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## THE CONFERENCES.

### NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

**Orphan's Home.**  
W. H. Vaughan, May 2: Moody station gives me \$104.20 for the Orphan's Home.

**Wolf Flat.**  
Thos. Duncan: We closed a meeting at Wolf Flat, in Hall county, last week and received seven members. We had a glorious revival in the Church. May the Lord still bless those good people. We are now engaged in a meeting at Sloan's Chapel with good prospect. Pray for us.

**Grapevine.**  
J. B. Andrews, April 25: As our beloved pastor, Jas. B. Weaver, is sick and has been for a month past, I write this. We are having plenty of rain and the crops all look well. Grapevine is doing a fine mercantile business, and farmers are in good condition financially. We are to have an election on local option on May 5; wish we had more Methodists here to vote. Bro. Weaver is some better at this writing. Please join with us in praying for an old man, the moral of our revival that will elevate the morals of our community. May the Advocate live long to do battle for the Master.

**Florence.**  
Jas. M. Sherman, April 22: Last Sunday was a high day for the people of Prairie View neighborhood. Bro. Bishop, our beloved presiding elder, dedicated the new church at that place. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, Bro. Jonathan Bittick preached and at the conclusion of the service we partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; had three accessions to the Church, and I think all felt that it was good to be there. Another important thing connected with the morning service was a collection to pay for seating the church, which resulted in securing by cash and subscription \$155. To God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be all the glory; and we give praise and rejoice.

**Sweetwater.**  
J. H. Wiseman, April 20: Though I have been going, I have not felt like work for a month. I have symptoms of all the troubles of the flesh that I have ever had, from crop up. "I s'pose it's the grip." Bro. Armstrong and Carter, with a good number of laymen, brethren, saved me from preaching last Sunday, at our second quarterly conference. Bro. Armstrong had been sick, but was able to preach once. Our work is in fair condition. The parsonage property has been improved. The streets about the church and parsonage have been graded; a buggy house and feed room, and a horse lot have been built. Two closets and a partition, cutting off a cook room, with cook and dining rooms papered, and a new set of furniture for the front room, add to the comfort of our home. This is to the credit of the young ladies.

**Waelder.**  
J. Haralson, April 25: After more than a month we are again at home in our new parsonage. It is in truth new. The latter house is much better than the former and all done without leaving a dollar in debt for the new work. Besides, we have made some very tasty improvements on the inside of our church, that parsonage and church look new and fresh and cheerful. And so do the people particularly interested. Abilene came to our relief with a very gracious donation of money, that added largely to the already warm feelings among this people toward that good town. Their response was voluntary. A very encouraging revival spirit prevails and we expect soon to have its fruitage. Our membership grows. I am exceedingly grateful to all those who were so kind and thoughtful enough of us to write letters of love and sympathy. God will bless them all.

**North Belton Circuit.**  
W. W. Henderson, April 25: Thank the good Lord we still live, though not well. Wife still sick. I still suffer, yet these kind and appreciative people have provided our wants, necessities and comforts in a way not to be forgotten in this world nor to the world to come, but sure of reward in both. Our second quarterly conference was a success. Our Bishop (P. E.) preached to the delight and edification of all, and indeed as few men preach so powerfully and official members were promptly on hand, and reports showed they had not been idlers during the quarter; financial reports above twice those of first quarter. Received two members by letter and licensed one exhorter to preach. Love feast was good indeed. Two sermons by Bro. J. W. Walkup were enjoyed by the people. We have organized a League at Cedar. Sunday-schools are prospering. The Ladies Aid Society was reorganized at Cedar. Revival prospects good.

**Itatan.**  
T. L. Adams, April 20: I am glad to report advance on more than one line on the Itatan mission. Services well attended, good preaching, and appointments, and they were to have organized at the other two last Sunday. Prayer and class-meetings present themselves at regular services; new family altars being erected; harmony seems to exist among the members; money is being collected to build a new church-house for our Church at Itatan; thirty-five new members have been received this year; good books and papers are being circulated and read, and hallalluiah to God! a few nights ago through reading "Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," "Memoir of Carvose," "Sanctification," by Dr. Godbey, and the Bible, through the Holy Ghost (Rom. 15:16), God gloriously sanctified precious soul on my work (John 17:17). O that the world might taste and see the riches of his grace, the arms of love that compass me would all mankind embrace! Halleluiah forever! Get the experience and the "problem is solved." ADVOCATE readers, pray for us and our work (1 Thess. 5:23, 24). Amen.

**Polytechnic College.**  
E. L. Spurlock, April 23: We have a regularly organized Church, consisting almost exclusively of the students. Our pastor, Bro. Evans, has just closed a ten days' meeting here, which God has honored with grand results. There were twenty-five conversions, and have been to date fourteen accessions to the M. E. Church, South. This leaves scarcely half dozen in the whole school who are not Christians, and every one of these expressed, during the meeting, a deter-

mination to become religious. The meeting had from the first the most auspicious surroundings. The zealous efforts of the ministers were supported by a body of young people, the greater portion of whom are live Christians. We realize that our Sunday-school and Epworth League are by no means insignificant factors in preparing the minds of the people for this glorious harvest. Bros. Ragsdale, Lloyd and Hick, of the city, did the preaching, and it is needless to add proved efficient workers. Praise God that so many parents' hearts have been made to rejoice by the news that son or daughter has found the Savior at school. Every religious young lady in school has been converted. We have one young Spaniard from the City of Mexico, who is attending school who has been saved and joined the Methodist Church, and he will carry this light back to Mexico and into a family where Roman Catholicism is holding them from the true light of Christianity. Praise the Lord for Christian education in Christian schools.

### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

**Beeville.**  
J. C. Russell, April 25: Our meeting here resulted in 120 additions to our Church. Compelled to build a new church; congregations run over every Sabbath. Our present church not sufficient for Sunday-school. Yesterday was a high day with us.

**Benton.**  
W. R. Crockett, April 20: Religious interest is very good all over our work, but, oh, how dry and discouraging everything seems on account of drought. We are needing rain badly, and if we fail to get it soon the Lord only knows how people can live. Some are in distressing condition now. Let us all pray for a temporal and spiritual shower.

**Round Mountain Circuit.**  
C. E. Statham, April 25: The second quarterly meeting for this charge was held at Johnson City, April 16, 17. Rev. L. T. Morris, presiding elder, presided. Also Bro. J. B. Denton, of Blanco circuit. Both filled the pulpit with great acceptability. The reports showed a net increase of forty-five members this quarter. Finances fairly good for this season of the year. Sunday-schools growing and increasing in interest; so we thank God and take courage.

**Waelder.**  
John T. Graham, April 21: The latest thing with us is parsonage improvement. Instead of looking on bare box walls and up through the joists to the rafters, the three front rooms of our parsonage here are wainscoted, papered above this and celled overhead. One room has been added and the cistern placed under ground. All of this improvement has been mainly through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Mary F. Allen, a widow and member of our Church here. Then our new boy, J. T., Jr., rides to Sunday-school in a new baby buggy. This buggy, like the boy, is a gift. In addition to this and many other things, the good people of Waelder, led by Mrs. Jennie Miller, pounded us generously on Friday evening last. There will be something else still better from Waelder in my next. The writer spent last Sunday (Easter) at Moulton Institute. Our beautiful church there was decorated from front to rear. Flowers, evergreens and nothings, together with the sweet-spirited Easter songs which greeted our entrance, were like flashes from the resurrection morn. The deft hand of Miss Zedie Parker and her associates are surely skilled in decoration. We had a good day. In this community we greatly need an efficient local preacher. Prof. Allis' school, which has flourished for eighteen consecutive years, affords educational advantages of a high order. Bro. John Tezzer, a staunch member of our Church at this place, needs reinforcement. John fills his pews, says his prayers, pays quarterage and wants old-fashioned Methodism. THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE gets better all the while.

**Uvalde.**  
J. A. Baker: Joe Jones came to Uvalde, conquered and is gone. We have just closed a glorious meeting of ten days' duration. I cannot state definitely the number of professions during the meeting. There were thirty-nine applicants for membership in the M. E. Church, South, and several to the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Many of these were the hardened, wicked men of the town. Christians generally were revived, strengthened and built up. There was created during the meeting a strong current of public sentiment against all manner of wickedness, such as drunkenness, gambling, licentiousness, dancing and vice, and all manner of worldliness among Church members. Eternity alone will tell of this wonderful work. The almost unanimous judgment of the citizens of Uvalde is that Joe Jones is a good, earnest man and a great preacher. Not a great theologian, not a great logician, not a great orator, but that he preaches the gospel with great success. With an unusual knowledge of and insight into human nature, with a familiar acquaintance with the varied experiences of the masses, he can by wit, sarcasm, apt illustrations and sledge-hammer blows rivet the truths of the gospel upon the minds and hearts of men and women better than any man I ever heard. With the clap-net and other mechanical methods used by some, no doubt the number of professions would be much greater in his meeting. I like his methods. His converts will be likely to stick if taken care of. I could criticize him if I would. I will not. God is using him to his own glory. The people here showed their appreciation of his work in a substantial and handsome manner. God bless Joe Jones and Nelson Gilreath, his very efficient singer.

**Kerrville.**  
C. H. Maloy, April 25: The second quarterly conference for Kerrville and Center Point was held at Center Point the 9th and 10th inst. Rev. M. A. Black, presiding elder, in the chair. Though suffering from a severe cold, he did excellent work. The general verdict was that he had himself preaching. We had a very excellent conference; the report showed that our people had been doing something in the way of church building and repairing. The statistics for the quarter were as follows: For building and repairing churches, \$520; for parsonage, \$60; for Sunday-schools, \$84; incidental expenses, \$79; quarterage, \$106.50; making a total of \$733.50. We have finished our church at Kerrville, and have a good

bell now to call the people together for worship. The church at Center Point has been built in part for some years, but is now receiving the finishing touches, and is very much improved in durability and appearance. Bro. Black took a collection on conference assessments amounting to \$1,000.00, and giving excellent subscription. Some of the good ladies in the east end of Kerrville gave us a real good pounding in the way of establishing the 18th inst. It is useless to say that we cheerfully submitted to all the sensations and emotions of a sure enough parsonage pounding. This is the second meeting of the year. We are prepared to preach the 11th inst. We care, by the grace of God, going to have a revival all over this circuit. We will see our young converts soon and try to get them to take the Advocate. May God bless the young converts.

**Rockport.**  
Rockport Bulletin, April 20: There is a wonderful religious move upon the people of Rockport. Monday night, 11th inst., Dr. Deets, the presiding elder of this district, and the powerful evangelist, began at Rockport in the Methodist Church a series of the most wonderful meetings. At first the audience was small, but the preacher evidently worked on in three services a day. The congregations grew larger and larger, until Friday night, when many went out who could not get into the house. Then the Baptist Church was kindly rendered to the evangelist and people came and kept coming and Sunday night that large auditorium was filled with people. The pastor, Dr. Deets, and the preacher with extraordinary intellectual and physical powers, after holding three laborious services a day for a week, as bright and seems as ready to work as when the meeting commenced. The business men Tuesday agreed to close their houses at 10:30 a. m. so they and their clerks could attend the morning service. That night the meeting was to have been closed, as Dr. Deets has an appointment at Floresville next Saturday and Sunday; but some of the leading citizens are making a strong effort to retain him and his services for at least another week. It is greatly to be hoped that this arrangement can be perfected, for though over fifty have been converted and have joined the Church, yet there are scores of others profoundly concerned on the subject of religion and stand greatly in need of the services of the preacher. This meeting has done great good, not only to individuals who have appropriated its benefits, but it has brought our people together, rubbed off the sharp corners and done more to make a homogeneous community of our people, from all parts of this and other States, in one week, than could be accomplished in twelve months, aye, double that time, under ordinary circumstances and with our every-day appliances. God, and only God, can result to Rockport from this meeting, and if it can be done, the services of the preacher should be retained for at least another week. The result is bound to be immensely valuable to the fair city of Rockport and her intelligent citizens.

**Elgin.**  
S. H. Morgan, April 27: A good meeting closed. Eleven accessions and more to follow are the results. One baby baptized. Bro. G. H. Collins did most of the preaching, and Bro. C. A. Hepler led singing, the gospel and preached several times. Bro. E. L. Shettles with us and did excellent work. Bro. W. Woodton and Bro. E. S. Smith each came and gave us an excellent sermon. The pastor and his regular assistants are all "boy preachers," but we are pressing on to be "men" by and by. We talk like men now. God bless the boys. Amen! and Amen!

**Milano.**  
Miss Anna Turner, April 20: Last night closed one of the grandest revivals ever known in Milano. Now, I will not give any particulars, but will leave that part of the report to the Advocate. I know he will want to make them known in the Advocate. So good I don't see how he can forbear. Glory to God. Sinners converted, backsliders reclaimed, and the Church most wonderfully revived. Yes, glory, glory. But Bro. Myers, excuse me if I have done wrong. We feel so grateful to Bro. Brooks, and to Bro. McMahar, for their faithful service and work of love among us, and wish them to know their labor was not in vain. Praise the Lord for Holy Ghost religion. Nothing but this can satisfy my hungry soul. Sister Anderson was with us several days, and so greatly endeared herself to us by her godly walk and conversation we want her back again. Also Bro. Gidley, of Canton, and Bro. McMahar, for their prayers, and the Lord abundantly bless all who labored with us and for us, and if they do not get back before we have another protracted meeting we want them to be sure to come then. God bless us all, and may we as Christians let our lights shine brighter this year than ever before. The Lord bless our pastor and all who have labored instrumentally save our little town.

**Milano.**  
E. M. Myers, April 20: We commenced a meeting here the second night of this month, which continued until last night. We had many things to overcome, but the good Lord was with us and gave us a great victory over sin and Satan; had some of the brightest conversions I ever saw. Twenty or more were converted; many backsliders reclaimed and the Church built up in the most pure and holy faith; sixteen additions to our Church—fourteen by ritual and two by certificate. One Campbellite came to our altar for prayer; was converted and offered herself for Church membership. The writer asked her if she had been baptized; she said yes, but she wanted to be baptized by sprinkling. We said amen. We are assured that the whole town is on a higher plane than ever before, or at least the people say so. So we all give God the glory and our singing from very depths of our hearts. "All hail the power of Jesus' name." We were assisted by Bro. C. H. Brooks, presiding elder; A.

J. Anderson, of Hearne, and J. W. McMahon, of Rockdale. Bro. Brooks came on the 8th, and stayed till the 11th; preached for us five times. The people were delighted with his sermons. He also held our second quarterly conference. Brother Anderson came on the 14th and preached for us one week. Bro. McMahon came on the 11th and preached for us a week. Bros. Anderson and McMahon are whole-souled preachers and did us much good. We are under many obligations to them for their kind assistance. Mrs. Myers says she is better equipped for a preacher's wife and the preacher in charge says he is better prepared to preach the gospel. We care, by the grace of God, going to have a revival all over this circuit. We will see our young converts soon and try to get them to take the Advocate. May God bless the young converts.

**Okawoods.**  
Reuben B. Gill, April 25: Our pastor has just concluded a meeting of a week's duration. Results: The Church somewhat revived and strengthened, with two additions by ritual, both adults and heads of families—one an old man who had been raised under the discipline of "shorter" Catechism, but departed from the faith and now cast his lot with his good wife in the Methodist Church. We pray God's blessings upon them that each and every day may bring them nearer to the land of Beulah. Rev. T. B. Graves, from Fairfield, assisted in the meeting and did most of the preaching. This sunny life and sweet-spirited form of the cross from all hearts to him is his earnest, plain and fearless presentation of the whole counsel of God. Such earnest sowing of the "seed of the kingdom" is never lost, but will be gathered up by and by. The children's service of Sunday evening was a feast to every believing heart. Bro. Graves impressed not only the children with the beauty and advantages of Christian living, as was evidenced by many of them giving their hands in pledges to obey their parents in all things—the parents following suit, promising to be more diligent in training their children for usefulness in God's service. O may every heart be reminded each meeting day with the solemnity of this vow.

**Navasota.**  
C. M. Keith, April 25: Our second quarterly conference was held the 19th of this month. Reports showed both preachers in full to date; elders' salaries paid in full to date; collection for the conference about half taken; forty-nine additions to the Church since last quarterly conference; total number this conference year, fifty-three; congregations good; an increase in pupils and attendance in Sunday-school; the organization of an Epworth League of over twenty members; and the Church in a healthy condition. The presiding elder, in charge of work on all lines. In addition to this quarterly conference report I wish to add a few items that are of considerable interest to me, to the credit of my people, and the knowledge of them, I dare say, will be gratifying to my brethren and friends and the former pastors of the Navasota Church. Just before our protracted services, which closed Easter day, through the instrumentality of a good sister, who desired to help the pastor take care of the preachers during the meeting, we had delivered at the parsonage a set of furniture, a barrel of flour, fifty pounds of lard, and a great many other valuables belonging to the culinary department, too numerous to mention. This all came at once, besides all this, milk, butter, eggs, cake, dinners already served, etc., came from several individuals during, before and since the meeting, and continue to come ever and anon. We serve a generous-hearted people. God bless them and help us to feed them bountifully with sound doctrine and instrumentally with the richest viands of divine grace.

**Bremond and Reagan.**  
J. B. Cochran, April 18: Our second quarterly conference was held at Bremond April 16 and 17. Bro. Allen, presiding elder, came on Friday. These people have known Bro. Allen as presiding elder and preacher in charge for about ten years. They love him and love to hear him preach. The Church had been praying for the Holy Ghost to come at this time and we were not disappointed. Saturday Bro. Allen chucked up the fire and by Sunday morning we were ready for the gospel. In years I have not seen a Church congregation so moved and filled with joy. Some could not wait for the end of the sermon; but shouted to God for victory and hope of life eternal. I never witnessed a better love-feast than we had in the afternoon. As we closed the door on the outside world that sweet Spirit which comes to the children of God seemed to fill the house and we gave our experience. All were new Christians, but they sought Him. Bless God for salvation that brings joy. Sunday night the children opened the services for Bro. Allen and raised \$400 missionary money. We also received \$300 for the American Bible Society. Our work is in a good shape. We have had much sickness and some deaths, but the Lord has been with us in all. I do not know whether we have the people in the conference or not, for I have not been around yet, but if I have not you something we are doing and you can rejoice with us. These people pay well and have everything to work Methodistic. Bremond pounds the preacher and Reagan his horse. They come to Church and enjoy religion. Here at Bremond we have put a new picket fence in front of the church, parsonage and around the garden and gave it two coats of paint; put blinds on the parsonage and gave it two coats of paint; put new chairs in the pulpit. All cost about \$210. Reagan has a fine church, and congregation big-hearted and religious. At the close of last year they put down new carpets and since new pulpit chairs, new light and paper on the windows. These people serve God seven days in the week, and the Spirit of God abideth with them. They serve and trust God and he prospers them. Now, brother, if you have a better people than this, amen; you are having a good time; let us rejoice together, "not that the spirits are subject unto," us "but rather rejoice because," our "names are written in heaven."

**Carrollton Circuit.**  
L. H. McGee, April 19: The second quarterly conference of this charge was held at Forest Academy last Saturday and Sunday. Our presiding elder, W. L. Clifton, was on hand and preached two good sermons, which will never be forgotten by those who heard him. He presided over the conference in an instructive and spiritual way. Our souls were made happy. The report for the support of the ministry amounted to \$158.05. We have good people here; they are not only liberal but religious. Our congregations are increasing both in numbers and in interest. We have received twenty-one in the Church up to date. We are praying for a glorious revival this year. May God bless the people of this work.

**Duplex.**  
J. W. Duff, April 26: The reports from the work, which appear in the Advocate, give me fresh courage. While we read so many encouraging reports from different places, we would be glad if the circumstances were such as to justify us in giving a similar report from this place, but alas! this part of the field will have to be revolutionized before any thing like a favorable religious report can truthfully be given. But we breathe a fervent prayer of faith looking to the time when anthems of praise will break forth from a Church baptized with fire. We hope our preacher will reorganize prayer-meetings at each of his appointments, whether we have class-meetings or not. It might live up with those who are not entirely frozen. Lord, revive thy work in the midst of this spiritual drought, is my prayer.

**Royse City.**  
J. M. Holt, April 26: The second quarterly conference for the current year was held at Royse on the 23rd and 24th. G. T. Nichols, presiding elder, was on hand to the satisfaction of the Church and outsiders. We had a good quarterly conference; \$154.50 raised for the support of the ministry, \$18.85 for district parsonage. Royse has ever had a fortunate place. We have ever had the very best preachers the conference afforded. Our Bro. Reynolds, this year, is in favor with every one, both saint and sinner. Congregation good and growing better all the time. We have one of the best organizations in the State in the person of Sis-

**East Texas Conference.**  
Tyler, April 22: We had a fine Easter service in our Methodist church in Tyler at 11 a. m. Congregation large. The church was beautifully

decorated with flowers and evergreens. At 4 p. m. there was an interesting juvenile missionary service; the children performed admirably. At night there were twenty accessions to the Church, fifteen children between eight and twelve years old and five adults by letter and communion. Bro. Timmons is now in his fourth pastoral year at this charge. In 1889 there were 353 members. He has received 355 up to date; total 708. Loss by death and certificate 106. Total April 22, 1892, 602. Bro. Timmons has done a faithful work, both pastoral and pulpit labors. He has instructed those received by ritual in the doctrines and discipline of the Church, and proposes to hold regular monthly service to instruct the young members, which is as it should be. They should be instructed until they arrive at mature Christian experience, and not leave them to shift for themselves as orphans while they are only babes in Christ.

**White House Circuit.**  
Joe P. Dabbs, April 25: Our second quarterly meeting was held at Liberty Hill, two miles east of Tyler, April 21. Our presiding elder, Bro. T. P. Smith, was on hand and preached two of his best sermons. There was a good turnout for such men as John Adams, D. S. Finley, Father W. N. Bonner and Lacy Boone, and perhaps others who did not get mentioned whose names we did not get. And let me say just here, that at the close of the 11 o'clock services, when Dr. R. S. Finley was called to lead in prayer, the Lord came down in mighty power. Many souls were made to feel glad in a Savior's love. We thank God for such men as John Adams, D. S. Finley, T. P. Smith and T. Booth. May the Lord bless and prosper the people on White House circuit this year.

**Beckville.**  
W. W. McNally, April 26: Our second quarterly conference is past. I embraced the fourth Sunday in April, and had it not been raining we would have had a large attendance, for there appeared to be a general looking forward with interest to the occasion all over the circuit; but creeks were full and rising, so many were kept away. But we had a good time as it was. Every church was represented and finances came up as well as could be expected at this time. Some churches came up nobly; but this is not all. We had a good time spiritually. Oh how our hearts did burn within us on Saturday while Bro. Adams preached to us from Ephesians 3d chapter, beginning at the 14th verse. He preached four sermons and gave a lecture to the young people while here, and was at our near his best in each service and had good congregations at each service under the circumstances. We had a love-feast, which did some of us good. We have a good people to serve and plenty of work to do. Thank God for work to do, for in it we find our blessings. Many of our people love the Advocate, and I wish every member loved it well enough to take it, seeing it does those that do take it good.

**North Texas Conference.**  
Kirkland.  
Thos. Duncan, April 27: We closed our meeting at Sloan's Chapel last Sunday night with fourteen accessions and a good Sunday-school organized. Bro. Little, McKeown and Kitchens assisted at the meeting. May the Lord abundantly bless the good people of Sloan's Chapel.

**Honey Grove.**  
John R. Allen, April 25: Our meeting in Honey Grove, which has been in progress for three weeks, was closed out by the heavy rains yesterday. It was the revival we hoped for, but we thank God for all the good done. We had twelve conversions. Rev. R. M. Powers was with us four days, and then Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, presiding elder Fort Smith district, Arkansas, for eight days. They preached a simple and powerful gospel that did us all good.

**Oak Lawn, Dallas.**  
Edgar C. McVoy, April 25: Oak Lawn suburb is a delightful locality in which to live. We have here the advantages of the city and the quietude of the country. The people are cultured and intelligent. I have never known a better community, morally speaking, and it has never been my privilege to be among a kinder, more hospitable people. I am indebted to them for the many favors they have heaped upon me. Methodism is predominant. Our church is a handsome frame structure, seating about 300, and the only church in the city. We are progressing some. Six members have been received since conference, five by certificate and one from the Christian Church. There is a gratifying improvement in our congregations. We now have an attendance upon Church services ranging from fifty to a hundred or more, and a prayer-meeting attendance from twenty to thirty. Our Sunday-school is in better condition than ever before. The enrollment at the beginning of the second quarter was 102. Our second quarterly conference has been held. Bro. Pierce delivered us two excellent sermons. The people say that these sermons were better, if possible, than any they have heard from the presiding elder. Finances are behind some. Our members have felt keenly the depression in money matters. The district parsonage is located at Oak Lawn, and it is an encouragement and blessing to us to have the presiding elder and his family in our midst. I am praying, working, hoping. Our revival service commences Wednesday night, April 27. I expect the Methodist ministers of the city, and my brother, Rev. A. D. McVoy, Jr., of the Louisiana Conference, to assist me. Sinners must be saved and the Church wonderfully quickened. Pray for us.

**Bowie.**  
L. P. Smith, April 27: About the middle of March we began a series of meetings at this place, hoping and praying for a revival. Rev. S. Nelson, of St. Jo, came to our help, but the snow and very cold weather stopped us. In a few days we made another attempt. Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Montague, came to preach for us, but in three days we were rained out. But on March 31 we began to continue. Rev. W. C. Graham, of Bellevue, came and did most of

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IS THIS TRUE?

A Methodist preacher in Texas is the publisher and editor of a paper called the Pastor's Helper. In a recent issue, the leading editorial is an indorsement of a certain evangelist who had been holding a meeting in the editor's town, and presumably in his church. The editorial in question enters upon a defense of evangelists in general, and proceeds to give the reasons why they are needed. It contains assertions that are astounding to the last degree, and in view of the statement of the editor that his paper reaches to several thousand pastors, I ask space to briefly review his remarkable deliverances. Here is a portion of the editorial:

"I believe the pastor ought to be able to do the work that evangelists are doing; but we are not, and it is foolish to contend that we are. I believe that, if the Church membership were all Christians and would stand by a faithful pastor, the evangelist would have nothing to do. But we have our Churches full of unconverted people. They like the Church because it is the Church their mother lived and died in, but they have no interest in the services held by their pastor, and but little, if any, in Church work. If you tell them that they are not religious, they will get mad at you and talk about you and make you unpopular in the community. They will not attend church meetings, your presiding elder says of you, 'Bishop, he is a faithful, good man, but he is very unpopular; we will have to move him.' So you lose your place. We, my brethren, have our Churches full of drones, deadbeats and inconsistent members; and they are drawing our life's blood from us, and we are standing helpless with our hands tied. We know that a member who will not attend church, and who will not stand by and support the institutions of the Church, is a curse to the Church, rather than a blessing, but we dare not tell them so. We know that a Church member who can find time to go to places of worldliness, but can never get to prayer-meeting, Sunday-school, nor preaching, is not only inconsistent, but a disgrace to the Church, and damaging to the influence of the cause of Christ, but we dare not tell them so. It is my opinion that God has sent out the modern evangelist to do the work that our Church in theory has said the pastor should do, but practically has said that Paul should do."

If the statements in the above are true, then we have in our Church a set of time-serving ministers who have backslid in heart and life, proven false to their ordination vows and utterly unworthy of being entrusted with the care of souls. If these are facts then the pastors, and not the people, are the ones to whom the evangelists should preach. Listen to what he says concerning the pastors: "If you tell them that they are not religious, they will get mad at you and talk about you, and make you unpopular in the community. When the conference meets the presiding elder will say: 'Bishop, he is a faithful, good man, but he is very unpopular; we will have to move him.' So you lose your place." Can it be that any considerable number of our pastors are so careful about being "popular in the community" that they will not warn an unconverted Church member of his danger? He says again: "Our Churches are full of drones, deadbeats and inconsistent members. They are drawing our life-blood from us, and we are standing helpless with our hands tied." How came the pastors helpless? Who tied their hands? Does the author of the editorial mean to say that he has correctly portrayed his own case? He says that such members "are a curse rather than a blessing, but we dare not tell them so." Is he reciting his own shortcomings here, and does he think that all others are like him?

Hear him once more: "We know that a Church member who can find time to go to places of worldliness, but can never get to the prayer-meeting, Sunday-school, nor preaching, is not only inconsistent, but a disgrace to the Church, and damaging to the cause of Christ, but you dare not tell them so." In the name of the preachers of our Church in this State, I deny these professions of the editor. If we have men among us who are so utterly craven and time-serving that they "dare not" warn faithfully those under their care, then I have not known them. It will be a sad day for our Methodism when these "admissions" of the writer become the customary practice of any large number of our pastors. When that day arrives we may write letters over our temples for the gods, will have departed, God wants shepherds who will "faithfully" warn the people from his "mouth," and I rejoice to believe that for the most part we have such a body of pastors today.

In these strictures upon our brother's editorial I do not wish to be considered as joining in an indiscriminate attack on evangelists, for while there are perhaps many in the field who ought to be elsewhere, still there are doubtless some upon whom God has laid his hand for this special work. I had all such good-will, but must insist that their call to the field is not because the great body of our pastors are worldly-wise and time-serving, as the editorial quoted above would have us believe.

W. F. LLOYD.

DR. THRALL ON TEXAS GERMAN METHODISTS.

Dr. Thrall's article in the ADVOCATE of April 21 on "Texas German Methodists" deserves a brief notice. The fact that the Doctor "was a member of the quarterly conference that licensed Frederick Vordenbaumen to preach," gives him no advantage in studying the wants of the German people in its present aspect over those who did not enjoy that opportunity. It is a present, living question, and not one of historical reminiscence. In her memorial to the Parent Board of Missions, the Texas-Conference reviewed the field from the standpoint of Southern Methodism, and is not responsible for the construction put upon its action by a "Northern newspaper," nor for the comments of Rev. D. Matthies, of the M. E. Church, North. No reflection has been cast upon our German Mission Conference in anything that has been said or written in favor of the Texas Conference memorial. The fact obtains, nevertheless, unless the information given by a leading member of that conference to the writer of the memorial be incorrect, that five Churches represent the work of Southern Methodism among the Germans in the limits of the Texas Conference. The German brethren are not to blame for this, for the result of the conditions under which they have labored. It is useless to try to parry the logic of this fact by reference to the "German training-school at Brenham" of the M. E. Church, North, or any other work that the M. E. Church, North, is doing among us. What the Texas Conference is aiming to do is to cover her unoccupied territory,

as far as possible, with domestic missions, which she not only has a right to do, but would be culpable for not doing. Because a part of this territory has a German population why should the movement give "pain" to Dr. Thrall, or anybody else not a member of the Texas Conference? It is strictly a Texas Conference matter, as much so as forming a mission in what is known as the "Big Thicket." The memorial does not ask of the Parent Board permission to enter upon this work. The Texas Conference has a right to occupy every inch of ground in her borders that is not occupied by the preachers of the German Mission Conference. She has only asked the Parent Board to relieve her of an assessment for the foreign work that has for some years been disproportionately large, that she may have available resources to do her pressing home work. Dr. Thrall says: "Knowing the German work as well as I do, I think it would be an act of stupendous folly for any American-speaking conference to send out one of its members to organize new churches among the Germans." And yet, it is thought to be wise to send missionaries from American-speaking conferences to "organize new churches" in China and Japan. By what reasoning can it be "stupendous folly" in the one case, and wise in the other? Are our German fellow-citizens less susceptible to the saving power of the gospel than the "heathen Chinese"? Believe it who may, I do not. Dr. Thrall says: "It would be an act of still more stupendous folly to give up the German Annual Conference and attempt to amalgamate its members with American Churches." So do I, until our German brethren desire to be amalgamated; but in my opinion the ultimate success of Methodism among the German people of Texas is involved in the question of a homogeneous population, and that any policy that has a tendency to check the coalescence of the two races is "simply suicidal" in more respects than one.

LETTER TO A YOUNG PREACHER.

DEAR JOHN: I write to urge the importance of thorough and accurate preparation for the pulpit. I have recently heard some things that cause me to believe this letter is needed. A few Sundays ago I heard a preacher say that the father of Timothy was a Greek. This is my opinion that God has sent out the modern evangelist to do the work that our Church in theory has said the pastor should do, but practically has said that Paul should do."

When a man raises a finger and then gets the worst of it, as Dr. Thrall and his side certain did, it seems the next best thing to say is, "I didn't begin it." Our Baptist brethren seem self-appointed judges in Israel, and when a Methodist preaches his doctrines, this little-bantam must crouch and challenge. A few more such floggings as Elder DuPont and "The only Church of God on earth" got at Aubrey will teach the little strutting fowl in the barnyard to take a peck at the crack of the fence before he crows too big.

W. M. LEATHERWOOD.

APPRECIATED.

As an expression of appreciation of the arduous and successful service the Rev. C. L. Ballard, our presiding elder, rendered the Church and truth in the debate with Elder DuPont of the Baptist Church, at Aubrey, Texas, some of his friends in the district, specially at Decatur and Aubrey, made Bro. Ballard a present of a \$50 check, which the presiding elder has the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Ballard at our second quarterly meeting.

Ballard did himself great credit in that debate, for Elder DuPont is evidently a strong man, but, surely, no man could withstand, from the Baptists standpoint, the arguments of Ballard. His is a glittering blade, wielded by a strong arm.

AS TO EVANGELISTS.

The world knows Methodism as a broad-gauged, liberal and progressive religion. It would be paradoxical for an institution so intensely practical to neglect the men and methods not exactly in conformity with the prescribed usages; therefore, what is this driving nonsense about irresponsible evangelists? Does the insinuation refer to Methodist preachers, local or otherwise? If so, then why in the name of sense do not the powers that be take off their silly heads, as would be done in the case of any other Methodist preacher? Is there such a misnomer as an irresponsible Methodist preacher? If so, let some good brother, in his own way, want to see the non-sensibility. In one respect, at least, he will be like Melchisedec—without father or mother, beginning of days or end of years. Who are these braying ones who vainly would command fire from heaven to consume those who cast out devils, but do not follow them? In no case have we read one single solid argument as to why the revivalist should not be allowed to save the souls of men so long as he is not standing with his Church. If perchance he be a hypocrite and he is a Methodist, stop him instantly. If of another communion report him and furnish proof and his head will come off. There may be apostles or designing men posing as evangelists; but may not the same be true in rank and file of the ministry? The redress is the same in each and every instance. As to clap-trap arrangements—such as standing folks up, offering up hands, winking the left eye and so on—if ever the fool-killer comes along he will have a good job, but somebody else other than evangelists will have sore pates. No doubt it will be a good day's work when all such heads roll into the ditch. The same intolerant spirit would have throttled every prophet and apostle and hindered the work of the blessed Saviour, and the evil spirit tried to relegate Wesley, Luther, Whitefield and Fletcher to the shades of oblivion, while Edwards and Caughey and more modern Moody and Jones, Mulkey, and Collard, all come in for their share of the reproach. Let these would-be censors heed the advice of the sainted mother of Wesley, when he thought of interference with certain ministers, and as to clap-trap arrangements of wisdom that may come some his temporal and eternal well. How would the cloth like to be held responsible for the idiosyncrasies of some wild-eyed apostate pastor who dishonored the Church by his vagaries? Yet how complacently do they saddle the folly of ninnyes upon the whole tribe of evangelists. We have wondered at the silence of pastors who have had the

services of men of God in revivals, and who complacently sit by and see them maligned. Why in the name of truth don't they speak out; and if they can't endorse the work done, they can at least furnish the feather to break the camel's back, and have done with all this unnecessary mouthing. People call me an evangelist. I can't help it. My Church knows me as a local preacher. When an amenable informant tells me that I am out of order, then—I'll not quit the Church as some have threatened, but obey the dictation of my Church, as I promised in ordination vows. Until then popenjays may clatter, for they are made that way. Methodism has a place for every man, and a man for every place. She tells religiously upon the intensive plan. I am out of order, then—I'll not quit the Church as some have threatened, but obey the dictation of my Church, as I promised in ordination vows. Until then popenjays may clatter, for they are made that way. 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MY TRIP TO EUROPE.

We crossed the ocean on "La Bourgoyne," one of the large steamers which ply between New York and Havre, France. We had quite a violent storm during the voyage across, still I enjoyed it very much when I was not seasick.

We landed at Havre the 5th of October. What most attracted my attention in Paris were the beautiful works of art. Nothing pleased me more than to go to the Louvre and loiter around looking at the pictures.

The costumes of the peasants are very quaint. Some may think that wooden shoes have been done away with, but they are still worn by the poorer classes in France.

There are 280 steps to the top, each step about a foot high. When we reached the top, the people below seemed as if they were mere pigmies.

A French boy in America would be called a baby. He never owns a knife, can't plug tops, play leap-frog, nor red liner.

At 9 o'clock school began and they recited till 10, when they had a few minutes recess, during which they occupied most of the time by rolling hoops.

They began school again at 1 o'clock and recited till 4, when they had half an hour's recess, then studied till 5.

One Sunday I went with mamma to the Invalides. The Invalides is a hospital erected by the first Napoleon for his old and wounded soldiers.

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prisoners when the Tower was first built. At the foot of some stairs was the place where the two little princes are supposed to be buried.

I had a great many more experiences in France and England, but I have not now time to record them, so will close.

JOE HOLT. (Age twelve years.)

Sunday School Lesson.

PREPARED BY REV. CHAS. O. JONES, A. M.

SECOND QUARTER, LESSON VII.—MAY 15.

STUDIES IN THE PSALMS AND IN DANIEL.

A SONG OF PRAISE.—Psa. 103:1-22.

GOLDEN TEXT: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.—Psa. 103:2.

OUTLINE.

I. Praise for Personal Mercies.—Verses 1-5.

II. Praise for God's Love.—Verses 6-18.

III. Universal Praise.—Verses 19-22.

INTRODUCTORY.

This is called in the title "A Psalm of David." Many think that it is a song of praise to celebrate the return of the Jews from the Babylonian captivity.

I.—PRAISE FOR PERSONAL MERCIES.—Verses 1-5.

1. Bless the Lord—"bless," when applied to God, means to praise him out of a loving heart.

2. Forget not all his benefits—memory is child for any lack of retentiveness and urged to perfect activity; let not his slightest mercy be forgotten.

3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities—the grateful poet now makes a list of things to be praised for.

4. Redeemeth thy life from destruction—literally, "from the pit," from hades or the grave.

5. Satisfieth thy mouth—meets every true desire; feeds the body with proper food, and the soul with the Bread of heaven.

II. PRAISE FOR GOD'S LOVE.—Verses 6-18.

6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment—he shows that the cause of his people is right, and he judges their oppressors.

7. His ways unto Moses—in manifesting himself to Moses and the Israelites he showed his long-suffering, justice and mercy.

8. The Lord is merciful and gracious—"mercy pardons sin, grace bestows favor; in both the Lord abounds."

9. He will not always chide—praise and not blame is his preference, but sometimes, like disobedient children, we deserve reproof and punishment.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins—sin deserves immediate punishment, but God spares us.

11. As the heaven is high above the earth—the sky was the highest measure known to the Psalmist.

12. As far as the East is from the West—Spurgeon says: "Fly as far as the wing of imagination can bear you, and if you journey through space eastward you are further from the west at every beat of your wing."

13. Like as a father pitieth his children—the fatherly character of God is here touchingly set forth.

14. He knoweth our frame—the weakness of our bodies, the infirmity of our wills, the wickedness of our natures; no part of us is unknown to him.

15. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower—fit emblems of the beauty, frailty and brevity of life.

16. The wind passeth over it, and it is gone—the hot Oriental winds are said to wither vegetation like fire.

17. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting—a striking contrast between man's transitory life and God's eternity.

18. To such as keep his covenant—the compact God makes with men

that if, on their part, they will obey, serve, and love him, he, on his part, will love and preserve them and their children's children forever.

III. UNIVERSAL PRAISE.—Verses 19-22.

19. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens—it is established, so that no revolution can shake it.

20. Bless the Lord—the Psalmist now lifts his thought and summons the angels to be choristers in his swelling anthem of praise.

21. All ye his hosts—all beings and forces of nature are called upon to organize themselves as ministers to do God's will.

22. All his works in all places—nothing that he has made should refuse to lift the voice of praise.

23. He will not let the angels or the hosts of nature express his thanks or draw his voice in the jubilant chorus.

PRACTICAL.

In this Psalm the gratitude of the heart for God's mercies is evoked, and the expression of that gratitude in tuneful words is taught.

2. We are usually grateful for favors from one another.

3. The little sufferer died, and a week later there were found in her battered red pocket-book, fifty-seven pennies.

Yet, how often do we fail in gratitude to God for the largest favors?

3. Thus recollecting these causes for grateful praise, the poet looks about him for a measuring rod.

4. From the greatness of God's bounty he turns to man's frailty and weakness.

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blest artisan can apply it to his work; the housekeeper to hers, no less than the man of affairs, the statesman, the philanthropist.

The great Webster in his early days as a lawyer had a small case submitted to him, and he treated it exhaustively for a small fee.

The family is the unit of the State. The housewife may, if she will, organize her family government as the republic is organized.

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more wraps. I turn my half-closed eyes from side to side seeking help, and my tormenter says: "The baby shivers," and really heats the horrible things at the stove.

Tenth Day—Again a fearful night! I cry, but I am not understood. I must drink, drink, and again drink, until the stomach overflows.

Twelfth Day—Yesterday there was a great council of my aunts and cousins. Each one advised a different remedy for my sickness.

Thirteenth Day—Farewell, thou beautiful world! Thy light and thine air have been denied me.

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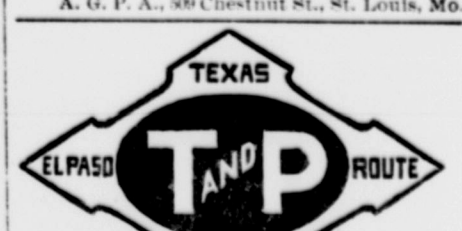
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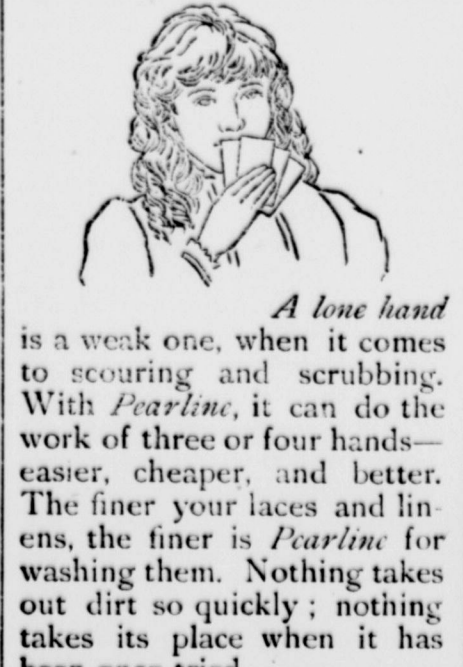
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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

The laws of nature are inexorable. Having violated these laws by exposure to cold and otherwise perhaps, I have been reaping the reward in the pains and inconveniences of rheumatism these four months past, over ten weeks of which time I have been in bed because I could neither sit nor stand without great pain. After eight weeks in bed, the disease having refused to yield to the treatment of skillful physicians, we (wife, baby and I) came to Mineral Wells. So here we (includes Madge also, who has just come to us) are at the famous health resort of Texas. The town of Mineral Wells has a population of about one thousand, and is situated off in the woods about twenty miles from Weatherford, with which it is connected by rail. We are not only in the woods, but among the rocks also. According to Dr. D. C. Kelley's doctrine there ought to be quite a number of great men here. And who knows but there are? The two factors for making great men, according to Kelley, are here. It will be remembered by some who read this that the doctor said in one of his conference speeches while in Texas, that the two things necessary to make a great man were a mountain and a woman. There are women here of course, and there is a mountain, but it is a very small one. However it adds considerably to the picturesqueness of the place and would look well in a picture. There are quite a number of wells, all properly named for their owners and otherwise. They all have about the same character of water and will cure nearly everything in the catalogue of diseases. After hearing the citizens talk of the wonderful powers of these waters and the many wonderful cures which have been made by their use, your humble servant was about to conclude that he had come to the place where the young need never grow old and where the old may be restored to perpetual youth, and where no one need die of disease. Yet after all a question lingered on his lips which he did not ask lest he should betray too much incredulity. But as the question would not down he seized upon the opportunity and asked a little girl if there were a graveyard attached to the town. In her innocent truthfulness she at once answered that there was and that it contained a good many graves. Then his last and faintest hope of having reached a place where no one need ever shuffle off this mortal coil departed to the shades of oblivion.

But seriously speaking, these waters do possess great medicinal virtue. There are several well authenticated cures of cancer attributable to the use of these wells. Many cases of rheumatism in its worst form have been cured. The water seems to be a blood purifier, and hence a remedy for all diseases resulting from impure or poisoned blood.

The treatment of diseases consists in drinking and bathing. At this point let me remark that your hot bath is not to be "monkeyed with." Bathing in hot water and in any temperature, at any time and in any place, is not only non-beneficial but exceedingly dangerous. Neither does every one know how to drink mineral water so as to get the greatest benefit any more than he knows how to take other medicines. Now, as your humble servant did not know how to bathe (not being used to

that article), nor how to drink the water to best advantage for rheumatism any more than he knew how to use salicylic acid, he put himself under the direction of Dr. A. W. Thompson, late of Hot Springs, Ark., where he spent seven years in the practice of medicine, according to the methods of treatment used there. The doctor has erected a bath-house which is an ornament to the town. It is fitted up with cooling rooms and all the conveniences for bathing in regular Hot Spring style.

There is here a well called the crazy well. It came by its name on this well. A gentleman whose wife was insane (her what cause I do not know) brought her to this place. She drank the water from one particular well and would drink from no other. She was restored to her right mind and now lives in the town, her soundness of mind being a witness to the efficacy of the healing properties of that well.

While it may seem nothing strange to the readers of the ADVOCATE, it was quite a surprise to the writer when about the third day after his arrival the doctor prescribed for him the water from the crazy well. Really he did not know he was afflicted with that disease, but thought he knew some other people who might drink of that water to advantage. But after all you know the cranky fellow is the last to find out his own malady. I submitted, however, to the doctor's direction, and this brilliant piece of composition is the result.

There is one thing needful which has never fell in love with this place yet—that is capital. A \$50,000 or a \$100,000 hotel is very much needed. Such a hotel with a bath-room on every floor would be a good investment. With the proper expenditure of money this place could be made superior to Hot Springs as a health resort. Evidently Mineral Wells has very superior advantages over Hot Springs in the character of its water. The principal virtue of the Arkansas water is heat, as it contains only about eight and a-half grains of minerals per gallon, while this water contains over three hundred grains per gallon. As to heat, the water can be made just as hot as you want it. What does it matter whether it comes out of the ground hot, or is heated afterward? Heat is the same whether it comes from under the ground or is generated above ground. No doubt for medicinal purposes rain water heated over a fire is just as good as running out of a hole in the ground with its eight and a-half grains of mineral per gallon. Here we have all the efficacy that there is in hot water, and in addition the virtue of blood-purifying minerals. Capital to furnish adequate accommodations is the one thing needed.

I am not yet on my feet, but think I am improving and expect to be able in a short time to return home on both feet. I find Bro. J. J. Davis here, who thinks he is being benefited. Have received the kindest attention from Bro. H. H. Vaughan, our pastor at this place, and from Dr. Thompson, who is a steward, and from others. To all those friends who have remembered us in their prayers, and to those who have sent us words of sympathy we here tender our heartfelt thanks.

JAS. CAMPBELL.

LIKENESS TO GOD.

In that magnificent eighth chapter of Romans, Paul says: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. . . . The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." How often children are physically like their parents. The eye of the father is seen under the daughter's brow; the mother's walk is seen in the gait of the son; a child's gesture or intonation reminds one of his grandfather. This law of heredity also manifests itself in appetite, in mental qualities, in the emotions. The drunkard bequeaths to his children not only a dishonored name, but a fatal love for strong drink. Charles Wesley was a poet. This gift, in his posterity, found expression in music. About the only thing not hereditary is piety. This is the sad exception, for all are sinful by nature. The children of a saint must be born again, must pass through the same transforming influence of the Holy Spirit as the parent. When transformed, the law of likeness begins its delicate work, and saints put on not only the moral image of God, but also saintliness in life and speech, face and feature.

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." Of himself he said, "I and my Father are one." Herein spiritual assimilation shows itself in character and life. Like father, like son. If we are led by the Spirit, we are the children of God, and if children, then we must be like our Father. "Partakers of the Divine nature," "partakers of his holiness," are the Petrine and Pauline expressions setting forth this assimilation into the likeness of God. "We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Under such

statements, Christ's command, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," does not impose more than can be done. It teaches that the attainment of such Christian heights is not only possible, but is even our imperative duty.

It is Satan's great design to render man unlike God. How well he succeeds is known to all. He seduced our first parents; he darkens our understanding and corrupts our hearts; he leads us to find pleasure in vice when it ought to be found only in virtue; he makes us as different from God as his own ingenious wickedness can do. The design of Christ is opposite to Satan's. "He was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." He attacks human depravity at its center; he helps to put off the old man of sin and to put on the new man of righteousness; he gives us that peace of mind which passeth all understanding; he raises us up and makes us sit together in heavenly places; and soon he will take us to himself, and then we shall be like him in full character, for we shall see him as he is.

Whom will we resemble? God or Satan? We often set ourselves models, saying, "I should like to be as good as the pastor, or Sunday-school superintendent or teacher." "I wish I possessed the virtues or the talents of so and so." It is not wrong thus to place before us high and noble characters, but all exemplars save Christ are in need of models themselves. There is no perfection to be imitated like the excellencies of Jesus; no likeness to be copied of such transcendent moral loveliness as that which beams from the face of Christ. When Dr. Judson was sick in Burmah, his wife, thinking to please him, read newspaper comments in which he was compared to one or other of the disciples. The famous missionary said, "I do not want to be like them. I do not want to be like Paul, nor Apollon, nor Cephas, nor any mere man. I want to be like Christ. I want to follow him only, copy his teachings, drink in his Spirit, and place my feet in his foot-prints. Oh, to be more like Christ!"

Some of us postpone putting on this likeness, saying, "Wait until we get to heaven. We are in the world, and must wear the fashions and the features of the world." Fatal delusion! If we would be like God in heaven, we must be like him here. When we enter the abode of the blessed, we shall not be changed in moral character, only glorified. As we are in time, we shall be in eternity. The soul's portrait, at the moment of death, represents what the soul will be after death.

Let us then seek to make ourselves copies of the one immaculate original. Let us propose Christ the Lord for our example. Though we may often deplore our shortcomings, and lament that we are constantly battling with our virtues, yet the thought of our growing approximation to the Christ-likeness will cheer us like songs in the night. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . . Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

LAW AND ORDER.

In an article on lynch law the Central Christian Advocate says: But the execution of men, black or white, by lynchers is by no means confined to the South. Many of the States in the North and Central West have within a comparatively short time been disgraced by murderous mobs, and such demonstrations have become alarmingly common. But there is this difference between lynching in the North and lynching in the South: in the former the inspiration is very often a well-grounded distrust of the courts; but in South this excuse cannot be offered in cases where the persons lynched are negroes.

A mob wreaks its vengeance without regard to color or previous condition. It is worse to lynch a black man than a white man? The tenor of Northern newspaper comment answers this question in the affirmative. A mob in Omaha broke the jail gates and hung a negro. Lawless men in Ohio lynched a negro because he was not wanted in the community. Lynching in the South, as well as the North, whether the victim be black or white, has its "inspiration very often in a well-grounded distrust of the courts." The law's delays are largely responsible for lawlessness both on the part of the criminal and of those who lynch him. We have lately had an instance of the people's forbearance in Sherman, Texas. A negro left for dead four members of a family, after outraging the wife and mother. Speedy arrest followed. Excitement ran high, but better counsels prevailed. On a formal trial the negro was convicted and sentenced to be hung. If in every such case the law were as quick, lynching would cease. In Dallas a white man committed a similar outrage. He also had a speedy trial and received sentence of death. We heard Gov. Hogg say before a large audience that he was determined to put down assassinations and mobs by all the State authority at his disposal.

Another thing is forgotten by our Northern critics. Nine out of ten crimes against helpless women and children are committed by negroes. Why this is so, we need not inquire. This fact explains why more negroes are lynched than white men. It is not a prejudice against color. It is the determination to abolish social devilry by whomsoever committed, whether white or black. Such occurrences as that at Memphis, where negroes were shot down in cold blood for attempted murder, are rare in the South, and excite the horror and detestation of all law-abiding citizens. Life and property are as safe in Texas as in Missouri or Pennsylvania.

Of the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth Jesus said: "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." John was greater in knowledge, opportunity, and nearness to Jesus, than any of his predecessors in the prophetic office. In all these points we may be greater than John. As a child may know more than his grandfather, because of the opportunities of education, so the Christian of to-day ought to be more advanced in the kingdom of God than those who have gone before. Each generation builds on all the past. Every heir of time enters upon a larger inheritance. In trade, in mechanics, in science, in art, in religion, gates are wider open, avenues broader, than ever before. Such are the demands, such the opportunities, that idleness is a shame if not a sin. The man of leisure may have been a desirable ornament to the effeminate society of decaying Athens and Rome, but in our day a lazy man in business or religion is an anachronism. He belongs to the fossiliferous age.

OUR GREATNESS OF OPPORTUNITY.

These privileges increase our responsibilities. It would be better to have been a Saxon swineherd in the days of William the Conqueror than to live in these glorious times in swinish thoughts and occupations. It would be better to have lived a Pharisee and stood with those who reviled Jesus on the cross than to crucify him afresh through unbelief, in the face of the light we now have. We must be open-eyed to see the swinging gates, clear-headed to walk over the lengthening avenues, and brave-hearted to follow our guide of opportunity to the end. Otherwise we shall miss the purpose of life and fall in the consummation of our brightest hopes.

A thousand years a poor man watched Before the gates of Paradise; But while one little nap he snatched, It opened and shut. Ah! was he wise? "I FELT AT MY POST."

We have received the following note from Dr. I. G. John, Missionary Secretary, under date of Nashville, Tenn., April 29: A cablegram received by Dr. Walter R. Lambuth yesterday reads as follows: "Father dead, dying message: 'I felt at my post. Send more men.'" The cablegram was dated Kobe, Japan, April 25, 8:50 a. m.

This announces the departure of Rev. J. W. Lambuth, D. D., one of our oldest, most distinguished and most useful missionaries. Dr. Lambuth went to China from Mississippi before the war, and has been foremost in missionary work ever since. For many years he was superintendent of our Chinese mission. When the Japan mission was founded, in 1886, he, his son, Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and Rev. O. A. Dukes, of Texas, were transferred from China to Japan, commencing the work in Kobe. In this new field Bro. Lambuth has been abundant in labors, untiring in zeal, and eminently successful. His endurance of toil and hardship has been wonderful. His bulletins from the field have been inspiring. His long and consecrated life justified his last words, "I felt at my post." Knowing by immediate contact with heathenism the necessity for laborers in the vineyard, how significant his dying request: "Send more men!" Let us reverse his memory and answer his urgent cry for help.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Rev. J. H. McLean, D. D., Regent of Southwestern University, gave us a "pop call" between trains, hurrying home from the attendance on the Sherman and Montague District Conferences.

The University has had a prosperous year, and preparations are making for a great commencement. Enlargement is necessary, made so by the actual demand for room. Some colleges have trouble in getting students. We have been blessed at Georgetown with a large and constantly increasing patronage of young people, our own children, who are hungry for an education under Methodist auspices. Shame on the Methodist of Texas if it will not meet the demand. We shall suffer incalculable loss if we do not respond to our opportunity. Who can blame our young people if they go elsewhere for that which they cannot get at home? Hungry cattle, when home fields are barren, will go long distances in search of green pastures and still waters supplied by others. We are persuaded better things of our 150,000

members in this empire State. Methodism has always taken care of her children. Shall Texas Methodism be the first Benedict Arnold in our war of educational independence? God forbid. Let us rise up and build.

MRS. SARAH H. COCKRELL died on Tuesday, April 26, at the residence of her son in South Dallas. She was a native of Virginia, and with her parents settled near Dallas in 1844. In 1847 she married Alexander Cockrell, who died in 1858. She was the custodian of a large and constantly increasing estate, which she managed with great ability. She was probably the oldest member of First Church, Dallas, and was ever a liberal supporter of the gospel. Her husband and herself gave the old Lamar Street Church, the mother church of this city, a beautiful and valuable corner lot, on which our people worshiped until the present elegant and commodious First Church building was erected. To this building she gave a beautiful memorial window of "Christ knocking at the door."

She was hospitable in the extreme and very generous to her many tenants and the poor. Her funeral was largely attended, many aged people being present. An appropriate sermon was delivered by her former pastor and long-time friend, Rev. R. W. Thompson, her pastor, Rev. Charles O. Jones, concluding the service at the grave. She leaves two sons and several grandchildren. The memory of the just is blessed.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church meets in Omaha next week. We will keep our readers informed of its deliberations, especially of those things which immediately concern our latitude. The Methodist Review mentions the following subjects that will probably be discussed and acted upon: The status of the bishops and the modification of the episcopacy; pastoral time-limit; eligibility of women; two houses; division of the Missionary Society; consolidation of benevolences; modification of the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Gov. J. E. BROWN, of Georgia, is a noted man. He has been Governor several terms, Justice of the Supreme Court and United States Senator. He has accumulated large wealth and has given \$50,000 each to the University of Georgia and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Concerning these donations, he is reported to have said: "Out of these two funds, at least thirty young men are educated yearly, and I feel that I have done more good in this way than in all of my public life."

Who wishes to be happy and do lasting good by a gift to the building fund or endowment of the Southern University?

The first meeting in the tabernacle at Nashville, Tenn., as we learn from the Tennessee Methodist, was in the interest of Sunday closing at the World's Fair. A great and enthusiastic audience of four thousand people was present. Addresses were made by Dr. S. A. Steele, Judge East and others. Ringing resolutions were offered by Dr. Haynes, editor of the Methodist, and adopted by a rising vote, only two persons dissenting. Let similar mass meetings be held in every town and city, and the resolutions sent to our representatives in Congress, and to the managers of the World's Fair.

The Parsonage Extension and Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference, meets at Terrell, May 6-8. Rev. F. A. Rosser will preach the annual sermon Sunday at 11 a. m.

The enterprising people of Floyd Street Church, this city, will give an entertainment at the Opera House on Friday night for the benefit of their parsonage. The entertainment will be furnished by the famous musical faculty of North Texas Female College, Sherman, Mrs. L. A. Kidd, president. Twenty-four young ladies of the college will execute a military drill and a Greek pantomime. Rev. C. N. Riggan, pastor of Floyd Street, and his wife, with the hearty co-operation of their membership, have made many improvements in the parsonage since conference. The church also has been newly papered, and with other contemplated additions will be one of our most convenient houses of worship. Congratulations! Nothing adds to the happiness of a preacher's family so much as a comfortable and well furnished parsonage. We trust that the proposed concert will be a great success.

MRS. NORA OXFORD, leader of First Church choir, has obtained 1000 subscribers for the Ladies' Home Journal of Philadelphia. This entitles her to a year's scholarship, board and tuition, in the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. Mrs. Oxford has a pure soprano voice of rare quality, and will, no doubt, profit greatly by her well-earned scholarship.

The best antidote to spiritual depression is activity for Christ. The next best is observation of what Christ is doing. When we see vice triumphant, or apostasy in high places, be-

fore we reach the conclusion that the world is growing worse, let us examine what Jesus is doing through his Church. Think of the millions contributed to spread the gospel at home and abroad. Reflect upon the thousands that are added to the Church daily and by the year.

The Tennessee Methodist celebrates its second birthday with a tinted cover and a full load of good things from editor and correspondents. We congratulate our confrere on the great success he has made, and wish him many happy returns of the birthday anniversary of the Methodist.

THE COLLECTION.

An illustration of the work accomplished by the Salvation Army in France is found in the following incident: At Lyons there are three corps, mostly converted Catholics, and the woman soldier who carried the handbag of Mrs. Booth-Clibborn through the street to the station was the one who formerly carried the red flag of revolution at the head of riotous mobs or anarchistic demonstrations.

Moody and Sankey have received a largely signed and urgent requisition from friends in Australia to come there. They say: "Never were these colonies so ripe for blessing, or Christians so really in earnest. We have had two years of much prayer all around."

The United States, through Mr. Blaine, have tendered the Italian government \$25,000 as an indemnity to the families of the three Italian subjects killed by the New Orleans mob, and the amount has been accepted. Secretary Blaine's note accompanying the indemnity said: "While the injury was not inflicted directly by the United States, the President nevertheless feels that it is a solemn duty as well as the great pleasure of the national government to pay a satisfactory indemnity." This will restore the interrupted relations between the two governments.

PRINCIPAL WARE, of Hawkinsville, says the Savannah (Ga.) News, has what appears to be quite a novel way of managing refractory boys at the graded school. When one gets too precious, he is wallowed. Then he has to give a bond for his future good behavior. He has to have one, two, or three boys on his bond, who guarantee that there will be no fault to find with him by reason of misconduct. If the principal misbehaves, the bondsmen catch it. Knowing this, the bondsmen keep the principal out of mischief. They say it works beautifully.

AN ADVOCATE representative had the pleasure of attending last week the Sherman and Montague District Conferences—the former at Pilot Point and the latter at St. Jo. Our time at each conference was limited. It was evident, however, that the respective presiding elders had their work well in hand. Bro. Mountcastle, presiding elder of Sherman district, was particularly happy in his deliveries from the chair. Though it may be a stereotyped expression, Bro. M. certainly presided "with ease and dignity and to the satisfaction of the conference." The reports from the work, as far as we heard them, were encouraging. Bro. J. F. Archer, the efficient and courteous secretary will furnish a report for the ADVOCATE. Bro. W. H. Hughes, preacher in charge at Pilot Point, through the liberality of his charge, made ample provision for entertainment of the conference. Considering the fact that he has "old Niek" as one of his leading members, he is moving smoothly along in his charge. We found Bro. May "at home in the chair," as presiding elder of Montague District. He had provided a program for the occasion, and observed it throughout. It is said of him that "he must have everything exactly right." The brethren were disposed, as the closing of the conference drew near, to leave for home. This Bro. May did not appreciate. He said: "I want you to put me on record. If I ever hold another district conference, I will not let it include Sunday. I will begin Monday and close during the week. By leaving the conference before Sunday the preachers deprive the resident membership of the spiritual benefits and enjoyments of the occasion." The Montague district, being the "outside row," comprehends considerable missionary ground. While some of the charges are "hard places," the preachers are hopeful and cheerful. The "feature and fun" of the conference was the report of the Committee on Prohibition, which was read by the chairman, Rev. L. W. Harrison, in his peculiar and inimitable style. The document lacked not strength—in fact, the brethren thought it too strong, and recommended it. On its second presentation Bro. H. wished it distinctly understood that the "scratching" was not his. The fact is he felt that the document had passed through the hands of "old Scratch." Bro. Morris, who presided at the secretary's desk with ability, will send in a synopsis of the proceedings of the conference for publication. The ADVOCATE representative is indebted to Bro. Nick Wilson and family, of Pilot Point, and Bro. and Sister Chauncy, of St. Jo, for very hospitable entertainment.

BISHOP SIMPSON, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, opened the great Centennial Exposition, in 1876, with prayer, and it is announced that Bishop Fowler, of the same Church, has been invited to make the opening prayer for the Columbian Fair.

"PAUL appealed to Caesar; we appeal to Lafferty. Now that the TEXAS ADVOCATE is removed to the third floor of a five-story building, what means of transportation do you suggest for Camp-





# ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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Mrs. ELLEN H. RICHARDS, instructor of Chemistry in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says: "Baking Powders prepared from soda and cream of tartar chiefly are, when put up in tin cans with the maker's name and label, much more reliable than any other form of bread-raising preparation."

MISS PARLOA says: "It seems to me that the Royal Baking Powder is as good as any can be. I have used it a great deal and always with satisfaction."

MARION HARLAND says: "I regard the Royal Baking Powder as the best in the market. It is an act of simple justice, and also a pleasure, to recommend it unqualifiedly to American housewives."

M. GONAT, Chef, Delmonico's, New-York, says: "In my use of Royal Baking Powder, I have found it superior to all others. I recommend it as of the first quality."

U. S. Government Chemist Prof. H. A. MOTT says: "The Royal Baking Powder is undoubtedly the purest and most reliable baking powder offered to the public."

The Royal Baking Powder is of higher strength than any other powder (U. S. Government Food Report), and therefore more economical.

bell? We pause for a reply."—Alabama Advocate. The laws of nature work by contrary in the Church. Men in the ministry rise by their gravity and sink by their levity. The spheroidal editor of Dallas can lift himself on high by a leverage that defies inertia of brain or body—the might of mute sourness. After a witty and wise article "on the third floor" he will certainly descend by the tonnage of stupid readers.—Richmond Christian Advocate.

DR. W. J. SCOTT, of Atlanta, Ga., is furnishing the Wesleyan Christian Advocate with "Biographic Etchings," which have a cameo distinctness and beauty. The last has Dr. Jesse Boring for a subject. The etcher has this to say of Dr. Boring in Texas:

It will be remembered by the older Methodists, that after his California adventures, Dr. Boring was transferred to Texas, with his headquarters alternately at San Antonio and Galveston. At both places he did much to organize Methodism for the aggressive work which it has since so well and wisely prosecuted, until the Church in all that vast region has become an immense spiritual federation of a half dozen annual conferences.

While stationed at Galveston he had one of those remarkable experiences which have marked several stages of his ministry.

Starting in the Caribbean sea, a typical cyclone swept with its uttermost fury the entire Gulf coast, from Key West to Vera Cruz. At Galveston it was especially severe, submerging very much of the city and island. As the pious Encas bore upon his shoulders the old Anchises, from the flames of Troy so—Dr. Boring carried in his arms his frail wife through that dreadful midnight flood to a place of safety.

LOOK AGAIN AT "SOCIETY." It patronizes the clubs. In themselves, clubs may serve very useful purposes, and need not be an evil. But here again we are face to face, not with what they might be, but with what they are. The clubs of this town are among the most powerful agencies of evil with which we have to contend. They are headquarters of dissipation, gilded palaces of drinking, gambling and licentiousness. They allure young men away from home, and surround them with associations that encourage immorality. They promote profligacy. They foster idleness. The atmosphere of the club reeks with profanity; the taint of impurity is in its very air; and the path is a short one from the club to the brothel. I do not say that every man who is a member of the club is an immoral man, or that all who patronize this institution are conscious abettors of its evils. On the contrary, I know some who are not. But I am speaking of the institution itself, and of its undeniable influence on the young men of Nashville. Under the plausible pretense of serving certain useful ends in the social and commercial life of the city, the club offers an easy and secure retreat, where men may congregate to drink and gamble. A young man will meet temptations at the club which he would find nowhere else, and it will be hard to resist them. The more the air of respectability they assume, the more dangerous they are. The saloon, the detestable dram-shop, is there, which no decorations can disguise, whose infamous character defies all the ingenuity of man to invest with decency; and if but a part of what I hear of the club life of this city is true, you might as well talk of reforming hell as of cleansing these tenfold polluted Augean stables. These clubs are like the fallen palace of Circe, built of marble white as snow, rising like a miracle of beauty in a dense forest. On its lawns fountains threw aloft crystal jets that fell in a spray of perfume on the flowers that bloomed on every side. Within, its enchanted halls were adorned with the finest works of art, and ravishing melodies from choirs hidden in its mystic recesses beguiled the ear. Lovely forms glided along its corridors and gracious hospitality delighted the unwary guest. But in the very midst of the banquet the enchantress waved her wand, and the men, transformed to swine, fell groveling to the floor and were driven out to wallow in the sty. Your clubs are enchanted palaces. You go into them, men, and alas! too often you return with manhood gone, character gone, reputation ruined, fortune

squandered, life wasted, the noble lineaments of the immortal nature imbruted and degraded forever! The invisible enchantress that inhabits every club has waved her wand over them and changed them forever. I hate clubs. I believe they are the are shortest and quickest route to hell for young men in the city. I have seen so many noble boys sucked into these whirlpools of fascinating vice, and listened to the heart-breaking sobs of so many mothers weeping for sons ruined by the club forever, that I have no words strong enough to paint the horrors they awakened in my mind. Young men, avoid them as gaping mouths of ruin-yawning pits that are bottomless—the vestibule of hell itself!—Dr. S. A. Steele, on "Sins of Society," Sermon in Tennessee Methodist.

The Waco Female College will open its next session in the new college building.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The last Sunday in May will be observed as Epworth Sunday by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ABOUT 200 members of the various Epworth League Chapters of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, of the city of St. Louis, met in a union prayer and consecration meeting on Thursday evening, April 14, at Cook Avenue M. E. Church, South, corner Cook and Spring Avenues.

The chairmen of the Sunday-school Boards of the three conferences in Missouri met in St. Louis April 8 and decided to have a State Convention of the Epworth Leagues, at Kansas City, June 21 to 23, 1892. The basis of representation was fixed as follows: All the traveling preachers of the three conferences in Missouri, and two delegates from each League in Missouri. Drs. Matthews, Chapman and Palmore were appointed a committee to prepare a program for the convention.

At a recent meeting of the League at Greensboro, Ga., the following questions were answered: "What is the origin of the name Methodist? Where and when did Methodism begin? Re- late John Wesley's experience? Who are the Moravians, and what did they have to do with John Wesley's conversion? Who was Count Zinzendorf? Were the first Methodist preachers well educated? Why did Wesley and Whitefield separate? etc., etc."

REV. J. B. CUMMING favors the holding of an Epworth League State Convention at Selma, Ala., embracing the Leagues of both the Alabama Conferences, on the following grounds: "1. It will give information concerning this valuable organization for our young people. 2. It will give enthusiasm to Church work for the young, and assist in the training and development of this largely undeveloped source of strength and power. 3. It will bring our young people more closely together—those of both conferences—bind them together, and strengthen the union of Alabama Methodism."

Do NOT.—Do not yield to spring fever, or to any tendency to lethargy whatsoever, and so slacken your religious activity.

Do not yield to the temptation to ward evil thinking and evil speaking. Do not forget that you are a pledged and enrolled soldier of the League in the army of conquest.

Do not fail to welcome the strangers that come among you.

Do not make the Epworth League your Church.

Do not put the Epworth League in the place of the Sunday-school.

Do not consider your Christian work done at the close of the weekly League prayer-meeting.

Do not imagine you have no need of the prayer service.

Do not allow yourself to be a better Hermit than Christian.—Methodist Herald.

A PASTOR in the Epworth Herald thus gives the reasons for his faith: 1. I believe in the Epworth League because it is in league with God. 2.

I believe in it because it is in league with the Methodist Episcopal Church. 3. I believe in it because it is in league with the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 4. I believe in it because it is in league with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 5. I believe in it because it is in league with the economy of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 6. I believe in it because it is in league with the customs and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 7. I believe in it because it is in league with the great benevolent societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 8. I believe in it because it is in league with the educational institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### SOUTHERN METHODISM.

—First Church, Anniston, Ala., was burned on the night of April 15th; loss \$35,000, insurance \$1,600.

—Rev. W. P. Harrison, D. D., Book Editor, has been confined to his house for a month or more with sickness.

—At an official meeting of Trinity Church, Atlanta, Ga., their large auditorium was tenanted by Baptists for one of their Southern Baptist Convention, which assembles in that city May 8.

—Dr. E. W. Bemis, professor of History and Economics in Vanderbilt University, has accepted an adjunct professorship in the University of Chicago. The Tennessee Methodist thinks that he ought to have been retained by increasing his salary.

—For the year ending March, 1892, the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Georgia Conference raised nearly \$8000, a grand showing. Yet, Mrs. M. Callaway, president, says: "This amount was paid by only one-tenth of the women and children who represent North Georgia Methodism."

—Mr. A. W. Moore, proprietor of the Centenary, published at Florence, S. C., gave us a pleasant call on Monday. He is traveling through Texas in the interest of his paper, having several thousand subscribers in this State. The Centenary is largely illustrated with cuts of prominent people, and makes a specialty of Southern biography and literature. Mr. Moore is a member of our Church.

—Pacific Methodist Advocate: Dr. Simmons, a veteran of forty years in our coast work, says this is the greatest year of our history in California and the Pacific States—a larger spiritual growth and a greater material prosperity than in any previous showing. Yet, Mrs. M. Callaway, president, says: "This amount was paid by only one-tenth of the women and children who represent North Georgia Methodism."

—The great gospel tabernacle, in Nashville, Tenn., which was started by Sam Jones several years ago, is about completed. It cost \$75,000, and will seat 5000 people on the floor and 3000 in the galleries. It is to be used for great public meetings of a benevolent, educational and religious character. The first to be held will be a mass-meeting to protest against Sunday opening at the World's Fair.

—Bro. J. A. Black, in the Central Methodist, of April 9th, says that the Western Virginia Conference, in the last twenty-five years, has had a net increase in ministerial force of more than 114 per cent.; more than 425 per cent. net increase in Sunday-schools; over 272 per cent. net increase in Sunday-schools; over 490 per cent. net gain in Sunday-school scholars. The amount raised for all purposes, in 1891, was \$98,884.41 more than was raised in 1866. This is an average yearly gain of \$2,675.37 for twenty-five successive years.

—Dr. Carradine's revival service deepens and widens as the days go by. It was a strange sight to some of us last Sunday evening to see old First Church packed at such an early hour, and with such a stream of overflowing humanity united to enter. The stewards are beginning to feel that they will either have to get rid of the present pastor or build galleries in the church. Since conference the Church has had 270 accessions. During the meeting so far there have been 150 conversions, 109 baptisms, and forty-nine accessions.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

### TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Rev. E. L. Spragins will deliver the baccalaureate address for Lamar College on May 25.

—Rev. W. H. Le Fevre, financial agent of Alexander College, Kilgore, spent several days in the city last week.

—Bro. A. N. Canafax, in moving west from Weatherford, says: "There are three visible things I want to take with me, viz: the Holy Bible, my Church certificate and the ADVOCATE."

—Rev. M. M. Dunn, Aubrey, writes: "Myself and wife have been down four weeks with la grippe, but are up. This is the first time I have missed my appointments four weeks in thirty-five years. I have not been able to work at anything."

—After a long sickness, Bro. McWhirter, father of Rev. C. I. McWhirter, Secretary of the North Texas Conference, has entered into the rest that remaineth unto the people of God. His son writes: "We shall see his face no more in the flesh. Our loss is his gain."

—I wish to know the whereabouts of Rev. James M. Turner, a superannuated preacher in the Texas Conference. I have business of importance with him, and will be very thankful to any one for his postoffice address. His great niece—Mrs. C. A. Pierce, Tyrus, Miss.

—Albert, son of Rev. E. A. Bailey, P. E., Cisco District, Northwest Texas Conference, died April 26. Rev. G. F. Boyd writes: "He was an excellent young man, noted for his piety." Just before breathing his last, he said: "I want you all to meet me in heaven." Our sympathies go out to the bereaved ones.

—Rev. Joseph Jamison, of Merit circuit, called on us Saturday, on his way home from assisting Bro. Seudday in great revival at Palestine. Bro. Jamison has been stirring his people on the subject of church building. Good! Let us get out of school-houses as preaching places as soon as possible.

—We have received the following note from W. W. Pinson, San Antonio. We feel sure that our readers will sympathize with Bro. Knox, and pray for his recovery.

The friends of Rev. F. A. Knox, of the West Texas Conference, will be sorry to learn of his severe sickness, at his brother's in San Antonio. He is now in the seventh week of a most painful and dan-

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gerous illness. He is suffering from an abscess. At times, his life has been almost despaired of. Though he is now much improved, yet by no means well. Will not his brethren, whom he loves and of whom he delights to talk and hear pray for his restoration? It will, at best, probably be some time yet before he is out of bed.

—Rev. W. L. Nelms, presiding elder of the Fort Worth district, Northwest Texas Conference, is with us for a few days. He concluded the service with prayerlast evening. But he has some cold—almost a case of la grippe—and hence we have not yet had the pleasure of hearing him preach. But we hope to have him here before long. All who have met him seem anxious to hear him.—Letter from Columbus, Ga., in Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

### THE INDIANAPOLIS BOARD OF HEALTH.

After the Ammonia and Alum Baking Powders.

The subject of pure food, and especially the adulteration of baking powders by the use of ammonia and alum is causing no little discussion.

The legislators of New York, Minnesota, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, etc., have taken up this question, and it is attracting the attention of physicians and boards of health throughout the country. Our own city board of health ordered an examination of all the baking powders to be found in this market; instructed Dr. Latz to make an examination and analysis and report the result to the board.

BAKING POWDER ANALYSES.

City Chemist Dr. Latz transmitted to the department of public health a lengthy communication, in which he gives the result of his analysis of the several brands of baking powders that are on sale in this city. In his report Dr. Latz says that baking powders designated as being free from deleterious substances may be recommended, as their healthfulness cannot be questioned. The report is as follows:

The samples of baking powders you have sent to our laboratory for investigation as to the purity and healthfulness of the various brands I have subjected to a qualitative examination and now report the following result:

Atlantic & Pacific contains ammonia and alum.

Bon Bon contains alum.

Calumet contains alum.

Crown contains ammonia and alum.

Early Rising (Empire) contains ammonia and alum.

Forest City contains ammonia and alum.

Kenton contains ammonia and alum.

Dr. Price's free from deleterious chemicals.

Queen contains ammonia and alum.

Royal contains ammonia.

Regal contains ammonia and alum.

Ruckelban's contains ammonia and alum.

Seafan (made by Day, Indianapolis) contains alum.

Dr. Latz says: "Physiologists of high standing consider ammonia and alum deleterious substances, unfitted for use in foods."

Commencement Exercises Waco Female College, Waco, Texas, June 2-7, 1892.

Thursday, June 2—8:30 p. m., art entertainment.

Friday, June 3—8:30 p. m., preparatory department.

Saturday, June 4—8:30 p. m., Cio-mean Literary Society.

Sunday, June 5—10:30 a. m., commencement sermon by Rev. W. F. Lloyd, Fort Worth, Texas.

Sunday, June 5—8:30 p. m., sermon on Christian education, by Rev. B. Harris, San Marcos, Texas.

Monday, June 6—9 a. m., contests for medals in vocal and instrumental music and elocution.

Monday, June 6—8:30 p. m., an evening with the senior class.

Tuesday, June 7—10 a. m., graduating exercises and literary address by Rev. E. W. Alderson, of Bonham, Texas.

All friends are cordially invited to attend. R. O. ROUSAVALL.

### ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND WORK OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Of the M. E. Church, South, for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 1892.

RECEIPTS. ON GENERAL ACCOUNT.—From assessments \$2,282 41 From special donations 1,726 43 From sale of tracts, plans, etc. 204 55

Receipts by Gen. Board on gen. acct. 25,286 79 Retained from ass't on Gen. Boards 33,822 41

Total paid by Church on gen. acct. \$68,760 40 ON LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.—For Andrew Loan Fund \$28 15 For Kavanaugh Loan Fund 110 00 For G. W. D. Harris Loan Fund 5 50 For G. W. D. Harris Loan Fund 157 50 For Morrison Loan Fund 872 00 For Moses L. Payne Fund 1,094 75 For A. B. Bowman Loan Fund 200 00 For Mrs. L. B. Stetler Loan Fund 708 00 For Fletcher Wilson Loan Fund 3,531 00

Payments by Church on Loan Fund acct. 7,001 15 Cash paid by Church on Loan Fund acct. 75,770 55 Cash p'd by Church last year on all acct. 72,917 85

Increase during the year \$ 2,832 70 FINANCE PROCEEDS AT ALL PLACES.—Lelton, Oregon, taken at Ark. Con. \$ 30 00 Monterey, Mex., taken at N. C. Con. 750 00 House, Col., taken at North Miss. Con. 31 39 House, Col., taken at Miss. Con. 27 00

Pledges recd. during yr., unredeemed. \$ 840 70 WORK.—The General and Conference Boards helped this year, 47 churches, paying them \$87,089 46 The General and Conference Boards helped last year 28 churches, paying them \$2,729 42

An inc. of 40 churches, and \$ 4,390 04 ONLY FOUR UNPAID APPROPRIATIONS.—With \$60 in addition to what we have in our treasury at this time we can pay all outstanding appropriations, new and absolute, and conditional, foreign and domestic, made by our board.

OUT OF DEBT.—The board has also paid all its expenses of every kind to this date, and is literally free of debt. PAISONAGES.—By order of the last General Conference the Woman's Piousness and Home Mission Society has assumed the work of the Woman's Department of Church Extension, and it was detached from the work of this board October 5, 1891, except that after appropriations have been made by that society it turns the money over to us for disbursement upon the execution of proper legal papers. The ladies have done a noble work this year and will make full report of same. DAVID MORTON, Cor. Sec'y. LOUISVILLE, KY. CHURCH EXTENSION—ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD.—Having sent last week to all the papers our Abstract, we add a few items which may be of interest to the Church. It was well attended, only six of the twenty-seven members being absent, and was the shortest we have ever had—only two days—the result of judicious and

faithful work of committee beforehand. A special committee, to which subjects were referred, suggested a freer use by the Secretary of the press of the Church, and placed \$500 at his disposal for the purpose and also urged that our cause should receive more attention at the annual conferences. Both of these recommendations are eminently wise and opportune.

A Special Committee on Annulities brought in a concise and clear report which was adopted and will be printed in full in our annual report and from which we make this extract: "That donations of money subject to annuities will be accepted in no amount less than \$100 and in larger amounts only in exact hundreds."

The secretary felt compelled to say to the board: "That the difficulty of collecting loans is attributable in some measure to the stringency in money matters is not to be questioned, but that this is the only cause of the chief cause we do not believe. Invidious, not to say reckless, borrowing, the expectation of indulgence and in some cases of cancellation of these claims and an almost utter obliviousness of the necessity for prompt payment, coupled with a weak sense of obligation to pay at all, as the borrowers are a part of the body of the lenders, has had much to do with it," and the board concurred heartily and took immediate steps to close up all overdue loans and was very careful in making new ones.

Two other items from the message of the secretary were heartily endorsed by the board as follows: "The manifest tendency to multiply machinery in the conduct of Church Extension work, I regard with concern, as possibly indicative of a proclivity to de-concentration, and thus destroy the work of our hands. If these independent organizations could be correlated with our General Board and its auxiliaries so that they might work in unison, they might prove helpful to each other, and the Church Extension work of the denomination become more efficient and be more fully appreciated."

"Appeals through the newspapers, and by other devices for special help in individual cases, usually discount systematic giving, and sustain to it about the same relation that street begging does to organized charity. They should be met by kind, but positive and unambiguous opposition."

Hon. Jas. H. Bowden, of Louisville, felt constrained, by press of private business, to resign his membership in the board. His resignation was accepted with regret, and Mr. George M. Rogers, a well known young and active Methodist of the Clifton charge, this city, was elected in his place.

The bishops, as a Committee on Nominations, suggested that the election of an Assistant Secretary be deferred for one year, and the board acquiesced. The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to employ such assistance as might be found necessary, and pay for same, subject to approval of Committee on Finance.

Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., editor of Christian Advocate, Nashville, and Rev. W. B. Palmore, of St. Louis Christian Advocate, looked in upon the board and were heartily welcomed. Both were invited to address board at their convenience, and Bro. Palmore made some very interesting statements of our work among the Catholics at Key West.

Resolutions were made by thirty-four churches, aggregating in donations \$3,000, and in loans \$28,000. These, with a few contingent appropriations in which we hope to have the Board of Missions to join us, will make it necessary to raise, during the current year, fully \$80,000 for donations, as the conference boards retain one-half of what is collected by the preachers on assessment. If Churches meet the installments of loans made them as these mature, we will be able to pay during the year without embarrassment the new loans granted.

After extended and close observation, reaching over nearly ten years in this field of labor, I am thoroughly satisfied that the destiny of the work is in the hands of the preachers in charge—the pastors of the Church. If they will follow the directions of the Discipline and take up a collection in every congregation annually for Church Extension, success is inevitable; if they do not, failure is an assured certainty. The most earnest pleading by the board, the most eloquent writing by our best editors, the most dashy campaign of the conferences by secretaries, the employment of the apparently most opposite expedients will not avail anything like so much as the steady, earnest, systematic canvass of each pastoral charge by the preacher to serve it. We do not undervalue the services of Bishops, board, elders, visiting and editors, for there is much to be done by each of these, but to the hand to hand work of the pastor we look for the results so much to be desired.

The Woman's Department was in session at the same time with our board, but I will let Miss Helm make her own report, only praising that her work shows gratifying progress. DAVID MORTON, Corresponding Secretary. LOUISVILLE, KY.

If you feel weak, tired, and all run down, Hood's Sarsaparilla is just what you need to build up strength and purify your blood.

Sawyer—The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Be sure—No, it isn't. It's in the digesting.

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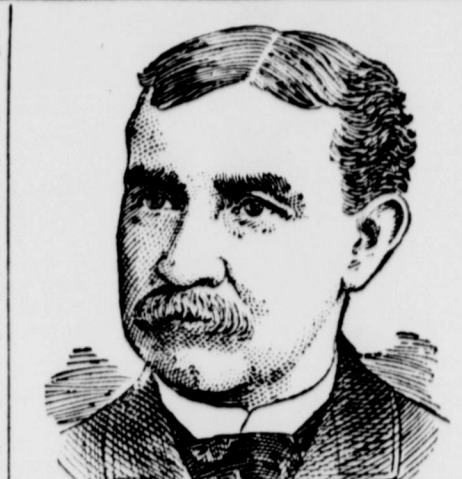
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Mr. Warren D. Wentz of Geneva, N. Y., Tells of His Fearful Sufferings After Gastric Fever and His Cure by

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

All who know Mr. W. D. Wentz give him the best of recommendations for honesty and integrity. For many years he has worked for Mr. D. P. Wilson, the harness maker and member of the Geneva Board of Health. He says:

"I was taken sick last October with gastric fever and my chance for recovery was considered almost hopeless. After 7 weeks the fever slowly left me, but I could not eat the simplest food without terrible distress. It seemed that I had recovered from the fever to

### Die of Starvation

I took peppin compounds, bismuth, charcoal, cod liver oil and malt until my physician confessed that his skill was about exhausted and he did not know what else to try. Everything I took seemed like poisoning melted lead into my stomach. I happened to think I had part of a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla that had been in the house for two or three years, that I found had benefited me previously for dyspepsia. I began taking it and soon began to feel better. I have now taken a little over two bottles and can truthfully say I feel well again and can eat anything without distressing me, even to

### Pie and Cheese

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Woman's Department.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL.

[All matter intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 23 Maston street, Dallas, Texas.]

DISTRICT MEETING W. M. S. GALVESTON DISTRICT.

We left Galveston Friday at 6:20 a. m. with an interesting party of four young ladies, delegates to the district meeting of Woman's Missionary Society, Galveston district, to be held in the Methodist Church at Richmond, Texas, April 8-10, 1892.

Friday afternoon we met at the church in a service of prayer and consecration, led by Mrs. J. E. Green. After praying and reading the Scriptures, we all united in singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

The evening exercises opened with singing by the choir—a beautiful voluntary—"The Silent Shades of Evening."

While listening to the sweet strains, our hearts were lifted up with love and praise to God for his mercy and grace, and filled with thoughts of that fair haven which we all hope to gain at last.

The opening address by Mrs. Lena Blakely, of Richmond, was excellently delivered and highly interesting and instructive. She gave us a cordial Christian greeting and a hearty welcome.

Saturday morning, April 9, we assembled for the first business session, which began with devotional exercises. Mrs. J. E. Green took the chair and called the meeting to order.

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Marriages.

REYNOLDS-JOHNSTON.—At the Methodist Church, Van Alstyne, Texas, April 20, 1892, Mr. J. Reynolds and Miss Lizzie Johnston, Rev. J. F. Archer officiating.

KENNEDY-PEDIGO.—At the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, April 20, 1892, by Rev. O. A. Shook, Wm. H. Kennedy and Miss Fannie Pedigo, of Kountze, Texas.

MORROW-GARNETT.—At Deming's Bridge Church, Matagorda county, Texas, April 20, 1892, Mr. Eddie Morrow, from near Victoria, Texas, and Miss Susie Garnett, of Matagorda county, Rev. J. W. Morris officiating.

SILLIMAN-WILLIAMS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams, April 21, 1892, Mr. John R. Silliman and Miss Kate Hoge Williams, both of Tyler, Texas, Rev. James H. Wiggins, her uncle, officiating.

GUEST-PHILIPS.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Detroit, Texas, March 13, 1892, Mr. W. E. Guest and Miss Mattie A. Phillips, Rev. M. G. Jenkins officiating.

COFFMAN-YOUNG.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Red River county, Texas, April 7, 1892, Mr. John R. Coffman and Miss May E. Young, Rev. M. G. Jenkins officiating.

ANDREWS-BURNAM.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Robert Burnam, four miles south of Marble Falls, Texas, April 20, 1892, by Rev. R. H. Simpson, Mr. W. H. Andrews and Miss Ellen Burnam.

MARSHALL-FORHAND.—At the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. H. G. Forehand, nine miles south of Goldthwaite, Texas, April 17, 1892, Mr. W. D. Marshall and Miss Julia B. Forehand, Rev. W. C. Hillborn officiating.

NORTHINGTON-TOLAND.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. T. W. Toland, in Goldthwaite, Texas, April 21, 1892, Mr. D. K. Northington, of Brownwood, Texas, and Miss Mary Toland, Rev. W. C. Hillborn officiating.

MCCURDY-HOLLOWAY.—April 11, 1892, by Rev. M. Mathews, of the Primitive Baptist Church, at his residence, Mr. A. W. McCurdy, of Fannin county, Texas, and Miss Sallie Holloway, of Grayson county, Texas.

RAHL-WRIGHT.—At the residence of the groom's brother, J. E. Rahl, Meridian, Texas, April 24, 1892, Mr. Wm. E. Rahl and Miss Lottie W. Wright, Rev. W. E. Caperton officiating.

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Obituaries.

The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines; or about 170 to 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices...

WRIGHT.—Sister Mary Wright, wife of Rev. L. D. Wright, of Trichman, Texas, born February 28, 1817, in Green county, Georgia...

COLE.—The subject of this sketch, Sister Margaret Cole (nee Barber), was born January 18, 1819, in South Carolina...

BEVEL.—Loris Martin Bevel, son of R. H. and Eliza Bevel, was born in Mississippi July 22, 1874...

MULDOON.—Maggie, only daughter of Bro. and Sister J. H. Tadlock, was born August 11, 1879, and died April 17, 1892...

CLIPPER.—There died in Hill county, November 3, 1891, one of God's purest servants, J. F. Clipper...

MUNDEN.—Joseph Munden was born in Hendrix county, Indiana, January 25, 1818, and died very suddenly at his home in Ellis county, Texas, December 13, 1891...

WHEELER.—The subject of this sketch, Sister Margaret Cole (nee Barber), was born January 18, 1819, in South Carolina...

WAGG, TEXAS.—BELK.—Sister Eliza Belk, wife of Jasper M. Belk, died April 7, 1892. She was born in Alabama, July 16, 1854...

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