The Texas Christian Advocate.

SUBSCRIPTION, PER ANNUM, $2.00. OFFICIAL ORGAN OF ALL THE TEXAS AND THE NEW MEXICO CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH. TO PREACHERS, $1.00.

VOL. XL. DALLAS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1893. NO. 17.

Texas Christian Advocate.

L. BLAYLOCK, - - - - Publisher

Office of Publication — Western Newspaper Union Building, corner Ervay and Jackson Streets.

Published Every Thursday at Dallas, Tex

Entered at the Postoffice at Dallas, Texas, as Second-Class Mail Matter.

JAS. CAMPBELL, - - - Editor
JAS. W. HILL, - - Assistant Editor

SUBSCRIPTION—IN ADVANCE.

One Year	$2 00
Six Months	1 00
Three Months	50
To Preachers (half price)	1 00

All remittances should be made by draft, postal money order, or express money order, express or registered letters. Money forwarded in any other way is at the sender's risk. Make all money orders drafts, etc., payable to L. BLAYLOCK, Dallas, Texas.

Editorial.

IN 1894.

Before the next issue of the ADVOCATE falls from the press the ghost of 1893 will have gone shivering into the past, and the new year, 1894, will have been ushered in to take its place. The fortunes and failures, the joys and sorsows, the merits and demerits of the departed year will have been placed on file in the recording angel's office; but their impression and influence upon human heart and destiny will survive the wreck of every earthly thing and tone and color the life that is to come. The tree of to-day roots itself in the ground of yesterday and casts its fruit upon to-morrow's soil, and every word and deed of years gone by will project themselves upon the years to come. An unbroken chain—to change the figure—binds two eternities, past and future, and every link in that long stretch is forged and fixed by the passing hour.

These facts alarm us, for we have sinned! A retrospect shows us many failures, and an introspect reveals an imperfect faith! The road over which we have passed is strewn on either side with the wreck and ruin of many resolutions. Ignorance has misled us, selfishness has blinded us, and passion, "laying the rein on the neck of lust," has hurried us on to mad extremes which hurt our hearts as we reflect upon them. "These things are grievous unto us."

What, then, shall we do? The same malignant foes are marshalled on the field, the same temptations wait along our path, and bootless is the effort of any human help to give us victory in 1894!

This, then, will we do: We will fly to God, and in his strength and by his grace resume our journey toward the better land. And God has promised help. His grace will be "sufficient." He knows our frame—"he remembereth that we are dust"—and "as a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." No shining seraph on the plains of heaven; no plumed arch-angel sitting at the feet of God can stir to sympathy our Father's heart like the cries of his earth-born children, stumbling along the stony path of life.

Let us, then, look up, and enter upon the new year with new hope. Let past experience teach us wisdom, and as the coming days go by, let's live for each as we will wish we had when time shall cease and all the years shall merge into eternity.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

In our first January issue we will publish the comments upon two of the International Sunday-school Lessons in order to get one week ahead, and after that we will furnish the one lesson a week, seven days in advance. We do this in order that the remotest subscriber may get the benefit of the lesson comment before the day upon which it is recited. The comments as furnished by Rev. I. W. Clark, of Paris, Texas, are very acceptable to the Sunday-school workers who read the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, as numerous letters received at this office will attest; and we are glad to be able to promise our readers the benefit of this strong man's thought for the coming year of 1894.

THE "BELOVED'S" PRO RATA

It is an old saying that no man does harder work and gets less pay accordingly than the presiding elder. There is, however, in these latter years improvement in the amount paid this indispensable officer in the itinerant system. This is gratifying. It is as it should be. The strongest and best men we have should be put in this office. The best preacher, the best pastor and the best business man can find ample room in it for the exercise of all his gifts. The office needs just such a man.

The wise pastor will know these things and use his "elder" accordingly. The unwise pastor will consider his presiding elder a rival and unnecessary burden on his charge. He may be foolish enough even to suppose that the "beloved's" pro rata share of amount collected for ministerial support is just so much taken from his own salary and out of his own pocket. No greater mistake could be made, provided he has a presiding elder, not in name only, but in fact.

This article is suggested by a card from a preacher in charge, who complains of the Disciplinary method of collecting the elder's salary. We think it would be difficult to improve the law at that point, and it has operated so well in the past that there is but little likelihood that the General Conference will make any change.

There may be exceptional cases where wise men may improve on the letter of the law without violence to the spirit. We have known preachers to see to it that the presiding elder's salary be paid in full at each quarter even though their own fall behind. This would put the presiding elder free to give the more diligence to help them in a financial way. Whether this be done or not, the pastor should see to it that his presiding elder's full pro rata is on hand at the Quarterly Conference.

The pastor of a district is largely responsible for the financial success of each pastoral charge, and if he does not feel so he is unworthy the office he fills.

The preacher stands in his own light who encourages his stewards and people to regard the presiding elder's pro rata as an unjust subtraction from his own salary.

METHODISM IN TEXAS.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that over one-tenth of the members of the M. E. Church, South, live in Texas. The statistics of the five Texas Conferences just held show a membership of 178,909, to say nothing of those members in the bounds of the Mexican Border, New Mexico and German Mission Conferences who live within the bounds of the State.

The Church in the five conferences owns 1180 churches, valued at $1,684,723; 462 parsonages, valued at $389,903, with other Church property worth $396,753, making the total value of Church property, $2,471,379. The sum of $28,078 was paid for foreign missions, and $18,312 for domestic missions. The conference claimants received $18,564. The salaries of the presiding elders aggregated $41,981, and $298,855 were paid for pastoral support. There was paid into the Bishops' fund $2239, and for delegates to the General Conference $1475. The whole amount collected for church extension foots up $7680, while $5392 were paid for education. Church and parsonage building and repairing has gone steadily forward, $220,707 being raised and expended in that direction, and $307,366 for "other objects."

The minutes show a total of Sunday-schools numbering 1314, with 74,136 scholars. The sum of $1211 was raised for missions in Sunday-schools, $24,494 for local Sunday-school work, and $778 collected on Children's Day. For other objects collected in Sunday-schools the reports show $3563, making a total collected in and for Sunday-schools of $33,046.

A comparison of these tables with those of last year shows an increase in round numbers of about 22,000 members, while the financial exhibit, notwithstanding the panic in the monetary world, shows, in the aggregate, a healthy advance. There is one item in the foregoing statement that causes us to pause and reflect seriously. With a membership of 178,909, we have only 74,136 scholars in Sunday-school. This proportion is alarming. Where are the children of the Church? We need to wake up on this Sunday-school question, and carry out the direction of our Discipline, that where as many as ten children can be gotten together they shall be organized into a Sunday-school. If this were faithfully observed, 50,000 would doubtless be added to our list of scholars in the next twelve months.

The above facts and figures ought to make at least two impressions upon the mind of every Methodist reader: 1. That Methodism in Texas is a big thing; and 2, that with such an opportunity to do good and take the State for Christ, our responsibilities correspond with the wealth of our resources. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad;" but let us be careful lest, after due trial, a failure upon our part to prudently trade with the Lord's money may cause him to take the kingdom from us and give it to those who will bring forth the fruits thereof. God has blessed the work of Methodism, not for its own sake, nor for the sake of its illustrious founder, but because he could use it to save men; and when it ceases to do that for which he raised it up, he will remove its candlestick out of its place; he will put his power and blessing upon another people and leave us where he left the Church of England when he thrust out the Wesleys to raise a holy people!

IT IS A SHAME

The attention of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is hereby called to the fact that there are horses and mules being worked and driven in this city that are hardly able to place one foot before the other. They are nothing but skin and bones, and yet are forced at the end of the lash to draw as much as they can move. They ought to be looked after, and their owners should be made to either give them better care or cease to torture them by urging the poor dumb things to go beyond their strength.

SEND THEM A PRESENT.

Rev. J. Benson Hamilton, in a letter to the Peninsula Methodist, entitled "The Forgotten Minister," puts in a plea that holds good as well on New Year's Day as on Christmas. We copy a part of it and hope that the reader will take Bro. Hamilton's suggestion and gladden the hearts of those who care more for the expression of remembrance than for any gift, however valuable:

There is but one forgotten minister. He is the wornout minister. Once he was active, vigorous, faithful, heroic. The hard, poorly paid work of his life created the Church whose blessings we enjoy. His service is too often but a vague memory. He, himself, is too often but a misty personage of a half-remembered dream. Every pastor will receive a hearty Christmas greeting. I trust he will receive a loving Christmas gift. How few of the superannuated ministers, or widows of deceased ministers, will have a place in our Christmas festivities as they once had. Dear readers of the Peninsula Methodist, while your hearts are mellow and warm with the emotions of the happy holiday time will you not remember the forgotten minister? Go to your pastor and ask him for the name and address of a conference claimant. Write a Christmas letter and send a Christmas gift, a Christmas card, a magazine, a book or what would be better, a little piece of paper called a one dollar bill or a two dollar bill. Enclose a 2 cent stamp for a reply. You will receive in return a Christmas letter which will give your heart a thrill whose warmth will bless and comfort you all the coming year.

MAYOR CONNOR, of this city, issued a proclamation against the explosion of fire-works in the public streets and parks of the city. Persons lighting fire-works on their own property, which are exploded in public places, will come within the meaning of the proclamation. This is well. These fire-works have not only proved a great nuisance in the past, but have caused fires, destroying property and the runaway of horses which has jeopardized and in some cases destroyed life. We are sorry to be compelled to add, however, that the boys paid no attention to it. The young American in this, as in many other instances, was entirely too big for the law.

OWING to the holidays and a desire upon the part of the employes in this office to "take a little Christmas," we issue only a half sheet this week.

PERSONALS.

—The address of Rev. I. A. Thomas is Fate, Rockwall County, Texas.

—The postoffice address of Rev. R. M. Morris is Hale Center, Hale County, Texas.

—The Rev. John L. Williams writes: We have begun in great earnestness our work in North Beaumont and Sabine Pass. We expect the very best year. "Oh, God, baptize the people with the Holy Ghost!" Our motto is to "Go forward and never fear."

—The Rev. Horace Bishop, of Corsicana, made us a visit a few days past and had the office to himself all alone. We trust he enjoyed his company and had a pleasant time. We regret, however, that we were not present to share it with him. Call again, Bro. B., and we will try to divide time with you.

—Cards are out for the marriage of Rev. Lewis Barton, of the North Texas Conference, to Miss Maud Estelle, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Spaulding, of Kingston, Texas, December 28, in the Methodist Church at that place. Lewis is a fine boy, and we wish him and his fair young bride long life and much joy.

—Kaufman County Herald: Rev. J. A. Kerr and family, Kemp's new Methodist preacher, arrived in Kemp Tuesday night. They were met at the depot by a committee and escorted to the parsonage, where the ladies had prepared for them a sumptuous supper, and on the following evening they were given a royal pounding.

CORRECTION.

In the report of the East Texas Conference we said Ellis Smith was located at his own request. The name should have been L. F. Smith. Ellis did not locate.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.



Topics for Prayer-Meeting.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 31.

The Final Account.—Matt. 25:31-46.

It is a singular fact that while a man is "justified by faith from sins that are past," in the end of his probation he is "rewarded according to his works." To this our Discipline also bears testimony when it declares that works are the fruits of faith, carrying out the idea of St. James that "by works is faith made perfect."

There are two extreme views of what a man must do to inherit eternal life. One class holds that faith without works is sufficient, and they take the position that a man can possess faith and do nothing. Indeed that false idea is carried so far that it is asserted that men may absolutely do evil and yet on account of their faith(!) be saved at last! A preacher said in the city of Paris, Texas, a few years since, that were he to die with a lie in his mouth he would go right straight to heaven." Such an abominable view of the ground of pardon as this is calculated to make more infidels than all the Ingersolls on the face of the earth. Indeed it was this doctrine which had been preached to him in his childhood that first caused him to doubt the divine authority of the Scriptures. His father was a Calvinistic preacher, and of course young Bob believed his father's interpretation of the Bible to be the true one, and his sense of right and justice rebelled at the idea of infant damnation on one hand and the salvation of impenitent liars and lechers on the other. It is a horrible doctrine.

On the other hand, there are those who teach that salvation is by works alone; and what they mean by works is the submission to certain ordinances, as baptism, or the saying of a certain number of prayers, etc.

But the Scriptures plainly teach that Jesus Christ is the only name given among men whereby we can be saved, and that all we do aside from him and without reference to him is as filthy rags in the sight of God. Even when we do what he has commanded we have only done what we ought to have done—there is no merit in it except that plaudit of "Well done, good and faithful servant," which he shall pronounce. And upon whom does he pronounce that? Who are commended and invited to inherit the kingdom? Those who have been baptized or those who have said so many prayers or gone on such and such a pilgrimage? Nay; but those who have "fed the hungry, clothed the naked," etc. These are commended because in doing these things in his name to others they have done them unto him.

The poor, some one has said, are God's tax-gatherers. Let every man pay his tribute.

NOTES.

There was organized on the 10th, by Bro. J. W. Gibbens, our pastor, an Epworth League consisting of thirty-five members. Officers were elected as follows: President, C. G. Jarvis; Vice-Presidents, Chas. Dulaney, J. G. Hughes and Mrs. Lula Carlisle; Secretary, R. L. Carlisle; Treasurer, T. I. Garrison. We hope to make a grand success. Everything seems to be very full of promise. There were three conversions and one accession to the M. E. Church, South. This is Bro. Gibbens' second appointment at this place.

R. L. CARLISLE,
Secretary.

LEAKEY, TEXAS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Prepared by Rev. I. W. Clark, A. M., Greenville, Texas.)

FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON XIV.—DECEMBER 31.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen* —Rev. 22:21.

This closes a very interesting and instructive quarter, and with it closes the year. We began the quarter with Romans 1:8-17, in which we saw something of the zeal of Paul and his faith in the power of the gospel which he preached. The preacher must manifest his own faith in the gospel, for here we find the wisdom of a living ministry. We preach that perfect love casteth out fear, but, if we manifest a want of faith by our actions, the people will not believe our words. It is such heroism as Paul manifested in his every-day life that drives conviction to the hearts of men: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." He stands before Kings and rulers; he confronts the raging mob; he proclaims Jesus and the resurrection in the face of impending dangers, knowing that this same Jesus whom he preaches is able to deliver him from all his enemies.

He shows us that the law condemns and kills us, but that grace saves us, and writes the law in our hearts and makes it possible for us to keep the law which we could not do without the grace of God. "The righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets." Ever since the fall of man God had been developing the plan of redemption. He had been working through the conscience of the Gentiles and natural law, and at the same time he had been teaching the world through the Jews by revelations in signs and symbols, by the prophets and patriarchs, through sufferings and trials, until, in the fulness of time, the Savior of the world, in his own person, appeared, fulfilling all the types of the Jews, and, at the same time, filling the void in the hearts of the Gentiles.

The great doctrine of justification by faith filled the mind and heart of Paul. He felt that he must carry the joyful news to every heart, and to accomplish this he counted his life not dear. Bonds and imprisonment could not deter him; he smiled at the raging mob, and counted himself happy to enjoy the privilege of preaching salvation. He gathered new inspiration from the very bonds, "knowing that tribulations worketh patience, and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." This love of God was the object and aim of his life, and everything, by God's grace, was made to contribute to its attainments.

Paul commends the love of God in the fact that while we were sinners Christ died for us. Sinners are apt to think that God hates them, but Paul proves that God loves all men, and in the death and sufferings of his Son we have the demonstration that he wills not the death of any man, but would that all men would come unto him and have life.

Paul teaches that men should be entirely consecrated to God. We are not to "be overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." The very sacrifices we make for Christ's sake will put the world to confusion and establish the truth of our faith in God.

When matter moves we know there is an unseen force that moves it, and the *kind* of motion leads to an understanding of the kind of force. Laws of unseen forces are learned by observing the motions of matter under the influence of secret life, so when the world sees men act contrary to the motions of sin, and in conformity to the teachings of a revealed gospel, overcoming opposing elements, and going contrary to the natural and depraved appetites and affections, they confess that there is power in this faith.

Love must flow out in all our words and actions, thus fulfilling the whole law towards God and man. We must be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

All who see these fruits of justification will be constrained to believe there is truth in its comforting and saving power.

Paul writes to the Corinthians to correct their troubles. The little Church in the heart of a godless city of 400,000 people was struggling against Judaism on the one hand, and Gentile superstition and heathen philosophy on the other. Paul solves the whole question with love.

If the Jew will love his Gentile brother and the Gentile will love his Jewish brother, there will of necessity follow a mutual forbearance, and an humbleness of mind that will remove all trouble from the Church. Faith in God as supreme will settle the idol question, for he shows them there is but one God, and, consequently, the idol is nothing and can profit them nothing.

Paul shows us conclusively that if we do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, all our religion is vain. Those who have experienced regeneration have the evidence of the resurrection in their consciousness. Christ taught this doctrine and its fruits, and if we experience both, we have proven that Christ is God, for no other person could do this mighty work of regeneration, or could understand the wants of our fallen nature so as to point out the remedy whose efficacy is proven in our experience. If he be God, as Paul proves by his and their experience, he can not fail to rise from the dead. But this work was wrought in their hearts after Christ's death, and this proves the presence of the Comforter to be sent after the resurrection.

Men love money; their wants and the appetites of the body make them naturally selfish. Paul tells them that they must contribute to the necessity of the saints. Here, again, we have a test of discipleship. When men become liberal in their benefactions to the poor where no hope of revenue can come back to them, it is proof of a genuine love for humanity. The poor are a means of grace to the Church, and no Church will prosper spiritually that does not care for its poor. These poor, in their afflictions, are often landmarks of piety, and many an obscure Christian has, by patient endurance, brought hard men to Christ.

We often pray for the poor and fail to give of our substance to feed and clothe them. Such religion is solemn mockery, and the world will not be slow to observe the emptiness of such professions.

We are to "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Created, not developed, the image of God in the heart. We are new creatures, and must act differently from worldly men. We are guided by a new life force, and the result is our actions must indicate this change in the unseen force. Before this change, men sinned when they became angry, they stole, and cheated and lived, but now these things will not harmonize with this new state. This new life has no legitimate actions like these; it is known by love, gentleness, patience, etc.

The family circle must not be neglected. Here began the Church, and here begins all good or bad lives. The example of father and mother ends either in heaven or hell.

The bias for or against any principle sown in childhood can be counteracted only by the most powerful agencies. Families who have no home piety are like a ship at sea without either chart or compass. Parents who profess to be religious and live inconsistent lives before their children, are a contradiction to truth and are living a lie, thus forcing their children into a rejection of the Gospel.

We are taught by St. James that faith works with our works and "by works is faith made perfect." "As the body without the soul is dead, so faith without works is dead also." We are to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

This all harmonizes with Paul's gospel, where he exhorts the Churches to gifts of charity, to humbleness of mind, faithfulness in the household, abstinence from evil of all kinds, given to hospitality, etc.

God recognizes our moral agency in all things, and he does for us only that which we cannot do. If we pray for anything, God *helps us* to obtain that thing. If we pray for the conversion of a sinner, we must know that God wants us as an instrument through which he will convict and convert that sinner. There is no growth in grace without good works.

As the scaffolding enables the carpenter to get up to his work on the walls and roof of the building, so works form scaffolding by which faith climbs to perfection.

Peter chimes in with the same gospel of faith. Election is by faith, and the trial of faith is only another expression for the good works of St. James.

We are permitted to look through the drawn curtains from the Isle of Patmos at some wonderful things beyond the cold river, and visions of our glorified Lord pass before us.

We look on the scene and bow our heads to the earth in conscious unworthiness of the kinship we bear, but in profound gratitude for his grace and mercy.

We close with the birth of our Lord, attended with miraculous deliverances and wonderful attestations of his divinity.

The truths he is to proclaim are too high for human analysis, and, therefore, he must come with the authority of God, and men must believe because God has spoken. God's wisdom, as seen in the natural world, is beyond our comprehension, but is embraced by our faith, and in him is wisdom, and by him is grace.

OLD AND YOUNG.

THE DOOR TO OUR HOUSE.

There were idle thoughts came in at the door
And warmed their little toes,
And did more mischief about the house
Than any one living knows.

They scratched the tables and broke the chairs,
And soiled the floor and wall;
For a motto was written above the door,
"There's a welcome here for all."

When the master saw the mischief done,
He closed it with hope and fear,
And he wrote above it, "Let none
Save good thoughts enter here."

And the good little thoughts came trooping in
When he drove the others out;
They cleaned the walls and they swept the floor,
And sang as they moved about.

And last of all an angel came,
With wings and a shining face,
And above the door he wrote, "Here
Love has found a dwelling place."

—*Selected.*

THE DAY THAT WASN'T LONESOME.

Joanna and Jim sat on the front doorstep, their round chins resting in their fat little palms, their dimpled elbows on their knees.

They looked with squinted up eyes at that big traveler, the sun: he was only a few hours high, and they thought mournfully of the long, long time it would take for him to get round to his go-to-bed place, the ridge of Jump Mountain.

"Hello, Tom and Dick! what's happened at your house?" Old Dr. Thornton stopped his bay mare and his dusty rockaway in front of the children. He knew well enough their names were not Tom and Dick, but he was always pretending not to know.

"My name isn't Tom," insisted the little girl: "my name is Joanna, and"—

"Oho!" said the merry old doctor: "little gals have long curls—they do. You can't fool me, because I've vaccinated too many of 'em. But where's your mother John—anna?"

"Mothers's gone away to spring-clean for Mrs Haxall," said Joanna, dolefully: "She's got to, 'cause it's most time to buy another bag of flour."

"And some more 'lasses," prompted Jim; "and she won't be back til sundown."

"Poor babies!" said the good old doctor to himself: "that is hard on you, but it's a good deal harder on her. Here, you little colts, have you got any dinner?"

"Oh, yes, indeedy!" cried Joanna, looking more cheerful at the thought: "there's two big pieces of bread and 'lasses in the cupboard; but mother said we mustn't eat it till the sun shined in the kitchen window."

Well, here's a little picnic for you to eat right now," said the doctor; "and mind you have every crumb of it eaten up, and the napkin shaken out clean, before I come back. Do you hear?" He drew out a little covered basket from under his seat, and handed it down to the little people on the door-step.

It was the doctor's own dinner, which his wife had put up for him—a good dinner, I can tell you—chicken pie, and tongue, and buttered rolls, and hard-boiled eggs. She often made him promise not to give his dinner away; but, fortunately for Joanna and Jim, he hadn't promised this day.

"I'll be near Mr. Thomas Martin's about dinner time," said this good country doctor, as he touched up the bay mare and left the children speechless with surprise, "and I'll just stop and get a bite there. Poor lonesome little chicks! life's mighty hard on some folks."

Often and often during the day the doctor sighed to think of the two unprotected children on the lonesome country roadside. Sometimes there would be something in the corners of his eyes like teardrops, and the only thing that kept them from falling was the thought of how good Mother Thornton's chicken pie would taste to them.

When he asked for some dinner at Mr. Martin's and owned up where his had gone to, Mrs. Martin's motherly eyes could not hide her teardrops; and, when the doctor went to step in his buggy, there was a half-bushel basket on the seat beside him, for Joanna and Jim.

"Oh, look here now!" he cried pretending to grumble, but looking as pleased as anything. "Do you take me for a market-wagon?"

"You seem mighty fond of givin' away your own dinner, doctor," chuckled Mrs. Martin. "I want you to try how it feels to give away some of other folks's."

The bay mare must have wondered what put her master in such a hurry to get back over the road that day; she could not know how this kind old heart ached at the remembrance of Joanna and Jim, and the lonsome look in their eyes.

Up hill and down, at a good stiff trot, went the bay mare, until the doctor whoa-ed to her in front of the cottage door. There were no children in sight, but merry sounds came from the back yard; and there Dr. Thornton found the little forlornities he had been thinking about all day.

Sad? Lonely? Not a bit of it. For as soon as they had received such a fortune as the doctor's dinner-basket, they began at once to think of sharing it with somebody.

Now, their only neighbors were Dan Tinsley's children, poorer than themselves—oh, much poorer!—in that they had no mother, only a cross old woman who kept house for their drunken father.

They were not good children—poor things, how could they be? And Joanna's and Jim's mother was not anxious to have them about much.

"But mother would let us give them some of our goodies," argued Joanna, "'cause mother is always wishing she had something to give 'em."

So the three dirty, ragged Tinsleys were invited to the feast, and, when the doctor came for his basket, he thought he had never seen two happier little people than Joanna and Jim. They had not missed mother a bit, nor been lonesome nor down-hearted: they had divided out even all round the bread and 'lasses, too (when the sun got round to the kitchen window), and their little faces were fairly shining with the joy of hospitality.

"Well, well, well!" said the old doctor: "the next time I see anybody having the blues, Tom and Dick, I'll send 'em to you for a prescription. One ounce of dividing what you've got, with people who have less, dissolved in a whole day of spring sunshine, well shaken with romping—that's about it, hey?"

They had not the least idea what this queer old doctor meant, but they fell upon Mother Martin's big basket as if they knew well what that meant; and the tired sun got to the ridge of Jump Mountain before Joanna or Jim had spent a lonesome hour.—*Elizabeth Allan, in Sunday School Times.*

CORRECTION.

In my report of the German Mission Conference, which I jotted down from memory, I inadvertently omitted to mention the names of the delegates elected to the General Conference. They are the following: Clerical—W. A. Knolle; reserve—Jacob Kern. Lay—August Bering; alternate—Geo. Henrichsen. J. A. G. RABE.

A CARD OF THANKS.

To the Rev. J. A. White, who started the plan, to Kemp, Fate, Wills Point Circuit and Wills Point Station, I give thanks for the amounts sent me to indemnify me in the death of "Dan," who, after seven years' faithful service, fell on sleep and went to the country where the good horses go. Say to all my friends I am still confined to the house and yard, with hopes of getting well again. Have been able to ride to town a few times. God is with me.

GEORGE T. NICHOLS.

WELL PLEASED WITH THE PASTOR'S BOOK.

The Pastor's Book came safely to hand. I am well pleased with it. All of our preachers should have it, and if they once see it they will feel their need of it. W. A. S. CONRAD.

GRAVEL HILL, VA.

ANNA KATHERINE GREEN (Mrs. Charles Rohlf) is quoted as not liking the term "detective stories" applied to her writings, preferring the name, "law romances," which they are also called. "I can not write," she told an interviewer, recently, "before I have a motive sufficiently strong to move me, and I always have my plots well planned before I begin to write. Suggestions that are often made to me by both friends and strangers of incidents for use in my stories I rarely use. People make a great mistake in believing that I take my incidents from the daily papers. The truth is, that I dread to read the reports of accident and crime lest they unfit me for the day's duties. I can identify myself in imagination with anything, but for the actual I have a great aversion."

Texas Christian Advocate.

A DEFENDER OF ROMANISM REVIEWED.

An article under the caption of "The Other Side" appears in the last issue of the ADVOCATE which I must confess was a great surprise to me. I have received many complimentary notices of my articles from various sources, both written and verbal, from Methodists (notably ministers) and members of other denominations. It never occurred to me that any man claiming to be a Methodist would come forward as a champion for the Catholics. But such are the times upon which we have fallen. The writer takes me to task for saying what I never said. It is strange that he had my article on Catholicism, No. 15, before his eyes and could not see that the language he reputes to me was quoted by the Tennessee Methodist taken from the Loyal American of Minneapolis, and that it occurred in connection with a number of other quotations from different papers and writers. If my reviewer had really wanted to know the truth, and the whole truth, it would have been in order for him to have sent a copy of the communication from Philip Smith to the editor of the Loyal American, who is responsible for the statement that arms had been shipped to Bishop Spaulding at Peoria, Ill. I take it that the said editor had evidence which he considered conclusive or he would not have made the statement. The card of Mr. Smith as published in the ADVOCATE may be conclusive proof to the mind of Bro. Hollingsworth that Bishop Spaulding did not receive the arms as alleged. But to my mind the negation is far from being satisfactory. There are several things that I shall have to know before I can be convinced that the editor's allegation is untrue. But if in this particular instance the statement should prove to be unfounded, it does not follow that the Catholics are not arming. A number of other cases are cited above, and I could have given other alleged instances. I have nowhere in my series of articles said positively, on my own account, that the Catholics are arming. But from the evidences before me I believe it. I have argued and proven that Catholicism is always and everywhere the same. What they have done, they will do again under similar circumstances. They did secretly store arms in their church building in Mexico in time of peace; so when the revolution was brought on they were found ready with arms. This lead to the confiscation of their church property by the Government. And to this day, while they are allowed the use of some of *their* property, it is still owned by the Government.

Bro. Hollingsworth concludes his effusion with an exhortation to Methodists to attend to their own business. So far as I am concerned his exhortation is altogether gratuitous. In fact if I understand his logic it is about this: "I, R. B. Hollingsworth, wrote to the Custom House officer at Peoria, Ill., and received the reply herein contained from Philip Smith, Surveyor of Customs, which to mind is evidence that the 'Loyal American' has made a false statement concerning the question of the Catholics arming. Therefore I conclude that we Methodists would have enough to attend to within our own Church if we would purge it of all evil without engendering prejudice and ill will to other denominations, . . . and *such writings* as Bro. Armstrong's will never accomplish that or any *other good*." (Italics mine). I suppose that Bro. H. has reached the conclusion that all that I have written is calumnious, and as a true saint he feels called upon to animadvert upon the whole business. That a Methodist should pen the above paragraph is a mystery that can only be solved from a Roman Catholic standpoint. There is more of Rome in it than Protestanism, common sense, logic or Christianity. But this paragraph is in keeping with the caption of his article, "The Other Side." Bro. Hollingsworth speaks of "engendering prejudice and ill will to other denominations." He must not know that the Catholics regard all Protestants as heritics and sinners. I suppose he does not know that the Catholics and Methodists have but few things in common. To speak of Catholics, in correlation with Methodists as he does is exceedingly humiliating to every intelligent Methodist. Did he ever hear of a Catholic priest co-operating in a meeting with a Methodist, Baptist, or Presbyterian minister, or vice versa? But the idea of this correlation of Methodists and Catholics is preposterous, yea, it is treason to the faith of the Gospel. Bro. Hollingsworth would have us take the hands of men reeking with the blood of innocence, and cower at the feet of a man claiming to be the vicegerent of God, the man of sin. If he wants affiliation with this iniquitous compact, he can have it, but he can not drag into such an alliance the grand old Methodist Church whose very existence is a protest against Catholicism. "The other side" indeed! Yes, Bro. Hollingsworth can take "the other side," but let him know what he takes when he takes it. The infallibility of the Pope; the worship of saints, relics, the scapular; the auricular confession; the celibacy of the priests and nuns; the sole authority of the Roman Catholic Church to interpret the Scriptures and to guide and direct individual conscience; constant hatred to Protestants, and a desire to exterminate them. Yes, let him know when he comes forward as the champion of the Catholics that he must defend their superstition, their intolerance, and apologize for the innocent blood they have spilt upon the earth, or else do as they do, falsify history and say that Protestants forced them to the bloody work of persecution. Yes, he must defend them for perverting history. Let me say here and now that we have some few people in the Methodist Church that manifest a sycophantic sentimentality that is exceedingly reprehensible. If a Methodist preacher should chose to preach on the mode of baptism, or the possibility of apostasy or Christian perfection, or any of the cardinal doctrines of the Bible as maintained by the Methodist Church, they are ready to cry him down and say he is a disturber of the peace. But for a Methodist to enter his caveat against an exposure of Catholicism, and call such an effort at "engendering strife between denominations" — antagonistic to true Christianity—which "will do no good" and much harm, is an act of unmitigated stupidity that deserves the sympathy of all well-informed people. I am heartily sick of this sick'y sentimentality which brings stagnation and death to Methodism, if not to say Christianity itself. This parasitism would brand Luther, Zwingle, Erasmus, Melancthon, Calvin, Knox, and, in a word, all the reformers, with inveighing against true Christianity. If it was right for these men to protest against Catholics, and to write against them, it is right for myself or any other lover of the truth to write against them. Surely we have come upon perilous times in this country when a man claiming to be a Methodist will enter the arena of controversy in his own Church paper in support of Catholicism.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

WACO, TEXAS.

NOT A PLAN, BUT AN IDEA.

So J. Wofford Tucker calls his "suggestion" in Nashville Advocate of November 9, and the whole thing would be amusing if he did not intend it to be seriously considered He amazes us by the statement that he desires to "turn into the pastorate 300 or 400 of our chosen men" (presiding elders) "who are now worn-out with travel, unproductive and unnecessary." What do these fruitless and "unproductive" beloveds think of that? Where has Bro. Tucker lived, and what sort of elders has the Bishop blessed him with? And we infer that he wants to see these worn-out chosen men put into easy berths—small stations. We once asked Bishop McTyeire to name the hardest work he had ever been sent to, and he said, "A small station." But Bro. Tucker goes on to suggest that the "senior stationed preacher of the district be the presiding elder." But some of those "seniors" are eminently fit to be stationed preachers, but when it comes to the eldership and cabinet work, the Bishop might commit a grave blunder in calling them to secret counsel. But right here the serious part of his "idea" ends, and the absurd part comes in. He wants the whole district to belong to one Quarterly Conference, and these Quarterly Conferences to convene at the center of the district. Let us take in the situation: The district embraces thirteen counties, (some include twenty counties) and is 300 miles from side to side. Each work sends up one traveling preacher, (probably a superannuate) two local preachers and twelve laymen, and they are to leave their employments and travel (at their own expense) four times a year to this center—for, as a matter of course, this big "senior" presiding elder remains at the centre in order that he may recover from his former "unproductiveness." Four gatherings a year—each one in numbers equal to an Annual Conference—at this district center. Four Annual Conferences in one station in the space of one year! There wouldn't be a living chicken left in twenty miles around by Christmas! and every member would ask to be dismissed by certificate to some other pastoral charge! A miscellaneous mixture of business—reports, finances! The first Quarterly Conference would be the last one ever held. All the officials would beg to be relieved, and a resolution would be passed unanimously by the local Church that some other town be made the proud center. This "idea" of Bro. Tucker's has acted like an ounce of dynamite and blown his "suggestion" into nonentity.

H. G. H.

WHAT IS "HIGHER CRITICISM!"

At the last session of the West Texas Conference a communication from the State Superintendent of the Bible Cause was read, in which this was characterized as an age in which the Bible is suffering attacks from "infidelity and the Higher Criticism." Such a statement from such a source surprised me somewhat. A little reflection convinces me, however, that there is a widespread misapprehension of the nature of Higher Criticism. To relieve the minds of those who appear to have very vague ideas of its nature, and who are harassed by baseless fears, I write this paper. Let all such clip this from the ADVOCATE and paste it in their scrap-book for ready reference.

Lest any one should charge me with mistake in any statement I might make, I give a clear-cut definition, or description, of the Lower and Higher Criticism from the Andover Review, January, 1885, page 49:

"We hold in our hands an ancient historical document. Before we can with confidence use it as a source of knowledge for the history of the times of which it treats two things are necessary. The first is to eliminate from the text the errors which have crept in in the course of transmission, by written copies or printed editions, to restore the text to the oldest attainable form, to get as near as we can to the very words of the autograph. This is the work of Textual Criticism, or, as it is sometimes called, the Lower Criticism. But when we have thus satisfied ourselves that we have before us just what the author said, a new series of questions arise. Is the book in one piece, or has it a composite character? Who wrote it? When? Where? For whom? For what purpose? Was the author a witness of the things he describes? Does he write of his own knowledge, or is he dependent on others? If he has got his information from other sources, what were they? Were they competent and credible witnesses? How has the author used his sources? Then, what is the character of the work itself? Does it bear the internal marks of trustworthiness, or the opposite? Does it agree with, supplement, or contradict other credible accounts of the same period? . . . To ask, and as far as possible answer, these questions is the business of historical and literary criticism, or, as it is often called, the Higher Criticism. It is not a new invention any more than the method of induction in the physical sciences is new, though in the one case as in the other the method has never been applied so generally, or so systematically as in our day; never used with so many precautions and with so much skill."

The above extract states the province of Lower and Higher Criticism fully and succinctly. Higher Criticism is no more responsible for the vagaries of some higher critics than is science for the vagaries of some scientists. "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good," is the watch-word of to-day.

JNO. W. STOVALL.

KYLE, TEXAS.

Thin and impure blood is made rich and healthful by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. It braces up the nerves and gives renewed strength.

BETTER SAFEGUARDS NEEDED.

Recent work has called my attention to the financial interests of the Church and methods of handling Church money, and I have reached the conclusion that our safeguards are not sufficient. This communication refers solely to the question—that is, no act of any treasurer of Church funds prompts it.

Furthermore my relation to the work opens the way for these statements.

Our conference through its various boards handles no small amount of money.

The confidence placed by Methodist preachers in each other is not calculated to develop in us the habit of strict adherence to business principles. This increases the probability of mistakes being made, while it lessons the possibilities of discovering the error. Often in our private affairs we advance money to each other and take no note; we pay each other and take no receipt, and in a measure these unbusiness-like methods find their way into the workings of our boards.

More than $18,000 came to my table at the late conference, for which no receipts were given. (If any brother would like to know the amount to his credit on my books, let him write to me for a statement). This is not right. It is not safe. There must be a change for the protection of the Church and of the brethren acting as treasurers of the boards. Receipts should pass, even if it does take more time, and as for me and my house, in the future, it shall be done.

I recommend that the presiding elders at Hillsboro prepare a resolution to the conference concerning this matter, and in anticipation of its adoption, nominate a Board of Auditors for the term of four years. Let all treasurers be required to give receipt for money paid to them. Let these receipts be given at once to the Board of Auditors. Let the board give duplicate receipts for receipts taken up. Let the board audit the books of each treasurer, and report to the conference. This would afford security without reflection upon any one.

J. H. WISEMAN.

LADIES
Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints

MARRIAGES.

BROMLOW—WILLIAMS.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Coryell City, Texas, on December 5, 1893, Mr. Lewis Bromlow and Miss M. L. Williams, Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating.

RILEY—MOOREFIELD.—At the residence of the bride's mother, on December 17, 1893, by Rev. R. S. Heizer, Mr. James Riley and Miss Ida Moorefield.

MCCANTZ—ELLISOR.—At the residence of the bride's father, S. A. Ellisor, A. D. McCantz and Mary C. Ellisor, by Rev. W. T. McDonald.

CATES—GENTRY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Wm. Gentry, Esq., December 14, 1893, Mr. J. C. Cates and Miss Lilian Gentry; both of Wise County, Rev. J. D. Whitehead officiating.

NEATHERY—LINDSEY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Copeville, Texas, December 10, 1893, by Rev. J. C. Weaver, Mr. Seymour Neathery, of Farmersville, Texas, and Miss Laura Lindsey, of Copeville, Texas.

HALL—BOSINBAUM.—November 29, 1893, at the residence of the bride, near Bradford, Anderson County, Texas, Dr. T. H. Hall, of New York, Texas, and Mrs. Ella V. Rosinbaum, Rev. T. B. Vinson, of New York, Texas, officiating.

CONNELL—MOSS.—At the residence of the bride's father, W. H. Moss, in Limestone County, Texas, December 14, 1893, J. W. McConnell and Miss Ollie Moss, by Rev. M. L. Hallenbeck.

OWENS—COX.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the corner of Hawkins and Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, December 17, 1893, Rev. W. F. Clark officiating, Mr. Ike Owens and Miss Belle Z. Cox; all of Dallas, Texas.

GORDON—ROBINSON.—At the Methodist Church, in Huntsville, Texas, on December 13, 1893, Mr. George E. Gordon, Haynesville, Ala., and Miss Mary H. Robinson, of Huntsville, Texas, Rev. Seth Ward officiating.

HAAK—JASTER.—At Caldwell, Texas, December 14, 1893, Mr. William Haak and Miss Otellie Jaster, Rev. A. S. Blackwood officiating.

BAILEY—BACHMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Bachman, by Rev. S. W. Jones, Mr. M. B. Bailey, and Miss Ida Bachman, December 17, 1893, at 3 p. m.; all of Camp County, Texas.

ECHELS—BURTON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Woods, Panola County, Texas, December 18, 1893, Mr. W. T. Echels and Miss Lizzie Burton, Rev. Haston Twomey officiating.

BOUNDS—ROSS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Wortham, Navarro County, Texas, December 17, 1893, Mr. T. H. Bounds and Miss Savanah Ross, Rev. L. W. Cain officiating.

DOZIER—STERLING.—At Hayrick, on the evening of December 10, 1893, by Rev. G. C. Field, Mr. John W. Dozier and Miss S. A. Sterling; all of Bronte, Texas.

GUIN—GAYLE.—At the residence of Esquire R. P. Kirkland, December 3, 1893, Mr. Emet J. Guin and Miss Lealia L. Gayle, Rev. G. C. Field officiating.

PISO'S CURE FOR
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.
CONSUMPTION
25 CTS

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines; or about 170 to 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written, should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: at the rate of ONE CENT per word. Money should accompany all orders.

Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances; but if paid for will be inserted in another column.

POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED

Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price five cents per copy.

REV. R. M. GWYN.

Rev. R. M. Gwyn, son of Rev. R. M. and Caroline M. Gwyn, was born in Dasoto County, Miss, Dec. 25, 1859; came to Texas in 1878; was married to Miss Mattie Farrington June 3, 1881. In 1885 he came to Gainesville, where he lived till the day of his death, December 1, 1893. Bro. Gwyn was converted at the age of fourteen, and was licensed to preach June 24, 1893. How often have we heard the expression, "There is a man with a future before him," and so it seemed to everyone. He was truly a child of God, and his great object was to see souls converted and brought into the kingdom, and he never wearied of telling of the great love and mercy of his blessed Savior, and pleading with some soul to come to Jesus. He plead with every class alike, in their homes, in places of worship, or on the streets. When the command came, he was always ready and eager to obey the call. He was loved by all who knew him, and no one could be more greatly missed than he in his business, in his home, in his Church, or in his work among the young, in whom he took such a great interest. Bro. Gwyn was efficient in the reorganization of our Epworth League, May 28, 1893, and was its loved and honored leader and President till God took him from us. How we loved him, and missed him when absent from even one service, and during his sickness many an earnest, honest prayer was offered in his behalf by the Epworth League. When we were told he must die we felt that we could not give him up; but God knew best, and with his grace and help we can say, "Father, thy will be done," and God grant that we may all so live that we may meet him in that better world above. Bro. Gwyn was a kind and loving husband, father, brother and friend, and to his heart-broken wife and four little children, sisters and brothers, we would say, think not of him as dead, but gone before, and may the God of heaven comfort and sustain you and enable you to look forward with a sweet hope to the happy meeting on the other shore, where there shall be no more parting.

MRS. C. L. BROWN.

GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

REV. ELISHA TRIMBLE.

Rev. Elisha Trimble passed from the earthly life to his reward in heaven on the evening of November 10, 1893. He had been in this world longer than most men are permitted to remain here. He was born in Newton County, Georgia, June 2, 1803, and lived to the good old age of ninety years, five months and eight days. He was converted in his own house in the town of Covington, September 8, 1827. From the time of his conversion he was an active member of the Methodist Church, filling the office of Steward, Sunday-school Superintendent, or Class leader, and sometimes more than one of these at once, until the year 1843, when he was granted license to preach. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew, in the city of Dalton, at the Annual Conference of 1848, and ordained elder by the same Bishop, and in the same city, at the conference of 1852. He was a member of the Methodist Church sixty-six years, and a minister of the gospel fifty years, and through all these years he was an active and useful local preacher, ready to assist his pastor in supplying the people with the gospel.

When I first became his pastor, in 1873, I was not ordained, and he was always ready to go far or near and do the work of an ordained minister, and to assist in all the meetings I held for the two years I was his pastor. His preaching was on the conversational style, but earnest and plain, and sometimes with great effect.

More than half his ministerial life was spent in Texas, he having moved to Red River County, Texas, before the war. One year, and I am not sure but two, he traveled the Clarksville Circuit, as a supply.

He lived at this place (Iredell) for more than twenty years before he died. As a local preacher, he has preached at almost every preaching place in twenty miles of this place, unless it be those which have come into existence after he became too feeble to get out much.

And of the many flourishing Churches lying in the range of his travels in earlier days, it may be said that he helped to lay their foundation, and assisted in building them up. At one point, where he assisted me to organize a Church in 1873, he kept up a regular monthly appointment for a little more than eighteen years. His last effort to preach was last February, and he was so exhausted from the effort that he did not recover for some weeks. But though his worn and palsied frame would not allow him to go, still he longed to go and preach. Often he has talked to me and told me how he wanted to preach, but would say the Lord orders otherwise, and he would submit. He has given three sons to the ministry of the Methodist Church, J. H. Trimble, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and now pastor of our Church at Eastland, and A. B. Trimble, who, for several years, has been a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, but located at its last session, and S. H. Trimble, of the M. E. Church, and now stationed at Pueblo, Col. But Bro. Trimble is no more with us here. We miss him very much, and especially at my own house, for when he was able to be out he visited us almost every day. But what is loss to us is gain to him. On Sunday evening before he died on Friday he sat up on the bed and repeated from memory the hymn beginning, "When musing sorrows weep the past." In the afternoon of the day following his death we laid him to rest in the place he had selected with the ritual service of the Church he loved.

W. V. JONES.



The Old Friend
with the red Z on every package. It's the King of Liver medicines, is better than pills, and takes the place of Quinine and Calomel. Take nothing offered you as a substitute. J. H. Zeilin & Co., proprietors, Philadelphia.

MAKES ITSELF FELT
—the great, griping, old-fashioned pill. Not only when you take it, but unpleasant, from first to last, and it only gives you a little temporary good.

The things to take its place are Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One of these at a dose will *regulate* the whole system perfectly. They're tiny, sugar-coated granules, scarcely larger than mustard seeds. They act in Nature's own way. No reaction afterward. Their help *lasts* and they do *permanent* good. Constipation, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, Sick or Bilious Headaches, and all derangements of the liver, stomach, and bowels are prevented, relieved, and cured.

They're the cheapest, for they're *guaranteed* to give satisfaction or money is returned. Nothing can be "just as good."

HUDSPETH.—We are in deep sorrow. Kate, daughter of Jas. A. and Annie E. Hudspeth, was born December 14, 1876, and died August 8, 1893. She was baptized in infancy by Bro. A. J. Potter, and almost in infancy, by Bro. A. J. Potter, and almost in infancy the religious trend of her mind was manifest. She said when six years old, "I am going to join the Church, if Bro. Walker (Dr. J. G. Walker, then her pastor,) will join me. She was received into the Church when eleven years old, during the pastorate of Bro. James Hammond. From this time until her last sickness she was organist for the Sunday-school, and from twelve years old for the Church. Dutiful, meek, quiet and self-sacrificing, she gained the affectionate regard of all, and when need required, sufficiently self-reliant, she commanded their admiration and respect as well. We need not say that such an one died well. She lived well. Behold our sorrow is turned into triumphant joy. We will see, know and hear her again "over there." W. G. COCKE.

GATHINGS.—E. W. Gathings was born April 17, 1859, and died just before 7 o'clock p. m., December 4, 1893, at his home in Covington, Texas. He was married to Miss Ada O. King, of Weatherford, Texas, October 11, 1882. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in the spring of 1885, at Weatherford, Texas. His wife was a member of this Church before their marriage. He was a farmer and stockraiser and succeeded, for he possessed a fine brain for a business man. In his last days he talked to his wife and told her that he was prepared to go, and was resigned to the will of God. No one has ever passed from this community whose death caused more sorrow, or elicited more sympathy. The power of God is alone able to give comfort, and to his power and his love we commend the grief-stricken family. Their family circle has been sadly broken, but it will be made whole again.

J. M. ROGERS.

COVINGTON, TEXAS.

BYRNS.—Mrs. Mollie Byrns (nee Atkisson) was born May 4, 1871; born again of the Holy Spirit in 1889, and joined the Church of her choice, M. E. Church, South. Sister Mollie was married by the writer to George Byrns, a young farmer of Leon County, January 18, 1893. They lived happily together the short space of eleven months. She was the daughter of James Atkisson, of Jewett, Texas; died of pneumonia, at her father's, December 3, 1893. Mollie, in her girlhood days, was modest, kind and sweet-spirited; when married, was a pure, good wife; as a Christian, she was bright; nothing against her. As the husband said, "At night, before retiring, they would clasp hands, then kneel in prayer to God for his care of them through the day." She leaves a little babe and a sorrowing husband to mourn their loss. May God overshadow the little group left behind and at last bring them safely to the final reunion in the sweet by-and-by.

Her pastor, A. J. ANDERSON.

WILSON.—The subject of this notice, Bro. T. B. Wilson, was born in Edgefield County, S. C., February 14, 18—; came to Texas in 1877; was married to Mamie Harwell January 17, 1883, and died of consumption October 29, 1893. He was of Presbyterian parentage, and was christened in infancy. He had never formally united with any Church, which was a source of regret to him for some months before he died. He was highly esteemed by his neighbors as a thorough-going gentleman. While he was ever ready to help in any good cause, he was very unassuming. I said to him once, "Bro. Wilson, you are in delicate health; are you ready if God should call?" He said: "If God calls, I am ready. My wife and children are all that holds me here." Our God will sustain Sister Wilson and the little ones.

J. J. CALLAWAY, P. C.

CORGY.—Little Emma Pearl Corgy was born March 3, 1893. She was dedicated to God by holy baptism July 2. Jesus then claimed her for his own and she went home to live with God and the angels. Weep not, dear parents, as those who have no hope. Your little darling can not come back to you, but you can by the grace of God go to her.

O. E. SIMPSON.

GIBSON.—James Bardus Gibson was born at Fort Worth, Texas, July 9, 1893, and died October 16, 1893. He was the son of the late Rev. J. N. Gibson, who died at Folsom, New Mexico, last January. His stay with the bereaved mother and little sister was brief, yet long enough to find a place in their affections never to be effaced by time. He sleeps beside his father and sister at Dido, Texas. This is three of the family that our Sister Gibson has buried within fourteen months. We bespeak for her the prayers and sympathy of our Church. Dear sister, wait with patience the time when God "shall make up his jewels." May you be crowned a whole family in heaven. M. K. LITTLE.

MCCROSKEY.—Dee Vonia, infant son of D. D. and Ivonia McCroskey, was born March 23, 1893, in Wilbarger County, Texas. His mother died April 3, 1893, after which his grandmother Upton took him to her home near Valley View, Cooke County, Texas, where he died August 21, 1893. The dear little one has gone to meet his mother where there will be no more parting. Oh, how we miss the dear one! But the Lord hath taken them to that better world where there is no more sorrow nor trouble. So let us all try to be prepared to meet them when the call shall come to us. His aunt, N. E. UPTON.

ROBINSON.—Freddie, infant son of Bro. G. W. and Maud Robinson, died at Quanah, Texas, October 7, 1893, after a lingering and very painful illness, aged fourteen months. The "Good Shepherd" has safely housed this little lamb in his fold above, and the parents, while left in sadness and loneliness here, have greater treasure there than ever before.

G. S. HARDY.

RADWAY'S PILLS,
Always Reliable.
Purely Vegetable.
THE GREAT LIVER & STOMACH REMEDY
An Excellent and Mild Cathartic.
Perfectly Tasteless.
Over Forty Years In Use and Never Known to Fail
Possess properties the most extraordinary in restoring health. They stimulate to healthy action the various organs the natural conditions of which are necessary for health, grapple with and neutralize the impurities, driving them completely out of the system.
RADWAY'S PILLS.
Have long been acknowledged as the Best Cure for
SICK HEADACHE,
FEMALE COMPLAINTS
INDIGESTION,
BILIOUSNESS,
CONSTIPATION,
DYSPEPSIA
—AND—
All Disorders of the Liver.
☞ Full printed directions in each box; 25 cents a box. Sold by all druggists or mailed on receipt of price.
RADWAY & CO., 32 Warren Street, N. Y.
TO THE PUBLIC: Be sure and ask for RADWAY'S and see that the name "RADWAY" is on what you buy.

TRUSSES on 30 Days Trial
Easy, durable and cheap. A radical cure effected. Send for sealed catalogue.
Eggleston Truss Co. 69 Dearborn St. Chicago

HENRY LINDENMEYR & SONS,
PAPER WARE HOUSE
Nos. 21, 23, 25 & 27 East Houston St.,
(Puck Building, near Broadway)
P. O. BOX, 2865. NEW YORK

SACRED SONG,
NEVER ALONE,
By W. A. HEMPHILL.
For sale by J. A. RICHARDSON, Georgetown, Texas. Price 40 cents. Don't send stamps.

A WOMAN'S INFANT CATECHISM.

In 1891 Mrs. Thornburgh, teacher of the infant class in First M. E. Church, South, Little Rock, Ark., feeling the need of a simple, sensible catechism for use in her room made one to suit herself. She did not intend it for general use; but many who saw it, believing it to be a good thing, urged her to publish it for sale. The Little Rock and White River Annual Conferences, without solicitation, specially recommended it to their Sunday-schools. Mrs. T. consented to its publication, and already 9000 copies have been sold and a fresh edition of 3000 just printed. They have nearly all been used in this State, as no effort has been made to introduce them abroad. Without special merit they could not have met with such favor. It is a child's catechism, made by the mother of six children and the teacher of a large infant room. We now propose to extend its usefulness. Send for sample copy, 5c; or 40c a dozen. Address Arkansas Methodist Little Rock, Ark.

FAMOUS AMERICANS.—"Memories of Famous Americans," by Justin McCarthy, M. P., is one of the engaging features of the new volume of *The Youth's Companion*. These reminiscences include relations with Charles Sumner, Longfellow, Henry Ward Beecher and others.

Old Time Methods
of treating Colds and Coughs were based on the idea of suppression. We now know that "feeding a cold" is good doctrine.

Scott's Emulsion
of cod-liver oil with hypophosphites, a rich fat-food, cures the most stubborn cough when ordinary medicines have failed. Pleasant to take; easy to digest.
Prepared by Scott & Bowne, N. Y. All druggists.

"A Month with Moody, His Work and Workers."
By Rev. H. M. Wharton.
Is the great book of the day. Contains the only pictures of Moody ever taken from the originals in possession of Mrs. Moody. The picture has been copyrighted. Also a sketch of his life and work and an unpublished address. Portraits and sketches of Revs. John McNeill, Wilbur Chapman, Henry Varley, Thomas Spurgeon, and many others. Beautifully illustrated. Superbly bound. Price, $1.50.
AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE.
Exclusive territory given. Address
THE WHARTON & BARRON PUB. CO.,
9 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.

Southwestern University and Ladies' Annex.
. . SPRING TERM . .
OPENS JAN. 22, 1894.
A good time to enter, as many NEW CLASSES WILL BE FORMED at the beginning of the term. Nineteen well-chosen Professors and Teachers are employed, and the best of instruction is given in Science, Language, Literature, Music, Art and Elocution, as well as a well-equipped COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, embracing the latest and best methods of instruction in Bookkeeping, Penmanship, Shorthand and Typewriting.
ANNEX . . . . . .
Young Ladies have elegant Boarding Accommodations in the Annex, under the care of Dr. Allen, and access to all the departments of instruction, in separate classes from the Young Men. Total expense per term, for board and literary tuition, from $99.00 to $109.00.
GIDDINGS' HALL.
Good Board at the Hall, under care of Prof. Cody, at $45.00 per term; and tuition from $20.00 to $30.00 per term. Board in private families from $12.00 to $15.00 per month.
Commercial College
The tuition is $50.00 per term for a student taking all the schools of the Commercial College. Students taking a literary course can take any one of the schools of the Commercial College at an extra charge of $10.00 per term.
The present session of the University has opened most favorably, being the largest enrollment of its history, and the department of the students and their devotion to duty have been most gratifying. The freedom of our town and community from saloons and their attendant evils, the presence of a high moral and religious sentiment, the social culture, healthful location, the thorough intellectual, moral and social training, combine to make Georgetown one of the most attractive locations, and the SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY and LADIES' ANNEX among the most desirable institutions anywhere to be found for the education of Young Gentlemen and Ladies. For further information or Catalogues, address
JNO. H. McLEAN, Regent,
Georgetown, Texas.

Gospel Hymns No. 6
By SANKEY, McGRANAHAN and STEBBINS
GOSPEL HYMNS No. 6 is conceded to be equal in every respect to any of the numbers which have preceded it in the series of Gospel Hymns, which have proved so invaluable in the wonderful meetings held by Mr. D. L. MOODY, Rev. B. FAY MILLS, Major WHITTLE, Dr. MUNHALL, and others.
30 cents; if by mail, 35 cents per Copy.
THE GREAT POPULARITY of GOSPEL HYMNS No. 5 having made the combination of 5 and 6 a necessity, the two books are now issued as one, without any duplicates and with an index for the whole, under the title
Gospel Hymns 5 & 6 Combined,
60 cents; if by mail, 70 cents per Copy.
Excelsior Edition,
45 cents; if by mail, 50 cents per Copy.
Specify "Large Type" or "Excelsior" in ordering.
Editions of Words Only are also issued.
A full list of the different styles and editions of the GOSPEL HYMNS series sent on request.
The John Church Co., Cincinnati, O. | The Biglow & Main Co. New York.

Gulliver's Book
I have about 100 or 150 copies of my book, Texas Characters and Else (second edition) left, which I will sell at reduced rates, to-wit: paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents. Some cloth-bound with covers slightly soiled for 25 cents. Send money order or postal note to Rev. J. W. Hill, Dallas, Texas; care Texas Christian Advocate. Postage stamps will be taken as money.

PASTOR'S BOOK.
By Rev J. T. L. Annis.
Price, 50 cents, postpaid. Address
L. BLAYLOCK, Dallas, Texas.

BELLS.
THE LARGEST ESTABLISHMENT MANUFACTURING CHURCH BELLS CHIMES & PEALS in the World.
PUREST BELL METAL (COPPER AND TIN.)
Send for Price and Catalogue.
McSHANE BELL FOUNDRY, BALTIMORE, MD
BUCKEYE BELL FOUNDRY
Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.
Price & Terms Free. Satisfaction Guaranteed
THE CINCINNATI BELL FOUNDRY CO.
Sole Makers of the Blymyer Bells
FOR CHURCH, SCHOOL, FIRE ALARM &c.
Catalogue with 2000 testimonials, Prices and Terms FREE.

Royal Baking Powder

Absolutely Pure

A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—*Latest United States Government Food Report.*

Royal Baking Powder Co.,
106 Wall St., N. Y.

WOMAN'S DEPARTM'NT

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL.

All matter intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 28 Masten street, Dallas, Texas.]

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

Lord, for the lonely heart,
I pray apart.
Now for the son of sorrow
Whom this to-morrow
Rejoiceth not, O Lord,
Hear my weak word!
For lives too bitter to be borne,
For the tempted and the torn,
For the prisoner in the cell,
For the shame lip doth not tell,
For the haggard suicide,
Peace, peace, this Christmas tide!

Into the desert trod
By the long sick, O God;
Into the patient gloom
Of that small room
Where lies the child of pain,
Of all neglected most—be fain
To enter, healing, and remain.

Now, at the fall of day,
I bow and pray,
For those who can not sleep,
A watch I keep.
Oh, let the starving brain
Be fed and fed again;
At Thy behest
The tortured nerve find rest.

I see the vacant chair,
Father of souls prepare
My poor thought's feeble power
To plead this hour:

For the empty, aching home
Where the silent footsteps come,
Where the unseen face looks on,
Where the hand clasp is not felt,
Where the dearest eyes are gone,
Where the portrait on the wall
Stirs and struggles as to speak,
Where the light breath from the hall
Calls the color to the cheek,
Where the voice breaks in the hymn

When the sunset burneth dim,
Where the late, large tear will start,
Frozen by the broken heart,
Where the lesson is to learn
How to live, to grieve, to yearn,
How to bear and how to bow,
Oh, the Christmas that is fled!
Lord of living and of dead,
Comfort Thou!

—*Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.*

FROM A SISTER.

This morning, with a heart full of love and gratitude to my Heavenly Father for his manifold blessings extended unto me, one of his humble servants, I take up my pen to give some items of Church work in our midst, and advance some of my own ideas, which I believe are presented by the Divine spirit for our eternal good and spiritual growth as a true Church of the living God. I have been thinking for some days of writing, but kept putting off for a more convenient season.

A brief article in our Woman's Department not long since has aroused me to the point of action. It appears that it was to remind me of my neglected duty. These were the words spoken to me, as I felt:

"We would be glad to hear from our sisters upon any subject connected with any line of Church work which is being done by them." No doubt many of you have read my appeals in behalf of our Church through these columns. It has been reared within the last three months in the lovely valley of Grove Creek. It is nicely finished inside, but not seated nor furnished, has two coats of paint outside, but has no cupola yet to give it the appearance of a Church. Two services have been held there, making us to realize the necessity of help in procuring seats, as our temporary ones are not at all comfortable ones. I can tell you what they are: It is the lumber we use at our summer meetings, with old-fashioned bench legs, two at each end, and one a little shorter in the center to keep from swagging too low when occupied. Reports are that what is done is about all paid for, for which I am so thankful. I have thought very seriously upon the subject of worldly show, even in our church buildings. What motive prompts us to lay out so much money in useless fancy work that is only pleasing to the eye, when there are so many calls from foreign lands. (Lo, the heathens sit in darkness; who will pity, who will lend a listening ear?) Oh, surely God will open the eyes of his blinded fold. Grove Creek has never been honored with a church before, and the question has already been asked if it was to be used as a school-house. I emphatically answer, no. I am not calling for help for a school-house, and I want a neat cupola soon to designate it as a house of worship. All who have promised or resolved, or may yet resolve, after reading this, to send us some help can do so as soon as convenient. My plan is that of "the more excellent way" that some of the sisters have been writing of lately, the plan which I endorse with my whole heart. God says, "ask and ye shall receive." I have asked and have received, and now am asking for the third and last time through these columns for a little more help. There are some that have given subscriptions and not paid, so this call covers the whole matter, by letting them know we are ready for their subscriptions.

Again, I repeat, my plan is that of "the more excellent way;" but I had made up in my mind at one time to give a dinner in behalf of our Church work, thinking there was no real harm in that, or could be made out of it. By selecting a public day in our county town and giving a square meal for a reasonable price. After making some effort in that way I even found I would have a greater burden than I was able to carry, as I would have to lead, and my bodily strength was not sufficient to the task. I reasoned thus with myself: maybe it is not meant for me to get help in that way, for I had earnestly desired that we have a house in which we would have demonstrations of the power of the Lord visible to saint and sinners. I did not want any sacrifices slain unto idols, and there have been none; not a festival of any kind has been given for this house, and I sincerely hope never will. I want people to work willingly with their hands and pray God to help them to give freely. When I heard Bro. Jones was to hold a meeting in Dallas I felt directed to apply to him for help. I went to Dallas, made known my business to him. He said he would take up a collection for me at 11 on Friday, his last day there. Two other calls were made at the same time; but he did not tell what they were for. He asked me to come forward and a basket was handed me to receive my own contributions, and it amounted to $32 85. One contributor passed and told me he was the son of a minister and would give me more; that he had friends in Waxahachie that he visited there; but failed to give his name. I hope he will read this and he will know where or to whom to send the money. Dear readers, will you send a Christmas gift to our Church? If it be large or small it will be thankfully received.

MRS. SARAH CRAWFORD.
WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS.

WORK ON THE PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

It is with a grateful heart I make a report of my work done the past year. The Lord has been very good to me and has blessed me abundantly; has given me health and crowned my efforts with success. The presiding elders and pastors have received me kindly and given me all the assistance they could. I attended nine District Conferences, and in each case given a time to make a report of my work, and appeal to the pastors for an interest in their great work. I feel that our work is moving grandly on. In several places I got the Aid Societies to adopt our By-Laws and Constitution, which every Aid Society should do. I am sorry to know several societies organized last year have not reported this year. Some are doing local work, others, nothing at all.

Oh, that the women of our Church would only become aroused to an interest in this great work in our Church! Dr. W. R. Lambuth, at our convention in St. Louis, said it was the grandest movement of the age. I feel sad when I fail to get a pastor and his wife interested in this work that means homes for our preachers. I have organized this past year twenty-four societies—adults, twenty; juvenile, four. Total number of members, 467. Have received 367 subscribers for Our Homes. I secured fifty-eight in the Indian Mission Conference, and sixty-three in the Methodist Texas Conferences. I attended these two conferences in the interest of our work; was kindly received and given all the attention I wished; succeeded in getting good conference societies in each conference. I secured 249 subscribers this last year in North Texas Conference. My work has been doubled on me, as I am to help organize in the Northwest Texas Conference, by request of the Conference Society and our General Secretary, Mrs. Nathan Scarritt. Brethren and sisters, pray for me that I may have health and strength for this work. There is so much to be done, so many asking for help. Let us not forget Matt. 29:35 45.

MRS. W. H. PURCELL.
General Organizer, W. P. and H. M. S.
GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

DISTRICT MEETING.

Mrs. M. W. Hatchett, Secretary of Gatesville District, appointed a meeting to convene at Coperas Cove, November 3, requesting me to be present and assist her in the same. A kind young lady met me at the station and escorted me to the home of her parents—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Byrde—where I was kindly welcomed, and made comfortable during my stay with them.

Friday night Bro. Duval preached an earnest sermon upon the text: "He will keep in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on him, because he trusteth in Him."

Sister A. E. Wilkes, zealous in every good work, especially the missionary cause, was delegate from the Lampasas Auxiliary.

To the regret of all, Sister Hatchett failed to get to the meeting, from causes she could not control.

Saturday 3 p. m., the business meeting was opened. Bro. Sharp reading the Scripture lesson and leading in prayer. At the conclusion of the devotional exercises Miss Eugenia Hughes was nominated and elected Secretary of the district meeting.

Reports from the different societies were read, and subjects connected with the success of the mission work discussed. Several earnest talks were given, full of encouragement and information. That earnest man of God, Rev. J. F. Neal, cheered us by his presence and hearty counsel. The pastor, Bro. Mills, greeted us kindly on Friday night, but was necessarily absent a greater part of the time, but was present Saturday night also, and conducted the opening exercises of the meeting. Bro. Mills' words were appropriate and highly appreciated, and his prayer drew us closer to the source of all strength.

A paper was read showing the claims of foreign mission work from a scriptural standpoint, and giving statistics and general progress of the Woman's Missionary Society from its organization, in 1878, to the present time. After an interesting talk by an aged local minister the meeting closed with the benediction. Sunday morning dawned bright and beautiful. The first shower of rain of the season had fallen on Friday night, laying the dust and purifying the atmosphere. At the usual hour we repaired to the neat, new Church and were soon interested in the impressive lesson of the resurrection of our blessed Lord. Bro. Neal is Superintendent and his excellent wife presided at the organ. What a blessing Bro. Neal and his interesting family have been to that community! At 11 o'clock he preached an eloquent and forcible sermon on woman in connection with mission work and Christian giving. A collection was raised for the benefit of their local work.

At 3 o'clock the Juvenile Missionary Society of Coperas Cove held interesting exercises. A number of older people have connected themselves with the society as honorary members, running the number up that day to thirty-six. Sister Byrde is lady manager. It has a fine promise of success with such consecrated women as Sisters Byrde, Clements, Matthews and others at its head. May it prove a great blessing to the Church and community.

Bro. Baird preached to an interested congregation at night, and the district meeting of Gatesville District closed.

We felt that the dear Lord was with us and that we could go on in the great cause of missions stronger, wiser and happier.

The kind hospitality of the people of Coperas Cove is highly appreciated, and the sermons, beautiful songs, and conversation of those consecrated women of God will ever be a delightful remembrance.

MRS. S. S. MUNGER.
LAMPASAS, TEXAS.

FROM FORT WORTH.

At the request of our President I write to say that we now have a Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society in First Church. We have a membership of thirty, and have a splendid corps of officers whose hearts are in the work. We hope at the close of the conference year to send up a fine report of our year's work, and while we are but babes in the work, we are all willing workers and with God's help intend to succeed. Pray for us that we may each be faithful and stand firm at our post of duty during this year. Yours in Christian love.

MRS. N. A. STEDMAN,
Secretary W. P. and H. M. S., First Church, Fort Worth.

PROGRAM.

Program for week of prayer for Woman's Missionary Society; commenced Monday November 27; devotional services were led by Mrs. E. H. Holdridge and Mrs. S. P. Armstrong; hymn; reading fifty-first Psalm by Mrs. H. R. Sutherland; prayer for shortcomings and failures; a talk on missions by Mrs. H. Keller; hymn 356; reading the visions of John the beloved by Mrs. H. R. Sutherland.

Tuesday, Nov. 28—Hymn; reading Philippians, third chapter; prayer for those in authority; reading, "Duties of Christian women to their heathen sisters," by Mrs. Briggs; hymn 556; reading; "Plan for that $100,000," by Miss L. B. Armstrong.

Wednesday, Nov. 29—Hymn; reading sixty-second chapter of Isaiah; Psalm 91; prayer for the missionaries; "A map talk on China," by Mrs. E. H. Holdridge; reading, "Why I love missions," by Miss Willie Blanton; hymn 658.

Thursday, Nov. 30—Hymn; reading sixty-eighth Psalm; "Prayer for the women in the Church," by Mrs. H. H. Keller; hymn 6; reading, "Watch and pray," by Miss L. B. Armstrong; reading, "The lost sheep," by Miss W. Blanton; reading, "Caristian missions and the highest use of wealth," by Mrs. Dr. Collier.

Friday, Dec. 1—Hymn; reading Matthew 9:27, 28, 8:17, 24, by Mrs. H. Keller; hymn 755; prayer for more workers and reading, "A plea for more workers," by Mrs. E. H. Holdridge; reading, "A piece on missions," by Mrs. H. R. Sutherland; reading, "She hath done what she could," by Mrs. H. W. Tucker; hymn 756; "A farewell talk on women and missions," by Mrs. H. Keller.

Offerings for week of prayer were $6.35. We received nine new members during the week. We now have twenty-nine members in our society.

On Sunday morning, December 3, Bro. J. F. Webb, our pastor, preached a splendid sermon on missions.

MRS. H. KELLER,
President of W. M. S.
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.

NOTICE.

Let all who read this send their names and 10 cents to Mrs. M. A. Barnes, Bluff Dale, Texas, and we will put your name on our silk missionary quilt, of Wesley Chapel, W. M. S. We will send the quilt to the Susan Key room in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. We especially ask the editors of the TEXAS ADVOCATE and all preachers of Northwest Texas Conference to send their names.

We are in the drouth-stricken portion of Texas, and can not sell our quilt for anything near its worth.

MRS. M. A. BARNES.

If you look at a dozen common lamp-chimneys, and then at Macbeth's "pearl top" or "pearl glass," you will see the differences—all but one—they break from heat; these don't; you can't see that.

Common glass is misty, milky, dusty; you can't see through it; Macbeth's is clear.

Tough, clear glass is worth fine work; and a perfect chimney of fine tough glass is worth a hundred such as you hear, pop, clash on the least provocation.

Pittsburgh. GEO. A. MACBETH Co.

STRENGTH And beauty of leather is Vacuum Leather Oil; 25c, and your money back if you want it.
Patent lambskin-with-wool on swob and book—How to Take Care of Leather—both free at the store.

Vacuum Oil Company, Rochester, N. Y.

FRUIT TREES
Peaches, 60 varieties; pears; plums; Satsuma oranges; roses; full line fruit trees and ornamentals. Ten years' trade with coastwise and Central Texas enables us to grow just what planters want. Same latitude and conditions; especially located to produce fine stock, upon which our reputation has been built. Prices reasonable. Catalogue free. Correspondence solicited. G. L. Taber, GLEN ST. MARY NURSERIES, Glen St. Mary, Fla.
FOR TEXAS

Texas Advocate—$2 per year

Church Notices.

WEST TEXAS.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Harwood cir, at Harwood.......5th Sun in Dec
Lockhart cir, at Clark's Chapel..1st Sun in Jan
Belmont cir, at Oak Forest......2d Sun in Jan
San Marcos cir, at Harris' Chapel
3d Sun in Jan
Dripping Springs..............4th Sun in Jan
B. HARRIS, P. E.

KERRVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Junction City cir, at Junction City
5th Sun in Dec
Sherwood cir, at Sherwood......1st Sun in Jan
Sonora and Ozona, at Ozona.....2d Sun in Jan
Boerne cir, at Boerne.............3d Sun in Jan
Bandera cir, at Medina City.....4th Sun in Jan
Center Point sta, at Center Point
1st Sun in Feb
M. A. BLACK, P. E.

LLANO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND
Round Mountain cir, at Round Mt...Dec 30, 31
Cherokee cir, at Cherokee..............Jan 6, 7
Richland Springs cir, at Live Oak...Jan 13, 14
Fredonia cir, at Fredonia............Jan 20, 21
Brady cir, at Brady....................Jan 27, 28
Sterling City cir..........................Feb 3, 4
San Angelo sta..........................Feb 10, 11
Paint Rock cir............................Feb 17, 18
A. C. BIGGS, P. E.

CUERO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Nursery cir, at Nursery.......5th Sun in Dec
Hallettsville cir, at Hallettsville.1st Sun in Jan
Clear Creek cir, at Rocky........2d Sun in Jan
Leesville cir, at Floyd's Chapel..3d Sun in Jan
Yoakum cir, at Yoakum........4th Sun in Jan
Weesatche cir, at Fannin.......1st Sun in Feb
Port Lavaca cir, at Port Lavaca.2d Sun in Feb
JOHN S GILLETT, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND
Utopia cir, at Hondo City.............Dec 30, 31
Cotulla and Pearsall sta...............Jan 6, 7
Pearsall cir, at Buckhorn..............Jan 13, 14
Benton cir, at Benton..................Jan 20, 21
Travis Park...............................Jan 27, 28
Fairview cir, at Fairview..............Feb 3, 4
Pleasanton and Amphion, at Pleasanton
Feb 10, 11
Sherman st, at Sherman...............Feb 17, 18
East End, at Nebraska.................Feb 24, 25
West End, at West End................March 3, 4
I. T. MORRIS, P. E.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Lagarto, at Ramirena..........5th Sun in Dec
Oakville, at Oakville..............1st Sun in Jan
Floresville sta.....................2nd Sun in Jan
Lavernia, at Campbell School-house
3d Sun in Jan
Stockdale, at Sunnyside.........4th Sun in Jan
Helena, at Helena..................1st Sun in Feb
Skidmore, at Pleasant Grove..2nd Sun in Feb
W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

EAST TEXAS.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Beaumont sta............................Dec 30, 31
Meeting of District Stewards, at Woodville,
11:30 a. m., Jan 5
Woodville, at Woodville..................Jan 6, 7
Wolf Creek mis, at Wolf Creek.......Jan 13, 14
Moscow, at Shady Grove................Jan 20, 21
Livingston, at Livingston...............Jan 27, 28
Sunset, at Warren.........................Feb 3, 4
Liberty, at Liberty........................Feb 10, 11
Beaumont mis, at North End...........Feb 17, 18
Orange sta..................................Feb 24, 25
Orange mis, at Bland Chapel..........Mar 3, 4
Newton, at Ford's Schoolhouse......Mar 10, 11
Burkeville, at Burkeville................Mar 17, 18
Jasper cir, at Magnolia.................Mar 24, 25
Jasper sta..................................Mar 31, Apr 1
My postoffice is Orange, Texas.
WM. A. SAMPEY, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Longview sta..............................Jan 6, 7
Harrison, Rock Spring...................Jan 13, 14
Hallville, at Hallville....................Jan 20, 21
Northside, at Northside.................Jan 27, 28
Marshall sta................................Feb 3, 4
Church Hill..................................Feb 10, 11
Beckville, Rehoboth......................Feb 17, 18
DeBerry, State Line......................Feb 24, 25
Henderson sta.............................March 3, 4
Kilgore......................................March 10, 11
Henderson cir.............................March 17, 18
The District Stewards will meet at Longview, January 5, at 10:15 a. m.
JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Lufkin sta...................................Jan 6, 7
Homer cir, at McKendre................Jan 13, 14
Crockett sta................................Jan 20, 21
Crockett cir, at Porter Springs.......Jan 27, 28
Augusta cir, at Glover's School-house Feb 3, 4
Grapeland cir, at Hays Springs.......Feb 10, 11
Elkhart cir, at Elkhart..................Feb 17, 18
Brushy Creek cir, at Brushy Creek...Feb 24, 25
Trinity River mis, at Price's Chapel.March 3, 4
Alto cir, at Atoy..........................March 10, 11
New Birmingham, at Lowe's Chapel
March 17, 18
Rusk sta.....................................March 24, 25
Jacksonville sta..........................March 31, April 1
Palestine sta...............................April 7, 8
Trinity and Groveton, at Trinity.......April 14, 15
Saron mis...................................April 21, 22
District Stewards, of Palestine District, will please meet me at the Methodist Church in Palestine at 9 a. m., on Thursday, January 4, 1894.
L. M. FOWLER, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Nacogdoches cir, at North St.........Dec 30, 31
Timpson and Tenaha, at Timpson
Wednesday 7 p m, Jan 3
Carthage cir, at Carthage..............Jan 6, 7
Concord cir, at Concord................Jan 13, 14
Minden cir, at Mt. Enterprise.........Jan 20, 21
Garrison cir, at Garrison...............7 p m, Jan 21
Center cir, at Asbury....................Jan 27, 28
Center sta..............................Sunday 7 p m, Jan 28
Shelbyville cir, at Shelbyville.........Feb 3, 4
San Augustine mis, at Black Jack....Feb 10, 11
San Augustine and Sexton, at San Augustine..............................7 p m, Feb 11
Hemphill cir, at Hemphill...............Feb 17, 18
Sharpsville mis, at Sharpsville........Feb 24, 25
Melrose cir, at Melrose...........Feb 28, March 1
Linn Flat, at Linn Flat...................March 7, 8
The District Stewards will meet in the Methodist Church at Timpson, January 2, 9 a. m.
CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

TYLER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Tyler, Cedar Street, at Cedar Street Dec 31, Jan 1
Athens and Malakoff sta, at Malakoff Jan 6, 7
Lindale cir, at Harris Chapel.........Jan 13, 14
Mineola sta, at Mineola.................Jan 20, 21
Troupe and Overton cir, at Overton..Jan 27, 28
Edom cir, at Ben Wheeler..............Feb 3, 4
Canton cir, at Canton...................Feb 10, 11
New York cir, at Centerview...........Feb 17, 18
Larissa cir, at Earle's Chapel..........Feb 24, 25
Grand Saline cir, at Antioch............Mar 3, 4
Tyler cir, at Center......................Mar 10, 11
Tyler sta, at Tyler........................Mar 10, 11
Lawndale, at Walnut Creek.............Mar 17, 18
Whitehouse cir, at Lane's Chapel.....Mar 24, 25
The District Stewards will meet in Tyler, in the basement of the Methodist Church, on December 29, at 10 o'clock a. m.
T. P. SMITH, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Oak Lawn..............................5th Sun in Dec
McKinney..............................1st Sun in Jan
Plano...................................2d Sun in Jan
Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth 3d Sun in Jan
Smithfield, at Smithfield.........4th Sun in Jan
Argyle, at Prairie Mound........1st Sun in Feb
Grapevine, at Grapevine........2d Sun in Feb
Renner, at Renner................3d Sun in Feb
Bethel, at Zion.....................4th Sun in Feb
Lewisville, at Lewisville.....1st Sun in March
City Missions.....................2d Sun in March
N. Fort Worth, at Riverside. 3d Sun in March
E. W. ALDERSON, P. E.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Weston.................................5th Sun in Dec
Anna.....................................Jan 1
Leonard cir and White Rock mis
1st Sun in Jan
Kingston...............................2d Sun in Jan
Clinton.................................3d Sun in Jan
Farmersville..........................4th Sun in Jan
Merit and Floyd.....................4th Sun in Jan
Allen....................................1st Sun in Feb
Wylie....................................2d Sun in Feb
Nevada.................................2d Sun in Feb
Roberts mis..........................3d Sun in Feb
Blue Ridge............................4th Sun in Feb
District Stewards will meet January 4, 2 p. m., at the Methodist Church in Greenville.
J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Wills Point sta.......................5th Sun in Dec
Terrell sta.............................1st Sun in Jan
Forney cir, at Forney...............2d Sun in Jan
Crandall cir, at Jones' Chapel ..3d Sun in Jan
Kemp, at Kemp.......................4th Sun in Jan
Rockwall and Royse, at Rockwall
1st Sun in Feb
Chisholm, at Chisholm.............2d Sun in Feb
Poetry..................................3d Sun in Feb
Wills Point cir, at Palmer Grove
4th Sun in Feb
Mesquite cir, at Mesquite.......1st Sun in Mar
Garland cir, at Garland...........2d Sun in Mar
The District Stewards' meeting will convene in the Methodist Church, in Terrell, January 8, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m.
C B. FLAGGER, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Roxton, at Atlas.........................Dec 30, 31
Pattonville cir, at Marvin..............Jan 6, 7
Deport, at Deport.......................Jan 13, 14
Blossom.....................................Jan 17
Woodland and Detroit, at Detroit...Jan 20, 21
Clarksville sta............................Jan 27, 28
Annona and White Rock, at Annona..Feb 3, 4
Annona mis, at Pine Springs..........Feb 5
Emberson cir, at Mt. Tabor............Feb 10, 11
Powderly mis, at Palestine............Feb 17, 18
Rosalie cir, at Rosalie..................Feb 24, 25
McKenzie cir, at Robbinsville........March 3, 4
Maxey mis..................................March 10, 11
F. A. ROSSER, P. E.

The Great Vital Restorative,
DR. M'GORK'S INVIGORATOR

This celebrated Remedy is a positive cure for nervous debility, spermatorrhœa, dizziness, despondency, failing memory, prostatarrhœ, tremblings and nervous diseases arising from the abuse of stimulants, tobacco, opium, or any other cause. It restores without fail impaired vigor and exhausted vitality, stops all unnatural losses, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches, etc, etc. Price $2 per bottle, or 6 bottles for $10. Write for free trial bottle, question list and pamphlet. Address

TRIAL BOTTLE FREE to Show Its Great Merit will be sent to anyone applying personally or by letter.

T. McGORK, M. D., Specialist,
2627 Market Street, - Galveston, Texas.
(P. O. Box, 378.)

BONHAM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Brookston cir, at Shelton's Chapel...Dec 30, 31
Dodd cir, at Windom......................Jan 6, 7
Wolfe City sta.............................Jan 13, 14
Honey Grove sta..........................Jan 20, 21
Bonham cir, at Mt. Pleasant...........Jan 27, 28
Bonham sta.................................Jan 28, 29
Bailey cir, at Center Point..............Feb 3, 4
Randolph cir, at Binkley................Feb 10, 11
Lake Creek, at Unitia.....................Feb 17, 18
Ladonia sta.................................Feb 24, 25
Lannius cir, at Lone Elm................Mar 3, 4
Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin.........Mar 10, 11
Fannin cir, at New Hope.................Mar 17, 18
South Bonham mis, at Providence....Mar 24, 25
J. R. WAGES, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Whitewright sta............................Jan 6, 7
Pilot Point sta..............................Jan 13, 14
Van Alstyne sta............................Jan 20, 21
Bells and Savoy, at Bells................Jan 27, 28
Sherman cir, at Pecan....................Feb 3, 4
Travis Street sta...........................Feb 10, 11
Pottsboro and Preston, at Coffey Ch'l.Feb 17, 18
Collinsville cir, at Tioga.................Feb 24, 25
Howe cir, at Howe........................Mar 3, 4
Whitesboro cir, at Shady Grove......Mar 10, 11
Pilot Grove cir, at College Hill........Mar 17, 18
Gordonville cir, at Gordonville.........Mar 24, 25
Denison mis.................................Mar 31, April 1
J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST.—FIRST ROUND.
Fairlee cir, at Fairlee....................Dec 30, 31
Commerce cir, at Commerce...........Jan 6, 7
Pittsburg sta................................Jan 13, 14
Gilmer cir, at Gilmer.....................Jan 20, 21
Leesburg cir, at Reeves' Chapel.......Jan 27, 28
Winnsboro cir, at Winnsboro..........Feb 3, 4
Quitman cir, at Shady Grove..........Feb 10, 11
Carrollton cir, at Carrollton............Feb 17, 18
Mt Pleasant sta............................Feb 24, 25
Mt. Vernon cir, at Mt. Vernon.........Mar 3, 4
Winfield cir, at Bridges' Chapel......Mar 10, 11
Sulphur Bluff cir, at Lone Star........Mar 17, 18
Cooper cir, at Cooper....................Mar 24, 25
W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Atlanta.................................5th Sab in Dec
Kildare, at Kildare...................1st Sab in Jan
Park, at Liberty.......................2d Sab in Jan
Queen City, at Queen City........3d Sab in Jan
Linden, at Dugiessville.............4th Sab in Jan
Boston, at New Boston.............1st Sab in Feb
Daingerfield, at Feldon..............2d Sab in Feb
Hughes Springs, at Lively Chapel.3d Sab in Feb
Coffeeville, at Murry League......4th Sab in Feb
Three Springs, at Ingersol.......1st Sab in March
Dalby Springs, at Bassett.........2d Sab in March
O. P. THOMAS, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Decatur cir..............................5th Sun in Dec
and Decatur sta.......................at night
Era cir, at Flat Creek
Friday before 1st Sun in Jan
Rosston cir, at Hardy..............1st Sun in Jan
Bye Mound cir....Monday after 1st Sun in Jan
Marysville cir, at Spring Hill...2d Sun in Jan
Dexter cir, at Dexter..............3d Sun in Jan
Denton cir, at Cedar Grove......4th Sun in Jan
Rhome cir, at Walnut Creek......1st Sun in Feb
Greenwood cir, at Greenwood...2d Sun in Feb
Sanger cir, at Sanger...............3d Sun in Feb
R. M. POWERS, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Blue Grove cir.........................5th Sun in Dec
and Henrietta..........................Sunday night
Bonita...................................1st Sun in Jan
and St. Jo...............................Sunday night
Nocona, at Spanish Fort...........2d Sun in Jan
Montague..............................3d Sun in Jan
and Bowie..............................Sunday night
Bellevue................................4th Sun in Jan
Alvord...................................1st Sun in Feb
Sunset..................................2d Sun in Feb
Chico....................................3d Sun in Feb
Crafton.................................4th Sun in Feb
Fost Oak..............................1st Sun in March
Benvanue.............................2d Sun in March
W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Brookhaven cir, at Brookhaven.......Dec 30, 31
Killeen and Nolanville, at Nolanville. Jan 6, 7
Coperas Cove cir, at Coperas Cove....Jan 13, 14
Lampasas sta...............................Jan 15, 16
Lampasas cir, at Sunny Lane...........Jan 18
Lometa cir, at Pleasant Grove.........Jan 20, 21
Gatesville sta...............................Jan 27, 28
Oglesby cir, at Oglesby..................Jan 31
Coryell City cir, at Mosheim...........Feb 3, 4
Jonesboro cir, at Sardis.................Feb 10, 11
Hamilton and Hico cir, at Hamilton Feb 17, 18
Iredell and Martin's Gap cir, at Martin's Gap.......................................Feb 20
Meridian sta................................Feb 22
Harmony cir, at Harmony Chapel...Feb 24, 25
E. F. BOONE, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Bruceville and Mooreville, at Bruceville
Dec 30, 31
Lorena, at Lorena...................Dec 31, Jan 1
Abbott, at Abbott..........................Jan 6, 7
Valley Mills, at Coon Creek............Jan 13, 14
Mart, at Mart................................Jan 20, 21
Bosqueville, at Greenwood..............Jan 24
Temple.......................................Jan 27, 28
South Temple...............................Jan 28, 29
Rogers, at Rogers.........................Feb 4, 5
Troy, at Pendletonville...................Feb 7
Moody and Eddy, at Moody.............Feb 11, 12
R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

CISCO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Breckinridge, at Breckinridge 5th Sun in Dec
Rising Star and Pisgah, at Rising Star...Jan 3
Sipe Springs, at Liberty..................Jan 4
Carbon, at Gorman.................1st Sun in Jan
DeLeon, at DeLeon.......................Jan 9
Dublin sta, at Dublin.....................Jan 11
Proctor, at Proctor..................2d Sun in Jan
Carlton, at Oak Grove...................Jan 16
Alexander, at Indian Creek.............Jan 18
Duffau, at Motheral Gap..........3d Sun in Jan
Stephenville, at Stephenville...........Jan 23
Green's Creek, at Shelby................Jan 25
Armstrong..............................4th Sun in Jan
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Avalon cir, at Center....................Dec 30, 31
Waxahachie cir, at Midlothian.........Jan 6, 7
Italy and Frost, at Frost.................Jan 13, 14
Milford cir, at Milford....................Jan 20, 21
Red Oak cir, at Cedar Hill...............Jan 27, 28
Wheatland and West Dallas, at West Dallas.......................................Feb 3, 4
Bristol cir, at Bristol.....................Feb 10, 11
Reagor cir, at Chappell Hill............Feb 17, 18
Alvarado, at Roberts' Chapel..........Feb 24, 25
JOHN S. DAVIS, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Snyder mis, at Browning................Dec 29
Sweetwater cir, at Roscoe..............Dec 30
Haskell sta..................................Jan 8
Rayner mis, at Rayner...................Jan 9
Anson cir, at Anson......................Jan 11
Neinda cir, at Bitter Creek.............Jan 13
Merkel cir, at Mulbery...................Jan 20
Buffalo Gap cir, at Buffalo Gap.......Jan 27
E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Round Rock, at Round Rock...........Jan 6, 7
Bartlett, at Bartlett.......................Jan 13, 14
Holland, at Holand.................2 p m, Jan 15
South Belton, at Wilson's Valley.....Jan 20, 21
Belton...Jan 27, 28
Corn Hill and Salado, at Salado......Jan 28, 29
North Belton, at Rock Church.........Feb 3, 4
Liberty Hill and Leander, at Liberty Hill
Feb 10, 11
Jonah, at Jonah............................Feb 17, 18
Florence, at Florence.....................Feb 24, 25
SAM'L P. WRIGHT, P. E.

CORSICANA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Corsicana cir, at Pleasant Grove......Dec 30, 31
Itasca cir, at Itasca........................Jan 6, 7
Dresden cir, Blooming Grove...........Jan 13, 14
Hillsboro sta.................................Jan 20, 21
Barry cir, at Cook's school-house.....Jan 27, 28
Mt. Calm cir, at Mt. Calm...............Feb 3, 4
Kerens cir, at Murray's Chapel........Feb 10, 11
Rice and Chatfield cir, at Rice........Feb 17, 18
Hubbard cir, at Hubbard................Feb 24, 25
Dawson cir, at Dawson...................March 3, 4
Irene cir, at Brandon.....................March 10, 11
Bethel mis, at Prairie Point.............March 16
Groesbeck cir, at Groesbeck............March 17, 18
Mexia cir, at Shiloh.......................March 24, 25
Thornton cir, at Thornton.....March 31, April 1
Wortham cir, at Wortham................April 7, 8
Mexia sta, at Mexia.......................April 14, 15
GEO. S. WYATT, P. E.

PILES ITCHING PILES **SWAYNE'S OINTMENT**
ABSOLUTELY CURES.
SYMPTOMS—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form and protrude, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, absorbs the tumors. Sold by druggists or by mail for 50cts. Prepared by DR. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia.

As to the great virtues of "Swayne's Ointment," we are permitted to refer to the Publishers of the Texas Christian Advocate.

"Would you know why with pleasure
Our faces so beam?
Our Servants ne'er grumble,
Our life is a dream.



AND CLAIRETTE LAUNDRY SOAP
Is the cause of our bliss;
For all sorts of cleaning
It ne'er comes amiss.
MADE ONLY BY
N. K. FAIRBANK & CO. ST. LOUIS.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Morgan cir..................................Dec 29
Walnut cir...................................Dec 30, 31
Cleburne sta................................Jan 6, 7
First Church.................................Jan 13, 14
Missouri Avenue............................Jan 14, 15
Arlington cir.................................Jan 16
Mansfield cir.................................Jan 18
Cleburne cir.................................Jan 20, 21
Osceola cir...................................Jan 27, 28
Covington cir................................Jan 28, 29
Mulkey Memorial...........................Feb 3, 4
Marystown cir...............................Feb 10, 11
Fort Worth mis.............................Feb 17, 18
Lipan mis....................................Feb 24, 25
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Altus, at Union.............................Dec 30, 31
Mangum, at Rock School-house......Jan 6, 7
Duke, at Mangum..........................Jan 7, 8
Kirkland, at Kirkland.....................Jan 13
Memphis, at Newlin.......................Jan 14, 15
Clarendon sta...............................Jan 16
Claude, at Claude.........................Jan 17
Amarillo sta.................................Jan 18
Mobeetie, at Mobeetie...................Jan 20, 21
Harrold, at Grapevine...................Jan 26
Seymour sta.................................Jan 27, 28
Seymour mis, at Cachee Springs......Jan 30
Benjamin, at Benjamin...................Feb 3, 4
Floyd and Brisco at Floydada..........Feb 10, 11
Hale Center, at Emma....................Feb 17, 18
Plainview, at Plainview..................Feb 23, 24
Crowell, at Thalia.........................Feb 28
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Elm Street...................................Dec 28
Garvin cir....................................Dec 30, 31
Boonsville cir................................Jan 2
J. T. L. ANNIS, P. E.

TEXAS.

HOUSTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Washington Street........................Dec 30, 31
St. James....................................Jan 6, 7
Bolivar, at Patton's School-house.....Jan 9, 10
St. John's....................................Jan 13, 14
West End.....................................Jan 13, 14
Alvin and Sandy Point, at Alvin.......Jan 20, 21
Dickinson, at Hitchcock..........3 p m, Jan 21
Cedar Bayou, at Alex. Chapel.........Jan 27, 28
Patterson, at Patterson..........11 a m, Jan 30
Wharton, at Wharton..............7:30 p m, Feb 2
Richmond....................................Feb 3, 4
Eagle Lake, at Eagle Lake......7:30 p m, Feb 5
City Mission.......................7:30 p m, Feb 6
Shearn..............................7:30 p m, Feb 7
Velasco, at Angleton.....................Feb 10, 11
Matagorda, at Matagorda...............Feb 17, 18
Columbia, at Columbia..................Feb 24, 25
The District Stewards will meet in the Chapel of Shearn Church, Houston, December 30, 1893, 11 a. m. A full meeting of the board is greatly desired.
E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Manor sta....................................Dec 30, 31
Elgin sta......................................Jan 6, 7
Merrilltown cir, at Merrilltown.........Jan 13, 14
Manchaca cir, at Manchaca.............Jan 20, 21
Webberville cir, at Webberville........Jan 27, 28
McDade cir, at McDade..................Feb 3, 4
Bastrop sta...................................Feb 10, 11
Winchester cir, at Winchester.........Feb 17, 18
LaGrange sta.................................Feb 24, 25
Columbus sta.................................March 3, 4
Weimar and Osage, at Weimar.........March 10, 11
Flatonia sta..................................March 17, 18
JOS. B. SEARS, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Rockdale sta..................................Dec 30, 31
Caldwell sta...................................Jan 6, 7
Cameron cir...................................Jan 11, 12
Cameron sta..................................Jan 13, 14
Bellville cir....................................Jan 20, 21
Davilla cir.....................................Jan 27, 28
Waysfield cir..................................Jan 30, 31
Milano cir.....................................Feb 3, 4
Pleasant Hill cir.............................Feb 6, 7
Lexington cir..................................Feb 10, 11
Giddings and Burton........................Feb 17, 18
Chappell Hill sta.............................Feb 24, 25
Brenham sta...................................March 3, 4
Sealy cir..March 10, 11
The District Stewards will meet in Caldwell, Friday, January 5, at 7:30 p. m. A full attendance is earnestly requested. Dear brethren of the Chappell Hill District, if we will begin early and keep at it, God will bless us abundantly this year. Postoffice, Brenham.
E. H. HARMAN, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Dodge cir, at Black Jack................Dec 30, 31
Anderson, at Anderson...................Jan 6, 7
Navasota......................................Jan 11
Bryan..Jan 13, 14
Zion cir, at Lake Grove...................Jan 20, 21
Madisonville, at Madisonville...........Jan 27, 28
Millican, at Alexander.....................Feb 3, 4
Hempstead....................................Feb 10, 11
Montgomery cir, at Montgomery.......Feb 17, 18
Hockley cir, at Pine Grove...............Feb 24, 25
Conroe, at Brook's Chapel...............March 3, 4
Cold Springs, at Cold Springs...........March 10, 11
Shepherd, at Shepherd....................March 17, 18
Willis sta.......................................March 24, 25
Prairie Plains, at Mary's Chapel
March 31, April 1
District Stewards' meeting at Navasota Thursday, January 11, at 2 p. m.
W. WOOTTON, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Marlin sta.....................................Jan 6, 7
Kosse cir, at Kosse........................Jan 13, 14
Bald Prairie cir, at Walnut...............Jan 20, 21
Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan......Jan 27, 28
Calvert sta.....................................Feb 3, 4
Una cir, at Mt. Vernon....................Feb 10, 11
Rogers Prairie cir, at Gum Springs....Feb 17, 18
Centerville cir, at Evans Chapel........Feb 24, 25
Fairfield cir, at Sunshine.................March 3, 4
Jewett and Buffalo, at Jewett...........March 10, 11
Personville mis, at Union..................March 17, 18
Durango cir, at Pleasant Valley.........March 24, 25
Rosebud cir, at Powers Chapel
March 31, April 1
FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

GERMAN MISSION.

TEXAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Cibolo and Elm Creek....................Dec 30, 31
New Braunfels..............................Jan 6, 7
Grassyville...................................Jan 13, 14
Long Prairie.................................Jan 20, 21
Industry......................................Jan 27, 28
Bellville......................................Feb 3, 4
East Bernard...............................Feb 10, 11
Houston mis................................Feb 17, 18
Houston sta.................................Feb 24, 25
Llano..Mar 3, 4
Fredericksburgh...........................Mar 10, 11
JACOB KERN, P. E.

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S STEEL PENS.
GOLD MEDAL, PARIS EXPOSITION, 1889,
AND THE CHICAGO EXPOSITION AWARD.
THE MOST PERFECT OF PENS.

DOUBLE Breech-Loader $6.00. RIFLES $2.00 WATCHES **GUNS** BICYCLES $15
All kinds cheaper than elsewhere. Before you buy, send stamp for catalogue to POWELL & CLEMENT CO. 166 Main St., Cincinnati, O.

For $4.50 I will send the **Texas Christian Advocate** one year to any address and and give one copy of **Webster's Unabridged Dictionary**, postage prepaid. This proposition applies to renewals as well as new subscribers. Address
L. BLAYLOCK Dallas, Texas.

Texas Christian Advocate.
Only $2 a year, Preachers $1.

PASTOR'S BOOK.

I am highly pleased with the Pastor's Book. I have been buying Pastor's Records, not half so well bound nor half so convenient and full in arrangement, and paying from 65 cents to $1 for them. Annis' Book is the best in the world. Don't see how it could be improved upon.

J. C. RHODES.
BARNADA, ARK.

A Clock out of order shows it on the face. When the human machine goes wrong, the physiognomy tells tales. If you do not *look* well, take
Beecham's Pills
(Worth a Guinea a Box.) (Tasteless)
25 cents a box

EPILEPSY OR FITS
Can this disease be cured? Most physicians say No—I say, Yes; all forms and the worst cases. After 30 years study and experiment I have found the remedy.—Epilepsy is cured by it; cured, not subdued by opiates—the old, treacherous, quack treatment. Do not despair. Forget past impositions on your purse, past outrages on your confidence, past failures. Look forward, not backward. My remedy is of to-day. Valuable work on the subject, and large bottle of the remedy—sent free for trial. Mention Post-Office and Express address.
Prof. W. H. PEEKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York.

RUPTURE and PILES CURED



Without the KNIFE or detention from business. **Fistula, Fissure, Ulceration of the Rectum, Hydrocele and Varicocele.** Why wear a truss or suffer when you can be cured? **No Pay until Cured.** Send stamp for descriptive pamphlet, containing certificates from many prominent people, some of whom you may know. Address
DR. F. J. DICKEY, 335 Main St., Dallas, Tex.

DR. ALDRICH, SPECIALIST.
Treats all Chronic, Nervous, Blood and Skin Diseases; also Goitre, Tumors, Cancers, Varicose, Ulcers, and Strictures without cutting. The Doctor treats all diseases of the Nose, Throat and Chest. In every case Catarrh can be cured. Superfluous Hair, Birthmarks and moles permanently removed.
Office, 349 Main Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.

EPWORTH ORGANS & PIANOS for homes and chapels. No agents. Shipped from factory at special prices. Being Methodists we prefer that orders be sent through our ministers, who may hold price until instruments arrive in good order and are found as represented. Catalogues free if name and address of minister is stated.
Williams Organ & Piano Co. Chicago, Ill., Centerville, Iowa.



WILLIAMS' SHAVING STICK.
8 Gallons OF LATHER—
The amount of rich, creamy lather produced by a single WILLIAMS' SHAVING STICK—is simply marvelous.
Nothing demonstrates more clearly the wonderful *economy* of using this exquisite Toilet article.
DO YOU USE WILLIAMS?



QUALITY AND PRICE IS WHAT TALKS.
Look at these beautiful vehicles and low prices. You can't buy 'em from your local dealer for double the money. Write for our 1893 star catalogue, the finest ever published. Over 100 Styles. Vehicles $10 and upward. Harness $3 and upward.
ALLIANCE CARRIAGE CO., CINCINNATI, O.

TOWER'S



FISH BRAND
This Trade Mark is on the best
WATERPROOF COAT
in the World!
Illustrated Catalogue Free.
A. J. TOWER, BOSTON, MASS.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Kemp.

J. A. Kerr, Dce. 22: The reception accorded us by the good people of Kemp was all that could be desired. They met us at the depot and conducted us thence to the parsonage, where the good ladies had prepared an excellent repast. Donations have been coming in every day since we arrived. Many thanks to the donors. My pedecessor, Bro. Jordan and his good wife, are loved and esteemed very much by the people of this charge.

Douglassville.

Stuart Nelson, Dec. 19: Thanks to Bro. T. J. Wilson, we reached Douglassville on the 15th. We found in the culinary department many edibles which mutely, yet toothsomely testified that some one had expected and waited for us. It became clearer that we were expected when a colored damsel brought us a fine turkey with the the compliments of Sister Oliver. I preached at Linden Sunday. They are intelligent and refined. They like me. Proof: Three of them paid me $15. I will do "my cheerful best" to increase the circulation of that best of papers—The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Benvanue.

J. P. Lowry and wife, Dec. 10: We arrived in the bounds of our work last Friday and dined at Bro. Murrel's, at Hurnville, and then drove down to Bro. Grogan's, at this place, in the afternoon. Saturday morning we borrowed a wheelbarrow and loaded it with such things as we thought necessary for housekeeping and took our departure for the parsonage, a distance of 300 yards. Saturday night quite a number of our people visited us and left tokens of appreciation on our dining-room table, all of which was thankfully received. Had a good service here Sunday.

Weston.

S. W. Miller, Dec. 13: We reached Weston last Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Owing to the long drive and cold day, the brethren were not expecting us until next day, but we soon found friends and were comfortably cared for for the night. On Thursday we took charge of the parsonage, which is furnished. The ladies had bought a nice parlor set from Bro. Edwards for the parsonage. Some substantials have been brought in, but no pounding. I am pleased with the people and work, but I find that there is a very important work before me. May God help me to lead this people on to victory.

Wolfe City Station.

S. C. Riddle: This preacher and his wife have been the recipients of many courtesies since our arrival, which makes us feel at home and gladdens our hearts. Large congregations, a liberal "allowance" for pastor's salary, and a royal pounding the day we got into the parsonage, speak volumes to our little city's praise. A handsome new carpet, several articles of furniture and some improvements in the parsonage add much to the comfort of the preacher's home. Seventeen names have been received for membership in an Epworth League to be organized soon.

Bagwell.

A. C. Davis, Dec. 21: Our pastor and dearly beloved brother, M. G. Jenkins, took his departure for Calhoun, La., today. Bro. Jenkins has done a good work here and we regret his leaving very much. He is a good worker, zealous Christian, always up and doing for the Lord. We commend him to the brethren of Calhoun, and trust they will treat him better than we did, and we don't believe that all the courtesy that could be shown him would more than half pay him for the wholesome and very deep thoughts that he will give them.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Thornton.

M. L. Hallenbeck, Dec. 20: I write you good news. Our Justice Precinct, which covers the Thornton Circuit, by an eighty-one majorty, on yesterday, declared for prohibition. We are henceforth to be free from the whisky curse.

Dublin.

E. Hightower, Dec. 22: Dublin is a prohibition town in fact. The last saloon closed by order of the Attorney General three weeks ago. The house is being fitted for dry goods, and the other saloon buildings are filled with groceries. No grass grows in the streets.

Italy and Frost.

Jas. A. Walkup, Dec. 19: I reached my work in good time; met with a kind reception and good people; have met all my appointments; had a good day last Sunday; received 21 members by letter and 1 on profession. The parsonage has been repaired and fixed up comfortably. The pounding was a success—the most enjoyable affair I have ever experienced, owing to the kindly Christian spirit in which it was done. I hope the Lord will help me to be faithful to this people and give us a gracious year; and yet I am constantly reminded of the kindness of my former pastorate. God bless the people of Ennis and give the pastor and people a good year.

North Texas Female College

—AND—

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

Full and Efficient Faculty.

Well-Equipped Dormitories.

Cultured Surroundings.

Correspondence Solicited.

Address

MRS. L. A. KIDD KEY,
President.

Sherman, - - - - - Texas.

Oglesby.

Sam'l Morriss, Dec. 18: I have been kindly received, I may say, for the third time on this charge, and the Board of Stewards have provided as usual for the support of their preacher. Presiding elder, $70; preacher in charge, $500. I have preached five times, received 5 members—4 by vows and baptism; 1 by vows. We are expecting a glorious revival at each appointment this year.

Killeen.

G. D. Wilson, Dec. 19: We are living comfortably in our new parsonage at this place. The people here and at Nolansville have been very kind to us. God bless them and reward them a thousandfold. Have preached several times on the charge. I am delighted. The prospect is full of promise. By the help of God I purpose doing all I can for this people.

Sims and Glenwood.

James D. Odom, Dec. 21: We have been very kindly received by this clever people. Our first Quarterly Conference, which convened last Saturday, was a delightful occasion. Bro. Davis' sermons were strong, spiritual and effective. The conference session was a very pleasant one indeed. A liberal salary was made and quite a good portion of it paid, considering the early conference. Have collected about $30 for missions since conference. Received 2 members by ritual. We are hopeful.

Colorado.

J. H. Chambliss, Dec. 20: The Ladies' Aid Society show a disposition to meet every need in making the parsonage comfortable. The pounding still goes on, and eatables still find their way to the parsonage. Two gentlemen handed me a contribution from the citizens of Colorado. When I opened the envelope I found a polite note and $122.75 in cash. My heart is deeply moved with gratitude. First Quarterly Conference just over, and we feel that wisdom and prudence are shaping matters for the year.

Claude.

W. M. Adams, Dec. 18: Will you say through our conference organ that we had one of the most spiritual conferences we have ever attended in these fifteen years of itinerant life, i. e., we witnessed 24 conversions and 14 sanctifications. Thirteen of these were sanctified wholly at one service out at the Industral Home, in the edge of the city of Fort Worth. The conversions were, most of them, at the "Door of Hope Mission." We had some glorious street meetings also. Your bother, all for Jesus.

Big Springs.

W. H. C., Dec. 18: Our first Quarterly Conference over. Bro. E. L. A., our presiding elder, is very feeble, not being able to preach, but his prayer last night was worth more than many sermons which we have sometimes heard. What a blessing to the Church are these silver-haired fathers. God bless him. We have organized the children (about fifty) into a band known as "Big Springs White Lilies." The way is opening up for a great work this year. I feel but little fear of our finances here this year. God be praised.

Mobeetie.

C. V. Bailey, Dec. 18: Am at my post of duty, delighted; people are intelligent and appreciative. Held our first service yesterday; gratifying outlook. Ladies have renovated the parsonage and are making noble efforts to further furnish and improve the same. These are heroic people. After a ride of 420 miles in a road-cart to reach them, I hope to meet the full demands of our Lord, and to please the people as far as possible. Our household goods arrived to-day. Wife and our two babies are expected in about three weeks. Am being royally cared for with headquarters in the elegant home of B. W. Philbrick.

A Change in the Rule.

John S. Davis, Dec. 21: Did you ever hear of a presiding elder getting presents? If not, let me tell you that deponent can tell you of one. Last Christmas the good friends of Waxahachie, with $5 from Midlothian, gave this presiding elder $40 with which to buy a suit of clothes, which he wore to the last session of our conference, in which he felt good, and looked very well (for him), and then this last spring, my old and true friend, Joe H. Stewart, of Dallas, gave me another nice suit of clothes and several other nice things, and then last night here comes sister Samuel Uhl with one of the prettiest quilts you ever saw,


ELI BROWN.

FREE.

The following remarkable statement to which we direct special attention, is from a Tenn. farmer.

My age is 63. I suffered intensely from catarrh 10 yrs., dry scabs formed in nostrils, one or both sides stopped up continually, dryness and soreness of throat, hoarseness, intense headache, took cold easily, and had continual roaring, cracking, buzzing, and singing in my ears. My hearing began to fail, and for three years I was almost entirely deaf, and continually grew worse. Every thing I had tried, failed. In despair I commenced to use the Aerial Medication in 1888, and the effect of the first application was simply wonderful. In less than five minutes my hearing was fully restored, and has been perfect ever since, and in a few months was entirely cured of catarrh.

ELI BROWN, Jacksboro, Tenn.

MEDICINES FOR THREE MONTHS' TREATMENT FREE.

To introduce this treatment and prove beyond doubt that it is a positive cure for Deafness, Catarrh, Throat and Lung Diseases, I will, for a short time, send (by express) Medicines for three months' treatment free. Address,

J. H. MOORE, M. D., Cincinnati, O.

made by the good women of Wheatland and Duncanville. God bless them; and then here comes Brother French, of our society here, bless his soul, with a nice lot of fresh meat; my, my, just think of it!

Cresson.

W. N. Curry, Dec. 19: We are beginning our second year at Cresson with favorable prospects before us. We were received very kindly. Have added substantial improvments to parsonage—two rooms, porches, etc.; also a very neat yard fence. Have received four into Church. Congregation good. We have made a terrible assault with intent to preach at every point. First Quarterly Conference over; had a full attendance. Raised assessment of pastor in charge $50 from last year. Report of stewards satisfactory. We are praying, hoping, working and expecting that this may be the best year in the history of Cresson Circuit.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Seglar.

F. G. Tinsley: It is with pleasure that I report to the many readers of the ADVOCATE the improvement on Bro. Asa B. Bynum's work (Benton charge). When that brother returned from the Beeville Conference the people arose and built a nice parsonage, buying three acres of land, with a good well of water on it, and a splendid stone chimney that had once been doing service to another house, and all paid for except $13. Since conference I have been sick, but am now convalescent.

Williamsburg.

Wm. J. Sims: Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. The work is starting off well. Liberal arrangements have been made for our support. We collected $80 on conference assessments. Will send at once to the Conference Treasurer our assessments for foreign missions. These people know how to make a preacher and family feel welcome among them. On our return home we were pounded in modern style.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Caldwell.

A. S. Blackwood, Dec. 18: I arrived here last Wednesday. The good ladies had put the parsonage in good condition. We were driven from the depot to the parsonage where the ladies received us and sat us down to an elegant dinner. Sunday we had good audiences and received 12 members by certificate, including 3 of this preacher's family. We begin this year with much to encourage us.

Shepherd.

E. E. Langford, Dec. 19: We reached this place December 12 and received a hearty welcome. The preacher is well pleased, as the outlook is good for a fine year's work on Shepherd Mission, and the people seem to be delighted at having a preacher to live and work among them all the time. We preached Sunday morning and night to a good congregation each time.

Milano.

S. P. Brown, Dec. 18: We arrived at Milano Friday, December 15, and were conducted to the home of Bro. and Sister W. H. Smith, where an elegant dinner was spread for us. In a few hours we were unpacking our goods at the parsonage, where, on the evening of the 16th, we were liberally pounded. I preached Sunday night to a crowded house of attentive hearers. The people are very kind to us. I desire to express my appreciation also of the $22 50 presented me by the Misses Sallie J. Hall, Adda J. Rowe and Bessie P. Wilard, organist and members of my choir at Winchester.

Prevention Is Better

Than cure, and those who are subject to rheumatism can prevent attacks by keeping the blood pure and free from the acid which causes the disease. You can rely upon Hood's Sarsaparilla as a remedy for rheumatism and catarrh, also for every form of scrofula, salt rheum, boils and other diseases caused by impure blood. It tones and vitalizes the whole system.

Hood's Pills are easy and gentle in effect.

Mr. Huggins—Is Miss Fosdick still President of your Society for the Suppression of Slang, Miss Skidds? Miss Skidds—No; she got too fresh and we turned her down.

Stop spending money for inefficient remedies. **TRY POND'S EXTRACT** for any Inflammation or pain. *Insist on having Pond's Extract.*

A move is on foot to incorporate the suburbs of Berlin. Should it be carried out that city would contain 800,000 souls.

For Malaria, Liver Trouble, or Indigestion, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

Congress took a recess on December 22 for the holidays. It will reconvene January 3.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS.

E. P. TURNER, (no trouble to answer questions) *Trust* Co. building, *Dallas*, is the only Agent that can give you choice of routes via St. Louis, Memphis, Shreveport, New Orleans, or Ft. Worth. He will give reliable information relative to *all* routes, allowing you to take your choice.

Buy useful holiday presents that will be a pleasure and a benefit every day of the year. Write C. P. BARNES & BRO., Louisville, Ky., and tell them what you want and they will send a catalogue. You will find what you get of these gentlemen to be as represented.

LA GRIPPE CURED.

No Failures—Great Excitement—Everybody Taking Pe-ru-na.

Everybody, everywhere, is finding Pe-ru-na to be the only remedy for la grippe. Louise Wyttenbach, Emmetsburg, Iowa, writes: "My mother had la grippe for the third time. We called a physician, but she continued to get worse. We quit him, and four bottles of Pe-ru-na cured her." Mrs. S. N. Mercer, Greenville, Texas, says: "I had la grippe; my physician did not cure me. I commenced to take Pe-ru na, and in a short time I was sound and well. Pe-ru-na saved my life." Alfred Cheney, Kinderhook, Mich., writes: "I had la grippe. Physicians treated me with little benefit. Pe-ru-na cured me." Mrs. Mary M. Pruitt, Pierce City, Mo., says: "I am sixty-eight years old, and Pe-ru na cured me of la grippe." Rev. H. Petty, Cherriton, Va., says: "I had la grippe very bad, and Pe-ru-na was, indeed, a panacea to me. I recommend it to others."

Free Medical Books

on catarrh, la grippe, coughs, colds and consumption will be sent prepaid for a short time to any address by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio.

Com. Stanton, who was cashiered for saluting the flagship of the Brazilian insurgent Com. Mello, has been restored and placed in command of the North Atlantic squadron, the most important of them all.

AN OFFER.

A sample package of CRYSTALLIZED MINERAL WATER sent to any address on receipt of two-cent stamp. These Crystals are proving a specific in the cure of Nasal Catarrh of an acute or chronic form. If you suffer from any Nasal trouble try a package and be convinced. It goes on its own merits, and has never failed to give relief. I want every Preacher to know its sovereign power over this malady and be an Agent in presenting it to suffering humanity. Address B. V. SOWDERS, Kosse, Texas.

SAM JONES' LECTURE.

Rev. Sam P. Jones will lecture in the Representative Hall, Capitol Building, January 12, on the subject: "Get there and stay there." Bro. Jones will be entertained by Gov. Jas. S. Hogg while in this city. The lecture will be for the benefit of the First Street M. E. Church, and we expect a very large attendance. A special train is expected to be run over one of the roads for the occasion, and if others think that as many as a half dozen is likely to come from any of the adjoining towns, please write me, as I think special rates of 4 cents a mile for the round trip can be had on all the roads.

S. W. HOLT.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, 1002 East Seventh street.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate
Makes an Invigorating Drink
with water and sugar only. Delicious.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

The beneficiary members of this Brotherhood will please send me the names of those whom they wish to designate in their certificates as beneficiaries of the mortuary fees of the Brotherhood, to be paid in case of their death. We also want the postoffice address of every member of the society.

R. F. DUNN.
CISCO, TEXAS. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Montgomery Advertiser says: "Simmons Liver Regulator has secured a reputation in every part of the United States solely on account of its extraordinary merits as a medicine for the liver, stomach and kidneys."

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED MONEY?

If so, write to Prof. John A. Lomax, Weatherford, Texas, for information about a Lecture Course. Such men as Sam Jones, Robt. Burdette, Col. J. P. Sanford, Col. L. F. Copeland, Dr. Jas. Hedley, John Temple Graves, George W. Bain, and others, all Christian gentlemen, are available in Texas this winter. A Lecture Course always pays if properly managed. It is the enemy of the theater. Why not bring entertainments to your city that do not educate downward?

WHERE WILL ALEXANDER INSTITUTE BE LOCATED!

The East Texas Annual Conference at Orange, December 8, 1893, appointed the following commission and vested in them full power to relocate Alexander Institute: J. S. Mathis, G. A. Kelly, J. C. Calhoun, L. R. Parks, L. M. Fowler, J. F. Celey, A. A. Wagnon, T. S. Garrison, J. L. Wyche and W. B. Powell. This commission in a meeting held by them December 9, decided to announce through the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE a meeting at Rusk, Texas, Tuesday morning, January 9, 1894, at 9:30 o'clock, and at Jacksonville, Texas, Wednesday, January 10, 1894. From Jacksonville they will visit other points that may apply or bid for the Institute between this and January 9. The intention is to visit the grounds, examine into fitness of same, receive bids, etc., and decide the location as quickly as practicable. If there are others who intend to bid for the location of the Institute please confer with us at once or you will be too late.

And now, brethren of the commission, this is an important, a very important, matter, so be on hand at the time appointed, sure. The morning train arrives in Rusk at 9:30.

J. S. MATHIS,
Chairman, Crockett, Texas.
L. R. PARKS,
Secretary, Athens, Texas.

Awarded Highest Honors World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder.

The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.—No Ammonia; No Alum.
Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

DEVOTIONAL.

HOME-COMING.

When life's hours of toil are ended,
And my day draws to a close;
When the bells of evening, chiming,
Call me to my long repose,
Eagerly my feet shall hasten,
And my eyes shall look to see,
Standing close by heaven's portals,
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

They who long from that far country
Watched me as I faltered on,
In earth's weary round of labor,
Strength and courage almost gone,
When they see me drop life's burdens
And to heaven's refuge flee,
Swift will gather round the portals
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

And when on their silver hinges
Wide the gates of pearl shall swing,
And by grace of Him who loved me
I am suffered to come in,
First of heaven's joys to greet me,
In that joyful hour shall be,
As I pass those shining portals,
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

Then the cords which earth's rude conflict
Here had broken shall be joined,
And beyond death's gloomy kingdom
Still more strongly shall be twined;
Ah! my heart, fail not thy singing!
Though the way may weary be,
Soon my joyful eyes shall see them,
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

—*Exchange.*

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The unrenewed heart is opposed to nothing so much as an entire consecration of our wills to God. Satan and the world are leagued together in opposition to such consecration. Nothing but the indwelling Holy Spirit will give us to see the necessity of fulfilling this duty, and will lead us to use the means by which that consecration may become effectual.

The Holy Spirit is needed to sustain godly enjoyment in the soul. As we advance in godly experience, it is His office to mature the fruits of the Spirit. He can lead us into such a spiritual condition that supreme love will actuate us in all that we do. He can cause us to "rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks." He can transport us where our "peace shall be as a river, and our righteousness as the waves of the sea." His gracious office in all this is a part of that blessed gospel "whose streams the whole creation reach."

And who does not need such sustaining joy and peace? We are all journeying through a wilderness of tangled thickets and dangerous pitfalls; night envelops us and foes in disguise wait near our path. Anxiety, consuming care, and despondency will often be as weights upon the heart unless we have the sustaining comforts of an indwelling Spirit. We often journey near fearful precipices over whose treacherous heights many a pilgrim has fallen. Our feet may press upon the everlasting hills, yet the allurements of life, the empty promises of wealth, the show of elevated rank, and a thousand things more may prove our ruin. Our only security is in having an indwelling Spirit to insure the safety of our steps.

Believer, hast thou lost an interest in the family altar or the means of grace in the Church of thy fellowship; dost thou mourn over the difficulties that beset thy path? Hast thou for any reason lost the sweet consciousness of pardon and acceptance? Do this one thing, hear the voice of God now: "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

We need not hesitate to claim this unspeakable blessing. See how clearly the Holy Spirit is promised to us! With what variety of illustration does our Savior inspire out faith as we ask for him! "If ye, being evil"—that is, imperfect, as compared with God in knowledge, benevolence, and purity—"know how"—that is, are able, notwithstanding the above-named imperfections—"to give good gifts unto your children"—that is, to give gifts, not only pleasing to them, but gifts really valuable—"how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" What treasures of the divine tenderness are in these words! How is the divine intention to do us good brought to the level of our comprehension in them! Yes, the Holy Spirit is a free gift to all who will ask. The soft airs that fan every cheek, the music of nature from ten thousand orchestras, the bright landscapes of earth, are God's free gifts to all in this world. But as we journey on through life there is no gift proffered to us from a Father's hand so free as this gift of the Holy Spirit.—*New York Advocate.*

The Kind of

medicine
you need is the
old reliable tonic and
blood-purifier,

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA

It
can have
no substitute.
Cures others,

will cure you

ELECTROPOISE.

(TRADEMARK.)

About three years ago I had measles and pneumonia, which settled on my bowels, terminating in ulceration of the bowels and finally bowel consumption. I was confined to my bed more than half the time, having hemorrhages, frequently bleeding a teacupful and more at a time, accompanied by severe pains. I had three of the best physicians in the county attending me, who said that the lining of my bowels had entirely passed away, and that I could not live but a few weeks.

I tried all kinds of mineral water, with no good results, and continued to lose strength and flesh, getting down from 150 pounds to a mere skeleton. March 24, 1893, I bought an Electropoise as a last resort. I stopped all medicines and stimulants and applied the Electropoise to my ankle. The first night that I used it I slept soundly, a thing I had not done before in three months. I gradually began to improve, and now I am entirely well and weigh 165 pounds.

I owe my life to the Electropoise, and would not be without it for any amount of money.

Yours gratefully, J. G. LEWIS.
MADISON STATION, MISS., Nov. 20, 1893.

Instruments rented to responsible persons. For a 40-page descriptive circular of the great curative agent address

W. S. SWYMMER,
Agent for Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.
Southwest corner 22d and Strand,
Galveston, Texas.

The trouble between France and Siam is about to be renewed. It is likely now that the question will take a large range and that England may take a hand.

Three men were killed by a passing locomotive at Greenburg, Pa., on December 21. They were walking the track.

John P. Hopkins, Democratic candidate for Mayor of Chicago, was elected over the acting Republican Mayor by 1387 majority.

The bill for admission of Arizona Territory as a State passed the House last week.

The Argentine Republic is in a state of revolution. The insurgents have captured San Borju and have laid siege to Bage.

The only complexion powder in the world that is without vulgarity, without injury to the user, and without doubt a beautifier, is POZZONI'S.

Prisoner—As my counsel has failed to put in his appearance, I would ask your honor to adjourn the case. Judge—Why, you were caught in the act of stealing a gold watch from the person of a gentleman. Besides, you admitted the charge. I am curious to know what, under these circumstances, your counsel could have to say in your defense. Prisoner—So am I, your Honor; and, therefore, I should like to hear him.


Mr. Jacob Wurtz

Made a New Man

"I have been made a new man by Hood's Sarsaparilla. I had pains in my back, felt languid and did not have any appetite. I have taken **Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures** twelve bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and cannot praise it enough." JACOB WURTZ, cor. 15th St. and Portland Av., Louisville, Ky.

HOOD'S PILLS Cure all Liver Ills. 25c.

BABY'S BLOOD AND SKIN

Cleansed and purified of every humor, eruption, and disease by the celebrated

CUTICURA REMEDIES



These great skin cures, blood purifiers, and humor remedies afford immediate relief in the most torturing of Itching and Burning Eczemas and other itching, scaly, crusted, and blotchy skin and scalp diseases, permit rest and sleep, and point to a permanent and economical (because most speedy) cure when the best physicians and all other remedies fail. Thousands of grateful testimonials attest their wonderful, unfailing, and incomparable efficacy. Sold everywhere. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CORP., Boston. "All About the Skin, Scalp, and Hair," mailed free.

BABY'S Skin and Scalp purified and beautified by CUTICURA SOAP. Absolutely pure.



HOW MY SIDE ACHES!

Aching Sides and Back, Hip, Kidney, and Uterine Pains, and Rheumatism relieved in one minute by the Cuticura Anti-Pain Plaster. The first and only instantaneous pain-killing, strengthening plaster.

FITS STOPPED FREE

Marvelous Success.
Insanity Prevented by
Dr. KLINE'S GREAT NERVE RESTORER

Only sure cure for *Nervous Affections, Fits, Epilepsy*, etc. No Fits and little Nervousness after first day's use. Infallible for all Nervous Diseases if taken as directed. Treatise and $2 trial bottle free to Fit patients, they paying express charges on box when received. Send names and P. O. address of afflicted to DR. KLINE, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. See your Druggist. Beware of imitating frauds.

Don't Lose Heart.

PLANT FERRY'S SEEDS this year, and make up for lost time. **Ferry's Seed Annual** for 1894 will give you many valuable hints about what to raise and how to raise it. It contains information to be had from no other source. **Free to all.**

D. M. Ferry & Co.
Detroit,
Mich.

FREE TO F. A. M. A Colored Engraving of Chinese Masons at work, also, large Catalogue of Masonic books and goods with bottom prices. New Illustrated History of Freemasonry for Agents. Beware of the spurious Masonic books. REDDING & CO., Publishers and Manufacturers of Masonic Goods, 731 Broadway, New York.

HALF PRICE.

Only a few of Allen's Book of Forms are left, and these are more or less defective. The book has never sold for less than 50 cts a copy; but these damaged copies will be sold at half price. Let every young preacher send me at once 25 cts. and get *the very book he needs.* Bishops, Presiding Elders, and Pastors commend it.

JOHN R. ALLEN, Georgetown, Texas.

A WOMAN'S INFANT CATECHISM.

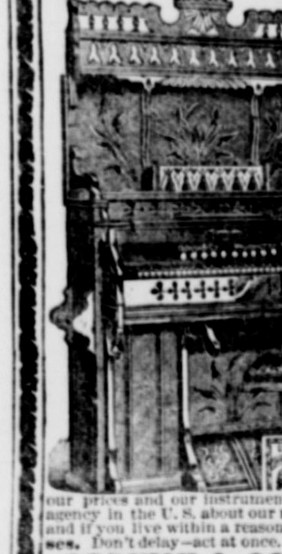
Recently Mrs. A. M. Ireland, a successful infant class teacher, of Seguin, Texas, sent for sample copy of Mrs. Thornburgh's Catechism. After examining it she writes: "I am very much pleased with the Catechism I think it is the very thing we need for our infant classes. Send me one dollars worth."

Send for sample copy, 5 cents, or 40c a dozen, to Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.

Poppies FREE. Send us 10 cents for a sample copy of INGALL'S MAGAZINE, and we will send you a "YARD OF POPPIES," in all their BEAUTIFUL COLORS—FREE. Address J. F. INGALLS, Lynn, Mass. Box A2.

Texas Advocate—$2 per year

This Grand Organ $45.00



complete with stool and instruction book. Safe delivery guaranteed. Free test trial in your own home without a penny in advance. Price $45.00 cash or $50.00 on credit, $10.00 down and $5.00 per month. **This offer stands unequalled** in the annals of organ making. It is **the red letter offer of a lifetime**—never equaled, and never will be. This is our No. 23,000

GOOD HOPE ORGAN

brand new, (exactly like cut) absolutely perfect, containing all the latest and best improvements. Solid Black Walnut Case. **10** Effective Stops, **3** Sets Orchestral Toned Reeds, Double Octave Couplers, New Tone Swell, Grand Organ Swell, all known modern improvements, making **a complete Parlor Organ, specially warranted 10 years.** The **regular retail price of this Organ is $78.00.** This is but one of **MANY BARGAINS** in Organs and Pianos to be found in our mammoth Illustrated Catalogue. **Organs from $27.50 up. Pianos from $175 up.** We send it absolutely **FREE** to anyone, anywhere. **Send for it at once** and see how much better you can do by buying from our factory **at manufacturer's prices.** It shows you how you can get **the best Organs and Pianos** at bed rock prices for cash or

ON EASY CREDIT.

Remember we do **the largest business in the world,** and can do better for you than anybody in the world. **Investigate our methods.** Compare our prices and our instruments with those offered by dealers. Ask any bank or commercial agency in the U. S. about our responsibility. **Our factory is always open for inspection,** and if you live within a reasonable distance and wish to purchase, **we will pay your expenses.** Don't delay—act at once. This offer will not last forever. When writing mention this paper.

CORNISH & CO., Established 27 Years. Washington, New Jersey.

C. P. BARNES & BRO.

JEWELERS,
540 West Market St,
Louisville,
KY.

WATCHES WATCHES

This Catalogue illustrates over 2500 different patterns of Watches, Jewelry, Rings, Pens, Silverware, &c.

Our 384-page Catalogue sent to any address.

This firm is reliable.—Publishers Texas Advocate.

School Furniture. Church Furniture.

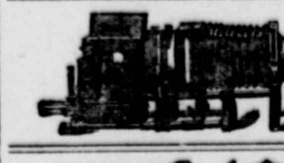
SCHOOL SUPPLIES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Venetian and Sliding Blinds for Public Buildings and Residences. Our own Patent Blind and Awning combined. Superior to anything ever offered for this climate.

FINE MANTELS AND GRATES. SPECIALTIES IN FINE WOOD WORK.

If you have not fully decided what you want, write us and we will send you samples and cuts. By so doing you will be enabled to make up your mind and will also save agent's profits.

HUGHES & TURNER 296 Main Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.



Criterion and Parabolon **MAGIC LANTERNS** and Stereopticons, Oil, Lime, or Electric Light, Views of World's Fair, Scripture, Temperance and other subjects for profitable public lectures or private talks.

Catalogues free. **J. B. COLT & CO.** 16 Beekman St. New York. 189 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Hill's Business College

Recognized from the Atlantic to the Pacific as the greatest Business College in the Southern States. The advantages in all departments are equal to any on the continent. Equipped at a cost of over $9000. Three Banks. Nine able Teachers. 250 students in daily attendance in the Spring. Graduates holding positions at salaries from $40.00 to $200.00 per month. 16 gold medals and premiums from the Dallas and other State Fairs. Illustrated Catalogue free. Address

R. H. HILL, President, Waco, Texas.

Galveston Business University ABSOLUTELY THOROUGH. The only Business College in America that will allow students to attend one month on trial, then pay expenses monthly at term rates. Excellent board, room, etc., at exact cost ($10 per mo.) Delightful climate. Do not attend elsewhere until you have read our terms. Send at once for catalogue. J. F. SMITH, Principal, Galveston, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Kemp.

J. A. Kerr, Dec. 22: The reception accorded us by the good people of Kemp was all that could be desired. They met us at the depot and conducted us thence to the parsonage, where the good ladies had prepared an excellent repast. Donations have been coming in every day since we arrived. Many thanks to the donors. My pedecessor, Bro. Jordan and his good wife, are loved and esteemed very much by the people of this charge.

Douglassville.

Stuart Nelson, Dec. 19: Thanks to Bro. T. J. Wilson, we reached Douglassville on the 15th. We found in the culinary department many edibles which mutely, yet toothsomely testified that some one had expected and waited for us. It became clearer that we were expected when a colored damsel brought us a fine turkey with the the compliments of Sister Oliver. I preached at Linden Sunday. They are intelligent and refined. They like me. Proof: Three of them paid me $15. I will do "my cheerful best" to increase the circulation of that best of papers—The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Benvanue.

J. P. Lowry and wife, Dec. 10: We arrived in the bounds of our work last Friday and dined at Bro. Murrel's, at Hurnville, and then drove down to Bro. Grogan's, at this place, in the afternoon. Saturday morning we borrowed a wheelbarrow and loaded it with such things as we thought necessary for housekeeping and took our departure for the parsonage, a distance of 300 yards. Saturday night quite a number of our people visited us and left tokens of appreciation on our dining-room table, all of which was thankfully received. Had a good service here Sunday.

Weston.

S. W. Miller, Dec. 13: We reached Weston last Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Owing to the long drive and cold day, the brethren were not expecting us until next day, but we soon found friends and were comfortably cared for for the night. On Thursday we took charge of the parsonage, which is furnished. The ladies had bought a nice parlor set from Bro. Edwards for the parsonage. Some substantials have been brought in, but no pounding. I am pleased with the people and work, but I find that there is a very important work before me. May God help me to lead this people on to victory.

Wolfe City Station.

S. C. Riddle: This preacher and his wife have been the recipients of many courtesies since our arrival, which makes us feel at home and gladdens our hearts. Large congregations, a liberal "allowance" for pastor's salary, and a royal pounding the day we got into the parsonage, speak volumes to our little city's praise. A handsome new carpet, several articles of furniture and some improvements in the parsonage add much to the comfort of the preacher's home. Seventeen names have been received for membership in an Epworth League to be organized soon.

Bagwell.

A. C. Davis, Dec. 21: Our pastor and dearly beloved brother, M. G. Jenkins, took his departure for Calhoun, La., today. Bro. Jenkins has done a good work here and we regret his leaving very much. He is a good worker, zealous Christian, always up and doing for the Lord. We commend him to the brethren of Calhoun, and trust they will treat him better than we did, and we don't believe that all the courtesy that could be shown him would more than half pay him for the wholesome and very deep thoughts that he will give them.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Thornton.

M. L. Hallenbeck, Dec. 20: I write you good news. Our Justice Precinct, which covers the Thornton Circuit, by an eighty-one majority, on yesterday, declared for prohibition. We are henceforth to be free from the whisky curse.

Dublin.

E. Hightower, Dec. 22: Dublin is a prohibition town in fact. The last saloon closed by order of the Attorney General three weeks ago. The house is being fitted for dry goods, and the other saloon buildings are filled with groceries. No grass grows in the streets.

Italy and Frost.

Jas. A. Walkup, Dec. 19: I reached my work in good time; met with a kind reception and good people; have met all my appointments; had a good day last Sunday; received 21 members by letter and 1 on profession. The parsonage has been repaired and fixed up comfortably. The pounding was a success—the most enjoyable affair I have ever experienced, owing to the kindly Christian spirit in which it was done. I hope the Lord will help me to be faithful to this people and give us a gracious year; and yet I am constantly reminded of the kindness of my former pastorate. God bless the people of Ennis and give the pastor and people a good year.

FREE.



ELI BROWN.

The following remarkable statement to which we direct special attention, is from a Tenn. farmer.

My age is 63. I suffered intensely from catarrh 10 yrs., dry scabs formed in nostrils, one or both sides stopped up continually, dryness and soreness of throat, hoarseness, intense headache, took cold easily, and had continual roaring, cracking, buzzing, and singing in my ears. My hearing began to fail, and for three years I was almost entirely deaf, and continually grew worse. Every thing I had tried, failed. In despair I commenced to use the Aerial Medication in 1888, and the effect of the first application was simply wonderful. In less than five minutes my hearing was fully restored, and has been perfect ever since, and in a few months was entirely cured of catarrh.

ELI BROWN, Jacksboro, Tenn.

MEDICINES FOR THREE MONTHS' TREATMENT FREE.

To introduce this treatment and prove beyond doubt that it is a positive cure for Deafness, Catarrh, Throat and Lung Diseases, I will, for a short time, send (by express) Medicines for three months' treatment free. Address,

J. H. MOORE, M. D., Cincinnati, O.

North Texas Female College

—AND—

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

Full and Efficient Faculty.

Well-Equipped Dormitories.

Cultured Surroundings.

Correspondence Solicited.

Address

MRS. L. A. KIDD KEY,
President.

Sherman, - - - - - Texas.

Douglassville.

Stuart Nelson, Dec. 19: Thanks to Bro. T. J. Wilson, we reached Douglassville on the 15th. We found in the culinary department many edibles which mutely, yet toothsomely testified that some one had expected and waited for us. It became clearer that we were expected when a colored damsel brought us a fine turkey with the the compliments of Sister Oliver. I preached at Linden Sunday. They are intelligent and refined. They like me. Proof: Three of them paid me $15. I will do "my cheerful best" to increase the circulation of that best of papers—The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Oglesby.

Sam'l Morriss, Dec. 18: I have been kindly received, I may say, for the third time on this charge, and the Board of Stewards have provided as usual for the support of their preacher. Presiding elder, $70; preacher in charge, $500. I have preached five times, received 5 members—4 by vows and baptism; 1 by vows. We are expecting a glorious revival at each appointment this year.

Killeen.

G. D. Wilson, Dec. 19: We are living comfortably in our new parsonage at this place. The people here and at Nolansville have been very kind to us. God bless them and reward them a thousandfold. Have preached several times on the charge. I am delighted. The prospect is full of promise. By the help of God I purpose doing all I can for this people.

Sims and Glenwood.

James D. Odom, Dec. 21: We have been very kindly received by this clever people. Our first Quarterly Conference, which convened last Saturday, was a delightful occasion. Bro. Davis' sermons were strong, spiritual and effective. The conference session was a very pleasant one indeed. A liberal salary was made and quite a good portion of it paid, considering the early conference. Have collected about $30 for missions since conference. Received 2 members by ritual. We are hopeful.

Colorado.

J. H. Chambliss, Dec. 20: The Ladies' Aid Society show a disposition to meet every need in making the parsonage comfortable. The pounding still goes on, and eatables still find their way to the parsonage. Two gentlemen handed me a contribution from the citizens of Colorado. When I opened the envelope I found a polite note and $122.75 in cash. My heart is deeply moved with gratitude. First Quarterly Conference just over, and we feel that wisdom and prudence are shaping matters for the year.

Claude.

W. M. Adams, Dec. 18: Will you say through our conference organ that we had one of the most spiritual conferences we have ever attended in these fifteen years of itinerant life, i. e., we witnessed 24 conversions and 14 sanctifications. Thirteen of these were sanctified wholly at one service out at the Industrial Home, in the edge of the city of Fort Worth. The conversions were, most of them, at the "Door of Hope Mission." We had some glorious street meetings also. Your bother, all for Jesus.

Big Springs.

W. H. C., Dec. 18: Our first Quarterly Conference over. Bro. E. L. A., our presiding elder, is very feeble, not being able to preach, but his prayer last night was worth more than many sermons which we have sometimes heard. What a blessing to the Church are these silver-haired fathers. God bless him. We have organized the children (about fifty) into a band known as "Big Springs White Lilies." The way is opening up for a great work this year. I feel but little fear of our finances here this year. God be praised.

Mobeetie.

C. V. Bailey, Dec. 18: Am at my post of duty, delighted; people are intelligent and appreciative. Held our first service yesterday; gratifying outlook. Ladies have renovated the parsonage and are making noble efforts to further furnish and improve the same. These are heroic people. After a ride of 420 miles in a road-cart to reach them, I hope to meet the full demands of our Lord, and to please the people as far as possible. Our household goods arrived to-day. Wife and our two babies are expected in about three weeks. Am being royally cared for with headquarters in the elegant home of B. W. Pailbrick.

A Change in the Rule.

John S. Davis, Dec. 21: Did you ever hear of a presiding elder getting presents? If not, let me tell you that deponent can tell you of one. Last Christmas the good friends of Waxahachie, with $5 from Midlothian, gave this presiding elder $40 with which to buy a suit of clothes, which he wore to the last session of our conference, in which he felt good, and looked very well (for him), and then this last spring, my old and true friend, Joe H. Stewart, of Dallas, gave me another nice suit of clothes and several other nice things, and then last night here comes sister Samuel Uhl with one of the prettiest quilts you ever saw, made by the good women of Wheatland and Duncanville. God bless them; and then here comes Brother French, of our society here, bless his soul, with a nice lot of fresh meat; my, my, just think of it!

Cresson.

W. N. Curry, Dec. 19: We are beginning our second year at Cresson with favorable prospects before us. We were received very kindly. Have added substantial improvments to parsonage—two rooms, porches, etc.; also a very neat yard fence. Have received four into Church. Congregation good. We have made a terrible assault with intent to preach at every point. First Quarterly Conference over; had a full attendance. Raised assessment of pastor in charge $50 from last year. Report of stewards satisfactory. We are praying, hoping, working and expecting that this may be the best year in the history of Cresson Circuit.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Seglar.

F. G. Tinsley: It is with pleasure that I report to the many readers of the ADVOCATE the improvement on Bro. Asa B. Bynum's work (Benton charge). When that brother returned from the Beeville Conference the people arose and built a nice parsonage, buying three acres of land, with a good well of water on it, and a splendid stone chimney that had once been doing service to another house, and all paid for except $13. Since conference I have been sick, but am now convalescent.

Williamsburg.

Wm. J. Sims: Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. The work is starting off well. Liberal arrangements have been made for our support. We collected $80 on conference assessments. Will send at once to the Conference Treasurer our assessments for foreign missions. These people know how to make a preacher and family feel welcome among them. On our return home we were pounded in modern style.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Caldwell.

A. S. Blackwood, Dec. 18: I arrived here last Wednesday. The good ladies had put the parsonage in good condition. We were driven from the depot to the parsonage where the ladies received us and sat us down to an elegant dinner. Sunday we had good audiences and received 12 members by certificate, including 3 of this preacher's family. We begin this year with much to encourage us.

Shepherd.

E. E. Langford, Dec. 19: We reached this place December 12 and received a hearty welcome. The preacher is well pleased, as the outlook is good for a fine year's work on Shepherd Mission, and the people seem to be delighted at having a preacher to live and work among them all the time. We preached Sunday morning and night to a good congregation each time.

Milano.

S. P. Brown, Dec. 18: We arrived at Milano Friday, December 15, and were conducted to the home of Bro. and Sister W. H. Smith, where an elegant dinner was spread for us. In a few hours we were unpacking our goods at the parsonage, where, on the evening of the 16th, we were liberally pounded. I preached Sunday night to a crowded house of attentive hearers. The people are very kind to us. I desire to express my appreciation also of the $22 50 presented me by the Misses Sallie J. Hall, Adda J. Rowe and Bessie P. Wilard, organist and members of my choir at Winchester.

Prevention Is Better

Than cure, and those who are subject to rheumatism can prevent attacks by keeping the blood pure and free from the acid which causes the disease. You can rely upon Hood's Sarsaparilla as a remedy for rheumatism and catarrh, also for every form of scrofula, salt rheum, boils and other diseases caused by impure blood. It tones and vitalizes the whole system.

Hood's Pills are easy and gentle in effect.

Mr. Huggins—Is Miss Fosdick still President of your Society for the Suppression of Slang, Miss Skidds? Miss Skidds—No; she got too fresh and we turned her down.

Stop spending money for inefficient remedies. TRY POND'S EXTRACT for any Inflammation or pain. *Insist on having Pond's Extract.*

A move is on foot to incorporate the suburbs of Berlin. Should it be carried out that city would contain 300,000 souls.

For Malaria, Liver Trouble, or Indigestion, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

Congress took a recess on December 22 for the holidays. It will reconvene January 3.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS.

E. P. TURNER, (no trouble to answer questions) *Trust Co.* building, *Dallas*, is the only Agent that can give you choice of routes via St. Louis, Memphis, Shreveport, New Orleans, or Ft. Worth. He will give reliable information relative to *all* routes, allowing you to take your choice.

Buy useful holiday presents that will be a pleasure and a benefit every day of the year. Write C. P. BARNES & BRO., Louisville, Ky., and tell them what you want and they will send a catalogue. You will find what you get of these gentlemen to be as represented.

LA GRIPPE CURED.

No Failures—Great Excitement—Everybody Taking Pe-ru-na.

Everybody, everywhere, is finding Pe-ru-na to be the only remedy for la grippe. Louise Wyttenbach, Enmetsburg, Iowa, writes: "My mother had la grippe for the third time. We called a physician, but she continued to get worse. We quit him, and four bottles of Pe-ru-na cured her." Mrs. S. N. Mercer, Greenville, Texas, says: "I had la grippe; my physician did not cure me. I commenced to take Pe-ru-na, and in a short time I was sound and well. Pe-ru-na saved my life." Alfred Cheney, Kinderhook, Mich., writes: "I had la grippe. Physicians treated me with little benefit. Pe-ru-na cured me." Mrs. Mary M. Pruitt, Pierce City, Mo., says: "I am sixty-eight years old, and Pe-ru-na cured me of la grippe." Rev. H. Petty, Cherriton, Va., says: "I had la grippe very bad, and Pe-ru-na was, indeed, a panacea to me. I recommend it to others."

Free Medical Books

on catarrh, la grippe, coughs, colds and consumption will be sent prepaid for a short time to any address by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio.

Com. Stanton, who was cashiered for saluting the flagship of the Brazilian insurgent Com. Mello, has been restored and placed in command of the North Atlantic squadron, the most important of them all.

AN OFFER.

A sample package of CRYSTALLIZED MINERAL WATER sent to any address on receipt of two-cent stamp. These Crystals are proving a specific in the cure of Nasal Catarrh of an acute or chronic form. If you suffer from any Nasal trouble try a package and be convinced. It goes on its own merits, and has never failed to give relief. I want every Preacher to know its sovereign power over this malady and be an Agent in presenting it to suffering humanity. Address B. V. SOWDERS, Rosse, Texas.

SAM JONES' LECTURE.

Rev. Sam P. Jones will lecture in the Representative Hall, Capitol Building, January 12, on the subject: "Get there and stay there." Bro. Jones will be entertained by Gov. Jas. S. Hogg while in this city. The lecture will be for the benefit of the First Street M. E. Church, and we expect a very large attendance. A special train is expected to be run over one of the roads for the occasion, and if others think that as many as a half dozen is likely to come from any of the adjoining towns, please write me, as I think special rates of 4 cents a mile for the round trip can be had on all the roads.

S. W. HOLT.
AUSTIN, TEXAS, 1002 East Seventh street.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate
Makes an invigorating Drink
with water and sugar only. Delicious.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

The beneficiary members of this Brotherhood will please send me the names of those whom they wish to designate in their certificates as beneficiaries of the mortuary fees of the Brotherhood, to be paid in case of their death. We also want the postoffice address of every member of the society.

R. F. DUNN.
CISCO, TEXAS. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Montgomery Advertiser says: "Simmons Liver Regulator has secured a reputation in every part of the United States solely on account of its extraordinary merits as a medicine for the liver, stomach and kidneys."

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED MONEY?

If so, write to Prof. John A. Lomax, Weatherford, Texas, for information about a Lecture Course. Such men as Sam Jones, Robt. Burdette, Col. J. P. Sanford, Col. L. F. Copeland, Dr. Jas. Hedley, John Temple Graves, George W. Bain, and others, all Christian gentlemen, are available in Texas this winter. A Lecture Course always pays if properly managed. It is the enemy of the theater. Why not bring entertainments to your city that do not educate downward?

WHERE WILL ALEXANDER INSTITUTE BE LOCATED!

The East Texas Annual Conference at Orange, December 8, 1893, appointed the following commission and vested in them full power to relocate Alexander Institute: J. S. Mathis, G. A. Kelly, J. C. Calhoun, L. R. Parks, L. M. Fowler, J. F. Celey, A. A. Wagnon, T. S. Garrison, J. L. Wyche and W. B. Powell. This commission in a meeting held by them December 9, decided to announce through the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE a meeting at Rusk, Texas, Tuesday morning, January 9, 1894, at 9:30 o'clock, and at Jacksonville, Texas, Wednesday, January 10, 1894. From Jacksonville they will visit other points that may apply or bid for the Institute between this and January 9. The intention is to visit the grounds, examine into fitness of same, receive bids, etc., and decide the location as quickly as practicable. If there are others who intend to bid for the location of the Institute please confer with us at once or you will be too late.

And now, brethren of the commission, this is an important, a very important, matter, so be on hand at the time appointed, sure. The morning train arrives in Rusk at 9:30.

J. S. MATHIS,
Chairman, Crockett, Texas
L. R. PARKS,
Secretary, Athens, Texas.

Awarded Highest Honors World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder.

The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.—No Ammonia; No Alum.

Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

DEVOTIONAL.

HOME-COMING.

When life's hours of toil are ended,
And my day draws to a close;
When the bells of evening, chiming,
Call me to my long repose,
Eagerly my feet shall hasten,
And my eyes shall look to see,
Standing close by heaven's portals,
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

They who long from that far country
Watched me as I faltered on,
In earth's weary round of labor,
Strength and courage almost gone,
When they see me drop life's burdens
And to heaven's refuge flee,
Swift will gather round the portals
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

And when on their silver hinges
Wide the gates of pearl shall swing,
And by grace of Him who loved me
I am suffered to come in,
First of heaven's joys to greet me,
In that joyful hour shall be,
As I pass those shining portals,
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

Then the cords which earth's rude conflict
Here had broken shall be joined,
And beyond death's gloomy kingdom
Still more strongly shall be twined;
Ah! my heart, fail not thy singing!
Though the way may weary be,
Soon my joyful eyes shall see them,
Loved ones, waiting there for me.

—*Exchange.*

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The unrenewed heart is opposed to nothing so much as an entire consecration of our wills to God. Satan and the world are leagued together in opposition to such consecration. Nothing but the indwelling Holy Spirit will give us to see the necessity of fulfilling this duty, and will lead us to use the means by which that consecration may become effectual.

The Holy Spirit is needed to sustain godly enjoyment in the soul. As we advance in godly experience, it is His office to mature the fruits of the Spirit. He can lead us into such a spiritual condition that supreme love will actuate us in all that we do. He can cause us to "rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks." He can transport us where our "peace shall be as a river, and our righteousness as the waves of the sea." His gracious office in all this is a part of that blessed gospel "whose streams the whole creation reach."

And who does not need such sustaining joy and peace? We are all journeying through a wilderness of tangled thickets and dangerous pitfalls; night envelops us and foes in disguise wait near our path. Anxiety, consuming care, and despondency will often be as weights upon the heart unless we have the sustaining comforts of an indwelling Spirit. We often journey near fearful precipices over whose treacherous heights many a pilgrim has fallen. Our feet may press upon the everlasting hills, yet the allurements of life, the empty promises of wealth, the show of elevated rank, and a thousand things more may prove our ruin. Our only security is in having an indwelling Spirit to insure the safety of our steps.

Believer, hast thou lost an interest in the family altar or the means of grace in the Church of thy fellowship; dost thou mourn over the difficulties that beset thy path? Hast thou for any reason lost the sweet consciousness of pardon and acceptance? Do this one thing, hear the voice of God now: "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

We need not hesitate to claim this unspeakable blessing. See how clearly the Holy Spirit is promised to us! With what variety of illustration does our Savior inspire out faith as we ask for him! "If ye, being evil"—that is, imperfect, as compared with God in knowledge, benevolence, and purity—"know how"—that is, are able, notwithstanding the above-named imperfections—"to give good gifts unto your children"—that is, to give gifts, not only pleasing to them, but gifts really valuable—"how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" What treasures of the divine tenderness are in these words! How is the divine intention to do us good brought to the level of our comprehension in them! Yes, the Holy Spirit is a free gift to all who will ask. The soft airs that fan every cheek, the music of nature from ten thousand orchestras, the bright landscapes of earth, are God's free gifts to all in this world. But as we journey on through life there is no gift proffered to us from a Father's hand so free as this gift of the Holy Spirit.—*New York Advocate.*

The Kind of

medicine
you need is the
old reliable tonic and
blood-purifier,

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA

It
can have
no substitute.
Cures others,

will cure you

ELECTROPOISE.

(TRADEMARK.)

About three years ago I had measles and pneumonia, which settled on my bowels, terminating in ulceration of the bowels and finally bowel consumption. I was confined to my bed more than half the time, having hemorrhages, frequently bleeding a teacupful and more at a time, accompanied by severe pains. I had three of the best physicians in the county attending me, who said that the lining of my bowels had entirely passed away, and that I could not live but a few weeks.

I tried all kinds of mineral water, with no good results, and continued to lose strength and flesh, getting down from 150 pounds to a mere skeleton. March 24, 1893, I bought an Electropoise as a last resort. I stopped all medicines and stimulants and applied the Electropoise to my ankle. The first night that I used it I slept soundly, a thing I had not done before in three months. I gradually began to improve, and now I am entirely well and weigh 165 pounds.

I owe my life to the Electropoise, and would not be without it for any amount of money.

Yours gratefully, J. G. LEWIS.
MADISON STATION, MISS., Nov. 20, 1893.

Instruments rented to responsible persons. For a 40-page descriptive circular of the great curative agent address

W. S. SWYMMER,
Agent for Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.
Southwest corner 22d and Strand,
Galveston, Texas.

BABY'S BLOOD AND SKIN

Cleansed and purified of every humor, eruption, and disease by the celebrated

CUTICURA REMEDIES



These great skin cures, blood purifiers, and humor remedies afford immediate relief in the most torturing of Itching and Burning Eczemas and other itching, scaly, crusted, and blotchy skin and scalp diseases, permit rest and sleep, and point to a permanent and economical (because most speedy) cure when the best physicians and all other remedies fail. Thousands of grateful testimonials attest their wonderful, unfailing, and incomparable efficacy. Sold everywhere. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CORP., Boston. "All About the Skin, Scalp, and Hair," mailed free.

BABY'S Skin and Scalp purified and beautified by CUTICURA SOAP. Absolutely pure.



HOW MY SIDE ACHES!

Aching Sides and Back, Hip, Kidney, and Uterine Pains, and Rheumatism relieved in one minute by the Cuticura Anti-Pain Plaster. The first and only instantaneous pain-killing, strengthening plaster.

FITS STOPPED FREE

Marvelous Success. Insanity Prevented by DR. KLINE'S GREAT NERVE RESTORER

Only sure cure for *Nervous Affections, Fits, Epilepsy*, etc. No Fits and little Nervousness after first day's use. Infallible for all Nervous Diseases if taken as directed. Treatise and $2 trial bottle free to Fit patients, they paying express charges on box when received. Send names and P. O. address of afflicted to DR. KLINE, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. See your Druggist. Beware of imitating frauds.

Don't Lose Heart.

PLANT FERRY'S SEEDS this year, and make up for lost time. Ferry's Seed Annual for 1894 will give you many valuable hints about what to raise and how to raise it. It contains information to be had from no other source. Free to all.

D. M. Ferry & Co.
Detroit, Mich.



Mr. Jacob Wurtz

Made a New Man

"I have been made a new man by Hood's Sarsaparilla. I had pains in my back, felt languid and did not have any appetite. I have taken

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

twelve bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and cannot praise it enough." JACOB WURTZ, cor. 15th St. and Portland Av., Louisville, Ky.

HOOD'S PILLS Cure all Liver Ills. 25c.

HALF PRICE.

Only a few of Allen's Book of Forms are left, and these are more or less defective. The book has never sold for less than $5 cts a copy; but these damaged copies will be sold at half price. Let every young preacher send me at once 25 cts. and get *the very book he needs.* Bishops, Presiding Elders, and Pastors commend it.

JOHN R. ALLEN, Georgetown, Texas.

A WOMAN'S INFANT CATECHISM.

Recently Mrs. A. M. Ireland, a successful infant class teacher, of Seguin, Texas, sent for sample copy of Mrs. Thornburgh's Catechism. After examining it she writes: "I am very much pleased with the Catechism. I think it is the very thing we need for our infant classes. Send me one dollars worth."

Send for sample copy, 5 cents, or 40c a dozen, to Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.

Poppies FREE. Send us 10 cents for a sample copy of INGALL'S MAGAZINE, and we will send you a "YARD OF POPPIES," in all their BEAUTIFUL COLORS—FREE. Address J. F. INGALLS, Lynn, Mass. Box A2.

Texas Advocate—$2 per year

This Grand Organ $45.00



complete with stool and instruction book. Safe delivery guaranteed. Free test trial in your own home without a penny in advance. Price $45.00 cash or $50.00 on credit, $10.00 down and $5.00 per month. This offer stands unequalled in the annals of organ making. It is the red letter offer of a lifetime—never equaled, and never will be. This is our No. 25,009

GOOD HOPE ORGAN

brand new, (exactly like cut) absolutely perfect, containing all the latest and best improvements. Solid Black Walnut Case, 10 Effective Stops, 3 Sets Orchestral Toned Reeds, Double Octave Couplers, Nem Tone Swell, Grand Organ Swell, all known modern improvements, making a complete Parlor Organ, specially warranted 10 years. The regular retail price of this Organ is $78.00. This is but one of MANY BARGAINS in Organs and Pianos to be found in our mammoth Illustrated Catalogue. Organs from $27.50 up. Pianos from $175 up. We send it absolutely FREE to anyone, anywhere. Send for it at once and see how much better you can do by buying from our factory at manufacturer's prices. It shows you how you can get the best Organs and Pianos at bed rock price for cash or

ON EASY CREDIT.

Remember we do the largest business in the world, and can do better for you than anybody in the world. Investigate our methods. Compare our prices and our instruments with those offered by dealers. Ask any bank or commercial agency in the U. S. about our responsibility. Our factory is always open for inspection, and if you live within a reasonable distance and wish to purchase, we will pay your expenses. Don't delay—act at once. This offer will not last forever. When writing mention this paper.

CORNISH & CO., Established 27 Years. Washington, New Jersey.

C. P. BARNES & BRO.

JEWELERS,
540 West Market St.
Louisville, KY.

WATCHES WATCHES

This Catalogue illustrates over 2500 different patterns of Watches, Jewelry, Rings, Pens, Silverware, &c.

Our 384-page Catalogue sent to any address.

This firm is reliable.—Publishers Texas Advocate.

School Furniture. Church Furniture.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Venetian and Sliding Blinds for Public Buildings and Residences. Our own Patent Blind and Awning combined. Superior to anything ever offered for this climate.

FINE MANTELS AND GRATES. SPECIALTIES IN FINE WOOD WORK.

If you have not fully decided what you want, write us and we will send you samples and cuts. By so doing you will be enabled to make up your mind and will also save agent's profits.

HUGHES & TURNER 296 Main Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.



Criterion and Parabolon MAGIC LANTERNS and Stereopticons, Oil, Lime, or Electric Light, Views of World's Fair, Scripture, Temperance and other subjects for profitable public lectures or private talks.

Catalogues free. J. B. COLT & CO. 189 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. 16 Beekman St. New York.

Hill's Business College

Recognized from the Atlantic to the Pacific as the greatest Business College in the Southern States. The advantages in all departments are equal to any on the continent. Equipped at a cost of over $9000. Three Banks. Nine able Teachers. 250 students in daily attendance in the Spring. Graduates holding positions at salaries from $40.00 to $200.00 per month. 16 gold medals and premiums from the Dallas and other State Fairs. Illustrated Catalogue free. Address R. H. HILL, President, Waco, Texas.

Galveston Business University

ABSOLUTELY THOROUGH. The only Business College in America that will allow students to attend one month on trial, then pay expenses monthly at term rates. Excellent board, room, etc., at exact cost ($10 per mo.) Delightful climate. Do not attend elsewhere until you have read our terms. Send at once for catalogue. J. F. SMITH, Principal, Galveston, Texas.