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SIMEON IN THE TEMPLE.

BY W. H. ANDERSON.

It was a glorious day Jerusalem enjoyed.  
By loving parents' hands the infant Christ  
To temple's holy place was brought to present  
Him to the Lord. Within its records long  
And grand of warriors, royal monarchs, prophets,  
Holy priests, who there had bowed and prayed  
And offered incense to their God. His house  
Had not before seen such an offering.  
Texas Mary's son, Israel's real King, Messiah,  
Fronced off and long to a sin-stained  
Grave-scared world, was present in the flesh.  
Among that mingled world-presenting crowd  
Of worshippers an old man stood—Simeon the  
Just.

And the devout. He had pressed with holy  
feet  
The temple's sacred floor his offerings of had  
smoked  
On temple's altar-place.  
To him the promise of his father, God.  
His eyes he should not close in death before  
The Lord. The Christ had made his vision good,  
And thrilled with joy his soul.  
Long he had waited, watched, and prayed and  
hoped.  
On his believing soul images most lovely  
Of the promised Christ, the comforter, had  
formed.  
In holy harmony. He bore the pressing weight  
of years—  
With all their common grief and pain and  
and felt no fear. He had a charmed life,  
God's promises wrapped him like a cloud of  
glory.

The hour had come!  
On his aged or no sweeter tidings ever fell.  
Jesus in Bethlehem is born. A star lights up  
the place.  
Angels sing the natal hour in anthems new  
from heaven.  
Life's long fasted, cherished hope, in temple  
low  
Is grandly to be fulfilled. His eyes shall see  
the Lord.  
Before he opens them on heaven.  
With curious, wondering, doubtful looks,  
Over at that throng of Simeon cast his eyes.  
With instinct true as mother sees her baby's  
face  
Amidst a throng, and knows its little cry.  
What'er of prattling joy or tiny griefs and tears,  
no Simeon knew his Lord.

In aged arms.  
Now thrilling with the fire and power of youth  
God's prophet pressed the infant to his soul.  
Now almost broke with joy. He felt the heart  
throb  
Of the Christ that bore no responsive to his  
own.  
Whose eager haste glad time did strive to keep.  
With right and pressure of the babe's sweet  
Embrace. It was an act, as if, possible,  
To waken envy in a happy angel's breast.  
Life's work was with old Simeon done. The  
Lord  
His eyes had seen. He'd pressed infant divine  
in trusting soul.  
How radiant up with bliss. His mind over  
flowed  
With praise to God for such a holy joy in such  
a holy place.  
Then came the prayer that bore the promise on  
its lips  
And claimed fulfillment then. "Now, Lord,  
According to thy word, permit thy servant to  
depart.  
In peace. Mine eyes have thy salvation seen."

Then are he went.  
With rapid flight in fiery chariot borne  
To an Elijah, or pilgrim Enoch saved.  
Or Moses from his grave unknown, or Abel.  
Earth's first escape to gladden angel joys  
With pledge and sight of human race redeemed.  
He years prophetic light on future of Messiah's  
glories.  
The "righter" richest grace, the grandest glory  
Of Israel, people beloved of heaven.  
Then Mary took her child again from Simeon's  
strong arms.  
She pressed upon his cheek a mother's fond  
kiss  
And added richer gladness to her wanderer's  
heart.  
Joseph stout and sure, yet trusting  
in his God.  
Simeon the parents blessed in God's high, holy  
name.  
Yet with that blessing clasp piercing thought  
Mary never understood till at his cross  
She felt, like lightning's scorching deadly flash,  
His death-garden pierce her soul.  
Simeon, old in years, rich in faith and hope,  
With ruddy hair of curling heaven on brow  
and nose,  
Thy every thought, our hearts deeply engrave,  
On lessons tablet face. Earth has one great  
work,  
An only, all-completing one, thy eyes of faith  
Our Christ to see and press him till resurrection  
morn.  
Earth has nothing more the eyes to glad ten-  
tion.  
Their only office is to look at Jesus on his throne.  
God's word is true, no wafery fables destroy.  
No fire can burn, nor wafery fables destroy.  
May we, too, see the Lord and catch his smile  
And press him in our arms as our redeemer,  
Christ.  
Then on like pinions borne, our spirits drop  
Their clay robe in Christ's care till resurrection  
morn.  
And share salvation finished in eternal heaven.  
NICHOLASVILLE, KY., 1882.

## Proceedings Texas Conference.

### FIRST DAY.

The Texas Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, held its forty-third session in the Methodist Church in Bryan, beginning at the hour of 9 a. m.; Bishop Elias Parker in the chair.

Conference was opened with religious service conducted by the Bishop.

H. V. Phillips, the Secretary of the conference at its last session, called the roll of the members, when the following names responded, viz:

CHEMICAL—James G. Johnson, J. W. Whipple, James M. Wesson, F. A. McShan, W. G. Nelms, H. V. Phillips, J. Matthews, Wesley Smith, S. C. Littlepage, A. L. P. Green, M. H. Porter, F. L. Allen, Samuel H. Brown, F. T. Mitchell, E. S. Smith, G. H. Phair, C. H. Brooks, J. L. Murray, A. E. Goodwyn, O. T. Hotchkiss, J. W. Kelly, B. F. Johnson, Weems Wootton, C. E. Shappard, W. J. Phillips, Thos. F. Dimmitt, S. H. Werlein, J. A. Duncan, G. S. Sandle, H. M. Dalboe, J. R. Dunn, M. S. Hotchkiss, J. P. Childers, J. L. Lemons, S. C. Vaughan, G. R. Bryce, J. T. Simpson, J. F. Follin, N. P. Law, Wm. Walker.

LAY—A. K. Brookshire, R. J. Price, A. J. Brown, A. W. Butler, N. A. Rector, T. B. Buckingham.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: Samuel Weaver, Seth Ward, H. M. Glass, Henry Jones, from the Northwest Texas Conference; P. P. Norwood, from the West Texas Conference; E. D. Pitts, from the North Texas Conference; Bat B. Sims, from the South Georgia Conference.

Rev. H. V. Phillips was elected Secretary, and O. T. Hotchkiss assistant Secretary.

I. G. John requested that Rev. Milton S. Hotchkiss be elected special Statistical Secretary for the Texas Christian Advocate. The request was granted.

The hours of opening and closing the conference were fixed at 9 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.

The presiding elders were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committee on the following: J. M. Wesson, H. V. Phillips, and Judge J. D. Thomas were elected a committee on public worship.

The Bishop presented a list of appointments in the territory ruled by the general conference from the Northwest Texas Conference to the Texas Conference.

The Bishop introduced H. M. Glass, transfer from the Northwest Texas Conference; P. P. Norwood, from the West Texas Conference; and E. D. Pitts, from the North Georgia Conference.

A communication from Rev. J. W. Hinton, editor of the *Quarterly Review*, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

S. C. Littlepage, W. J. Phillips, and J. A. Duncan, were elected a committee on examination of candidates for admission on trial into the traveling connection.

Question 1, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" was taken up, and the following were announced: Seth Weaver, Seth Ward and H. M. Glass, from the Northwest Texas Conference; P. P. Norwood, from the West Texas Conference; E. D. Pitts, from the North Georgia Conference; Bat B. Sims, from the South Georgia Conference; H. M. Dalboe, from the Memphis Conference.

Question 2, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was taken up, and the names of J. Matthews, S. J. Graves, C. J. Lane, Wm. Shappard, Jno. M. Whipple, were called, their characters passed, and they referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for superannuated relations.

A communication from Rev. I. G. John, editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from Rev. John McFerrin concerning the "Colvin Request" was presented to the conference, and a draft for \$50.00 was placed in the hands of the chairman of the Joint Board of Finance.

Question 12, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" was taken up, and the name of Milton S. Hotchkiss was called, the committee reported favorably, his character passed, and he was elected to elders' orders.

The name of Thomas A. Duncan was called. The committee reported favorably, his character passed, he being already an elder.

The name of Joseph C. Mickle was called. The committee reported favorably, his character passed, he being already an elder.

Question 7, "Who are deacons of one year?" was called. There were none in class of deacons of one year.

Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" was taken up. Wesley A. Linsley, recommended by the quarterly conference of the Winchester circuit, Austin district, Texas Conference, was readmitted into the traveling connection.

Question 10, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was called. Ans. None.

Question 14, "What local preachers are elected elders?" was taken up. Answer: Geo. M. Robinson was recommended by the Austin station, Austin district, of the Texas Conference. He was not present. The secretary read his certificate of his agreement with the M. E. Church, South, in doctrine and approval of discipline, and he was elected to elders' orders.

Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed. The names of T. W. Rogers, H. M. Dalboe, S. O. H. Werlein, J. W. Kelly, M. S. Hotchkiss, C. R. Shappard, R. F. Beasley, G. B. Pifer, and I. G. John, were called, and their characters passed.

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### FIRST DAY.

order of the day for Sunday afternoon, at 2 p. m.

The Bishop announced that missionary day would be held at 10 a. m. Friday, and announced as speakers, H. V. Phillips, I. G. John, and A. E. Goodwyn.

The conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

### MEMORANDA.

The silence which followed the utterance of the names of Robert Alexander, the pioneer of Texas Methodism; of B. D. Dashiell, who fell at his post in the prime of life; and of H. E. Stocking, who had just glided on his armor when death called him, rendered the roll-call at the opening of the Texas Conference an hour full of sad yet triumphant thoughts. Our leaders fall in the van of the fight, but the army moves right on to the spiritual conquest of the world.

The presence of so many brethren from what was styled the "set-off territory," the noble gift of our brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference, with a number of transfers from that and other conferences, and the cordial welcome they met, gave to the opening of the conference a glow of fraternal love and Christian zeal that the promise of one of the most harmonious and happy sessions of the Texas Conference has known for many years. These accessions to its ministerial strength met a genuine Methodist preachers' reception by being promptly put to work on committees and conference boards.

Rev. J. F. Follin preached Wednesday night on repentance. It was a clear and earnest statement of gospel truth. It made us think of the solid "standards" of Methodist theology, which some preachers these days study as they swallow physics. We need more of the fundamental doctrines of the gospel in modern pulpit work.

### SECOND DAY.

Conference met at 9 a. m., Thursday, Dec. 14. Bishop Parker in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris.

Minutes were read and approved. The following responded to their names: CHEMICAL—I. G. John, C. J. Lane, C. W. Thomas, Thos. W. Rogers, Wm. Shappard, J. T. Simpson, and Wm. Turner.

LAY—C. L. Spencer, J. A. Graves, E. A. Martin, W. M. Mitchell.

On motion, further call of the roll was dispensed with.

Question 1, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" was taken up, and the following were announced: D. H. Linebaugh, from the Little Rock Conference; James Peeler, from the Northwest Texas Conference.

The committee on Nominations made their report as follows: F. T. Mitchell, O. T. Hotchkiss, G. S. Littlepage, J. M. Wesson, J. G. Johnson.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—I. G. John, F. L. Allen, J. L. Lemons, H. M. Glass, W. G. Nelms, J. H. Chambliss, G. S. Littlepage.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD. GALVESTON DISTRICT—G. E. Phair, E. E. Rice. AUSTIN DISTRICT—M. S. Hotchkiss, A. J. Brown. CHAPEL HILL DISTRICT—S. C. Littlepage, T. B. Buckingham.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—W. J. Phillips, C. L. Spencer. NEW TERRITORY—G. R. Bryce, J. A. Graves.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—C. J. Lane, Wesley Smith, C. L. Farrington, S. C. Wakefield, W. W. Mitchell.

Bible Class—J. Matthews, A. L. P. Green, B. F. Johnson. Temperance—H. M. Dalboe, Bat B. Sims, F. A. McShan.

On motion, H. M. Glass, G. R. Bryce, and C. J. Lane, were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Missions.

The presiding elders were constituted a committee to nominate the Board of Missions for the present quadrennium.

S. C. Wakefield, reserve delegate from Huntsville district, took the place of T. Rose, absent.

John Sullcock, reserve delegate from Huntsville district, took the place of I. M. Neely, absent.

H. J. Norwood, from the new territory, took the place of W. B. Streetman, absent.

A communication from the Trustees of the Corsicana District High School, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Soule College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Chappell Hill Female College was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

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ker, William Walker and James T. Simpson.

Question 3, "Who are discontinued?"

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?"

Ans.—J. P. Childers, B. F. Johnson and James R. Dunn.

The Committee on Public Worship announced Rev. H. M. Dalboe to preach in the Methodist Church at 7 o'clock p. m. And Rev. H. M. Sears at the Baptist Church at the same hour.

I. G. John and Josiah W. Whipple were added to the Committee on Education.

Conference adjourned with benediction by F. T. Mitchell.

### MEMORANDA.

The presence of Rev. Thomas Stanford, James Mackey and Geo. W. Graves, and other brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference, representing the districts from which our "set-off territory" was taken, was one of the pleasant incidents of the conference. They gave an admirable "set-off" to the new field added to the Texas Conference, and by their wise counsels aided largely in welding the new work and the old together. Their representations of this part of the work and reports of the preachers who had served in the past year of its membership, Sunday-schools, missionary and conference collections—were an inspiration to their brethren of the Texas Conference.

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On motion, C. L. Spencer was added to the Board of Education.

J. F. Follin asked whether the money raised for educational purposes should be disbursed by the Educational Committee, or placed in the hands of the Board of Finance. The Bishop decided, with the approval of the conference, that the Committee on Education pay over the amount to the South-western University, the institution for which it was raised.

Conference adjourned with a benediction by Rev. James M. Wesson.

### MEMORANDA.

There is no hour more sad than that when a Methodist preacher, who has spent a long life in the active work of the ministry to the judgment of his brethren, and accepts the superannuated relation. It requires as much grace for a man who loves the work of his Master to say of his brother, as John the Baptist said of the Messiah—"He must increase, but I must decrease"—as it did for St. Paul to answer the cry from Macedonia, "Some men's swords are worth more than other men's words."

We heard Bishop Keener say those words of Robert Alexander at the conference in Bryan some years ago when, in the midst of falling strength, the war-worn veteran responded to his name, and we thought of them again when Josiah W. Whipple, in the same town, consented that his name should be placed on this "roll of honor." He had traveled a district in other days, which extended from the Colorado to the Trinity, and embraced Bryan and all the region "round about," and now with the hair of his head white, his comrades around him in the conference, he stands aside, and offers to take the place in the ranks he filled so faithfully. May God's blessings rest on those men who planted the harvest which has the present generation of preachers are permitted to garner.

"Missionary day" is destined to become an institution in our annual conferences. It was opened by a brief but impressive address by the Bishop, Rev. J. F. Follin, by Brothers Phillips, John, and Goodwyn. The missionary pulse of every preacher and church member beat more strongly under the influence of this service. Our people are waking up to the great fact that the church of Christ is simply a great missionary organization.

At night the first anniversary of the Church Extension Society was held, with Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, chairman of the board, presiding. It was a cold night, with services in another church, but the congregation was so large a large one. We could not but wish that every preacher and delegate, with his wife, and every member of the church, could have participated in the inauguration of this important department of missionary effort. Dr. Shappard gave us an address "of wisdom and wit. He paid special attention to the wants of our church in some of our prominent stations, where our people still worship in houses that are a disgrace to Methodism. Judge Thomas told us how, in ancient days, the people found out their silver and gold in garnishing the tabernacle and building the "augustified" temple at Jerusalem, and presented the obligation of the church of this day to build a house for the Lord in every community with a force that fully justified the great church extension movement of the day. The editor followed, and lifted the collection. It amounted to one hundred dollars, and was, when the number present is considered, equal to any we have seen reported in any of our church papers.

### FOURTH DAY.

Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m. and was opened with religious service, conducted by Rev. S. C. Littlepage. Minutes read and approved.

The Bishop introduced F. A. Moss, Jr., of Southwestern University, to the conference. The annual report of the trustees of Southwestern University, also annual report from the curators of said institution, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Nominations of standing committees for the ensuing quadrennium made the following report, which was adopted:

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION—E. S. Smith, Wesley Wootton.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR—H. M. Sears, G. H. Phair, J. H. Chambliss.

SECOND YEAR—F. T. Mitchell, S. C. Littlepage, G. S. Sandle.

THIRD YEAR—H. M. Dalboe, H. M. Glass, J. L. Murray, A. E. Goodwyn, W. G. Nelms, J. F. Follin.

The committee on Conference Relations made following report, which was adopted: For superannuated relations—Joseph Matthews, S. J. Graves, C. J. Lane, William Shappard, John M. Whipple and Wesley Smith. For superannuated relations—F. W. Blake, J. M. Turner, Alex. Henkle, James G. Johnson, N. A. Cravens, John H. Davidson, F. A. McShan, and Josiah W. Whipple.

Rev. Jas. M. Wesson presented the action of the Burton and Giddings circuit quarterly conference, recommending that the Rev. W. T. Halley, of the Congregational Methodist Church, South, according to his standing in the Congregational Methodist Church. The secretary read the certificate of Rev. W. T. Halley, stating his subscription to the doctrine, discipline and ordination vows of the M. E. Church, South, and, on motion, he was recognized.

Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The names of James M. Wesson, S. C. Littlepage, F. T. Mitchell, E. V. Phillips, and G. V. Ridley were called, and their characters passed, and G. V. Ridley was granted a location at his own request.

The names of T. F. Dimmitt, A. L. P. Green, J. L. Lemons, G. S. Sandle, C. H. Brooks, F. L. Allen, C. L. Farrington, W. K. Turner, J. M. Lewis, N. P. Law, S. C. Vaughan, G. R. Bryce, J. F. Follin, J. H. Chambliss, W. J. Phillips and Samuel H. Brown, were called, and their characters passed.

Question 21, "Who are readmitted?"

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and the Board of Finance be requested to appropriate \$32.50 each for the publication of the Minutes of the Texas Conference.

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### FIRST DAY.

Question 31, "Where shall the next session of the annual conference be held?"

Whereupon W. Wootton put in nomination Flatonia, and H. M. Dalboe put in nomination Galveston. Flatonia receiving the largest number of votes was declared elected.

The Bishop at this point introduced to the conference C. W. Porter, A. Grant and J. H. Jones, fraternal messengers from the conference of the A. M. E. Church now in session in Bryan. The addresses of C. W. Porter and A. Grant, bearing to the conference the fraternal greetings of their church, were listened to with deep interest by the conference and large audience in attendance. Bishop Parker, in kindly and fraternal spirit, responded.

The Finance Committee made report No. 1, which was read in part and recommitted.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. W. Whipple.

### MEMORANDA.

The editor and Rev. F. L. Allen, were sent the following by the conference as fraternal delegates to the African Methodist Episcopal Conference in session at Bryan. As these brethren had, in the days gone by, labored, as did all our Southern preachers of that day, very much at home when they stood among these sons of Ham and presented the fraternal greeting of their church. Appropriate responses to their message were delivered by Revs. Porter, Grant and Jones, on the name of the conference. At its close Bishop Cain, who was presiding, rose from the chair, singing a hymn in which the conference joined. It was a plea coming from the tangled forests and moral wastes of Africa, addressed to those who have the privilege of leaving here about the Savior. The tune was one of those plaintive melodies so often heard in our colored congregations, and was singularly appropriate to the words. The manner in which it was rendered by the Bishop will not soon be forgotten by those who heard it. With his rich, mellow voice, he accompanied the words with action that gave power and point to the sentiment of the song. We could hear the cry from the dark continent, the response of the people of the church of God, and our hearts glowed as the plea of the pagan and the message of the missionary mingled in the triumphant refrain. Some of our musical friends may not appreciate the remark, but we confess they said they had never heard a church organ ever played so profoundly than that song of those "brothers in black." Our fraternal visit was returned. The addresses of their delegates, who were the same who responded to our fraternal messengers, were heard by the conference with deep interest. We wish some things that they said could be published in every paper, secular and religious, north of Mason and Dixon's line. In language as emphatic as it was sincere, they said they had ever found their brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the best friends to their church and their race. We had aided them, they said, in their work when they first entered this great field in the South, and now with a membership of over 400,000, they brought not only their fraternal greetings to our conference, but offered their grateful testimony respecting the work the Church, South, had accomplished among their people. Bishop Parker's response recognized the fraternal relations between the two churches, and represented in fitting language the deep interest our people feel in the elevation and Christianization of the African race.

In the afternoon the Woman's Missionary Anniversary was held, of which, and their work, we have the promise of a report from the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Park, of Galveston, president. Rev. G. W. Briggs, who made the leading address, took for his text a remark he had heard that day, "Four missionary meetings in thirty-six hours. That is running the thing into the ground!" The remark had reference to the fact that in two days of the session we should hold "missionary day," the great extension, the Woman's missionary, and the conference missionary anniversaries. He demonstrated that, with the claim that Christ and a dying world make, it is impossible to stress too often or too deeply the cause of missions. The altar followed, and the offering was promptly, in answer to the call, made Miss Annie Williams and Miss Rebecca Toland—two of the missionaries sent by our Woman's Missionary Society to the Border Mexican Mission—life members. The collection amounted to about sixty dollars. The sun was setting, and very reluctantly the meeting was closed.

The address of Bishop Parker at the Missionary Anniversary Saturday night was a clear, compact and authoritative statement of the obligation of the Christian to send the gospel to the heathen world. Dr. Shappard followed in his characteristic style, and the audience responded by contributing over seven hundred dollars. When the Bishop announced the Texas conference as the banner conference so far as the missionary anniversary is concerned, the preachers felt there was "life in the old land yet."

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WALD, 18, 20, and 22 Baronne street, or 137 Canal street, New Orleans, La., at 50 Main Street, Houston, Texas.

## THE CONTRAST!

While other Baking Powders are largely adulterated with Alum and other hurtful drugs.





















