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BISHOP WIGHTMAN. A special dispatch from Charleston, received this week, informs us that the report respecting Bishop Wightman's death, which appeared in several secular papers, was premature.

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is indebted to the inestimable aid of all right-thinking people. They are publishers of the North American Review, but the magazine is controlled by its editor.

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE being delayed on his return from the West Texas Conference, the appointments and other matters for publication from that conference were in consequence omitted in the last issue of the ADVOCATE.

To Correspondents. "Sister," from Acapulca: You did not give your real name, hence that well-written report went to the waste basket.

PERSONAL. Rev. E. R. Nelson and Wm. Hay have transferred from the Memphis Conference to the North Texas.

Notice to the East Texas Conference and Its Guests. The following note from B. W. McCullough, General Agent of the railroads pointing to Jacksonville, the seat of the coming conference, says:

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Chappell Hill District. B. D. DASHIELL, PRESIDING ELDER. Chappell Hill, S. C. Littlepage; J. Matthews, superannuated. Travis, G. S. Sandie. Brenham, F. T. Mitchell. Giddings and Burton, A. L. P. Green. Bryan Station, H. V. Philpott. Bryan Circuit, Samuel M. Barker. Rockley and Hempstead, to be supplied. Millican and Welborn, Thomas F. Dimmitt. Independence, F. A. McShan. Lexington, to be supplied by T. B. Buckingham. Caldwell Circuit, J. L. Lemons. Elbow Circuit, J. R. Dunn. Nail's Creek Mission, to be supplied by John Thompson.

Huntsville District. C. H. BROOKS, PRESIDING ELDER. Huntsville Station, F. L. Allen. Gold Springs, J. P. Childers. Willis, to be supplied. Plantersville and Montgomery, H. B. Stocking. Navasota, C. C. Mickle. Madisonville, to be supplied by Thos. B. Graves. Waverly Circuit, C. L. Farrington. Zion Circuit, J. H. Chambliss. Prairie Plains, Wm. Brooks. Andrews, W. J. Phillips. Spading Creek Mission, S. H. Brown. American Bible Society, J. M. Wesson. Transferred—Charles W. Barren to the Mississippi Conference; Daniel Morgan to the Northwest Texas Conference and placed on Sentertiff Mission; B. T. Kavanagh to Kentucky Conference; J. B. Benton to the West Texas Conference; I. Z. T. Morris to the North Alabama Conference.

Delegates to General Conference—Clerical: E. S. Smith, H. V. Philpott. Reserves: I. G. John, C. H. Brooks. Lay: T. J. Sweetwater, B. D. Orgain. Reserves: T. H. Bowman, J. H. Stone.

Waco District. THOS. STANFORD, PRESIDING ELDER. Waco Station, J. D. Shaw. Waco Circuit, E. R. Barnes. East Waco Circuit, R. M. Baker. Waco Circuit, J. S. Turner. Kosse Circuit, Sam'l Morris. Mount Vernon Circuit, W. H. Hutton. Bremond Circuit, C. S. McCarver. Calvert and Heame Circuit, J. W. Dickinson. Reservoir Circuit, B. F. Gassaway. Wheeler Circuit, W. K. Turner. West Falls Circuit, S. J. Franks. Big Creek Mission, H. T. Hart. Headville Circuit, J. M. Lewis. Waco Female College, Sam. P. Wright, President.

Georgetown District. G. W. GRAVES, PRESIDING ELDER. Georgetown Station, to be supplied by A. A. Allison. Round Rock Circuit, W. T. Melugin. Rockdale and Cameron Circuit, J. A. Small. Cameron Circuit, J. H. Collier, Jr. San Gabriel Circuit, W. H. Henderson. Davilla Circuit, N. F. Law. Salado Circuit, Andrew Anderson. Bluff and Trammell. Round Rock Station, W. H. Vaughan. Liberty Hill Circuit, E. A. Bailey. Milano Circuit, Wm. Walker. Corn Hill Circuit, J. S. Lane. Belton Circuit, J. Parker.

Corsicana District. J. MACKAY, PRESIDING ELDER. Corsicana Station, R. H. Burnett. Corsicana Circuit, M. K. Little. West Corsicana Circuit, Seth Ward. Wortham Circuit, B. F. Badgett. Dresden Circuit, J. P. Holbe. Mexico Circuit, Samuel Weaver. Groesbeck Circuit, H. M. Glass. Personville Circuit, to be supplied. Jewett Circuit, S. C. Vaughan. Centerville Circuit, J. T. Simpson. Buffalo Circuit, G. R. Bryce. Fairfield Circuit, W. J. Andrews. Meigs Circuit, W. C. Trammell. Ash Creek Circuit, W. J. Lemons. Chestfield Circuit, F. M. Winburne. Centerville High School, J. F. Follin. Principal, W. L. Andrews, Financial Agent.

Fort Worth District. H. BISHOP, PRESIDING ELDER. Fort Worth Station, John A. Murphy. Fort Worth Circuit, Geo. Kett G. Shurt; J. D. Shurtley, superannuated. Arlington Circuit, G. S. Wyatt. Village Creek Circuit, D. C. Starke. Marystawn Circuit, J. J. Davis. Alvarado Circuit, W. D. Robinson. Grandview Circuit, J. T. J. Amis. Cleburne Station, W. L. Neims. Wagon Wheel Circuit, H. C. Strange. Hillsboro Circuit, G. W. Swofford; J. H. Wiseman, superannuated. Whitney Circuit, J. A. Wallace. Superintendent Church Extension, J. S. McCarver.

Weatherford District. W. PRICE, PRESIDING ELDER. Weatherford Station, J. B. Allison. Weatherford Mission, J. M. Jones. Acton Circuit, B. F. Stone, R. H. Adair. Cartersville Circuit, E. W. Simmons. Springtown Circuit, P. H. Fishburne. White Circuit, W. M. Goole. Mineral Wells Station, L. N. Reeves. Eldorado Circuit, J. F. Swofford. Jacksboro Circuit, Jere Reese; J. Powells, superannuated. Graham Station, J. G. Putman. Salt Hill Circuit, J. Grant. Weatherford Mission, J. A. Gardner; M. L. Martin, superannuated. Colporteur A. B. S., J. A. Clark.

Stephensville District. A. DAVIS, PRESIDING ELDER. Stephensville Circuit J. P. Mussett. Stephensville Station, W. F. Packard. Carlton Circuit, H. J. McQuary. Fredell Circuit, R. V. Harris. Clifton Circuit, M. B. Johnston. Jonesboro Circuit, R. V. Galloway. Gatesville and Coryell Circuit, O. M. Addison. Station Creek Circuit, S. S. Scott. Bosque River Mission, J. F. Hines. Crawford Circuit, J. H. Trimble. Duffan Circuit, to be supplied. Stephensville District High School, F. C. Stephenson. Agent Stephensville High School, R. V. Galloway.

Lampasas District. C. H. ELLIS, PRESIDING ELDER. Lampasas and Burnet, W. H. Lefevre. Lampasas Circuit, Cornelius Rowland. South Gabriel Circuit, B. J. Howell, Thomas. Burnet Mission, R. M. Morris. Rockvale Circuit, J. M. Shuford. Llano Mission, J. T. Graham. San Saba Mission, J. W. Mountgomery. San Saba Station, Rush McDonald. San Saba Circuit, J. Farmer. Sentertiff Mission, to be supplied. Pluna Creek Circuit, R. J. Perry. Hinson Creek Circuit, W. R. Bond. Sugar Loaf Circuit, O. A. Shook.

Brownwood District. W. R. H. STOCKTON, PRESIDING ELDER. Comanche Circuit, W. C. Brodie. Brownwood Circuit, J. C. S. Baird. Bankett Mission, W. A. Gilleland. Bibb Mission, R. W. Wellborn. Coleman Mission, C. W. Daniel. Rannels Mission, J. W. Bludworth. Williams and Rauche Mission, J. D. Crockett. Centre City Mission, B. A. Wood. Hamilton Mission, J. J. Cannatax. Pecan Circuit, J. T. Bludworth. Fort Chalmers Mission, J. B. Wood. Superintendent Church Extension, P. W. Graves.

Belle Plaine District. A. S. MILLER, PRESIDING ELDER. Bell Plains and Abilene, G. W. Riley. Calhoun Mission, H. C. McQuinn. Cuddeback Mission, James Baker. Rising Star Mission, L. G. Collins. Lyle Gap Mission, W. F. Graves. Sipe Springs Mission, G. F. Fair. Colorado Mission, R. F. Dunn. Buffalo Gap, J. B. Womack. Fort Griffin, L. H. Trimble.

Waxahachie District. C. E. BROWN, PRESIDING ELDER. Oak Branch Circuit, S. B. Ellis. Irene Circuit, E. L. Armstrong. Emis and Glenwood Circuit, Wm. Young. Rogers Circuit, E. A. Smith. Emis Station, M. H. Wells. Ferris Circuit, J. S. Davis. Wesley and Jintown Circuit, G. W. Owens. Lancaster and Prairie Valley Circuit, L. H. Henry. Waxahachie Circuit, J. Fred Cox. Waxahachie Station, L. M. Lewis; S. S. Yarbrough and F. P. Ray, superannuated. Transferred—J. R. Allen to North Texas Conference; W. R. Robinson to Columbia Conference; W. E. Weaver to Texas Conference. Fort Hill—H. S. P. Ashby. Sunday-School Agent—A. D. Gaskill. Agent, Marvin College—J. A. Walker.

PRAYER FOR LABORERS. At the late session of the Texas Conference the subjoined resolution was adopted by that body: Resolved, That the first Friday of April and October next be observed in our churches as days of fasting and prayer, praying the Lord of the vineyard that he may send forth laborers into his vineyard; and also in the services of the first Friday in April special prayer be offered for the Divine blessings upon the deliberations of the General Conference.

OUR HOME WORK. The Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society was organized at Brownham, December 11, 1880, during the session of the Annual Conference, with the following officers: President, Mrs. R. Alexander; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. T. Mitchell, Mrs. J. C. Welch, Mrs. J. W. Whipple, Mrs. S. C. Littlepage; recording secretary, Mrs. Helmer Stone; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. S. Park; treasurer, Mrs. S. G. Cockrill. The Brethren Auxiliary was organized at the same time and place with eleven (11) eleven members. The missionary society at Chappell Hill, which had been existing in order as an independent society, was re-organized at the same time, and became an Auxiliary with thirty-two (32) members. Flatonia Auxiliary organized Jan. 21 with twenty-seven (27) members. St. James, Galveston, Feb. 5 with nine members. St. James, Jewell, April 10, with thirty-nine members; St. John's Juvenile little missionaries, April 17, with forty-two members. Flatonia Juvenile organized August 7 with forty-three members; Austin Auxiliary, lately organized, no report. At the close of the third quarter of our existence as a conference missionary society we have seven auxiliaries; have raised \$199, and take thirty-eight (38) copies of the Woman's Missionary Advocate. Chappell Hill Auxiliary is the banner auxiliary of the Texas Conference. With thirty-two (32) members, it has raised \$96.70, a fraction over \$3 per member. All honor to the members of the Chappell Hill Auxiliary for this noble example.

Corresponding Secretary's Report of Texas Conference, W. M. S. Beloved Friends and Sisters!—We are assembled here in the first annual meeting of the Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society, and we trust each member comes with her heart filled with love and zeal for the cause we are endeavoring to promote, namely, "Woman's Work for Woman." The General Conference at Atlanta, in 1878, organized this work and called it "The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and formed for it a constitution under which it is now working. Article 2 of the constitution says: "The object of this society shall be to enlist and unite the efforts of women in the work of sending the gospel to women in heathen lands through the agency of female missionaries, teachers and Bible readers." Article 3: "The operations of this society shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions, and subject to its advice and approval." Article 4th: "This society shall be organized by the appointment of a general executive association and conference societies. Article 5th: "The funds of the society in all cases shall be derived from private efforts, and in no case from public collections during regular church service." These quotations from the different articles mentioned are all that

are deemed necessary to present to you in this report. This work has taken deep hold of the hearts of the women of our church, and all over the land they have gone to work in earnest, forming societies, raising money, sending out workers into the missionary fields, until, at the expiration of three years from the organization of this Woman's Missionary Society, we can show the result of this earnest, continued effort. Twenty-nine conference societies, \$30 auxiliaries and juvenile societies, with a grand total of 21,338 members. These were the figures reported at the executive association last May. For our own State we have five conference societies, an increase of one since May, and this good work will go on, if we are true to the trust reposed in us, until the number of conference societies is limited only by the number of conferees belonging to our church. The increase of auxiliaries and juvenile societies is steady, averaging over thirty-four each month since the publication of the statistics in the third annual report. We can not give you the amount appropriated by the executive association in 1879, but in 1880 \$12,392 were appropriated to the various mission fields of our church, and for 1881 they amounted, in round numbers, to \$33,000. Missionaries and teachers have been sent to China, Brazil and to the Mexican border mission. To the last named, two have been sent out that are known to many of you—Miss Anna E. Williams and Miss Rebecca Toland, both raised and educated within the bounds of the Texas Conference. These two young ladies have for two months been actively engaged in their "life work." Miss Williams at Concepcion, Miss Toland at Laredo, both under the care and direction of the missionary sent there by the Texas Conference. They have left friends and home to do their bidding, and they are consecrated in heart and life to the work of missions. They plead most earnestly to be remembered in the prayers of their co-workers of the Woman's Missionary Society; their letters have the right ring. The executive association appropriated \$500 to this mission, \$400 to be expended for school building and home for the missionaries. By letters from Laredo we learn that the trustees have decided upon a plan for the school building, and work upon it will begin in a few days. Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Norwood, wives of missionaries, are working under the direction of the executive association.

Candidates." For the position taken, by your corresponding secretary on the various questions that came before that body, you are referred to its third annual report, copies of which will be found upon the secretary's table. Our worthy President, in her closing address, as we were about to separate, urged upon us the necessity of working in the Master's vineyard, of doing with our might what our hands find to do. She gave us one truth to take home with us, which I would like, my sisters, to impress upon your minds and hearts, with all the weight it deserves, that "our ability is the measure of our responsibility." Let this be our watchword, and the results will be large.

I must congratulate you upon the presence of the President of our Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Juliana Hayes. She being with us, certainly makes this our "better" day in our existence as a society. Her experience is wide and deep; let us listen and learn. May her coming to us not be in vain; let us catch some of her enthusiasm and zeal, and thus be enabled to work for the Master's name before. Hope that our next annual meeting may find our number largely increased, and the result for good still greater. I would impress upon you that "prayer, faith and works insure victory." Mrs. S. S. PARK, Corresponding Secretary.

POSTALS. At the fourth quarterly meeting held at Henderson station the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That Bro. Edward James has done faithful and efficient work in our midst, and that we believe him to be a worthy and pious man; also, that we recommend him as such to our brethren throughout Texas.—Signed, on behalf of Quarterly Conference, S. W. TRENKLE, Presiding Elder; J. T. MADDOX, Secretary.

FAVORITE, FANNIN COUNTY, NOV. 21.—Dr. James Young has very recently visited this portion of Fannin county and lectured on the subject of intemperance, and organized two temperance councils, one at Tullip and the other at Pleasant Grove, among three organized councils immediately on Red River in Fannin county. We are having a great deal of rain. The cotton crops are about all gathered and sold. The wheat prospect is good; the acreage is large and the yield for years past. Health tolerable good.—W. DAVIS.

CARTHAGE, PANOLA COUNTY, NOV. 22.—I am winding up my work on this circuit. Results as follows: 106 additions to the church, 129 conversions, fifty subscribers for the Texas Advocate; conference collections all up and sent for our missions; and half of that; think I will get all. We thank God and take courage. We had a pleasant time during the year.—J. M. BOND.

WAXAHACHIE, NOV. 28.—Since the adjournment of the annual conference I have been here in a sick-room attending Rev. J. S. Lane in a fever, the illness which for some time did fail to prove fatal. But now, at the close of the ninth day of his illness, I am glad to be able to say to the brethren that he is steadily improving, and we have strong hopes of his recovering.—GEO. W. RILEY.

CEVASE BAYOU, HARRIS COUNTY, NOV. 21.—We have closed this conference year on this circuit with every assessment paid in full. At the close of the fourth quarterly conference we were \$190 short of meeting the assessments; but the brethren said they could raise them in full. The stewards all up and subscribed liberally themselves, and then presenting their claims to the people. They told them that times were not so hard and that there was plenty of money in the country, and that they knew the Cedar Bayou people well enough to believe they would pay up, and in a short time all the money was paid over to the preacher. The official members met and reported on every item in the register, and filled them in due form. When the pastor and official board parted it was with grateful hearts to the stewards for their work. Only a very few years since this work was a mission, but is now self-sustaining and able to contribute its part to assist the missionary work elsewhere.—GEO. H. PHILLIP.

BRENNHAM, FANNIN COUNTY, NOV. 19.—The fourth quarterly conference of Golden circuit, Paris district, closed. The claims of presiding elder fell thirteen dollars; those of preacher in charge seventy-five dollars. There are hopes that all will come up, however, at the stewards' meeting. Missionary and conference collections almost completed—and affairs in general are moving smoothly. This excellent people will get a better preacher next year.—J. A. ALLISON.

SPE SPRINGS, COMANCHE COUNTY, NOV. 20.—Information Wanted: I want to know the letter of Captain Aycock's company of the Twenty-fifth Louisiana regiment, C. S. A., Louisiana was the colonel. Information desired: a Methodist—do a favor to a widow and a Methodist.—H. S. ANGLIN.

OBITUARY. The Fort Smith Ark. Elevator records the following: November 15, of Rev. Calvin M. Slocum, a superannuated of Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. S. T. Holcombe, wife of Rev. R. S. Holcombe (Alabama Conference), died recently at Gainesville, Alabama.

Rev. Geo. W. Brown, of the Tennessee Conference, died November 12.

Rev. T. A. Gillespie, in charge of the Heard Circuit, North Georgia Conference, died last week, full of faith and of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Daniel H. Root, a member of the Missouri Conference, died at Fayette, Missouri, November 18.

Rev. B. H. Merriman, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on Monday, November 7, in the eightieth year of his age.

From the Galveston Daily Journal: There is no one so vile that something good can not be said of him. Even Caliban, the miserable assassin, has an redeeming trait—he does not use profane language. When questioned by a reporter a few days ago concerning an expression coupled with an oath that he was alleged to have used, he answered: "I don't swear. I labor profanity and vulgarity. I have only associated with high-toned people—Christians and politicians of high moral principles. Whenever you see an oath coupled with any expression purporting to come from me, you can put the expression down as a vulgar falsehood." Guiten is right in his estimate of profanity. It is vulgar, pure and simple. It is unfit for the parlor or the fireside, and is disgusting anywhere. Profanity is expected of rogues and blackguards, but sounds strangely harsh coming from the lips of a gentleman.

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First Day.

The twenty-third session of the West Texas Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the Methodist church, Goliad, Texas, November 16, 1881, 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop J. C. Keener was present and opened the conference by reading a Bible lesson from second Corinthians, fourth chapter, singing hymn 272 and prayer. After prayer the Bishop briefly addressed the conference, expressing his pleasure in being permitted again to greet the brethren face to face; commending the good work accomplished by them, and admonishing them of the peculiar dangers to Methodism incurred by lax discipline and the substitution of a sentimental hymnal for the sublime, doctrinal, and soul-stirring hymns of Wesley and Watts.

The roll was called by the former secretary and the following brethren answered to their names: John W. DeVillibus, Jesse Ford, R. H. Belvin, O. A. Fisher, B. Harris, W. J. Joyce, A. A. Kilgore, E. Y. Seale, H. M. Leaton, W. T. Thornberry, E. G. Duval, A. J. Potter, J. G. Walker, H. G. Horton, A. H. Sutherland, J. F. Cook, M. A. Black, J. W. Vest, T. G. Woods, J. E. Vernon, W. H. H. Biggs, H. S. Thrall, N. W. Keith, A. G. Nolen, I. Kingsbury, J. E. Denton, H. Tucker, W. Moore, J. A. Norwood, T. S. Garrett, H. T. Hill, J. Acosta, G. Paz, J. Tafallo, A. Brown, W. H. Killough, C. Martinez, A. C. Biggs, J. B. McPherson, I. K. Walker, A. DeLeon, J. F. Rodriguez, M. Trevina, R. Palomares, J. T. Gillett, C. A. Rodriguez.

San Antonio District: W. C. Newton, H. H. Powe. Mason District: T. H. Shugart. San Marcos District: G. W. L. Fly, T. D. James, J. C. Bledsoe. Corpus Christi District: M. B. Rankin, T. P. Rainey. Corpus Christi District: B. Ford, reserve for L. H. Brown; B. Merchant, M. N. Shive. San Antonio Mexican Mission District: No delegates elected. San Diego Mexican Mission District: George Garza, O. Pedro Lopez, Severo Garza Garcia. On motion of W. J. Joyce, T. G. Woods was elected secretary. On motion of W. Monk, the hours of conference sessions were fixed from 8:30 p. m. to 12 o'clock m. On motion of J. W. Vest, J. E. Vernon was substituted for J. B. Denton on the Committee of Examination for the first year.

On motion of O. A. Fisher, A. H. Sutherland was substituted for J. S. Gillett on Committee of Examination for the fourth year. A letter from J. S. Gillett, ascribing his absence to sickness, was read to the conference by the Bishop. Question 6: Who are received by transfer from other conferences? The Bishop announced the names of Elias Robertson, transfer from the Northwest Texas Conference; T. E. Townsend, from the Little Rock Conference; James B. Rice, from the St. Louis Conference; Josiah Godby, from the Southwest Missouri Conference, and W. H. Seat, from the Baltimore Conference. Bros. Seat and Robinson, being present, were introduced to the conference by the Bishop. The Bishop introduced L. Blaylock, of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, to the conference. On motion of H. S. Thrall, the presiding elders were constituted a committee to nominate the standing committees.

Second Day.

November 17, 1881.—Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., Bishop Keener in the chair. Religious services conducted by John W. DeVillibus. The roll was called, and A. F. Cox and M. Carpenter, absent at first session, answered to their names. Minutes of previous session read and approved. The presence of J. M. Conley, lay delegate from San Antonio District, was announced. A communication from the Sunday-school committee was read and referred to Committee on Sunday-schools. A communication from Shaw & Blaylock was read and referred to Committee on Books and Periodicals. On motion of J. W. Vest, W. J. Joyce was a vote of the conference, appointed to attend to the interests of the Publishing House. On motion of J. W. DeVillibus, O. A. Fisher was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Missions occasioned by the absence of J. B. Dribell. Question 7: What traveling preachers are elected elders? The name of W. H. Killough was called. He did not appear before the Examining Committee. Character approved, and he was continued in the class of deacons of one year. Question 8: Who are located this year? J. B. Dribell called; character passed, and he was granted a location at his own request. C. A. Rodriguez was called. Committee of Examination reported favorably; character passed, and he was elected to elder's orders.

Question 9: Who are admitted into full connection? T. C. Russell, Joseph Congran, Euladio Chavez, called. Committee of Examination reported favorably; character passed, and the last two were elected to deacons' orders. Question 10: Who are discontinued? The name of Samuel F. Chambers was called, and he was discontinued at his own request. The name of Felix A. Knox was called; he was reported absent on account of serious illness. His character passed, and he was continued on trial. W. Yang called; Committee of Examination approved; character passed, and he was continued in the class of deacons of one year. J. C. Russell, Jos. Congran, Euladio Chavez, and J. Young were presented to the Bishop, who accompanied the disciplinary examination and directions with a deeply impressive address. They were then, one by one, admitted into full connection by vote of conference. Question 11: Who are admitted on trial? George Hinson, duly recommended by Quarterly Conference of Seguin station, San Marcos District; John W. Stovall and George B. Killough, duly recommended by Quarterly Conference of San Marcos station, San Marcos District; Geo. Ward, duly recommended by Quarterly Conference of Boxville Circuit, Texana District; Jose Chavez, duly recommended by Eagle Pass and Presidio Quarterly Conference; Jose Maria Guzman, duly recommended by San Antonio Quarterly Conference; Vaeillo Soto, duly recommended by Brackett Mission Quarterly Conference, San Antonio Mexican Mission District; called, committee of examination reported favorably, and they were by vote of conference admitted on trial. J. P. Akin, duly recommended by Mountain Mission Quarterly Conference, Mason District, called, the committee of examination reported unfavorably. On motion of O. A. Fisher, the conference, by vote, authorized the Presiding Elder of Mason District to employ him as a supply. Question 12: Who are readmitted? J. E. Barden, duly recommended by Round Mountain Mission Quarterly Conference, Mason District, after presentation, was, by vote of conference, rejected, but the conference authorized the Presiding Elder of Mason District to employ him as a supply. Question 13: What local preachers are elected deacons? Jas. E. Akin, duly recommended by Quarterly Conference Mountain Mission, Mason District, was by vote elected to deacons' orders. Question 14: What local preachers are elected elders? The Presiding Elder for San Diego Mexican District asked for a committee to investigate complaints against Cruz Martinez. The Bishop announced the following committee of investigation: W. T. Thornberry, C. A. Rodriguez, and J. F. Cook. The committee on Public Worship announced that I. K. Walker would preach at 7 o'clock p. m. and Bishop Keener at 8 o'clock p. m. In the Presbyterian church at night by C. A. Rodriguez. Various announcements were made, and the conference adjourned, with singing and benediction by the Bishop.

Third Day. November 18, 1881.—Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Keener presiding; religious services were conducted by R. H. Belvin. On motion of W. T. Thornberry, the roll call was dispensed with for the remainder of the session. Minutes of previous session read, corrected and approved. W. M. Shockey and J. W. Brown, previously absent, appeared in the conference room. The committee of investigation of complaint against Cruz Martinez submitted the following report: We, the committee appointed to investigate the complaints against Cruz Martinez filed no ground charges. Signed: W. T. THORNBERRY, JOHN F. COOK, C. A. RODRIGUEZ. On motion of committee, his character was passed and he was continued in the class of deacons of one year. Question 20: Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of I. Kingsbury, E. Y. Seale, W. T. Thornberry, T. G. Woods, O. A. Fisher and C. M. Carpenter called and characters passed. The name of H. A. Gray was called, and after a varied discussion of certain articles in the official Discipline, written by Bro. Graves, and published in a secular paper, on motion of W. T. Thornberry, the conference passed his character. The name of H. T. Hill, M. A. Black, W. A. Potter, H. S. Garrett, J. S. Garrett, J. S. Gillett, H. G. Horton, A. Brown, J. G. Walker, W. J. Joyce, W. M. Shockey, E. G. Duval, R. H. Belvin, A. F. Cook, A. G. Nolen, J. W. Vest, J. T. Gillett, J. E. Denton, J. H. Tucker, J. F. Cook, J.

contribute to its support during the ensuing year. (Signed) A. H. SUTHERLAND, JOS. NORWOOD. Question 21: Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Seguin was nominated and selected by a rising vote. The Bishop announced the Joint Board of Finance for 1881-2, as follows: Clerical—L. Kingsbury, H. S. Thrall, J. W. Vest, Jas. Tafallo, O. A. Fisher, J. T. Gillett. Lay members—San Antonio District, W. C. Newton; San Marcos District, Geo. W. L. Fly, E. G. Duval; Mason District, T. A. Shugart; Corpus Christi District, M. N. Shive. The Bishop announced the following Visiting Committees: Southwestern University, W. H. Seat, H. G. Horton; Cornell Institute, T. S. Garrett, W. J. Young. The following resolution was by vote of conference rejected: Resolved, That we respectfully memorialize the General Conference, at its next session, to express an opinion on the subject of repeating Christian baptism. (Signed) R. M. LEATON, D. C. BLEDSOE, J. F. DENTON. For answers to questions 21, 22 and 23, see statistical table. For answers to questions 24, 25 and 26, see statistical table. For answers to questions 27 and 28, see report of Joint Board of Finance. For answer to question 29, see report of Missionary Treasurer and statistical table. The committee on Public Worship announced the following appointments for the Sabbath: Methodist church, 9 o'clock a. m., conference love-feast, conducted by R. H. Belvin; 10 o'clock a. m., preaching by Bishop Keener, by the ordinance of deacons, 3 o'clock p. m., sermon by J. G. Walker, presbyterial church, 11 o'clock a. m., preaching by W. H. Seat; 3 p. m., preaching by B. Harris. In consequence of inclemency of the weather, the missionary anniversary was postponed to Sunday night. A conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

Fourth Day. Sunday Night, November 20, 1881.—Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Keener presiding. Religious services conducted by J. G. Walker. The committee on Memorials presented their report. Touching tributes to the memory of Roswell Gillett were made by John W. DeVillibus, O. A. Fisher, R. H. Belvin and J. G. Walker. The report was then adopted. Question 15: What local preachers are ordained deacons? Joseph Congran and Euladio Chavez. Question 16: What local preachers are ordained elders? James P. Akin. Question 17: What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. A. Rodriguez. The following resolutions were read and adopted: Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and they are hereby tendered, the citizens of Goliad for the most cordial hospitality extended to the conference. (Signed) G. W. L. FLY, H. S. THRALL. Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Presbyterian Church for the use of their building for this conference. (Signed) W. H. SEAT, O. A. FISHER. The Bishop announced Hyman 277, and earnestly and impressively addressed the conference. On motion of O. A. Fisher, the conference adjourned, with reading of the appointments. Question 18: Where are the preachers stationed this year? For answers see following: APPOINTMENTS. SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT. O. A. FISHER, PRESIDING ELDER. San Antonio Station, W. J. Young. Floresville Circuit, E. Y. Seale. Cibola Circuit, W. T. Thornberry. Medina Circuit, T. G. Woods, Felix A. Knox. Faber Circuit, J. C. Russell. Fainton, to be supplied by J. L. Harper. Uvalde Mission, J. W. Stovall. Carls Springs, I. K. Walker. Camp Wood, S. G. Kilgore. Pearshall, to be supplied by W. C. Newton. MASON DISTRICT. A. J. POTTER, PRESIDING ELDER. Mason Station, C. M. Carpenter. Boerne Mission, L. Kingsbury. Menard Mission, Jos. Congran. Concho Mission, to be supplied. Concho Mexican Mission, W. H. Killough. Mountain Mission, to be supplied by J. P. Akin. Kerrville Circuit, H. T. Hill. Blanco Circuit, R. M. Leaton. Round Mountain Circuit, M. A. Black. Centre Point, H. A. Graves. SAN MARCOS DISTRICT. W. J. JOYCE, PRESIDING ELDER. San Marcos Station, J. S. Gillett. San Marcos Circuit, B. Harris; E. H. Holbrook, J. G. Walker, supernumeraries. Kyle Circuit, J. W. Vest. Lockhart Circuit, T. S. Garrett. Luling, H. S. Thrall. Harwood, to be supplied. Seguin, H. G. Horton. Gage, to be supplied. Walnut Spring Circuit, Geo. B. Killough. TEXANA DISTRICT. JAMES H. TUCKER, PRESIDING ELDER. Texana Circuit, W. H. H. Biggs. Boxville " W. M. Shockey. Lavaca River Mission, N. W. Keith. Victoria and Cuero, J. T. Gillett. Concrete Circuit, E. G. Duval. Hallettsville " Josiah Godby. Moulton " A. G. Nolen. Leesville " George Ward. Clinton " J. E. Vernon. Sandies Mission, P. P. Norwood. CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT. W. MOSE, PRESIDING ELDER. Corpus Christi, Gen. Hinson. Rockport Circuit, J. F. Cook. Boevelle " J. B. Coker. Goliad, W. H. Seat. Helena Circuit, J. B. Denton. Refugio Mission, J. B. McPherson. Lagarto Circuit, J. E. Robertson. Del Rio " A. C. Biggs. Rancho Circuit, A. F. Cox. SAN ANTONIO MEXICAN MISSION A. H. SUTHERLAND, PRESIDING ELDER. San Antonio Mission, A. DeLeon. Medina Mission, Jose Marleguerra. Lodi and Graytown, Josue Acosta. Bandera Mission, J. P. Rodriguez. Brackett " Euladio Chavez. Eagle Pass " C. A. Rodriguez. Zaragoza " M. F. Cizeiros. Del Rio " J. E. Robertson. El Paso " J. B. Carter.

Fourth Day.

November 19.—Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Keener in the chair. Religious services conducted by O. A. Fisher. Minutes of previous session read and approved. The presence of J. H. Combs, lay delegate from San Marcos District, announced. The application of Henry J. Eppler, from the Protestant Methodist Church, for recognition of orders was withdrawn upon the recommendation of the Bishop, because the credentials of the applicant were not presented. The Bishop introduced to the conference R. G. Sewell, agent of the American Bible Society. The report of Committee on Books and Periodicals read and adopted. The report of Committee on Education was read and on motion of J. W. DeVillibus amended by inserting a statement of a vacancy in Board of Curators by resignation of B. Harris. The Bishop appointed H. S. Thrall to fill the vacancy. The report of committee relating to Southwestern University adopted. Professor R. O. Rounsavall, of Cornell Institute, was introduced by the Bishop to the conference. Professor Rounsavall briefly addressed the conference with reference to the interests of Southwestern University. That part of the report relating to Cornell Institute adopted. That part of the report relating to Vanderbilt University adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole. Question 18: Who are supernumeraries? J. W. Brown and R. H. Belvin asked for and were granted a supernumerary relation. Question 19: Who are located this year? W. G. Cooke was located at his own request. The report of Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted as a whole. The report of Committee on the Bible Cause was read and adopted. On motion of T. G. Woods, the conference proceeded to the election of General Conference delegates. The Bishop announced the law governing the election. Sixty-seven clerical members and twenty-five laymen composed the conference. The Bishop declared the conference entitled to two clerical and two lay delegates. The ballot resulted in the election of A. H. Sutherland and W. J. Joyce as clerical, and G. W. L. Fly and M. N. Shive as lay delegates. By acclamation Clerical: J. G. Walker and B. Harris. Lay: J. H. Combs and W. L. Thompson. On motion of W. H. Seat, the conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m. A conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

Fourth Day—Evening Session. Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 o'clock p. m., Bishop Keener presiding. Religious services conducted by A. F. Cox. Minutes of previous session read and approved. Report of Joint Board of Finance was read. The motion of W. J. Joyce to amend was lost. The following resolution was adopted as an amendment to the report: Resolved, That during the month of March every pastor within the bounds of the conference take collection to defray the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference. (Signed) W. H. H. BIGGS, T. S. GARRETT. The following resolution was read: Resolved, That we memorialize the ensuing General Conference to so change the northeastern boundary of our conference as to include the town of Nashville, Tennessee, or some other central city in our connection, to be placed on the same basis as to collections as the missionary and other collections in the conference. (Signed) J. W. DEVILLIBUS, H. S. THRALL, W. J. JOYCE. The following resolution was read and adopted: Resolved, That the pastors of the West Texas Conference be requested to organize during the ensuing conference year, Church Extension Societies within the bounds of their several works, with the view of building churches in the thinly settled portions of our own territory; use the funds raised by it in such manner as may be deemed best by such societies. (Signed) W. H. H. BIGGS, G. W. L. FLY. The following preamble and resolution read and adopted: WHEREAS, The American Bible Society has been so liberal in the distribution of the Word of God in the bounds of this conference and elsewhere; and WHEREAS, It is the only source to which we can look for the Word of God for our foreign missions; therefore, Resolved, That we, the ministers of the West Texas Conference, will see to it that each congregation in our respective charges have an opportunity to

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Report of Joint Board of Finance. To the President and Members of the West Texas Conference: Your Board of Finance instruct me, as your secretary, to submit to you the following report of their action in reference to the several funds submitted to their charge: They find that at the last session of the board in 1880 there was an assessment made for— Conference fund—\$200.00 Collected—755.43 Leaving a deficit of—\$555.43 The amount of \$711.45 has been apportioned as follows: To Rev. Thos. Myers—\$115.45 To Rev. W. H. Hill—85.20 To Rev. A. A. Kilgore—95.20 To Rev. Jesse Hodge—95.20 To Rev. J. W. Brown—95.20 To Mrs. A. Davidson—75.00 To Mr. Lantry—75.00 Total apportionment—\$711.45 They find that the assessment for the Bishop's fund for 1881 was \$200.00, making an excess of \$14.00, which amount the treasurer was ordered to pay to Bishop Keener, to-wit: \$214.00. They find that at the last session of the board there was an assessment made for the cause of education of \$500, of which amount \$152.00 was collected, leaving a deficit of \$347.40. The amount of this fund collected has been apportioned as follows: To Southwestern University, \$70.00; To Southern University, \$70.00; To Cornell Institute, \$70.00; To Vanderbilt University, \$70.00; To the Board of Christian Education, \$70.00. While the Board is rejoiced to know that in most of our conference collections our preachers have done their full duty, and the deficits are far less than usual, they regret to see such lack of interest upon the subject of Christian education. This certainly is one of the most important duties devolving upon the church. Our children must be educated. If we have not Christian schools for their training, we simply turn them over to these institutions in which, though the intellectual faculties may be developed, their moral faculties will be either dwarfed into insignificance or warped into powers for evil, rather than developed into powers for good. Your board would urge upon ministers to arouse their for their lethargy, and determine from this time forth to do their duty in this respect, as they have so nobly done in others. The board have made the following assessments for the year 1882: As follows: San Marcos District—\$50.00 San Antonio District—20.00 Texana District—20.00 Corpus Christi District—20.00 Mason District—20.00 San Antonio Mexican Mission District—20.00 San Diego Mexican Mission District—20.00 Total—\$170.00 Assessment for Bishops' fund \$214, apportioned as follows: San Marcos District—\$60.00 San Antonio District—45.00 Texana District—45.00 Corpus Christi District—45.00 Mason District—45.00 San Antonio Mexican Mission District—45.00 San Diego Mexican Mission District—45.00 Total—\$420.00 Assessment for education \$432, apportioned as follows: San Marcos District—\$120.00 San Antonio District—90.00 Corpus Christi District—90.00 Mason District—90.00 San Antonio Mexican Mission District—90.00 San Diego Mexican Mission District—90.00 Total—\$480.00 The board believe to know that all of the conference collections have been better this year than usual. This demonstrates the fact that our ministers are alive to the importance of the work in which they are engaged, and are pushing forward every department of their work with great vigor and with a zeal and determination that must meet with success, with the exception of the noble work of Christian education, in which we are grieved to say, some of our ministers are sadly at fault. But while the large success in these collections shows that our ministers compose a noble band of Christian workers, we are painfully reminded of the meager pay they receive for their faithful services. In the several reports of the Board of the salaries of our ministers we find a most fearful deficit. Why is this? The noble manner in which the church responds to the calls of the ministers for funds to carry on the work shows that the fault is not with the people; hence we must look elsewhere for the trouble, and we are forced to say the fault is with the stewards. There is a lack of zeal and of systematic effort on the part of these officials; and the Board of Finance feels constrained to call the attention of the conference to this deficiency, and urge the adoption of some salutary measure—the adoption of some course that will arouse our stewards to a sense of the importance of the trust imposed on them. We would urge the conference to impress upon presiding elders the importance of looking closely into this subject and pressing its importance upon stewards, and whenever and wherever necessary to urge it upon their congregations. The church must be educated upon this subject, and it is the duty of this conference to inaugurate some plan for giving the necessary instruction thereon. Praying the blessings of Heaven upon the labors of the conference in this behalf, this report is most respectfully submitted. GEO. W. L. FLY, Sec'y Board of Finance.

Report of Mission Board. GOLIAD, Nov. 19, 1881.—Our conference has passed its majority and the Board of Missions, in presenting its twenty-second annual report, see much occasion for profound gratitude. There is an unusually full attendance of members in our deliberations, and the reports, especially of the regular collections ordered by the conference, have been unusually large. While there is a pretty full attendance of our preachers, one is not. Our venerable brother, Roswell Gillett, answers no more to roll call. Full of days, mature in grace, and ripe for heaven, he has calmly and triumphantly passed away, leaving, however, two sons, devoting the strength of their manhood to the noble calling in which he spent his life. His last message to his absent sons was: "I die in hopes of a glorious immortality." So, when our assigned work has been done, may we die? For carrying on its aggressive operations our church has organized two mission boards—one for foreign, the other for home work. As the foreign board conducts the mission to people speaking foreign languages, we have in our conference district a number of missions supported by that board. Among our Germans are found prosperous churches, organized into circuits and districts, with an annual conference, a district high school, and other evangelizing agencies in successful operation. The work among the Spanish-speaking people of our territory furnishes one among the many marvelous chapters in the history of modern missions. Eight years ago a solitary youth, in a remote, began seeking a purer religion. This was but a feeble beginning; but weak and unprosperous as was the commencement, it has budded and blossomed and borne fruit, and expanded into two bands, no being about a score of preachers, an over 500 members. This result is not encouraging especially in view of its future possibilities. Already most of the cities and villages and ranches of Western Texas are visited by our missionaries. Both sides of the valley of the great river of the South are now occupied, and churches are springing up in new settlements. Twenty or thirty cities and towns in the adjacent States of Texas, Louisiana and Nueva Leon have received the gospel message from our preachers. The rays of light from these evangelic luminaries are flowing southward from the Rio Grande, and still farther waves are coming northward from the City of Mexico, and the time is not far distant when these two waves shall meet and mingle in the straits of the "Isthmus Nevada"; May God speed the day! One of the favorable signs of the times is the recent utilization of woman's piety and purity, and sympathy, and energy in the propagation of the gospel. This board takes occasion to express its gratitude to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the timely and generous aid given to our Mexican work. Through their liberality we shall soon have a Female Seminary at Laredo for the instruction of young ladies in the sciences and in the Spanish and English languages. The last shall be first. This Mexican mission, though last projected, is first in importance and in province. We have mentioned it because it is our work; it originated among us; occupies very largely our territory; it is executed and carried forward by our men whom we delight to own and honor. We have profoundly sympathized with them in their perilous journeys and arduous labors, and rejoiced in their success. A thousand blessings upon this charitable work of evangelists! The work under the immediate supervision of this board is for the benefit of our own English-speaking people. The collections now reported are considerably in advance of any previous year. This shows that the missionary fire is glowing upon our altars, and that we are ready to give the statistics of our respective missions. They will appear in the minutes. We have great faith in statistics. Columns of figures are like mile-posts—erected to mark progress. Two presiding elders upon frontier districts receive some help from our treasury, and they need it, and deserve it. The presiding eldership, wherever important, is a necessity in our frontier work. There are two missions in the San Antonio District—the San Antonio City Mission and the Oakville Mission. The Lavaca River Mission is in Texana District, and the Oakville Mission is in the Corpus Christi District. The extensive frontier district of Mason had five: Mason and Brady, Menard, Concho, Boerne and Mountain Missions. To these several missions, along the lines of railways will be added for the ensuing year. With one or two exceptions, there have been revivals, increase, progress, in all these fields. Most of them will soon become self-sustaining and assist in sending the gospel to fields beyond already ripe for the sickle. A few other important points in our territory have been occupied by missionaries, supported by the Foreign Board. Del Rio, in Kinney county, on the Rio Grande, Laredo and El Paso, all of which will be in the future under our supervision. El Paso is worthy of more than a passing mention. Though in Texas, it has been until very recently an inaccessible city, one of our antiquities. Now two railroads have reached it, and others will soon be completed. El Paso, in the center of the continent, railway between the Gulf of California and the Gulf of Mexico; El Paso, on the border between two great and growing republics; El Paso, the riveted city in which railways are centering like spokes in the hub of a wheel; this point, with a railroad from Denver on the north, soon to reach Guzman on the south, with others from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts from the great centers of the north and of the South, situated right upon the highway of the world's commerce, is destined to reach metropolitan proportions, and must be occupied by our evangelic forces. Rev. John H. Carter, the missionary, is preaching in a tent, and appeals to the friends of missions for means to build a church. Shall he appeal in vain? We are here to-night to take a survey of our own immediate field for missionary work—to contemplate it in its past achievements and future possibilities. Much has been done; more remains to be done. Our territory is vast. Commencing near the mouth of the Colorado, it sweeps southward along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico to the Rio Brazos Santiago; thence up the Rio Grande a thousand miles to El Paso; thence eastward some six or seven hundred miles to the right bank of the Colorado river at Austin, and down that stream to the gulf. This territory is not only imperial in its extent, but blessed with a most salubrious climate; a soil of unsurpassed fertility, rewarding the labor of the husbandman with the choicest agricultural products of our semi-tropical region; our water courses furnish inexhaustible motive power for manufacturing purposes; on our boundless prairies graze cattle, sheep and horses by the million. Our mineral wealth remains undeveloped in our western mountain ranges. This immense region is as yet but sparsely settled. Society is in its formative state, and its future type will largely bear the impress which our

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Report of Committee on the Bible Cause. Your committee regard the Bible cause as under-lying the whole grand work of converting the world from sin into God. We rejoice to say that during the past year it has been shown that no book, sacred or profane, in the whole range of literature has such a hold upon the mind and heart of the enlightened nations of the earth as the Book of God. While your committee would not present any opinion as to the merit or demerit of the recent revision of the New Testament, yet the circumstances connected with the printing of that revision upon the market indicate, in a wonderful manner, the estimation of the Word of Life in the minds of the great populace. The first day and night that this revision was thrown upon the market in the city of New York, it is said enough of the sacred volumes were sold to have loaded a large ship. So also in the city of London. It is said there was not room enough in the streets adjoining the

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