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HOME CONFERENCES.

[Wanted for this department all the church news. Send facts—not comments, nor sermons, nor lectures, nor exhortations; but send every item of news concerning the church in your charge.]

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Salado.

W. H. Vaughan, Sept. 7: Salado gives me $230 for the orphan's home.

Italy.

F. A. Winn, Sept. 6: After a hotly contested election, Italy went for local option by sixty-nine majority; something near four hundred votes polled. Mr. Editor, we feel good. [That is right.—ED.]

Bruceville.

E. F. Boone, Sept. 8: A good time at Moody on the 6th; large, attentive congregations morning and night; six accessions, two by letter, and four by profession and six persons immersed for baptism.

East Taylor Mission.

C. D. West, Sept. 10: Our meetings for the year are about over. There have been between thirty and forty conversions and fifty-four accessions to the church during the year. Have organized two churches, and we are trying to build one church, but are not sure of success yet. I think we will pay all assessments by conference.

Merkel.

J. H. Chambliss, Sept. 4: Our meeting began at this place on the 19th of August. We expected Bro. Joe Jones, but were disappointed by him. But there was a good interest from the beginning to the end, closing the 31 inst. Additions by ritual thirty-five, by letter nine. Others will follow. Two young folks prayer-meetings were organized—one for young ladies and one for young men. Thirty young ladies and about twenty young men went into these prayer-meetings. Bro. J. A. Hyder helped us during most of the meeting. Bro. Wallace and Bro. Hampton also were with us a short time, but did good work while there. Our own people were untiring.

Cleburne.

T. W. Rogers, Sept. 4: The new Methodist church in this city is finished and being occupied by the congregation. It is a very handsome structure, 60x57 feet, and built after model No. 54 in the Book of Styles furnished by Dr. Morton. The building is a strong frame of picked material, with seating capacity for near 500. We consider, in the face of all the difficulties and closeness of money, our people have reason to thank God and take courage. There are a few noble brethren here who have rallied around this work and carried it through in spite of all the difficulties who deserve the credit. Between fifty and sixty have been added to the list of membership and others to follow.

Irvin's Chapel.

P. M. Shrock: Our third quarterly meeting was held at Irvin's Chapel August 29 and 30. Rev. J. S. Davis, our worthy presiding elder, was with us from Friday night till Monday morning; did some excellent preaching. Our beloved pastor, M. M. Smith, assisted by Bros. Goode and Ford, local preachers, and Bro. Griffith, exhorter, held the best meeting we have ever had at this place. Bro. Smith and Bro. Ford did very good preaching, and we think Bro. Goode did the best preaching and praying in his life here at our meeting, and we must thank Bro. Griffith for his soul-stirring singing. Bros. Edwards, Eliasville, Hamilton, Belding, Fitzgerald, Taylor and Jim Hamilton, Cedar Springs; Bro. Barkett, Peach creek, and other official members, were with us from Friday till Monday. Attendance very good for cotton picking time. Church thoroughly revived. Meeting closed Wednesday night. Results: seven conversions, five accessions and three infants baptized.

West Georgetown.

Jas. M. Sherman, Sept. 3: I have just completed the round of protracted meetings West Georgetown circuit. On the entire circuit there have thirty-four accessions to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and thirty-three conversions since commencement. We have had another revival in church building on the circuit at Gum Springs, and hope to have the church completed by conference. The church is to cost between one thousand and twelve hundred dollars. My people expect to make the circuit self-sustaining next year. They want a pastor that can give them his full time. "No more school boys to practice on, or to afflict them" is the cry, and sir, I just have to grin and bear it. Allow me to say that the preacher, whomsoever he may be, that is read out for West Georgetown circuit, will meet with a kind, loving and appreciative people. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the following brethren for their valuable services during the summer's campaign: Revs. I. N. Burks, C. D. West, J. W. Story, of the traveling connection; and Revs. E. Crum, S. E. Burkhead, Thomas H. Anderson, Wm. I Ball and Samuel Rucker, local preachers. Last, but not least, our excellent presiding elder, Horace Bishop, rendered us valuable service at Gum Springs by preaching, praying and singing, but especially in stirring up the minds and hearts of the people to build "the Lord an house." God bless him for his work's sake.

Clio.

L. S. Chamberlain, Sept. 1: In company with Rev. R. W. Wellborn, preacher in charge, we opened our summer campaign at Wolf Valley, three miles north of Maytown, second Sunday in July. Dick was just out of bed from a spell of fever, but was able, notwithstanding, to vent some inteligible blasts from the old bugle and aided in summoning the hosts of Emmanuel to conflict. It has been several years since there had been aught of a revival there, and though we had but few conversions—one perhaps—we had a good time with our church, and it was a time of mutual building up. We collided with our Baptist brethren there as they did with us, and that was a mutual tearing down. Well, the wheels rolled more heavily at least. At May we held two Sundays. Had meeting at night only. School in progress and only one set of seats. We had much interest and numbered about nine converts. The next meeting was at Clio. I am not positive as to number of conversions. I remained at May until Monday and left in a day or two for other points. I think there were about eighteen conversions. At Windham camp-ground we held two Sundays—first and second Sundays in August. Had many difficulties to encounter, but God gave us ten bright conversions and much grace upon many members of the church. Our last meeting was at Cross Cut (Bell Durham). There were nine families that remained on the ground most all through the meeting. We ate seven or eight beeves; had Sam Franks with us a day or two, Father Gatis most of the time, and had thirty-five professions. Our people took more interest in the meetings than for five years. Hope we may hold our ground.

Eastland.

J. J. Canafax, Sept. 5: Since my last report I have held meetings of ten days each at Pleasant Grove and Merriman. Success crowned our efforts at both places. At the first named place we have quite a band of faithful and earnest workers who have been praying all the year for a revival. Their prayers were heard and answered. Waves of glory swept over us, and while the tide was up sinners stepped in and were made clean from the defilements of sin. Twenty-two were converted and reclaimed. A peculiar phase of this meeting was the number of special prayers answered. Persons prayed for came for miles to the meeting, sought and found pardon of sin. Pleasant Grove Church is fully alive. Following this we commenced at Merriman. Help was scarce and the preacher sick with asthma, but thanks to those good Baptist brethren, Dr. O. H. Westlake, of Ranger, and Rev. Rhodes Duncan, of Mississippi, who came to his assistance. They preached in the Spirit; they exhorted; they worked in the altar; they found a place in the hearts of all the people. Sixteen professions and seventeen additions to the church were the visible results of the meeting. Old settlers say it was the best meeting ever held at Merriman. Bros. Davenport and Keahey, local, did efficient service. For services at Pleasant Grove we render thanks to Bro. R. J. Hodges, of Wayland, who was with us through the whole meeting. Bro. H. is an earnest and efficient preacher.

Blooming Grove.

C. E. Gallagher, Sept. 7: My meetings are over. God has been with us in the conversion of about one hundred and fifty souls; ninety additions to the church. Bro. Raymond helped me in my Blooming Grove meeting, doing all the preaching while he was with me. Raymond "skinned" and some of the people "kicked" for a few days, but finally they all settled down on Raymond's side and concluded if he wasn't "pretty," he was a good preacher, and are now thanking God he ever came to Blooming Grove. Bro. M. S. Hotchkiss, of Hillsboro, preached three good sermons for us. My local preachers did me good service. Bro. Henry Stewart, one of Dresden's own preacher boys, who has been for three years in Emory College, spent the summer with us, preaching very acceptably, singing very sweetly and praying with power. He goes back to Emory another year to graduate, and will come doubtless to Texas to cast his lot with the Texas Methodist itinerancy. May God bless him. Our presiding elder comes to us once a quarter, usually with an escort of laymen. They come "eager for the fight," and, oh, my! how the presiding elder and those laymen do preach! They do a work every time they come that reaches every part of the circuit. God bless them. Many of the brethren and sisters have done faithful work and have stood nobly by their pastor. May God bless them and give them a better pastor another year. Our finances are behind. Cotton crop cut very short, but I hope to bring up a good report to conference.

Big Springs.

Nat. B. Read, Sept. 9: Our meeting has just closed, after four weeks hard fighting against the powers of darkness. We had sin of all kinds to contend with. At the same time that our meeting began a soul-sleeper and water-salvationist opened up in ear shot of our church. He kept up his work for three weeks, then played out. The devil was thoroughly aroused, infidelity, gambling, dancing and vices unmentionable had to be met, but God baptized the pulpit and pews with the Holy Ghost, and victory is ours. The visible results are as follows: A general quickening along all lines of church work. Members who have been for a long time cold or lukewarm were powerfully revived. Old difficulties that had caused widespread sorrow and pain were healed; many souls converted and twenty-four adult additions to our church. The conversions were on the old style order—there was no hold up your hands or stand on your feet till you are all counted, but the gospel was preached and invitations were given to penitents to came to the altar for prayer; they came and were made shouting happy. Old men with gray heads came forward and were saved; mothers and fathers were made happy in a Savior's love. The moral tone of our little city has undergone a marvelous change. We had a "religious ground swell." Rev. B. R. Bolton, pastor at Colorado City, came up and helped me a few days. He is a grand man; he did some noble work, and his sermons were full of power. We sing all hail the power of Jesus name, and enthrone him Lord of all.

Carbon.

Aunt Mary, Sept. 6: Our series of camp-meetings on Carbon circuit are over. We began Friday before the third Sunday in July at the "railroad well," two and a half miles from Carbon, continuing over the fourth Sunday. Then at Pisgah Friday before the second Sunday in August and continuing over the third Sunday. Then we began at Long Branch Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, and closed the next Thursday night following. Results in all, fifty-eight conversions and forty-five accessions to the M. E. Church, South. Church generally revived and now on a higher plane religiously. We had efficient aid from our brethren, both from our circuit and from other circuits and stations. It would be too tedious to mention all of them. God bless them. They know, and God knows who they were, and they will get their reward. There was one interesting feature in these camp-meetings. The Lord permitted us to have present at the "railroad wells" Uncle Sammy Brown, who is 103 years old, to cheer us with his hallelujahs. Then at Pisgah we had Grandpa Henry, over eighty years old, with his vast, rich store of our good old hymns, who would rise and intersperse other services with his rich quotations. At Long Branch we had Grandpa Craig, who is almost blind, but rich in faith. While his sight is dimming here his vision is opening on better things. Bless God for these old heroes of the cross to cheer us all along the line. From Long Branch we went to Burkett, in Coleman county, on Bro. Gilleland's work, where Mr. Reeves gave a lecture on baptism and where we witnessed households of baptisms. At Burkett I met with some of those young people who had covenanted with me by letter early in the year to pray for the conversion of the young people this year; and in answer to our prayers we witnessed the conversion of some. Others gave their names on a slip of paper, saying, "Aunt Mary, pray for me;" and I intend to hold those names up before God every day and pray for their conversion. On yesterday evening we reached home again after having been absent the most of the time for seven weeks. Mr. Reeves has baptized nearly one hundred children this year.

Vernon District Conference.

G. W. Turner, Secretary: The District Conference of Vernon district, Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, met in its third session at Quanah, Texas, August 27, at 9 o'clock, a. m., Rev. M. K. Little, presiding elder, in the chair.

S. W. Turner was elected Secretary.

There were present about twenty-five preachers and several prominent laymen: Dr. Beardsly, of Kentucky Conference; Rev. W. F. Evans, of Little Rock Conference; Rev. J. F. Elder, of the Baptist Church; Dr. Dickens, of the Presbyterian Church, were visiting.

The reports from the various pastoral charges, showed the church to be in a reasonably healthy state in the main. There had been over one thousand additions to the church during the year and many meetings yet to be held, several parsonages and a number of churches built and all the indications are that Methodism is being successfully planted in this new and rapidly developing country. There is a possibility thas the district may have to be divided at the ensuing annual conference. Some six or seven new works were recommended to be formed. This district is well manned; has a live presiding elder, "dearly beloved," and an energetic, consecrated corps of laborers as pastors and God has greatly blessed their labors.

The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and the "big editor" was heartily indorsed and duly recommended.

An appropriate report was made by the Committee on Education. The Southwestern University was recommended as the best school for Texas Methodists. Vernon Wesleyan College was commended to favorable consideration and as being specially entitled to aid and encouragement. An excellent private school, now conducted by Rev. G. A. Jones, of our church, at Vernon, was favorably mentioned.

Rev. J. Haralson, D. D., spoke to the report, representing the Vernon Wesleyan enterprise, and this writer represented the Southwestern and preached on Christian education on Sunday night, and but for a disastrous fire on Friday night and the fact that our people are striving to complete a handsome and substantial stone church in Quanah, 40x60 feet, something might have been done in a financial way. Rev. G. A. Jones also made a good speech for the Southwestern, with special reference to the course of study and the moderate expenses.

A very interesting Sunday-school convention was held on Saturday morning, and a full program of important subjects discussed. The great difficulty in the way of Methodist Sunday-schools is the need of Methodist churches. The preaching throughout the session was deeply spiritual and of a high order. The new presiding elder behaved with grace and dignity.

Amarillo was elected as the place for the next session. E. T. Murchison, J. A. Richardson, J. M. Thomasson and J. W. Hendrix are the delegates elect to the annual conference and J. C. Wooldridge and W. P. Jones, alternates.

Quanah received a unanimous rising vote of thanks for her abounding hospitality; Rev. J. F. Elder and his people for the use of their church, although they had to call in special services of their own.

The conference passed a resolution specially condemning the cases of Sabbath desecration, reported in the district, in harvesting and handling wheat on the Lord's Day, and calling for proper disciplinary action in regard to same.

The session was sweetly harmonious and full of profit and adjourned at 5 p. m. on Saturday. The Sabbath services were largely attended and of much interest.

Green's Creek Circuit.

R. A. Hall: We have just completed the round of camp and protracted meetings on the Green's Creek circuit. We had good help in all the meetings, evangelists of the first order, and the Lord blessed the labors of his servants abundantly. So we praise God for success in in this part of his vineyard. The following are the names of some who helped us, to-wit: Evangelist Davis, presiding elder of this (Cisco) district; Evangelist Harris, preacher in charge, Dublin station; Evangelist Kizziar, superannuate of the Northwest Texas Conference; Evangelist Carson, preacher in charge of Caddo mission, and a dozen excellent local preachers called of God to the work of evangelists and by the quarterly conference to evangelize where and by those methods which are designated in the Discipline of the church. By way of financial count, I will say that prospects were never better on this charge. The collections ordered by conference are all secured in cash and good subscription; and several enterprises which will result in lasting good to the church have been undertaken; one of which is a subscription in circulation for the erection of a large camp-meeting shed at Green's Creek church. I think the next preacher will have two large sheds under which to hold camp-meetings next year, one at Cow Creek and the one already referred to. We have put a good pump in the parsonage well; this was done by the especial effort of Green's Creek church during the camp-meeting which brought such a great blessing to them. Our revivals were splendid. Many souls were converted and the blessings of the Lord rested upon both old and young. Much good was accomplished by special services held in the grove by competent leaders for the children. The converts ranged in age from the hoary haired sire down to the child of only a few years. We have received ninty-eight members and baptized thirty-two children. God bless the brethren who labored so faithfully, going from place to place to assist in song and prayer. I would tell all about our parsonage and its surroundings, but there is already enough of this, and it is only three months till conference.

Bluffdale.

Sam C. Vaughan, Sept. 4: We began a meeting at Bethel, August 15, and ran six days. The grandest little meeting I ever attended. The Lord was with us in great power. Sinners just flocked to the altar and cried for mercy and found pardon, till seventy were converted and forty added to the church and the twenty old members that belonged to Bethel all revived and many others that attended the meeting. One man seventy-four years old was converted and joined the church. He had lived a wicked life and this his first start. A deaf and dumb man was powerfully converted. It had a wonderful effect on the congregation. He would pat on his breast and point up to heaven and try to shout and looked so happy. Fifteen conversions the last night of the meeting and the largest congregation we've had; but we were forced to close, as I had another camp-meeting to begin next night twenty-one miles away. Bro. Powers Morton, one of our young local preachers, assisted me very much. He is a young man of worth. We closed the meeting Thursday night about 12 o'clock, and I got on my colt, and, after rolling over fifteen miles, reached home at 3 o'clock Friday morning, and was much surprised to find our babe at the point of death. We stayed by his little bed ten days and nights, and then carried him to the cold tomb and laid his body away to await the resurrection morn. Our camp-meeting at Marvin Chapel began August 21 and closed August 30. Our third quarterly conference was held in connection with this meeting. Bro. W. L. Nelms, our presiding elder, came and took charge and stayed four days and left sick. He is a power for good anywhere. He is a man of God—fearless and yet perfectly consecrated. He preaches to every man in the congregation as though he knew the inner life of all. He left the meeting in the hands of the local brethren and Bro. Bailey, of Glenrose circuit. Bro. Sweet, of Granbury College, came in and did good work, and Bro. Hall, of Green's Creek circuit, went down and preached one stirring sermon. From what I hear all the brethren did fine work and it was a glorious meeting. Its effect demonstrated the fact. Sixty-three conversions and thirty-two accessions. I was there only at two services. Thanks to all these dear brethren for services. Thank God for good local preachers and exhorters. Now this closes my meetings—403 conversions and 200 accessions to our church.

Covington.

B. F. Jackson, Sept. 7: Our meeting here closed Sunday night of August 30. Result of meeting were thirteen conversions, twenty accessions, and fifteen children baptized. Nor was this all—the church was graciously revived. Brother was drawn to brother, and all were made to rejoice. Bro. Geo. S. Clark, our pastor, is loved by all. May God bless him in his labors. We want to put up a parsonage this year. Bro. Clark took up a collection for missions, which amounted to $115 in subscription and money.

Levita.

S. D. Waddill, Sept. 4: Brookhaven mission is spiritually alive; have had refreshings from the presence of the Lord. Held two camp-meetings and three protracted meetings. Results, seventy-three conversions, thirty-nine accessions to the church. Bros. Garner and Dunn, of the C. P. Church, were with me a part of the time in the Spirit of the Master. Bros. Abbott, Cooper, Cecil and Walker, local preachers, did good work. Bro. Bailey, whom we all love, was with me in two meetings.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bellevue.

W. W. Graham, Sept. 9: Last Saturday, September 5, was election day in Bellevue precinct. Saloon or no saloon was the issue, and be it recorded with special thanks to the Giver of all good, John Barleycorn was snowed under to the tune of three to one.

Collinsville.

W. H. Brown, Sept. 9: We are in the midst of a glorious revival, four miles west of town, in the Shank's neighborhood. Visible results to date: Twenty conversions and seven accessions to our church, and Christians of all denominations wonderfully revived. This is a small community, but the good Lord is blessing us abundantly. It rained us out last night, but we will try again to-night if not hindered.

Atlanta.

S. A. Ashburn, Sept. 8: The meeting held at Atlanta by Rev. Joe Jones resulted in about eight accessions to the church. The one at Bivins, in ten professions and six additions. The church at Bivins has been repainted and the seats greatly improved at an expense of $75. Our church at Atlanta is to be dedicated on the 18th of November by Bishop Hendrix. We are now having the roof of this church painted. Next Sunday, the 2d, will be the time for our last quarterly conference. Bro. Fladger's four years are up on the Jefferson district. He has done four very successful years work on this district. He is held in high esteem by his brethren for his work sake.

Farmers Branch.

J. W. Blackburn, Sept. 4: The well-known White Rock camp ground is the joint property of the three following charges: Plano station, Cochran and Caruth station and Farmers' Branch circuit. The meeting this year embraced the second and third Sabbaths in August, and was on the whole, one of the most interesting ever held on that consecrated ground. About seventy conversions and fifty accessions to our church. The pastors of the above charges were present: Bro. Spragins, of Plano, favored us with several eloquent sermons; Bro. C. I. McWhirter, with his untiring energy and perpetual activities, was on hand to sing the first song and preach the first sermon, and his labors did not cease until the last doxology of praise had been sung; he is the greatest general in conducting the altar exercise we have ever known; that day alone can reveal the good he has accomplished in the last four years, and as this was probably to be his last, the remark was often heard, "Who can fill his place?" The following visiting brethren were present: Martin, Smith, Hanson, Thomas, Brooks, Dixon, Sweet, Milam and Hughes. All did faithful work for the Master. Our presiding elder was with us in his best preaching humor. The Georgetown boys left a lasting impression on the hearts of the people.

Wesley Chapel.

W. W. Graham, Sept. 4: It is quite risky for a preacher to make changes without consulting the elder; but this is to say that our quarterly meeting will not be held at Lone Star, but at Wesley Chapel. These are the facts in the case. There is not a stick amiss on the church lot to-day, but the lumber will all be laid down next Monday, and reliable workmen are under contract to have the church ready by September 30, and don't you suppose Bro. May will smile audibly when he gets there. Success to the ADVOCATE and everybody else on the home stretch.

Randolph.

Atticus Webb, Sept. 7: Rev. A. E. Butterfield, pastor of Randolph and Bailey circuit, closed his last meeting last night. I have been with him in all of his meetings, but was prevented from preaching much by reason of catarrh. Results of the summer campaign: 170 conversions, 167 accessions and the church greatly revived and strengthened at all points except two. No charge in Texas has a more indefatigable worker and earnest, Holy Ghost preacher than Randolph and Bailey circuit, and the Lord has greatly blessed his labors. Though a young man, he knows how to indoctrinate his people and make Methodists out of "whosoever wills." Another great help to young converts is that he pushes them right out in the work. At one place, where we had nearly one hundred conversions, some of those converted at the beginning of the meeting became the leading workers by the close of the meeting.

Mountain Spring.

J. S. McKee, Sept. 8: We are now ready to report. Pretracted meetings all over. Results as follows: The church greatly revived and raised to a higher state of Christian perfection. Seventy-five conversions and sixty-five additions to the church and more yet to join. Thirty adults and ten infants baptized. In these meetings Christians of all denominations worked in harmony, and formalism, worldliness, and prejudice were burned up with holy fire. We are indebted to the following brethren for assistance: Revs. D. F. Rutherford, C. W. Glanville, G. W. McGlothlin, B. F. Butler, J. W. Williams, and James Thompson (exhorter) our local brethren; also to Rev. J. E. Vinson, of East Gainesville, for two sermons. Finances very much behind. Hope to report collections all up at annual conference. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Whitewright.

J. A. Wyatt: The meeting under the leadership of Burnett and Mulkey closed August 30. There were somewhere from eighty to one hundred conversions and reclamations, the majority of whom were reclamations. These brethren possess a wonderful power or tact for getting backsliders to confess their sins and come back to God. Fifty-five names of candidates for membership in the Methodist Church were given, thirty-eight of whom have already been received, and the others, with possibly several more, are expected soon. Twenty names were given for membership in other churches. In the presentation of the doctrine of holy living, I have heard no one stronger than Bro. Burnett, and Bro. Mulkey's "experience" fits like joint work with Bro. Burnett's preaching. The popular sins of the day were shown up in their true light, and indeed rendered exceedingly unpopular with all the right thinking people. Vast crowds attended the services from beginning to end, and their appreciation of the work done was shown in the fact that, after paying the incidental expenses amounting to over $75, they gave in free will offerings to the evangelists $329.80, placing Whitewright in the lead of all others in this respect, when population is considered. We laughed and repented, and prayed and shouted, and worked and are working still, and all the results of this meeting will only be seen when the judgment day comes. We love them and would gladly welcome them back again, and if possible more heartily than before.

Rockwall.

J. M. McKee, Sept. 5: I commenced a meeting at Royse City, Rockwall and Royse City charge, July 17, and closed the following Friday night week—fourteen days. About one-half of the time I was without ministerial assistance, but Revs. I. S. Ashburn and A. H. Brewer came at last and did fine preaching, with splendid effect, which greatly endeared them to people of Royse City. There were ten conversions and thirteen accessions to our church, with some to join other churches. Our congregations very large, and as is usual very attentive. The congregations there were seldom more thoroughly stirred than on that occasion. With few exceptions the laity worked heroically and greatly promoted the interest of the meeting. Last, but not the least important movement enterprised at Royse City during the year, is the erection of a neat church edifice—in an unfinished condition—with a donation of $200 from the Board of Church Extension. This house will be worth about $1250, and will be an ornament to the community and a blessing to the cause of God, as represented by Methodism. Through the kindness of a friend in the community a splendid bell has been purchased and placed in position in the tall church steeple. I intend asking the Board of Church Extension for a donation of $200 at conference, and I trust the members of said board will consider my application favorably when presented. The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is in great favor with my people, and I am endeavoring to enlist all Methodists in its circulation among all classes.

Marysville.

S. W. Miller, Sept. 7: I have just closed a most excellent meeting at Spring Hill. We tried to have a camp-meeting, commencing last Thursday night week. Our campers were few, but the people came in wagons and stayed from 9 in the morning until after night service. I was all alone until Monday night, except Father McArty, a very aged local brother, who was able to preach us a good sermon Sunday evening. While his race is almost run, yet he is ripe for heaven. On Monday evening Rev. D. F. Rutherford, formerly a member of the Georgia Conference, but now local on the Mountain Springs work, with his son, Dr. William Rutherford, only a few weeks old in Christ, but well grown, came in and stayed until the close, the following Sunday, doing fine work. Also McGlothlin came in Tuesday evening and remained, but too feeble to preach but twice. Result, a most glorious revival of vital godliness in the church, effecting nearly the entire charge; at one point some old sores healed and envy buried. On Sunday evening I saw about seventy-five children give Father Simpson their hand, promising to meet him in heaven, and then bowed for prayer, while this scribe prayed at the close of a most excellent talk to the children by Dr. Rutherford. About twenty-one conversions, many of them, however, backsliders, members mostly from the Baptist Church. My old friend Lauderdale, who has not attended church for forty years until a year ago, hearing that I was at Bro. Nelson's camp-meeting, came to see me, and since I have been on the work he has heard me whenever he could, has been lately converted. He told me last Friday that he intended to serve the Lord as faithfully as he had ever served the devil. How wonderful are the mercies of God. One very strong Campbellite was converted most graciously. Just before his conversion he said to me: "Bro. Miller, you said you were going to pray for us sinners to feel as bad as possible. Don't pray for me to feel any worse, for I can't stand it." But thank God in a few minutes he said he could not tell how he felt (for it was joy instead of grief). Results up to date on the work, professions, thirty-nine; additions, thirty; infants baptized, five; collections, $93; improvements on parsonage, $150.

Dallas City Preachers' Meeting.

O. S. Thomas, Secretary: All the pastors present. Visitors: Bishop Key, J. H. Reynolds, of Garland, and H. C. Parrott, of the Indian Mission Conference. The pastors reports showed vigorous work with gratifying results throughout the city. Bros. Martin and Hay are holding protracted services at their churches with quite a revival among their membership and interest increasing from day to day. Bro. Martin reported $169 raised yesterday on conference collections. The reports show about 650 accessions to our church in the city of Dallas since conference. Plans are being formed for the establishment of a mission Sunday-school by each of our churches in the city. The Epworth League Union will be perfected soon. Bishop Key has just returned from the second session of the New Mexico Conference, held at El Paso. He gave an interesting account of our work in the West, and advised the preachers that if they were ambitious for a taste of the labors, trials and privations that made the fathers of Methodism great men all they had to do was to take work for a few years in that field. But you ought to have heard nobody say nothing. "Here am I; send me—" never staggered into their craniums. The bishop has at heart the interest of our beloved Zion, and is truly being spent in its service. He goes next Sunday to dedicate a new $10,000 church at Bonham. Thence to a called meeting of the Board of Church Extension at Louisville, Ky., October 1. From there to the Ecumenical Conference to be held in Washington City. Bro. Reynolds gave a good report of his work. Has had about forty conversions during the year. His Sunday-school yesterday raised $10 on Bishop Key's special mission call. Garland is just finishing a good six-room parsonage.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Junction City.

John W. Sims, Sept. 2: I wish to hereby tender my thanks to the people of Wentworth for a beautiful quilt with the name of each donor written or worked thereon; also to a colored girl, being raised by Sister Henderson, of Concho county, for some nice wardrobe for Mrs. Sims and babies. We are painting our new church. Our collections, I think, will be full at conference. Junction City will be ready for a better preacher next year.

Blanco.

J. B. Denton, Sept. 4: I closed another meeting last Sunday night at Kendalia, in Kendall county. We had but three conversions and two additions to the church, but the membership was much quickened and blessed and I think they have more working grace than they have probably ever had before, and besides all this, nearly every sinner that came on the ground was made to realize his sins and that he needed to be saved. There has been established a grog-shop within two hundred yards of the church a little more than a month ago, and that was the chief agency of the enemy of souls in counteracting the effects of the meeting. I never felt clearer of the blood of any people, however, for I feel that I did my best, and God very greatly blessed me. Bros. Robt. and Thos. Hodgson preached acceptably for me, and Bro. A. E. Rector did most of the work wisely and in the love of God and souls.

Harwood.

W. O. Shugart, Sept. 4: We closed our meeting at Soda Springs on Sunday night the first Sunday in August. Had a good meeting; about eleven conversions and eleven accessions. The church greatly revived; several reclaimed. If we could have continued longer, would have had a much better meeting. We had one good sermon from Bro. J. T. Stanley, from Luling; also one from Bro. W. L. Ridout, of Luling. Bro. J. B. Putnam, local preacher from Elm Grove, Miss., remained several days; preached to large and attentive congregations. The preaching was good. We all, or many at least, felt it was good to be there. We began our meeting at Harwood on Wednesday night before second Sunday in August. The first service was a good one; though a prayer-meeting, nearly every person appeared to be anxious for a good meeting. We ran till Saturday without help (ministerial). We then secured the services of Bro. P. N. Minear, a superannuate of the Illinois Conference, M. E. Church. He preached Saturday night, Sunday and night. The meeting got better all the time. On Monday, at the morning service, Bro. J. T. Stanley arrived; remained till Friday

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PENTECOST ONCE MORE.

To the Rev. Ben H. Bounds:

DEAR BROTHER: The importance, both theological and ecclesiastical, of the transactions at the first Pentecost after the crucifixion are, in my judgment, so great and so far above popular estimation that justice to you, to myself and to the readers of this ADVOCATE demands from me a notice of your criticism of 20th August.

In common with current comments on that portion of Acts, you seem to consider that occasion as a mere religious meeting, extraordinary in that then and there a greater measure of divine grace was vouchsafed, and that the disciples, the apostles and others were raised to a higher plain of religious experience than ever before. On the contrary, not in the least underrating religious increase, either individual or popular, I think that such a thing was scarcely thought of on that occasion, although the religious increase among the hundred and twenty, and many others, was as great as you may suppose; yet another question a hundred times greater occupied their minds as well as the minds of the religious delegates from distant churches then present.

The entire question of human salvation from Adam to his latest posterity culminated then and there! This could not have occurred before nor could it be postponed much longer.

In all time before all religious people had been looking forward and for a coming Christ to be manifested in some unknown way. Jesus had been before the church—necessarily in a small neighborhood way—for three years. A few—about a hundred and twenty—had all the outward evidence men could have that he was the Christ; but even this was not absolutely irrevocable. It lacked the spiritual insight which was given. They and they alone knew the fact. I say fact, for the great question all this time was not about religious doctrine, nor church relation; but, is Jesus the Christ? This question, it can but be seen, was alone transcendently great, and so vital that it dwarfed all others into comparative insignificance. This was not merely a question to be testified by a few men in a certain neighborhood, but the question to be authoritatively settled by the church.

The startling unauthenticated rumors of the alleged coming—about the time indicated—and the crucifixion had penetrated surrounding neighborhoods, and the inevitable effect was produced in all religious circles.

And a few, may be one or two or three thousand, seized upon Pentecost as the time to go there to know the truth. Of course, none but religious men would put themselves to such trouble and expense. Look at the burning intensity of their anxiety! Place yourself in their condition.

And then there were also many others in and around Jerusalem, in lower Judea, more or less under the influence of that Sanhedrin. The, by far, the most important question ever considered by man was there argued and submitted to the assembled church.

The result is known. Three thousand were convinced and declared it was so! And the church holds that verdict to-day. The brief account given us authorizes the belief that those 3000 were mostly, if not all, of the attending representatives from the Hellenistic and Samaratin branches of the church.

Converted? Converted from what and to what? They were all Jews, and surely they did not cease to be Jews. No original Jews ever ceased to be Jews till they died. What would they change to? Apostate Jews might be converted back again from the apostacy. This was the case with Paul, the only one in those times, so far as we are informed. Additional information, however important, is not conversion.

And they were baptized. Strange that they should not be. Men are baptized into a cardinal religious faith to die by. What is more cardinal than this? They could not be baptized into it before, for they could not have believed it before. They believed it as soon as it was possible for them to do so.

It might be asked, why baptize them if they were already in the church? The answer is, from the necessity of the case. Men are not baptized into the membership of the church, but into its faith.

An important peculiarity of the religious men of that particular period is generally overlooked. A dual baptism—that is, both circumcision and baptism—was as necessary then as circumcision before or baptism since. The former attested a faith in a coming Christ in some unknown, vaguely and dimly conceived way; the latter attested a faith in the veritable man Jesus. All religious men of that period had done the former, and the latter was as necessary then as now, so soon as the crucified Jesus should be plainly introduced to them. We now do both at the same time. There was nothing peculiar in the mere baptism of these 3000. The number is the noteworthy point. All Jews, afterwards called Christians—a name given to the Christ-following Jews—were no doubt baptized. Anomalous omissions if they were not.

You say the writer of Acts gives us "just what occurred on that day." O, no. He gives us not the one hundredth part of what occurred. Like other history it is a mere outline sketch. The rest must be inferred from the general environment.

"Brethren, what shall we do?" "They were pricked in their heart." Most likely applied to the Palestinian Jews who had neglected opportunities to be informed previously, but not inappropriate to the most holy men who just now, in almost incredible amazement, had been ushered into the great light of a living, preaching, crucified and atoning Savior. Their rapturous joy was overwhelming even to uncontrolable excitement.

What could be more appropriate than Peter's preaching of "repentance," and faith to such a mixed multitude? Do we not do that now always?

Your interpretation of Matt. 21:43 has the logical misfortune of proving too much. It makes the Savior threaten to do what he certainly did not do, and which would as certainly violate the great equitable principles of God's moral government. God does not keep the church in or out of the hands of men personally and individually considered, but in the hands of men of certain character, viz: religious men, come from where they may.

"The church of God passed from under Judaism and the law into the light and liberty of the economy of grace, and on that day the transition began."

That is the spiritual foundation of all forms of high churchism. The reverse is the historic truth. The apostate Jews, by denying the Christship in Jesus, passed themselves "from under Judaism and the law" into the darkness of slavery and unbelief, and it was largely on that day the transition began. Is there less of law in the church now than then?

The technical terms, Judaism and Christianity, have exactly the same meaning popularly applied, by mere accident or incident, at different periods. Shortly after these things the term Jew came to be applied exclusively to the apostate Jews, and ceased in common parlance as to Christians. These apostates in the final outcome probably numbered one-half, or nearly, of the entire church.

"Now that the religion of the Bible had become almost extinct among the Jews is evident from the severe denunciations both of Christ and of Peter," etc.

So far from this being "evident," each and all of these denunciations might be truthfully applied to the church now. Nay, such denunciations are now frequently applied to the church. Look at the abominations of the Romish millions, and others not much better!

And now, I conclude, that each and every one of the things above objected to grew out of the old, effete blunder, born in Rome, of a new church and new religion introduced by Jesus Christ. That blunder, the father of all religious blunders, must be driven out of the church. Get that entirely out and give us a Christianity and a church of the Bible, of naturalness and common sense, and how religion would thrive!

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CONVERSION OF CHILDREN.

In the ADVOCATE of August 20, Rev. H. V. Philpott, writing to Rev. Geo. G. Smith, Sunday-school agent under the above caption, denies the necessity of the spiritual birth of children, as they are not sinners. "For of such is the kingdom of God."

If they are not sinners and do not need regeneration, Christ did not die for them. "He came not to save the righteous, but sinners." Then if children are not sinners, Christ did not die for them, and they will not be able to give glory to God for redeeming grace; they will not be able to praise God with the redeemed saints; but with the angels that never sinned, they can praise him for their creation. May not Bro. Philpott be mistaken, if he thinks God is creating sinful souls every day, yea, every minute in the day to supply the demand? When God created Adam did he not create all souls in him? Did not all have a real being in Adam?

When God created the trees he created the tree bearing seed in itself. He is not creating trees every day; but they are growing all the same.

When he created Adam he created all of his posterity in him. When Adam sinned all sinned in him. He is the federal head and representative of all his race. "Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Rom. 5:12.

Again: "For the love of Christ constraineth us: because we thus judge that if one died for all, then were all dead. And that He died for all; that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him who died for them and rose again." (II Cor. 5:14, 15.)

If children are not included under sin that they may be saved by grace, Christ did not die for them. If the children are not represented by Adam, and they should sin, would it not require as many Saviors to save them as there are sinners? All sinners need to be born of the Spirit. Christ taught the necessity of the spiritual birth in his conversation with Nicodemus. He said: "Except a man be born again, born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (I do not believe water baptism puts anyone into Christ). But, says the skeptic, this language was addressed to an adult and not to a child. Yes, and to a man and not to a woman, but does it not refer to woman as much as man? It is a generic term, embracing men, women and children. Spiritual birth is part of the scheme of human redemption. That which is born of the flesh is flesh—sensual; that which is born of the Spirit is spirit—spiritually-minded: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." The three, one God, were employed in the work of creation. And so are they employed in the work of human redemption. We can no more leave off the work of the Holy Spirit in the work of redemption than we can leave off the Father's love in the Son's sacrificial death. The Father's love could not save without the Son's sacrificial death. The death of Christ saves no one of itself without the work of the Holy Spirit. Christ's death reconciled justice and truth. Thereby he become the power of God unto salvation and made it possible for the Holy Spirit to separate man from sin and wash him in the blood of the Lamb and make him clean. The work of the Holy Spirit in creation was to beautify and adorn the work of creation. His work in redemption is to take the things of Christ and show them unto us. "We are saved by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5.

I do not understand Christ had reference to the moral status of little children when he said to his disciples, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingnom of heaven," but of their humble, confiding disposition. The disciples wanted position in Christ's kingdom. They were seeking for honor. Children have no aspiration for wealth or the honor of men. The disciples had been disputing among themselves as to who should be the greatest in the kingdom, when Christ should establish his kingdom. They were looking for an earthly and not a spiritual kingdom, and they wanted office. James and John in particular. Therefore, Christ said to them, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." They had been regenerated, born of the Spirit, put into the ministry, but they had lost sight of their high calling, and begun to seek after worldly honor, position, in Christ's (temporal) kingdom. Therefore, unless they be converted (change their minds and purposes) and become as little children they would fail to enter the ultimate kingdom of glory.

I do not believe that Christ called them to preach the gospel and cast out devils, and they did not know the saving grace of God. Therefore I do not understand conversion to be synonymous with regeneration; but to be a change of mind and purpose, not of heart. God created Adam in his own likeness and image, but by transgression he lost the divine image, and when Adam begat a son (as the stream cannot rise higher than the fountain) he begat him in his fallen image. As a proof of this truth, he slew his brother. To deny the doctrine of depravity and the fall of man, makes some passages of Scripture unintelligible. Such as Paul, speaking of the Jews and Gentiles, "What then? Are we better than they?" No; in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles that they are all under sin. As it is written, "There is none righteous; no, not one," Rom. 3:9, 10. Again, "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies," Psalm 58:3, and other passages might be introduced.

Dr. Watts expresses the Bible doctrine in hymn 325, Methodist Hymnbook:

"Lord, we are vile, conceived in sin,
And born unholy and unclean;
Sprung from the man whose guilty fall
Corrupts his race and taints us all!"

I believe Mr. Philpott says the Methodist Church has no way of converting (regenerating) little children as other churches have; but I thank God that the Lord has, and that, too, without any condition on their part. They were involved (tainted) without their knowledge or consent. God saw their helpless condition as well as his own. For he had no power to deliver without reconciling justice and truth; therefore the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ clothed himself in human flesh and by his death reconciled offended justice and became the power of God unto salvation, and placed all children in his reach until they commit sin of their own free will. The Holy Spirit can regenerate the soul, thereby purifying them unto himself. Thank God the little children are not left out of the Father's love, the Son's atonement nor the regeneration by the Holy Spirit. All souls are saved by the same process—children and adults; children unconditionally; adults by faith. Repentance is not a condition, but a necessity. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to God.

W. N. BONNER.

AN EARNEST PROTEST.

In the ADVOCATE of August 6, 1891, Dr. J. Ditzler comments at some length on "History of the Christian Church, by Geo. P. Fisher, D. D., LL.D." And in ADVOCATE of August 20, 1891, Bro. A. B. Trimble indorses heartily all the doctor says about Fisher's History. I did not intend to notice the doctor's article, but as others may, like Bro. Trimble, reach false conclusions based entirely on their ignorance of the facts in the premises, I notice a few points for edification. In the great work of Mosheim our fathers found reliable church history (in the main), but it lacked in arrangement, does not come down to our day, is superceded by better works, and therefore was dropped out of our course of study.

Blackburn's History is only a "hand book," and is very defective. It was only kept in the course a few years, until we could do better.

In "Fisher's History" we have the latest work of the kind, by a man competent to do the work he undertook, and a volume in which a man can find a reliable compend of Church History. It is the only one of the kind in existence. The great work of Neander is too old and costly and learned for our boys. The vast compilation of Schaff is not completed, and, if it were, no young minister going through the course has time to read it carefully. The masterly work of Kurts, perhaps the best ever produced, is also too big for an undergraduate.

The objections of Dr. Ditzler to Fisher's work are in the main "small pertaters." The attempt to make us believe that Fisher did like Gibbon in writing history is unworthy the doctor. The quarrel about the origin of some denominations is uncalled for—the historians differ among themselves. As to the apparent failure to do justice to Methodism, particularly the M. E. Church, South, we are aware of the fact that Methodists know more of themselves generally than they do of other denominations, and are prone to think more highly of themselves than the impartial historian, and we are sure that no man who was not reared and educated in the South can see the causes of separation as we see them.

While we study a history of Christianity that has the almost unqualified endorsement of such men as Dr. Schaff, of America, and Dr. Harnack, of Germany, (men the peers of any, living or dead), and study Methodism from a Southern standpoint, as we do in the monumental work of the immortal Bishop McTyeire, we need not raise our voice in pessimistic wail and say: "Can't the Bishops find a church history?" Nor do we need to shout: "Three cheers. Hit it again, doctor."

Let our young men use the books we have until some one shall write better ones (and it will not be done soon), and then we can refer them to the better; but till that day let us insist that they "give attendance to reading" the ones they have at hand.

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THIRD QUARTER, LESSON XIII.—SEPTEMBER 27.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

REVIEW—John 1:1—10:16.

GOLDEN TEXT: *For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world*—John 6:33.

TIME: From the spring of A. D. 27 to the autumn of A. D. 29.

PLACE: Throughout Palestine.

EXPOSITORY NOTES.

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[From Sunday-school Magazine.]

LESSON I. THE WORD MADE FLESH—John 1:1-18.

This passage may be roughly divided into four parts:

1. Christ's pre-temporal, eternal, and essential being: verse 1.

2. His agency in, and his self-revelation through, the creation: verses 2-5.

3. His incarnation and work of salvation, together with the opposition he met with—the conflict between the light and the darkness: verses 6:13.

4. More definite statement of his incarnation, with the testimony of those who had beheld his glory and received of his fullness: verses 14-18.

This passage is an epitome of Christ's history.

LESSON II. CHRIST'S FIRST DISCIPLES.—John 1:29-42.

1. The splendid testimony of John the Baptist to Jesus as Messiah and Son of God—more fully brought out in this gospel by John the Baptist's pupil than in any other place: verses 29 34.

2. The beautiful first interview of Andrew and John with Jesus: verses 35 40.

3. Jesus' first meeting with Peter: verses 41, 42.

This passage, besides presenting the strong witness of John the Baptist, shows how Jesus impressed and attracted unsophicated, plain men.

LESSON III. CHRIST'S FIRST MIRACLE.—John 2:1-11.

1. Jesus and his mother: verses 1-5.

2. Jesus makes out of water an abundant supply of excellent wine: verses 5-10.

3. The design and effect of this first of his miracles: verse 11.

In this passage we see Jesus declaring himself of an order superior to his mother, and showing himself as Lord of nature and Blesser of the conjugal and social relations.

LESSON IV. CHRIST AND NICODEMUS—John 3:1-17.

1. Nicodemus' coming and confession: verses 1, 2.

2. Necessity, manner and nature of the new birth: verses 3-6.

3. The new birth mysterious, and yet elementary in Christian life. Slowness of faith: verses 7-12.

4. Christ's own testimony to his heavenly origin and the design of his incarnation: verses 13-17.

This passage shows the impression Jesus made on the better class of the Pharisees, and contains the beginning of his testimony concerning himself.

LESSON V. CHRIST AT JACOB'S WELL.—John 4: 5-26.

1. The meeting between Jesus and the woman at the well: verses 5-9.

2. Jesus offers the living water that springs up into eternal life to the earnest but puzzled woman: verses 10-15.

3. Jesus, by showing himself familiar with the woman's private life, impresses her that he is a prophet: verses 16-18.

4. In answer to her eager question, Jesus reveals in one of the sublimest and profoundest of his discourses the *where*, the *what*, and the *how* of true worship: verses 20-24.

5. Jesus discloses himself to the woman as Messiah: verses 25, 26.

LESSON VI. CHRIST'S AUTHORITY.—John 5:17-30.

1. Jesus' superiority to the Sabbath on the ground of his equality with the Father: verses 17-20.

2. All judgment committed to Jesus, and why? verses 21-23.

3. Jesus' power to raise dead souls to life: verses 24-27.

4. Jesus' power to effect the literal resurrection of all, both good and bad, at the last day: verses 28-30.

In this passage Jesus clearly and calmly lays claim to four of the prerogatives that belong only to God.

LESSON VII. THE FIVE THOUSAND FED.—John 6:1-14.

1. Jesus and the hungry, fainting multitude: verses 1 5*a*.

2. The apparent impossibility of feeding them: verses 5*b* 9.

3. The multitude fed: verses 10-13.

4. The effect of the miracle on the people: verse 14.

LESSON VIII. CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE.—John 6:26-40.

1. Jesus reveals the wrong motives and the low state of the people, and awakens their interest in higher things: verses 26-29.

2. In reply to their demand for a "sign," Jesus declares that he himself is the true bread of life from heaven, that he himself is the highest "sign": verses 30-35.

3. The reason why they do not recognize and receive him was in themselves—they had not submitted to the leading of the Father: verses 36-40.

LESSON IX. CHRIST AT THE FEAST.—John 7:31-44.

1. The favorable inclination of the common people toward Jesus leads the Pharisees to attempt his arrest, which occasions the prediction by himself of his near death: verses 31-36.

2. A lofty testimony of Jesus to his own power to impart the water of life: verses 37-39.

3. Varying impressions among the people: verses 40 44.

LESSON X. THE TRUE CHILDREN OF GOD.—John 8:31-47.

1. A description of the children of God and the application of this standard to the Jews, some of whom believed on him with a superficial, temporary sort of faith: verses 31-38.

2. This application offends the Jews, and reveals both the superficial character of their faith and the real state of their heart, which was one of falsehood and murder: they were in reality the children of the devil: verses 39-47.

LESSON XI. CHRIST AND THE BLIND MAN.—John IX:1-11, 35-38.

(I.) Jesus enlightens the blind man's eyes: verses 1-7.

1. The history of the case: Born blind—why? verses 1 5.

2. The manner of healing: why thus? verses 6, 7.

3. The neighbors inquire *how* it was done, but get only the *facts*: verses 8-11.

(II.) Jesus enlightens the blind man's soul. Verses 35-38.

LESSON XII. CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPERD.—John X. 1.16.

1. The allegory addressed to the Pharisees to show the difference between the true and the false shepherd: verses 1-6.

2. Jesus, explaining and applying the allegory, shows that he is the door—the only door—by which the shepherd can enter in to the sheep or the sheep into the fold: verses 7-10.

3. The tenth verse forms a natural and beautiful transition to the representation of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep: verses 11-16.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Proverbs 4:13-19.

13. Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall.

17. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18. But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19. The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

The general drift of this passage is clear enough. It begins with an appeal to lay hold of instruction, which is here personified as a woman. This is followed by an earnest exhortation to avoid the ways of evil men, whose sleep is not sweet to them unless they have done some mischievous deeds, and whose very food is won by wickedness and violence. Opposed to all such follies and sins is "the path of the just." "The beauty of a cloudless sunshine, growing on, shining as it goes, to the full and perfect day, is chosen as the fittest figure of the ever-increasing brightness of a good man's life." We may sum up the practical hints under the following heads: 1. A rational creature such as man ought to listen to the best counsel that he can possibly find in determining the course that he will pursue through life. 2. It is impossible to associate with wicked men without being damaged in every way. Especially is it impossible to mix with those who deal in ardent spirits or use them without exposing one's self to terrible perils. 3. If we follow the right path from the beginning, we shall find it getting smoother, better, and brighter the farther we go.

Old and Young.

A WIFE TO HER ANGERED HUSBAND.

To-day, if I were dead, and could not feel
Your kisses, or your tears upon my face;
If all the world could give of woe or weal.
Could find within my heart no resting place;
You would not think of any bitter past;
You would not chide me for a careless word;
You could not be so cruel, at the last,
As to condemn me, unconfessed, unheard.

If I were lying wrapt about in white,
With flowers all around me—on my breast
And in my hands; and on my face the light
That angels shed upon their dead, at rest;
If I were lying thus, and one should say
Such bitter things as you have said to me,
With sternest anger you would drive away
That one, and swear 'twere all base calumny.

If I were lying underneath the ground,
And all the white snow heaped above my head,
And you, amid the many, one had found
Who dared to say such things about me dead,
You had not words to tell how false were they;
How most unkind was he of unkind men;
Yet all the cruel words that he might say
Would not have power to hurt me, grieve me then.

If you in coming back to-day should find
That death had entered and had called me hence,
How would it be with you in your own mind?
Where for your gries could you find recompense?
The lips that you refused to kiss were still;
They had no chidings: erst they did not chide,
Nor tell their grievance, closed by a firm will
Held in dominion by a sterner pride.

O God! that one must live, and live, and live,
And try to be contented with the hope
That He who knoweth all, somewhere, will give
The fullest love to fill the widest scope!
Yet here, oh love, why should the days grow long
And through unkindness bitter? Death is near.
If you will love me when I'm dead, I pray
Grant me somewhat of love and kindness here!

I'll not rebuke you though my heart be full;
I dare not chide; I, too, may be astray;
Experience yet may teach—a bitter school—
Me what to do, and what, perchance, to say.
And yet, I ask you, humbly, tenderly,
If I should answer never more your call,
Would you not grieve, of all, most bitterly,
For words and deeds that are beyond recall?

—*Selected.*

THE FAMILY—ITS IMPORTANCE AND ITS PERIL.

Divorce the Monster Evil—Investigation By Congress.

It is hardly risking too much to say that all students of social problems regard the almost unrestricted liberty of divorce and the rapid increase of the evil that now obtains in the United States as the greatest menace to the peace, purity and perpetuity of the family of our Christian civilization, and in consequence to all other customs and systems of social life. Thoughtful men of all creeds and names have been alarmed for some time at the manifest and growing disregard for the sacredness of the family. The Independent of January 2, 1890, says, "The marriage and divorce question in the United States is increasingly and deservedly attracting public attention. It is difficult to estimate the stupendous magnitude of such an evil in human society. The mere statement of the facts in cold figures shows that some remedy is needed to lessen the evil. It is no wonder that the system works badly when we look at the legislation on the subject. How shall the evil be corrected? So far as law is concerned, it must be done by a radical change in State laws or by what is far better, authorizing congress to establish a marriage and divorce system for the whole country. So far as public sentiment is concerned, it must be done by agitating the question until public sentiment will imperatively demand a change. The present is the period of agitation, and the more of it the better. There cannot be too much of it. The Christian ministry ought to speak out in thunder tones."

This is a fair sample of the way our leading statesmen and reformers have been viewing this question for five or ten years past. They have had, however, no basis of actual facts and statistics upon which to proceed, either in justifying or dispelling their fears. Until quite recently there had been no general collection of statistics bearing on marriage and divorce, and hence all efforts at reform were largely so many blows in the dark. In the midst of this darkness, and in an effort to find light, there was organized in the city of Boston, Mass., in 1881, the New England Divorce Reform League. This association became national in its name and scope in 1885, at which time it was incorporated under the laws of Connecticut. During January and February, 1884, many strong petitions were sent to congress asking that steps be taken by that body looking to the collection of facts and statistics concerning marriage and divorce. These petitions were signed by leading men in all parts of the country—clergymen, governors, justices of the Supreme Courts, presidents of colleges, bishops of the church, and in fact by the best brain and character of the land. As showing the importance in the minds of these men of this whole question, it will not be improper to introduce here the form of the petition. It was as follows:

"The memorial of the undersigned citizens of the United States respectfully shows:

"That the wide difference between the laws of the several States as to the causes of divorce and the jurisdiction of their courts over suits for divorce by or against non-residents, constitute an acknowledged element of confusion and uncertainty in American jurisprudence.

"That these differences have led to many and distressing conflicts of judicial decision in cases turning upon the degree of faith and credit to be given to decrees of divorce under the constitution and laws of the United States, or the comity of nations, so that a marriage is often treated at the same time in one State as dissolved, and in another State or country as subsisting, and a man may be convicted of bigamy or adultery in one jurisdiction upon what would be a lawful second marriage in another.

"That the ever-growing number of foreign immigrants who become American citizens, and thus subject marriages contracted abroad to the jurisdiction of our courts of divorce, or by a temporary return to their original domicile may submit American divorces to the test of examinations by foreign tribunals, make these matters a not infrequent cause of collision in the administration of private international law.

"That the magnitude of these evils, their bearing upon our general social conditions, and the best methods of guarding against their increase, can be fully apprehended only by a careful collection and comparison of the facts and statistics of divorce.

"And that no attempt to obtain such statistics can hope for any considerable success, unless it is made by the authority of the United States.

"Your memorialists therefore pray that such a law may be passed as will provide for a thorough inquiry into the various matters above referred to, and the collection of statistics of divorce from the records and authorities of the several States as a basis for future legislation."

These petitions, signed by men of so much weight, attracted the attention of senators and representatives, and on March 5, 1884, Senator Garland, from Arkansas, reported a bill providing for the collection of facts and statistics relating to marriage and divorce. It was not, however, till March 3, 1887, that the bill finally passed both houses and became a law. The carrying out of the provisions of this bill was placed in the hands of the Commissioner of Labor, Hon. Carroll D. Wright. He called to his assistance, by way of suggesting the proper line of inquiry, the Rev. S. W. Dike, LL.D., Secretary of the National Divorce Reform League. The line of investigation adopted was as thorough and far-reaching as the nature of the case would admit. The task before the commissioner was an herculian one, but right worthily has he performed it. The questions determined on, and on which the facts collected are based, related to the State and county in which the divorce was granted; the State or country in which the divorced parties were married; the date of marriage and the date of divorce; the cause for which the divorce was granted; the nature of the divorce, whether absolute or limited; the number of children born under the union; and the libellant (petitioner), whether husband or wife.

To collect all these facts required much time, expense and patience. There are nearly 2700 counties in the United States, and about 2624 courts that have jurisdiction in divorce cases. Of all these inquiries must be made, and in the majority of them there must be personal investigation by an agent of the commissioner. But the work has been well done, and the result is a volume of nearly eleven hundred pages giving all the facts as to divorce laws in every State in the Union, and giving the statistics relating to divorce in all but 160 counties of the whole 2700 in the United States. The records in these 160 counties had been destroyed by fire, so that the facts for only a portion of the years could be secured. The period for which investigation was made was the twenty years from 1867 to 1886.

In addition to the collection of facts for the United States, there is an appendix of nearly 100 pages giving similar statistics for most of the countries of Europe for the same period. This is very valuable, and will enable us to get a much broader view of the subject than if we were confined to our own country only. We are indebted to the commissioner's report for the most of the above facts. In our next paper we will give some of the results of the investigation, and we promise the reader statistics that will not only be surprising, but startling as well.

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OUR YOUTH AND THE SALOONS.

The Question Stated.

Our correspondent, T. A. H., draws a frightful picture of the destruction of young men by the gambling hells of his town. These hells, of course, as is always the case, are the adjuncts of the drinking hells—the saloons. The two are joined together in unholy wedlock by the devil. Our neighboring city, we can safely say, is not an exceptional case as respects these dens of ruin. We suspect, on the other hand, that the town or city where such agencies of the devil do not exist are the exceptions. The question our correspondent asks is not, therefore, a local one by any means. The issues involved are not confined within the limits of a single town. Not the young men of Corsicana only, but the youths of all this broad land of ours are exposed to the same baneful influences and awful dangers. This is, therefore, a broad, deep and important question: "What can be done to save the youth of our land?" It touches all the relations of the youth in society.

Parental Responsibility.

The first responsibility for the good character of our young men is that of the parent. It is true that every man is responsible for his own moral character, so much so that where there is no individual responsibility there can be no moral character at all. Nevertheless environment bears a large part in the formation of individual character. It is a moral axiom if you "train up a child in the way he should go . . . when he is old he will not depart from it." We put the responsibility of the parent first, therefore, and because it begins first in the order of time. Before the child begins parental responsibility begins. Before the child begins to be morally responsible for its conduct the parent should be well on in its training. Parental responsibility is first in the order of relationship. The relation of the parent to the child begins before that of any other person or institution and is closer in all respects than any other. No one on earth comes so nearly occupying the place and authority of God as does the parent in his relationship to his child. No one else, therefore, has so great responsibility for the formation of character as the parent. There is no greater nor more fearful responsibility on earth. Those who shirk it do so at their peril.

Parental Responsibility Non-Transferable.

The greatest of errors committed by some parents is the attempt to shift the responsibilities for the moral and religious training of their children. There are those who seem to think that their obligations have ended when the child has been *sent* to Sunday-school and to church. But Sunday-school and church can never take the place of the parent in child training. No institution can. The parental responsibility is original and non-transferable. There are others who seem to think that society or the State in some way ought to bear the burden of their responsibility. The law in restraining evil ought to so hedge about their children as to practically remove all temptation and make it impossible for them to go astray. The only hope against drunkenness and debauchery in their opinion is in the strong arm of the law. They neglect their own duties and expect to find a remedy in prohibition. Unfortunately, it may be for them, the strongest and most bitter denunciations of the saloon and the liquor traffic, with all their concomitant evils, will not atone for their neglect of parental duty nor diminish one whit parental responsibility. The most enthusiastic and persistent advocacy of prohibition will not atone for the dissipated life of the son whose moral and religious training has been neglected by the parent. Neither will it suffice to throw the whole responsibility on the neighbor's children and bad company. What are we here for but to look after the associations of those whose training God has committed to our trust? Nor can this responsibility be thrown back upon Adam and heredity. It belongs to the parent; let him bear his own burden.

Parental Instruction the First Remedy.

The removal of the destructive influences upon the young exerted by the saloon with its nefarious adjuncts is a thing to be sought by all good people, but the best of all is the formation of an impregnable character, for which the parent is first of all responsible. The very first remedy then for the ruinous influences of "hell's chief engineery for human destruction" is the religious and moral training of the child by the parent. This duty faithfully discharged would not only protect those exposed to the ruinous saloon, but it would eradicate the saloon itself. The very best protection to "home and and native land" is the proper home training. We put religious training first. This, in fact, includes the moral and without it moral training is incomplete. By religious training we mean such as will lead to Christ and result in the "new birth." It is no excuse for the parent to say, "I am not religious myself, and therefore can not train my child religiously." It is the duty of every one to be religious, and the obligation to train the child religiously rests upon all alike. If the parent is not prepared to teach his offspring, his first duty is to get the preparation. Our young men should be taught at home the evils and temptations to which they will be exposed in life, and conscience and character should be strengthened by all means to shun and resist them. We do not believe it is necessary to expose the child to the temptation in order to teach him how to overcome. He should not be taught to approach as near as possible the precipice in order not to fall over, but to keep at a safe distance from it. He must be taught, however, that the precipice is there and the consequences which would result from falling over, and therefore the danger of a near approach. It is not enough to forbid falling over. Duty does not fall short of training to shun the approach by keeping in the path of safety. The parent can not be too diligent, and no means should be neglected. The Sunday-school, the church, good books and every available means should be used. To fail in the use of any possible means is to fall short of meeting parental obligation.

The Duty of the Church.

The mission of the church is to save men from sin. The regeneration and holy living of all is the end of her seeking. The gospel is the weapon of her warfare. The truth as it is in Christ Jesus is her light, and it is her duty to shine upon all. The gospel, however, is not for the church to possess merely, but it is hers to give. The gospel is nothing to the church, nor to the world, except as it is effectually used to accomplish the end for which Christ died. In order to the effectual working of the gospel, it is the duty of the church to use every means and opportunity at its command. No opportunity to the church is so great as the receptivity of the young heart to the truths of the gospel. The church can not afford to neglect the children. If the world is ever saved it must be saved in childhood. The mission of the church is especially to the young, for God has ordained childhood to be the most susceptible to the gospel. The new life which it is the mission of the gospel to bring is the most needed and and will develop most successfully while the character is forming. Experimental religion should be the basis of moral character. The work of the church is clearly supplemental to that of the parent. The responsibility of the church is over that of the parent in the sense that it is the duty of the church to teach and enforce parental responsibility. The end of church and parental responsibility for the salvation of the youth of our land is the same. It is to secure them in the strength of their own character against all the wiles of the devil and the allurements of sin. To fail to use all means and opportunities to accomplish this is to fall short of duty. The Sunday-school, Epworth League and other special services should be used faithfully and earnestly. In fact, the church should make it her chief work to save and train the children. In all, the church should beware not to spend her energies on mere reforms, which will not reach the root of sin, to the neglect of that divine power which God has committed to her trust for the salvation of the world from all sin.

The Responsibility of the State.

The public school system is founded on the assumption that it is the duty of the State to prepare the rising generation for good citizenship. The State's idea of good citizenship very properly includes morality. Every teacher in the public schools is required by law to have good moral character. Intellectual education alone will not make good citizens. Men of immoral character cannot be expected to be law-abiding. But what does it avail to establish one institution to make good citizens and license another to make bad ones? Where is the logic of establishing one school to qualify for citizenship and then setting up another to undo it all by disqualifying? The public school is not more potent for making good citizens than the saloon is for making lawless ones. In fact if the public school could be separated from Christian influences through its teachers, and from the influence of the churches upon the children, the saloon would be a much more powerful school of vice than the public school is of morality. "The powers that be are ordained of God," and rulers are to be a terror to evil-doers. The church claims no authority to prevent crime by laws enforced by temporal punishment. The State does not allow the individual to avenge his own wrongs, nor does it allow the parent to protect his children from the evil influences of others by physical force. The State takes to itself very properly the power to punish crime and restrain evil. In the exercise of this power the State owes it to God and to her citizens to protect the young from that which constantly destroys their manhood and disqualifies them for all duties of citizenship and life. The best way to restrain evil is to prevent it if possible by removing the cause. It is a well-known fact that the saloon is a school of vice. It is productive of no good, but of evil, and only evil, and that continually. It is a venomous serpent which is continually pouring a stream of the most deadly poison into the arteries of the body politic. It is clearly the duty of the State to kill the snake. The State not only has the right to abolish the liquor traffic, but it is its duty to do so.

The Responsibility of the Citizen.

The State is made up of individuals and the original responsibility of course is upon the people who select the men to make laws and officers to enforce them. Legislators and executive officers are responsible to the people whom they represent. Let the people be careful in the choice of men and hold those who do not carry out their will to a strict account at the ballot box. But one of the first and most important things to be done is to see that the law is enforced. The officers need the co-operation of the people. If those whose sworn duty it is to enforce the law will not do it under the persuasion of their oaths, then the law-abiding citizens ought to co-operate with them so vigorously that they can not help discharging their duty. Where are all the good people of Corsicana, and the good people of other towns that they can not have the law enforced against a few gambling hells? There are laws which if enforced would break up these dens, and there are moral people enough to see that the law is enforced. Moreover, it is the imperative duty of every citizen to co-operate with the officers in such way as to make the law effective. The laws against selling to minors, and against screen doors and blinds in saloons, against gambling in all forms, and the Sunday law, ought to be as rigidly enforced as any other law. And there are enough law-abiding people in any town and country to enforce the law if they will only take enough interest in the welfare of their neighbors and their children to do it. Leaving it undone they rest under the guilt of failing to meet a great responsibility.

Inactive Prohibitionists.

We must have prohibition. The saloon must go. While the laws we have should be rigidly enforced we should have better ones. Nothing will meet the case of the crime-producing and destructive saloon except the extreme measure of prohibition. But inaction will never get prohibition. Vigilance is the price of victory and liberty. There is an organized prohibition party who are doing what they conceive to be their duty. It is every one's privilege to do right in what he thinks the best way. There are many who do not think best to thrust prohibition into politics, and that men of all parties who believe in the principle should work together to secure the desired legislation. Merely believing in the principle will not get the desired result. The belief must be put into operation. The non-partisan prohibitionists of our neighboring State of Mississippi have called a convention and are organizing. Organization is necessary to accomplish any decided result. Why not organize leagues; have barbecues and public gatherings to hear the best speakers; scatter literature; besiege the legislature? etc. The large vote cast in 1887 for prohibition should be more encouraging than the defeat was discouraging. Nothing of this paragraph is set down in opposition to or in favor of any political party. There might be a Sunday law league to create public sentiment with a view to secure proper legislation without becoming an organized political party, and so non-partisan prohibitionists may be organized in the same way. And by all means let us have prohibition on every inch of ground possible under the local option law.

Will Gov. Hogg Lend a Helping Hand?

If we are not mistaken Gov. Hogg in several speeches during the prohibition campaign in this State opposed the amendment to the constitution on the ground that the legislature had power to furnish full relief from the liquor traffic without the amendment. The governor also advocated some sort of a quart law, and a law compelling saloons to be closed at night and only allowed to open in the day time. While we do not agree that such law would give adequate relief, we favor every ounce of restraint possible to get. But has not the governor forgotten the whole subject? Did he not forget to mention any method of relief in his message to the legislature? A special session of the legislature is talked of: will the governor embody in the call better and more stringent laws controlling the liquor traffic for the protection of the "youth of our land?" The governor is said to covet a reputation for having the laws of the State enforced. The laws restraining and controlling the saloon and its adjuncts will afford him ample room for the exercise of all his skill in that direction. Suppose he offer a few rewards for the arrest and conviction of the violators of these laws, would it not be more praiseworthy than rewards for the arrest of men engaged in mob violence? We do not believe in mob law, but the execution of criminals by the mob is not near so detrimental to good government as the connivance at open and persistent violation of law practiced in almost every town and city in the land. Whatever influence and power the governor may lawfully use to restrain the evils which are wrecking so many of our youth and homes, it is his duty to use.

THE COLLECTION

I HAVE waited very expectantly since our meeting in Wilmington for some announcement of a special effort to liquidate the missionary debt of our church, which is upon us as a mighty upard at our throat. One hundred eighteen thousand dollars is something alarming to a society which lives much by sight as by faith. It will require a continued effort from now until the end of the year to keep our heads above water. The easy way of calculating that twenty-five cents per member will yield so much, and that ents per member so much more, that one dollar per member will bring in over one million of dollars into the missionary treasury, does not bring the money. The members are not to be found—in any missionary sense—no, not a half of them, nor a quarter, nor a tenth; and those who feel themselves responsible to the Son of God for the advancing of his kingdom, personally responsible, are alarmingly few. They are the ones who are already supplying the sinews of this campaign against the power of darkness in heathen lands. It is from them we are mainly to expect the funds needed to liquidate this debt. Much as they have done, and are doing, their Lord calls upon them for an increased liberality, for yet more self-denial; with the promise of a richer supply of grace and his own personal acknowledgment of indebtedness to them in that day.—*Bishop Keener.*

THOSE who had given the dollar—yes, ten times over—are the ones to be visited and called upon specially in this hour of alarming necessity. We must not go back upon our Japan mission, our Chinese, our Mexican, our Brazilian, at this time when things look dark and the sky is lowering somewhat in those fields of Christian enterprise.—*Bishop Keener.*

THE man who sleeps at home in his own bed every night, and expects to die in a land where the sun of the Holy Spirit never sets, only long enough for some saint to pass into heaven, can well afford to sustain his brethren at the front, in their weariness and solitary encounter with paganism.—*Bishop Keener.*

LET us deny ourselves for the present all new enterprises of a connectional kind, that we may move in power and national breadth in the mighty work of preaching Christ to the world. This can only be done by extricating our Foreign Missionary Society from the toils of debt, at once and forever. The board is pledged to keep out of debt henceforth in all of its appropriations.—*Bishop Keener.*

WE want no shrinkage in our annual receipts this year. They are small enough for maintaining missionary life in our Church. But we want a debt contribution, generous and definite, the funds of which are to be announced in a separate column, both at the annual conferences and by the missionary treasurer—a monthly report. Put me down $100 in this debt column.—*Bishop Keener.*

THE second annual report of the Geological Survey of Texas is now ready and can be obtained of Prof. E. T. Dumble, Austin, Texas, by sending the necessary amount of postage, 36c.

WE have given you the leader this week in the paragraphic form. The advantages of this form is that you may begin at either end of the article, or in the middle. You may read the whole thing at one sitting (provided you sit long enough) or as a continued series, or not at all—just as you like.

WE are frequently receiving obituaries signed, "A Friend," "Brother," "Sister," "Uncle," "Aunt," etc., without the name of the writer. We publish communications of no kind unless accompanied by the names of the writers.

QUERY: Did the editor of the general organ write his leader of issue of Sept. 12th from experience or observation? His work generally does not manifest a very profound experience of the subject discussed.

WE rejoice to note the revival of local option elections and the success of prohibition in these elections. Recently the following and perhaps other places have decided that the saloon must go, viz: Lancaster, Italy, Palmer, Farmersville, Albany, Whitewright, East Austin, Valley View. Some of these places have had prohibition and then whisky again, and now after having drawn the contrast, have wisely decided against whisky. Let the battle be pushed until the banner of victory floats over every inch of Texas soil.

OUR colored Methodist brethren of Fort Worth offer a prayer in this issue of the ADVOCATE which we hope will be answered.

WE have twice lately called attention to the fact that through some misunderstanding our church is in danger of failing to do its due share in making provision for the entertainment of the foreign delegates to the approaching session of the Ecumenical Conference. The bare thought of such a thing is enough to bring the flush of shame to the cheek of every Southern Methodist. That a people with whom hospitality has ever been so conspicuous a virtue should be in the least backward about doing their duty in the present case, is impossible. We refuse to give the suggestion a moment's notice. This is no time for formal explanations. If there have been mistakes they can not now be cured or corrected. The credit of Southern Methodism is at stake. Let every pastor at once take a collection and forward it to Barbee & Smith. The sum asked is insignificant, but let all be as liberal as possible. Whatever is raised will be wisely and economically expended under the direction of a competent and judicious committee. There are many laymen among the readers of the Advocate who could easily send a postal note for $1 or $5 on this account. Whatever is done must be done quickly.—*Nashville Advocate.*

We hope Texas will not fail to respond.

THE New York Advocate thinks history to be valuable should be accurate. It then tells us that the Bishop Stevens, who was said to have aimed the first gun at the Star of the West in the opening of the late civil war, was of the M. E. Church, South. The M. E. Church, South, has never had a bishop by that name. We agree fully with the New York that history to be valuable must be accurate.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

—The postoffice address of Dr. W. M. Hays is changed from Covington to Oxford, Ga.

—The Rev. J. O. A. Hickman was assigned to work in the North Texas Conference, but his health having failed he removed to Georgia, where his health improved, and he has held some very successful meetings. He sends greetings to his brethren in Texas, and especially those in the Sherman district.

—We have received the sad intelligence that the wife of Rev. J. B. Adair, pastor of our church at Mesquite, died at the parsonage in the town of Mesquite at 4:30 p. m., September 10. May the all sustaining hand of an Omnipotent Father sustain our brother in this dark hour of affliction.

—Western Advocate: Dr. Hoss, editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, accompanied by his son, E. E., Jr., gave the Western a delightful call, returning from an outing in Canada. He reports our Canadian brethren alert, earnest, and successful. The Church, South, has a right to be proud of its official organ. It justly ranks among the very best religious journals, and was never better than under its present able management.

—Rev. Jas. A. Duncan, in Raleigh Advocate: Pastoral visiting broadens a man. It makes the preacher larger. It develops in him at least one moral quality that cannot be developed any other way: sympathy for man, and this gives him power in the pulpit with men. It is not to be a substitute for work in the study; it is to supplement, and fill out that work. The preacher who is a good pastor has much to gain; he has nothing to lose.

Isaac G. Michael, in Episcopal Methodist: On the frontier and in the rural districts there is a custom prevailing, viz: That of using the house of God for political purposes. The time of the year is now arriving when the mugmump chiefs and political ringmasters of these settlements will want the church at their disposal until November. The church is to be used as a place of political gatherings, secret meetings, the rendezvous of intriguers, schemers, blatherskites, etc., etc. The church is also used as a place for Farmers Alliance meetings. Whose fault is it that the churches are so used? The trustees. But often from good nature or "policy" they refuse to "act" for the time being, so the soliciting committee is sent to the preacher, and "whatever he says will be all right."

—Richmond Advocate: On Wednesday, September 2, at 6 p. m., the gentle and pure spirit of Ruth Granbery took its flight to heaven. She was in her thirteenth year, and had been ill of typhoid fever about five weeks. A very intellectual and a very religious child, she was the delight of her parents' hearts, and their grief and loss are correspondingly great. They bow submissively to the Divine will, but are in great sorrow. Let all the church pray for them! The Bishop and Mrs. Granbery have two sons. The oldest daughter—the only one now left—is a missionary in Brazil, the wife of Rev. H. C. Tucker. Ruth was buried by the side of "Fay" in Hollywood on the 3d. Funeral service was held at the Bishop's home, in Ashland, at 1 o'clock p. m., conducted by Dr. A. G. Brown, and assisted by ministers from Richmond, and these tenderly bore her sacred dust to the grave, where a number of friends, despite of short notice, met and united in the touching rites.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—The postoffice address of Rev. T. G. Patterson is Roby, Fisher county, Texas.

—We heard that Bishop Key was in the city this week, but we did not get sight of him.

—Rev. A. G. Scruggs writes: "My health has improved some, but still I am not able to preach, owing to my throat trouble."

—Rev. W. A. Goett called at the ADVOCATE office this week. He was en route to New Mexico, where he will take work this year.

—Rev. J. H. Reynolds reported at this office the Garland station to be in "fine shape." He is trying as best he can to fill the new parsonage.

—Dr. James Laf Leslie, of Van Alstyne, whose sickness was noted in our last issue, has since died. We pray God's blessing on the bereaved.

—The Rev. W. L. Clifton showed his familiar countenance at this office this week. He was elated over the success of the local option election at Farmersville.

—Rev. C. L. Bruner, en route to Georgetown, called to see us the past week. He will enter Southwestern University to further prepare himself for the noble work of the ministry.

—We had a pleasant call this week from the Rev. F. C. Mabery. He looks as if Oklahoma had treated him well. They certainly must have a very fine quality of turnips in that country.

—The Rev. Wm. A. Edwards writes: "Bro. Clifton is recovering slowly from his ill health, and I feel hopeful that by conference he will be fully restored. This closes his fourth year on this district. I think it will be a matter of universal regret when he leaves. We are wont to look for the sources of men's power and usefulness. The two chief elements of his power as a presiding elder are: (1) His knowledge of the wants of his district and correct judgment of merit to meet these wants; (2) The ease with which he manages the preachers and officials. His strength is in the church, not outside. He seeks no popularity. His praise is not on the

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tongues of men. He lives in the hearts of his people of the church. He throws himself into the bosom of Methodism, which, in my opinion, is the sweetest birth this world can give. Here he is content to live, and right here in the heart of the church he will desire to die. I know of no one who more devotedly loves the Methodist Church than he, and no one whose sermons are more practical and transparent, and with us all, both his seniors and juniors, lay and clerical, he is loved with the veneration of a father.

—Houston Post: Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, manager of the Methodist Depository at Fort Worth, preached in Shearn Church yesterday morning. The subject of his sermon was "Influence of Good Books," and for forty-five minutes an immense audience paid him the closest attention. It was an able discourse, and Mr. Morris made a most favorable impression upon his hearers. Rev. Cochran, of the Washington Street Methodist Church, occupied the Shearn pulpit last night. Although the pastor, Rev. Mr. Solomon, has returned from his vacation, he is still suffering from an affection of the throat, and could not speak. It will be a couple of weeks yet before he resumes his duties.

WHAT THE TRIPOD IS SAYING.

Zion's Herald: And all this suggests that things possessed may be rather burdens than joys, and that thorough use or appropriation is the rule of happiness in things. And since we can so use only a little—less indeed than most of us think—it follows that they are mistaken who make abundance the measure of happiness. It is more likely to spoil the little we could consume and enjoy. The result of the meditation we have suggested is that happiness lies, so far as things are concerned, rather in our power to use them, and depends upon our contentment with moderate allotments. It also suggests that, after all, the spiritual man is the really happy man in us; and he has higher and larger appetites and means of satisfying them. The very narrow capacity for material enjoyment proves that the soul chasing happiness in possessions has lost his way in the world. The insatiable in us must drink from the divine fountains of joy and blessedness. The inevitable weariness and satiety of worldly pursuits teach us that the higher life is the only happy life. And the solemn truth for our grasping generation is that spiritual joy may revel and sing in the lowliest of men, in the deepest valley of poverty.

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Sunday School Times: It is a question worth asking, whether a child's best interests are not sometimes destroyed by the very means which a parent uses for their defense and preservation? A child's instincts are usually generous, and this generosity, when joined with the natural impulsiveness of childhood, may lead to acts of discretion; but, at the most, these instincts call for regulation only, not suppression. There could be no better means for training a child into habits of selfishness than the custom which some parents have of offsetting every indiscreet act to which a child's generosity may have prompted him by some piece of worldly wisdom relative to a proper care for number one, or to the place where charity begins, or to some other of the principles by which the world justifies its selfishness. There are influences enough around the young which tend to slay their childhood, with its simplicity, its unselfishness and its faith in God and man; the parent should be the last to join hand with these forces that war against the child's soul. If a child's generosity prompts him, in his childish ignorance, to unwise acts, teach him to be generous wisely, but never teach him to suppress his generosity. There is none too much unselfishness in the world; and he who cuts down a single growing blade of that rare plant sins against God and wrongs universal man. Unwise generosity is not the highest kind of generosity; but it is a hundredfold wiser and loftier than that poor worldly wisdom which saves its money-bags and crushes out its heart.

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LETTER FROM CHINA.

All is quiet in this city. Several attempts to raise a riot were made in Foochow and other places in the Fokien province last week, but the prompt arrival of two or three foreign gunboats and the energetic action of the native officials prevented an actual outbreak. It was reported that two foreign missionaries had been killed, but this report has not been confirmed and is, probably, false. No other attempts at raising a disturbance have been reported for some time, and the excitement seems to be quieting down. But the triennial examinations are to take place at Nanking, Hangchow, and other provincial capitals in September, and fears are entertained, both by Chinese and foreigners, that effort will be made to take advantage of the collection of several thousands of students, servants, visitors and rowdies, to raise a mob and attack the Chinese officials and the missionaries that may be located in those places. It is hardly probable, however, that these attempts will succeed, as the Chinese government has matters well in hand and will take every precaution to prevent trouble.

We received an anonymous letter here a few days ago, thrown inside the front door of the hospital, purporting to come from a member of the Ko Gao Hwei, the secret society that has been instigating the attacks on foreign missionaries during the past few weeks. It accuses us of all sorts of crimes and evil motives in coming to China to teach our foreign religion and threatens to burn all our property and drive us all out of the country. It warns us to flee at once if we would escape personal violence. Ordinarily we should pay no attention to such a letter, but in view of what has occurred here and elsewhere recently, we thought it best to send the letter to our Chinese district magistrate, so as to keep him posted as to all that is going on and let him take such action as he may think best. I do not think the letter means anything serious. So far as I can judge it is in all probability a malicious attempt on the part of some one not connected with the secret society above mentioned to raise a false alarm, either out of pure spite or in the hope of some kind of advantage to himself. So we do not feel seriously disturbed over it. The soldiers are still on guard around our mission premises, and occasionally the magistrate comes around to see that everything is quiet.

There is a great deal of cholera in the city this summer, and a large number of deaths have occurred. I hear it reported among the people that the foreign missionaries in the city have put poison in the canals, which is the cause of so much sickness and death. What these Chinese can't think of to charge up to the foreigners, it is not worth while for any one else to try.

Two men concerned in the murder of the two Englishmen in the town of Wusdeh have been executed. Eight others implicated in the same affair have received various sentences, imprisonment for life, banishment, branding on the face, etc. The settlement of the indemnity for the mission property that has been destroyed in various places is still pending. No doubt the Chinese government will cheerfully pay the actual value of the property that has been destroyed; but they will never consent to pay the exorbitant demands that have been made, in some instances, by the Roman Catholics in the form of a fine for the desecration of Christian graves, etc. If, as is intimated in a recent telegram from London, the Treaty Powers concerned unite to demand of the Chinese government more adequate protection of foreigners, the punishment of the rioters, and the prompt payment of indemnity, matters will be greatly complicated, as the Chinese will resent a show of force by the foreign governments. But it is hardly probable, for many reasons, that there will be war between China and any of the foreign nations.

A. P. PARKER.

SUCHOW, Aug. 11, 1891.

EVANGELISTS.

In the July number of the Quarterly Review Dr. Harrison gives expression to some very sound and conservative views on the subject of "The Modern Evangelist." His article is timely and should have a wider reading than by the subscribers to the Review. My purpose is to call attention to this article and urge all who have access to the Review to read it. And I wish to call attention to another phase of subject which he does not discuss.

At the last General Conference earnest effort was made to have church create the office of evangelist and provide for his appointment in annual conferences. This the General Conference refused, by a large majority to do. But in several instances year this decision of this General Conference was evaded by the appointment of a man to a merely nominal with the understanding that he was travel *ad libitum* as an evangelist. my mind a deliberate evasion of emphatic decision of the General Conference is as reprehensible as the evasion of a positive enactment of the same body.

It is well known that at least one of our bishops positively refused to make such an appointment, and it seems to me that this ought to be their uniform decision.

Aside, however, from the question of law involved, there are many prudential reasons why such a practice should be discountenanced. Not the least of these is the tendency to break down the spirit of the itinerancy. It is a species of favoritism, of unwarranted discrimination. If some men are given nominal appointments that they may evangelize, others have an equal right to demand a nominal appointment that they may attend to secular business, for the one is no more recognized by the law of the church, as an appointment, than the other. My idea is, that every appointment made at an annual conference should be a bona fide appointment, and if it should be to any work outside the regular pastorate, the man receiving it should be held to as strict an account for devoting his time to that work as he would be if appointed to a regular pastoral charge.

We are drifting to a point where a man who feels that he has peculiar talents for holding revival meetings, or is perhaps so angular in his disposition that he cannot remain acceptably to the people a whole year in one place, or, perchance, because the drudgery and confinement of the regular pastorate is distasteful, may conclude that he has a call to be an evangelist and then he proceeds to hunt for (or get some one else to hunt) a niche into which he can drop, where he can maintain his connection with the conference and yet be at liberty to go where he pleases. Now the wrong in such a case is that the brother persists in holding on to the conference, thus securing to himself and his family the protection, the prestige and the perquisites of the itinerancy, while he feels too big for its limitations and is not willing to abide by them.

If a man conscientiously believes himself called to a larger ministry than he can find room for within the confines of a single appointment, then the world is wide and he has a right to go where he pleases, after he has asked for and obtained an honorable location.

These thoughts are submitted not as directed against some particular individual, but as bearing on a principle involved which I consider of vital importance.

JNO. M. BARCUS.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Our meeting at Cameron, held by the Rev. J. H. Collard, Jr., would have proven more successful had the people attended to the following suggestions, which I hope other churches will profit by:

The business men of the church should, at every hazard, attend the day services and induce all others who can possibly be influenced to do the same. Here is one cause of our greatest loss. Bro. Collard's sermons at 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., in my judgment, will accomplish more good than his sermons to sinners at night, if they were attended by the leading or business men of the church, as they should always be. Bro. Collard combines the character of both evangelist and reformer, but to get the full benefit of his labors and peculiar gifts, all his services should be attended by all the people. It indicates a fearful want of interest in the souls of men for the claims of business to prevent attendance, in the day-time, upon divine worship during a gracious revival of religion, and then indulge the thought that the neglect is condoned by a general attendance at night. O! when the church shall fully appreciate the importance of the work committed to her hands and rally to the call of her captains at every charge, the kingdoms of this world will capitulate to our Christ and we shall "crown Him Lord of all."

S. C. LITTLEPAGE.

BURNETT AND MULKEY AT WHITEWRIGHT.

What do you think of Burnett and Mulkey? will perhaps be a question in the mind of some one. The answer is rather difficult to give, but I will make the attempt and leave the result with God. To start with, they are good men, but, like all others, fallible, and of course make mistakes. As a preacher, Bro. Burnett is forcible, eloquent, scriptural, except that sometimes he is too sweeping in his statements, thus weakening what otherwise would be very strong. I am hard to make believe that the use of modern "slang" is necessary in the presentation of the truths of the gospel of the Son of God. I don't mean to say that this constitutes the "stock in trade" of this noble man of God, but I do mean to say that I believe he has enough of it to injure his usefulness to some extent. But, one says, herein lies in some degree his power in turning to good account the language of rough persons whom he hopes to save. In reply I will say people are to be saved from their sins, not in their sins. Then the contrast is so jarring and grating between his sermons on different themes. Take, for instance, his sermon on "The Love of God," gleaming and radiating with every sentence, as though it were a jewel gathered from the banks of the river of life, and one of his scathing and excoriating sermons on other themes, and the contrast is too great, and the consequence is that the service suffers from it. This fact was plainly visible on more than one occasion of the meeting. Bro. Mulkey is unique—only one to be found. His sermons or "experiences," as he calls them, leave a lasting impression on the minds of his hearers; but, oh, these buts! but his experiences are too near all in the distant past. Much improvement is possible here. Thank God, however, with all these, for Burnett and Mulkey.

J. A. WYATT.

POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Prof. Works, of Midlothian, informs us that the Polytechnic Institute has opened with more than twice the attendance it had at the opening last year. Different sections of the State are represented in the attendance.

PERSONAL.

If Rev. L. F. Walker, or his daughter, Lizzie, will write to Oliphant & Derge, Galveston, Texas, they will learn something of interest.

A REQUEST.

Will Dr. Leo Rosser write to me at once? Address Rev. H. O. Moore, 730 Gandy street, Denison, Texas.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Centenary College.

The eighth session of this institution commenced yesterday. There is an increase over the enrollment of last year of thirty two. The teachers are all here and are ready to commence their work with renewed energy. Steps are being taken to improve the present buildings and the campus. We are entering a good year.

W. H. MATTHEWS.

LAMPASAS, TEXAS, Sept. 8.

Southwestern University.

Dr. J. H. McLean writes: The boys have begun to come in, and we have prospects for a full school.

Waco Female College.

The writer was in Waco at the opening of the Female College on the 10th, and from the number of pupils present on the morning of the opening the writer predicts that the school building will be filled to overflowing this term. With Profs. Rounsavall and Edgerton at the head of this institution with their efficient corps of teachers, success is already written upon their banners.

Quite a number of impressive speeches were made by Bros. Armstrong, Scudday, Bourland, Mitchell and others.

G. W. OWENS.

TO NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Please call the attention of preachers throughout North Texas Conference to the acts of last conference requiring them, on the fourth Sunday in September, to preach a special sermon on education and take a collection—the proceeds of which to be equally divided between Central College and Sherman Female College. Now, brethren, you will remember that same was requested last year, and all had forgotten it but one, and he brought up $7. Now, if this collection is taken we will hear no more grumbling about the Southwestern assessment.

J. A. WEAVER, Steward.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS.

A PRAYER.

I am a subscriber to your paper, and I like it very much. I will say to you we are building a stone church in Fort Worth to cost when completed $10,000, and we have been holding a prayer-meeting at 5 o'clock a. m. for three weeks, and your preachers can answer the prayer. We have been praying that every preacher and his whole congregation send $1. This is the only stone church, or brick, the colored Methodist have in the State, and as the twentieth session of the annual conference will convene here, we want the church done. This is why we are urging your preachers to send us $1. The following have sent a dollar: Rev. H. S. Thrall, Del Rio, Texas; Rev. Isaac Mills, Anson, Texas; L. C. Collier, pastor Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Vernon, Texas; R. A. Speer, Carrolton, Ala. And as our church was once a part and parcel of yours, I pray that all your preachers will answer my prayer. Yours in the gospel,

H. A. BROKER,

FORT WORTH, TEXAS. Pastor C. M. E. Church.

MISSIONS WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The brethren employed on missions in the West Texas Conference are notified that the third quarter's drafts on the treasurer of the Conference Board have been sent out. If any fail to reach the missionaries, please notify me.

H. S. THRALL.

DONATION.

In answer to my call for help for Sister W. L. Griffith, I have received and forwarded to her $5 from Bro. James Riley.

ROBT. J. DEETS.

LLANO, TEXAS.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

West Texas Conference.

To Presiding Elders West Texas Conference:

Please send names of delegates, candidates for admission, local preachers to be ordained, etc., etc. Preachers understand that I shall be glad to hear from them as to anything special.

B. HARRIS.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

A Test of Eccentricity.

Lady (to applicant)—"How much do you want a month?"

Applicant—"Do you use Pearline?"

Lady—"No, I never use it."

Applicant—Never use it. Well, I'd rather not engage myself to you; I don't like to have anything to do with eccentric people."
—*From "King's Jester," N. Y.*

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

[This paper will only select from the books sent us for notice such as we think the interests of our readers demand. We will, however, publish promptly an acknowledgment of all books received.]

"The Quarterly Register of Current History," second quarter. Detroit, Mich.

"The Arena," September number. Boston, Mass.

"The Century Monthly Illustrated Magazine," September number. It discusses in Topics of the Time: "The Subtreasury Cheap Money Plan," "Notable Civil Service Reform Gains," "Progress of Ballot Reform." New York.

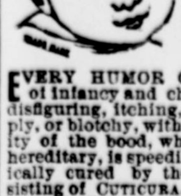
"The Review of Reviews;" London and New York, for September, is an interesting number.

"The Last Pages of an Officer's Diary;" pamphlet. Fleming Revell, New York and Chicago.

"The Sweet Story of Old," a life of Christ for children, by Mrs. L. Haskell, with an introduction by the venerable Archdeacon Farrar, D. D. Boards, pps. 62; 6x6. Price, 50 cents. E. P. Hutton, New York.

"The Forum," September number. This number has a number of interesting articles on education. New York.

"New England Magazine," September number. This number contains an article entitled "The New South—A Rising Texas City." Beaumont is the city. Boston, Mass.



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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Sept. 1.—C G Shutt, sub. H C Jolly, sub. Wm Horner, sub. E C DeJernett, change made.

Sept. 2.—J T Trice, sub. J T Stanley, sub. D H Hotchkiss, sub. W K Manning, sub. Jno T Graham, sub. J E Kirkpatrick, sub. P R Eaglebarger, subs.

Sept. 3.—W M Adams, sub. Seth Ward, sub. W S P McCullough, sub. Chas D Jordan, will stop at six months. C V Oswalt, subs. Wm M Gillespie, sub.

Sept. 4.—J D Scott, change made. L W Harrison, sub. J T Bloodworth, sub. New Harris, sub. R S Gorsline, subs.

Sept. 5.—J B Gober, sub. S D Waddill, sub. J O Jorden, o k. W R Crockett, sub. Jas I Lavender, sub.

Sept. 7.—T J Lassetter, change made. J P Hulse, subs. S W Miller, change. J T Bludworth, has attention. J N Hunter, o k. I E Hightower, sub. R A Walker, sub. J B Nelson, subs; 2 cards. C E Statham, sub. W F Mayne, has attention. H M Glass, sub at half price.

Sept. 8.—S B Ellis, sub and change. J W Dickinson, subs. G F Boyd, sub.

Sept. 8.—C B Smith, sub. J M Hackett, sub. E C DeJernett, sub has attention. W R Manning, sub.

Sept. 9.—G A Greene, subs; 2 cards. D T Brown, sub. R W Wellborn, sub. Jas S Wilson, change. G A LeClere, paper stopped. E R Large, sub. G S Sandel, sub. J W Blackburn, sub.

Sept. 10.—B A Thomasson, sub. A B Trimble, sub. J H Chambliss, subs. W W Graham, sub. J R Nelson, subs. R J Fort, sub and change. W J Lemons, sub.

Sept. 11.—J R Nelson, subs. Jos Coughran, change. T C DePew, sub. J M Shuford, sub.

Sept. 12.—Geo M Calhoun, has attention. G C Hardy, sub. M M Smith, sub. S P Brown, subs have attention. J R Barden, sub.

Sept. 14.—T W Boynton, subs. J T H Miller, sub. S W Miller, sub. G D Wilson, subs. C F Smith, subs. J D Scott, subs; 2 cards. C C Williams, change made. E D Cameron, sub. J D Terry, change.

Sept. 15.—J H Chambliss, has attention. A C Benson, o k. J J Davis, sub. G J Irvin, sub and change. J P Skinner, correction made. R A Walker, sub. A G Nolen, sub. S N Allen, sub. Jas I Lavender, sub. J M Hackett, subs.

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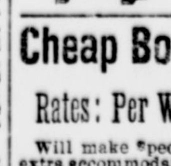
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Ladies' Annex.

The Uniform to be worn by the Young Ladies should be procured at school.

The Young Ladies, though taught in a separate institution, have the benefit of the same Professors as the Young Gentlemen. But few schools for young ladies can lay claim to such a corps of experienced and learned Professors. In Art, Elocution and Music, we try to have the best. Our teacher in Elocution has been abroad all summer, receiving the latest and best instruction in her line. In Music, we have made valuable acquisitions in securing the services of Misses Rigley and Blakeney. Miss Rigley is the teacher of Voice Culture, a graduate from the New England Conservatory of Music, with the experience of a few years as teacher in a Conservatory. Miss Blakeney, having passed through a Conservatory in St. Louis, visited Germany, where she received the best of instruction from German professors, and brings their testimonials of her high qualifications as a teacher. Mrs. Crawford, though a graduate in Music and experienced in teaching, spent the summer under the best of masters, that she might be fully abreast with the profession. The elegant Boarding Department, under Prof. Young, can not well be surpassed. Board and washing, $17 per calendar month.

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Woman's Department.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL.

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

WHILE IT IS DAY.

Up, and be doing!
Brief is the day;
Soon comes the night-time,
Light all away.

"Work in my vineyard."
Hark to the call
Which the good Master
Giveth to all.

See how the fields lie
White in the sun;
Harvests all ripened,
What east thou done?

So few are the reapers,
So much to be done,
Oh, where is thy sickle?
Fast falleth the sun.

Soon the night cometh,
When labor is o'er;
Long are the shadows
That stretch on before.

Rouse, careless idler!
"Nothing but leaves?"
What wilt thou answer
When asked for thy sheaves?

—*Luella Clark.*

It is pleasant after the summer vacation is over to return home refreshed in body and spirit to take up again our appointed duties. As mid-summer subsides, and the cool days and nights come, in delightful contrast to the heat and glare which have prevailed, our drooping energies revive, and we feel impulses stirring us to "a redoubling of our diligence." Those of our co-workers and members who have enjoyed a summer vacation, taking delightful recreation by "mountain, lake and river," should in thankfulness for such privileges be especially active now in "every good word and work." Some of us have had a season of rest, a summer *siesta*, as it were.

"We have slept and dreamed life all beauty;
We have waked and found life also duty,"

so let us one and all try to realize what blessed privileges are ours, and what responsibilities are ours, and endeavor in return to "do with our might what our hands find to do."

THE WHEEL AGAIN.

I observe that the Woman's Department was not crowded last week, so perhaps there will be room for a few dots from "these parts," and especially for some more names for the "Missionary Wheel," which I trust all will bear in mind is for a permanent fund toward the Scarritt Bible and Training-school. When I have "shuffled off this mortal coil," I believe some one will still keep the wheel rolling. Mrs. W. C. Huntington obtained the following list of names for the Wheel while at Beaumont attending the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the East Texas Conference. I have delayed sending them off thus long, hoping to add more names, but will not wait longer, as I can send again when necessary. My health was much improved by my trip to district conference and remained materially better for some six weeks, when I again grew worse, and now I am feeble indeed. To suffer the will of God is sometimes a greater trial of our faith than to work his will when we are well and life is full of cheer. To be able to accomplish something for the Master has been the dream of my life. Shall it ever be aught but a dream? "God knoweth." I shall come out soon in an entirely new role. I have written a pamphlet entitled "Follow Me;" or "Baptism as Seen by a Woman's Eyes." I should have had it before the public before now but for want of funds. "'Tis hard to be poor!" I believe I shall, however, soon succeed in getting it before the public, and curiosity, I presume, will induce "quite a few" to read it, as I believe no woman has heretofore written upon the subject, and yet I see no reason why she should not, inasmuch as she is quite as much interested as is man. That immersion is contrary to Scripture, I as much believe as I believe "God said let there be light, and there was light," and in the aforenamed pamphlet I give my reasons, taken alone from the Bible. It makes no effort to treat the subject as a learned disquisition. I know nothing of the languages, make no allusion whatever to "Baptidzo," any of its meanings, or roots. I simply state what God commanded, and what God did, and as "God changeth not," but remains "the same yesterday, to-day and forever," I assume and prove by a positive, "thus saith the Lord," that immersion is wrong, because God commanded Moses positively to consecrate the priest by pouring the oil of consecration upon his head, and moreover, he was to sprinkle the book and all the people with hyssop dipped in water and blood. This shows how John the Baptist and Peter, upon the day of Pentecost, could baptize so many in so short a time. A score or more could be sprinkled at once by the falling drops from the quivering hyssop branch dipped in the waters of the Jordan, and the express command was to dip the hyssop in water and blood and sprinkle both the book and all the people.—See Heb. 9:19. In the cleansing for leprosy, either in a person or house, the process was to sprinkle water mingled with blood, thus directly pointing to the water and blood that was to issue from the wounded side of the Son of God. Now all these things had reference to the final culmination in Christ. "For the law having a shadow of good things to come," Heb. 10:1, must necessarily bear some faint resemblance to the substance, but what resemblance? "Tell us, ye winged winds," does all this sprinkling bear to immersion? The planets during their eclipse cast a shadow something like themselves, but surely pouring oil on the priest's head, and sprinkling the book and all the people, bore no resemblance whatever to plunging our Savior and "all Jerusalem and all Judea" beneath the waters of the Jordan. But enough, "none are so blind as those who will not see."

I trust I shall be able to send some more names soon. I have some half dozen besides the ones Sister Huntington sent, but will send her list alone, and reserve these for another time. Mrs. S. E. Hyde has promised me quite a long list, which will no doubt come soon.

MRS. J. D. BURKE.

NAMES and amounts obtained for Sister J. D. Burke's quilt while at Beaumont:

Mrs. T. M. Marks, Marshall	50
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Heartsill, Marshall	25
Judge A. J. Booty, Marshall	10
Mrs. M. C. Booty, Marshall	10
Gus Booty, Marshall	10
Georgia Booty, Marshall	10
Rev. H. G. Scudday, Marshall	10
Miss Mary E. Page, Sabine Pass	10
Mrs. Mary B. Harris, Henderson	10
Mrs A. M. Barbee, Lovelady	10
Mrs. S. A. Browning, Woodville	10
Mrs. Hattie B. Stewart, Woodville	10
Mrs. Florida Booth, Woodville	10
Mrs. Eugenia Ford, Orange	10
Miss Fannie Harrison, Alto	10
Miss Florence Crittenden, Alto	10
Total	$2 15

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Neuralgia.

My wife was suffering over two weeks with a very severe attack of neuralgia which several physicians failed to relieve. I then got a bottle of Wonderful Eight, which relieved her in five minutes and soon effected a permanent cure. G. S. STIVERS, Dentist, Cor. 5th and Walnut Sts. Louisville, Ky.

Sir Isaac Newton's nephew, a clergyman, always refused a fee when he married a couple, saying—'Go your way, poor wretches, I have done you mischief enough already."

It is intelligence that rules the world. Knowledge is power. There is nothing quite so valuable as knowing the correct thing to do.

People are often puzzled to know what is best to do when they find the hair showing signs of weakness, or when that terror of the most beautiful woman—baldness—begins to obtrude itself. In most cases it is simply the result of neglect, providing it is not an accompaniment of disease, and it is often surprising how quickly the scalp and its growth is responsive to the ingredients that were needed, which are contained in the Louisiana Creole Hair Restorer.

There is no doubt, whatever, that there are hundreds of women who mourn the loss of the beauty that belonged to their hair in girlhood, simply because they have not given it the attention they should, and failed to supply just the nourishment and stimulus that is contained in this incomparable balm for the bald.

One trial will convince the most skeptical that it is something far above all the quack hair tonics which are so numerous. Effects are often experienced from a single application. The price is one dollar a bottle, and one bottle of it is worth a barrel full of the tonics for which such claims are often made. Mansfield Drug Company, Proprietors, Memphis, Tenn.

"My husband is the dearest, most considerate man in the world." "How does he show it?" "He knows I hate tobacco smoke in the house, and so he goes to the club every night after supper and smokes there."

An Old and Well-tried Remedy.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething should always be used for children while teething. It softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhœa.

Blinks—I saw a man turn pale and tremble to-day at the mention of the American navy. Klinks—Eh! Was he a foreigner? Blinks—No; he belongs to the marines and can't swim.

Relieves every sort of Bleeding, Pain or Inflammation—*Pond's Extract. Do not be imposed upon by weak imitations.*

Somebody gave little Augustus two toys. "I will give this one to my dear little sister," he said, showing the largest. "Because it is the prettiest?" said his delighted mamma. "No," he replied, without hesitation; "because it's broken."

Black-Leg.

This is to certify that I have used WONDERFUL EIGHT and found it to be an immediate relief for Black-Leg in cattle, by giving them from 15 to 20 drops internally and applying once or twice externally to parts affected. A. J. McCLURE, Buttercup, Williamson Co. Texas.

Friend—The gossips have formulated a regular indictment against your character. They say you were a terrible flirt while abroad. Do you plead guilty? American Girl—Y-e-s; to three counts.

Arrangements have been made by the management of the Dallas Fair Association with a Chicago party to have on exhibition at this fall's Fair the Japanese Village. The company will consist of sixteen people, and the entertainment presented by them will be the most unique and attractive, nothing of the kind ever having been seen in the State.

Stranger—This tree seems to be loaded with apples. Rural Miss—Yessir. Pop says this is a good apple year. Stranger—I am glad to hear that. Are all your trees as full of apples as this one? Rural Miss—Oh, no. Only the apple trees.

Like $100 00 found.

MR. EDITOR.—After reading of Mrs. Johnson's experience of oranges in Florida, I would like to tell what I did with Figs and Olives in California. I bought some land of Walter J. Raymond, of Dayton, Ohio. Paid $2.00 down. Fig and Olive land. Mr. Raymond's son will be all the time on the plantation cultivating it. I find it very nice to receive $100.00 profit with no outlay, with the additional guarantee that I get $100 each year. The fruit is sold on the tree. These fruits have only been grown in France and Spain, and the profits are immense. Anyone can obtain some of these lands by writing to Walter J. Raymond, Dayton, Ohio, who guarantees a yearly profit of $50 on every acre purchased. Why should anyone be poor when they can own land and make money as I have done? A READER.

Customer (with little boy)—Have you good thick sole leather that a boy can't wear through in a week. Cobbler—The very best. Do you want me to make a pair of shoes for your boy? Customer—No, I want you to make him a pair of pants.

"Well, I'm rather stuck on you," remarked the fly to the boarding-house-butter, as she stumped in. "Keep your grip on him, you're strong enough," said the sugar to the butter, and the latter replied: "Well, you have got sand." This made the chese laugh so hard that it fell to the floor, and the sugar got its revenge by exclaiming: "How are the mitey fallen!"

Why It Is Popular.

Because it has proven its absolute merit over and over again, because it has an unequalled record of cures, because its business is conducted in a thoroughly honest manner, and because it combines economy and strength, being the only medicine of which "100 Doses One Dollar" is true—these strong points have made Hood's Sarsaparilla the most successful medicine of the day.

Msss Fresco, timidly—What a pouring rain! I dread to start out in it. Her friend, innocently—Oh, I shouldn't mind so long as you have your umbrella to protect your face.

☞Cure your chills so they wont return in a few weeks to bother you as badly as ever. You can't do it with quinine but Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic will do the work and do it well. Try it. If it fails to cure it will cost you nothing. 75c.

Mrs. Wickwire—Oh, Henry? And I told you so particularly before you chose a house to be sure the chimney didn't smoke. Mr. Wickwire—Well, this one doesn't. Come outside and see for yourself.

A Happy Postmaster.

This is to certify that I tried one bottle of Wonderful Eight for a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism to which I was subject and it is the first thing I ever found that would have any effect. It cured me in less than forty-eight hours. WM. T. MADDEY, Postmaster Malvern, Ark.

"Is it farmin' Dennis O'Malley is goin' ter thry?" said a laboring man. "It is that same." "Why rejoined the other scornfully, "he don't know enough about farraming to plant his feet in the road and raise dust.

One of the Smith's.

Are you Owen Smith? "Oh, yes, I must be: I am owin' everybody!" But I owe more to Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial for curing me of the cholera morbus and dysentery.

"Do you believe man sprang from the ape?" "No; but I believe woman springs from the mouse—in fact, I've seen her do it."

Thousands of people are rejoicing over the fact that they have been cured of that loathsome disease, Catarrh in the Head, Nose and Throat.

It is strange to say that the only remedy that has been found to make a speedy and permanent cure of Catarrh, Colds in the Head and Catarrhal Consumption, is Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Catarrh Cure. This remedy is the most simple and effectual and will cure more promptly and lastingly than any remedy ever placed before the people. This remedy is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, and a mere trial of one bottle is sufficient to convince the most skeptical.

While Lone Star Blood Syrup stands in the front rank of all blood medicine and will cure the most hopeless case of Rheumatism, Indigestion, Constipation and all forms of *Blood Poison*, and as a female remedy it is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case. Dear ladies, don't allow yourselves to suffer untold agonies and eke out a miserable existence, but take Lone Star Blood Syrup; it will make you strong, steady your nerves, give you a good appetite, make home bright, happy, and your life will no longer be a burden.

Sold by all druggists.

"Mercy me!" said Miss Passee, "I sincerely hope they will not pass the law making a day of eight hours." "Why not?" "Just think how rapidly we shall age! Just three times as fast."

Influenza and Pneumonia.

T. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish, La., writes: "Permit me to say to the public that I have tried Wonderful Eight in my practice and find it to be a good medicine in influenza and pneumonia. Nothing to equal it to relieve pain.

When did George Washington first take a carriage. When he took a hack at the cherrytree.

Church Notices.

1891	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes.	Thursd.	Friday	Saturd.	1891	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes.	Thursd.	Friday	Saturd.
Jan.	....	....	....	....	1	2	3	July	....	....	....	1	2	3	4
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WEST TEXAS.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Belmont cir, at Belmont ....3d Sun in Sept
Gonzales sta, at Gonzales ....4th Sun in Sept
Seguin mis, at Nockenut Chapel ....1st Sun in Oct
Seguin sta, at Seguin ....2d Sun in Oct
Dripping springs mis, at Liberty Hill
3d Sun in Oct
Elm Grove mis, at Clark's Chapel ....4th Sun in Oct
W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Rockport cir ....Sept 19, 20
Corpus Christi sta ....Sept 26, 27
Lagarto cir ....Oct 3, 4
Kenedy cir ....Oct 3, 4
Wesley cir ....Oct 10, 11
Lavernia cir ....Oct 17, 18
Helena cir ....Oct 24, 25
I. T. MORRIS, P. E.

CUERO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Leesville cir, at Liberty ....3d Sun in Sept
Weesatche cir, at Perdido ....4th Sun in Sept
Clear Creek cir, at Forest Home ....1st Sun in Oct
DeWitt cir, at Hope ....2d Sun in Oct
Yoakum cir, at —— ....3d Sun in Oct
JOHN S. GILLETT, P. E.

SAN SABA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Llano cir, at Lone Grove ....Sept 19, 20
Oxford cir, at Sandy Mountain ....Sept 26, 27
Willow City cir, at —— ....Oct 3, 4
Cherokee cir, at —— ....Oct 10, 11
Round Mountain and Rockvale ....Oct 17, 18
Blanco cir, at —— ....Oct 24, 25
ROBT. J. DEETS, P. E.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Junction City cir, at Sonora ....3rd Sun in Sept
Knoxville cir, at Sonora ....3rd Sun in Sept
London mis, at London ....4th Sun in Sept
Mason mis, at Mason ....1st Sun in Oct
Ingram mis, at Ingram ....2d Sun in Oct
Bandera and Medina City, at Medina City
3rd Sun in Oct
Pipe creek cir, at Medina City ....3rd Sun in Oct
Kerrville and Center Point, at Kerrville
4th Sun in Oct
M. A. BLACK, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Benton, at Benton ....Sept 20
Carrizo Springs, at Carrizo Springs ....Sept 27
Amphion, at Amphion ....Oct 4
Pleasanton, at Pleasanton ....Oct 11
Travis Park sta ....Oct 18
Tenth Street and East End, at Tenth Street ....Oct 19
West End, at West End ....Oct 20
Boerne, at —— ....Oct 25
ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

TEXAS.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Hockley cir, at McPherson's S. H. ....Sept 19, 20
Anderson cir, at Anderson ....Sept 26, 27
Cold Springs cir, at Cold Springs ....Oct 3, 4
Huntsville sta ....Oct 10, 11
Waverly cir, at New Waverly ....Oct 17, 18
Prairie Plains cir, at Pool's Chapel ....Oct 22
Willis sta ....Oct 24, 25
Montgomery cir, at Montgomery ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Navasota sta ....Nov 7, 8
Millican and Wellborn, at Wesson ....Nov 14, 15
J. C. MICKLE, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Cameron cir, at —— ....Sept 20
Cameron sta ....Sept 22
Maysfield cirs at —— ....Sept 27
C. H. BROOKS, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Calvert sta ....Sept 19, 20
Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan ....Sept 26, 27
Wilderville cir, at Ward Chapel ....Oct 3, 4
Marlin sta ....Wednesday, at 8 p m, Oct 7
Durango cir, at Durango ....Oct 10, 11
Hearne and Wheelock, at Hearne ....Oct 17, 18
Kosse cir, at Kosse ....Oct 24, 25
Jewett and Buffalo, at Buffalo ....Friday, Oct 30
Fairfield cir, at —— ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Centerville cir, at Centerville ....Nov 7, 8
Marquez mis, at Gum Springs ....Nov 9
Franklin cir, at Franklin ....Nov 14, 15
FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Manchaca cir, at Manchaca ....Sept 19, 20
Merrilltown cir, at Merrilltown ....Sept 26, 27
Cedar Creek cir, at Cedar Creek ....Oct 3, 4
Bastrop sta ....Oct 6
Smithville cir, at West Point ....Oct 8
Winchester cir, at Winchester ....Oct 10, 11
Flatonia sta ....Oct 17, 18
Weimar cir, at Weimar ....Oct 20
Flatonia cir, at Muldoon ....Oct 24, 25
Columbus sta ....Oct 31, Nov 1
LaGrange sta ....Nov 7, 8
Austin, Twenty-fourth Street ....Nov 12
Austin, Tenth Street ....Nov 13
Austin, First Street ....Nov 14
E. S. SMITH, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Alvin Street ....Sept 19, 20
Richmond and Wharton ....Sept 26, 27
Eagle Lake ....Oct 3, 4
Patterson ....Oct 10, 11
Cedar Bayou ....Oct 17, 18
Columbia ....Oct 24, 25
Matagorda ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Velasco ....Nov 7, 8
H. V. PHILPOTT, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Killeen cir, at Pleasant Hill ....3d Sun in Sept
Jonesboro cir, at Mt Zion ....4th Sun in Sept
Hamilton cir, at Plum Creek ....1st Sun in Oct
Martin's Gap cir, at Martin's Gap ....2d Sun in Oct
Hico cir, at Hico ....3d Sun in Oct
Iredell and Walnut, at Iredell ....4th Sun in Oct
Meridian sta, at Meridian ....Oct 29
Shive cir, at —— ....1st Sun in Nov
Lampasas sta, at Lampasas ....Nov 3
Gatesville sta, at Gatesville ....Nov 5
Henson Creek cir, at —— ....2d Sun in Nov
Brookhaven mis, at —— ....3d Sun in Nov
Coryell City cir, at New Hope ....4th Sun in Nov
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Red Oak cir, at Duncanville ....Sept 19, 20
Reagor cir, at Rutherford ....Sept 26, 27
Alvarado sta ....Oct 3, 4
Grand View cir, at Grand View ....Oct 10, 11
Avalon cir ....Oct 17, 18
Sims and Glenwood cir ....Oct 24, 25
Italy cir ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Lancaster and Ferris cir ....Nov 7, 8
Oak Cliff sta ....Nov 14, 15
Waxahachie sta ....at 8 p. m., Nov 17
Wesley and Rush cir ....Nov 21, 22
F. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
East Waco and Tenth Street, at Tenth Street
Sept 19, 20
Crawford and Valley Mills cir, at Tonk Creek
Oct 3, 4
Mart mis, at Kirk ....Oct 10, 11
Whitney cir, at Towash ....Oct 17, 18
West cir, at Lebanon ....Oct 20
Rogers cir, at Mt. Vernon ....Oct 24, 25
McGregor cir, at McGregor ....Oct 27
Temple sta ....Oct 31 and Nov 1
Bruceville cir, at Eddy ....Nov 3
Lorena cir, at Lorena ....Nov 4
Osnaville cir, at Shiloh ....Nov 7, 8
Bosqueville cir, at Union Hill ....Nov 12
Clifton mis, at Prairie Hill ....Nov 17, 18
Abbott cir, at Bell's Springs ....Nov 21, 22
R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Whitt and Jacksboro, at Bethesda ....Sept 19, 20
Bryson mis ....Sept 26, 27
Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto ....Oct 10, 11
Garvin cir, at Walnut ....Oct 17, 18
Springtown and Goshen, at Springtown
Monday, Oct 19
Boonsville, at Boonsville ....Oct 24, 25
Barton's Creek ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Caddo mis ....Tuesday, Nov 3
Finis cir ....Nov 7, 8
Farmer cir ....Wednesday, Nov 11
Graham sta ....Nov 14, 15
Weatherford sta ....Nov 21, 22
J. T. L. ANNIS, P. E.

CISCO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Carlton cir, at —— ....Sept 19, 20
JOHN S. DAVIS, P. E.

CISCO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Dublin sta, at Dublin ....8 p. m., Sept 23
East Stephenville mis, at Oden's Chapel
Sept 26, 27
Stephenville cir, at Oakdale ....Sept 30
Sipe Springs and Rising star, at Sipe Springs
Oct 3 4
Carbon cir, at Pisgah ....Oct 6
Cisco sta, at Cisco ....8 p. m., Oct. 8
Eastland cir, at Pleasant Grove ....Oct 10, 11
Breckenridge cir, at Breckenridge ....Oct 14
Crystal Falls cir, at —— ....Oct 17, 18
Gordon and Strawn, at —— ....Oct 20
Cisco cir, at Hicks ....Oct 24, 25
Comanche and DeLeon, at —— ....Oct 27
Lipan cir, at —— ....Oct 31
Green's Creek cir, at Green's Creek ....Nov 4
Carlton cir, at —— ....Nov 7, 8
Armstrong mis, at Graham's Chapel ....Nov 13
JOHN S. DAVIS, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Cleburne sta ....Sept 19, 20
Marystown cir, at Crowley ....Sept 26, 27
Cleburne cir, at Chappell Hill ....Oct 3, 4
Mulkey memorial ....Oct 17, 18
Granbury sta ....Oct 20
Mansfield cir, at Gardner ....Oct 24, 25
Fort Worth cir, at Cresson ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Acton cir, at Cresson ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Kopperl mis, at Kopperl ....Nov 5
Morgan and Blum, at Blum ....Nov 6
Arlington cir ....Nov 7, 8
Missouri Avenue ....Nov 10
Glen Rose mis ....Nov 14, 15
Bluff Dale cir ....Nov 17
First Church ....Nov 21, 22
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Stonewall mis, at New Hope ....Sept 19, 20
Haskell sta, at Haskell ....Sept 26, 27
Haskell mis, at Haskell ....Sept 26, 27
Throckmorton cir ....Oct 3, 4
Albany sta ....Oct 6
Anson cir, at Anson ....Oct 10, 11
Roby mis, at Roby ....Oct 17, 18
Hitson mis, at Roby ....Oct 17, 18
Colorado sta ....Oct 22
Snyder mis, at —— ....Oct 24, 25
Colorado mis, at —— ....Oct 28
Big Springs and Midland ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Abilene mis, at Lytle ....Nov 7, 8
Abilene sta ....Nov 14, 15
JNO. A. WALLACE, P. E.

CORSICANA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Mexia cir, at Cotton Gin ....Sept 19
Mexia sta ....Sept 20, 21
Groesbeck cir, at Central Institute ....Sept 26, 27
Rice and Chatfield cir, at Rice ....Oct 3, 4
Mount Calm, at Hubbard ....Oct 10, 11
Black Land mis ....Oct 12
Covington cir, at Woodbury ....Oct 17, 18
Itasca cir, at Union Valley ....Oct 20, 21
Hillsboro sta ....Oct 24, 25
Irene cir, at Brandon ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Dresden cir, at Barry ....Nov 4
Kerens cir, at Kerens ....Nov 7, 8
Thornton cir, at Thornton ....Nov 9
Bethel mis ....Nov 10
Wortham cir, at Wortham ....Nov 11
Corsicana cir, at Pleasant Grove ....Nov 14
Corsicana sta ....Nov 15, 16
Drane mission, at Black Hills ....Nov 17
G. S. WYATT, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Mullin cir, at Pompey Creek ....Sept 19, 20
Zephyr cir, at Zephyr ....Sept 26, 27
May cir, at Mount Zion ....Oct 3, 4
Indian Creek cir, at —— ....Oct 10, 11
Cottonwood cir, at —— ....Oct 17, 18
Fort Chadbourne mis, at —— ....Oct 21
Ballinger cir, at Ballinger ....Oct 24, 25
Camp Colorado mis, at —— ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Santa Anna cir, at —— ....Nov 7, 8
Coleman City sta, at Coleman City ....Nov 14, 15
Brownwood sta, at Brownwood ....Nov 21, 22
J. P. MUSSETT, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Belton sta, at Belton ....Sept 19, 20
Taylor sta, at Taylor ....Sept 26, 27
Florence cir, at Ocalla ....Oct 3, 4
South Belton, at Wilson's Valley ....Oct 10, 11
North Belton, at Cedar Creek ....Oct 17, 18
East Taylor, at Long Branch ....Oct 24, 25
Round Rock cir, at ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Bertram and McHout, at Bertram, at 11 a. m., Nov 3
Marble Falls, at Crownover ....at 11 a. m., Nov 4
Bartlett cir, at —— ....Nov 7, 8
West Georgetown, at Wesley Chapel
at 11 a. m., Nov 11
Corn Hill and Salado, at —— ....Nov 14, 15
Georgetown sta, at Georgetown, 7:30 p. m., Nov 18
Liberty Hill and Leander ....Nov 21, 22
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Seymour sta ....Sept 19, 20
Duke mis, at Aaron ....Sept 25
Frazer mis, at Union ....Sept 26, 27
Mangum mis, at Mangum ....Oct 3, 4
Kirkland mis, at Gypsum ....Oct 15
Clarendon mis, at Oak's Creek ....Oct 17, 18
Wellington mis, at Mobeetie ....Oct 24, 25
Amarillo mis, at Washburn ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Della Plain mis, at Lockney ....Nov 5
Plainview mis, at Plainview ....Nov 7, 8
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS.

TERRELL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Merit circuit, at Midway ....Sept 19, 20
McLendon cir, at Willow Springs ....Sept 26, 27
Rockwall and Royse, at —— ....Sept 28
Floyd cir, at Floyd ....Oct 3, 4
Nevada cir, at Nevada ....Oct 6
Wills Point sta ....Oct 9
Poetry cir, at Palmer's Grove ....Oct 10, 11
Terrell sta ....Oct 13
Kemp cir, at Wilson's Chapel ....Oct 16
Kaufman sta ....Oct 17, 18
Farmersville sta ....Oct 24, 25
Allen cir, at St. Paul ....Oct 27
Garland, at Garland ....Oct 28
Mesquite cir, at Mesquite ....Oct 30
Forney cir, at Forney ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Roberts mis, at —— ....Nov 4
Reports of trustees of church property will be called for.
W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Mt. Springs cir, at Friendship ....Sept 19, 20
Aubrey cir, at Aubrey ....Sept 26, 27
Era cir, at Spring Creek ....Oct 3, 4
Rosston cir, at Rush Creek ....Oct 10, 11
Aurora mis, at Rhome ....Oct 16
Decatur cir, at Sandhill ....Oct 17, 18
Decatur sta ....Oct 18, 19
Denton sta ....Oct 24, 25
Dexter cir ....Oct 27
Gainesville cir ....Oct 28
Marysville cir ....Oct 29
Greenwood mis, at Russell's School-house
Oct 31, Nov 1
Denton mis, at Hawkeye ....Nov 2
Valley View cir, at Valley View ....Nov 7, 8
C. L. BALLARD, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Centenary ....Sept 19, 20
Lamar Avenue ....Sept 20, 21
Rosalie cir, at Rosalie ....Sept 25
Pattonville cir, at Shady Grove ....Sept 26, 27
Blossom sta ....Sept 27, 28
Emberson cir, at Hopewell ....Oct 2
Roxton cir, at Roxton ....Oct 3, 4
Lake Creek cir, at Lake Creek ....Oct 6
Milton cir, at Rocky Ford ....Oct 8
Clarksville cir ....Oct 10, 11
Clarksville sta ....Oct 11, 12
Powderly mis ....Oct 14
Maxey mis ....Oct 15
Woodland cir, at Robbinsville ....Oct 17, 18
Detroit cir, at Liberty ....Oct 18, 19
Dalby Springs cir, at Hubbard's ....Oct 24, 25
DeKalb mis, at Mt. Sterling ....Oct 25, 26
Ingersoll mis ....Oct 31, Nov 1
New Boston cir ....Nov 1, 2
Annona cir ....Nov 7, 8
J. R. WAGES, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Kingston cir ....4th Sun in Sept
Greenville sta ....4th Sun in Sept
Campbell cir ....Sept 29
Mt. Vernon cir ....1st Sun in Oct
Leesburg cir ....Oct 8
Quitman cir ....Oct 10
Winnsboro cir ....2d Sun in Oct
Carrollton cir ....Oct 14
Cooper cir ....3d Sun in Oct
Sulphur Bluff cir ....Oct 19
Black Jack cir ....Oct 21
Fairlie cir ....4th Sun in Oct
Commerce cir ....Oct 26
Sulphur Springs mis ....Oct 28
Lone Oak cir ....Oct 30
Emory mis ....1st Sun in Nov
Sulphur Springs sta ....Nov 5
GEO. T. NICHOLS, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Smithfield cir ....3d Sunday in Sept
North Fort Worth mis ....4th Sun in Sept
T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Cochran and Caruth ....1st Sun in Oct
Farmers Branch ....2d Sun in Oct
Bethel cir ....3d Sun in Oct
Weston cir ....4th Sun in Oct
McKinney ....4th Sun night and Monday
Plano ....Monday night, Oct 26
Grape Vine cir ....Friday, Oct 30
Lewisville cir ....1st Sun in Nov
First Church ....Monday, Nov 2
Floyd Street ....Tuesday, Nov 3
Trinity ....Wednesday, Nov 4
City mis ....Thursday, Nov 5
Smithfield cir ....2d Sun in Nov
North Fort Worth ....2d Sun night and Monday
Oak Lawn ....Monday, Nov 9
T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Kelleyville cir ....3d Sun in Sept
Coffeeville ....4th Sun in Sept
Pittsburg sta ....8 p. m., Oct 2
Gilmer cir ....1st Sun in Oct
Linden ....11 a. m., Oct 9
Cusseta ....2d Sun in Oct
Texarkana sta ....8 p. m., Oct 16
Texarkana mis ....8 p. m., Oct 17
Eylau mis ....3d Sun in Oct
Barrett cir ....11 a. m., Oct 24
Mt Pleasant sta ....4th Sun in Oct
Daingerfield ....1st Sun in Nov
Kildare cir ....2d Sun in Nov
Jefferson sta ....3 p. m., Nov 9
C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Bowie cir, at Dry Valley ....Sept 19, 20
Post Oak cir, at Blue Grove ....Sept 26, 27
Bellevue cir, at Lone Star ....Sept 30, Oct 1
Illinois and Bonita, at Shiloh ....Oct 3, 4
St Jo, at St Jo ....2 p. m., Oct 6
Burlington and Nocona, at Nocona ....2 p. m., Oct 8
Benvanue mis, at —— ....Oct 10, 11
Henrietta sta ....7 p. m., Oct 12
Wichita Falls sta ....7 p. m., Oct 13
Archer mis ....2 p. m., Oct 14, 15
Iowa Park ....Oct 17, 18
Chico cir ....Oct 24, 25
Crafton cir, at Newport ....Oct 31, Nov 1
W. S MAY, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Sherman sta ....Sept 19, 20
Gordonville cir, at Gordonville ....Sept 26, 27
Collinsville cir, at Collinsville ....Oct 3, 4
Pilot Point sta ....at 7 p m, Oct 4
Sherman cir, at Kendall's Chapel ....Oct 10, 11
Howe cir ....Oct 17, 18
Whitewright ....Oct 20
Whitesboro sta ....Oct 22
Bells and Savoy at Virginia Point ....Oct 24, 25
East Sherman mis ....Oct 27
Anna mis ....Oct 29
Pilot Grove cir ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Van Alstyne sta ....Nov 1
Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro ....Nov 4
Denison sta ....Nov 7, 8
W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

BONHAM DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Bonham sta ....Sept 19, 20
Honey Grove sta ....Sept 20, 21
Wolfe City sta ....Sept 26, 27
Ladonia sta ....Sept 27, 28
Brookston, at Brookston ....Oct 2
Petty, at Whiterock ....Oct 3, 4
Dodds, at Windom ....Oct 4, 5
Fannin cir, at New Hope ....Oct 10, 11
Gober cir, at Willow Grove ....Oct 17, 18
Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin ....Oct 18, 19
Leonard cir, at Orange Grove ....Oct 24, 25
Bailey and Randolph, at Binkley ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Bonham cir, at Ector ....Nov 1 2
Stephenville cir, at —— ....
J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

EAST TEXAS.

TYLER DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Athens and Malakoff, at Athens ....Sept 19, 20
Mineola, at Mineola ....Sept 26, 27
Larissa, at Pleasant Hill ....Oct 3, 4
Canton, at Wallace Chapel ....Oct 10, 11
Edom, at Holly Springs ....Oct 17, 18
Troupe and Overton, at Overton ....Oct 24, 25
Grand Saline, at Craigleville ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Tyler, at Center ....Nov 7, 8
JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Longview sta, at Longview ....Oct 3, 4
Harrison cir, at Concord ....Oct 10, 11
Kilgore cir, at Kilgore ....Oct 17, 18
Hallville cir, at Lavrone's Chapel ....Oct 24, 25
Marshall mis, at North Side ....Oct 31
Marshall sta, at Marshall ....Nov 1, 2
Centennial mis, at Walnut Hill ....Nov 6
DeBerry cir, at Mt Zion ....Nov 7, 8
Church Hill cir, at Church Hill ....Nov 14, 15
Henderson cir, at Good Springs ....Nov 21, 22
Beckville cir, at Allison's Chapel ....Nov 28, 29
Henderson sta, at Henderson ....Dec 5, 6
Pastors will be expected to report full statistics. Local preachers and boards of trustees will be expected to make their reports. Let every steward do his duty, so that his pastor may be paid in full.
T. P. SMITH, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Moscow cir, at —— ....Sept 19, 20
F. J. BROWNING, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Sunset cir, at Village Mills ....Sept 26, 27
Colmesneil, at Wolf Creek ....Oct 3, 4
Orange cir, at Caney ....Oct 10, 11
Burkeville cir, at Mill Creek ....Oct 17, 18
Jasper sta ....Oct 24, 25
Jasper cir, at Peach Tree ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Orange sta ....Nov 7, 8
Beaumont sta ....Nov 11
Sabine Pass mis ....Nov 14, 15
Liberty cir, at Devers ....Nov 21, 22
Woodville cir, at Chester ....Nov 28, 29
Moscow cir, at Barnum ....Dec 2
Livingston cir, at Corrigan ....Dec 5, 6
F. J. BROWNING, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Grapeland cir ....Sept 19, 20
Trinity cir ....Sept 26, 27
Palestine sta ....Oct 3, 4
J. T. SMITH, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Center cir, at Short ....Sept 19, 20
Mt. Enterprise cir, at Minden ....Sept 26, 27
Tenaha cir, at Tenaha ....Oct 3, 4
Melrose cir, at Cove Springs ....Oct 10, 11
Nacogdoches sta, at Nacogdoches ....Oct 15
Linn Flat cir, at Linn Flat ....Oct 17, 18
Geneva cir ....Oct 23
Hemphill mis, at —— ....Oct 24, 25
San Augustine sta, at San Augustine ....Oct 26
Carthage cir, at Carthage ....Oct 31, Nov 1
Murvall mis, at Pleasant Grove ....Nov 7, 8
Shelbyville cir, at Sardis ....Nov 14, 15
Martinsville mis, at —— ....Nov 21, 22
Center and Timpson, at Timpson ....Nov 28, 29
A. J. FRICK, P. E.

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For he who strives heeds neither threats nor frowns.
New fields, hard won, more sweet than riches are
To him who toils.

To him who prays for strength to meet his day,
For faith to see beyond the clouds that dim
The hills to which his pathway leadeth him,
New vigor comes. God sends the morning ray
To him who prays.

To him who loves!—He, spurning earth, the clod,
Climbs on to mountain-heights from strength to strength;
He thinks transcendent thoughts, and knows at length
That God has given the very power of God
To him who loves.

—*Ozora S. Davis, in Zion's Herald.*

THINGS ABOVE.

William Wilbertorce tells us in his journal that in a day when there were many instances of calls being given to the House of the Lords to persons who, under the plea of patriotism, had frequently followed self-interest, he judged it better, in the cause of religion, to exhibit an example of political purity, and remain simply the member for Yorkshire.

"I am not afraid," he says, "declaring that I shall go out of the world plain William Wilberforce. I become more and more impressed with the truth of good old Baxter's declaration that the great and rich of this world are much to be pitied, and I am continually thankful for not having been led to obtain a station which would have placed my children in circumstances of greatly increased danger."

Beautifully, too, did Adam Clarke show the humble spirit which his Master gave him when he was raised to the highest eminence which the denomination to which he belonged could give. We find him thus writing: "I am returned to London, and am now at the highest pitch of honor Methodism can confer on me as president of the conference and superintendent of the London district at the same time. * * * The Lord knows I never sought it. Well, I would rather have one smile from my Maker than all the world could confer besides."

When Henry Martyn went in for and obtained the highest distinction of senior wrangler at Cambridge, his mind was kept, he tells us, in a state of calmness by the recollections of a sermon he had heard from the text; "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not, saith the Lord." James Brainerd Taylor was announced as being Number One in the class of students at college. The emptiness of honors struck him as it had done Henry Martyn. "What are honors?" he said. "What is fame? These are not my God." In such a spirit the soul, while using honors to God's glory, is freed from that vexation spirit that chafes some men in high life, because a few inches of ribbon have been bestowed upon a favored rival.

How touching, we may add, it is to see the vain pursuit of human ambition laud its emptiness when gratified. Madame Maintenon, when elevated to the throne of France as wife of Louis XVI, wrote to her friend, Madame de la Mainford: "Do you not see that I am dying with melancholy in a height of fortune which my imagination could scarcely have conceived?" When sick, too, of high society, the wife of Thomas Carlyle wrote to her gifted husband: "Ah, if we had been left in the sphere of life we belonged to, how much better it would have been for both of us." —*Sunday-at Home.*

THE KING'S FEAST.

The whole world is God's banqueting house. The flowers regale the scent; the seeing eye is gratified with the infinite variety; the touch has its luxurious accommodation; the King's musicians sing from every bough, softly accompanied by the minstrel wind; and what variety of relish is provided for the sense of taste!

The crumpled strawberry blossoms opened long ago, pushing through the ducal leaves; a pleasant feast of beau to the eye and of promise to the taste. But now the great rhomboids, oblongs, and triangles—juicy scarlet and rough with yellow seeds—lie on the chopped straw over the beds; a feast for all. Nor must we grudge one or two in payment for the blackbird fluting that sweetly closed even-tide and awakened the morning, when April boughs were fledging. On the currant-bushes the strings of pale-greenish flowers are now chains of juicy beads amber, ruby, or gloss of purple black. The spined gooseberry has exchanged its tiny crumpled blooms for pendant globes, rough red, mellow green, or ripe, smooth yellow. "The pity of it!" we could not but say, when the silver cherry blossom, beside which the pear-bloom showed dull, left the setting of blue sky to glide down to the brown beds. But now the clustered fruit is also beautiful—polished jet of Blackheart—marbled gold yellow of Bigereau—cherry color, *par excellence*, of May-Duke.

What variety in taste and flavor of fruit, from gray, dusky grape, and orange pine, to the blackberry in the hedge, and the wild strawberry on the bank where the primrose died! What provision in the care of our Father for His children, of infinite variety for the palate, so that the partaking of necessary food should be made, not irksome, but a pleasure. "Tastes differ"—ay, but He has, in His care, catered for all. It was in the penitential discipline of wilderness wandering that variety of flavor was denied to food, so that the Israelites, remembering the flavors and the relishes of the days of their captivity, loathed the sameness of the sweet manna. And, to a diseased taste, highly spiced and seasoned fare becomes a necessity. The Father's provision of innocent enjoyments contents not, must be exchanged for the many courses of the world's *menu;* ay, for the strong coarseness of the husks of swine. For the taste, thus depraved, sweetness is not apt. So God has provided medicinal bitters, repelling, but wholesome, for his children here. When the disease of the race is cured, then, in the King's banquet, hereafter, there will be nothing but meats of delight, and infinite relishes, which shall defy satiety. Here, bitter herbs are often good, and a taste of the vinegar man gave to his God upon the cross of shame. In Paradise regained we may eat of every tree of the garden, and enjoy the infinite variety. For, in that garden, though in it there be the Tree of Life and Healing, there will be found no Tree of Death. No; only delights that will be indeed "good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and much to be desired to make one wise."—*Sunday at Home.*

Marriages.

ABSHER—MILLICAN—September 2, 1891, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. M. G. Jenkins, Mr. D. F. Absher and Miss M. S. Millican, all of Delta county, Texas.

SCHUTTE—SHEPHERD—At the residence of Col. T. E. Stubbs in Galveston, Texas, at 5 p. m., September 6, 1891, by the Rev. J. W. Horn, Mr. J. C. Schutte and Mrs. Cora Shepherd, all of Galveston.

SWEETEN—CREESY—At the residence of the groom's brother in-law, August 30, 1891, by Rev. W. R. Knowlton, Mr. Noah Sweeten and Miss Maggie Creesy, all of Rock Spring, Edwards county, Texas.

BLEDSOE—HARWELL—At Village Mills, Texas, August 30, 1891, by the Rev. J. M. Porter, of Woodville, Texas, Mr. Berry Bledsoe and Miss Mamie Harwell, both of Hardin county, Texas.

WALLACE—DAVIS—In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Lingleville, Texas, August 16, 1891, at 4 o'clock p. m., Rev. E. R. Wallace, local preacher of Green's Creek circuit, and Miss Edna Davis, of Lingleville, Rev. R. A. Hall officiating.

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REV. THOS. A. GARRISON.

Rev. Thos. A. Garrison was born in Franklin county, Georgia, June 14, 1816; married to Louisa Yates, of Green county, Georgia, November 7, 1837; professed faith in Christ in 1840; licensed to preach in 1841. He came to Texas in the autumn of 1868, and from that time was a resident of Burleson county. He departed this for a better life, at his home, near Deanville, Texas, at 6:30 p. m., August 30, 1891. Bro. Garrison has been a useful and active local preacher, well known and loved by many. Four or five days before his death he informed his wife and children, who were present, that his work was done; that the time of his departure was at hand; that he had kept the faith and was ready to go. When, on the day before his death, he was asked if his way was clear, he said, "All is well, all is well." He sang one verse of "Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before mine eyes." A large assembly of friends and relatives attended the burial services at Chrisman Chapel. He died in full triumph of the faith: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."
D. G. BOWERS.
DEANVILLE, TEXAS.

BLAIR.—Edward Douglas, infant child of John and Carrie Blair, was born April 1, 1891, died August 25, 1891, at Matagorda, Texas. God allowed our brother and sister to have the little darling for only a short time, and then took him home to His celestial home above. He was a sweet child and will be missed, but we praise God for the meeting above. The sorrowing parents have the consolation of going where their darling is. "Our children that die young are like those spring bulbs which have their flowers prepared beforehand, and leave nothing to do but to break ground, and blossom and pass away. Thank God for spirit flowers among men, as well as among the grasses of the field."
HARRY MAY.

WILCOX.—Mrs. S. L. Wilcox died on the 24th of last July at the residence of Mr. John B. Nichols at the town of Crawford, Texas. Mrs. Wilcox was born in Franklin county, Tennessee, fifty-four years ago the 13th of July. She was educated in Winchester, where she has many relatives and friends still living. She came to Texas with her mother, sister and brother, and in 1859 married W. M. Wade, who died in camp, near Little Rock, 1862. In 1866 Mrs. Wilcox married Mr. John A. Winn, of Waco, with whom she lived a number of years and reared an interesting family. After the death of Bro. Winn the window became the wife of Mr. Wilcox. It was the privilege of this writer to commune with this good woman a few days before her death and hear her testimony to the sustaining grace of Jesus and her bright hope of a home in heaven. Her end was peace, and her husband, daughter, sisters and brother may feel assured she rests in peace in the home above.
W. G. CONNOR.

WILLIAMS.—Walter William was born April 14, 1860; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1875; was married August 1, 1880, to Miss Vida E. Stewart, of Milam county, Texas, and passed to his eternal rest June 7, 1891. His last end was peace. The subject of this notice was a consistent member of the church, a kind husband and an affectionate father. For some time before his departure he was a great sufferer, yet a patient one. He was fully aware that his end was drawing near, and expressed a readiness and willingness to depart and be with Christ. It was said of him, even by the wicked, that he was a good man, quiet, unassuming, but faithful, and a man of strong convictions. He was an official member on the work, and will be missed not only by the large number of relatives, but the church of which he was a member and officer. The wife and children upon whom this heavy bereavement has fallen will find the friend in Jesus that he so lovingly promises to the widow and orphan.
E. S. WILLIAMS.
ANNONA, TEXAS.

BERRY.—Listie Cebbie Berry, son of Brother Stuart and Sister Jane Berry, died July 4, 1891, at their home in Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt county, Texas. Cebbie was five years seven months and seventeen days old. Little Cebbie was a sweet child and the baby of the family. Oh, how we miss his sweet prattlings; but he has gone to Him who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Weep not, dear father and mother, but be sure to meet little Cebbie in heaven. One more tie in the glory world.
S. N. ALLEN.

LUSK.—Jessie Marvin, infant son of Eli and Mollie Lusk, died near Hubbard City, Texas, August 24, 1891, being two years and six months old. One more flower has been transplanted from earth to heaven to be a bright star in the diadem in the Son of Righteousness. Too sweet and pure for earth, he was taken before his innocent soul was blighted by sin, and is now with the angels; one more link in the golden chain that unites heaven and earth. Heaven comes nearer and grows more attractive as we think of loved ones there. May the hearts that yearn so bitterly to hear his voice again be consoled by the thought that he has gone on before to open the pearly gates for them.
WM. J. LEMONS.

WEBB.—Little Hollice Louis Webb, son of Bro. Louis and Sister Webb, was born January 21, 1888; died August 19, 1891. God has blessed the parents with several children, and in the death of this sweet little boy, the Scripture has been fulfilled: the first shall be last and the last shall be first, but while it is sad to part from one so much beloved by parents, brothers and sisters, yet the blessed gospel throws much light upon the scene by telling us that during Christ's time on earth he took little children in his arms and blessed them and affirmed that of such is the kingdom of heaven.
E. D. L. TIMS.

COUGHRAN.—Editha, second daughter of Rev. Joseph and Lou Coughran, aged two years, six months and eighteen days, departed this life June 29, 1891. Her little sister Abbie two years before, and her father about five months before, had gone on to the glory world, and now she has gone to meet them and other loved ones gone before, leaving mother sad and lonely with little Joseph to come on after awhile. It was hard for mother to give her up when she was so much needed the light and comfort of her sweet little life; but calmly submitting to this dispensation of Providence, without faltering, she goes forward in her life-work, living to the glory of God, by living and laboring for her remaining little girl and others.
W. H. KILLOUGH.
SAN SABA, TEXAS.

RICE.—Mrs. Martha Rice was born in Kentucky, February 18, 1813; she professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in her thirteenth year, and was a consistent Christian until her death, which occurred in Bastrop, Texas, June 27, 1891. Her mother was the daughter of Enoch James, one of the pioneer preachers of Alabama. She was married to R. G. Rice in 1843, and came to Texas in 1846. Their home was always the home of the preachers, and Sister Rice took pleasure in caring for and administering to the wants of the itinerant preachers. She was a Christian of a superior type, a loving and faithful wife, a kind and indulgent mother. Our loss is indeed her gain. May the God of grace sanctify this bereavement to the good of all concerned,
A FRIEND.

CRAWFORD.—Robert Ralph, son of W. F. and Lucy Crawford, was born March 6, 1874, and died at home, ten miles south of San Saba, Texas, August 13, 1891. Ralph was energetic and social, but not rowdy and rude. He was kind and respectful to all and obedient and dutiful to his parents and loving to his brother and sisters. He manifested considerable interest in religion several weeks before he was taken sick. The last few hours before he died he was quite rational and asked his Sunday-school superintendent, J. W. Means, and others to pray for and with him. He exhorted all present and sent word to his young friends and the people at the camp meeting, beginning next day, to quit their sins and follies and get "good religion" and live religious, and asked all present to give him their hands, to meet him in heaven, and then his immortal spirit went out into the eternal world.
W. H. KILLOUGH.
SAN SABA, TEXAS.

EVANS—The subject of this notice, F. M. Evans, was born in Rowan county, North Carolina, July 9, 1842; was married to Miss Carrie Buster, January 22, 1880, with whom he lived a happy life until called home June 3, 1891. His illness was long and severe, and he seemed to realize from the start that it would end his present existence, and often spoke of his approaching death and said to his many friends that there was not a cloud between him and his Savior. He expressed no wish to live, and said that it was better to be out of his sufferings, and when the time came passed very calmly away, and was laid to rest by his weeping wife and many friends in three hundred yards of where he was married. He leaves a widow and one son and numerous relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss which is his great gain. May God bless the bereaved.
F. C. PEARSON.

SCOGGINS.—Mrs. Sarah J. Scoggins, daughter of J. O. C. and Nancy Wilkerson, and wife of James J. Scoggins, was born in Barber county, Alabama, September 28, 1848, and died in Cherokee county, Texas, June 10, 1891. She was married to Bro. Scoggins November 12, 1876. Sister Scoggins embraced religion in her twelfth year and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived and labored until the good shepherd said: "It is enough; come up higher to bright mansions above, where all is love." Sister Scoggins was one of our most cheerful and devoted women, a faithful and affectionate wife and a considerate, devoted mother, a kind and obliging neighbor. She lived for others and did what she could to make all happy around her. We all miss her, but her five motherless children and her grief-stricken husband miss her most of all. May the Lord shelter and keep the loved ones left behind, and in the end bring them all to a happy reunion beyond this vale of tears.
Her pastor, T. T. BOOTH.

LANCASTER.—At the quarterly conference the following was adopted:

Whereas, God in his wisdom and love has recently called to his heavenly home Bro. T. A. Lancaster, after many years of loving ministry among the people of West Texas, with whom he has been for a long time thoroughly identified—

Resolved, that in his death the church has lost a faithful friend, a devoted servant, and an able and deeply spiritual preacher. Realizing that our loss is his eternal gain we bow with humility to this dispensation of Divine Providence.
JAMES HAMMOND.

SAYERS.—Joe Davis, son of Llewellyn and Florence Sayers, was born April 16, 1883, and died July 28, 1891. It was indeed hard for mamma and papa to give up their precious and oldest boy. But they know that he is dwelling with Christ and loved ones gone before. The day before he died his papa had gone to Rockland on business, and as it began to grow late, and he had not returned, he said to his mamma: "Mamma, if papa does not come to-night, I will not see him anymore, because he will not get here soon enough in the morning." While he was dying, he would reach his dear little arms out as if trying to embrace some one. Then he would say: "There they are, papa, by you; now there they are by mamma." Then he kissed his papa, and his spirit was gone to mingle with his sisters and brothers that were waiting to conduct him to the glory land, leaving a beautiful smile upon the now lifeless lips.
COUSIN LETITIA RICHARDSON.
HOMER, TEXAS.

SMITH.—John Wesley Smith, oldest son of Rev. James A. and Ann Smith, who were early settlers in Dallas county, was born in North Alabama, September 26, 1826. When Wesley was twenty years of age his father moved from Tishamingo county, Mississippi, to Dallas county, Texas. Some time after the settlement of the family in Texas, he and his younger brother, Lafayette, entered the ranger service of the United States, in which they served one year. He was happily married to Miss Sarah Ann Wilburn August 9, 1849, who still lives to mourn his loss. He volunteered in the Confederate service and served as a private soldier during the war. His father died in great peace in time of the war. His brother Lafayette was brutally murdered in the town of Dallas soon after the close of the war. The family estate, consisting largely of negroes, was lost. After spending several years, living in the counties of Tarrant and Parker, my nephew in 1870 gathered up the remnant of his fortune, and with his wife and children emigrated to California, but remained there but one year when he went into Colorado Territory, where he spent eight years. Returning to Texas, he settled at Brownwood, where he died in peace with God and man January 20, 1891. His disease was of a complicated nature, mainly heart trouble. Wesley had been for many years a member of the M. E. Church, South, and a Master Mason. He was rational to the last and was resigned to go. He received both Christian and Masonic burial. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. P. Mussett, presiding elder of Brownwood district, Northwest Texas Conference. At his request and the wish of the family, I write this obituary.
WESLEY SMITH.

PACE.—Sister Mollie Pace, daughter of Tilmon and Revia Patterson and granddaughter of Rev. William and A. Mulkey, was born in Waxahachie, Texas, January 31, 1855. Mollie was trained up in the way she should go and never departed from her raising. She joined the Sabbath-school when only four years old; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young, in which she lived a consistent, cheerful worker until she was called up higher to be with the angels and the glorified spirits of friends and loved ones gone before. She was happily married to Bro. O. E. Pace July 2, 1889, by Rev. Jas. Campbell. She was no drone in the church, but was always ready to take her part in church work; she loved the house of God, and was always found in her place when not providentially hindered. She had moved with her husband and little Herbert, her stepson, to whom she was fondly attached, and who reciprocated her tender affections, to Rockport, Texas, where she died June 12, 1891. Her death was sudden and unexpected; but she was found ready and waiting for the summons. She, with an infant daughter, passed away together from this to a better world above. She died away from her relatives and the friends of her childhood and youth. But, dear parents, and brothers and sisters, husband and friends, weep not; Mollie is only gone on before, and doubtless will be found at the beautiful gate, there "waiting and watching for you," and ere long, if faithful, you may meet where all is joy and peace and love forevermore. Sister Pace has many warm friends in Waxahachie; her grandfathers were both Methodist preachers, and perhaps that is one reason she always felt so at home among Methodists. She was a woman of fine culture and refinement; a popular and successful school-teacher; a dutiful child, a kind sister and a loving wife. We humbly pray that the entire family may be reunited some sweet day.
F. P. RAY.

ALLEN.—Henry Judge Allen, son of Clint and Azlien Allen, died August 15, 1891, age six years four months and eight days. Little Henry Judge was a bright boy, but God took him to himself and he will call us all after awhile. Oh! how we miss his sweet voice here; but listen, he is calling to father and mother, brothers and sisters come up here; it is better up here. Let us meet him, dear parents and friends. Glory to God for the hope of meeting on the other shore.
S. N. ALLEN.

WELLS.—Miss Jennie Wells, daughter of J. W. and M. F. Wells, was born in Tippah county, Mississippi, May 5, 1860; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at a camp-meeting near the home of her birth in 1873, and lived a devoted Christian until death, which occurred August 19, 1891. Miss Jennie had been an invalid for eighteen years (not able to walk), but during this time she was patient and happy, oftentimes exulting in the love of God. She never doubted her acceptance with God. She leaves a widowed mother and one brother to mourn her departure and many friends. She was a comfort to her mother while living and gave very satisfactory evidence in death that heaven was her home. She insisted that her friends should meet her in heaven. She died at the residence of her mother, two miles west of Palestine, and her remains rest in East Hill Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.
ALBERT LITTLE.

MATTHEWS.—Little John Lawson Matthews, son of Jesse and Sally Lawson, was born July 21, 1890; died in Matagorda, Texas, August 25, 1891. Little Johnnie was a sweet child, the picture of health, but was suddenly stricken down and now is with the angels. We can commit our friends to the tomb, with its shade and solitude, for hope makes light its darkness, and makes glad its gloom. We can lay our dearest, choicest, loveliest treasures down amid the mold and dampness of the silent sepulchre, and sing for joy, while others sorrow, having no hope. Our dead are safe, safe in the grave of which only Jesus bears the key, safe in their mighty Savior who hides their life with God, safe in the all encompassing affection of him who will come again and call them to the marriage supper of the lamb. Our sympathies are with the bereaved parents. May God help them in their sorrow.
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7:20 a m	8:04 p m		Lv....Jacksonville....Ar	7:20 a m	7:33 p m		
8:30 a m	9:05 p m		Ar....Palestine....Lv	6:15 a m	6:20 p m		
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7:25 p m	5:25 a m	10:50 a m	Ar....Galveston....Lv	7:45 p m	9:05 a m	8:45 a m	2:40 p m
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2:32 p m	2:06 a m		Lv....Milano....Ar	1:06 a m	12:25 p m		
4:30 p m	4:10 a m		Lv....Taylor....Ar	11:10 p m	10:45 a m		
6:10 p m	5:50 a m		Lv....Austin....Ar	9:30 p m	9:10 a m		
10:36 p m	9:35 a m		Ar....San Antonio....Lv	5:30 p m	6:45 a m		
	4:15 p m		Ar....Laredo....Lv	11:05 a m			
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eve; did some good preaching. On Saturday at 11 a. m. Bro. F. F. Knox, agent of San Antonio Female College, came and remained long enough to preach two excellent sermons, and had to leave. On Tuesday Bro. J. T. Graham, of Waelder, came and stayed till Thursday eve; did some good, solid preaching; also Bro. Oliver Farwell, local preacher from Waelder, remained several days; rendered good service singing and praying and instructing penitents. We had a glorious meeting. Thirty-six conversions, twenty-eight accessions and the church in fine condition. Had good order, large and attentive congregations; fine weather, only warm. I never heard better or more earnest preaching; in fact, taking all of the preaching the meeting through, it would be hard to beat. I feel under many obligations to the brethren for their faithful preaching. Bro. Minear was at every night service but one. He lives six miles away and attended the day service as much as he could. He preaches with power.

Laredo.

C. J. Oxley, Sept. 7: Our conference year is rapidly closing. Soon we will be at our annual gathering, and reports of the year's work will be in order. The report for this charge will show that, though we have suffered severe losses, we have held our own. The small-pox scare and monetary pressure drove many of our people away, and had it not been for revivals we should have to chronicle a loss in membership. Assessments, though most difficult to collect this year, will be in full. Our people have been very kind—gave us a good holiday, money to spend and when we returned gave us a pleasant welcome, backed by substantial things for the inner man. God bless them. This is our third year and our stay in Laredo has been most pleasant, and I trust profitable to both pastor and people. Bro. Morris, our presiding elder, was with us a week ago. The "beloveds" are not always beloved. So far as Laredo is concerned, and indeed the district, I can say our beloved is beloved. Bishop Haygood holds the Mexican Border Mission Conference here at the end of October. Any brother desiring to come will be made welcome.

Fredonia and Camp San Saba.

M. A. Turner, Sept. 8: I have had some very good meetings on my work, in some respects, yet in others not so good. There has been a powerful awakening among the unconverted, yet there have been comparatively few conversions. However, about sixty have professed conversion since I came to the work, and thirty-three of that number have joined our church. Almost all the rest remain out of any church, and I fear they are drifting away from God. The church at most of the points has been wonderfully revived. God has met with his children in his soul-cheering and sanctifying power—bless his holy name—and a great many who had hitherto been out of duty, and consequently not enjoying religion, have resolved to and have taken up their crosses. Hence, they are living in a more heavenly atmosphere, several backsliders have been reclaimed, and in fact the most stable professor seems to have a better experience now than ever before. There are some, however, who, like D. L. Moody's horse, seem to be established. Nothing, it seems, could get a move on them. I will just state here that I am very much indebted to my presiding elder, R. J. Dietz, for the valuable work he has done on this circuit, both in preaching the gospel and in helping me to take up my collections. He is a powerful preacher and a splendid rustler. My local preachers are: Revs. A. Calry, W. F. Baxter, W. O. Lee, W. F. Moore, and last, but not least, Rev. H. M. Matthis. A more faithful set of men would be, I think, hard to find. They have been doing good work, for which we pray God's blessings to rest on them. Rev. M. G. Edmiston, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has done some faithful preaching for us. Though he is seventy five years old, yet he has plenty of vim. May he, like Paul, feel when he comes to die, that he has fought a good fight. May God bless the ADVOCATE.

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Grange Hall.

S. H. Morgan, Sept. 8: Our meeting lasted five days. Results: Eleven additions to our church by profession; four adults and three children baptized. Sinners were awakened and the Christians much revived. Prospects for future growth are flattering.

Calvert.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Sept. 5: On our return from a few weeks' rest, we were met at the depot by ladies who took us home, where we found an elegant dinner waiting. We also found a nice set of furniture on the front gallery ready to go in our spare room. The ladies, who are leaders in so many enterprises of this kind, have our thanks. We expect to close up the year's work "decently and in order."

Independence Circuit

E. M. Myers, Sept. 4: The third quarterly conference of Independence circuit met at Tunis, August 29 30. Bro. C. H. Brooks, presiding elder, was present, looking diligently after the interest of the church, and gave us a very interesting discourse Sunday at 11 a. m. We are sorry to report such a small turnout of official members. No points represented but Mt. Pleasant and Tunis. Finances considerably behind this quarter—Independence, $2; Mt. Pleasant, $18 25; Tunis, $15; Clemence, $7 25. Mound Prairie and Penny's Chapel, no report. We have most all our missionary money in cash and good subscription. Will begin next Sunday to take our other collections. We are expecting to report a clean sheet next November. We have several protracted meetings to hold between this and conference. My junior preacher, Mrs. M., and myself, will begin a meeting the fourth Sunday in this month at Penny's Chapel. We are praying that God may give us great success.

Cameron.

S. C. Littlepage, Sept. 4: Bro James Collard, evangelist, was invited to hold a meeting for us at Cannon and consented to do so in August, on conditions, which in themselves were reasonable and necessary, and had they been fully complied with, would have secured four-fold the success attained. As it was, however, we have abundant reason to thank God for what we have realized. The first service indicated the fact that our church could not hold the crowd and the second night it was overflowing so that we were forced out to the city park, where the preacher and the singing force occupied the pavilion, while the congregations were accommodated by seats from the Baptists and Methodist churches and court house, and still many stood or were seated on the roots of trees and patiently listened to the words of life. The singing was excellent and spiritual, led by Bro. W. F. Moore. The misfortune in this case, however, was that the choir elevated on the pavilion and in the rear of the preacher, was so completely cut off from the congregation as to defeat congregational singing almost entirely. Results would have been better had the choir formed a part of the congregation. I feel that I cannot even approximately give the full results of this meeting. It was said that the special sermon on slander Thursday evening, which was well attended, was worth $500 to Cameron. His sermon to men only on Sabbath evening was, I think, still more valuable, while all his sermons were good "to the use of edifying." The church was quickened, backsliders reclaimed, twenty-two accessions to our church, and several to others, while the conversions were variously estimated—by some as high as fifty or sixty, God only knows, and we can expect no revelation 'till the books are opened. Thanking God and all the brethren for all the good that was done, let me urge the brethren who may enjoy the labors of these servants of God to make ample preparations for their coming and co-operate every hour during their stay. According to your faith will be your works, also results.

Marlin.

H. M. Sears, Sept. 8: Our meeting closed Sunday night, September 6, after running fifteen days. Bro. Tom Leitch, of South Carolina, was with us all the time and did all the preaching, and he certainly did it well. God has his hand on this man, and is giving him power with men, and has sanctified his powers for the good of men. During his stay of fifteen days with us I observed nothing objectionable in his methods of preaching. He is clear, practical, religious, fearless in his denunciation of sin in all forms, untiring in his labors, preaching twice each day, and three times on Sundays. He has with him Bro. A. F. Marshall, who conducts the music, and is wonderful in the power of song. God is with these men, and the prayers of our people will follow them wherever they go. They left us yesterday for Tyler, where they expect to begin a meeting Wednesday. Results of our meeting here, about fifty accessions to the various churches of the town, thirty-eight to the Methodist Church, and many others we expect to join yet; the membership very much quickened.

Maysfield Circuit.

W. H. Brooks, Sept. 8: The Lord is graciously blessing us on Maysfield circuit. I have held three protracted meetings this summer, resulting in about eighty-five conversions. We closed a meeting at Branchville August 3, which lasted eleven days, resulting in fifty-two conversions and twenty-seven additions to our church. Bros. J. C. Moore and J. W. Morris, from Cameron circuit, were with us, doing some good work, both in the pulpit and in the altar; also Bro. Bethel Carter, a lay brother from Cameron, was with us, rendering some very efficient help. Another meeting of eleven days' duration was held at Maysfield, closing the 24th of August, resulting in twenty-five conversions and twenty-one additions to the church. Bro. J. M. Adams, from Rockdale, came on Monday and stayed until Friday; he did some fine work, and his preaching left a fine impression on the people; it is like bread cast upon the waters, that will be gathered up many days hence. Bro. J. C. Moore came to me when Bro. Adams left, and with his sweet-spirited preaching did great good. Bro. Carter also did me some good altar work in this meeting. May the Lord reward these brethren for their labors. I have just closed the third meeting at Phillip's school-house. This meeting resulted in nine accessions to our church. I had no ministerial help in this meeting, but the church worked well. We are moving up on all lines.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Tyler.

Lacy Boone, Sept. 10: Rev. Thomas H. Leitch opened up here last night with a good attendance under his tent. We trust much good will be accomplished, though a steady rain has set in from the northeast, which may cut the attendance short for a day or two. But I guess he will hold on like a leech.

Alto.

Geo. W. Riley: Since my last report we have had twenty-four conversions and fifteen accessions to the church. Closed our protracted meeting round last night after eight weeks of constant work in that line, and Alto circuit is now the most uniformly revived to high state of spiritual life of any work of the size I have ever seen. The spirit of the Master has control and harmony prevails.

Centennial Mission.

D. J. Spears, Sept. 6: Our quarterly conference was held at this place August 1, at which time we began a protracted meeting, lasting six days. Our presiding elder came in due time, and besides holding conference preached five good sermons, which were very highly appreciated. We love him for his kindness. Our preacher in charge, Bro. Hines, assisted by Bro. Bozeman, our local preacher, did faithful work. God certainly did bless their labors. We have not had such a meeting in years. About twenty conversions and eleven additions to our church. Bro. Hines is loved by all for his faithful work.

Livingston.

William Sproule, Sept. 5: Our meeting at this place began on the fourth Sunday and continued thirteen days, closing last night with eighteen accessions to the church by ritual and one by certificate. I was helped in the first days of the meeting by Bro. McCarty, Presbyterian minister of Livingston, who preached three excellent sermons. On Friday of the first week Bro. W. H. Crawford, our preacher at Trinity, came to our help and labored faithfully and effectively for seven days. God has greatly blessed his labors here in the salvation of souls. He won the hearts of our people during his stay with us, and has been instrumental in doing much good to the church.

DeBerry.

J. A. Smith, Sept. 7: Good meeting on the DeBerry circuit this year. Conference meeting at Bethel quite a success. Fifty conversions, twenty-five joined our church, some have joined other churches, and others will join our church, we think. The church on a higher plane, a better type of piety prevails, more Christian work, and etc. Finances well up to date. I asked the congregation at the camp-meeting for $50. They gave more than the amount asked for. Prospects good for a full report at conference. Praise God for many blessings and favors along the way. One Jersey cow, together with many other smaller gifts, have been thrust on this preacher and wife this year. If any preacher can boast of a good people and presiding elder, I more. Thanks to Bros. T. P. Smith, T. B. Vinson and G. W. Langley for faithful services rendered during the camp-meeting.

Obituary—Texas.

Mrs. J. K. White, J. M Parker, Abilene; Sam McCowan, Auburn; Louis J. Hemberger, Austin; Mrs. Mary Norris, Billington; Mrs. Joe Wheeler, Blooming Grove; J P Couch, Brownwood; Miss Vada Wingo, Clarkson; Thomas F. Simmons, Clarksville; Mrs. C. V. Bryson, Comanche; T. B. Yeager, near Copeville; Rev. E. W. Moton, Denison; Mrs. W. S. Parker, Denton; Miss Johnnie Nelson Mcdrall, Gainesville; W. H. Praime, Galveston; H. B. Fryar, Honey Grove; Mrs. P. S. Westcott, Houston; Mrs. Laura Cole, near Italy; Dr. Lane, Kopperl; George M. Smith, Leonard; Lem Adams, Longview; Mrs. Joe Bonner, Marshall; C. A. Jessop, Memphis; Albert Bryant, J. Cox, Paris; Mrs. William Parr, Salem; Mrs. Lizzie J. Tinsley, Seymour; Mrs. Elizabeth Caywood, Sherman; Mrs. I L. Adair, Texarkana; Dr. James Laf Leslie, Van Alstyne; W. M. Milligan, Vernon; James Sealey, Waxahachie; Mrs. Melinda Munn, Weatherford; Mrs. Nancy Corvell, Weston; Mrs. Lizzie Norrid, Woodbine; Walter Hinds, Wortham.

Texas Casualties.

A child was crushed to death by an electric car at Laredo, Sept. 10.

Pink Pryor accidently shot himself with a pistol near Abbott, Sept. 13.

Jas. Gallagher was run over by a train and killed at Rosenberg, Sept. 12.

Henry Braden was severely gored by a bull near Honey Grove, Sept. 12.

At Porter's Springs, Coll Porter had his arm badly torn in a gin, Sept. 11.

A negro struck his wife on the head with a hatchet at Houston, Sept. 13, fatally injuring her.

Ernest Hughes stabbed Ed Carter with a knife, at Hillsboro, Sept. 9. Both are boys aged about 12 years.

P. P. Brown was severely injured by being thrown from a cart through a wire fence, near Groesbeck, Sept. 11.

Everett Box, aged 14 years, fell off a wagon loaded with sheaf oats at Hillsboro, Sept. 12, breaking his left leg.

Deputy Sheriff Cubley, of Navarro county, was shot and killed by Policeman Highnote, at Corsicana, Sept. 9.

James Wright was fatally injured while trying to cross the railroad track in front of a moving train, near Harold, Sept. 12.

Near Navasota, Sept. 9, the 8 year-old daughter of Mr. Gallimore, while starting a fire with kerosene, was burned to death.

At Farrar, Sept. 9, S. J. Howell's right arm was sawed into shreds to the elbow. While the surgeons were amputating it Howell died.

September 11th, A. Reed, of Reedville, had his arm caught in his gin. He was badly bruised about the face and body. Three of his ribs were broken.

At Eastland, Sept. 10, while T. C. Woodard was cleaning under a gin stand, his left arm was caught in the saws and almost torn to pieces to the elbow.

J. J. Muery, a Swiss farmer, living about four miles south of Kennevville, committed suicide September 11, by blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun.

William Anthony, living twelve miles southwest of Vernon, was knocked down, shot and robbed near his home at 8 o'clock last night by two men and a boy, Sept. 8. His injuries are not fatal.

Texas Incidents.

The second Bell County Fair closed September 12. It was pronounced a success.

A Mexican was robbed of a gold watch and chain and $50 in money at San Antonio, September 13.

A telegram from Waco, September 9, says the agent of the purchasers of the Texas Central has received ten carloads of material, and has begun the work of rebuilding the track from Ross to Albany.

The Southwest Texas Press Association was organized at Aransas Harbor, September 12. The following are the permanent officers of the association: J. P. Bridges, President; C. Culmore, First Vice-President; R. T. Atkins, Second Vice-President; James Wilson, Third Vice-President; Lee J. Rountree, Secretary; W. B. Stephens, Treasurer.

A telegram from McKinney, September 10, says a slick game is being worked on the farmers of Collin county. An alleged cotton-picker leaves his valise at a farmer's and goes out to get work. The next day another comes along and asks for the valise, giving the name of the owner. The third day the first man comes back, demands his valise, and when the farmer can not produce it settles with the victim at the highest squeeze.

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Miscellaneous.

A cablegram from Valparaiso, September 12, says the junta has decreed recognition of Balmaceda paper money, which caused general satisfaction and the banks all opened again. The wise course pursued by the junta is fast re-establishing order and contentment.

A cablegram from San Salvador, September 9, says: Millions of dollars worth of property and many lives were destroyed in this republic by an earthquake to-day. Whole towns were wiped out, and so far advices received here indicate that hardly a city in the country, except those along the coast escaped the awful effects of the convulsion.

The Missouri Grand Lodge, Knights of Reciprocity, met at Kansas City in a secret session, September 10, to choose a grand Judge to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Price, of Lexington. The Knights of Reciprocity are Republicans bound together by a secret oath for the object of nobody knows what excepting themselves, so well are their secrets guarded.

A cablegram from Valparaiso, September 10, says: Waldo Silva, Vice-President Ramon Baros Luco, speaker of the house of representatives, and Jorge Montt, composing the junta de gobierno, have decided that an election would be the best method to bring about tranquillity in Chili, and October 18 has been fixed upon as election day, when senators, deputies, municipal officers and presidential electors will be balloted for.

To counter Russian designs upon Constantinople, England has occupied the island of Mytteline, which has been surrounded with torpedo boats and will be fortified. The island is within twenty-five miles of the Hellespont, has an area of 276 square miles and 40,000 inhabitants; good harbors and fertile soil. Its principal town is Castro. The issue if joined will involve all the powers, and hence the news is of the gravest importance. It is not, therefore, strange that prices of securities and products are affected in all the markets of the world.

A telegram from Port Hawkebury, September 12, says Cary and Cole, two of the four members of the Bowdoin college expedition, who went to see the falls said to be greater than Niagara returned, having been successful. The spray of the falls was visible twenty miles, but they found that the height of the falls had been grossly exaggerated. The river flows through a canyon, the sides of which rise to a height of 500 feet, and presented a grand and beautiful sight. The falls are 200 feet perpendicular, but rocks leading to the falls increase this to 500 feet. The river is 500 yards wide above the falls, but narrows down to only fifty yards at the falls.

A telegram from New Orleans, La., September 11, says: Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, issued to day an official report of the movement of the cotton crop for the first seven days of the new cotton year. The statement show receipts at all United States ports since September 1 of 130,378 bales against 180,6.5 for the corresponding period of last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 10 564 bales against 2515; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 11 541 bales against 17,100; southern mill taking 18 273 bales against 18,273; total amount of the new crop brought into sight thus far is 170,756 bales against 218 513 last year, a decrease of 47,757 bales.

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