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Editorial.

A MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Life is not measured by the calendar—the mere lapse of time. On the contrary it is exactly proportioned to the multiplicity and intensity of our thoughts, feelings and deeds. Life is not mere duration, but the activity of the consciousness, the stirring of the susceptibility and the movement of the will. He who doubles his intellectual and spiritual enterprise prolongs his life in the same ratio, and who crowds two days' work into one repeats the miracle of Joshua, and makes the sun stand still. Time is gauged by the succession of thought and a busy brain, heart and hand constitute the talismanic secret which utilizes it indefinitely. A wise man makes the opportunities for which others wait and defies the almanac by an industry which knows no surcease or abatement.

Reading, ruminating, communing with nature, man and God create the true life in contradistinction to bare animal existence—the experience of "the dumb, driven cattle."

If one would intensify and augment his life, let him read the English classics and other, study the phenomena of history, brood over the masterpieces of science and drink deep draughts from the oracles of God. Thus he may secure the companionship and the awakening, vitalizing touch of the mighty dead. For as Milton has said: "A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life." The experience of an intelligent, refined European surpasses that of a stagnant, immobile native millionfold. Tennyson expresses the thought very finely:

Through the shadow of the globe we sweep
Into the younger day
After fifty years of Europe than a cycle
Of Calvary.

Love, too, is life. It is the badge of nobility and a baptism into the communion of the Divine. Carlyle said truly: "A man's treasure is the number of things he loves and blesses, the number of things he is loved and blessed by." Coleridge also adds his testimony:

He prays best, who loveth best
All things both great and small,
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.

To love all things, from the lowest to the highest, through the whole range of being on to man, angels and archangels, is to duplicate the life of God, and to broaden and lengthen our existence correspondingly. A selfish heart may throb mechanically and drag through the allotted number of years, but is really as dead as one of Egypt's mummified forms. There are souls in which a generous thought would droop for very loneliness, and whose frozen precincts are impervious to pity's melting ray.

A man may make up in diligence what he lacks in time and substitute high pressure for paucity of months and days. Bonaparte crowded an unparalleled record into a few brief years. Frederick W. Robertson packed a century of life into less than four decades. Arthur Hallam, dying before he was twenty, matured an intellect and character which patriarchal longevity might fail to yield. The public, official life of the world's Redeemer was concentrated into three years, but in intensity and results is commensurate with all the ages. He turned night into day, and prayed with his face uplifted to the starlight and with his locks dripping with the morning dew. He declared that he had no resting place, not so much because he was too poor to own one as because he was too busy to use it. He was "strained" until his baptism was a "splendid" work whose significance and efficacy eternity can neither chronicle nor exhaust.

Yes, as old Sir Thomas Brown was wont to say: "Wisdom is the gray hair, and an unspotted life is old age." The wisdom and holiness of youth overleap the abyss of time, and anticipate the prerogatives and happiness of maturer years. There have been old heads upon young shoulders and sometimes the morning of life has been brighter and richer than the sunset hours which have closed a protracted but useless career. Samuel Johnson wrote the words, "For the Night Cometh," upon the face of his watch, and we might adopt the following quotation as the motto of the new life, which, God grant, the New Year may bring to all of us:

"We live in thoughts, not breaths; in deeds, not years;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial;
We should count time by heart-throbs,
He most lives who thinks the most, feels the noblest and acts the best."

Nor long since we printed a note with the title, "A New Missionary Hymn." The note was suggested by a statement in the Northwest Christian Advocate to the effect that a missionary in India had composed a hymn to be sung to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia." In a recent issue of the Northwestern the editor refers to the matter and immediately writes a brilliant article upon hymnology. We are glad that our little paragraph was the occasion of such a capital editorial upon sacred music. Dr. Edwards, among other things, says: "While we fear that our Texas brother misinterprets Bishop Thoburn's motive in seeking a 'Marching Through Georgia' hymn, we do sympathize with his depreciation of modern doggerel hymns." Again, in referring to the fact that such a hymn might "throw a coldness over the meeting," he says: "Our India Bishop is the very last man who would attempt such an ungraceful and ungracious thing. However, his suggestion is good musically but unfortunate historically." Again: "We really do not believe that India needed that new hymn. Others, not doggerel, but dog-eared by devoted and long use, might serve far better." Dr. Edwards disclaims being a judge of music, but he is certainly a proficient critic of hymnology, as the article from which we quote abundantly proves. He is perhaps a little to lenient toward the modern missionary sort.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Gustavus Adolphus.

The 300th anniversary of the birth of Gustavus Adolphus was celebrated in Stockholm, December 19th, with the greatest magnificence. He was the champion of the Protestant cause and was killed at the battle of Lutzen, November 6, 1632. Sweden and many of the States of the German Empire combined to make the occasion a patriotic and religious festival of colossal proportions. Gustavus Adolphus, William the Silent, and George Washington constitute a trinity of typical patriots.

The Great Engineer Dead.

Count Ferdinand de Lesseps died in Paris, December 7. He immortalized himself and conferred a benefit upon the world by the building of the Suez Canal. He projected the Panama Canal, another gigantic engineering enterprise, and failed for lack of funds. The completion of this work would have been his apotheosis. His name was tarnished and his old days embittered by the accusation of fraud. He was arrested, convicted and only saved from imprisonment by the clemency of France. Many believe, however, that he was innocent and simply the tool of others. His genius suffered no eclipse.

Treaty With Japan.

England and the United States have recently made a new treaty with Japan, the most marked feature of which is their renuncia-

tion of what is known in international laws as extra territorial privileges. Heretofore Englishmen and Americans were tried in the consular courts and by the laws of their respective governments, but now this privilege of extra territoriality is surrendered and the subjects of the British and American governments pass under the jurisdiction of Japan. It is thus conceded in the most conspicuous and emphatic manner that Japan can be trusted to mete out even-handed justice to foreign residents. This treaty is the keystone in the arch of Japan's civilization.

The Sultan Reconsiders.

The Sultan of Turkey requested Mr. Cleveland to appoint an American to accompany the Commission authorized to investigate the alleged Armenian atrocities. Whereupon the President of the United States delegated Mr. Jewett, our Consul at Sivas, and instructed him to conduct an independent inquiry. When the Sultan saw that the light would be turned on and all the facts in the case thoroughly ventilated, he reconsidered and withdrew the invitation. Anything but an impartial, truth-telling inquiry is a farce; and if this commission is packed and its verdict already made up, it is high time to devise some new method for ascertaining the facts and redressing the grievances of the oppressed.

Congress.

The National House of Representatives, has been wrestling with a new currency bill, but up to the present without result. The Senate has debated vigorously the proposition to adopt a rule giving a majority the right to close a discussion and bring on a vote. The conservatives prefer an ancient custom to a business regulation. Congress adjourned during the holidays.

The Papal Decree.

The Pope, through his representative Satelli, has prohibited American Catholics from joining certain secret societies, viz.: the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Temperance. The spectacle of a foreigner imposing his will upon American citizens is disgusting in the superlative degree. The Roman Catholic Church is an anachronism in this Nineteenth Century of time, and an exotic in this free American soil. It is a piece of medievalism that has been tided too far down the stream of history.

Debs Imprisoned.

Eugene V. Debs, who figured so prominently in the great strike in Chicago last summer, has been convicted of contempt of court and sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge Woods. The press of America seems to regard the outcome of the trial as a fine example of justice tempered by mercy.

The Tragedies of Christmas.

Christmas, this year, was not simply a festival of joy. Many tragic events took place upon that day, caused chiefly by whisky. The element of barbarism was abundantly projected into the sacred merriment of the season. If the aforementioned panorama of crimes and casualties could have passed swiftly and vividly before one on Christmas day, all his brightness would have been darkened and all his pleasure neutralized. If the proper observance of Christmas is the test of civilization and religion, America needs toning up and evangelization upon a larger scale.

A Railroad Wreck.

Near Waxahachie on Christmas day a Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train ran into a Houston and Texas Central passenger train loaded with excursionists. The collision occurred at the crossing. Many were injured, some probably fatally. The accident is said to be due to the failure of the air brakes

of the M., K. and T. train. It was a horrible affair.

Superintendent Appointed.

Dr. C. M. Rosser has accepted the appointment of Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Terrell. He is a graduate, a successful practitioner of medicine and eminently qualified for his new position. He is a member of the First Methodist Church in Dallas.

Dallas Fair.

Mr. Guy Sumpter having declined the Presidency of the Dallas Fair, Mr. J. T. Trezevant was elected to the position. The Fair this year under the management of Mr. A. Sanger was so successful that the citizens of Dallas presented him with a beautiful souvenir as expressive of their appreciation.

Gov. Hogg Mixes Business and Pleasure.

Gov. Hogg, accompanied by Dr. R. M. Swearingen, State Health Officer, and others, will inspect the quarantine stations, and while doing so, fish and shoot. The Governor and his friends have a steamer at their disposal and will utilize the occasion to the utmost.

Gov. Ross Accepts.

Gov. Ross has had the position of Railroad Commissioner tendered him and has signified his acceptance. He will resign the Presidency of the A. & M. College at Bryan at an early date. He was a signal success as a college president and many regret the exchange of positions.

THE PRESS.

Dr. Alexander McLaren, in the Independent, states a fine thought beautifully and forcibly thus:

But the perfect life of Jesus is impossible, unless behind the birth there be a supernatural. Suppose that in a field which had never borne anything but lowly growths, mostly weeds, a palm tree suddenly shot up—every one would know that it had not sprung from the seed of these. Suppose that some long chain of rough iron links was being unwound from a drum, and all at once there came one of pure gold or diamond. Who would think that it had been dug from the same mine and forged with the same hammers as its black companions? And if, through all the generations, every man has had flaws and sins, as every one certainly has, can we believe that One who has none, as by the confession of all men who have grazed on his life-features as drawn in the gospel, Jesus certainly has none, is but one of the long series from which he differs so strangely? How comes this rich cluster of grapes to grow on the thorn bush? Surely there has been grafting.

Central Christian Advocate:

Bishop Vincent says: "It is a great thing for a preacher to have a wife of sense, taste and courage, who will hand him over the coals on account of the blunders he makes in the pulpit, who will—perhaps tearfully, and in despair of accomplishing good—tell him of his awkwardness, his mispronunciations, and his errors in grammar or rhetoric."

The British Medical Journal makes a strong plea for a full beard upon purely hygienic grounds, and then adds the following supplemental reason:

In these days when man's traditional privileges are one by one being invaded by the 'new woman,' he may perhaps be forgiven for making the most of such advantages as may be considered exclusively his own.

The New York Christian Advocate contains the following correspondence:

NEW YORK, December 1, 1894. Editor Christian Advocate: I heard that there had been great revivals in the South during this year, and I wrote to Dr. Hogg about it, and he sends me the enclosed letter. I think it is a matter of public interest. Bishop Walden thought that the number would be two hundred and fifty thousand. It has certainly been the best year in the history of the Church. They will come up at the close of it with a million and a half communicants.—C. C. McCABE.

NASHVILLE, TENN., November 26, 1894.—My Dear Dr. McCabe: Yours of November 22 d'd not

reach me until this morning. I fear that Bishop Walden's estimate of the number of conversions in our Church during the past year is a little too generous. Beyond all doubt, however, we have had the best year in our history. The Virginia Conference, just closed, shows a net increase of over five thousand, and Holston of over four thousand seven hundred. The aggregate increase throughout the Church will be immense. We shall start into 1895 nearly or quite one million five hundred thousand strong.

The best of all is that our people are growing more religious. I feel perfectly sure that there are more God-fearing Methodists south of the Ohio than at any previous time. You may depend upon us to keep in line, and no matter what social and political break-ups may occur, we shall be ready to act as a unit in regard to any providential readjustments that the future may demand.

Memorandum.—The time is speedily coming when all true-blue Episcopal Methodists who love God, walk in the middle of the road, and eschew foolish fads, will find it necessary to frankly consider their relations to one another. Yours fraternally.—E. E. HOSS.

The Railroad Gazette furnishes the following statement, which is a splendid illustration of the method which some men adopt who would seem to confer a favor without actually doing so:

Those who best know President Newell of the Lake Shore will best appreciate a recent exchange of courtesies between him and President Caldwell of the Nickel Plate, now also general manager of the Lake Shore. President Newell would give a man a \$100 bill and never think twice about it. When it came to giving passes over the Lake Shore he was adamant in his refusal. Those he did give were so limited to special trains that a number of the officials of the company have never yet ridden on the limited or fast mail trains.

It is the custom for all railroad presidents to interchange annual passes, and on a recent New Year President Newell made up his list of exchange passes and sent them out. Across the end of the one he sent President Caldwell was printed in red ink the words:

NOT GOOD ON LIMITED
FAST MAIL TRAINS.

By return mail came President Caldwell's annual pass on the Nickel Plate for President Newell. Across its face in glaring red ink and in the bold handwriting of President Caldwell were written the words:

NOT GOOD ON PASSENGER
TRAINS.

This recalls the story of the general passenger agent in Philadelphia, or somewhere, who was wont to limit excursion tickets so closely that the passengers had to be on the alert in surrendering the return coupon as soon as they entered the car for the return journey, lest it turn to dust and ashes in their hands. One day the G. P. A.'s fish-dealer got stuck with one of these tickets (the conditions being printed in very fine type), and he determined to get even. So the next fish delivered was carefully selected for its very noticeable lack of freshness, and, of course, the cook reported it to the G. P. A.; but on close inspection the wrapping paper was found to bear, in small letters, the following words:

"In consideration of the reduced price at which this fish is sold, it will not be good after one hour from time of delivery."

SOME CHARACTERISTICS, CONCEPTS, AND CUSTOMS OF THE CHINESE.

Of only a few things indicated by the title of this letter can I write, though my notebook is full. One, with an open eye, is constantly seeing the ludicrous and grotesque, with much to amaze and admire. Behind these strange sights and sounds and smells, there are a remarkable people and a great civilization. Laugh at their conservatism as we may, ridicule their cowardice as we please, sneer at their superstitions as we wish, yet they have the oldest unified government in the world, the longest unbroken political history, and support contentedly the largest, densest population. To remain thus intact for more than 4000 years, and command the support of so vast a citizenry, speaking various dialects, and separated by so many lines of latitude and longitude, is an achievement without a parallel in the history of nations. And this is the more remarkable when we think of the commercial and political rapacity of the

powerful Western nations seeking for centuries her dismemberment and destruction. Back of all this solidity and stolidity there must be a strong foundation of granite character on which to build. The civilization has its philosophy in the people who compose it.

In another respect China occupies a unique place in the family of nations; though unwelcome she is a great colonizer, and whenever conquered by an Eastern power she never failed to control and civilize the conqueror. The Roman Empire carried her civilization with her victorious eagles into every country she conquered. China has absorbed her conquerors, giving them her language, literature, and religion, and ultimately made them loyal and veritable Chinese. The Tartars overran and conquered the country, but they soon yielded to the superior force of China's civilization, and became the most ardent Chinese of the Chinese. Is there such another record in the political history of the world?

It is said the Chinese have no patriotism, and invidious comparisons are made with the Japanese, whose island kingdom is loved with the intensest ardor by every subject from prince to peasant. In this judgment one may be deceived. In the first place the Chinese are not a demonstrative people; secondly, they hate war and love peace, soldiers are condemned, and peace is desired at any price; thirdly, they are scattered over a vast area, with slow means of transportation, no general postal system, and inefficient methods of intercommunication. Fourthly, they may despise a reigning dynasty, but still love their country. This last I believe to be true. Every Chinaman is proud of his country, revere its history, worship its ancestry, is attached to its soil, and when he dies wants his body to sleep in its generous bosom. That attachment has been one secret of China's political solidarity through more than sixty-six cycles of change and revolution in other parts of the world. This conclusion I have reached after talking with the most learned scholars and devoted missionaries, and refreshing my reading of history by closest observation on the field.

The Chinaman is remarkable for his imperturbable temper when occasion requires. I have seen them quarrel and fight with each other, on house boats and in the streets, but when dealing with a foreigner, and duty seemed to demand, a Chinaman is as undisturbed as a Sphinx, and as cold as a glacier. Dr. Allen says he never flushes except in his eyes, and never allows passion to defeat his purpose or sway his judgment. He keeps his eye steadily on the main issue, and his temper perfectly in hand. That characteristic makes him a consummate diplomatist. As illustrative of this I heard an amusing story on a Western statesman, commissioned to conclude certain pending negotiations with the Chinese Government. After much delay and many meetings, and minor quibblings with the Celestial representatives, the impatient Westerner lost his temper, and struck the table rather vigorously with his fist, accompanying it with an explosive expletive. The unperturbed Chinaman, of course, adjourned the conference, and with many regrets, the occidental statesman lost a night's sleep over his folly, and threatened failure of his mission, and then wrote a letter of apology, requesting another conference. They met—with the Chinaman in command of the situation, as well as his temper.

I have frequently heard this expression, "saving face," and it is suggestive of a national characteristic, and plays an important part in all Chinese intercourse. The idea is, that though defeated in any plan or purpose, there must be some semblance of compromise so as to save him from a complete breakdown and humiliation. There must be some plausible way of escape—he must "save his face." This is seen in every trade you make, and on up to every national treaty. If a Chinaman is rebuked or discharged, he wants to "save his face" by resigning—to have as little blush and loss of reputation as possible. The shame of exposure and the ignominy of loss they dislike more than the loss itself. To this sentiment is partly due the use of the "middle-man" in every transaction, from the arranging a betrothal to the transfer of an estate. Ben Anderson gave me a piece of personal history illustrative of this desire and determination to save the face. He was concluding the purchase of a lot for a Church, when an obstructive official made frivolous and iniquitous claims and objections. The matter was referred to higher authority, when the afore-said official so skillfully shifted his point of objection that by yielding a foot or two of ground the property was secured and he "saved his face." Concession to this sentiment is often necessary in dealing with persons other than Chinese. And where vital principle is not involved it is well. Do not humiliate, but let a man save his face.

Though they have not progressed very far from their first crude inventions, we are really indebted to the Chinese for the mariner's compass, gunpowder, the suggestion of the art of printing, and probably other things valuable. That they have original and great capacity, is beyond question. The Chinaman surrenders his own convictions and customs very

slowly, and never adopts others without being quite sure of their adaptability to, and utility in, his present condition.

I have heard much of filial piety among the Chinese. Well, Confucius taught it, all their books reiterate it, and many thrilling stories are written to enforce it. But I find that in practical everyday life the Chinaman is not more filially pious than any one else. They pay great respect to the dead, but often sadly neglect the living. I heard of an old beggar in Soochow, who had around the gates of our missionaries and received charity every day. At length, the old man in rage and dirt passed away. Suddenly his daughter, the wife of a prosperous gentleman, appeared on the scene, provided a nice coffin, employed priests and musicians, and gave the old beggar-father a grand funeral. She allowed him to live in rags and die of want, but she buried him in state. The old mendicant living was harmless and a nuisance, but the father dead, his spirit could avenge and torment. So she buried him, worshipped him, burned ghost money for his use in the spirit world, and wore sackcloth in his honor. That is a picture from real life, and actual death.

This story, which I have seen repeatedly enacted in several cities, brings up the whole baneful, mournful system of ancestral worship. It is the one great blight upon Chinese character and life, deadening the noblest impulses, and destroying vast resources. For this alone not less than \$150,000,000 are expended annually. Every third shop in every town in the Empire has ghost money for sale, or other things used in that grotesque worship. It is pitiable to see the display in the homes of the dead and at funerals. I have seen several Taoist priests in the house repeating prayers, beating drums and gongs, tossing up most skillfully circular pieces of tin or brass, and occasionally stopping for chatter and a laugh, while the family sat or stood around robed in sackcloth, and apparently much entertained.

The Chinese believe that a man has three souls—one remains with the corpse, one with the ancestral tablet, and one goes into the spirit world. When a member of a family is very ill, they think one soul has left the body. Then they go out and wait, loudly and piteously pleading for the spirit to come back, at the same time, if at night, holding a lantern to show it how to return. Our friends tell me they have often heard these mournful cries in the night, and that they are really heart-rending. I heard of the cold-dren in one family going out and begging a little brother to return, crying, "Little brother! Little brother!" until others were moved to tears. When death at last comes, the first thing done is to place a cup of cold water at the door for the spirit to take a last drink. Then they burn a suit of clothes that the dead may be presentable, and command proper consideration from the police and runners about the yamen of the spirit-world. A quantity of money is burned also, that the dead may not lack for necessary funds. After this bedding, boots, shoes, and other personal articles are committed to the flames for the spirit's use and comfort. The coffin and burial clothes are most important. A man's respectability is estimated by his dress and coffin. In response to this silly sentiment, families often impoverish themselves on coffins and funerals, and men, in order to secure proper sepulture, not infrequently superintend the making of their own coffin, and select a lucky place for the grave.

On every seventh day, or seven seventies, the ladies of the family wrap in concert, cutting the dead by name, and recommending their virtues. At certain fixed intervals after death they have what may be called entertaining the spirit. He is supposed to return, accompanied by other spirits. On those occasions relatives and friends are invited to be present, priests are employed to chant and pray, and the elaborate ceremony is concluded with a feast. The last important matter is settling the *fortune* of the graves—making final selection of a lucky place. That is one reason so many coffins remain on the ground unburied for a long time. Now all this superstitious nonsense shows how entirely life in China is but a slavery to death; how the dead dominate the living, and how the grave flouts unchallenged its victory in the face of heathen despair. What an appeal to the Church to send them a gospel of hope and faith in a conquering Christ, that will enable them to repeat the Christian's challenge, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

There is difference of opinion as to prevalence of infanticide in China. Sometime ago there was a symposium on the subject, with opinions from missionaries and foreign officials in different parts of the country. These I have read, and the weight of testimony supports the belief that many children are annually sacrificed in the Empire. This is concluded from the Imperial decrees and proclamations of local mandarins against drowning female children, from the laws against infanticide, the pictorial illustrations seen all over China showing the different ways it is done, and also the number of founding hospitals established. The first founding hospital, projected in 1217, was called an "Establishment for pitying the little

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The students of the Southwestern
University were allowed one
week during the Christmas holi-
days, and many of them visited
their homes. The duties of the
school will be resumed on New
Year's day. The spring term be-
gins January 22d.

We have been requested to pub-
lish the assessments made by the
District Stewards upon the pastoral
charges. The crowded condition of
our columns prevents compliance.
Again, the information is purely
local and could be readily com-
municated through other channels.

The North Texas Female Col-
lege students were allowed the
privilege of spending Christmas
week at home, and many of them
availed themselves of the opportu-
nity. Many homes in Dallas were
thus brightened and gladdened
during the occasion, as we can per-
sonally testify. True recreation is
never lost time.

We received recently a letter
from a brother in Mississippi re-
questing copies of the minutes of
the several Texas Annual Confer-
ence. He wished to study them
with a view to transferring. He
was evidently under the impres-
sion that there is a scarcity of
preachers in Texas. In this re-
spect he is very much mistaken.
Our conferences are full. We have
just attended five conferences in
Texas and find a plethora rather
than a lack of preachers. We are
packed like sardines in a box. Who-
ever gets into a Texas conference
now will have to squeeze in.

We learn from a correspondent
that Temple, in the Georgetown Dis-
trict, Northwest Texas Conference,
takes the very front rank among
the stations in that wide-awake
conference. First, she is building
what is said to be the handsomest
church edifice in the conference,
if not in the whole State, and now
she has estimated a salary of \$1800
for her preacher in charge. The
next session of the Northwest Tex-
as Conference assemblies there, and
with Rev. Sam P. Wright as host
and enterer the brethren are just-
ified in expecting ample and hand-
some entertainment. We delight to
chronicle such news and progress.

Mrs. Key the President of the
North Texas Female College, is
making an appeal through the
ADVOCATE for funds with which to
build a dining hall for the use of
her large school. We gladly sec-
ond the call and express the wish
that all the graduates, patrons and
friends of this noble institution
may speedily and generously re-
spond. The old dining hall, while

serviceable, is too small and is also
out of harmony with the symmetry
and beauty of the college grounds
and buildings. The completion of
the contemplated edifice would
greatly enlarge the present accom-
modations and add a much needed
finishing touch to the classic pic-
ture. We know that responses are
already coming in. Let them be
multiplied. The North Texas Con-
ference could do a graceful thing
with comparatively small outlay.
The brethren have never failed
Mrs. Key, and they will not do it
now.

There are bright spots even in
the life of a publisher of a news-
paper. When bills are sent to delin-
quent subscribers replies are
often received which bristle, to put
it mildly, with strong words of dis-
pleasure. But here are two letters
so soothing and comforting that we
give them publicity, omitting the
names of writers, trusting the ex-
amples may be emulated by others:

Your note as to my arrearsages
to the dear old ADVOCATE to hand.
Inclosed is \$2, which please place
my credit. You say you will have
to stop the paper. Well, you may
if you want to, but you can
not keep it stopped. I am going
to pay you up and then I'll order
it again.

Inclosed find \$5 which please
place to my credit. * * * Can't
think of letting the dear old AD-
VOCATE stop coming to my house.

CONNECTIONAL NEWS.

Our Cuban work at Tampa,
Florida, under the wise and able
superintendency of Rev. H. B.
Someilan, is flourishing. A cor-
respondent in the Nashville Chris-
tian Advocate says of Bro. Some-
ilan: "There is no praise that
would be beyond his due. He is a
gentleman of culture, an accurate
scholar, a wise administrator, a
flawless theologian. The truth is
it is in Jesus has found incarnation
in him." The work in Key West,
Havana and Ocala prosper too.
The Woman's Foreign Missionary
Society has taken this work under
its broad, life-inspiring wings.

We print the following statistics
from the China Mission Conference:
135 members were added to the
Church this year, and also 199 pro-
bationers were enrolled. There
are now 493 members, and 497
probationers; a total of 990 as
against 736 last year. The offer-
ings of the native Christians have
also substantially advanced, \$596.33;
being reported as against \$139.69
last year.

Four deacons and five elders
were ordained, all native save one.
The Anglo-Chinese College and the
Burlington Institute were well at-
tended and prospered.

Thus close the forty-sixth year
of the China Mission—the best in
its history.

The net gain in the membership
of the M. E. Church, South, will
not fall below 50,000, and in the
judgment of our statisticians may
go well on toward 100,000. The
Virginia and Holston Conferences
contribute 10,000 new members to
swell the Southern Methodist host,
and Texas alone will add at least
9000. Dr. Hoss favors ringing the
joy bells, saying: "All the indica-
tions show that the past year has
been the most successful one in the
history of our Church." In another
place we publish the condensed
statistics of the M. E. Church
showing a marvelous increase. If
we were not afraid of being charged
with using slang we would say that
ecclesiastically speaking the two
Methodisms "are strictly in it."

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

The official reports for the statisti-
cal year 1894 show a total mem-
bership in the Methodist Episcopal
Church, clerical and lay, of 2,698,-
309, a total net increase for the
year of 157,784.

The total number of itinerant
preachers, including 18 Bishops, is
16,850.

The total number of local preach-
ers is 14,811.

The total number of itinerant
and local preachers is 31,661, a
gain during the year of 731—an
average net gain during 1894 of
over 14 preachers per week.

The total value of the churches
and parsonages is \$126,132,541, a
net increase for the year of \$5,177,-
493, an average net gain of about
\$100,000 per week.

PERSONAL.

TEXAS.

Rev. J. M. McKee, of Sherman,
made us a pleasant call this week.
Rev. F. O. Miller, of Plano,
also dropped into the office and re-
ported the best parsonage and man-
sionest new church in North
Texas. We are prepared to credit
any item of Church progress which
comes from Plano.

Rev. A. C. Benson writes from
Mincola: Bro. R. A. Stafford, Rev.
J. A. Stafford's brother, has been
very low with typhoid fever for
several weeks, but is now convales-
cent. It will be some time before
he can leave his bed.

Rev. J. B. Guber, in a note to
the ADVOCATE, sends the editor his
blessing, and with it a nice string
of new subscribers—a combination
doubly and trebly acceptable. We
hope to be able to send him our
blessing, and a good paper with it.

Rev. J. M. Alexander, of San
Marcos Station, kindly says: "Send
me a list of subscribers and I will
push the ADVOCATE." Bro. Alex-
ander fills faithfully and efficiently
one of our foremost stations, and
we are delighted to know that he
feels a profound interest in the of-
ficial organ of Texas Methodism.

We regret to learn that Rev. J.
F. Sullivan, of Texas Conference,
has been suffering from an attack
of slow fever for two weeks or
more. He is able, however, to
send the following greeting, which
we much appreciate: "A happy
greeting and an unprecedented year
of prosperity to the dear old AD-
VOCATE."

Mrs. E. S. Woods, one of the
pioneers of Texas, died at her resi-
dence in Galveston, December 29,
aged seventy-six. She was a de-
vout member of the Methodist
Church and died lamented by a
large circle of relatives and friends.
One of her daughters is the wife of
Rev. G. W. Briggs, pastor of the
Methodist Church in Bryan, Texas.

Rev. G. C. Rankin, of Shearn
Church, Houston, will keep the
readers of the ADVOCATE posted on
Methodism in that important
point. He is a thorough news-
paper correspondent as well as an
effective preacher and pastor. In a
note just received he says: "I
am in the field for the ADVOCATE."
We shall look for a large list from
Houston this year.

Rev. Charles Davis, of Peoria,
was in Dallas this week, and did
not forget to visit us. Bro. Davis
is an Englishman by birth, has
traveled far and wide, both open sea
and land, and is brimful of interest-
ing information which he knows
how to impart entertainingly. Hav-
ing been water-bound in old Georgia
a number of years does not
spoil his make-up or lessen him in
our regard.

Rev. E. K. Denton, of Luling,
West Texas Conference, remarked
at conference that he proposed to
place the ADVOCATE in the fami-
lies of all Methodists in his charge
this conference year. He is mak-
ing good his promise. To date the
publisher has booked forty-two.
When E. K. Denton undertakes
anything he generally succeeds.
He has the thanks of the AD-
VOCATE corps.

Canadian Record: Rev. C. V.
Bailey is back again from the An-
nual Conference, and the Church-
going people will be pleased to
learn that he will be stationed at
Canadian for the next year as resi-
dent minister. Mr. Bailey is a
universal favorite, not only among
the members of his own Church,
but among all the people of the
community, and all will give him a
hearty welcome.

Col. T. W. Gaines died suddenly
of heart disease at his home in
Clarksburg, Texas, December 29.
Bro. Gaines was one of the pillars
of the Clarksburg Methodist Church.
He was a lay delegate to the North
Texas Conference, which met in
Bonham last November. We had
the pleasure of a brief conversa-
tion with him there. We doubt
not that he died in peace with
God and man.

Morgan Calloway, Jr., Profes-
sor of English in the State Univer-
sity, spent Christmas in George-
town greatly to the gratification of
his former associate professors in
the Southwestern University and
his many appreciative friends. His
father, Dr. Morgan Calloway,
Professor of English in Emory
College, Oxford, Ga., accompanied
him during the visit and added
much by his cultured, genial spirit
to the interest of the occasion.

SOUTHERN METHODIST.

Rev. R. N. Wells, D. D., of the
South Carolina Conference, died
recently in Greenville, S. C. He
ranked high as a saintly man and
a eloquent preacher. He will be
missed by the Church.

New Orleans Christian Advocate:
Dr. W. H. LaPrade took his de-
parture for his new charge at
Shreveport on the 21st. Our best
wishes accompany him and his ac-
complished wife in their new field.

Miss Laura Haygood attended
the recent session of the North
Georgia Conference. A corre-
spondent says she was the most
notable visitor present. Preachers,
laymen and the public, through

her instrumentality, became more
interested than ever in the cause of
missions.

Bishop Hargrove held four of
the Texas Conferences during No-
vember and December. He pre-
sided pleasantly, ably and efficient-
ly. His strong, practical preaching
did great good. His administra-
tion passed unimpeached, so far as
we know. We trust that he is
happily enjoying his well-earned
rest.

Bishop Galloway's visit to the
China Conference was counted a
great benediction. In the pulpit,
the conference room and social
circle he brought strength and en-
couragement. The brethren there
want him again—an annual visit
during the present quadrennium.
We are not at all surprised if his
visit to China has been as produc-
tive of pleasure and usefulness as
the brilliant letters which he writes
to the Church in America.

New Orleans Christian Advocate:
Rev. J. L. Pierce, the new pastor
at Carondelet, was greeted on Sun-
day morning by a large congrega-
tion. The sermon was entertain-
ing, thoughtful, able, and made a
very fine impression upon the con-
gregation. At the close of the
service a large number of the flock
gathered about the chancel to make
the acquaintance of the new pastor.
Bro. Pierce begins his pastorate
under favorable auspices.

Dr. Royall, in the Central Meth-
odist, referring to the preaching at
the Virginia Conference, says:
"Bishop Haygood's sermon on
Luke 15: 'This man receiveth
sinners,' etc., was a grand produc-
tion. For eighty-three minutes he
held all minds, moved all hearts,
and finally filled all eyes with sweet
tears of love. What a man he is!
His address to those received into
full connection was the least pre-
tentious yet one of the most val-
uable I ever heard. A small man
could never dare do what Bishop
Haygood does."

GENERAL.

Bishop Potter, of New York,
has for counselor and secretary,
his daughter Sarah. She under-
stands both stenography and type-
writing, and is of invaluable as-
sistance to her father. Such a life
is infinitely better than playing the
modern society role.

Sir John Thompson, Prime Min-
ister of Canada, died suddenly of
heart disease in the Queen's Castle,
Windsor, England, where he had
just been made a member of the
Privy Council. He was originally
a member of the Methodist Church,
but became a convert to Catholi-
cism. He was strong intellectu-
ally, widely influential and a potent
factor in political life in Canada.

The President of Baker Univer-
sity, in Western Christian Advoca-
te: The Rev. J. M. Buckley,
I. L. D., of the Christian Advocate,
New York, during his trip through
the West, appeared on the lecture
course of Baker University, at
Baldwin, Kan., December 12. The
crowded house was delighted. The
next morning he met the students
and talked with them for an hour,
as only Dr. Buckley can talk to
such an audience. It was a great
uplift.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

The address of Rev. H. O. Moore
is Atlanta, Texas.

The address of Rev. J. W. Long
is Blainville, Texas.

The postoffice address of Rev. J.
W. Brazleton is Cleveland, Texas.

The postoffice address of Rev.
W. J. Bludworth is Whitesboro,
Texas.

The address of Rev. J. B. Sears
is changed from Bastrop to La-
Grange, Texas.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Wacker.

Jas. C. Wilson, Dec. 21: Tell the
world that Wacker is a prohibition
town yet. The whisky element peti-
tioned for an election, which was held
last Saturday, and notwithstanding
they had the almost solid help of
the negro vote, we beat them by six.
Praise the Lord!

Willow City.

J. P. Garrett, Dec. 20: I have
gone once around on Willow City
Circuit. The people are kind and
hospitality. We have bought a nice
little parsonage at Willow City, par-
tly furnished. I received my first
pounding since conference. One of
the stewards pounded me about sixty
pounds worth.

Luling.

E. K. Denton, Dec. 28: This pas-
tor and family, of Luling and Prairie
Lea, have been the recipients of some
delicious eatables and some cash ac-
companying, through our generous
sisters, all being sent to the parson-
age as a Christmas present. We are
full of thanks now.

Pontotoc.

John W. Sims: On Thursday after-
noon we moved into the parsonage
—one day earlier than we were ex-
pected, and so found the good ladies
settling the parsonage in order. We
were invited off to dinner, and the
following night were graciously pound-
ed by the young people. The death
of Bro. Ballard last year set the work
back much, although his successor,
Bro. Matthis, did fine work and is
much beloved. Organization and
leadership is much needed. The ma-
terial is here for a splendid circuit.

Whether or not we will be able to get
life into it remains to be seen. We
are looking for leaders. Men, wom-
en or young people, whoever can lead
best, is our motto. We believe in
our presiding elder. We expect him
to be reliable.

Center Point.

S. G. Shaw, Dec. 28: There was gen-
eral rejoicing over the return of Bro.
A. T. Galloway to this (Center Point)
charge. We think we have one of
the ablest preachers in the West
Conference—always entertaining and
edifying. The year opens with much
promise. We are at peace among
ourselves and in love with our pastor
and with Methodism.

Lagarto.

A. B. Bynum, Dec. 27: Our people
received us warmly and have given
us a nice pounding, besides many
Christmas presents, for all of which
we are profoundly thankful. We
have completed one round on this
work and find the people intelligent
and kind. We feel determined, by
the help of God, to do the best year's
work of our life. Success to the
ADVOCATE.

Gallad.

M. S. Gardner, Dec. 18: We have
had our first Quarterly Conference.
Bro. J. S. Gillett, our "beloved," was
on hand, and preached with much ear-
nestness and effect. We have started
off well. We came here after confer-
ence a stranger, and have been treat-
ed with marked kindness by this
people. Wife and I are grateful for
the many tokens of appreciation be-
stowed on us. We have the organiza-
tion of an Epworth League in pro-
cess. We are on the Master's altar
to do all the good in our power for
this devoted people.

Skidmore.

Jas. W. Long, Dec. 19: Completed
our first round last evening; traveled
over 300 miles, baptized 1 infant,
held 11 prayer-meetings and preached
11 times. Organized a Sunday-school
at St. Mary with 23—here I have
no Church organization—and a mis-
sionary society at Skidmore with 29
members. My postoffice will be
Blainville, Texas. This is a beauti-
ful country, but on account of dry
weather the farmers are leaving. We
are expecting and praying for great
things this year.

San Diego.

Bettie Turner, Dec. 18: We are
well pleased with our new work.
Prospects for a good year are hopeful.
The good people have not pounded
us, but we have from them many
tokens of appreciation of a substantial
kind. Thanks to those who enter-
tained us at their homes until our
rented house was ready to move into;
also to Sister S. for matting one of
the floors at her own expense. Allow
me also to express my appreciation
of the good people of Lagarto Circuit,
where we labored for two years.
Many of them did us favors we
shall not soon forget. They are too
numerous to mention by name, but
when God comes to make up his
jewels not a few of them will be found
in the "old Lagarto Circuit."

Amphion.

F. J. Perrin, Dec. 25: I am again
settled at Amphion, a work which
we served two years in 1891 and 1892.
Three teams were sent to move us
and we were most cordially received.
Being one day late we missed the
pounding, but the stack of good
things in the kitchen revealed the
fact that it had been. We have col-
lected \$100 to enlarge the parsonage
and will have a comfortable house. I
and the pleasure, on December 18, of
uniting in marriage Collin DeVilliers
and Miss Maggie Stagna, and on De-
cember 21 Adam Stanfield and Jer-
net Grey. These young people are
of well known Methodist families,
and are themselves all excellent mem-
bers of our Church. They have our
best wishes and congratulations. Had
a very enjoyable Christmas tree at
the Church last night, with good
music and nice recitations by the
young people.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Conroe.

J. B. Nutter, Dec. 21: After five
days' drive, most of the way through
a fine country, we got to this place
on Friday, December 21; have found
a good people; held three services
yesterday. This is a neat, new town
with a comfortable and three rail-
roads, and surrounded by a fine coun-
try. We have a new church and
parsonage, neither finished, but com-
fortable. We have a good people,
and I think we have a good year
before us. We will get set up to house-
keeping in a few days. Are to have
a Christmas tree to-night.

Austin, Thoms-Fourth Street.

S. W. Thomas, Dec. 21: We are
making a good start in the new con-
ference year. Our young people have
a flourishing League. The officers
and teachers of the Sunday-school are
full of hope for a good year. Our
congregations are good and attentive.
Our presiding elder preached for us
yesterday morning on missions, and
we took a collection of \$137.50 in
cash and subscriptions, that being \$10
over our assignment for this year.
Signs for a revival are hopeful, thank
God.

Bremond.

Geo. H. Phair, Dec. 25: On De-
cember 10, at Cameron, we received
our marching orders; arrived home,
at Franklin, 7 p. m. On December 13
we were on our way to Bremond.
We arrived and found Bro. J. B.
Cochran still packing up. He was
soon gone, and we set to work to ar-
range our house and then visit the
people. We soon found that every-
body loves Bro. Cochran, and they
did not want to give him up; but as
he is made a beloved, they are recom-
mended to his removal. We have
preached at Bremond and Reagan,
and find a warm-hearted people.
They know a preacher and his family
have such a thing as an appetite, and
they are supplying it with turkey,
cake, flour, butter, coffee, etc.; and

the children of Bremond, led by Miss
Tomie Turner, presented me with a
beautiful polished oak dictionary
holder. We pray for a good year
spiritually and rejoice in "peace on
earth, good will to men."

Jewett.

W. F. Brinson, Dec. 25: We are
now domiciled in the parsonage at
Jewett, having served the Fair-
field charge two years past—a people
whom we had learned to love, and
some from whose hands we received
tokens of kindness. Bidding them
farewell, with family we arrived at
Jewett on the evening of the 17th
inst., and same night had a cordial
reception in the way of a good pound-
ing, with many things, by the good
people of Jewett, and they still come.
May the Lord help us to prove worthy
of such appreciation for Christ's sake,
and give us a prosperous year.

Houston.

C. M. Keith: After three years' profitable and pleasant labor in the
town of Navasota, the powers that
be assigned me to Washington Street
Church, Houston. The first Sunday
after conference I was at my post.
My reception was most cordial, and
the many nice things given us for the
inner man betokened that the good
people were determined to encour-
age us to do our best from the start,
and we are doing it. Since arrival
have baptized 1 child, married 1
couple, attended 1 funeral and preach-
ed four times. The outlook is en-
couraging. Congregation last night
200. We take courage and press
forward.

Patterson.

J. W. Morris, Dec. 24: We arrived
at the parsonage at this place on the
13th; found a nice comfortable house
and pleasantly situated every way;
was met by one of the stewards and
in a short while they gave us a
considerable pounding, and they have
been pounding ever since, and we
have not hollowed enough. This is a
great place and a great people and
this circuit has a great future. Have
preached at two of the appointments;
one gave his name for membership.
The two appointments I have filled
are first-class in every particular; good
church houses and kind people. This
is a land of plenty and they divide
with the preacher. One storehouse
will not charge the preacher for any
article—the first I ever knew—and in
the country, I believe, I could get
potatoes enough free to last five years.
I expect to do wonders with the
Lord's help this year. God bless this
people.

Rockdale.

E. P. Newsom, Dec. 31: This is
my first work in the conference;
have been here about two weeks; the
people of Rockdale have "pounded"
us, partly furnished the parsonage,
besides have given us several hand-
some presents. Altogether we have
been as kindly treated as we could
have wished. Rockdale is a town of
about 2500 inhabitants, has two rail-
roads and a splendid system of elec-
tric lights and waterworks. We have
a handsome new church here, and
though our membership is small,
they seem to be very faithful and
loyal. Last Sunday we preached
and took a collection for the Orphan
Home, which amounted to \$18. The
congregation was not large on ac-
count of the inclement weather. By
the help of the Lord we hope to do a
good year's work.

Houston.

J. P. Childers, Dec. 28: This closes
one of the most fruitful years of our
ministerial career. Our trials, sweet-
ened by the Lord in prayer, sweet-
en our life, make us more humble,
and give us a brighter prospect of
heaven. We have assisted in twenty
revival meetings. It has been our
aim to preach a gospel of love, to
assist pastor and people in becoming
more converted. As we look back
over our field of labor we can say of
a truth, "the lines have fallen to us
in pleasant places." Our tent, seated
with chairs, will accommodate 1800,
otherwise 1600. We are now ready
to make engagements for 1895.
Brethren, if you wish our help, please
write immediately. One thousand
and eight hundred conversions and
reclamations, 796 additions, 20 meet-
ings held, 3200 miles traveled, aver-
aged 80 sermons per month.

Webberville.

W. W. Horner, Dec. 25: To my
great surprise the revolution of the
great itinerant wheel dropped me
down at this place at the last session
of the Texas Conference. I reached
the work on Friday after the confer-
ence adjourned, and have preached
five times on the circuit—preaching
three times and traveling fourteen
miles the first Sunday of the new
year. I have met with a very warm
reception and have found many clever
people here who seem devoted to the
Church. On the 19th of December
our kind people gave us the largest
and most valuable pounding that we
have ever received in our lives. They
brought sacks of flour, many
sacks of potatoes, a bountiful supply
of butter, eggs, pickles, sugar, coffee,
canned fruits of various kinds, pork,
bacon, baking powders, lard, soda,
etc., and nearly filled our pantry with
good things. To all the generous
donors we extend our hearty and sin-
cere thanks. Our work is large and
difficult to reach, being divided by
the Colorado River; but, by the grace
and help of God, I intend to try to
do the best year's work of my life.
It was quite a change to be lifted out
of a pleasant station, where we had
spent two delightful years, and ap-
pointed to a heavy charge like this,
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SAPOLIO

H. L. Jamieson, Dec. 25: After some unavoidable delays we are settled in our new home, and are very comfortably situated. We have good and loyal people to serve. Friday night, December 21, we were pleasantly surprised in the way of a "rounding." Over a dozen new members, a young lady, said, "When you are about to starve out, Bro. Jamieson, just let us know and we'll pound you again." Last evening our Xmas ship was a thing of beauty, laden with presents. There were many glad hearts among them—"What a good fellow, our dear brother, our dear preacher and his wife." We certainly appreciate these tokens. We love our people and pray God that we may feed them on spiritual food, and minister to their souls' necessities as well as they have to our physical wants. By the providence of God, we are not troubled with the good people here, Jacksonville, is now a prohibition town.

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BRAND THE CLAIM AS FALSE.

World's Fair Officials Expose a Pretender to an Award.

CHICAGO, ILL.—One of the odd results of the World's Fair is the claim now made to awards by some who were not even exhibitors. Officials of the Exposition have not as yet taken final action in the matter, believing the quick wit of the people will detect the spurious claims. But to the case of a New York baking powder, that has been widely advertising an award, the attention of the Chief of Awards for Agriculture, has been directed. He brands the claim of this pretender as false, declaring: "Neither the records of this department, nor the official catalogue of the World's Columbian Exposition, show that this New York Company was an exhibitor; consequently it could not receive an award at the World's Fair."

Those who fairly won their honors at the Fair seem disposed to treat this fraud as any other fraud should be treated. The Price Baking Powder Company, of Chicago, having received the highest award, and those of all other holders of rightful honors, will be fully vindicated by the public.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

DECEMBER 20.

J. N. Ferguson, sub. Geo W. Bruce, sub. Chas. D. Jordan, sub. Jno. A. Wallace, sub. C. W. Godwin, change. Jas. A. Walker, sub. Isaac L. Mills, sub. T. R. Cledenin, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. Nat. B. Read, sub. Dr. T. H. Hall, has attention. G. W. White, sub. J. B. Elder, sub. I. E. Hightower, change. W. J. Sims, sub. E. K. Denton, sub. C. W. Bracey, sub. J. T. Gillett, sub. W. C. Bracey, sub. J. T. Gillett, sub. G. A. Nolen, has attention.

DECEMBER 21.

H. H. Sullivan, has attention. G. C. Summers, sub. A. E. Carraway, o. k. as to change in address. W. H. H. Biggs, sub.

DECEMBER 22.

L. C. Ellis, has attention. J. A. Wyatt, sub. I. S. Smith, sub. W. B. McKeown, sub. I. M. Woodward, sub. N. W. Keith, sub.

DECEMBER 21.

R. J. Birdwell, sub. J. B. Gohar, sub. T. B. Vinson, sub. W. C. Bracey, sub. A. B. Roberts, sub. C. E. Simpson, sub. has attention. G. C. Hardy, has attention. E. R. Large, change. D. T. Brown, sub.

DECEMBER 26.

C. S. Cameron, sub. Jas. W. Long, sub. G. W. Timplin, sub. C. B. Smith, sub. J. D. Hendrickson, sub. J. T. Griswold, sub. C. M. Harless, sub. Joe W. Fort, trial sub. J. B. Gohar, sub. W. H. Moss, sub. H. L. Hare, sub. J. G. Putnam, sub. Jas. W. Story, sub. W. C. Bracey, sub. two cards.

DECEMBER 27.

Wm. Sproule, sub. John R. Steele, change and renewal. J. H. White, sub. J. H. Wilsen, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. W. Y. Jones, letter and bill received. Wm. J. Sims, sub. Alanson Brown, sub. W. B. Walker, sub.

DECEMBER 28.

H. H. Vaughan, sub. change in initials. R. S. Adair, change. Geo. Adams, trial sub.

DECEMBER 29.

J. W. Beckham, sub. J. M. Alexander, sub. G. M. Gardner, has attention. T. B. Hillman, sub. S. N. Allen, sub.

DECEMBER 31.

E. M. Sweet, o. k. B. R. Wagner, sub. Bobt B. Bonner, sub. 2 cards. O. A. Shook, trial sub. H. T. Hart, sub. W. W. Horner, sub. E. H. Harman, sub. J. A. Wright, sub. has attention. T. K. True, change made. W. N. Bonner, has attention. A. J. Frick, sub. has attention. C. C. Davis, sub.

JANUARY 1.

J. H. White, sub. R. B. Bonner, thanks for information. W. H. Bachman, sub. W. M. Leatherwood, change. A. B. Roberts, change. J. H. White, sub. A. C. Benson, sub.

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

A NEW WORK ON BAPTISM.—There seems to be an ever-increasing demand for books on baptism, a subject of perennial interest to many. The supply is equal to the demand. Rev. A. C. Benson, of the East Texas Conference, has just contributed a strong pamphlet to the stock of literature upon the subject. The title of this book is as follows: "An Examination of Dr. B. H. Carroll's 'Dynamite.'" See advertisement in another column.

Marriages.

Johnson—Miller.—In the Methodist Church at Lake Creek, Texas, October 21, 1894, Mr. S. T. Johnson and Miss Vesta A. Miller, by Rev. R. S. Gorsline.

Norwood—Adams.—Wednesday, December 19, 1894, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. E. T. Adams, near Patterson, William Norwood and Miss Mattie Adams, Rev. J. W. Morris officiating.

Bass—Terrill.—December 23, 1894, in the Methodist Church in Fredrick, Texas, Rev. O. A. Bass, of Stephenville, and Miss Alice Terrill, of Fredrick, W. V. Jones officiating.

Butler—Higgins.—Mr. Coleman H. Butler and Miss Abbie Higgins, at the residence of the bride's father, December 25, 1894, near Holiday, Archer County, Texas, Rev. A. R. Sellers officiating.

Miller—Bibb.—In Del Rio, Texas, December 17, 1894, at the residence of the Misses Powers, Mr. C. N. Miller and Miss Lila Bibb, Rev. T. F. Dimmitt officiating.

Reever—Caswell.—At the Methodist Church at Oak Cliff, at 7:30 p. m., December 18, 1894, Dr. James H. Reever and Miss Birdie Mae Caswell, Rev. B. R. Bolton officiating.

Canady—Damon.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Thomas Damon, December 16, 1894, Mr. J. W. Canady and Miss Lizzie Damon, Rev. G. W. Temple officiating.

Allen—Harris.—Four miles west of Rock Rock, Texas, at the home of Mr. Allen Harris, the bride's father, Nathan Allen and Miss Susie Harris, December 19, 1894, at 8 p. m., Rev. J. M. Sherman officiating.

Shannon—Saunders.—Near Fiskville, Travis County, Texas, December 20, 1894, 7:30 p. m., at the home of Mr. Thad. S. Saunders, the bride's father, Robert Shannon and Miss Carrie Saunders, Rev. J. M. Sherman officiating.

Griffith—Rogers.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. John Rogers, in Cooke County, Texas, December 20, 1894, Mr. W. H. Griffith and Miss Maud Rogers, Rev. J. B. Adair officiating.

Lindsey—Bare.—On the evening of December 16, 1894, at the residence of Rev. W. H. Bludworth, sitting in the buggy, Mr. Tandy Lindsey and Miss Johnnie Bare, both of Hopkins County, Texas; Rev. W. H. Bludworth officiating.

Latham—Downey.—At the residence of the bride's parents, December 16, 1894, by Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, Mr. J. W. Latham and Miss Cora Downey; all of Rockwall County.

McCord—Atherton.—At the home of the bride, on December 20, 1894, Mr. Lewis McCord, of Schumway, Grayson County, Texas, and Miss Laila Atherton, of Rockwall, Texas, Rev. J. Marvin Nichols officiating.

Fawcner—Tanner.—Near Clo, Texas, November 25, 1894, Mr. C. W. Fawcner and Miss Minnie Tanner, Rev. A. E. Boyce officiating.

Hitt—Speagle.—At Pisgah Church, on the night of December 9, 1894, by Rev. W. A. Gililand, Mr. Sam Hitt and Miss Bertie Speagle; both of Eastland County, Texas.

Buoy—Graves.—At the residence of Mr. C. E. Anderson, on December 16, 1894, by Rev. W. A. Gililand, Mr. E. F. Buoy and Miss E. A. Graves; both of Rising Star, Eastland County, Texas.

Banks—Hassell.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Bazette, Texas, December 13, 1894, Mr. J. P. Banks and Miss Lena H. Hassell, Rev. E. C. Martin officiating.

Quincy—Peck.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Roan, Texas, Mr. Quincy, of Richland, Texas, and Miss Virginia C. Peck, of Roan, Texas, December 16, 1894, Rev. E. C. Martin officiating.

Robinson—Thomas.—At Ben Franklin, Texas, by Rev. R. N. Brown, Mr. Charles Robinson and Miss Emma Thomas, December 6, 1894.

Horn—Ellis.—At the Methodist Church, Bells, Texas, December 11, 1894, Mr. Wm. W. Horn, of Chickasaw, and Miss Lizzie H. Ellis, of Bells, Texas, Rev. R. N. Brown officiating.

Hulsey—Robinson.—At the Methodist Church in Windom, November 29, 1894, Mr. M. W. Hulsey and Miss Bertie Robinson, Rev. Charles H. Peck, officiating.

Thorp—Crunk.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Paint Rock, Texas, December 25, 1894, Mr. S. Thorp and Miss Mima Crunk, Rev. Charles H. Peck officiating.

Thomas—Fine.—In Granbury, Texas, by Rev. C. A. Evans, December 25, 1894, Mr. M. Thomas and Miss Ophelia Fine; both of Hood County, Texas.

Reed—Bryson.—At 7 p. m., December 23, 1894, in the Methodist Church at Camp San Saba, Texas, Mr. C. K. Reed and Miss V. R. Bryson, Rev. J. W. Sims officiating.

Watson—Bailey.—At the Methodist Church, in the Sweetwater community, on December 23, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. J. L. Watson and Miss Lizzie Bailey; both of Wise County, Texas; Rev. J. D. Whitehead officiating.

Adams—Williams.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Old Caldwell, Johnson County, Texas, Mr. A. N. Adams and Miss Lora Williams, December 5, 1894, Rev. C. E. Gallagher officiating.

Arnold—Meals.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. C. Meals, near Chappell Hill Church, Johnson County, Texas, December 15, 1894, Mr. Willie H. Arnold and Miss R. A. Meals, Rev. C. E. Gallagher officiating.

Wilson—Clayton.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Chappell Hill, Clayton, December 23, 1894, Rev. C. E. Gallagher officiating.

Callaway—McCartney.—On December 9, 1894, Mr. Joseph N. Callaway, of Rev. J. P. Callaway, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Miss Alta McCartney, by Rev. S. J. Francis; all of Moorty, Texas.

Spaw—Dunagan.—By Geo. H. Cooper, at his residence in Grant County, New Mexico, December 17, 1894, Mr. Wm. E. Spaw, of Grant County, New Mexico, and Miss Cora B. Dunagan, of Grant County, Arizona.

Hubbard—McCormick.—At Weimar, Texas, in the M. E. Church, December 12, 1894, Mr. John C. Hubbard and Miss Willie F. McCormick; all of Weimar, Colorado County, Texas; Rev. H. S. Hays officiating.

Cole—Dial.—At the courthouse, in Cooper, Texas, December 20, 1894, Mr. J. W. Cole and Mrs. S. A. Dial, Rev. C. W. Glanville officiating.

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Rogers—Alexander.—At the home of the bride, one mile east of Cooper, Texas, December 16, 1894, Mr. E. O. Rogers and Miss Mary Alexander, Rev. C. W. Glanville officiating.

Jackson—Wright.—At the residence of Dr. Bennett, on December 20, 1894, Mr. L. W. Jackson and Miss Ida Wright, Rev. C. W. Glanville officiating.

Powell—Cunningham.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Sam Whetley, December 9, 1894, Mr. J. A. Powell and Miss Mattie Cunningham, Rev. C. W. Glanville officiating.

Jones—Mize.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Oglesby, Texas, December 23, 1894, Mr. S. H. Jones and Miss Fannie Mize, Rev. T. B. Hillman officiating.

Coltharp—Blankenship.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Cory City, Texas, on the evening of December 25, 1894, Mr. M. Coltharp and Miss A. D. Blankenship, Rev. T. B. Hillman officiating.

Bruner—Calkin.—In the Methodist Church in Black Jack Grove, Texas, December 23, 1894, by Rev. J. W. Beckham, Mr. W. E. Bruner and Miss Maud Carson; all of Black Jack Grove.

McGoy—Marlow.—At the parsonage in Black Jack Grove, Texas, December 21, 1894, Mr. Sam McGoy and Miss Ida Marlow, Rev. J. W. Beckham officiating.

Snayl—Stone.—December 23, 1894, at the residence of the bride's father, in Dawson, Texas, by Rev. W. V. Vinson, Mr. Elmer Snayl and Miss Mollie Stone; all of Dawson, Texas.

Batton—Washburn.—December 25, 1894, at the residence of W. T. Moore, near Dawson, Texas, by Rev. W. L. Vinson, Mr. J. R. Batton, of Cherokee County, Texas, and Miss Mollie Washburn, of Navarro County, Texas.

Newman—Fox.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Parker County, Texas, December 13, 1894, Mr. James I. Newman and Miss Marie Fox, Rev. W. K. Simpson officiating.

Baker—Garner.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Parker County, Texas, by Rev. W. K. Simpson, Mr. J. H. Baker and Miss S. E. Garner.

Bone—Shannon.—At the residence of Mr. J. B. Sherrell, eight miles south of Cisco, Texas, December 23, 1894, Mr. B. Bone and Miss Alice Shannon, Rev. T. M. Collier officiating.

Walker—Bugg.—At the residence of the bride's father, December 25, 1894, Mr. J. W. Walker and Miss Mattie Bugg, Rev. J. H. Wiseman officiating.

Henry—Knight.—At the residence of the bride's father, December 23, 1894, Mr. W. R. Henry and Miss Alice Knight, Rev. J. H. Wiseman officiating.

Hays—Sexton.—At the home of the bride near Eden, VanZandt County, Texas, December 23, 1894, at 4:30 p. m., Mr. P. S. Hays and Miss Minnie Sexton, Rev. Frank Everett officiating.

Howell—West.—At the home of the bride's father, near VanZandt County, Texas, December 23, 1894, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. J. E. Howell and Miss Thelma West, Rev. J. F. Everett officiating.

Stephenson—Williams.—On Sunday, December 23, 1894, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Lee Stephenson, of Cass County, Texas, and Miss Julia Williams, of Troupe, Texas, Rev. S. N. Allen officiating.

Walker—Williamson.—On Monday, December 23, 1894, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. E. Walker, of Arkansas, and Miss Euphemia Williamson, of Troupe, Texas, Rev. S. N. Allen officiating.

Pago—Kendrick.—December 20, 1894, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, Mr. James H. Pago and Miss Lizzie Kendrick, Rev. J. M. Wesson officiating.

Jarman—Lee.—December 20, 1894, in the Methodist Church, Cleburne, Texas, Prof. E. W. Jarman and Miss Carrie Lee, Rev. H. A. Boardman officiating.

Alexander—Lee.—At Washington, Texas, December 12, 1894, Mr. John R. Alexander and Miss Mary Etta Lee, Rev. C. L. Spencer officiating.

Larkin—Dealy.—In Shearn Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, December 19, 1894, by Rev. C. M. Keith, Mr. J. D. Larkin, of Rockland, Texas, and Miss Frances Belle Dealy, of Houston, Texas.

Pankley—Morrow.—About 5 o'clock, a. m., at the courthouse in Rockwall, Texas, December 23, 1894, Mr. J. L. Pankley and Miss Maud Morrow, of Judge Nester Morrow; all of Kaufman County; Rev. J. Marvin Nichols officiating.

Leonard—Taylor.—At the parsonage, in Lorena, Texas, December 25, 1894, Mr. H. H. Leonard and Miss Emma Taylor, Rev. J. H. Wiseman officiating.

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MILLER.—George Miller, the subject of this sketch, was the son of Rev. James and Sister Margaret Miller. Born April 24, 1873, he professed faith in Christ in 1885 and lived a consistent member of the same until December 2, 1894, when God took him to his Church above. George was a noble young man. Too much can not be said of him. True to God, to his mother and to his Church, and always at his post. Although not yet twenty-two years old, he had been for years holding his regular family services. Not only a dutiful son and humble Christian, but he performed the part of a father to his two sisters and his younger brothers. Only six years ago his sainted father preceded him to the better world, and ere this time there has been a glorious reunion between father and son, and now together they watch and wait for others of the family to join them. May God help this family to bear nobly what he lays upon them, and this mother to continue to do her work well, and as each one is called, step well and join those on the other shore. C. M. SHUFFLER.

ANSCHUTZ.—William Lee, little son of Dr. W. and Minnie Anschutz, was born in Newport, Ark., February 12, 1893, and went home to the city of God from Del Rio, Texas, November 23, 1894. It is hard for these parents to give up their sweet little boy, so full of promise, yet they are Christians and believe that he is now in heaven, and that he is not far from home. The little one had suffered much, but is now beyond all pain and sorrow—is with God and with loved ones where they may join them by-and-by in the mansions of rest. Bro. and Sister Anschutz are strangers among us, but we hope they will find sympathy in this trial, but especially that they may realize that God is very near, even in this very place. T. F. DIMMITT.

ROGERS.—Mrs. Martha R. Rogers (nee Carrington) was born in Orange County, N. C., May 12, 1822, and moved to Texas in 1838; was married to A. G. Rogers August 11, 1842, and died at her home near Leona, in Leon County, November 4, 1894. Sister Rogers was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, about forty years ago, and from that time till the close of life she was an earnest, faithful Christian. I was at her bedside only a few days before she died, and she gave every evidence that all was well with her, and if it was her Lord's will was ready to leave this world suffering for one of eternal rest and peace. All who knew her loved her, and the entire community was bereaved by her death. During her life many heavy shadows fell across her path to heaven, but leaning upon Him whom she had trusted so long, she found her way through them all. Her kindred and friends have much of which to be glad. Their mourning is not that of those who have no hope. Would say to the children, weep not, for your loss has been her eternal gain. May God comfort you and help you to live so that you may meet her in the better world. F. O. FAVIER.

LANFORD.—Ula May, infant daughter of A. D. and C. E. Lanford, was born February 23, 1891, and died October 19, 1894, aged seven months and twenty-six days. Little Ula suffered much during her short stay on earth, but did not stop long, only long enough to bind the hearts of papa and mamma and dear friends and relatives to this little plant that budded here on earth and bloomed in eternal glory. We are glad to say that the father and mother of this little girl are both good, true Christians, and they do not mourn as those who have no hope. Little Ula was too pure and sweet for this sinful world, and when the fond parents saw her breathe her last, they could only say: "Good-bye, little darling, you can't come back to this world, but we know where to find you, and by God's sustaining grace we will meet you in heaven." J. H. LOWMEYER.

HARRINGTON.—Lena, daughter of J. H. and Fannie Harrington, was born September 10, 1890, and died of diphtheria, at the home of her parents, at Plano, Texas, November 30, 1894. Lena was a bright, interesting little girl, full of life and fun. She was remarkably smart and intelligent for her years. Her face was usually radiant with smiles. In a family of several children she was the pet, as she was rather small to her age. A natural singer, she learned to sing quite well to be so young. On the day she was taken sick she sang, "Jesus loves the little children." What a joy she was to her parents, what a sunbeam of happiness in the family. Her sweet little voice will be heard no more at home, except in memory; but on high she sings more sweetly than ever. Her face seems to be looking down at her dear friends, she learned here. A vacant chair, the absent form and the early departure tell in mournful tones that this little jewel has been taken to shine all the brighter in the realms of an unclouded day. D. J. MARTIN.

REINHARDT.—Henry Bascom Reinhardt, familiarly known as "Bunkie," was born of John H. and Mattie J. Reinhardt, October 6, 1877, and died at his father's home near Roysse City, Texas, November 29, 1894. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in his seventh year. As has been the history of many who were members of the Church, he was not thoroughly satisfied with his religious experience. At a meeting held in Roysse City last summer he became thoroughly satisfied. The chequiness of Satan began, as is always the case when one does right. Assertions were made that his religious principle would be stained. He felt a victim to a struggle which left him a better boy after than he had passed through the furnace. Toward the latter days of life he seemed affectionate and resigned to God's will. About one hour before his death, with a countenance all hallowed by the light of a coming glory, he threw his arms about his father's neck, saying: "Father, I am going home; can you go with me? Are you ready?" If final utterances are but the epitome of life, if there be either a divine retribution or a heavenly presentation alongside the throne of dissolution, Bunkie's parents can but gather from his last, long farewell, the evidence that he stood not only on the shores of mortality but that the triumphant dawn of a glorious immortality was then gleaming upon him. This statement ought to fall on their stricken hearts like an Elijah's mantle which fell from the boy's shoulders, while in his chariot of triumph victory was being swept from earth to the realm of eternal day. In God's arms at Old Bear Creek, hallowed by a thousand memories pure and holy, we buried this affectionate boy. Across the shadowy vale of tears we wave a long and tender farewell. J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

CHRISTIAN.—Mrs. Emma Christian (nee Jones) was born in Collinsville, Texas, August 3, 1865; died at her home in Lorena, Texas, November 6, 1894; converted at her death, and up to her death led a faithful, consecrated Christian life, graduated with honors at Sam Houston Normal in 1886. She was an untiring student, and took part rank as an instructor. For five years she was a teacher in the Collinsville Academy, and her work here can not be forgotten. In her Christian duties she was also faithful, being a zealous worker in the Sunday-school, Church and Missionary Society. Her chapter held memorial service in her honor, and the fond love for her could be seen by the many tear-stained cheeks that listened so attentively to the service. Resolutions were read and adopted by the society. The shadow of a great grief has fallen athwart our pathway. The reaper, death, with keen and unflinching sickle, has once more entered the Church of God and gathered to the Father our friend and loved one in the morning of life, when the shadows were falling nearest the pathway, when life was most desirable and life's work most useful. We can not or would not bring you back, but we can go to you. J. Q. ADAMSON.

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DANIEL.—We are pained beyond measure to chronicle the death of Sister Fannie E. Daniel, wife of Rev. M. F. Daniel, of the Texas Conference, which occurred last Saturday morning, December 8, 1894, at the parsonage in Hockley, Texas. Sister Daniel was born in Chambers County, Ala., December 2, 1817; professed religion and united with the Church in her fourteenth year; was married to Rev. M. F. Daniel October 13, 1832; came to Texas in 1838, and went very cheerfully with her husband to Hockley Circuit, and thence to her home and reward as recorded above. She was a model preacher's wife, sharing the sacrifices and toils of his work, entering with loving energy into any enterprise for the advancement of the Master's kingdom. At the fourth quarterly Conference she expressed the wish to go wherever they could be the most useful in the Master's service. She was the mother of nine children. Six of them preceded her to heaven. Her husband, three children, an aged mother and one sister are left to mourn their loss. A good woman, an active Christian, an affectionate wife and devoted mother, she left us. But we weep not as those who have no hope. Our loss is her eternal gain. Let the Church pray for her stricken husband and dear little children. A FRIEND.

WOODS.—The subject of this sketch, James W. Woods, was born in Pearlsburg, Giles County, Va., September 29, 1818; came to Texas in December, 1870; was happily married to Miss Philo Fulgham December 16, 1873, and died at his home in Seguin, Texas, October 7, 1894. Bro. Woods was a good man. He was a Christian everywhere he professed religion early in life and joined the Methodist Church, of which he remained a most exemplary member while he lived. He was a loving husband, a fond father and a friend to all. As a steward I have known but few men whom I considered his equal—just such an one as the preacher learns to love like a brother. He loved the Sunday-school, and was serving it as Secretary when called to answer the roll in heaven. "Twas truly a touching scene to see the Sunday-school gather around and shed tears wrung from really bereaved hearts over his dead body. It was my privilege to be with him much during his last illness, and he assured me that the way was clear. His only dread was to leave his precious wife and seven children to battle with the world for bread. He has gone, but they are not alone. His God is their God, and will not fail to answer the widow's prayer and answer the orphan's cry. I have before me a letter from Sister Woods in which she says: "Of his life and character you have known enough. To my perhaps too partial mind he had no equal. Never once during the twenty-one years of our married life have I failed to be glad; ay, proud that I was his wife. How I am to live the long years that may be mine without him, I dare not think." Lean mightily upon the strong arm of the good Lord, dear sister, and he will sustain thee. J. T. STANLEY.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

A New Year's greeting to you, Mr. Editor, the Advocate staff, and its many readers! Let the year 1895 be crowned with greater success to our beloved Methodism in Texas and elsewhere than during any year previous. You are starting off splendidly in your editorial department, Mr. Editor, and I wish for you and the paper the greatest possible success. Your notices of our late Texas Conferences bristled with facts, figures and information. D. J. MARTIN.

To the Christian Advocate.

Happy New Year in the name of the Buckner Orphan Home, to whose reading rooms your regular visits are generously made.

R. C. BUCKNER.

JANUARY 1, 1895.

BRO. BROWNING QUESTIONS BRO. LLOYD.

Seeing your letter in the ADVOCATE of the 27th of December, relative to the resolutions passed at the Northwest Texas Conference causes me to ask the following questions for the benefit of many persons interested:

Can a traveling preacher attend the Waco Camp-meeting and work in the meeting for the sanctification of believers? Please answer through the TEXAS ADVOCATE. Your brother in Christ, F. J. BROWNING.

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A CARD.

Praise God, I am able and willing to assist any brother in a revival meeting who may need me at any time, as I have no pastoral charge for the ensuing conference year.

SAM'L MORRIS.

BRUCEVILLE, TEXAS, Dec. 28, 1894.

A CARD.

Allow me, with sincerity and heartfelt gratitude, to return my warmest thanks to Mrs. A. R. Black, of Blackville, for the presents presented by her to baby and I, fitting us up for our new home. MRS. G. R. HUGHES.

ATKINSON, TEXAS.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

I have appointed the following Committees of Examination for the next District Conference:

For License to Preach—J. L. Massey, G. E. Clothier and J. L. Pritchett. For Deacons' Orders—J. W. T. McDonald, B. J. Gages, W. L. Dean. For Elders' Orders—J. M. Wesson, G. W. Briggs, D. J. McDonald.

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A NOTE FROM DR. STEEL ABOUT TAYLOR.

I like to stir things up. I always did. When I was a boy I used to go into the lot where an innocent calf was lying down quietly, poke him up, fasten a trace-chain around his body, and laugh until I cried to see him kick and bellow and caper in frantic effort to free himself. It beat a circus. I have slipped a shingle under my jacket for the critics to whack away at while I go ahead with my work, and have no idea of running around to deny all that may be said about me in the papers. If my rollicking pen ever wounds a friend or misrepresents a people, I allow no man to surpass me in readiness to correct the wrong.

The card in your issue of December 20th, signed "S. B. W.," surprised me. I had no idea of writing unkindly of the clever people of Taylor. They certainly treated me with a generous courtesy that entitled them to any other sort of return. Bro. Smith was hospitality itself while I was with him. What I said about his dividing his salary with the clown, etc., was all in good humor—a dig at those shabby Methodists who, not alone in Texas, but everywhere, can't pay their quarters, but can go to a circus. I was told that the Campbellites are the leading denomination in Taylor, and no one will deny the devil has a large following. I expressed the hope that the Campbellites would drive him out of town. But if, in any of my statements, I was misinformed, I am glad to be corrected. My "olive" was in splendid order all the time I was in Texas. I began to think I might agree with it permanently—especially in some of the "good places" I saw. I sincerely apologize for the offense I have given, and beg the pardon of the good people of Taylor. I am glad the Era goes there; glad to report orders from all over Texas for the lively little organ of the Epworth League. We lacked just 200 of having 5000 subscribers at Christmas. Tell Taylor to take a hundred Eras, and help us to make 10,000 by May. I want them to "cheap coats of fire" on my head in that way, and then I won't be naughty any more. S. A. STEEL.

Dyspepsia seldom causes death, but permits its victims to live on in misery. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia and all stomach troubles.

Houston Notes.

I am glad to greet you as the editor of our Advocate. In fact, I feel a personal pride in your elevation to the tripod. In the fall of 1870, at Athens, Ga., we were admitted into the North Georgia Conference. Bishop Wightman presided. As far as I have kept up with our old class the boys have done very well. Lovejoy is a leading member of the old conference; Wardsworth, now with Bishop Galloway, is well known for his ability and success; Hamond is the honored President of Central College in Missouri; Christian is a good workman in California; you are in charge of the leading paper among our family of Advocates, and the rest of us are plodding along and doing the best we can for God and humanity. When we first met, we were boys and knew not what awaited us, but what changes have twenty-four years wrought! If we could all meet and compare notes, I guess our experiences would prove mutually interesting.

Our work in Houston is making good progress. It is keeping pace with the progress of the city. During the year we have had 107 accessions to the membership of Shearn Church. We have greatly enlarged, renovated and beautified our house of worship. I doubt if you can find a more elegant auditorium in the State. It will seat 800 comfortably, and we can put 300 chairs in addition when necessary. The Church collected from all sources and for all purposes during the year something over \$14,000. In addition to this one of our members, who died some months ago—Mrs. Minnie Winch—bequeathed through our Church \$1000 for foreign and domestic missionary purposes. Our congregation is large and interesting, and it is wide-awake. It pays \$600 a year to the support of a mission pastor, and \$500 a year to a lady missionary who works under the auspices of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

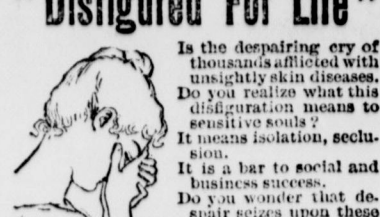
Our other Churches in the city are in good shape. They all have new men this year and we have a new presiding elder. Rev. Seth Ward is a fine man for the district. He is young, vigorous, painstaking and capable. Rev. C. M. Keith is at Washington Street. He is a good pastor, genial and warm-hearted. His people are in good spirits. Rev. E. L. Shettles is at McKee Street. His field is promising. Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss is at the Tabernacle Church. He is active and devoted. Rev. C. A. Hooper heads the City Mission. He is full of energy and alive to the interests of Methodism. All of these brethren are good preachers and large results are expected from their labors.

Our resources in this city are large and growing. We have some 1500 members, some 1200 children in our Sunday-schools and nearly \$100,000 of Church property. We ought to do great things of God and his Church. G. C. RANKIN.

ONCE MORE.

I am receiving some responses to my appeal for a Christmas offering to help the Orphanage over an emergency. Ten days yet remain; one week after this is in the hands of our preachers. I call attention to the fourteenth article of our constitution approved by all the conferences: "In the establishment and maintenance of the Orphanage, the Directors and Business Manager shall have no right or authority to involve the Church or patronizing conferences in any debt or financial obligation." How are

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we go forward? It certainly is evident to all that something must be done at once. We think our request for a Christmas offering not only reasonable but very appropriate. Every pastor that has complied with it that I have heard from, has raised more than the amount necessary from his charge. Take an illustration:

DEAR BRO.—I enclose you \$25.05

A Christmas gift from Carlton Church. My people have not made corn for home consumption in two years.

J. B. ELDER, P. C.

I have written to children that ought to be in the Home to wait. I am in trouble; I must have help. God help you to hear this cry now.

I want to write opposite the name of every pastoral charge in Texas, the receipt of something, and then I will pay the balance.

Please all who owe anything on subscription and can possibly pay, do so now.

Any and all help will be doubly helpful at this time.

W. H. VAUGHAN.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 31, 1894.

COTTOLENE AS A TRADE-MARK.

From the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter.

An important and interesting trademark suit, which has been before the courts for some time, has recently reached a decision in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Townsend presiding. The decision has a wide application, and contains numerous interesting references, with a full presentation of the law as applied to trademarks.

An injunction was granted against the infringement of a trademark "Cottolene" by the use of the word "Cottolene".

The complainant began the manufacture of the article and devised and registered the word "Cottolene" as a trademark in 1887. It retained a large and increasing business. In May, 1892, its sales amounted to a million pounds a month.

"Cottolene" is a substitute for lard. It is composed of cotton-seed oil and the product of beef fat. Beef fat or tallow, under heat and pressure, yields two products, oleo-stearine and oleo-margarine. The former is a solid, and is used in making a substitute for lard. The latter is more nearly a liquid, and is used in making a substitute for butter.

It seems to be the law that when manufacturers have educated the public to ask for a certain article by its trademark name, they have acquired the right to insist that products manufactured by others shall not be given to the public under that name. It is just that it should be so, for the benefit derived from such name can only be obtained by faithful service in furnishing articles of recognized value. Moreover, if the trademark name might be adopted by others, inferior articles might then be produced and sold under it; and thereby the value to manufacturers of the reputation of the name used by them as a trademark would be destroyed.

There will be the usual decree for an injunction and an accounting.

NOTICE.

The pastors of those Churches helped at the last conference by the Church Extension Board should write to F. M. Bishop, Deport, Texas (the present Secretary of the board), for a blank to fill, so as to be able to draw their money. E. C. DEJERRETT.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

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OF THE

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JOHN BOYD THACHER, Chairman of the Executive Committee on Awards at the Columbian Exposition, writing from Washington, D. C., to the Price Baking Powder Company, says:

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On the other hand the claims to awards at the Fair by a New York Baking Powder are proven wholly false. Official records show it was not even an exhibitor. Was it because it contained Ammonia?

A REVIVAL IN CUERO.

We have just closed a very successful meeting at this place. Rev. I. P. Lowery was invited to hold a series of services at our church. I began on Sunday, November 25, and Bro. Lowery arrived on Tuesday following. The meeting closed with the evening service on Sunday, December 16. We had during the meeting 12 accessions by letter, some of which amounted to recommitments. Also 31 added by ritual; 12 of these last were baptized at the altar at the time of reception.

There was a profound religious feeling pervading our community at the close of the meeting. It began with the first service and steadily increased during the continuance of the meeting. There were no expedients used to draw a crowd. The preacher relied upon a plain, strong presentation of the gospel truths and prayer for his success. While he is wonderfully fertile in expedients to lead the people to act, he is wholly free from mere manipulations that look to the excitement of popular interest in the proceedings. In fact, his modes present a favorable contrast to many of the professional revivalists.

Bro. Lowery impresses his hearers that this is seeking to induce them to become genuine Christians. He gets the Church to work and puts the young convert to work at once. While we have a valuable increase in membership, yet I think the consecration of the old members of the Church is really the more valuable result of his ministry. The Church has put on new life and become efficient for good.

I am grateful to God for the great good that has been wrought in our Church and community. Any preacher who wishes a host of religion in his Church and not merely a big excitement, may safely invite that consecrated man of God to his assistance.

MORRIS EVANS.

CUERO, TEXAS, December 19, 1894.

THE DO-WITHOUT WEEK.

The Do-Without-Week, appointed by the Board of Missions, is close at hand. It embraces February 4-10, unless otherwise ordered by your Annual Conference. If the preachers, superintendents, and Epworth League leaders will impress it upon the minds of our people, we may and will have thousands of dollars brought into our missionary treasury (a thing so necessary just now) and the Church also have a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Yours in the work, H. C. MORRISON.

W. R. LAMBUTH.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

WEEK OF PRAYER OF THE WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

As inadvertently the Board of Missions and the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society selected the same time, viz., the second week in February, as the time for their anniversary exercises, it has been deemed wise by the latter to change the time of their annual services to the corresponding days in March, viz., 6-10. Each auxiliary is requested to observe this special season of prayer to secure, if possible, a sermon on home missions for Sabbath morning, March 10, and an open meeting of the society for the latter service. Copies of the program for the latter can be secured by writing to the General Secretary.

By order of the Central Committee.

MRS. NATHAN SCARRITT,

General Secretary.

The family physician, Mrs. Helen R. Shalps, 220 Walnut St., Reading, Pa., states: "We always use Sarsaparilla for what it is recommended in place of a physician. It never fails."

A NOTE FROM OKLAHOMA.

I reached Little River Circuit on December 3, and began work immediately. I find I have quite a task before me. I have seven appointments, preaching about twelve times a month. I find the people very sociable and a goodly number of staunch Methodists. We have no churches but worship in school-houses. We have large and attentive congregations. We have missed the ADVOCATE since we left Gainesville and send our dollar with the request that the ADVOCATE be sent to Norman. Your brother in Christ, JAS. WM. SCOTT.

NORMAN, OK. TER.

WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women's faces—like flowers, fade and wither with time; the healthy woman's cheeks. The nervous strain caused by the ailments and pains peculiar to the sex, and the labor and traced to the lines in the woman's face. Dull eyes, the sorrow or wrinkled face and those "feelings of weakness," have their rise in the derangements and irregularities peculiar to women. Health, wealth and beauty, and the secret of many a woman's fresh face and blooming cheeks, with strength regained, is the change wrought by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. The functional derangements, painful disorders and chronic weaknesses of women, are cured with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. For the young girl just entering womanhood, for the mother and those about to become mothers, and later in the change of life, the "Prescription" is just what they need; it aids nature in preparing the system for the change. It is a medicine prescribed for thirty years, in the diseases of women, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, Chief Consulting Physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will cure the chronic inflammation of the lining membranes which cause such exhausting drains upon the system. It carries nervous prostration, sleeplessness, faintness, nervous debility and all disorders arising from derangements of the female organs and functions.

Wives expecting to become mothers, should know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, taken during the period of gestation, robs childbirth of its tortures and terrors, as well as of its dangers to both mother and child; by aiding nature in preparing the system for delivery. Thenceby "labor" and the period of confinement are greatly shortened. It also promotes the secretion of an abundance of nourishment for the child, if taken after confinement, besides building up the mother's strength.

Dyspepsia and "Female Weakness."

MRS. ANNE HUTCHINGS, of Cambridge, Duxbury Co., Mass., writes: "My sufferings before I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, I could not describe. I was across the room without great suffering, but I was unable to do my own work, thanks to your wonderful medicine. I am a weak woman. I suffered all the time with dyspepsia, and the most severe bottom of my stomach, low down, across me, with every step I attempted to take. I felt as if I could not turn myself in bed. My complexion was yellow, my eyes bloodshot, and my whole system was a complete wreck. I suffered greatly from headache and the thought of food would sicken me. Now I can eat anything, and at anytime. My friends are all surprised at the great change in me. Every one thought I would not live through the month of August. Two of my neighbors, seeing my condition, and say they feel like new beings."

MRS. HUTCHINGS.

"Worst Kind of Female Trouble."

MRS. ELIZABETH PETTIT, of Edenville, Duxbury Co., Mass., writes: "When I wrote you last Spring, I was in a very bad condition, and I had little for life, but after taking ten bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery'—five of each—I feel well, and I am again working living. My case was a female trouble of the worst kind, and of long standing. I suffered greatly from pain in my back and head, and I could not sleep; had much palpitation of heart, and a constant, distressing drain upon the system, caused by internal inflammation and ulceration. After the use of Favorite Prescription, I could sleep all night like a young person."

MRS. PETTIT.

Congestion, Ulceration,

AND CONSEQUENT DRAIN UPON SYSTEM.

Miss MARY J. BELL, of Westbury, Compton Co., Que., Canada, writes: "I have done me. I was so reduced in flesh and strength, I had been suffering with congestion and ulceration, and that terribly distressing and debilitating drain upon the system caused thereby, also from kidney trouble for four months, and could get no relief from my physicians; but after taking Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' I began to gain strength almost immediately, so I could be around a great deal longer at a time. After a course of six months' treatment, those agonizing and dreadful symptoms entirely left me."

MRS. BELL.

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MRS. J. N. LATHAM, of Glade Run, Butler County, Pa., writes as follows: "I have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription with the greatest benefit for myself and family. I also Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which has cured me. My son was taken with a bad cough, and kidney trouble, and it completely cured him. We could not get along without Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets in the house."

MRS. LATHAM.

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