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NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY.

Mr. Editor:—Please find enclosed sundry reports of committees, and resolutions adopted by the late session of the Texas Conference at Waco, which, with what has already been published, embraces all the action of the Conference, necessary to be published now. Please do us the favor to publish all of these reports and resolutions in one paper, that all the preachers may file it away for reference during the year.

Yours Fraternally,
JAMES W. SHIPMAN, Sec.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals had a joint meeting with the Committee on Tracts, and after canvassing the whole subject referred to them, believe they can present a joint report, embracing all of interest relating to the circulation of our Books, Tracts and Periodicals. We beg leave therefore to report as follows:

The importance of a more extended circulation of our Books, Tracts and Periodicals, and others of a like character, we regard as of growing necessity in view of the character and influence of great numbers of the publications that flood the country, perverting the good taste and moral principles of the people; and believing to be the substitution of reading matter of no doubtful tendency. Regarding our publications as an antidote to error and sin, also, a powerful agency to leaven the world with righteousness, and to build up our people in the holy faith of the Gospel of the Son of God; their widespread circulation becomes a high and holy duty on the part of the Church. In this work we have met, and may still expect to meet with many hindrances; but with all the difficulties, we must remember that the wise improvement of the present we cannot neglect, without great loss to ourselves, and others. We therefore submit to you the following plan to enable us to do this great work more successfully. A Depository at Galveston we deem necessary, in which can be found a good supply of all our publications, from which the preachers can have books and tracts on the same terms as at the Parent Conference at Nashville. We would recommend that this depository be kept in connection with the *Advocate* office. To perfect and carry out this arrangement, we recommend the appointment of a Special Agent by the Bishop, or Conference, whose duty it shall be, first, to order from Nashville all the books he may deem necessary to supply the demand, on the best terms that can be effected, or on the same terms that the other Depositories receive books. Second, to fill all orders from the preachers in the connection on such terms as may be fixed by the next General Conference. Third, to travel through the bounds of the State, and solicit donations to build or buy a suitable building for the Depository, and office for the publication of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, and the *German Apologist*. Fourth, to engage the co-operation of all the preachers and Quarterly Conferences, in forming the Circuits and Stations into societies for promoting the circulation of our books, tracts and periodicals. Fifth, to take collections for the purchase of Books and tracts for gratuitous distribution, or to any other purpose the Auxiliary Society may direct, in whose bounds the collections may be made. We recommend that said Conference, Book and Tract Agent, be paid out of the proceeds of the sales of books, tracts and collections, and that the amount of his compensation be fixed by the board of Conference Stewards. We cannot hope that the above plan is perfect in detail, yet we think it is sufficiently indicative of a plan which, if rightly carried out, would greatly increase the circulation of our Publications.

QUARTERLY REVIEW.

We call attention to our Quarterly Review, so ably conducted by Dr. Degett. We regret that this periodical, so well worthy the patronage of the Church, is not paying its way. We have seen suggestions made by the Tennessee Conference, to merge the Quarterly into a Monthly, on the plan of the old Wesleyan, and Methodist Magazines, with such improvements as modern tastes may demand. To this we can see no objection, and much might be said in its favor. But the Quarterly, as it is, is an honor to our Church literature, and an invaluable repository of Biblical Science, and we most earnestly recommend it to all our ministry, traveling and local.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

The *Home Circle* is a neat Monthly, edited with a good deal of taste and ability, and we would be glad to see it in every Methodist family in the bounds of the Conference. We feel proud of this publication, and with confidence, we most heartily recommend it to our membership, and the public generally as a vindication of Southern taste and ability in its department of Literature.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL VISITOR.

The *Sunday-School Visitor* needs no commendation by us, but we regret that it has not a more extended circulation among our schools, and private families. We know of no publication better adapted to young minds, and to assist our Sunday-School Teachers and Superintendents, and as this publication has not met its current expenses, we earnestly urge our preachers to use their best endeavors, to double the circulation of the *Visitor* in our bounds.

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The *Texas Christian Advocate* we deem of the first importance to us, and should be the first in our affections, and patronizing care. We feel truly grateful at the proud eminence our *Advocate* has attained among the Periodicals of the States, and the Methodist family of *Advocates*. In the late arrangement of the Publishing Committee with Mr. E. D. John, and by him transferred to Mr. D. Ayres and associates, with the approbation of the Publishing Committee, we believe they have placed the paper on a firm basis for five years to come. We have the fullest confidence in the integrity of Bro. Ayres, and believe if earnestly seconded by the preachers in the bounds of the two Conferences, he will

present the paper unembarrassed to the Conference, at the close of his contracts with a fine list of paying subscribers.

We close this report with the following Resolutions, to wit:

THE DEPOSITORY.

Resolved, 1. That we hereby instruct our Delegates to the next General Conference, to use their best endeavors to have a Book Depository at the city of Galveston, under such provisions as will enable the Texas Conference to carry out the plan set forth in the body of this report, or some other one similar in detail.

2. That we heartily recommend the *Quarterly Review*, the *Home Circle*, and the *Sunday-School Visitor*, to the patronage of our people, and that we will exert ourselves to extend their circulation.

APPROVAL OF THE EDITOR.

3. That we regard the *Texas Christian Advocate* as first in our care and patronage, and that the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to Rev. C. C. Gillespie, for the labor and care bestowed by him in the tasteful and able manner he has edited the same, and that we hereby instruct our Delegates to the General Conference to vote for and secure his reelection to the Editorship.

4. That we have the fullest confidence in all our publications not mentioned in the above Resolutions, and recommend them to our people. All of which is submitted,

J. E. FERGUSON, Ch'm'n

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLORED MISSIONS.

The Committee on Colored Missions, after such consideration as they have been able to give the subject, beg leave to call the attention of the Conference to the great importance of the fields of labor, opening before us in this direction; and the responsibility devolving upon the Church in their behalf. Many thousands of the negro race are in our midst—our hours of wood and iron, and of other, ministering to our wants, providing for their toil for our necessities; they are among us in the moon-like of a glorious gospel day, and yet are practically heathens, dwelling in gross darkness—perishing for lack of knowledge—deprived of the means of grace, while the Gospel is being preached all around them. Jesus died for them as well as for their masters, and has called and sent up to us many holy men craving at our hands permission to go out into this great field, already "white to the harvest," and many of them are sent back to their secular avocations, for want of work on which to employ them—while yet the Missionary cry for freedom is sounding in our ears. The persisting negro calls upon us for the Gospel, in tones that must find access to our hearts, while the master, deeply sensible at last of his responsibility to God, for the soul of his servant, joins in the call, entreating the Conference to send to their aid, men, ready and willing to devote themselves, wholly, to the noble and glorious work of saving these poor souls of Africa. The call is made, the men are ready, souls are perishing, and the means will not be wanting. Brethren, how shall we respond to the call?

The responsibility devolves upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. If we undertake not the work, it must remain, so far as we can see, undone; or the God of white and black must take away our "candlestick," and commission others to do the work now committed to us; and again, while the Church, at great expense, is sending out Missionaries to preach in foreign and pestilential climes, with all influences adverse, and hindering any high success, there being, meanwhile, a vast sacrifice, both of men and means, we have these very heathens at our doors, around our homes, subjected to influences that render success, with the blessing of God, certain.

Your committee feel a measure of solemn responsibility devolving upon them, in presenting this subject, and calling attention to the vastness of the interests involved, and the great obligation devolved upon us by our common Lord, for the salvation of these, who occupy to us nearly the position of children of our own household. We pray God to help us to discharge this obligation, and to present this subject in such shape and under such light, that effective action may be at once had, commensurate with its vastness.

Should any ask where the means are to come from for this great work, your committee, from the personal knowledge of many of them, confidently respond, that most of the means will be furnished by the masters of those servants; and if there were doubt on this subject, your committee would not hesitate to advise immediate entrance upon the field of labor, relying upon the Providence of our Master, who has devolved upon us the obligation of responding to the call. Brethren, let us enter manfully upon the work, trusting that God will, himself, open the way and clear away all obstacles, and give us in this field multitudes of precious souls for his glory.

In view of the premises your committee beg leave, earnestly, to recommend that there shall be appointed a Conference Missionary to the people of color, whose duty it shall be to travel throughout the bounds of this Conference, organize missions among the negroes of the several neighborhoods, where the owners or other persons having charge of such negroes may consent; appointing to each Mission as many plantations as can be properly attended to by one Missionary; and it shall be made the duty of the Conference Missionary, in organizing each Mission, to provide, as far as possible, for the support of the work by those persons, for the benefit of whose slaves such Mission is created.

That for the supply of such Mission, such provision being made, the Conference Missionary shall employ Missionaries, from among our local brethren, or otherwise provide in his discretion.

It shall be the duty of each Missionary so employed, to visit regularly and successively each plantation in his charge, at such hours during the week as may be agreed upon and designated for the purpose, to preach to the negroes, and teach them from Capers' Catechism, making a weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly round, as may be practicable, and the means provided may justify.

Each Mission shall be under the charge of the Quarterly Conference of the nearest white church, and the Missionary shall be, for the time being, a member of such Quarterly Conference. The Conference Missionary shall report, in

detail, to each Presiding Elder, his operations with such Elder's District, as often as he shall make a round of visits in such District; and the Presiding Elder shall report to the ensuing Annual Conference, the condition of the colored Missions within his bounds.

In the absence of the Conference Missionary, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to organize Missions in their several Districts, in furtherance of the above plan, as they may deem expedient, and employ local preachers thereon.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the Conference request the Presiding Bishop to appoint a suitable man to take charge of this work, and that an appropriation sufficient for his support be made. They further recommend that the Mission Committee be directed to make appropriations for the Missions herein provided for, so far as they may have funds in hand, and the necessity may demand.

They recommend that the Mission Committee be requested to address the Missionary Secretary, setting forth the extreme urgency of the case, and asking an increased appropriation to meet the demand.

D. W. FLY,
THOMAS F. COOK,
J. M. WESSON,
JOSEPH P. SKEED,
JAMES McLEOD,
G. W. COTTINGHAM,
F. C. WILKES.)
Committee.

Resolved, 1. That the preachers stationed at Huntsville be appointed agent for Andrew Female College.

2. That John R. Switzer, William Robinson, L. C. Roundtree, P. W. Kittrell, E. D. Renfro, A. M. Branch, be, and they are hereby elected Trustees of Andrew Female College.

3. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. T. H. Ball President of Andrew Female College, and Rev. J. B. Perrie Professor of Languages in the same.

4. That we recommend Andrew Female College to the patronage of the Church and public.

RESOLUTIONS EMBRACED IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The report of the Committee on Education, as adopted by the Conference, contained the following Resolutions, to wit:

ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE.

Resolved, 1. That the preachers stationed at Huntsville be appointed agent for Andrew Female College.

2. That John R. Switzer, William Robinson, L. C. Roundtree, P. W. Kittrell, E. D. Renfro, A. M. Branch, be, and they are hereby elected Trustees of Andrew Female College.

3. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. T. H. Ball President of Andrew Female College, and Rev. J. B. Perrie Professor of Languages in the same.

4. That we recommend Andrew Female College to the patronage of the Church and public.

PAINE FEMALE INSTITUTE.

Resolved, 1. That the preachers West of the Colorado and South of Lagrange, solicit patronage for Paine Female Institute.

2. That the preachers stationed at Goliad act as agent for Paine Female Institute.

3. That Jesse W. Stoddard and James M. Ward, be, and they are hereby elected members of the Board of Trustees of Paine Female Institute.

BASTROP MILITARY INSTITUTE.

Resolved, 1. That we have full confidence in Rev. K. T. P. Allen, as a Christian gentleman and an able instructor, and believe the institution will be extensively useful under his management, and request the Bishop to appoint him Superintendent of the same.

2. That we respectfully request the Legislature to make the amendment of the charter of Bastrop Academy as prayed for by the Trustees.

3. That L. W. Moore be, and he is hereby duly elected a Trustee of Bastrop Academy in the place of Woods Moore resigned.

4. That we request the Bishop to appoint Rev. John Carner principal of Bastrop Female Academy.

5. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. G. W. Cottingham to act as agent for Bastrop Military Institute, and Bastrop Female Academy.

WACO FEMALE COLLEGE.

Resolved, 1. That we request the Bishop to appoint Rev. Wm. McK. Lambdin President of Waco Female College, and Financial agent of the same.

2. That we cheerfully recommend Waco Female College to the confidence of the Church and public.

GUADALUPE HIGH SCHOOL.

Resolved, 1. That a Committee consisting of J. C. Wilson, J. W. Phillips and A. Davidson, be appointed to accept of the property of the Guadalupe High School, upon such terms as will not embarrass the Conference, subject to ratification or rejection by the next annual session of this Conference.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.

Resolved, 1. That the Conference has full confidence in Mrs. Mary Halsey as an able and experienced instructor, and cordially recommend Chappell Hill Female College to the patronage of all those who have young ladies to educate.

SONIA UNIVERSITY.

Resolved, 1. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. J. M. Follansbee Professor of Languages and Rev. Wm. G. Foote, Professor of Mathematics, in Sonia University.

2. That the Bishop be requested to appoint I. G. John, Agent for the Sonia University, and that the members of this Conference will cordially co-operate with him.

3. That the Legislature be requested to amend the charter as prayed for by the board of Trustees of Sonia University.

4. That the ten additional Trustees provided for in the contemplated amendment to the charter, shall be William Keese, of Chappell Hill, P. W. Kittrell of Huntsville, John Rudgel of Matagorda, Frank White of Austin, Barton Peck of Goliad, J. L. Briggs of Galveston, H. D. Fairchild, James Vance, San Antonio, and Hon. Charles Shearn, Houston.

5. That the members of the Conference will, as far as practicable, attend the next Commencement of Sonia University.

6. That the different Schools, both male and female, under the control of the Texas Conference, be requested to send a representative to Chappell Hill at the time of laying the Corner Stone of the Sonia University, who, in conjunction with the Faculty of Sonia University, shall constitute an educational convention, so as to secure uniformity of Text Books, and as far as possible securing similarity in modes of instruction, and adopt such other means as may be deemed necessary to the interest of our educational enterprises.

7. That the Annual Conference at each session shall appoint a preacher who shall at the next session deliver a Sermon or Lecture upon the propriety and necessity of denominational and Methodist schools.

B. L. PEEL,
G. W. COTTINGHAM.

SUNDAY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

FASTING AND PRAYER.

WHEREAS, we the preachers of the Texas Annual Conference see and feel the necessity of a deeper work of grace in our own hearts, and in the hearts of our people, and desiring more earnestly the salvation of the souls for whom we labor—therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a Conference set apart Friday, the fifth day of February, A. D. 1858, as a day of solemn fasting and prayer, by the whole Church, for a general revival of holiness in the bounds of the Texas Conference.

R. T. S. ALLEN,
L. S. FRIED.

REV. T. P. ALLEN.

WHEREAS, our Brother, T. F. Cook has received the sad intelligence of the sickness and death of a lovely child since he left home. Therefore be it.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference express their hearty sympathies for him and his stricken family.

Wm. A. SMITH,
D. MOISE.

REV. R. T. P. ALLEN.

Resolved, That we rejoice with Brother R. T. P. Allen in the late Providential escape of his family from imminent peril by the sinking of the steamer Opelousa in which they had taken passage for this State.

J. M. WESSON,
A. M. BOX.

CORPORATE CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That Rev. James C. Wilson, and the Presiding Elder and the Station preacher at Austin be, and they are hereby appointed a board of Commissioners, to procure a charter, making the Texas Annual Conference a body corporate.

J. E. FERGUSON,
R. T. P. ALLEN.

BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Resolved, That our College Agents and Conference Missionaries be requested to act as special agents to secure the establishment of a Book Depository at Galveston, also the purchase of a Power Press.

I. G. JOHN,
J. E. FERGUSON.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby authorize the "Fiscal Committee" to exercise their discretion in the purchase of the buildings offered them by CAPT. JERRY SMITH, in behalf of the Church, to be used as a Book Depository and *Advocate* Office.

R. W. KENSON,
DANIEL MOISE.

Resolved, That the "Fiscal Committee" be instructed to take the Deed of the property that they may purchase in the city of Galveston for a Book Depository and *Advocate* Office, to the Texas Annual Conference, and that should it ever be necessary to make any other disposition of said property than that now contemplated, the Conferences shall show in the periods thereof in proportion to the amount paid by each Conference.

J. E. FERGUSON,
F. C. WILKES.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ETC.

Resolved, That feeling the importance to Sonia University of a Library, Cabinet of Minerals, Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus, Botanical Specimens, &c., we will use our best efforts to procure contributions to these several objects.

J. M. FOLLANSBEE,
W. G. FOOTE.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Resolved, That the Texas Annual Conference respectfully request such action by the General Conference as is necessary to inserting in the general rules among practices forbidden, the words, "Trafficking in Spirituous Liquors."

R. T. P. ALLEN,
WESLEY SMITH.

GERMAN DISCIPLINE.

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully request the General Conference to order the Translation and publication of the Discipline of our Church in the German language.

JOHN W. DEVLINBES,
R. W. KENSON.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

Resolved, That we request the Rev. Dr. J. M. Follansbee, to attend the Educational Institute to meet at Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with the General Conference in May next; and if he cannot do so, then to send some other member of the faculty of Sonia University.

J. E. FERGUSON,
C. W. THOMAS.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

Resolved, That the preachers shall take up collections in their respective Circuits and Stations, during the month of March, to defray the expenses of our Delegates to the general Conference.

I. G. JOHN,
J. W. SHIPMAN.

EDUCATIONAL SERMON.

Resolved, That Dr. Wilkes be, and he is hereby appointed to preach the sermon called for by the report of the Committee on Education, at our next Annual meeting—Subject, Denominational Education.

JAMES E. FERGUSON,
OSCAR M. ADDISON.

Resolved, That Rev. Lewis B. Whipple be, and he is hereby appointed, to preach the Conference sermon at our next Annual Meeting.

THOMAS F. COOK,
O. M. ADDISON.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

On motion by Bro. Wilkes, Robert Alexander, J. W. Whipple, and J. E. Ferguson, were elected the Publishing Committee of the Texas Christian Advocate for the ensuing year.

THANKS TO THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and they are hereby tendered to the Pastor and Congregation of the Baptist Church for the use of their building in which to hold our Conference Session.

R. W. KENSON,
D. MOISE.

THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF WACO.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference,

and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Waco and vicinity for their kind and hospitable reception and entertainment of the members of this Conference during its session.

B. L. PEEL,
G. W. COTTINGHAM.

APPROVAL OF THE GERMAN EDITOR.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Rev. Peter A. Molling for the labor and care he has bestowed on the paper he conducts with so much taste and ability.

JAMES E. FERGUSON,
JAMES W. SHIPMAN.

APPROVAL OF THE PUBLISHING AGENCY.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Brother David Ayres for his indefatigable exertions to sustain and improve the *Texas Christian Advocate*.

JAMES M. WESSON,
R. D. DASHIELL.

THANKS TO THE BISHOP.

Resolved, That the Texas Annual Conference feel grateful to the beloved Bishop, Rev. H. H. Kavanaugh, D. D. for the very satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties pertaining to his office, in the *Chair*, in the *Pulpit*, and upon the *Platform*.

DANIEL MOISE,
JOHN W. DEVLINBES.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARIES.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to our efficient secretary J. W. Shipman, and his assistant I. G. John, for the faithful manner they have performed their duties.

J. E. FERGUSON,
Wm. H. SEAT.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to report, that there are within the bounds of this Conference sixty-three Sunday-Schools, under the charge of sixty-six superintendents, and three hundred and fifty teachers; having an attendance of one thousand six hundred and fifty-one scholars; with twenty-nine thousand, six hundred and thirty-three volumes in their libraries. There are two hundred and eighty-seven copies of the *Sunday-School Visitor* taken; and the sum of five hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty cents has been contributed for, and expended in the purchase of books during the past Conference year.

Your committee suggest that the above exhibit do not present fully the interest taken by our people in this good cause. In many places where our membership is small, it is deemed best to unite with other Christians in the establishment and maintenance of Union Schools, of which no report is made here.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to urge the importance of this great enterprise; yet we may be permitted earnestly to appeal to our preachers and people in behalf of these necessities of knowledge and piety. The training, mental, moral, and religious, of the boys and girls of our beloved Texas, is a work that demands, and ought to receive, the zealous and persevering efforts of every Philanthropist, Patriot and Christian.

Permit us to inquire, who are these boys and girls? Are they not the future men and matrons of Texas—of America? the future fathers and mothers in our Israel? pillars in the house of our God, and leaders of the people? They are the hope of the State and Church! These are they that shall succeed us, as ministers of God's holy word, makers and administrators of the laws of our beloved country—they upon whom will devolve the duty of preserving and perfecting our precious civil and religious liberties—of handing down in unimpaired grandeur, and increased stability, our matchless institutions; and of working out the stupendous problem of the destiny of America.

The moral training and culture of those upon whom so much depends, ought to be, must be, and shall be, cared for. Much of the responsibility rests upon us, brethren; let us meet it with the earnestness and zeal which should ever characterize Methodist effort; and in the Spirit and power of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

There is an item in the Statistics reported, to which we would call special attention. As to the small number of the *Sunday-School Visitors* taken in our bounds. This is not as it should be. Thousands of this valuable periodical should find their way into the hands of the children of the church.

In conclusion your committee beg leave to present the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Conference.

Resolved, 1. That we pledge ourselves to renewed effort for the promotion of the Sunday-School cause; and that the passage of character, the instruction of children be made the subject of special inquiry.

2. That we pledge our best endeavors to place the *Sunday-School Visitor* in the hands of every child able to read, in our respective charges.

JAMES M. WESSON, }
THOS. F. COOK, } Com.
HENRY D. HUBERT. }

EVANGELICAL APOLOGIST.

The Special Committee appointed to confer with the Conference Missionary Society in regard to the financial condition of the *German Apologist*, beg leave to report that the Parent Missionary Board made no provision for the publication of the present volume of the *Apologist*, which commenced in October with a debt of some two hundred dollars on the preceding volume. To meet the above amount as well as the expenses that have been, and will be incurred, for the publication of the present volume, up to the meeting of the next General Conference, the Committee offer the following plan:

Resolved, 1. That an effort be made at our approaching anniversary in behalf of the *German Apologist*.

2. That the preachers be requested to make an appeal to the people of their respective charges in behalf of said paper.

3. That Brother J. E. Ferguson be appointed a Committee to draft and present, through the *Texas Christian Advocate*, an address in behalf of the *Apologist*, and that Brother Engel do the same through the *German* paper.

JOHN W. PHILLIPS, Ch'm'n.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible cause beg leave to report as follows:

The Holy Bible, attended by the Spirit of God, we hold as the sufficient rule of faith and practice—the sure guide from earth to heaven, and as such it is inconceivably important that its teachings should be made known, so that believing them men may be made wise unto salvation. Christians should therefore see to it, that the Holy Bible be placed in every home and in every hand.

The great agency for the spread of the Scriptures in our own country, is the American Bible Society, and with this Society it has been, and continues to be, the practice of our Church to co-operate to the fullest possible extent. This institution, engaging the patronage of various Christian denominations, has done an amount of good, so vast, so incalculable, that to comprehend it, we must wait for eternity to make its rich and fruitful developments.

We, however, may submit a few facts which will not be regarded as out of place. It has been ascertained that the American Bible Society, in connection with kindred societies in other lands, has issued, during the nineteenth century, ten times as many copies of the Holy Bible as had ever before been put in circulation by means of the press. The reports show the American Bible Society to have issued since 1816, twelve million, ninety-four thousand, nine hundred and sixty-nine copies of the word of God, and during the past year its issues were seven hundred and seventy thousand and fifty-seven volumes, and we learn that its issues, now, amount to one million per annum. These facts are exceedingly gratifying, as they furnish testimony of the beneficence of the friends of the cause, who have afforded the means by which the American Bible Society has been enabled to furnish millions of our race with the Bread of Life.

During the year now closing, a member of this Conference, Rev. Robert Alexander, has been acting as agent for the American Bible Society, and your Committee are gratified to hear through a member of the Parent Board, that he has been the most efficient agent in the employ of the Society, and the most efficient one they have ever had in Texas. Many Bibles and Testaments have been distributed and sold during the year, and the sum of three thousand one hundred and twenty-one dollars, and ninety-five cents has been raised by the agent during the year. In view of these facts:

Resolved, 1. That we give thanks to God for past success, and take courage in view of the still existing demand for the circulation of the Holy Bible in the bounds of our Conference.

2. That we have confidence in the American Bible Society, and that we will heartily co-operate with its auxiliaries and agents within our limits.

3. That we have no sympathy with the Revisionists of the present age.

4. That we heartily recommend the reappointment of Rev. Robert Alexander as agent of the American Bible Society.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. W. THOMAS,
IWEY H. COX,
W. A. SMITH.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAY DELEGATION.

The participation of lay Brethren in the doings of Conference can only be in the capacity of Committee-men—a voice and a vote in the Conference they can never have so long as the Constitution of the Church remains as it is. It is, however, not only allowable, but desirable, that we have the counsel and assistance of wise and pious laymen in Committee work.

Your committee would recommend a change in the ordinary method of Conference proceedings, so as to admit the participation of laymen—also to prescribe the method of procuring the lay delegates; and would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That each Quarterly Conference shall be entitled to 1 representative, to be chosen annually. Said representative shall be furnished with a certificate of his election. He is required to be a member in good standing in the M. E. Church, South.

Resolved, 2. That all regular committees on subjects of general interest shall be committees of the whole; also incidental business when deemed expedient may be referred to the committee of the whole.

Resolved, 3. That committees of the whole shall be composed of the members of the Conference and the lay delegates who may be present; and that its sessions shall be held in the interim between the sittings of the Conference.

Resolved, 4. That the Chairman of the regular committee shall be appointed the year previous, and a separate Book shall be kept for each committee in which to record its proceedings. Said Book shall be kept in the Conference trunk.

R. W. KENSON, Ch'm'n.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIVISION OF THE CONFERENCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Division of our Conference, after having had the same under consideration, beg leave, respectfully, to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, 1. That we deem it inadvisable, at present, to form a new Conference, in Texas.

2. That we are strongly opposed to a dismemberment of our Conference, by transferring any portion of our Territory to the East Texas Conference.

3. That a copy of these Resolutions, be forwarded by our Secretary, to the ensuing General Conference.

Signed in behalf of the Committee,
J. W. WHIPPLE, Ch'm'n.

H. S. THRALL, Sec.

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNALS.

Conference Room, Monday morning 9 o'clock December 14. Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair. Reading the Scriptures singing and prayer by Brother H. S. Lafferty. Minutes of Saturday's session read and approved.

The "Alabama resolution," being the special order of the day, was called up, and read, as follows, to-wit:

Resolved, That the members of the Alabama Conference, in conference assembled, memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to meet at Nashville, Tennessee, May 1, 1858, to expunge from the general rules the following rule, to-wit: "The buying and selling of men, women, and children, with an intention to enslave them;" and that the Bishop be required to pass this resolution around to all the Annual Conferences for their concurrence.

The Resolution was fully concurred in, seventy-two voting for it and none against it. Its publication ordered in the *Texas Christian Advocate*, and all papers in Texas requested to copy.

JAMES W. SHIPMAN, Sec.

CHAIRMAN OF SUNDRY COMMITTEES.

The Committee appointed to nominate the Chairmen of the committees of Lay Delegations for the next Annual Conference, beg leave to report that after having duly considered the necessity of engaging efficient men in this work, they would respectfully make the following nominations, to-wit:

For the Bible cause, A. Davidson; Tract cause, Wm. G. Foote; on Education, Wm. H. Seat; on Finance, R. W. Kennon; Sunday-Schools, James M. Wesson.

R. ALEXANDER, Ch'm'n.
DANIEL MOISE, Sec.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Conference Stewards in answer to the 14th and 15th Questions of the Discipline—"what amounts are necessary for the Supernatural preachers, and for the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?" and "what has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?" beg leave to say that the Claims on the Charges are..... \$25,822 25
Receipts from the Charges are..... 29,068 30
Deficiency to meet this deficiency are Confer-
ence collections amounting to..... 516 85

Leaving..... \$5,237 10
unprovided for.

Paid on the above claims, reported
as necessities cases:
Mrs. E. M. Young..... \$75 00
Jesse Hord..... 50 00
G. L. Patton's Son..... 40 00
George Tittle..... 75 00
A. B. F. Kerr..... 100 00
Gustavus Ely..... 30 00
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H. V. Philpott..... 50 00
R. N. Drake..... 25 00
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AN ADDRESS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE EVANGELICAL APOLOGIST.

Mr. Editor: The subscriber was appointed by the Texas Conference held in Waco, to write an address in behalf of the German paper in Galveston...

East Texas Conference Documents.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

STARBUCK FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL is reported to be enjoying a degree of prosperity which is highly satisfactory. Located centrally in the Conference...

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The Committee would most respectfully represent that the amount of collections for the cause, during the past year, is \$750 83, and ask, is this sum adequate to the great end of disseminating this precious 'bread of life' to the multitude who hunger for it?

We therefore submit the following resolution: Resolved, That we feel an abiding interest in this glorious cause; and that we co-operate with the Bible Agent in all his efforts to advance its interests.

J. L. ANSELL, Ch'm'n.

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The Report read as follows, and was unanimously adopted:—

The entangling alliance of many of the American Churches with some of those questions which have constituted the battle-ground of the fierce warfare between political parties, has, as we sincerely believe, done more to secularize and spiritually impoverish such churches, and their ministry, than any other great evil to which they have been subjected. It has also brought odium upon the cause of Christ and its advocates. It has created a just fear that the success of such Churches will be the means of shaking the foundations of the Republic.

All the discussions which formerly marked the harmony of the Northern and Southern sections of Methodism, and which finally resulted in the division of 1844, grew out of the unfortunate mistake made in early times, of ecclesiastical legislation on one of those questions—that of slavery.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has already freed itself from all such entanglements, and borne a noble testimony in favor of the primitive position of the New Testament Church. The General Rule forbidding 'the buying and selling of men, women, and children, with an intention to enslave them,' though not really involving the Church in the difficulties of the slavery question, as it now exists in this country, nevertheless has that appearance; and no explanation can ever effectually do away. And as it is of no benefit whatever, we are decidedly and unalterably in favor of its removal from our Book of Discipline. We care not what may have been its origin, nor what may be its meaning. We do not entertain our present action as expressive of our sentiments on any question now existing, or probably to arise, in any wise connected with slavery. We are opposed to all ecclesiastical legislation of whatever sort, upon that class of questions. We repeat, therefore, that we trust the next General Conference will free us from this 'appearance of evil.'

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I have had two colporteurs employed a portion of the year, who, with myself, have sold \$1,232.19 worth of books. There have been turned over to donors, for one half of their donations, \$202.47 worth of books.

The reports from Colporteurs are incomplete, and the exact amounts donated are not now ascertained. But I have been cautious on this point; and if continued in the Agency, I should expect to do more in this way. The amount thus far, this year, is \$152.62.

I have remitted and paid over to the Gen. Secretary, during this year, including \$73.35, from the proceeds of the Anniversary of last Friday night, \$1,325.35.

After looking over our vast territory, and considering its destitution, we cannot but be deeply impressed with the importance of renewing our efforts to accomplish this great work.

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GALVESTON BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Resolved, By the East Texas Annual Conference, that we learn, with great pleasure, that an enterprise has been initiated, contemplating the erection of an office for the Texas Christian Advocate, and for a Texas Book Depository, in the City of Galveston. While we will not take any action that will make his Conference, as such, pecuniarily responsible, in any amount, yet we hereby sanction the enterprise, and pledge ourselves that we will, in our respective churches, assist in its accomplishment with all our might.

C. C. GILLESPIE, J. SHOOK, W. K. WILSON.

CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

Resolved, That the Delegates from this Conference to the next Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, May 1, 1858, be, and they are hereby requested and instructed to confer with the Delegates from the Texas Conference, and, if possible, agree with them upon some equal and amicable division of the Territory, now embraced in the two Conferences.

JOHN N. HAMILL, A. H. SHANKS.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Resolved, That Rev. R. S. Finley be requested to preach the Conference Sermon at our next Session; that it be the duty of the first day of Conference, to be the stated time, hereafter, for the preaching of the Conference Sermon; and that, in each case, it is expected that a written copy of the Sermon shall be handed to the Committee on Public Worship, for publication with the Minutes, if thought advisable.

C. C. GILLESPIE, J. R. BELLAMY.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARIES.

Resolved, That we hereby tender a vote of thanks to the Secretary of our Conference, Rev. C. C. Gillespie, and to the Assistant Secretary, Rev. J. W. Fields, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the arduous duties devolving upon them during our present Session.

J. N. HAMILL, A. CUMMINS, A. H. SHANKS.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

Resolved, That during the month of March, or at an earlier time, if more convenient in any particular case, every preacher in charge take up, at all his appointments, a collection, to defray the expenses of the Delegates of this Conference to the next General Conference, and that they immediately forward the amounts received to the Delegate residing nearest to them.

R. S. FINLEY, J. N. HAMILL.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the first Sabbath in May next be observed, throughout this Conference, as a day of solemn fasting and devout prayer to Almighty God, for a revival of his work in our bounds, and for an increase of laborers in his vineyard, and for his blessing upon the approaching General Conference of our Church.

J. N. HAMILL, J. W. FIELDS.

THANKS TO THE C. P. CHURCH.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Rusik, for the use of their house of worship, during our present Session, and that a copy of this Resolution be furnished said Church by the Secretary.

J. N. HAMILL, A. CUMMINS, J. W. FIELDS.

REQUESTED FOR PUBLICATION.

Resolved, That Rev. C. C. Gillespie be, and he is hereby requested to furnish our General Book Editor, with a copy, for publication in some form, of his admirable discourse on 'The Scriptural Basis of Church Membership.'

J. N. HAMILL, R. CRAWFORD.

THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF RUSK.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified with the kindly entertainment we have met with, in the families in which we have resided, during our present Session, and that we will remember them in our prayers to Almighty God.

J. W. FIELDS, J. N. HAMILL, A. CUMMINS.

REV. J. HAMILTON AND REV. F. A. OWEN.

Resolved, That we have been highly gratified to meet, during our present Session, with Rev. J. Hamilton, D. D., our General Tract Secretary; and with Rev. F. A. Owen, one of our General Book Agents; and that we shall always be glad to see them, and to aid them in their great work.

C. C. GILLESPIE, J. N. HAMILL, A. CUMMINS.

THANKS TO THE BISHOP.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to our beloved Bishop, Rev. H. H. Kavanaugh, D. D., for the patient, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations, and that his Episcopal visitations will always be hailed with pleasure by us.

J. W. FIELDS, C. C. GILLESPIE, J. N. HAMILL, J. T. P. IRVINE, J. M. STOVALL.

AGENCY OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Resolved, That the Agent of Southern University is hereby respectfully invited into our respective fields of labor, and that we will heartily co-operate with him in procuring funds for the building of said institution.

J. W. FIELDS, C. C. GILLESPIE, N. W. BECK, J. T. P. IRVINE, J. M. STOVALL.

APPROVAL OF THE EDITOR.

Resolved, That we highly approve the course of Rev. C. C. Gillespie, as Editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and that we earnestly pray the next General Conference to re-elect him to the same office.

J. W. FIELDS, M. C. ROBERTSON, J. A. SCRIGGS, J. B. TELLIS, J. N. HAMILL.

THE HOLTON CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

The Holston Conference Resolution, memorializing the General Conference for the erection of a Third Restrictive Rule in reference to Conference Boundaries, was unanimously non-concurred in, fifty-three voting against it.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

F. M. Stovall presented a resolution calling on C. C. Gillespie for a copy of the Conference Sermon, preached at this session, for publication with the Minutes. It was adopted.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

The Alabama Conference Resolution, memorializing the General Conference to expunge from our Discipline the General Rule on Slavery, was unanimously concurred in, fifty-three voting for it, and not one against it.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

GALVESTON, TEXAS.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1858.

ENDOWMENT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

At the recent session of the Alabama Conference, several wealthy laymen were present, who proposed the endowment of our Publishing House, they pledging Alabama for \$100,000. This is really the most important movement in our Church since the division in 1844. It is the first step in a movement that is going to enlist the whole South, and shake the religious lethargy of the United States. It is the first dawn of the light which is to reveal the immense, the incalculably immense power to do good which God has lodged in the hands of our wealthy laymen of the South. It is the first note of the first really grand response to the call to 'come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.' It is the first indication of the first general and adequately magnificent recognition of the old, true, scriptural, and glorious Wesleyan doctrine of the right use of money.

Our whole Church is going to sympathize and co-operate in the movement. We know, we know by the vibration of the chords in our own souls, and from this key-note first sounded, that it will thrill the whole Southern Church from side to side and from end to end. Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and others will follow; good and glorious rivalries will spring up as to which shall be the banner Conference in the great and noble work; Alabama will become aroused, will shake herself, will begin to realize her own power, and, instead of giving only \$100,000, will give to the man the honor of doing that much, and will, herself, come down to the tune of half a million. The work will be done!

Aye, the problem which Southern men and Christians have for long years been unable to solve, is going to be solved at last, and the mist which has long obscured the right view of it, is going to be lifted away, like the rising of night from the earth at dawn. The preponderance of advantages which has heretofore made our great Northern cities the centres and guides of American literature, to the almost certain destruction of any great Southern publishing interest, and which seemed destined to continue for long years to come, is going to be counterbalanced, by making available to Southern literature the peculiar advantages of the South, namely, the superabundant wealth with which God has blessed her. Thus, the very disadvantages of the South, in a literary point of view, namely, her color, and negroes, and the opportunity to settle both rapidly, and which our northern brethren have always considered as precluding the possibility of success in literature and the publishing business, are going to become her literary advantages, and to give her her full share of 'the balance of power' in the republic of letters. The money, the means, the sinews of war, the pecuniary ability, is going to be developed.

Thus endowed, and able to surround our Publishing House with the very best workmen, materials, and facilities which the world affords, we can do the most elegant work, and develop the grandest publishing business upon the face of the earth. We can put down the prices of our periodicals and books to the rates which will bring them within the reach of all who are able to make their bread; and shall be able to do a large and immensely beneficial work in the way of gratuitous distribution. Creating a Southern literary centre, which will be fully as powerful, if not more so, as any existing in the Northern cities, our Southern authors, and Northern ones too, will find a Southern Publishing House equal to all their wants and desires, and the whole South will become a ready market for native productions, with the Southern imprint. We shall be able to pay for our paper, for galleys and taste, as they deserve, and to do, what has never yet been done, to make available for our papers and periodicals, the literary, as well as the theological and ecclesiastical culture and ability of the country. We shall be able thus to make literature, science, and the fine arts, acquainted with religion, by making the latter the patron of the former, and spread among the people the inestimable blessings of both the one and the other.

Let a million of dollars be the very lowest figure at which the endowment fund is placed, and let no one complain if it reach five millions. The latter would be best. Let not a dollar of the principal be touched, forever, saving only the interest. Let all men who are disposed, of their own free-will, to take part in this grand enterprise ever inaugurated in the South, give whatever amounts they please, in as many annual instalments as they choose, paying the interest on all from the date of the donation. And let the whole matter be thrown open to the public, both in the Church and out of it.

Laymen of Alabama! Baker, Goodman, McCoy, Lipscomb, and others, all hail! We rejoice with you, and praise God for you, that he has saved you from the ruinous, soul-damning, poverty-cursing love of money, so characteristic of the age, and so dangerous to the Church! That he has blessed you with, and given you hearts to adopt it! That he has put it into your hearts to do something for God and the salvation of the world, commensurate with the glory of the one and the wants of the other; commensurate with your own ability, and with the abundance of blessings he has bestowed upon you! Something permanent, that shall continue, in an incalculably increasing ratio, to do good after you are in heaven, even forever, to the end of the world! Something monumental, that shall stand as a silent but glorious history of the past, and as a guide and foundation for the future! May God increase the number and wealth of your generation! We know some of them personally. They were once poor men, and are not very old now. They acknowledge God and served the Church in their early days; God blessed them and the Church honored and patronized them; and now, with the abundance poured into their laps, they glorify God and bless the Church. Push your enterprise forward! The whole Church and country will be with you, and God will conduct you to glorious success.

MERITED CASTIGATION.

Some stringent articles on the use of tobacco were published in the New York Advocate, whereupon a subscriber to that paper took offense and ordered its discontinuance. The editor gives the postscript of his letter, accompanied with a little wholesome reproof in the way of quotations from Wesley, as follows:—

'We must give his P. S. It runs thus: "Since Spiritualism has taken the ground of a new dispensation, the Methodist Episcopal Church seems to adopt a new theory, so as to advance, making a rule of discipline—'who goes into a man defiles a man'—(now is it with snuff and eating swine flesh)—Wonder if this does not make some pigish or stork up nose? Please give the light on the subject.'

WE HOPE NO READER WILL SAY THERE IS NO SENSE IN THE P. S. If there is not, we can't help it, but we assure our friend that he is mistaken in saying that opposition to tobacco is part of a 'new dispensation.' At all events, it is as old as Mr. Wesley's time. He says:—

'Be cleanly. * * * * * Whatever clothes you have, let them be whole. * * * * * Clean yourselves of lice; a couple of brimstone will cure you. * * * * * Use no tobacco, unless prescribed by a physician. It is an uncleanly and unwholesome self-indulgence, and the more customary it is, the more resolutely should you break off from every degree of that evil custom. * * * * * Use no snuff, unless prescribed by a physician. I suppose no other nation in Europe is in such vile bondage to this silly, nasty, dirty custom as the Irish are. Assert your liberty, and that all at once; nothing will be done by degrees. But just now, you may break loose, through Christ strengthening you. * * * * * Touch no dram. It is liquid fire. It is a slow, though sure poison. It saps the very springs of life. In Ireland, above all countries in the world, I would severely abstain from this, because the evil is so general; and to this, and snuff, and smoky cabins, I impute the blunders which are so exceedingly common throughout the nation.'

REPORT OF THE JOINT PUBLISHING COMMITTEE OF THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY BOTH THE TEXAS CONFERENCES.

The Joint Publishing Committee of the Texas Christian Advocate beg leave to make the following Report. In view of the fact that the combined duties of the Editorship, and of the Financial Agency, were intolerably burdensome when made incumbent upon one man, at our last meeting in Galveston, on the first of February last, C. C. Gillespie resigned the Business Department of the office, and a contract was entered into by us with what we designated a Fiscal Committee, for the publication of the Advocate, and for the entire management of its business, for a term of five years, commencing the first day of August last, by the terms of this contract, the Fiscal Committee have the use of all the assets of the office, and bind themselves to pay all its debts, and to pay all the expenses of publication of the paper until the end of the term specified, and to return the office free from debt. For the faithful performance of these obligations, the Publishing Committee have required good security, and, on their part, have pledged the Texas Conference to the same united, general, and vigorous co-operation as heretofore. This arrangement has given great satisfaction to the whole Joint Publishing Committee, who, from

Marriages.

On Tuesday morning, January 24th, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. August A. King, Mr. D. W. LAMSON to Miss Anna M. Jones, of Linn Co., Texas.

Special Notices.

As the adjutant general of New Braunfels did not take place on Christmas day, owing to high waters, notice is hereby given, that the new Church, in that place, will be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, on Sunday, the 21st day of January, next.

Agent's Notices.

Letters and Funds received up to Jan. 16. - W. C. Cartwright, 3 Coney 22; Jas. Conant 22, (11a); P. C. Clark, John Clark 33;

Commercial.

By the arrival of the steamer Galveston yesterday, we were notified that the steamer had arrived at New York for the 11th inst., and Liverpool, per steamer Arctic, on the 20th inst.

Store Prices Current.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including flour, sugar, and other goods.

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We will prove this proposition by exact or demonstrative reasoning; for it is a question in physics, a question of numbers, not one in moral science.

Land and water are as useful and as necessary as land, food or clothing, but they have no exchangeable value, and are not considered property, because they are not subject to individual appropriation, monopoly, but are equally free for the enjoyment of all.

When the lands of a country become the subjects of separate ownership, those who own them charge what is called rent to the tenant who cultivates them, and permit those laborers to retain a part of the crops which they rear.

In the former case the landlord exercises the power of compelling the tenant to pay him rent for the privilege of enjoying the fruits of his own labor bestowed upon the land. He, the landlord, gives no labor of his own in exchange for the labor of his tenant, but he exacts from the tenant what he has acquired the power of compelling others to work for him without pay.

Rocky mountains, a farm would have no value, because it would be unproductive, and to him it would be valuable because he has property in human labor, as a slaveholder, not as a land monopolist.

AN ANTICIPATION. We do not often meet with a more beautiful utterance than the following by Spurgeon.

It was thinking, yesterday, my friends, what a magnificent change would come over the face of Christendom if God were on a sudden to pour out His Spirit, as He did on the day of Pentecost.

Every word I spoke would strike like arrows from the bow of God; and they themselves would feel that it was from their own mouths that God and the very gate of heaven!

What is true of lands is equally true of all capital. It will not breed; nor produce income or anything valuable of itself. It is only valuable as it commands labor. It is power, not property.

Water appears to become valuable by being separated and monopolized in a country where water is scarce, but it is merely a commodity that invests the owner with a certain amount of property in human labor.

He who owns fifty thousand dollars in land appears to be a wealthy man, but he has no property at all. He has only a claim on the labor of others.

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