Superintendent of the American Bible Society's work, says a colporteur in Parahyba, had a box of Bibles and Testaments, weighing one hundred pounds taken from him forcibly and burned, the authorities, when appealed to, replying that the government would not protect heretics.

FROM ARLINGTON.

Revivals.

Revival at Arlington—ninety-five converted, ten sanctified, seventy-one added and many renewed. W. B. GODBEY.

FROM BELLVILLE.

Full Report.

We have received forty-two members into the church on the Bellville work this year; twenty-five adults baptized. Conference collections nearly all in hand—think will report in full.

C. R. SHAPARD.

BELLVILLE, Nov. 17.

A SAD NOTE.

In much sadness I announce to the public and brethren the death of my wife, which occurred last Friday night at eight o'clock. I am left with four children, the youngest, one week; second, two years; third, seven years, and the fourth, fourteen years old—three youngest girls. Only one relative in the State, sister of my wife, who lives in Gainesville, Texas. In my feeble and distressed condition this is heavy, but God has promised not to leave me and I believe his word. Pray for me and mine. C. M. KEITH.

[Our brother has the heartfelt sympathy of his comrades in this dark hour. We hope a fuller note of our departed sister will be furnished in due time.—PRO TEM.]

FROM WILLS POINT.

Off for Conference.

We are now off for conference at Paris, Texas. Our year's work is now just about over. God knows just how well and faithful we have been performing our work. One thing is certain: we must all render our work to God, and he knows everything. He knows under what crosses, trials and privations we have done the work assigned us. Private members are accountable, class leaders, stewards of the church, exhorters, local preachers and the pastor.

Our missionary work is behind, but we have done our best, we think. Maybe not. Even little children came forward and put in their mite to help God's cause. I am going to send you the names and amounts of those dear children who contributed money to the cause of missions: James Harris, 10 cents; May McLeod, 10 cents; Eddie Cox, 50 cents; Daisy Cox, 50 cents, and Attie Lou Cole, 25 cents. May God bless the little donors!

Yes, off for conference. Who but a Methodist preacher knows the meaning of that word, and can understand the feeling that one little sentence can produce? Off for conference to meet the brethren, read the report of the year's labor; to be sent back home to do another year's labor, or be sent to a new field, only to return for a few days, and bid friends and brethren in the Lord good-bye, to go among friends and brethren, but strangers. Good-bye! How sad the word! And as we grow older it becomes more and more sad. So many we have told good-bye in the past we will never see more until we reach the shining shore. T. W. MORTON.

RESOLUTIONS COMPLIMENTARY.

At a meeting held in the M. E. Church, South, in Kaufman, Texas, on the 8th inst., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The Rev. O. P. Thomas, our beloved pastor, has just finished the sixth year of his ministerial labors among us and may, in the wisdom of his conference, be sent elsewhere; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the church that as both preacher and pastor his efforts have been unremitting to accomplish good and have proved effectual in the spiritual building up of the membership of this place.

Resolved, That, should our relationship as pastor and church be severed, we can most sincerely commend him as a Christian gentleman, most zealous preacher, and albeit matchless pastor to that church he may hereafter serve.

Resolved, That wherever he may be sent he will carry with him the sympathies and prayers of the congregation he has so successfully served, and the best wishes of the other denominations, and the regrets at his departure of the sinners of our town.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our church record and a copy be furnished the Kaufman *Sun* and TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication.

W. A. MULKEY,
A. E CARLISLE,
MRS. S. J. MOORE,
MRS. MARTHA SHAW,
E. C. ENGLAND,
Committee.

KAUFMAN, TEXAS, NOV. 8, 1885.

A PREACHER APPRECIATED.

We, the representatives of the several churches in San Angelo, at the close of the ministerial year, therefore the end of the labors of our beloved brother, the Rev. A. J. Potter, with us, desire to adopt the following resolutions as expressive of the sense of this community:

Resolved, That we can bear testimony to our uttermost confidence in him as a preacher of the gospel, as a Christian, as a man; that he has discharged all the duties of his high office with zeal and faithfulness; as a pastor he has been most acceptable, and has endeared himself to the hearts of all this people.

Resolved, That in consideration of the brotherly love now existing between the different denominations of Christians in San Angelo, and that to a large extent this feeling is attributable to the work and co-operation of the Rev. A. J. Potter, we trust that he will be returned to this field to labor among and with us the ensuing year, and if not returned

Resolved, That the prayers and sympathies of this people do follow Bro. Potter in his new field of labor.

J. R. BURT,
Elder in the Presbyterian Church.
R. O. CHARLES,
Pastor of Christian Church.
W. O. MCCUNE,
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.
R. E. HARRIS,
For the Baptist Church.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, OCT. 15, 1885.

DEDICATION POSTPONED.

Owing to unavoidable delay in getting ready, our church in San Antonio will not be dedicated in November as previously announced. E. B. CHAPPELL.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Nov. 19, 1885.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The undergraduates of the third year will please meet the Committee at the Methodist Church on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

U. B. PHILIPS, Ch'm.

ATHENS, TEXAS, Nov. 9, 1885.

SAN ANTONIO DISTICT—MEETING OF DISTRICT STEWARDS.

The district stewards of the San Antonio district are requested to meet at the Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Tuesday, December 15, at 10 o'clock a. m. The members of the Board are: J. M. Hamilton, San Antonio; M. Taylor Jones, San Antonio mission; W. D. Heard, Barksdale; G. T. Nunn, Uvalde; G. B. Hastings, Devine; E. W. Lacy, Sabinal; W. F. Mitchell, Pleasanton; W. P. Kerr, Cotulla; Gabe Cocke, Kerrville.

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Cotulla, at Cotulla.....including 3d Sun in Jan
Devine, at Devine.....including 4th Sun in Jan
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Bandera, at Bandera, including 3d Sun in Feb

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Waxahachie sta and mis..... Dec. 5, 6
Ennis sta..... Dec. 12, 13
Reagor cir, at Mapi..... Dec 19, 20
Waxahachie cir, at Oak Branch..... Dec 26, 27
Wesley and Rush cir, at Wesley..... Jan 2, 3
Red Oak cir, at Ovilla..... Jan 9, 10
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Rice and Chatfield cir, at Marvin's chapel, Jan 30, 31
Ennis cir, at Pearidge..... Feb 6, 7
Irene cir, at Salem..... Feb 13, 14
Sims and Glenwood cir, at Glenwood, Feb 20, 21

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Colusa District.—George Sim, P. E.; Colusa sta., T. H. B. Anderson; Gaba City cir., W. J. Mahon; Wheatland cir., Joseph Kelsay; Biggs mis., E. H. Robertson; Chico sta., J. C. Simmons; Chico cir., J. C. Simmons; Princeton cir., C. O. Steele; Penn Valley cir., W. A. Booher; Lincoln mis., W. A. Booher; Arbuckle cir., A. L. Paul; Maxwell cir., L. C. Renfro; Knight's Landing cir., B. H. Russel; Woodland, H. M. McKnight.

Shasta District.—J. G. Shelton, P. E.; Red Bluff sta., J. G. Shelton; Orland mis., J. M. Brown; Williams cir., B. F. Burris; Millville mis., supplied by D. Parsham; Anderson cir., M. V. Howard; Cottonwood cir., G. W. Cannon; Adin cir., F. Palmer.

Merced District.—J. K. P. Price, P. E.; Merced sta., T. L. Duke; Plainsburger, R. A. Sawsie; Modesto sta., J. M. Alsanson; Lindon cir., T. C. Barton; Sonora cir., M. C. Fields; Mariposa cir., Joel Hedgpeth; Los Banos cir., G. H. Newton; Madera cir., J. H. Neal; Fresno sta., A. L. Hunsaker; Fresno cir., A. Odom; Kingsbury cir., D. T. Belvel; Lemoore and Hansford, P. N. Blankenship; Visalia cir., A. R. Beams; Woodville cir., W. H. Cooper; Merced and Tuolumne cir., M. D. Taylor; Traver mis., J. M. Overton; Lakeside mis., W. F. Mecher, T. D. Bauer.

Character and Manners.

President Adams, in his first annual address to the students of Cornell University, in mentioning several advantages to be derived from university training, remarked: I think it may fairly be said that there is no moral quality in mind or in intelligence. Intelligence is power, and development of the mind is power. But whatever you say of intelligence as a power may be said of the steam engine. It goes here and there as it may be directed; it is an agency of great good or an agency of great evil. And whether the mind you acquire here, the intelligence, the good judgment is to be directed aright, is to be determined by that other consideration I have named, namely, the development of your character. I think, therefore, at the very foundation of all education should be the matter of the development of character. I esteem it of primary importance as the guiding force that is to make use of what you attain in the class-room. You are to have your character developed to guide it aright or your education will be a curse to the world rather than a benefit.

A third way in which these ends are to be attained is by the development of manner, or, if you please, the development of good manners. I do not mean here exactly what would be meant by politeness; but I mean that indescribable something which attaches itself to certain people so that when we meet them we feel that these people are gentlemen and ladies. There is a certain something about people that attracts, a certain something that repels. I am not on this occasion to explain what that difference is. But if you go out into life, you will find that you are attracted to certain people not so much because of what they can do as because of what they seem to be to you; because of their manners toward you and toward those with whom they associate. I think, therefore, that attention to the manners of the individual is a matter of prime importance, and in this catalogue of necessities for the acquiring of the best education I would not forget this matter that is so often forgotten. I would not attach so great importance to the development of manner as to the development of strength of mind. At the same time strength of mind is practically useless unless it is accompanied with such manners as to make it effective upon those with whom we associate.

Policeman: "Have you a permit to play here?" Organ-grinder: "No: but it amuses the little ones so much." Policeman: "Then you will have the goodness to accompany me." "Very well, sir. What do you wish to sing?"

UNDER THE GALLOWS!

Frightful Condemnation of a Mother by Her Son—What Does it Mean?

Not long ago a weeping mother called to bid good bye to her only son who was soon to be executed.

"Woman," he exclaimed in a momentary frenzy, "Woman, I would never have been here had you done your duty by me when I was young!"

This was a terrible parting! It horrified the spectators, it nearly crazed the conscience stricken mother.

One can scarcely overestimate the mother's influence in the moulding of the character of her offspring. But how often, oh, how often, do mothers seem to ignore this responsibility!

During a recent trip on the rail the writer made the acquaintance of Dr. A. J. Benedict, of Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., a person who has made a study of human development. Referring to the murderous tendency of the times, we asked that eminent man if the outlook was not discouraging?

"It looks so," he said, "but I fancy we have a cause and the remedy for such evils. In my professional career I have found by hard study that we have emerged from savagery by development of the nervous system and the intellectual life, and we return to savagery as we ignore the fact that without the solid, trustworthy nervous system, we cannot hope to save the race. Boys stuff dime novels, and the pistol is to them the only respectably glorious instrument to secure fame. Women read trashy literature and straightway try to murder their husbands and friends by poison. Business men yield to the tempter, and forge and steal and default. Ministers, charmed by beauty, forget the behests of conscience. On every side we see the weakness of personal integrity."

"Do you regard it as a disease?"

"More especially as the result of disease, which, however, may be prevented."

"Please define how?"

"I cannot now enter into details. Our people can see their bodies, their blood, their bones. *They never see their nerves and consequently many do not suppose they have any.* The farmer's wife rejoices in a big, physical frame, and yet she dies prematurely. The nerve cannot stand the strain of continual work. The minister falls dead in his pulpit, but he never did a day's physical work in his life. The lawyer faints in the presence of the court and is soon a wreck or a corpse, and yet the work is nerve work. The man of affairs is overcome with apoplexy; the politician and publicist with Bright's disease. The mind of the untutored man is fired by the exploits of crime and he longs for such fame. These persons overwork or over-excite the nervous system and this fact kills or demoralizes them."

"If all this be so how would you rectify it, then?"

"Let me tell you. A few years ago I had a lady patient who was an utter wreck. She was the mother of several children. She lost her mind and imagined she was cursed of God. She was a farmer's wife and worked early and late. I never saw a finer specimen of physical womahood than she, but she was a nervous wreck! She became bloodless, had the very worst of female disorders and was in the last stages of albuminuria or Bright's disease. This latter disease works particular havoc with the nervous system and produces insanity and despair. She was insane and desperate and I fear *tainted the blood of her offspring* with these terrible tendencies. I treated her for several years. One by one the standard remedies of the schools failed, but I finally cured her with Warner's safe cure, and she is to-day strong and well. Yet thousands of women like her, every year bring ill-formed and criminally inclined children into the world. Is it any wonder that nervous diseases prevail and that the whole moral sense is demoralized? If that remedy were generally used, we would have stronger mothers, stronger children, stronger men and women, and with perfect physical and mental health, crime would decrease and society be more secure."

Such candid opinions are surely worth considering.

The curtailment of an obituary notice is a very delicate matter, and we generally find that the parts we cut out are those specially dear to the writer: The *Messenger*, edited by our pleasant friend, Dr. P. S. Davis, says the same of his experience, and adds: "We once offended a brother by changing a sentence, and yet the only thing we cut out was the announcement that some old mother in Israel had died of *cholera infantum*."—*Exchange.*

The New Titwillow—a la the Mikado.

On a bed, racked with pain, a weary man lay
Singing, willow, titwillow, titwillow!
No ease or relief could he find any day,
O, willow, titwillow, titwillow!
His pains are now gone, he is hearty and well,
St. Jacobs Oil made him as sound as a bell,
And the story so good to each one he does tell,
Singing willow, titwillow, titwillow!

PUBLISHER'S NOTE.—A Chicago paper says that the actor who plays "Koko" in the "Mikado," at a theatre there, had such a bad cough that he could not have sung "Titwillow," had he not recovered his voice by a dose of Red Star Cough Cure, which costs only twenty-five cents a bottle.

At a lecture on "The Decline of Literature," the eloquent orator shouted, "Where are the Chaucers and Shakespeares and Miltons and Spencers and Macaulays? Where are they I say?" And a voice answered, sadly, from the gallery, "All dead."

The Only Sure Cure.

MESSRS. BASS & BROTHER, Druggists, Terrell—My chickens were dying at the rate of seven or eight a day. I bought a 50 cent package of your Chicken Cholera Cure. When I went into the yard I found six fine hens nearly dead, gave each one a good dose, also gave it to the rest of my chickens. All of the six hens are now well and laying finely, and I have not had a case of cholera in my yard since. I have tried many remedies, but yours is the only sure cure. If you will let the people know of the great discovery thousands of chickens will be cured if directions are followed.

B. R. HOUGHTON.

Little boy, do you understand what is meant by energy and enterprise?" "No, pa, I don't think I do." "Well, I will tell you. One of the richest men came here without a shirt to his back, and now he has got millions." "Millions! How many does he put on at a time, pa!"

Southern Antidote for Malaria.

It should be generally known that Simmons Liver Regulator, prepared by J. H. Zeilin & Co., is relied upon to secure to the people immunity from all malarial disorders. That this medicine does what is claimed for it is proved by its popularity and anyone who has lived in the South three years has no doubt seen its curative effects and the protection it gives against the return of this weakening and dangerous malady.

During a discussion of religious topics, young Brown said: "I tell you that if the other animals do not exist after death, neither will man. There is no difference between man and a beast." And good old Jones midly replied: "If anybody could convince me of that, it would be you, Brown."

NEW BOSTON, TEXAS, Jan. 10, 1884.

Messrs. Morley Bros.:

GENTLEMEN: Send us 4 dozen MORLEY'S TWO-BIT COUGH SYRUP. It is the best Cough Syrup known. Send by Express. Are entirely out. HOSKINS & HUGHES.

A minister having some of his old sermons, was asked what he had in his package. "Dried tongue," was the reply.

DON'T SUFFER COLD TO ACCUMULATE on cold until your throat and lungs are in a state of chronic inflammation. Attack the first symptoms of pulmonary irritation with Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar and achieve an easy victory. Sold by all Druggists at 25c., 50c. and $1.
Glenn's Sulphur Soap heals and beautifies, 25c.
German Corn Remover kills Corns, Bunions, 25c
Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye—Black & Brown, 50c.
Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 Minute, 25c.

How do we know that Cæsar had an Irish sweetheart? He went to the Rhine, and proposed to Bridget (bridge it).

The perfume of violets, the purity of the lily, the glow of the rose, and the flush of Hebe combine in Pozzoni's wondrous Powder.

The delicious fragrance, refreshing coolness and soft beauty imparted to the skin by Pozzoni's Powder, commends it to all ladies.

Minister: "My dear brethren, in this warm, oppressive weather, I can excuse a little drowsiness during my sermon, but I do wish you would try to keep awake while the collection is being taken up."

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute. German Corn Remover kills Corns & Bunions

A Narrow Escape from Death.

One of the largest houses in the artistic porcelain and glass business of New York is that of Davis, Collamore & Co. Their head salesman is Mr. Alonzo Clark, a gentlemen of about forty years of age. Not long since they came near losing him by death. But he is again at his important post, and in a very fair state of health.

To one who recently called on Mr. Clark, to enquire about his recovery, he said:

"About a year and a half ago I caught a severe cold. *My lungs became inflamed and my whole system was prostrated. Soon I showed all the symptoms of consumption. I was entirely disabled.* I was in the care of one of the best-known physicians in the city and one of the most expensive ones. But physicians could do little or nothing for me. The nearest they came to finding out what was the matter with me was *when they advised me if I had any business affairs to settle to see about it as early as possible, as I could not last long.*

"After I got rid *of the doctors who had given me up to die* I grew a little better and was able to drag myself down to the store. Two lady-customers spoke to me about Compound Oxygen and advised me to go to the New York office of Drs Starkey & Palen. I knew nothing about the remedy, but concluded to try it at a venture. On taking a few inhalations *I was surprised at the effect on me.*

When I commenced with the Oxygen I had not for months slept in a bed. I had been compelled to take such sleep as I could get by reclining in a chair. After inhaling the Oxygen awhile, I began to enjoy refreshing sleep for two or three hours at a time. *Soon I found myself able, to my great delight, to attend to business as of old.* I had not all my former strength of course, but *I was rapidly gaining, and have kept on gaining ever since.* I cannot say too much for Compound Oxygen, for it has brought me back to the condition of health in which you see me now, after the physicians had told me that I must die."

A "*Treatise on Compound Oxygen,*" containing a history of the discovery and mode of action of this remarkable curative agent and a large record of surprising cures in Consumption, Catarrh, Neuralgia, Bronchitis, Asthma, etc., and a wide range of diseases, will be *sent free.* Address DRS. STARKEY & PALEN, 1529 Arch St., Philadelphia.

The following anecdote is told of the celebrated surgeon, Mr. Abernathy: One day, during an examination of a class of students, he asked one of them what he would do in the case of a man being blown up by gunpowder. "I should wait till he came down again," was the cool reply. "True," rejoined Abernathy. "And suppose I should kick you for your impertinent reply; what muscles should I put in motion?" "The flexors and extensors of my right arm," said the student; "for I would floor you directly."

CONSUMPTION.

Important to the Public as well as the Medical Profession.

Hall's Journal of Health, referring to Consumption, makes the following important statement:

"Consumption usually begins with a slight, dry cough in the morning, then on going to bed, getting more and more frequent, with more and more phlegm, increasing debility, thinness of flesh, shortness of breath, and quickness of pulse. In fatal cases its average course is about two years; hence the importance of arresting the disease at as early a stage as possible, and the sooner rational means are employed for this purpose the greater the chance of success. The disease is owing to an irritation commencing in the throat and extending to the lungs, so that their action is interfered with, and the blood does not receive sufficient oxygen to purify it. The most marked sign of lung disease is emaciation; and the most positive indication of returning health is increase in weight."

So speaks *Hall's Journal of Health,* and we may add that in desperate cases, and, in fact, in all cases of Consumption, or troubles of the throat and lungs, immediate relief may be obtained and a permanent cure effected by the use of Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs, a medicine known for more than thirty-five years as an unfailing remedy for coughs, colds, bronchitis and all pulmonary and pectoral diseases. That the worst cases of Consumption have been cured by the use of Hall's Balsam has been attested to by the thousands who have used it, or have been cognizant of its wonderful remedial efficacy.

"I see you are building a new house, Mr. Brown?" "Yes, you are right." "Made the money out of whisky, I suppose?" "No." "Why, you are a liquor dealer, are you not?" "O, yes; but the money I'm putting into this house was made out of the water I put in the whisky. Every cent of it was made out of water, sir."

Horsford's Acid Phosphate,

Assists Mental Labor.

Prof. ADOLPH OTT, New York, says of the Acid Phosphate: "I have been enabled to devote myself to hard mental labor, from shortly after breakfast till a late hour in the evening without experiencing the slightest relaxation, and I would not now at any rate dispense with it."

A western man says it is easy to distinguish between a tornado and a gale, but this explanation is not so clear as that of the British sailor who defined the difference between a hurricane and a typhoon. "In a hurricane," said Jack, "the wind blows as hard as it can; but in a typhoon it blows as hard as it can, and then gives a jerk."

"Economy is the road to wealth." It will pay you to order your teas from Dealey & Son, Galveston. Making a specialty of that business, they can and do sell far better teas, and cheaper than any store dealing in general goods. The art of buying, blending and selling teas requires careful study, hence Dealey & Son, by giving their whole attention to it, are enabled to suit any and all. Prices range from 40c. to $1.

"Ah, my little man, good morning," pleasantly remarked an old gentleman as he stopped and patted a little boy on the head. "Have you any brothers and sisters?" "Yes, sir; got four, but I'm the only one that 'mounts to anything," replied the urchin.

HUSBAND, if you have a Weak, Nervous, Debilitated wife, do not scold or become angry with her. Give her kind, loving words with MORLEY'S T-X-S TONIC CORDIAL, the Great System Renovator, and our word for it she will soon bless you.

"A reputashun," says Josh Billings, "once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the krack was."

When you visit Galveston call in at Dealey & Son's Tea and Coffee Store. You will be treated kindly whether you purchase or not.

"What is the interior of Africa principally used for?" asked a teacher of a pupil. "For purposes of exploration, was the reply.

Consider Tongaline a very valuable remedy for neuralgia and rheumatism. Have used it with good effect and can commend it.
Jno. T. Hamilton, M. D., Crab Orchard, Mo.

An Indiana editor complains that times are so hard that he can't even collect his thoughts.

Annual Conference Announcements.

Texas.

Applicants for admission on trial into the Texas Conference will please meet the Committee of Examination in the basement of the M. E. Church, South, in Austin, on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 9 o'clock a. m.

E. S. SMITH, Ch'm.

Committees and candidates and undergraduates should meet promptly at 9 a. m., Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the church, where they will find suitable rooms. A. E. GOODWYN.

Presiding elders will please send me the names of lay delegates and candidates for admission or for orders, who expect to attend conference, from their several districts. Brethren intending to bring their wives or daughters will please give me notice by Nov. 20. Also any one coming by private conveyance should give me notice; and, on arriving, report at the church. Delegates to the Woman's Missionary Society, who expect to attend, should forward their names to Mrs. H. M. Kirby, as directed by the president, Mrs. A. M. Ireland.

A. E. GOODWYN.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

To the Woman's Missionary Societies in Chappell Hill District:

The W. M. Society of our conference will meet in Austin at the session of our conference. I, as presiding elder, desire to see a delegate from each auxiliary society in the district present at that meeting. I know the effect it will have on your auxiliary at home. So I hope all the societies will elect their delegates *at once* and send their full address to Mrs. S. S. Park, Galveston, Texas. Now, just a word to the ladies who do not belong to any society in the district: How long before you are going to join? Another year of great opportunities is past. Are you any better prepared now than this time last year? No. Then go *at once* and give your name to some member of the society for membership. Pay your dues for this year and let every opportunity in the future be improved. There is not a female member of the church in this district but what the Woman's Missionary Society *needs*, especially those who can do but *little* for the cause. A word to the preachers: My observation is where a preacher lets a woman's missionary society alone it dies. That is not strange. The people are looking to you as a leader. If you do not take hold and lead off in any enterprise, it will struggle, but will not accomplish much. Let me, then, advise you to set apart an hour to preach on this subject—give it prominence. Let everybody know your subject; then put all you can in that sermon on what the women of our church are doing, and the Lord will bless your labors, you may be sure. If you will go at it in the right spirit everybody connected with your pastoral charge will be benefited by that sermon. I. Z. T. MORRIS.

October 22.

To the Members of the W. M. S.:

Dear Sisters—Our annual meeting, to be held in Austin during the first week in December, is drawing near, and it is very important that each society shall elect a delegate at their next meeting, so that a full representation may be had at the annual meeting. Please report the name and postoffice of each delegate to Mrs. R. H. Kirby, Austin, as early as possible, so as to give us ample time to inform them in regard to homes assigned them during their stay in Austin. We hope to make the meeting a success, and will use our best endeavors to procure the services of suitable brethren to address the meeting.

MRS. A. M. IRELAND,
Pres. T. C. W. M. S.

AUSTIN, Sept. 29.

To the Preachers of the Galveston District:

Dear Brethren—I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Kelley, Treasurer Board of Missions, urging that the assessment for foreign missions be raised in full. This, he says, is absolutely necessary to meet the appropriations of the board. I hope every preacher in the district will make a vigorous effort to raise every penny of the assessment. Supplement your public efforts by the appointment of ladies and children to solicit contributions privately. Why not "clear the decks" this year as well as last? J. F. FOLLIN, P. E.

RICHMOND, Sept. 23.

To the Preachers in the Texas Conference:

All the preachers who intend to make application to the Church Extension Board, Texas Conference, for help to build or finish a church on their work next year, will please send to Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, Richmond, Texas, and get a blank application and fill it out and have it ready to come before the board at its first meeting in Austin. These blanks are simple, and you cannot get the facts before the board better than to fill one of these blank form. If you expect to need help any time next year, let us know it in the above way at the next conference. Brethren, don't fail to heed the above, if you please. I. Z. T. MORRIS,
Pres. Conf. B'd Ch. Ex. Tex. Conf.

East Texas.

To the Members of the W. M. S.:

The annual meeting of the society will meet in Beaumont, Dec. 9, 1885. We earnestly desire each auxiliary to elect its delegates at an early date, and send the name of said delegate to Rev. H. H. Vaughan in good time, so that homes may be provided for them. A full attendance is desired.

MRS. MARY H. FINLEY,
Pres. W. M. S. East Texas Conference.

TYLER, Oct. 9.

To the Members of the East Texas Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—The church at Beaumont authorizes me to announce that the East Texas Annual Conference will be heartily welcomed at its approaching session, and to enable us to make the necessary arrangements we ask: 1st. A list, from the presiding elders of the lay delegates elect from their several districts. 2d. The names of those who intend to bring their wives or daughters. 3d. The names of those brethren who intend coming by private conveyance, or any other information that you deem proper to make the necessary arrangements. H. H. VAUGHAN.

CHURCH NOTICES.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Middletown cir, at Mission Valley	3d Sun in Dec
Cuero sta	4th Sun in Dec
Edna cir, at Edna	1st Sun in Jan
Victoria sta	2d Sun in Jan
Moulton cir, at Waelder	3d Sun in Jan
Leesville cir, at Floyd's Chapel	4th sun in Jan
Hallettsville cir, at Hallettsville	5th Sun in Jan
Hoxville cir, Williamsburg	1st Sun in Feb
Yorktown cir, at Rockey	2d Sun in Feb
Concrete cir, at Thomaston	3d Sun in Feb

The district stewards are requested to meet at Cuero on Thursday night, Dec 17, at 7 o'clock p. m. Brethren, please be on hand, as matters in which every charge in the district is interested are to be canvassed, and if your charge is not represented you may think injustice has been done you, but you will have no remedy.

J. T. GILLETT, P. E.

GRANBURY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Granbury sta	Dec 6, 7
Comanche Peak mis	Dec 13, 14
Poluxy cir	Dec 20, 21
Glenrose cir	Dec 27, 28
Acton cir	Jan 3, 4
Lipan cir	Jan 10, 11
Palo Pinto mis	Jan 17, 18
Strawn mis	Jan 24, 25
Breckenridge mis	Jan 31, Feb 1
Throckmorton mis	Feb 7, 8
Eastland mis	Feb 14, 15
Cisco sta	Feb 21, 22
DeLeon mis	Feb 28, March 1

The preachers in charge will please notify me at Granbury, the place appointed for their first quarterly conference.

E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Wortham cir, at Nash's school-house	Nov 28, 29
Cedar Island cir, at Cedar Island	Dec 5, 6
Mexia cir, at Mexia	Dec 19, 20
Groesbeck cir, Alford Chapel	Dec 26, 27
Thornton cir, at Steel's Creek	Jan 2, 3
Waco sta, Fifth street Church	Jan 9, 10
Corsicana sta, at Corsicana	Jan 16, 17
Waco cir, at Lorena	Jan 23, 24
Bosqueville cir, at Evergreen	Jan 30, 31
Corsicana cir, at Petty's Chapel	Feb 6, 7
East Waco cir, at East Waco	Feb 13, 14
Mount Calm cir, at Hubbard City	Feb 20, 21
Axtel cir, at Brushy Tank	Feb 27, 28
Dresden cir, at Blooming Grove	March 6, 7

District stewards will please meet me at Mount Calm, Dec 23, at 9 o'clock a. m. Stewards will please strive to bring up good reports the first quarter. E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Hillsboro sta	5th Sunday, Nov. 28, 29
Itasca cir., at Itasca	Tuesday, Dec. 1
Alvarado, at Alvarado	Thursday, Dec. 3
Arlington, at Arlington	1st Sunday, Dec. 5, 6
Ft. Worth cir., Beaver's Springs,	Friday, Dec. 11
Ft. Worth sta., at ——	2d Sunday, Dec. 12, 13
Village Creek mis., at Handley	Friday, Dec. 18
Mansfield cir., at Wyatt's Chapel	3d Sunday, Dec. 19, 20
Marystown cir., at Marystown	Tuesday, Dec. 22
Nolen River, cir., at Grange Hall	4th Sunday, Dec. 26, 27
Cleburne sta	Sunday night & Monday, Dec. 28
Abbott cir., at Scott's Chapel,	Thursday, Dec. 31
Whitney cir., at Whitney	1st Sunday, Jan. 2, 3
Grand View cir., at Grand View	2d Sunday, Jan. 9, 10

The district stewards will meet at Alvarado on Friday morning, Dec. 4, 1885.

W. R. D. STOCKTON, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTICT—FIRST ROUND.

Belton sta	1st Sun in Dec
Belton cir, at Moffit	2d Sun in Dec
Round Rock cir, at Round Rock	3d Sun in Dec
Georgetown sta	4th Sun in Dec
Lampasas, at Lampasas	1st Sun in Jan
Killeen cir, at Killeen	2d Sun in Jan
Corn Hill cir, at Corn Hill	3d Sun in Jan
Salado cir, at Prairie Dell	4th Sun in Jan
Liberty Hill cir, at Liberty Hill	5th Sun in Jan
Burnet sta	1st Sun in Feb
Burnet mis, at Crownover chapel	2d Sun in Feb
Bertram cir, at Bear Creek	3d Sun in Feb
Temple cir, at Temple	4th Sun in Feb
Oenaville cir, at Oenaville	1st Sun in March

District stewards will please meet in the city of Belton, on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the Methodist Church.

I hope the stewards of the several charges will endeavor to bring up full quarter of the preachers' salary. Do not put it off, brethren. Go to work now and help your preachers. They are tried men. They come to you with a message of love and life to you and your children. Let us resolve in the beginning of this year to do better than we did last.

JAS. MACKEY, P. E.

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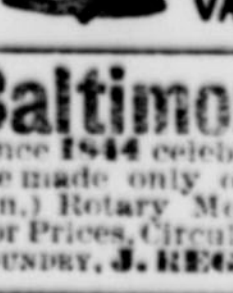
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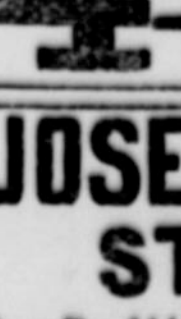


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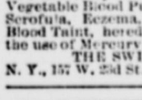
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There were two special difficulties in my way. First, I had no gift of speech. My voice was poor, and in school I always shunned declamation. I firmly believed I could never make a speaker; and so chose the profession of medicine, which I studied three years in a professional school. I think I should have absolutely rejected the idea of the ministry, except it seemed inseparably connected with my salvation. I fasted, I prayed for divine direction; but I found no rest, until, in reading the Bible one day, I found a passage which seemed specially written for me: "Trust in the Lord with all thy heart; lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." I accepted it, and resolved to do whatever God in his providence should indicate by opening the way.

I never lisped to a friend the slightest information of my deep mental agony; but I took a more earnest part in the church services. One Sabbath I felt a strong impression that I ought to speak to the people at night in prayer-meeting, as we had no preaching. I said to myself: "How shall I? For my friends will say I am foolish, as they know I cannot speak with interest." Especially I dreaded a certain old uncle, who had been a father to me and superintended my education.

While I was discussing this matter with myself in the afternoon, my uncle came into the room, and after a moment's hesitation, said to me: "Don't you think you could speak to the people to-night?" I was surprised and startled. I asked him if he thought I ought. He said: "Yes, I think you can do good." That night, for some strange reason, the house was crowded, and I made my first religious address to a public congregation. It was not written. It was not very well premeditated. It was simply an earnest outgush of a sincere and honest heart.

My mother was a widow. I was her eldest son, and the oldest child remaining at home. I feared it would break her heart to leave her, and feared it would be impossible to do so. One day, after great embarrassment, I was induced to speak to my mother on the subject of my mental struggles, and tell her what I thought God required of me. I shall never forget how she turned to me with a smile, and said: "My son, I have been looking for this hour ever since you were born!" She then told me how she and my dying father, who left me an infant, consecrated me to God, and prayed that, if it were his will, I might become a minister. And yet that mother had never dropped a word of intimation in my ear that she ever desired me to be a preacher. She believed so fully in the divine call that she would not bias my youthful mind with even a suggestion of it in prayer.

That conversation settled my mind. Oh, what a blessing is a sainted mother! To-day I can feel her hands on my head, and I hear the intonation of her voice in prayer.—*Exchange.*

Praise God.

"Nor shall my tongue alone proclaim
The honors of my God;
My life, with all its active powers,
Shall spread thy praise abroad."

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be on my lips." Yes, verily the praises of the Lord shall always be either upon my tongue or in my heart. And so, beloved of the Lord, may it ever be yours. We should faithfully praise as well as pray; yea and praise "without ceasing." That is to say, that we should never dispense with the exalted privilege of praising God, the great author of our salvation. Yes, it should not only become pleasant and habitual, but it should also be perpetual.

For insomuch as God's blessings and mercies are to us unceasing, therefore our grateful acknowledgements to him should be unceasing. As his love to us is without end so should our praises be. Seeing that there is no period to God's grace and goodness, neither should there be of our devout gratitude to him. Since he never forgets to remember us, we should never forget to remember him.

"Yes, I will bless thee, O my God!
Thro' all my fleeting days;
And to eternity pro ong
Thy vast, thy boundless praise!"

Preparation.

If we come to any religious duty or privilege without preparation of heart, what ground have we to look for the full measure of blessing? We should remember, however, that the best preparation is not in a few earnest ejaculations of prayer when we are about to engage in some responsible work or enjoy some gracious opportunity. These may be only the frantic cries of a soul whose moral atmosphere through the previous days has been destitute of divine vitality. A godly temper, habitually maintained, is better than all else. A life of unbroken fellowship with the Father and with his Son, unlike the uncertain jets of sensibility, insures us against any failure in meeting the obligations of this life.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

Worthy of Imitation.

During a terrible tempest in the Mediterranean Sea one of the terror-stricken passengers in a ship that seemed doomed to destruction, asked the captain whether he thought the vessel would weather the gale. The veteran seaman replied: "I am no longer captain; the Captain is there, above! It is no more from me, but from him alone to save us. Let us trust in the All-powerful who excites, and in an instant calms, the waves!" The finely-expressed trust of this hardy mariner is worthy of imitation, not only when one is in the depths of trouble and in the midst of visible dangers, but also in one's calm and sunshiny days. It is not he that feels himself capable of self-guidance in prosperity, who can readily trust "the Captain who is above" when the storm roars around him. But the man who habitually recognizes God as his Captain and Guide, finds it easy both to feel and to say when the storm rages, "I am safe. My Savior is at the helm."—*Zion's Herald.*

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ZIEBIG—LOTT.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Margaret, Hardeman county, Texas, on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1885, by the Rev. John C. Roberts, Mr. E. Robt. Ziebig and Miss T. Lizzie Lott—all of Hardeman county, Tex.

SIMPSON—RANKIN.—At the residence of the bride's father, M. B. Rankin, of Burns' Station, Texas, Nov. 11, 1885, by Rev. W. H. Killough, Mr. William Simpson, of Terryville, Texas, and Miss Lizzie Rankin.

THOMAS—WILLIAMS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Nov. 16, 1885, by Rev. W. H. Killough, Mr. George W. Thomas and Miss Salome Williams—all of DeWitt county, Tex.

PATTERSON—MCLARTY.—In the Methodist Church at Henderson, Texas, Nov. 18, 1885, by Rev. T. P. Smith, Mr. A. E. Patterson, of Terrell, Texas, and Miss Beulah McLarty, of Henderson, Texas.

MCCOY—FEARMAN.—At the residence of Mr. Lon Holliday, Allen Farm, Brazos county, Nov. 18, 1885, by Rev. J. M. Wesson, Mr. A. L. McCoy and Miss Fannie Fearman.

ALINDER—ELKINS.—Three miles east of New York, Texas, Sabbath morning, Nov. 15, 1885, by Dr. T. H. Hall, Mr. John Alinder and Mrs. L. M. Elkins.

COX—MIDYETT.—At the Methodist Church, Nov. 1, 1885, by Rev. James T. Hosmer, Mr. Edwin K. Cox and Miss Eliza F. Midyett—both of Young county, Texas.

KING—SLOSS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Thursday, Nov. 5, 1885, at 5 o'clock, by Rev. Geo. H. Rice, Mr. Hanford King, of Glenwood Springs, and Miss Emma Sloss, formerly of Montague, Texas.

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HOWEL—PURSER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Nov. 12, 1885, by Rev. R. T. Purser, Mr. B. E. Howel and Miss Mary Lou Purser—all of Lee county, Texas.

FORD—TIPTON.—Near Bremond, Texas, on the evening of Nov. 12, 1885, by Rev. T. F. Dimmitt, Mr. J. T. Ford and Miss Johnie Tipton—all of Robertson county, Texas.

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When trembling hands and feeble limbs
Are stricken by his breath,
Our teardrops fall, we feel a void,
We miss their words of cheer;
Yet in our grief a comfort comes:
They were spared through many a year.

But when his fatal kiss has touched
A young and tender flower,
Whose perfume floats on every breeze,
Makes glad each passing hour,
Our hearts rebel, we cry aloud,
Beneath the striking rod,
Although we know the blow is dealt
By the loving hand of God.

Oh, Ada dear, Oh, flowered fair,
Gone from this world of ours
To shed thy fragrance 'round God's throne
And dwell in heavenly bowers;
When last I kissed thy rosy lips
And caught thy sweet "good-bye,"
I did not dream our greeting next
Would be beyond the sky.

Weeping parents, she is in heaven;
We, in our Gethsemane,
Let not the blow in mercy sent
Fall on our hearts in vain,
But may we rise from bended knees,
And with our Lord, Divine,
Say, though our hearts be crushed and torn,
"Father, not our will, but thine."

*After teacher for four years

GALLATIN, TENN., Sept. 25, 1885.

CLOUD.—Sarah Cloud, little daughter of J. E. and J. A. Cloud, was born June 28, 1884, and died Oct. 2, 1885; aged one year, three months and four days. How sad the place since the prattle of little Sarah is hushed in death. But while you weep, dear parents, little Sarah rejoices with the angels, for Christ said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." C. H. SMITH.

BAKER.—Julia C. Baker, infant daughter of J. L. S. and Julia E. Baker, departed this life Sept. 2, 1885, aged seven months and twenty-two days. This precious babe seemed too pure for earth, and God took him to himself. Dear Brother and Sister Baker, David said in regard to his babe: "It cannot come to me, but I can go to it." Live for God and you will meet your dear child by and by. May God bless and keep you in this dark hour.

C. H. SMITH.

PROCTOR.—Jeremiah B. Proctor, son of Joseph and Martha Proctor, was born Dec. 5, 1884, in Chambers county, Texas; died Oct. 1, 1885. His life was short, and after parents had learned to love him fondly, God, who does all things well, took him to himself. The Lamb is safely in the fold. Parents, you cannot bring the little one back, but ever remember you can go to it. Be as well prepared to meet the Shepherd as the little lamb.

REV. G. S. BROWN.

WILKINS.—Sister Mary C. Wilkins, daughter of Cyrus and Rachel Dobbs, was born April 15, 1826; converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Bowie county, Texas, at about thirteen years of age—Rev. ——Chism preacher in charge. On June 23, 1846, she was married to Berry Wilkins, of Cass county, Texas. Hand in hand for nearly forty years they braved life's storms together. At her home near Garrett's Bluff, Lamar county, Texas, Oct. 19, 1885, at 11 p. m., death released her from her prison-house of clay. Blessed thought, she now sleeps in Jesus. The little class at Post Oak has indeed lost a mother in Israel. Only a few steps from her vacant seat in church you will find her grave. May our Father and our God comfort the bereaved and enable them to meet her around his dazzling throne. E. G. ROBERTS, P. C.

WIGGINS.—The subject of this sketch, Wm. H. Wiggins, son of J. M. and E. L. Wiggins, was born in Randolph county, Ala., Oct. 16, 1863, and died at his father's, near Seymour, Oct. 18, 1885. Willie was an extraordinary young man, having more than an average mind; from a child he had striven to store it with useful knowledge; and, better than this, he had in his fourteenth year been happily converted to God and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. Price, at Sulphur Springs, Johnson county, Texas. He attended the State Normal Institute, at Huntsville, two years; was teaching school at Archer City, giving general satisfaction, when taken sick. He spoke to his father on Wednesday morning about his death, awoke him shouting Wednesday night, then prayed a long, sensible prayer for the world of mankind, after which time he earnestly exhorted everyone that came into his room to be religious. His only regret seemed to be, that he had talked no more than he had about religion in his father's family. He seemed anxious to get home to exhort his only brother to become religious, and that he might die with his mother. His father reached home with him a few hours before his death. The ways of Providence, to us, are mysterious. Why such a young man should be cut down by the ruthless sickle of death, when just verging into a life of usefulness, is more than we can understand. But, oh! what consolation to the almost heart-broken parents to know that Willie is safely housed in the haven of eternal rest. Your boy, and whom you so fondly doted from a child, has been taken by the Giver. He cannot come to you, but you can go to him. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," is a promise that will never be broken.

J. M. BAKER, P. C.

DINWIDDIE.—George Edwin, son of R. G. and P. A. Dinwiddie, was born March 9, 1873, in Stewart county, Tenn., and died of bronchitis on Sept. 23, 1885, in Wise county, Texas. Little Eddie was a sprightly and manly boy; he was conscious of his approaching dissolution and expressed his readiness to depart and be with the Lord. Thus ends a life, so short, as far as pertains to this world, and yet it is the beginning of life eternal. May this dispensation of Providence be sanctified to the good of all the bereaved family; and as member after member departs this life, may they meet in heaven to part no more.

R. N. BROWN.

MILLER.—Sister S. J. Miller was born in Murray county, Tennessee, in 1833, and died in Dallas county, Texas, Oct. 4, 1885, aged thirty-two years. She was the daughter of J. L. and Eliza Fly. She was raised by a widowed mother from five years old; at ten years old was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South; removed to Texas in 1874, and at once united with the church. In 1875 she was married to Bro. Lee Miller. She was all that a companion could be—a faithful and affectionate mother. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her absence from earth. She died full of faith and good works. She was always ready to help the church in all departments. Her house was the home of the preachers. We realize our great loss, but Sister Miller has gone to eternal mansions, and there will await the coming of husband and children, mother and brother and sister and friends. God bless the bereaved ones and bring them all to the portals of peace where weeping and sighing shall cease forever.

A. N. KEEN, P. C.

DAVENPORT.—Sidney L. Davenport was born in Gaston county, North Carolina, Nov. 24th, 1837; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of twenty; married Miss Lou A. Cloninger in 1865, and soon after moved to Cass county, Texas, where he lived until August 16, 1885, when he answered the Master's call to come up higher. He served the church as steward, lived an exemplary life, was a kind father, a loving husband, a constant attendant upon the ordinances of the church, and a liberal supporter of its institutions. Brother Davenport died triumphing in Christ's power to save. He comforted his wife and children (five) with the prospect of a happy reunion in heaven; then, as he turned his eyes heavenward, he said: "The path is straight; farewell, dear wife and children; our associations have been sweet, but heaven—what will it be when we all meet there?"

"And if our fellowship below
In Jesus is so sweet,
What height of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!"

C. M. COPPEDGE.

LOWERY.—Mary Ann Valarie Lowery, daughter of W. E. and Mattie Lowery, was born in Caldwell county, Texas, Jan. 21, 1871, and departed this life near Brandon, Hill county, Texas, Nov. 9, 1885. The subject of this obituary was one that was lovely to all who knew her. She tried to be kind and true to her parents, and in every way possible to make home happy. Though surrounded by associates who were filled with worldly pleasures, Valarie could hardly ever be seen passing her time in frivolous amusements. She was a child that delighted in learning about her Father in heaven. She was a seeker of religion during last summer. The writer talked with her at the time, but she did not appear satisfied fully; yet she left a testimony sufficient to cause us to feel assured that our loss is her gain. She was sick only five days with black jaundice, and while her parents were around her bed weeping, she would speak softly to them: "Weep not, I know if I die God has a home for me, and I will go to it." It seems strange to think of the mysteries of God. I cannot yet understand why it is that God takes the pleasantest flowers of our families. Weep not, parents, she has only crossed over to be with her Savior. She cannot come to you, but by faith in the Son of God you can go to her. So be faithful and do your Master's will and after a while you can see little Valarie.

H. E. GRIMES.

CARUTH.—The fourth quarterly conference of Cochran and Caruth circuit passed the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his wise but mysterious providence to remove, by death, from the church militant to the church triumphant Bro. William Caruth, by whose munificence our charge enjoys an excellent parsonage and an elegant church; and who was one of our best Stewards, always paying a large part of the preacher's salary; and who loved and supported the institutions of the church; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who is too wise to err and too good to do wrong.

2. That we tender our deepest sympathies to his bereaved wife and child, and pray that the providence of Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless may comfort and sustain them in this sad hour of affliction.

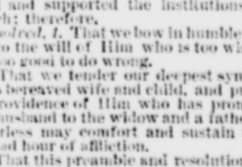
3. That this preamble and resolutions be recorded with the quarterly conference records, and a copy be sent to the sorrowing family of our departed brother, and also to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication.

Done in quarterly conference Nov. 5, 1885.

W. B. HUGHS, P. E.
O. S. THOMAS,
W. P. COCHRAN,
P. A WINN,
Committee.

MCKEWIN.—Melissa Young, daughter of Wm. and E. Mathery, was born in Copiah county, Miss., May 1, 1841, died near Lufkin, Angelina county, Texas, Nov. 8, 1885. She was married twice: first to G. W. Hennington, next to R. E. McKewin, Jan. 6, 1876, who lives to mourn her loss. Sister McKewin was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of ten. She left eight children to follow her to heaven and three preceded her there. She had developed all the virtues which make home happy, and endear her to neighbors and friends. As a Christian, her life was marked by quietness and humbleness of spirit. She encouraged her husband to be faithful to his religious engagement. She was kind and tender as a mother; devoted and true as a wife; noble and generous as a neighbor; meek and faithful as a Christian. But God took her home by sending that deceitful disease—consumption. She was resigned in her last moments, having no fear of death; but assured those waiting near that she was ready for the solemn change. Sad, indeed, would be the home of our brother were it not for the light of her parting words shining there to comfort the broken-hearted family. Just before her last moment she called the family around, asked them to meet her in heaven, and then died shouting. Farewell, dear wife, farewell dear mother, but thank God, not forever; only a little while then we'll meet in the "sweet by-and-by," on that beautiful shore, to part no more. J. C. CALHOUN.

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Speculation The Cause

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saparilla cured me of Dyspepsia," writes Evan Jones, Nelson, N. Y. Mrs. A. M. Beach, Glover, Vt., writes: "A humor of the blood debilitated me, and caused very troublesome scrofulous bunches on my neck. Less than one bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla has restored my appetite and strength. It has also greatly lessened the swellings. I am confident they will be entirely removed by continued use of the Sarsaparilla." Irving Edwards, Ithaca, N. Y., was afflicted, from boyhood, with scrofulous sore throat. Four bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him, and he has

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TO THE MASONIC FRATERNITY.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
GALVESTON, Nov. 23, 1885.

On the 13th of this month a large portion of Galveston, comprising mainly residences and tenement houses, was laid in ruins by one of the most destructive conflagrations that has ever visited an American city. It has been estimated that over five hundred houses were destroyed and nearly five thousand people rendered homeless. The fraternity has suffered in equal proportions with other classes of the community. Systematic steps have been taken by the lodges here to ascertain the extent of the loss which has befallen worthy Masons, their widows and orphans, and the result of the investigation has demonstrated that their needs are largely in excess of the ability of the local Masonic bodies or of the general citizens' committee to relieve. The magnitude of the calamity warrants us in appealing to our brethren elsewhere for assistance, and we do so with the assurance that our appeal will be cheerfully responded to. We need funds to relieve the distress of worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans, and we respectfully and fraternally solicit your aid. Please remit contributions to M. F. Mott, Galveston, Texas.

J. W. COUTANT,
W. M. Harmony Lodge No. 6.
J. G. CURRIE,
S. W. Tucker Lodge 297.
M. F. MOTT, P. G. M.
C. L. CLEVELAND, P. M.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN TEXAS, Nov. 23, 1885.—By virtue of authority in me vested as Deputy Grand Master and Acting Grand Master of Masons in Texas, I have authorized Harmony Lodge No. 6 and Tucker Lodge 297 to issue the foregoing circular, soliciting aid from the lodges in Texas and in other jurisdictions. A great misfortune has befallen the brethren in Galveston, and their appeals for assistance are urged by the most pressing demands. The Acting Grand Master takes pleasure in assuring the craft, both in Texas and abroad, that all contributions passing through the hands of R. W. Bro. Marcus F. Mott, Past Grand Master, will be applied faithfully to relieving the distress of suffering Masons and those dependent upon them, and he hopes that the appeal will be responded to with that charitable spirit which is so befitting the teachings of our beloved Order.

[SEAL.] Z. E. COOMBES,
D. G. M. and Acting G. M. of Masons in Texas.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Throughout Texas.

Hogs are fattening on the mast in sections of Houston county.

Greenville has shipped 10,000 bales of cotton, and needs a compress.

Salt of fine quality is being made at the salt works at Colorado City.

The Huntsville postmastership is creating a ripple on the suface of that quiet city.

Farmers are about done gathering their cotton at youngsport, and are sowing wheat.

Quite a number of sturdy farmers from the old States are looking for homes in Wise county.

Thirty emigrants from Kentucky landed in Troy recently, and are of the kind that builds up a country.

A case of small pox is reported in the northwestern part of Hunt county, in a family of new comers.

Ducks, geese, and brant are unusally plentiful at Sabine Pass, and large quantities are being shipped.

Over $25,000 have been raised to build a mill and cotton gin at Albany, and a charter will soon be applied for.

Wheat, to the amount of 1250 bushels, sold recently from farmers' wagons at Pilot Point at 45 cents per bushel.

Preachers are very shy of Grigsby's Bluff, and the people there are wondering if they are thought to be past redemption.

The Buckner Orphans Home, near Dallas, is in a prosperous condition, affording home and comfort to nearly eighty orphans.

A large livery stable was consumed by fire in Lampasas on the morning of Nov. 13, toasting in their stalls thirteen fine horses.

Nolan county has a girl eleven years old, who is healthy, active, of sound mind, and weighs two hundred and eight pounds.

It is said to be definitely settled that a railroad will be built from Corsicana to Sabine Pass, crossing the International at Kechi.

The tornado that swept through Eastern Texas recently was one of the most terrific and destructive in the history of this State.

The citizens of Hallville have filed a petition asking the County Court of Harris county to order an election on local option in that town.

A rattle snake, two feet long, was killed in the office of Mr. C. A. Keating, in Dallas, last week, the second that has been killed in that office.

A committee is canvassing Dallas to raise necessary funds for the removal from Galveston of the Catholic Orphans' Home, Bishop Gallagher encouraging the movement.

More than two hundred and fifty car loads of cattle have been shipped from Abilene within the last two weeks, and sixty car loads are in the pens, awaiting transportation.

The citizens of Gainesville are petitioning the city to abate an establishment known as the "Silver City," in the western part of the town, with its adjoining dance house, as a public nuisance.

The grave of Gen. Sam Houston, in the Huntsville cemetery, is still in a dilapidated condition, the slab affording parties of cheap patriotism a tablet on which to pencil eulogies upon the dead hero.

An artist, Mr. Bailey, has been taking views of San Marcos and surroundings that would be a surprise to people who have "no idea that there is such pretty scenery in Texas;" and the *Free Press* calls upon the people to buy and circulate the "views."

The gross earnings of the Houston and Texas Central railroad for the month of August amounted to $140,468; operating expenses, $86,174; paid for renewals and improvements $5751, leaving for net earnings $58,543. But the monthly interest on the funded debt amounted to $99,430, leaving a deficit of $40,887.

A letter has been received by Mr. J. C. McKinney, of Ennis, from Mr. Phil. C. Hanna, of Waterloo, Iowa, proposing to send a car load of homeless boys from New York, gathered up by the Children's Aid Society of the latter city, provided homes can be found for them. The society guarantees the good character of the boys they send out, having been in operation for many years, and having sent out many boys into the West who have arisen to respectability and usefulness.

Throughout the Union.

Work has been resumed in Roach's shipyard at Chester, Pa.

The North, Central and South American Exposition opened in New Orleans Nov. 10.

Business failures in the United States last week numbered 227; for the year, thus far, 9,627.

The Governor of Indiana has established quarantine to prevent the shipment of diseased cattle into that State.

During the last fiscal year the 7335 money order postoffices in the United States issued orders amounting to $120,000,000.

Thirteen Knights of Labor have been indicted under the civil rights law at Settle, Wy., on charges of intimidating Chinamen.

New Yorkers have been greatly exercised by ascertaining that diseased meat has been supplied to their market from Albany.

Extensive fires are reported on the prairies in the Indian Territory, inflicting great loss on stockmen by the destruction of the grass.

The barbed wire manufacturers concluded a "pool" in Chicago, on the 19th, looking to the limitation of production and a material advance of prices.

An engine and eighteen cars on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianopolis railroad were precipitated down an embankment into Big Buck creek, dangerously injuring the engineer, fireman and a brakeman.

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Hon. Thos. A. Hendricks, Vice-President of the United States, died very suddenly at his residence at Indianapolis at 4:45 o'clock Nov. 25.

The National Grange met in annual session in Boston, on Nov. 11, it being the nineteenth annual session. Twenty-nine States were represented.

The Supreme Court affirmed, on Nov. 14, the decision of the lower court in the case of J. C. Mackin, charged with perjury in the Chicago election fraud.

The lake steamer Algonia was wrecked off Isle Royal, Lake Superior, Nov. 8. As far as known forty-five persons perished. The vessel cost $450,000; insured for $300,000.

Governor Ross, of New Mexico, recommends the appointment, by Congress, of a commissioner to investigate the Spanish claims to large bodies of land in the Territory, as much fraud is suspected in these claims.

It is stated in a telegram from Washington that a determined effort will be made to induce Congress to pension the veterans of the Mexican war. It is estimated that as there are only about 11,000 veterans still living, and as back pay will not be asked, it will require only $2,000,000 to meet this claim.

An oil distillery containing 1500 barrels of crude oil in Philadelphia exploded on the morning of Nov. 18th while a party of fifteen workmen were repairing the stone foundation. The boiling oil taking fire instantly deluged the workmen. Several lives were lost and the loss of property is estimated at $30,000, on which was an insurance of $17,000.

The Department of Agriculture, in the November crop report, rates the present corn crop as the first full average since 1880, which is an average of 26 to 28 bushels per acre. The highest rate of yield is in Nebraska and Ohio, being 36½ bushels per acre. The potato crop is smaller than in 1884. The reported yield of hay is 1¼ tons per acre, indicating a crop of 47,000,000 tons, nearly as large as last year. The buckwheat crop is large, averaging over 14 bushels per acre. The cotton crop is estimated at 6,650,265 bales, raised from 17,714,400 acres, averaging a little over one-third of a bale per acre, being slightly less than last year's average. Increase over last year, 944,000 bales.

Canada News.

The wrecking steamer returned to Quebec on the 17th from the wreck of the Titian, ashore on Anticosti Island, carrying up the captain, officers and two passengers. The remainder of the crew are on the tug Conqueror. Captain Morin thinks the Titian will not break up this winter.

Riel, the half-breed rebel chief, was executed at Regena, Nov. 16. He met his fate with composure; not exceeding twenty persons witnessing the execution. He died without a struggle and his body was taken charge of by his friends. In Montreal there was considerable excitement among the French Canadians over his execution; the students, to the number of 500 went in procession through the streets, carrying the tri-colored flag. In Quebec likewise the excitement was great. Many of the French Canadians were seen to wipe the tears from their eyes. No outbreak has taken place in consequence of the execution.

Trans-Atlantic.

The Emperor William is again confined to his bed with cold.

Alphonso, King of Spain, died in Madrid, Nov. 25, of consumption.

Lieut. Greely, the Arctic explorer, is the guest of Lord Rosenburg, Edinburgh.

The Norwegian bark Aquila has foundered off Gothenburg, the crew of twenty-two persons being lost.

A panic accurred in the Copenhagen, Bourse, Mohr and Kjoer, one of the largest firms in corn having failed.

The Le Fere arsenal, France, containing cavalry stores worth 1,000,000 francs, was burned on the 17th of Nov.

A large Liberal meeting was held in Edinburgh on the 17th, at which a resolution was passed favoring disestablishment.

The announcement of the declaration of war between Servia and Bulgaria was received in Hungary with the wildest enthusiasm.

The United States government has asked the German and Spanish governments to protect American missionaries in the Carolin islands.

There was a train robery between Naples and Benevento Nov. 6, the robbers killing the guard and seizing 11,000 francs and escaping while the train was running at full speed.

Portugal has abandoned the claim she set up two years ago to jurisdiction in Guina, Africa, in favor of France, as the delimination committee sitting in Paris has decided that the teritory belongs to France.

The Berlin *Tagblatt* says the Sultan of Zanzibar has signed an agreement for the appointment of a commission of English, French and German delegates to delimit the boundary lines between the teritory of Germany and Zanzibar, in East Africa.

Cyrus W. Field has entered suit against James Gordon Bennett, of the New York *Herald*, and A. Oakley Hall, his London correspondent, for £100,000 damages for libel in publishing that William Abbott would introduce a resolution with strong backing in the meeting of the directors of the Anglo-American Cable Company for the expulsion of Mr. Field from the directorship as unworthy of any position or confidence.

Thirteen revolutionists, disguised as sailors, surprised, on the 13th November, and gaged a sentry at the entrance of the prison at Carthagena, Spain, and released twenty-two convicts. The whole party then attempted to seize the arsenal. The sentry at the arsenal resisted and was killed. The garison, becoming alarmed, fired on the party and put them to flight. The leader of the gang, formerly an officer, was captured. The government tried to keep the affair secret.

The English expedition to Burmah has thus far been successful. The British authorities have issued a proclamation to the natives of Burmah that none would be molested in trading, in religion, or in any other privileges, as long as they remain loyal, but will be punished if they maltreat Englishmen. The English troops are massing at Thayetuyo for an attack upon Minhla, which is being strengthened and reinforced by the Burmese. LATER.—The Brittish forces have taken the forts in the vicinity of Minhla and captured the city, losing four men killed and twenty-seven wounded. This opens the way to the Burmese capital.

The declaration of war by Servia caused a decline in the London stock market of two per cent. On the 17th, in the Balkan conference, at Constantinople, the Russian, German, Austrian and Italian members wanted to dispatch a collective summons to Prince Alexander to submit, but the English and French representatives objected, and the conference thereupon adjourned. LATER.—Telegrams represent that Servians have suffered reverses which has deadened the enthusiasm caused by their first successes and that Prince Alexander is retrieving the lost fortunes of Bulgaria. STILL LATER.—Telegrams from the seat of war (Nov. 24) represent the Bulgarians as victorious in a series of engagements, and the Servians, drawn from Bulgarian teritory, as massing their forces to resist an invasion.

The war between Servia and Bulgaria has fairly begun. A London dispatch of Nov. 14 says that it is officially announced that Bulgaria having attacked the Servians at Veasm, King Milam accepts the act as a declaration of war. King Milam at once assumed command of the Servian army and begun active operations, Sofia being the objective point. Skirmishing began on the 14th, and on the 15th a Servian division attacked and totally defeated the Bulgarians, capturing Dragoman pass on the road to Sofia. The loss is reported heavy on both sides, one thousand Bulgarians having surrendered. The Bulgarians fell back from Dragoman pass, and reinforced and led by Prince Alexander, made a dash upon the Servian lines and swept everything before them. Meanwhile Greece is astir, preparing to invade the Ottoman teritory. Turkey is looking on with her army in hand and keeping her own counsels, while Russian intervention is expected hourly. If left to themselves the small Balkan States will soon fight it out, but no prophet's ken can now see the end. Prince Alexander has issued an appeal to the powers, setting forth his grievances against Servia.

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A dispatch from the City of Mexico, Oct. 31, says: At yesterday's session of Congress there was a tumultuous scene. The five Liberal opposition deputies presented a signed proposition, in which specific articles of impeachment of ex-President Gonzales, for misuse of public funds, were drawn up. Deputy Duret handed up the impeachment papers to the president of the chamber, and supported his propostion in a speech. He was interrupted by a number of deputies, while the galleries wildly applauded. Duret wanted the ex-president's case sent to the national grand jury. Finally, the House was declared adjourned. There is much political excitement.

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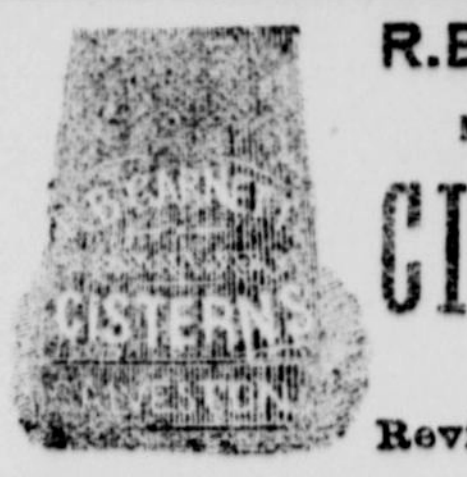
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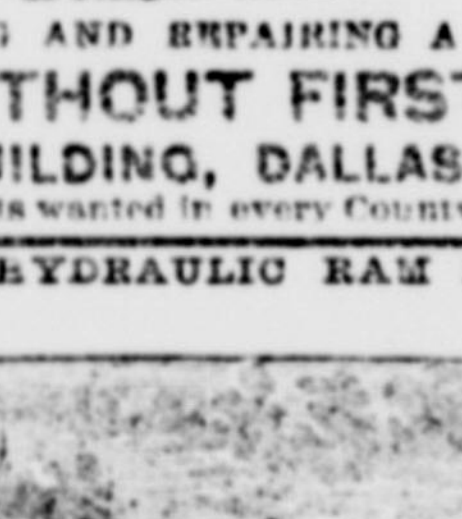
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Sterling, sixty days	4.78	4.83
New York sight	⅜ dis	⅛ prem.
New Orleans sight	¼ dis	¼ prem.
American silver	par	par.

EXCHANGE AT NEW YORK.

[Telegram to Cotton Exchange.]

Sterling—Bank, 3 days	
Bank, 60 days	4.82½@4.82¼
Commercial, 60 days	4.81¼@4.81½
Brown Bros. & Co., 3 days	@
Francs—Bank, 3 days	
Bank, 60 days	5.21⅞
Commercial	5.24⅜@

EXCHANGE AT NEW ORLEANS.

[Telegram to Cotton Exchange.]

Sterling—Bank, 60 days	4.82½@
Commercial	4.80 @4.81
Francs—Commercial, 60 days	5.25⅝@
New York Sight—Bank	Nominal.
Commercial	$1 25@dis.

COTTON—GALVESTON SPOT MARKET.

CLASS.	This day.	Saturday.	Last Year.
Ordinary	7 5-16	7⅛	8 7-16
Good Ordinary	8 5-16	8⅛	9 7-16
Low Middling	8 11-16	8⅝	9⅞
Middling	9 3-16	9⅛	10 1-16
Good Middling	9 9-16	9½	10 5-16
Middling Fair	9 13-16	9¾	10 9-16

Galveston Live Stock Market.

RECEIPTS.	Beeves and Cows.	Yearlings and Calves.	Sheep.	Hogs.
This day	60	31	....	....
This week	153	93	316	....
This season	3,057	3,805	3,550	779
Stock in pens	193	90	379	4

Quotations—Grass-fed catte, choice, 2¼@2½c; grass-fed cattle, common, 2@2¼c; 2-year-olds, per head, $10 00@15 00; yearlings, per head, $6 00@9 00; spring calves, per pound, 3@3½c. Mutton choice, per pound, gross, 2¾@3c; mutton, common, per head, 50c@$1 00. Remarks—Market full.

The General Market.

☞ Quotations represent wholesale prices. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

AXLE-GREASE—60a80c per dozen boxes, as to quality.

APPLES—Western, per bbl, $3 25a3 75.

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BEESWAX—Quoted at 16a18c.

BACON—Packers' agents quote as follows for round lots: Shoulders, 5¾. Long clear, 6¼c; short clear, 6⅝c. Jobbers fill orders at ⅛a¼c advance.

BAGGING AND TIES—Standard, 2¼ lb, 11¾a12c; 2 lb, 11c; 1¾ lb, 10¼c; 1½ lb 9¾c. Iron ties, $1 25 per bundle. Baling twine, 13c ⅌ lb. Figures are for carload lots.

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CANDLES—Quoted as follows: 16-ounce weight from first hands, in carload lots, 11½c; from wholesale grocers, 12a12¾c.

CANDY—Flint stick, 9½a10c per lb.

COFFEE—Wholesale grocers' quotations: Ordinary, 9a9¼; fair, 9⅜a9¾; prime, 10¼a10¾; choice, 11a11¼; peaberry, 12¾a12¾c; Cordova, 12½a13; old government Java, 21¾a25¾, according to grade. Importers of Rio coffee fill orders for round lots, at the following prices: Fair, 8½a8¾c; good, 9¼a9½c; prime, 9⅝a9¾c; choice, 10¼a10⅝c.

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CORN—Receivers quote Western or Texas at 55a58c from track for mixed in carload lots; from store dealers ask 2a3c advance.

CANNED GOODS—Two-pound standard goods, per dozen: Strawberries, $1 50a1 55; pineapples, standard, $1 65a1 70; seconds, $1 40; pears, standard, $1 55a1 60; peaches, standard, 2-lb, $1 50a1 60; seconds, two-pound, $1 25a1 30; three-pound standard, $2 00a2 10; 3-lb, seconds, $1 60a1 70; blackberries, $1 10a1 20; peas, marrowfat, $1 65a1 75; Lima beans, $1 15a1 25; string beans, 95ca1 05; corn ranges from $1 00a1 50; tomatoes, 2-lb, $1 00; do., 3-lb, $1 25a1 30; oysters, 1-lb, l. w., 65a70c ⅌ doz.; 2-lb, l. w., $1 10a1 15 ⅌ doz.; 1-lb f. w., $1 15a1 25; 2-lb f. w., $1 95a2 00, salmon, 1-lb standard, $1 50; apples, 3-lb can, $1 10a1 20 ⅌ doz. Corn beef, 1-lb, $2 per dozen; 2-lb, $3 10 per doz.

CHEESE—Quotations are as follows: Western, 10a11c; cream, 14c; Swiss, 28c; imitation Swiss, 19a20c; Limburger, in case lots, 12½c; Young America, 14a15.

DRIED FRUITS—Dried peaches, nominally 8a8½c ⅌ lb. Prunes, 7c. Dried currants, 7a7½c. Dried apples, 4a4½c for quarters, 6a6½c for sliced, 9a9½c for evaporated.

DRY SALT MEATS—No shoulders; bellies 7¾a8. Jobbers fill orders at ¼a½c advance.

EGGS—Receivers quote patent cases, 16c ⅌ dozen.

FLOUR—Quotation for round lots from mills, in sacks, per barrel: XXX, $4 70; choice family, $5 30; fancy, $5 70; patent, $6 70. Rye flour, $5 00. In barrels 30c extra is charged. Special figures given for large lots. Agents for western mills quote round lots in sacks per barrel, choice family, $4 70; fancy, $5 00; patent $6 00. Wholesale grocers' prices are 25c per barrel higher than agents.

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LARD—Quoted at 6½a6¾c for refined, tierce; cans in case, 6½a7½. Fancy ¼c higher. Grocers fill orders at ½a¾c advance.

LEMONS—Messina quoted $3 50a4 00 for good to choice. Palermo, $3 00a3 50.

MOLASSES—Quoted from first hands as follows for old: Louisiana centrifugal, 40a45c; Texas nominal. Quoted by wholesale grocers at 40a45c for ordinary; fair to good 42a45c; prime to choice, 45a50c; new Texas, open kettle, choice, 44a46c; prime, 42a44c; common, 27a40c; half barrels, 4c additional.

OILS—Linseed, raw, 48c; boiled, 51c; castor, $1 50; West Virginia lubricating, 14a18c per gallon; golden machinery, 35a40c; lard oil No. 1 55c, winter-strained at 66c; neatsfoot, 85c; train oil, 55c; turpentine, 40a46c.

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