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## voleve xxi. <br> MISS MARY WHITESIDE <br> TAKES THE LEAD THIS WEEK <br>  <br>  

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## The Presbyterian Sunday school

 We to plead guiltythe Presbyterian Sunday sccis that
ot been more thoroughly wrtite
De this issue of your paper.
We have many good features
our Sunday School. Besides the reg ular achool we have the home and
cradle roll departments each headed cradle roll departments each headed
by a good Christian superintendent. In this way, we reach many parents
through their little ones and create an expectancy and desire on the par of the infants as they grow up for
Sunday School and Church and
竍 things good, besides carrying the ad
then vantages of the school to the "shut
ins" who, because of decrepitude nome cares are kept
regular sehool body.
The order at our school is grow ing better all the time, our great de-

sire being for our children to gro | sire being for our children to grow |
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| up with profound reverence for the | up with profound reverence for the

House of God and things holy. Ta diness has been and is yet one
our hardest hindrances to overcom or greatest weakness, but we are im-
proving in promptness and took for proving in promptness and lobk for-
ward to complete recovery here. It is doubtless true that no boys an
girls n town are better inchurc
attendance than attendance than ours. Perhaps from
75 per cent to 90 per cent of them remain for the morning service after
the Sunday School closes. In fact the Sunday School closes. In fa
nearly all but the little opes who
parents may not be with them parents may not be with them.
They do not fail to come because of bad weacher. The das rarel/j eier comes so bad but you may find
soodly number of boys and pirle goor church on time for sunday
our
School School. Then in spite of the col
weather they stay for church, some times on real bad days, making up
75 per cent of the audience. On such 5 per cent of the audience. On such days the pastor makes his sermon
conform to the occasion and gives a brief discourse on the losson for the
next Sabbath, awakening their asplrations for it and giving an early
start in fts mastery. On such bad days all are through and off for home
sermin and all being done, about $11: 30$ or $11: 40$.
The past year_has been very try Ing on our Sunday school. So may
of our members and scholars hav
moved away. We have lost Sunda z:hool officers, teachers, and many
boyo nd girls from the classes. Two whole lasses have been nearly lost
in this iw, but the few remaining ho ths kept, tosng and now they are re
onilding, one ot them hearly as full as formerly.
Our teachers give close attention and missions in the reguar wor in called upon, make pretty goo speeches on these themes. It would
surprse ylou, Mr. Editor,, to see what
 ments now in progress in such coun-
tries as China and Africa. Some tim had passed after one teacher had giveq them some interesting data on
Turkey, when a man engaged in phllanthropic work in the Ottoman
empire, visited Snyder. One of the empire, visited Snyder. One of the
boys in the above mentioned class saw him and immediately went to
tell his teacher. Coming into her tell his teacher. Coming into he
presence, almost out of breath h

sald: "There's a Turkey man | $\begin{array}{c}\text { sald } \\ \text { town } \\ \text { A }\end{array}$ |
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$\int \begin{aligned} & \text { "The entrance of thy word giveth }\end{aligned}$ Hight", entrance of thy word giveth
lo show thyself approvdunto God, a workman that need-
eth not to be ashamed"; "Forsake
ot the assembling of yournelves ot the assembling of yourselves to-
ether as the manner of same is;
Let us go into the house of th
lis."
superintendent,
The Christian Bible school.
While the year 1912 did not bring me material prosperity for whleb so many of un hoped at its beginning
yet the ouricersand and mberra of our has been a good year
One year ago, we were without a
church home, our new building belng in process of construction, and we were meeting in Perkin's Hall, a
present oceupled by the Round-U club, not getting into our new charch
until in April. until in April.
During the
ar attendance ranged from eighty avety, but the last six months w
averien oir numbers to an
rage of about one hundred anc
ren. We feel gratified at this in
crease, because we have lost some
of nur most useful nembers through
removals.
Our teaching force bas also stee
dily grown ing strength and efficiency We have introduced the graded les sons into our primary department
and our primary teachers are en husiastic over the change. Miss Mae nd Mrs. Nannie Chapman are 1 charge our primary departments.
Our cradle roll department unde tss new superintendent, Miss Gladys arged.
our i
Our intermediate department consists of a fine class of boys under
he devoted tutelage of Sister Geo. Harris and a large class of girls,
laught by Mrs. Fritz Smith. One o our very strongest classes is our sen
tor girls, "The Reliables" taught by Miss Lizizie "The Reliables" taught by
Mins. The class pre
Mented the school at iss Lizzie Watkins. The class pre
sented the school at Christmas time
ith a beautiful oil painting, repre enting Christ stilling the tempest, painted by Miss Watkins. This is
ift that we, shall always priz gift that we, shall always prize, mos
highty.
n In the adult department, our class nasterful leadership of $\mathbf{G}$. W. Brown has been for some years a source o
great strength to our school, but

ple is pressing close upon them now
and a nost delightful rivalry has sprung up or late, between these
(wo classes, that bids fair to result further growth and enlarged use Brother A. D. Dodson's Bible ut, Inspired by the example of the embers of the primary department hey are making progress along this
ine. We expect during 1913 to see st in the school.
We set out a year ago to make our hool more distinctly a a "Bible knowledge of its beautiful and in-
spitiges truths should be radiated spiring truth should be radiated
light and warmth from the sun.
W. have recelved ingotrotion

 durys the past year. First the meot-
do wo. Arthur Jones, tn Septem-
diring which a good number of d



## led by W. N. Wiggins and his able We have enjoyed the fellowshi We have enjoyed the fellowship ith the other schools and churche of the town as we have met with hem in these and other meetings and <br> ORATORICL CONTEST FOR SUURRY COUNTY

 rejoice withand success.


## Two years ago the Rev, R

 er, Sunday School expert, and the Sunday School Secretary for theVorthwest Texas Conference, cam o Snyder and dellivered a series o unday School addresses, and re
rganized the Methodist Sunday chool along modern lines, classifying and grading the entire school.
The attendance doubled in a short
The attendance doubled in a short
time aud the school began a grade
time and the school began a grade
of work and efticiency it has never
known before. The need of room in the church building was a serious
bandicap and after the old bullding had been torn down and the new one much better quarters and better class room facillties than in the old
church buillaing and has been enab church bullaing and has been enab-
led to systematize its work and led to systematize its work and
carry on a grade of work that wor the warm a commendation of the Sun-
the seliool experts who recently vis day school experts who recenty
Ited us, viz: State Secretary Wig gins and his touring party. For ov er a year we have had the graded
studies, and now use the entire course. Up to September 1 st , the av
rage atpend than two hundred, but since that the severe losses, in the removal of many
members from the town, members from the town, has cut the
average considerably. We have all average considerably. We have all
departments except the home department, whicb has suspended temporarily, for want of a teacher. This
will be reorganized, as soon as it it
is at all feasible to do at all reasible to do so. In Novem-
ber, our Superintendertt, A. J. Grantham, who had been with the school for twenty-one years removed to the coast. Such a valuable man and bis
fine family wero a serlous loss and (Continued on Page Twelve)

What Wharatory Contest to Determine hat Two Will Represent This
County at Sweetwher.

One of the most important contests
that the coming generation of Scurry County has had an opportunty t engage in, will see its inception here
on the night of Friday, February 28 , one the County Debating and Declama-
the Cor
tion League having decided to con League having decided to hold a
contest here that night. Al the school boys of the entire coun-
ty are urged to enter this compet y are urged to enter this competi-
tion and enable the lengue to select the best talent of the county to en ter the District contest at Sweewater. where the two best orators of the dis-
trict will be selected to go to Austin, where they will enter the contest for where they will enter the
for the State championship.
The executive committee for this
county consists of County Judge c county consists of County Judge C R. Buchanan, chairman; G. G. Hazel vanna This c
and
This committee will have charge
of the general arrangements and all contestants who desire to enter should communicate with the chairThis conteas is possjble
the students in our public schools and no one else will be permitted to enter the competition. The date for
the contest at $\mathrm{S}^{2}$ weetwater will be on the contest at Sweetwater will be ar-
nounced later in this paper nounced later in this paper. The
prize to be awarded the winning team at Austin, is a beautiful loving cup and, in addition to this, several large publishing housee have gener-
ously donated to the ously donated to the winners many
handsomely bound and valuable books.
From each of the sixteen districte
in the ha the state there whl be two con-
testants, or thirty-two ta all. During the recent county fnstitute this coun-
ty agreed to enter thls competition y agreed to enter thls competition
and now it remains for the youths of our country to go in with the vim
and energy of Demosthenes and win these trophies that, from a standpoint intrinsic value alone, are well of the honors that will acerue to our unty, if our champions prove vicres in the forensic arena.
Remember, young men, that the
value of the ability to hold an andl value of the ability to hold an aud1-
ance spellbound beneath the witchery of irresistable eloquence cannot postact.that the affairs of county, state, - aye the entire Unton-must one
day rest upon your shoulders, tit beday rest upon your shoulders, it be-
hooves you to lose no opportunity that presents, but avaliling yourselves thereof, "thoroughly equip your-
selves unto all good works." Rememselves unt all good works." Remem-
ber the almost unsurmountable obstacles that Demosthenes overcame. voice was weak and effeminate. He was awkward and ungainly in all his
movements and, in spite of all these movements and, in spite of all these
great impediments, he became so accomplished in the art of oratory that he has been pronounced by the an-
cients, who heard his addresses, as well as by those of modern times,
who have only read them, the greatest orator that the world has ever
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With this great example before peats itself" and that "what man has one, man may do," what is to hin-
der you from entering thls oratorical contest and bearing away the J. D. Norris returned Monday from
business trip to Lubbock.
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to the party fnding the nitaspelled word in an advertisement is
The Signal. Anding the ambivilis CO hat advertisement

## and the word was "FAlr" spelled "FARE."


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| HISTORY QUESTIONS <br> FROM LAST ISSUE <br> Only Two Sets of Answers Hander in and Highest Grade Eighty- Five Per Cent. In answer to the thirty questions on general history that were pro- pounded in the last issue of The Sig- nal, two contestants only, entered the arena. Of these two, John A. Stave- ly, Jr., of Fluvanna, made a grade of 85 per cent, while Miss Alma Thomp- son, of Snyder, followed closely with a grade of 83 1-3 per cent. While we expected a greater num- ber to respond to these questions, we were agreeably surprised at the high grade made by each of the two con- testants who did respond. The fact that these young people did remark- ably well, will be readily apparent when we state that at a recent teachers' institute, where the teach- ers of four different counties were gathered, these questions were pro- pounded with the result that the highest number answered by any one present was one half, or fifty per cent. |  |  |  |  |  |
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 The Biggest Clearance Sale in the History of Snyder Closes Saturday Evening, January 18th, 1913This stupendous sale is a success from every point of view and every customer we have had during it is mighty well pleased with what they have purchased.

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Ib Battle Axe Tobacco 1 lb Brown Mule Tobacco
Four Roses Sme
Garrett Snuff, per bottle
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## 3 cans Extra Corn

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Fancy Cut String Beans, 21 b can.
pkgs Argo starch
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C. Co. Long Bar Soap
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| soclal welpare <br> conference called <br> Will Meet hat Austin Junuary 28 and <br> 29 to Discuss Legislation for <br> Public Weal. <br> A call for a Conterence on Social Welfare has been issued by the State Conference of Charities and Corrections. The Conference is to meet in Austin on the 28th and 29th to digcuss pending legislation which may later be introduced. <br> The Conference will be a get-together meeting and it is boped by its promoters that it will resuit in united effort to secure the passage of mportant measures for social betment. The call is issued by Prest c. S. Potts. Chairman of the 1 of Government, State Univerod is as follows: <br> sate Capitot, Austin Jan. 5, 1913 <br> 1ecratic platiorm adopted nio probatly contains as of vital importance to Heare of the people of slatform ever adopted nong tbe far noecting 'stinctly soctal asture thats platiorm nay | be mentioned the creation of a central board to control all the State's charitable institutions, the protection of the public health, civil service reform, compensation to injured workmen, punishment of family desertion and non-support, and adequate facilities for the care of the insane. In addition to these subjects it is known that bills are being prepared on compulsory education, child fabor, the juvenile court, the creation of county hospitals, seats for female employees, limitation of the hours of women's work and the property rights of married women. Many other measures of great social importance are certain to be proposed. <br> In his public utterances Governor Colquitt has declared himself in favor of many of these measures and a great many members of the Legislature will support them. The greatest danger seems likely to be too great a scattering and consequent weakening of the forces of social reform. A great muttiplicity of measures can only result in an undue consumption of the tinie of the Legislature which is short enough ata best, and masy of the dobst inipoctant measures will fail to come to a vote. If the friends of socfal re- | form can get together and give their united support to a few of the most important measures, it is easily possible that the coming session of the Legislature wili prove to be one of epoch making importance. <br> Therefore with the approval of the members of the Executive Committee, I am calling a special session of the State Conference of Charities and Corrections, to be known as the Social Welfare Conference to be held at the State Captol at Austin on January 28 and 29. To this conference, all organizations interested in social betterment are invited to send their special committees appointed for the purpose. In addition to these representatives, all members of the State Conference are urged to attend and all interested citizens are urged to attend. <br> There will be no formal program of set addresses, with the possible exception of the evening program, the object being to make the Conference for discussion and deliberation. <br> c. S. POTTS <br> President State Conference of Charities and Correctons. <br> C. S. YOAKUM, Secretary. <br> Spectacles to fit anybody's eyes. <br> warten bros. <br> 30-2t <br> The Careful Druggists | PREACHER is POUNDED <br> by members of flock <br> Adelphia Class of Christian Sunday <br> School and Others Meet and <br> Welcome New Pastor <br> Under the auspices of the Adelphla Class of the Christian Suuday School, the new pastor of the Christian church, Elder Thomas N. Plunkett and his estimable wife were the recipients of a heavy pounding on Thursday night of last week. Unknown, to their pastor, the members of the Adelphia Class had been busily engaged for some time in making active preparations for this little surprise party and to say that the surprise was as complete as it was welcome, would be a superfluous waste of the English language. <br> At an early heur the people began gathering, each laden with a mysterious looking package which was turned over to the wondering pastor and wife, and as the number of these parcels of edibles grew, apace in number, the wonder grew also, not as to their contents, but as to whether or not it would be advisable to call in a carpenter to erlarge the capacity of the pantry. <br> It is safe to remark, in passing, | that there is at least one minister in Snyder who will not know the pangs of hunger for a long time. <br> There were eight visitors from other classes to the Chiristian Sunday School: <br> Mr. and Mrs. Fritz R. Smith, Miss Lizzle Smith, <br> Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Warren and son Edgar, <br> Mrs. Joe Monroe and Miss Zada Monroe. <br> The following o:d nembers of the Adelphia Class avewered to the roll call: <br> Mesdames ©: W. Erown, J. E. McConnell, Pat Johnston, Hugh Boren, J. A. Harlan, Orville Dodson and Ed. Ward; Messrs. T. G. Deffebach, G. W. Brown, J. E. McConnell,, Pat Johnston, Hugh Boren, Ed. Ward and J. A. Harlan. <br> In addition to these, the following new members were enrolled: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Plunkett, and Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Midkif. <br> As part of the object of the meeting was for the purpose of electing officers for the current year, the following officers were duly installed: <br> President, Dr. J. A. Harlan, Vice President, Hugh Boren, Sec-Treas., Mrs. Ed. Ward. | G. W. Brown was unanimously re-elected teacher for the ensuing year. <br> During intervals of this enjoyable occasion, Mrs. Plunkett favored us with some sweatly rendered vocal g : lections, with Mrs. Harlan as a. companist at the plano. As a titting close to the evening of enjoyment. delicious refreshments were served. The motion, that the class meet next with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown on the evening of February 13, 1913, having unanimously carried, the meeting stood adjourned, each departing guest carrying away pelasant memories of the evening just gone by. <br> A hearty welcome will be accorded to all who desire to joln or visit our class. <br> MRS. ED. WARD Sec-Treas. <br> We want your Iumber trade for this year and can furnish you all kinds of building material àt the lowest prices. see us before buying. <br> O. L. WTLKIRSON, LBR. CO. <br> Farmers, when making up your ear of feed don't fall to sce us. We cae save you money. <br> C. NATION \& SON |
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