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April 14, 1890.

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CHINA will send an exhibit to our World's fair. Is it right for us to receive a Chinese exhibit and prohibit Chinese immigration?

IF a state executive could pay with offices the political debts of all who think that they made him what he is, what a fine fellow he would be.

THE wheat crop will begin to come to market in a week or two. It will turn loose some money, and will start some idle mills to making flour for Texas bread-eaters.

THE Fort Worth convention started the work in behalf of the Texas exhibit at the World's fair. Now it is for the state at large to take hold of it and raise the money that is needed.

THAT was a neatly turned phrase of the president when he said at Springfield, Ill., the other day that the "Southern furnace fires were lighted at the funeral pyre of slavery." Very good, but what becomes of the tariff kindling that was thought to have done the business for the factories North and South?

HARRISON is angling for the Southern delegates to the Republican convention in 1892. He shook hands with a negro woman at San Antonio, but refused to take the hand of another negro woman at Portland, Oregon.

IF the export of gold keeps on at the rate it is now making, we will soon have to fall back on silver as our standard. But the tide will turn when our wheat and cotton begin to cross the ocean, and with a large balance of trade in our favor, the account will have to be squared in gold.

THE Kentucky Democratic convention voted down a resolution indorsing Mr. Cleveland for president. Nothing else could have been expected from a body of sane men. There are a number of good Democrats who are likely to be considered when the time comes for the states to instruct their delegates to the national convention. It would be very widely out of place for a lot of men who were not elected for that purpose, and who have no instructions from the people, to say that Kentucky is for Mr. Cleveland for president as against all other men. The Democratic party believes in giving every man a show, and no "snap-judgment."

ONE of those "inscrutable dispensations of Providence" that it is hard to reconcile with our conceptions of divine justice, has overtaken and almost overwhelmed the farmers of the northern part of the state. The hail storm that passed through Cooke, Denton, Grayson and a few others of the finest farming counties of the state, came at a time to do the greatest damage to the wheat crop, which was about ready for the reaper; and thousands of acres of the most promising wheat were rendered worthless. A week or two later the wheat would have been cut and the fury of the storm would have spent itself in vain. After a year of toil and drouth, when the yield was discouraging, the farmers were congratulating themselves on the fatness of the harvest in store, and when on the point of sending out their reapers they see in one hour their hopes dashed to the ground.

Job had a hard time of it when the devil got hold of him and began to destroy his substance, but we can't see that Job had much more to complain of than our Texas farmers have to put up with sometimes.

PARNELL'S EXIT.

Never perhaps, did a man of fame descend so rapidly from the meridian of his glory, and hasten to his setting as Parnell has done. The men who lately stood to him for the good he did in former years, are now forced to abandon him to his fate to which he persists in rushing with the recklessness of a madman. In the loss of the two Harringtons and Dwyer Gray, editor of the Dublin Freeman's Journal, the most powerful paper in Ireland, he loses his principal supporters. The tragi-comedy in which he has for a few months been playing the leading part, is now degenerated into a miserable farce, and the hour has arrived when the curtain should be rung down on the most disappointing political failure of the present decade. Parnell as the architect of his own ruin has done well.

NO SKULKERS.

Farmer Bill Shaw—whom THE GAZETTE has had a good deal of fun with—denounces the signers of the Austin circular for "skulking" at the Waco convention. We suppose Farmer Shaw means that they didn't attend the Waco convention, and their staying away was "skulking."

As THE GAZETTE understood that remarkable gathering, it was purely a private affair, and only those with cards of invitation and door tickets were allowed to get in. It was called by Evan Jones, Dr. Macune and Steerer Tracey do a work that they had laid out for it. That work was to whitewash Macune and Tracey and condemn the Alliance members who were not in the Austin circular. They picked the men to do the work that had been designed, and called them together. The others were ignored. Rogers, McCunningham, Sellers and other Alliance members of the legislature were the men to be pilloried, and it was not the proper thing to have them at the entertainment. They were not there. They had no invitation. They had no cards of admission. If they had presented themselves at the door it is not likely that they could have got in. They did not skulk.

VIRTUE OF THE McKINLEY BILL.

A shipment of Italian queen bees is held at the New York custom house, but the consignee has been notified that upon payment of a fine, in the nature of an import duty, he can have them released. The McKinley bill excludes from free entry all animals imported for breeding purposes, unless they are recorded in a pedigree book, and as bees are not pedigreed, the importer has to pay 20 per cent of their value for bringing these Italian bees to this country.

Of course, this is as it should be. We cannot allow our bees—our queen bees, at that—to be brought into competition with these pauper bees from Italy, that work all through the flower season storing up honey for the sweet-toothed capitalist. They have no regard for the nine-hour day, and work as long as daylight let them work. They are aliens in mind and in habit. They are Italians, too, and may belong to the Mafia. Though it is against the settled etiquette of well-bred American queen bees to go armed, these Mafia bees, no doubt, carry poisoned daggers with them, which renders them a dangerous addition to our apiary population. They are also clannish, and swarm off to themselves, and are open to other objections which will occur to the mind of the thoughtful and patriotic citizen.

All honor to McKinley and his bill, which guards us from this threatened invasion of Italian brigand queen bees!

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The Leading Texas Paper.
Burnet Avalanche.

One of the best papers and the leading paper of Texas is the Fort Worth GAZETTE. Hardly an enterprise of any importance but what THE GAZETTE makes mention of it. In fact, it is one that every household should have.

A Sub-Treasury Sanctum.
Kaufman Review.

What is the matter with the country editor that he can't have government warehouses established where he can store his unpaid subscription accounts as collateral and borrow money from the government at 2 per cent, alee samee as the horny-handed (?) sub-treasury humbug?

The Fort Should Chip In.
Alvord Budget.

It costs $12,000 per month to print and circulate the Fort Worth GAZETTE, and the city only patronizes it to the extent of $5,000. The Fort should chip in at a more lively rate, for if she should lose the GAZETTE it would be the worst calamity that could befall her.

Her Big Brewery.
Rusk County News.

If there is anything that Fort Worth is prouder of than the big meeting which Sam Jones held a few years ago, it is her big brewery.

Comanche Chief.

The brewery at Fort Worth is about completed, and we expect soon to hear that this Texas made beer will become popular with the lovers of this healthy beverage, and sales for it will be made in many cities and towns throughout the state, yea, even in Comanche.

TARRANT COUNTY'S CHANCE.

Other Counties Arranging for the Fort Sill Colony to Locate Preparatory to Moving—The Seltzer Wells.

HEADQUARTERS TEXAS-OKLAHOMA UNION, SELTSER WELLS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEX., May 16, 1891.

To the Gazette.

Arrangements are being made in Wichita, Wilbarger, and perhaps Greer counties, for settlers to locate preparatory to the move on Fort Sill. As most of them will pass through the big pastures north of Fort Worth, the land owners there will have a chance to induce them to stop in Tarrant county if they will. We were offered a location for a town site on the borders of the Indian Territory, where every member of our union should have a town lot free, with the further assurance that our people can rent land in the vicinity to raise a crop. The location is nine miles from the Denver railroad on Red river. Propositions are offered at railroad towns that (they say) will beat the inland town site. Our work is confined to securing contracts for our crowd on the Texas side, homes in town as cheap as they can in the Fort Sill country, then to get them land to rent. That leaves no room for hardships or enforced idleness, and a guarantee of one year's supplies to support them the first year on their Fort Sill homesteads, that with cheap railroad rates is our work for each member.

In answer to all offers to sell land to our crowd we have answered: Cheap homes in town with land to rent is our limit. Each man can buy to suit himself.

While no contracts are closed yet, it is safe to say now that every member can feel sure the above arrangements will be made. Comparing them with your present situation will settle the question. Will it pay to go this fall? What can you raise? From twenty to thirty bushels of wheat to the acre. This office received a paper from Greer county this week stating it is estimated there will be near 2,000,000 bushels of wheat raised in Greer county this year, that there are thirty-four schoolhouses and fourteen postoffices in Greer, and yet in 1887 the land sharks and cattlemen swore the man ought to be hung that got up such a boom, misleading poor farmers. It is true we lived poor and the little dugout was our mansion; it is true that the cowmen done their best to aggravate the situation; but the settler is like Johnson grass, he will flourish under difficulties if planted on good soil.

What attracted him to Greer? Free homes.

Did it hurt Texas towns? Look at Vernon and Quanah.

Did it hurt the price or improvement of their town lots?

Did it hurt Fort Worth?

Are not the prosperous settlers the foundations of prosperous town?

Why do we note this? To lay aside prejudice and bring to our support now, the the farmer that will prosper most by settling 10,000 families nearer to Fort Worth than the nearest point of Greer county.

Will we have opposition?

Don't doubt it for a minute, and to warn our members of that opposition and render it powerless is our object in this note.

We will answer their statements in advance, judging the future by the past. No member is responsible for anyone's acts but his own. He cannot, therefore, get into trouble except by his own actions. Your manager is not, nor never was, under control of railroads; neither did he ever get 1 cent in money from the Denver railroad, or ever expects to. However, that is the only lie told on us that we regretted was not true. Yet the Denver has treated us nobly in cheap rates and accommodations, without which we would have failed in places where we did not. We like the Denver, but don't get pay from the road.

This note is addressed to the new members, who want homes with us. Our next will be directed to the Fort Sill move. Both should be kept and read together.

J. S. WORKS, General Manager.

SELTZER WELLS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEX., May 16, 1891.

Editor Gazette:

Crops are looking fine. There will be a great deal of fruit raised here, in spite of the frosts.

Capt. J. P. Moore, after spending over $1000 on his artesian well, has now plenty of water. He will soon build a fine residence and barn. We need only a few more such men to make this locality blossom like the rose. Capt. Moore is also planting an immense orchard.

Another first-class man is negotiating for a controlling interest in the seltser wells, who has both money and ability to make it what it should be.

Steps are being taken to secure a first-class wagon road to Fort Worth. Every farmer in East Tarrant should work for it. Every liveryman in Fort Worth should work for it. Every merchant in Fort Worth needs it. Even county commissioners should vote for it. The right-of-way will be largely or fully donated to the county, also a large amount of work is offered in order to get at once the best road in the county to Fort Worth.

A number of Fort Worth and Dallas families are arranging to visit these well this summer and suburban home seekers should keep an eye on this locality.

HAIL AND WIND.

Parts of Cooke, Denton, Hopkins, Franklin and Fannin

VICTIMS OF A STORM'S WRATH.

Growing Crops Pelted Into the Earth and Fruit Trees Entirely Stripped.

In Some Instances Houses and Other Property Twisted From Foundations and Wrecked—Damage to the Wheat Crop Enormous.

Athens in Its Path.

Special to the Gazette.

ATHENS, TEX., May 18.—A heavy rain and hail storm struck our town at 4 o'clock this afternoon. No damage to crops reported yet. Mr. J. R. Riererson of this town was out cow hunting when the storm came up, and just as he was nearing town his horse was struck by lightning and instantly killed, throwing him and saddle some ten feet over the horse's head. He was considerably shocked, but otherwise uninjured.

Path Three Miles Wide.

Special to the Gazette.

BONHAM, TEX., May 18.—Farmers report a destructive hail storm north of here last night. The report is that it began at Ravenna, a small town ten miles northwest from here, and traveled from there in an easterly direction, doing great damage to crops and gardens, and in some places totally destroying them. Cotton in the path of the storm will have to be replanted, so says the report. The path of the storm was about three miles wide. How far it extended we have not learned.

Franklin County Suffers.

Special to the Gazette.

MOUNT VERNON, TEX., May 18.—The most destructive hail storm that ever passed through this county struck our town about 10 o'clock last night. Its width was five or six miles, and lasted only about ten minutes, but did much damage to crops. Many persons say they will be compelled to replant cotton. Their corn is also entirely destroyed. The fruit crop is almost entirely destroyed. There was considerable damage done to town property. The dry goods and millinery store of F. M. Pirtle was blown to the ground. His damage is unknown. The furniture house of H. H. Weaver was blown down. His damage is unknown. The "L" of C. M. Porchman's hotel was blown down, and the postoffice which adjoined the store of F. M. Pirtle was also blown down and badly damaged. Large trees were torn up by the roots and fences blown in every direction. All the merchants of the town closed their houses and rendered Pirtle and Weaver assistance in removing their goods.

Another hail storm passed here this evening about 3 o'clock, which was not so severe as that of last night, although the hail stones were as large as billiard balls.

Dr. W. C. Crutcher lost a horse, which was killed in his stable last night during the storm.

Passes Near Sulphur Springs.

Special to the Gazette.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEX., May 18.—Parties living in the neighborhood of Col. B. M. Camp, four or five miles south of this city, report one of the most severe wind and hail storms ever known in this section. The growing crop is said to be greatly damaged, and the fruit will be an entire failure. The trees are stripped of their foliage, and this morning the country which lay in the path of the storm had every appearance of midwinter.

Col. James Williams returned from a business trip to Mount Vernon this morning and brings the report that the storm was more severe in Franklin county than here.

Lightning Strikes a House.

Special to the Gazette.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEX., May 18.—This evening at 3 o'clock one of the hardest rains of the season visited this place. It was accompanied by terrific thunder and lightning and some hail. During the progress of the storm lightning struck a small frame dwelling belonging to Miss Leila F. Crutcher, setting the structure on fire. The fire department arrived on the scene as soon was possible under the circumstances, but the building was too far gone for them to extinguish the flames. The structure and its contents, which consisted of household goods, are a complete loss. No insurance.

A Portion of Cooke County.

Special to the Gazette.

GAINESVILLE, TEX., May 18.—A terrific hail storm fell in the southwest part of this county last evening twenty miles from here and destroyed every vestige of crop in its path. The country passed over by the storm is twenty miles long and two miles wide, the best wheat belt in the state, and it is estimated that 25,000 acres of the finest wheat ever seen in this part of the state has been annhilated. The hail fell to the depth of six inches, and in many places was knee deep to horses. The hail stones were very large and they destroyed everything in the crop line in their path. Several thousand acres of corn, hay, oats and cotton were destroyed as completely as the wheat crop. Farmere here to-day whose farms were visited by the hail report their losses in numerous instances at $2000 each, while some losses are much larger. Scarcely any one of the farmers had less than 100 acres in wheat, besides a large acreage of corn and cotton, while many of them had from 300 to 600 acres in wheat. Not a straw will be fit for harvesting, though yesterday the fields gave promise of thirty bushels per acre, and would have been ready for harvesting in ten days. The hail storm came in the form of cloud burst and lasted but five minutes, but so abundant was it that great icebergs were formed, much of which lasted nearly all day, notwithstanding the very hot weather. Parties of Denton and Montague counties also suffered. The loss to farmers on crops alone, at the least estimate, is placed at $100,000.

Great Damage to Wheat.

Special to the Gazette.

PILOT POINT, TEX., May 18.—Yesterday about 5 p. m. a severe hail storm, beginning about eight miles west of Pilot Point, swept across the country in a southeasterly direction, covering a strip two to three miles wide and eighteen or twenty miles long. The town of Aubrey, south of us, was in the track of the storm and suffered severely. Reports from the country southeast indicate very serious injury to crops.

S. F. Bomar, county commissioner for this district, reports the wheat crop in his neighborhood comepletely ruined. Mr. Carroll Jackson's crop of 200 acres of wheat near Parvin, is reported completely destroyed. Fruit was beaten off the trees. Many chickens were killed.

Mr. M. R. Taylor reports that after twelve hours the hail lay six to eight inches deep in the furrows in his field. Cotton will have to be replanted.

At Aubrey, metal roofs on stone buildings were perforated by hailstones, many of which were as large as hens' eggs.

Hartley County Cooled Off.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

CHANNING, TEX., May 17.—A good rain fell here this evening, accompanied with some hail, which did some damage to windows with a northern exposure and unclosed blinds. Judge Wallace and James McMasters were about four miles from town in an open buggy while the hail was falling, and were very severely pelted. They were indeed a pitiable sight when they arrived at the hotel, though at present both gentlemen are resting very well.

Passes Through Denton County.

Special to the Gazette.

DENTON, TEX., May 18.—A very heavy and destructive hailstorm fell at Aubrey, twelve miles northeast of here, yesterday afternoon, which destroyed all manner of crops in its course. It began about one and a half miles west of Aubrey and traveled in a southeasterly direction. The streak of heavy hail was about one mile wide, and it is not known here how far it extended. It was accompanied by heavy wind and rain.

Terrell Touched.

Special to the Gazette.

TERRELL, TEX., May 18.—At 12:15 this morning a black, scarry looking cloud appeared from the northwest accompained with rain, wind and a small amount of hail. It was only ten or fifteen minutes in passing. Before the rain fairly ceased the clouds broke in the west and the moon shown upon the dark storm cloud presenting a grand sight. In the ten minutes there was an immense amount of rain.

Destruction at Sanger.

Special to the Gazette.

SANGER, TEX., May 18.—A terrific hail and wind storm passed just north and east of Sanger yesterday evening, making almost a total wreck of wheat and all the growing crops, fruit and vegetables. Length about twelve miles, width about two miles.

Storms Still Raging at Sherman.

Special to the Gazette.

SHERMAN, TEX., May 18.—Heavy storms are still raging in Grayson county. There fell south of the city this evening a very damaging storm and one is reported east of here.

Hail Storm at Aubrey.

Special to the Gazette.

AUBREY, TEX., May 18.—The most severe hail storm ever known in this section fell here at 6 o'clock this evening. Crops of all kinds are literally ruined and window glass and tin roofs are broken all to pieces. The hail began some three miles northwest of here and extended to the southeast so far as heard from. The stones were about two inches in diameter and drifted to a depth of six or eight inches.

"NOT BURIED ALIVE."

The Report that Mrs. Ella Blackman was Buried Alive Contradicted by Dr. W. H. Davis of Arlington—His Theory.

ARLINGTON, TEX., May 16, 1891.

Editor Gazette.

On March 23, 1891, when Mrs. Ella Blackman's body was disinterred I was one among the first to inspect the remains. I saw nothing substantiating the idea of her having been buried alive as stated in your valuable paper of Thursday, May 14. The body was found lying on the back with arms folded and hands resting on the breast. A thin cloth was spread over the face and every article of dress was in its proper position, showing in every respect to have remained just as it had been placed by the kind and sympathizing hands of relatives and friends when the body was placed in the coffin. There was not the slightest evidence that a single muscle had been called into motion.

The presence of a four months fœtus in the coffin, if considered a mystery, is to my mind solved in a more plausible manner by attributing its partial expulsion from its home in utero by the violent muscular contraction which is said to have immediately preceded her death, it remaining in the vaginal passages until chemical changes had taken place sufficient to accumulate gasses in the abdominal region sufficient to serve as a visatergo force which expelled the fœtus to the world and the position it was occupying when the coffin was opened.

In performing the post mortem examination (which was rendered very difficult and unsatisfactory by the elapse of time, she having been dead three months), I could form but little idea as to the cause of death, and hoped only to solve the question of poison by a thorough chemical examination of the organs preserved for that purpose, and which has been done and reported negatively by Professor Harper as to the presence of arsenic and strychnine.

I make this statement simply to show to the public, as well as the friends and relatives, that Mrs. Ella Blackman, beyond all possible doubt, came to her death from some other cause than being nailed closely in a coffin and buried in the ground.

W. H. DAVIS, M. D.

TARRANT COUNTY SINGERS.

The North Tarrant Singing Association Has a Good Time.

Special to the Gazette.

BEDFORD, TEX., May 16.—To-day has been a gala day for the people of Bedford. According to previous arrangement the North Tarrant county singing association convened here. Most all classes were well represented, and the singing excelled that of any previous meeting. Several selections were rendered in a manner that merited the highest praise. The address of welcome was rendered by Elder B. F. Hall of Bedford in his usual happy manner. Professor S. P. Render of Grapevine delivered an address on the history of vocal music, which was highly instructive and evinced a thorough knowledge of the subject. Among those from a distance we noticed the genial Dr. Boyd and his daughter. Miss Boyd favored the association with a solo, which was rendered in truly artistic style. By a vote of the association it was decided to hold the next meeting at Keller, in June. This association is doing a good work in creating an interest in vocal music in this part of the country and should be encouraged.

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INSTRUCTIONS

To Teachers in Regard to the New Examinations.

THE TEXT-BOOK MISTAKE.

Governor Hogg will Hie Himself Toward the Seductive Waters of the Gulf.

Mr. L. S. Ross, Jr., will Marry—Eastern Capitalists Talking of Constructing an Electric Street-Car Line in the City of Austin—Chartered.

HOGG WILL HUNT THE SEA.

Special to the Gazette.

AUSTIN, TEX., May 18.—Governor Hogg contemplates a visit to Tyler this week, going, he says, on private business. In company with a few friends, he will in a week or two go to the Gulf coast, Aransas or Corpus Christi, for a week's dallying with the sea waves.

Superintendent Pritchett is about to mail a circular to teachers and all public school officials, notifying them that the new law relating to examination forcertificates does not go into effect until July 13, and that examination under its provisions cannot be had until October 8 and 9. By virtue of the power vested by law in him as superintendent he authorizes all those teachers whose certificates expire August 31 to teach at the fall terms under their old certificates until they can be examined in October, as above indicated. They can, if they prefer, obtain certificates from the

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which certificates are good for two years.

Lieutenant-Governor Rendleton, Senator Crain and Sol Wood of Sherman, the latter a committee clerk at the last session of the legislature, were here to-day and testified before the grand jury as to their knowledge of the mistake in the text-book bill, which, of course, was nothing. They could throw no light whatever on the matter and it is doubtful if any one else can. Senator Page and others of the enrolling committee are expected here to-morrow.

Ex-Governor Ross and wife arrived in the city this evening to attend the marriage of their son, L. S. Ross, Jr., to Miss Mollie Duffield, daughter of J. G. Duffield of this city, at the latter's home to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock.

It is rumored this afternoon that the Eastern owners of the mule street car line in this city, who have been here for a week, are about to effect a deal with Mr. Shipe, owner of the electric street car line, by which they buy him out and get exclusive control of the street car franchises and property in the city.

It is also rumored, on the dead quiet, that there may be a change in the postmaster here before long and that the presence of Senator Sawyer of Wisconsin, who spent two or three days here last week, had some relation to it. The senator accounted

FOR HIS PRESENCE HERE

by allusions to some landed interests in West Texas, but no one heard of his getting any nearer his land than Austin.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT METHODISTS IN SESSION HERE.

Yesterday's Proceedings—A Loved Minister—A Parsonage to Be Built at Fort Worth—The Sermons.

The district conference met Friday morning promptly at 9 o'clock, having been preceded by a half hour of prayer and praise.

After the reading of the minutes Rev. Jerome Harralson was introduced to the conference and addressed the body at some length in behalf of the Vernon college, of which he is the agent. He represented that the college at Vernon was located in the midst of a fine country that is rapidly improving. The college at Vernon is the only institution or the kind in all that section, and the outlook for it is fine. It is possible that a promising young preacher, well known in Fort Worth, may be called on to take the presidency of the school at no distant day.

The presiding elder called up the unfinished business of the day before, the spiritual state of the church. Rev. B. F. Gassaway led off in a stirring speech on the need of spiritual life and power in the church. He was followed by Rev. William Price in a strong speech in favor of class meetings. Several other brethren made speeches in the same line. Rev. J. M. Barcus called attention to the importance of family religion, prayer meetings, etc.

Rev. W. F. Lloyd then introduced a resolution pledging the conference to attention to the old and well tried means of grace, such as family worship and class meetings.

The subject of missions in the district was then taken up. Mulkey Memorial church is less than two years old, and has heretofore been receiving help from the board of missions. On the statement of the pastor, and some of the brethren of the church, it was found that the church was in a very prosperous state, and in their opinion could get on without help in the future. The conference so recommended.

The presiding elder called up the subject of Sunday-schools, and the various pastors made reports. First church was represented as having a school of over two hundred average attendance. The school at Mulkey Memorial is nearly large, and that of Missouri avenue is likewise in a good condition. The schools at Granbury and Cleburne are represented as being in fine state, as likewise were many other schools in the district.

The committee of district parsonage made its report, recommending the building of a parsonage, and that it be located in Fort Worth. Following is the report in full:

Your committee on district parsonage beg leave to report as follows: After careful consideration we have decided to recommend the building of a district parsonage, as soon as possible. We recommend that it be located at Fort Worth, provided a suitable lot can be obtained on liberal terms, and that $2000 be raised to build the same. In our judgment this amount should be divided among the several charges in the district in proportion to the assessment for the presiding elder's support, and we recommend that the presiding elder be charged with its collection, using his own judgment as to time and methods.

We recommend that a building committee be appointed, which shall have entire charge of the selection of a lot, determining the style of the building, and contracting for the erection of the same. This committee shall consist of seven members, including the presiding elder, who shall be the chairman of it. The presiding elder shall appoint this committee.

A LOVED BROTHER.

The interest of the brethren of the conference in Rev. J. Fred Cox is very touching. He has been remembered in many prayers and alluded to in some of the sermons. A special prayer was offered for him yesterday, and there were many tearful eyes as the brethren expressed their feelings in public reference to him. Brother Cox is loved very much by his brethren of the ministry and laity as well. The conference appointed a committee of three to visit him and express the sympathy of the body for him in his affliction. No man stands higher in the love and esteem of the people than J. Fred Cox, and many are the prayers offered for his restoration.

VISITORS.

Among the visitors to the conference are Rev. E. L. Armstrong, presiding elder of the Waxahachie district; Rev. M. K. Little, presiding elder of the Vernon district; Rev. Jerome Harralson, agent for Vernon college; Rev. George S. Owens, agent for Texas Christian Advocate; Rev. Mr. Sweet, president of the Granbury college and Rev. J. W. Adkisson, president-elect of the new Methodist Polytechnic college of this city.

YESTERDAY'S SERMONS.

Rev. E. L. Armstrong of the Waxahachie district preached at 11 a. m. His theme was: "Godliness is Profitable Unto All Things."

He preached an earnest and profitable sermon, and at its close there was much rejoicing and handshaking.

Rev. T. S. Armstrong of Alvarado preached last night. His text was: "Be Not Afraid—Only Believe."

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