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EDITORIAL.

PEDANTRY.

Pedantry might be defined as the conceit of learning without the reality. The typical pedant, with a small store of superficial knowledge, undertakes to make the impression that he is a man of immense erudition. He turns to that department of a dictionary which contains "foreign words and phrases," memorizes and quotes a few, and thus tries to pass himself off as a master of the ancient and modern languages. He picks up a little science and philosophy, talks about Tyndal, Huxley, Kant and Hegel, and by adroit attitudinizing and hypocritical cunning seeks to palm himself off as a student thoroughly abreast of the march of modern thought. He talks learnedly about the English classics without reading them and eloquently about the Renaissance and the great paintings of the old masters without having seen them or studied them, thus ostentatiously arrogating and parading a culture and research which he does not possess. Sometimes a reviewer, by a liberal use of encyclopedias and manuals of literature and by various tricks known to the profession, can make the impression that he knows the ancient classics, the modern languages, science, philosophy, literature and theology and the whole range of human knowledge, when in reality he is only a clever manipulator and a second-rate scholar. Many weak and pretentious preachers of the gospel by affecting a power and a culture which they do not possess often do immense damage. In undertaking to answer the objections to revealed religion they inculcate more infidelity than they remove and suggest more doubts than they can ever lay. It is said that the celebrated Ralph Cudworth, when engaged in controversy with the infidels, sought to state their positions clearly and forcibly before answering them; that he did it so powerfully and brilliantly that he could not break the force of his own statements. An intellectual weakling trying to handle the giants of modern thought is clearly out of his depth. Like the old conjurer, he raises more devils than he can manage. This assumption and parade of knowledge is a burning sin and shame. If a man has true wisdom and erudition it will be unnecessary to resort to any doubtful methods to make it known. Like the sunbeams and the aroma of flowers, they are self-revealing. Modesty is a great virtue, but sadly at a discount in some quarters.

HUMBUGS BY THE SCORE.

This is an age of arrant humbugs. Spiritualism, faith-cure, theosophy, christian science, divine healing and all such are nothing but the baldest pretensions. To believe in them is a prostitution of reason; to follow after them is self-stultification. We have no compromise whatever to make with them. They are simply demoralizing and damning delusions without one single redeeming feature. We protest against this wholesale business of humbuggery and beg our people to put upon them the stamp of their indignant disapprobation. If there were even a nucleus of good, a modicum of sanity and healthfulness in such schemes as we have enumerated above, we might possibly bear with them. But they are evil, only evil, and that continually, with the devil at the helm. If men want light let them go to the Light of the world; if they want salvation and hope let them go to the Fountain of life. To run after spiritualism and this kindred brood of abominations is to decipher the problems of life by a phosphorescent glow rather than by a divinely-ordained luminary and to drink the green, slimy

ooze of a stagnant pool rather than the crystal, health-giving waters of a celestial well-head. The patronizing of these contemptible humbugs is the standing disgrace of modern life. That intelligent, cultured, honorable men and women should run after an itinerant peddler of magic and manifest any faith whatever in thaumaturgic napkins is a mystery to us. Spiritualistic jugglers are plying a good trade, and the art of humbuggery is in its golden age.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

In this issue we present at our own expense and for the information of our readers two pictures—one of the old building and one of the contemplated new building—of the Southwestern University. The old, in which much faithful and efficient work was done, has been outgrown. Though time-honored and the nucleus about which many sacred associations cluster, it must be superseded. When first erected Texas Methodism was comparatively weak and poor, and at the time was reasonably commodious and serviceable. But it has had its day. Texas Methodism is now marvellously strong and rich and abundantly capable of meeting every legitimate draught upon her resources, and must now, in the spirit of an unconquerable faith and inextinguishable zeal, substitute the massive and magnificent new structure for the decayed and dismantled old. The building of this edifice is the primary duty of Texas Methodism. It will pay beyond all calculation. The enterprise is entirely practicable and success is almost in sight. The University deserves well of Texas. The beloved, popular and noble Regent and the splendid faculty associated with him have a right to expect the utmost sympathy and co-operation of our great Church. Let us ring out the old and ring in the new and brace ourselves for better work, thus following the order of Providence and meeting the responsibilities of this stirring modern age.

Connectional News.

Holston Methodist: Bishop Hendrix brings out the fact that our elegant Central church and parsonage at Shanghai, China, were paid for by the contributions of one man, Mr. L. R. Moore, of Kansas City. He paid \$8500.

Pacific Methodist Advocate: Bishop E. R. Hendrix authorizes us to say for the information of the Church that the College of Bishops decided by a vote of seven to two that there was no case before them concerning the ruling of Bishop Wilson in the A. C. Bane case. So the college of Bishops neither reversed nor affirmed in the case. This sets the matter at rest.

Central Christian Advocate: The union love feast of the two Methodisms recently held in Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, Mo., was a memorable service. An introductory song service by the Methodist choir of the city was conducted by Mr. Harry C. Dunbar. Rev. C. I. VanDeventer offered prayer; Rev. I. S. Ware and Rev. Charles Harms read passages of scripture, and Bishop Bowman, who presided over the latter part of the service, Rev. J. M. O'Brien having charge at the beginning, delivered a feeling address. Then the bread and water were passed and many ringing testimonies were offered. There was a large attendance, and the occasion was a memorable one, being marked by religious fervor and a strong and beautiful spirit of brotherliness.

The Dallas Morning News publishes in its issue of August 1 the following Associated Press dispatch:

It has just been made public that the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has suspended Rev. S. A. Steel, editor of the Epworth Era, pending investigation of charges made against him in reference to his manner of conducting the Church paper. Rev. Wm. Green has been appointed editor. Mr. Steel is not in the city, having gone to an Epworth League mass-meeting in Lexington, Mo., but has been notified of the Book Committee's action and is expected here to-morrow. The affair creates much discussion in Church circles. The trial is set for August 12 before a committee of seven preachers presided over by a Bishop.

General Church News.

Bishop S. M. Merrill, in Zion's Herald: "More and more it is coming to pass that the young people of the Church receive their knowledge and views and biases with regard to the doctrines, polity, institutions, life and aims of the Church, as well as their notions of the social and moral questions of the day, from the Church papers coming into their homes. Scarcely an issue of any one of them leaves the press that does not determine some great problem in the religious life of somebody in the range of its circulation. I often feel amazed at the indifference of pastors on this subject. How any one can expect to train the young people of his congregation in these days so as to make intelligent Methodists of them, and ground them in faith, and develop in them love and loyalty, and firmly attach them to the institutions of their own Church, without the aid of the Church paper, is more than I can understand. It may be that it can be done in some instances, but it seems to me that the risk is too great, and the responsibility of attempting it enough to cause the stoutest heart to tremble." We would that these wise words might make a deep impression upon the hearts of all our preachers. If they only knew how much of their success as winners of souls depended on the circulation of religious papers, they would not be negligent of the duty.

Correspondent, in the Independent: We print elsewhere a careful abstract of the reply of the Doshisha University to the report of the commission of the American Board which visited Japan last year. We would not have anyone think that the American Board has any controversy with the Doshisha. The property in Kioto is in their hands legally. They have the legal right to do with it as they please. But we are glad that since that report was written, the trustees have decided to give the free use of the houses for the American Board missionaries for fifteen years. In regard to the changed religious attitude of the Doshisha, the Deputation received its information from pastors and Christians in Japan, who generally agree that the Doshisha has radically changed in its attitude toward Christianity. The article in its constitution is unchanged, but a school that can maintain Professor Ukita as Dean of the Faculty of the Academic Department, who in public address and in articles written for the press, attacks all that Christians hold sacred in their faith, can not be regarded as an institution which can claim the support and confidence of Christians. We are sure that Mr. Neesima never would have allowed such a man to hold so prominent a position in the Doshisha of his day; and American Christians never would have given their money to establish and endow such an institution. We learn that the Japanese Churches and Christians are taking the matter up quite vigorously. A committee appointed by the Kumiai Churches at the annual meeting to investigate the Doshisha and its action, has advised them most strongly to change their attitude toward Christianity and to revise their ethics regarding the missionary houses in Kioto. The Doshisha ought to set the pace for Christian thought and Christian activity in that Empire. It should be an inspiration to the young men who enter its doors, sending them forth into whatever profession they enter, with a high regard at least for the faith of the Doshisha. We fear it is now the reverse.

Wesleyan Christian Advocate: There are very few people of any class in this country who doubt the success of missions. The evidence of success is all about us in our homeland. America to-day is a demonstration of the success of foreign missions and home missions. Very few think of this. Many think that our country is what it is by inherent power and the right of great nationality, and that other nations should be civilized and Christianized by the same laws. But the truth is, we have nothing that is good that did not come from the missionary current set in motion by the Son of God, and that has come to us through the preaching of Paul and other godly men who have followed him in the gospel. Our country is a living example of the efficacy of missions. The Presbyterian gives another "square evidence" in this paragraph:

In the Methodist General Conference at Cleveland, a delegate appeared representing the Australasian Conference. In the course of his speech he said: "What about Fiji? Using round figures, sir, out of a population of about 100,000, more than 100,000 are professed Wesleyan Methodists. A little more than fifty years ago, in all Fiji there was not one professing Christian, and to-day in all Fiji there is not one professing heathen. Every Lord's Day in Fiji one thousand pulpits are supplied by converts from heathenism." This is good, straight, square evidence for the success of missions.

Again, the Congregationalists say: "It is a startling fact that sixty years after the gospel was carried to the Sandwich Islands—then of no commercial importance—they paid for exports

at a single American port in one year, more money by \$367,000 than the entire cost of their Christianization during the sixty years. Moreover, it has been calculated that for every \$5 England expends in missions she receives \$10 in trade, and the same ratio will hold in the case of the United States. In the light of these facts, it is safe to say that missions are good pecuniary investments."

Christian Advocate, New York: The great conventions of young people's societies held biennially, annually, quarterly and monthly are of undoubted profit to the cause of Christ. The benefit is found in the deep, earnest purpose that abides in the hearts of the young soldiers of the cross long after the last doxology of the convention has been sung. The "enthusiasm" that seizes the great multitude in its frenzied grasp and induces to more or less senseless outbreaks should not be taken as the measure of the convention's worth. As a rule this enthusiasm is misleading, is sometimes of mountebank origin, and is not infrequently degenerating in its influence. "The Christian Index" indicates its contempt for these manufactured manifestations in these words: "The more we see of noisy, shouting, religious assemblies, the more do we feel that there is no real religious feeling in them, but only a manufactured something which passes for it. We feel that the 'enthusiasm' which is manifested on such occasions is only a counterfeit of that true, deep feeling which the Spirit produces in men when He comes into them in power."

Noise is not power in the physical world; and the waving of flags, the shaking of handkerchiefs, the singing of "jingle-jangle" songs, the wild endorsement of denunciatory platform utterances, and the doing of things unusual and spectacular are not conclusive evidence that the Holy Spirit is brooding over the assembly. Religious fervor is a thing to be desired, because there is power in it, but unbridled "enthusiasm" is a violent extreme that can have none but a baneful effect upon those who are under its sway.

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Biblical Research.

The Meropent inscription discovered by Flinders Petrie, and containing the first authenticated mention of Israel found in any of the Egyptian monuments, is quite naturally attracting a good deal of attention. It will be remembered that the passage in question is translated by Mr. Griffith, an excellent authority, as follows: "The people of Israel is spoiled, it hath no seed; Syria has become as widows of the land of Egypt." In the Reports of the Prussian Royal Academy of Sciences, No. 25, Dr. Spiegelberg has furnished a different translation of the passage in question, namely, "Israel is a barren (Kahles) land without fear. Hor (Kahle) has become the widow of Egypt." This rendering, however, is supplied with two interrogation marks by the author, but if correct would favor one of the views rejected by Petrie, namely, that the inscription refers to the twelve tribes after they had taken possession of the land of Canaan. A lengthy though preliminary discussion is found in the Neue Kirchzeitung from the pen of Lic. Dr. Sellin, No. 6, p. 502-514, in which the interpretation of Petrie, according to which the inscription can have no reference to the Israel of the Suppression before the Exodus, but refers, on the basis of Gen. 37: 14-17; 50: 13, either to a remnant of Israel left in Canaan, or to a portion that returned before the Exodus, is antagonized and rejected, on the ground chiefly that historical data are not extant to show that such elements actually were extant in Palestine at that time. Sellin himself is quite decidedly of the opinion that the reference is here to the Suppression of Israel before the Exodus, and draws attention to the following facts:

1. A person is almost forced to find in the words "the people of Israel is spoiled, it hath no seed"—i. e., descendants—a reference to the measures of Pharaoh as described in Exodus 1. It evidently pertains to something special in the case of the treatment of Israel, as a similar expression is never found in inscription, although mention is often made of the children of captive people being slain or sold.

2. It is a mistaken idea to see in this inscription a list of the conquests of Meropent. Rather, it is the purpose of the passage to indicate what relation the empire of this ruler after his conquests of the Lybians sustained to his former enemies. After mentioning the fact that these were now friendly, mention is also made of Israel, and the reference is not such as to make Israel of necessity a people in Northern Palestine.

3. Still more probable does this interpretation become when it is remembered that Meropent was the first king of the new dynasty who himself did not go to war.

4. The contents of the sentence that Israel is spoiled, or destroyed itself, point to this interpretation, which indicates a good deal more than a mere defeat.

A good portion of the article in question is devoted to the adjust-

ment of this interpretation to Egyptian and biblical chronology. That it does not solve all difficulty is recognized, but in the mind of the writer presents fewer cruces than any other.—The Independent.

Retribution.

A well known Russian is reported by the Independent to have said recently to a friend: I greatly fear that my country is under the displeasure of the Almighty. When the noblest powers of Europe and the United States were striving to bring pressure upon Turkey to ameliorate the condition of the Armenian Christians in Asia Minor and elsewhere, she stood behind the solied throne of the Sultan and supported him in his policy of delay and dissimulation. She resorted to diplomatic tricks and the tortuous policy of the serpent in order to counteract the efforts of the British ambassador. When all Europe was ablaze with indignation at the revelations of the English blue books, in which hundreds of thousands of slain victims were scheduled and sorted with scientific precision, the Porte sent a special ambassador to the Czar laden with presents—precious stones and golden ornaments. The Moslem ambassador, stained with the blood of Christians, was feted and crowned at our court, a ball was given in his honor, and our beautiful young empress danced with him, while his master's victims were shrieking in torture among the highlands of Armenia. The Lord is slow and sure. He waited until the Czar came to be crowned, until the hundreds of thousands of Moscow peasants were crushing together on the huge field outside the city, and then he slew thousands. But had it any effect? Again Pharaoh hardened his heart. The night of the horrible catastrophe the French ambassador gave a ball and here the Czar and Czarina again danced, while the rows of stark and mangled bodies lay unburied in the cemeteries, the ghastly faces upturned toward God's heaven. My country's rulers may or may not lay these lessons to heart; but as surely will Russia pay further penalties if she does not forsake selfishness and ambition and cleave to that which is right. The awful events of that morning on the field at Moscow are only now being meditated on by the slow-thinking peasants of Russia. They are sinking deep into their hearts. Let us wait.

The Life Within.

We live in an age in which the value of the outward life is unduly emphasized. On every hand men and women are pursuing, with utter self-abandonment and consuming enthusiasm, the merely temporal things—wealth, fame, pleasure, worldly place and power, superficial culture, the means of leisure and of self-indulgence. It is the thing of the surface and of the day that is held in chief esteem. Talent and energy are expended upon getting and seeming, rather than upon bestowing and being. A selfish and shallow life, with little of serious purpose, is the life of the great mass of modern society.

Literature, which is always the accurate reflection of an age, abundantly proves that such is the moral tone of to-day. We do not wish to sound any needless note of pessimism, but we cannot help being impressed by the superficiality of the books and periodicals that people nowadays are buying, talking about, and clamoring for. Every noble form of literature languishes, while the cheaply sensational, odd, fantastic, risque and silly, sell like the first fruits of summer. It is all such a sad comment upon the superficiality of the time. The outward life is everywhere celebrated and displayed, and the more gaudily the picture is painted by the literary artist the more is it admired and emulated by the modern "fad-worshiper."

Sabbath Rest.

Worship is an element of rest. There is a better rest than idleness and a better refreshment than the mere relaxation of wearied muscles. Some have argued that "it is better for the laboring man that he should go out into the country than that he should stay at home or go to church." But is this so? Is there not a better way for a man to rest? What everyone needs in order to rest is change and variety, the calling into activity of that part of the nature which is not much developed during the other six days of the week. A real recreation comes from thinking on lofty themes and feeling with the nobler emotions, from bringing in to activity reverence, faith and spiritual vision. All need the rest that comes from the spiritualizing and uplifting which are stimulated by public worship, with its song and prayer and meditations. That is the true Sabbath which sets men free from secular labor and gives them larger opportunities for spiritual exercise and enjoyment. To the weary toiler who deems it bliss to get out of the noise of the city on one day and take a drive, or a row, or a bicycle run, the question must sometimes occur, "What am I doing for my spiritual nature? What chance am I giving it?" It will be well for him if at that moment he shall grasp the true idea of the Sabbath, the refreshment of worship.—Northern Christian Advocate.

The Witness of Character.

One of the most significant facts in connection with high development of character is the standard which such an attainment instantly imposes on a community. Every good man and woman brings the community in which he or she lives to judgment by defining a moral and personal standard. Just as Christ brought the whole world to judgment, not only by the truth which he spoke but by the life which he lived, so in lesser degree every noble person brings the world to the bar of judgment. Michael Angelo, pursuing his task with a noble fidelity in an age of corruption, unconsciously imposed a judgment on many of his contemporaries. Dante, preferring exile to the compromise of his convictions, by the greatness of his career and the arduousness of his work, set a standard which was in itself an inexorable judgment upon many of the men and women of his time. It is, therefore, always perilous to associate with superior people, because the mo-

ment we know a superior person we greatly enlarge our own responsibilities. Every disclosure of truth, whether in abstract or concrete form, imposes a new responsibility upon those to whom the knowledge is brought home. To live in the intimate relations of the family with a noble character is to bring one's self daily to the judgment bar. Goethe once said that the only protection against great sufferings is love; that is to say, men can free themselves from envy and jealousy and the habit of detraction when they stand in the presence of those who tower over them only by loving that which they recognize is higher than themselves. In like manner one can disarm moral and personal superiority only by emulating it. There is nothing more beautiful than the influence which a noble character exerts in the way of constantly raising the standards of others. It is impossible to live comfortably with an unselfish person unless one also endeavors to be unselfish; and so beautiful character becomes contagious, and, by constantly, although unconsciously, holding up an ideal, transforms those who are brought into association with it.—The Outlook.

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Rev. Sterling Fisher, the accomplished and faithful editor of our League Department, is visiting his mother in Utopia, Texas, and taking a deserved and needed vacation.

We had the pleasure of a call from Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, of Rockwall, during the week. By the way, Bro. Nichols' able article on the "World's Methodism" was copied in full in one

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Southern Methodist Personals.

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DEVOTIONAL THE POETRY OF THE PSALMS.

The true lover of the Bible has an interest in all the elements of its life as an immortal book. He wishes to discern, and rightly appreciate, the method of its history, the spirit of its philosophy, the significance of its fiction, the power of its eloquence, and the charm of its poetry. He wishes this all the more because he finds in it something which is not in any other book; a vision of God, a hope for man, and an aspiration to righteousness which are evidently divine. As the worshiper in the temple would regard the art and structure of the carved beams of cedar and the lily-work on the tops of the pillars the more attentively because they beautified the house of his God, so the man who has a religious faith in the Bible will study more eagerly and carefully the poetical adornments of the books in which the Holy Spirit dwells and speaks forever. It is in this temper that John Milton, a liberal believer and England's loftiest master of poetic art, wrote of the Book of Psalms: "Not in their divine arguments alone, but in the very critical art of composition, the Psalms may be easily made to appear over all the kinds of lyric poetry incomparable."

the Psalms will discover other illustrations and modifications of this method of expression, and thus increase our enjoyment of them. Milton has already reminded us that they belong to the second of the three orders into which the Greeks, with clear discernment, divided all poetry—the epic, the lyric, the dramatic. The Psalms are rightly called lyrics, because they are concerned with the immediate and imaginative expression of real feeling. It is the personal and emotional note that predominates. They are inward, confessional, intense; outpourings of the quickened spirit; self-revelations of the heart. It is for this reason that we should never separate them in our thought from the actual human life out of which they sprang. We must feel the warm pulse of humanity in them in order to comprehend their meaning and eternal worth. So far as we can connect them with the actual experiences of men, it will help us to appreciate their reality and power. The effort to do this will make plain to us some other things which it is important to remember. We shall see at once that the book does not come from a single writer, but from many authors and ages. It represents the heart of man in communion with God through a thousand years of history, from Moses to Nehemiah, perhaps even to the time of the Maccabean revival. It is, therefore, something very much larger and better than an individual book. It is the golden treasury of lyrics gathered from the life of the Hebrew people. And this gives it a singular and precious quality of brotherhood. The fault, or at least the danger, of modern lyrical poetry is that it is too solitary and separate in its tone. It tends toward exclusiveness, over-refinement, morbid sentiment. Many Christian hymns suffer from this defect. But the Psalms breathe a spirit of human fellowship even when they are most intensely personal. The poet rejoices or mourns, in solitude it may be, but not alone. He is one of the people. He is conscious always of the ties that bind him to his brother men. Compare the intense selfishness of the modern hymn, I can but perish if I go; I am resolved to try; For if I stay away, I know I shall forever die, with the generous penitence of the fifty-first Psalm: Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; And sinners shall be converted unto thee. Another important thing to observe is that there are several different kinds of lyrics among the Psalms. Some of them are simple and natural outpourings of a single feeling, like the song of trust in the incomparable Twenty-third Psalm. The One Hundred and Nineteenth rises to the dignity of an ode, which has been defined as "a strain of exalted and enthusiastic lyrical verse, directed to a fixed purpose, and dealing progressively with a single theme." There are some didactic lyrics, like the Fifteenth and the Thirty-seventh; some lyrical ballads, like the One Hundred and Fifth and the One Hundred and Sixth; many nature-lyrics, like the Twenty-ninth and the One Hundred and Fourth; and at least one epithalamium (the Hebrew title calls it a "Love-song"), the Forty-fifth. I am inclined to think, also, that there are among the Psalms some dramatic lyrics—poems composed by a later writer to express the feelings of a historic person, David or Solomon it may be, in certain experiences of his life. We must recognize the varying poetic quality of the Psalms. There are some, like the Twenty-seventh, the Forty-second, the Forty-sixth, the Sixty-third, the Ninety-first, the Ninety-sixth, the One Hundred and Third, the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth, which are among the noblest poems of the world. Others move on a lower level, and show the traces of effort and constraint. There are also manifest alterations and interpolations, which are not always improvements. Dr. Perowne, who is one of the wisest and most conservative of modern commentators, says: "Many of the Psalms have not come down to us in their original form," and refers to the alterations which the Seventieth makes in the Fortieth, and the Fifty-third in the Fourteenth. The last two verses of the Fifty-first were plainly added by a later hand. The whole book in its present form, shows the marks of its compilation and use as the hymn-book of the Jewish people. Not only in the titles, but also in the text, we can discern the work of the compiler, critic, and adapter, sometimes wise, but occasionally otherwise. But the most essential thing in the appreciation of the poetry of the three great qualities which distinguish it, and are the evidences, not only of the sublime genius, but also of spiritual inspiration. The first of these is the deep and genuine love of nature. The psalmists delight in the vision of the world, and their joy quickens their senses to read alike the larger hieroglyphs of glory written in the stars and the delicate tracings of transient beauty on leaf and flower, to hear alike the mighty roaring of the sea and the soft sweet laughter of the rustling cornfields. But in all these they see and hear the handwriting and the voice of God. It is his presence that makes the world sublime and beautiful. The direct, piercing, elevating sense of this presence simplifies, enlarges, and ennobles their style, and makes it different from other nature poetry. They never lose themselves, like Theocritus and Wordsworth and Shelley and Tennyson, in the contemplation and description of natural beauty. They see it, but they always sweep swiftly beyond it. Compare, for example, a modern versified translation with the Psalm itself. With all the blue etheral sky And spangled heavens, a shining frame, Their great original proclaim. 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Alexander Collegiate Institute. JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS. E. R. WILLIAMS, A. M., President. To the Preachers and People of East Texas Conference: DEAR BRETHREN: We have been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. E. R. Williams as Principal of the Alexander Collegiate Institute. He is well known to the people of Texas as one of our most scholarly men and as a successful educator, having served six years as a member of the faculty in Southwestern University. He comes to us with highest testimonials from this able faculty. He has at heavy charges secured able teachers. One was trained in the celebrated Webb School, taught three or four years, and now comes to us a graduate of the Vanderbilt. Surely we are blessed in having such men at the head of our school as now serve us. Now is our opportunity. If we but act our part and stand by these men, success is assured. I have been in some way connected with the educational interest of East Texas Conference for more than forty years, and bear witness that the outlook was never so promising as now.—Dr. I. Alexander, in Texas Christian Advocate, June 25th, 1896. Apply for CATALOGUE. EPWORTH ORGANS & PIANOS. 5000 MORE BOOK AGENTS WANTED. HOW TO GET 40 POUNDS GRANULATED SUGAR FOR 1.00. RUPTURE & PILES. MALARIA. How to Keep It Off: A Simple Vegetable Remedy. CASH. DON'T GET LEFT THE KATY FLYER A NEW FAST TRAIN VIA THE MK&T. PURE WHITE LEAD. BAILEY'S REFLECTORS. Sewing Machine and this Advocate \$22.

North Female Texas College Conservatory of Music

(THE DENVER REPUBLICAN) A party of lady tourists from Sherman, Texas, are at the Brown Palace Hotel. They are Mrs. Kidd Key, Miss Ida Rountree, Miss Mattie Donahoe, Miss Ida Gardner and Miss Laura Barnett. The party have been in Colorado three weeks and will remain here a month longer. They spent some time in Platte Canyon, with which they were much delighted, and will visit Manitou, Colorado Springs, Glenwood Springs, Ouray, Georgetown and Silver Plume, being anxious to inspect the mines at the latter place. Mrs. Kidd Key, the chaperone of the party, has visited Colorado several times before and she says that next year she expects that a party of twenty-five friends will come to this State from Texas with her to spend a large part of the summer. Mrs. Key is a prominent educator, being President of the North Texas Female College at Sherman, Texas, the largest institution of its kind in the Southern States. She is enthusiastically interested in matters pertaining to the progress made in the public and private schools and higher institutions in her State within the past five years. During that time the most advanced methods of instruction have been adopted and the mass of the population has shown such an interest in the inspection of educational methods and practical results obtained from them that the teachers are forced to keep well abreast of the time. Teachers' institutes and similar gatherings for the instruction of the instructors themselves are more generally attended than formerly and the results of attainments in the teaching force has naturally been sensibly raised. As a sample of what the Southern institutions do, Mrs. Key stated that at the North Texas Female College there are 300 pupils in the musical department alone, a number of the instructors in that department being from the prominent musical centers in Europe. As a result of Mrs. Key's experience in the training of girls, she is heartily in favor of gymnastics for students of her sex and believes thoroughly in all light out-door exercises, looks upon cycling with somewhat of doubt, but will not tolerate among her pupils certain methods of dress that go with the new woman. "We women of Texas," said Mrs. Key, are progressive, but in a conservative way. We prefer to have our husbands and brothers go to the polls and do the voting for us, and we are not at all in love with the new woman. "One of her Denver pupils, Miss Laura Connor Jones, she said, was one of the most accomplished violinists in the institution, and after her course there is finished in 1898 she will go to France and Germany to get further advantages in her art.

MRS. L. A. KIDD KEY, President, SHERMAN, TEXAS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Third Quarter—Lesson 7, Aug. 16, David's Confession and Forgiveness.

Golden Text: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psa. 51:10. This lesson calls to mind the terrible sins of David and his sorrow in deep repentance.

He had been guilty of two exceeding wrongs—adultery and murder. These stand out as the bolder features of his sins, but there was intertwined a meanness and selfishness sufficient to have damned his soul without the other. The truth is that self is at the bottom of all greater crimes. He defrauded Uriah and had him slain for no other purpose than the gratification of selfish and mean desires.

It has been suggested that he transacted these crimes in a time of idleness, he having sent Joab with his army instead of going himself, and had been in his proper place at the head of his army, planning and arranging for the national good, he would have been spared the withering blight of these damning sins.

It is dangerous for people to live in idleness, for the mind can not be inactive, and the idle heart is the place where Satan plies his business. He is not found in the busy office of the honest man who is trying to push his legitimate trade, but the man who sits about without

employment will be interested quickly in things that bring mischief. A town of gossip and slander is a town of idlers, and a thriftless people will be found living in it. It is safe to say that the man who has a clean heart and follows the indications of his pure desires with diligence and energy will never fall into sin, but he who trusts to the faded doctrine of final perseverance will find his energies worked by the enemy of his soul, while his conscience will bear witness to base betrayals of God's law and flagrant transgressions of ordinary proprieties.

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien As to be hated, needs but to be seen; Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace." David allowed himself to admire this woman, and this step emboldened the tempter to suggest that which he never would have done otherwise. Satan first called Eve's attention to the beauty of the forbidden fruit, and once her eyes admired its color, the idea that it was good to the taste was at once stated. Eve had all the beauty of Eden before her: its birds of song and plumage, flowers uncursed by sin reflected the wondrous skill of perfect grace, beautiful streams, rushing waters, dashing spray, and the loveliness of heaven and earth, and catching the sunbeams to scatter rainbow colors at her feet, the perfection of God's handiwork should have been enough for Eve, and had she turned a deaf ear to Satan and engaged her mind in keeping the garden, the terrible drama that followed would never have been written, and poor Eve would have lived forever.

Idle brains begin bad thoughts from evil suggestions, while busy minds have no time to hear or entertain bad thoughts.

People often talk about other people because they have nothing else to discuss; they have never learned to love books, they are not compelled to do manual labor, and their tongues can not be idle.

David had been through a long line of prosperities; his armies had not been defeated, and success had crowned his labors in every department of civil and military government; he was in a state of carnal security and was not forced to God by the necessities of his life.

Satan knows when to assail the Christian man; he takes him unawares and catches him off his guard.

Saul was caught in this same trap, for while he was great in his own eyes Satan turned his heart from God.

David was a great sinner, and his position did not screen him from the wrath of God. There was no allowance made for David in this great wrong. He had been a good man, and had enjoyed the presence of God, had communed with the Spirit, and had been led by this same Spirit, but he sinned and his repentance was just like that of any common sinner. He was an apostate, and he knew it. "I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid; I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord. And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah." This is enough to prove the real state of David's heart, it is the same experience that Paul relates, and corresponds to the penitence of every sinner to-day. God forgave him simply because he repented, and not for the reason that he was king of Israel or anything else.

David was a great sinner, but he was a great repentant, and here he gained the favor of God. "The broken and the contrite heart thou wilt not despise," is the text on which David came unto the Lord. David advises that men who are godly pray unto God in a time when he may be found, for when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him.

Men betray weakness when they claim they are safe and God keeps them without an effort on their part, and this foolishness here is a mistake people to their ruin. "Ye that think ye stand, take heed lest ye fall," is the true interpretation of the Word of God. Had David died in his sins, he would have gone as Saul did, for God looks on sin with no degree of allowance.

New temptations await us on the way through life, and every promotion in place or position brings with it new trials and fresh incentives to renewed consecration to God's service.

We are told to avoid the very appearance of evil, for in this appearance of evil is masked the advance guard of Satan. When we entertain the appearance we have entertained the enemy who will lose no time in bringing up his cohorts to storm the citadel of the soul and establish himself in our afflictions.

ATTENTION, SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKERS.

All Sunday-schools in Dallas County are earnestly invited to send delegates to the County Sunday-school Convention to be held in the Central Christian Church of Dallas, August 20 and 21. First service Thursday, August 20, at 3 o'clock, called by order of the County Executive Committee.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

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TOPIC FOR AUGUST: "THE REPROOFS OF CHRIST."

August 16: To Judas, the Betrayer. Matt. 26:25-50; John 12:7, 8.

History nowhere records a sadder case of downfall than that of Judas. From the disciple and intimate companion of his Lord to the traitor and suicide was a fearful apostasy. It shows how rapidly and completely the degeneration of a man may be accomplished under the pressure of a powerful and unholiness. Judas was a man of remarkable capacity for usefulness when the Lord chose him to be his disciple. Energetic, resolute, prompt in action, he might have excelled in the splendor of his achievements both Paul and Peter. The most awful wrecks at sea are those of magnificent vessels with ponderous engines and splendid accommodations. So the most fearful human wrecks are those of men with large opportunity and unusual ability. Such a one was Judas. The love of money was his weak point. Instead of overcoming it and taking on the unselfish spirit of his Master he allowed the passion to grow until honor was lost and character destroyed.

Judas is a representative of a large class. Men who allow some unholiness to grow and gather strength until character is unconsciously undermined, and in some hour of fierce temptation the man goes down in shame and ruin.

Christ tried to save Judas, and we have recorded these two instances of reproof administered tenderly and sorrowfully.

The First Reproof.—John 12:7, 8. Mary's act of devotion was touching in that it was dictated by pure love, and was the gift of the best she had. Judas showed a very mean spirit in condemning her, and to Jesus, who discerned the secret motive of his condemnation, his act was the more reprehensible. Mary's offering was not an extravagance, but a love offering, whose sweet perfume has been wafted to every people who have heard the story of Christ. Jesus was grieved that her act should be disparaged, and grieved, too, with the bad spirit of Judas. He administered a reproof which was full of grateful appreciation of her sacrifice and sorrow for the covetousness of the disciple.

The Second Reproof.—Matt. 26:25-50. This last reproof, administered under circumstances so calculated to arouse indignation and call forth severe condemnation, is even more tender than the former one. While they ate the passover, Christ declared to Judas his knowledge of his intention. Judas left them, to appear later in the garden, at the head of the rabble. His conduct here is characterized by shameless impudence. Not content with having acted as guide for the enemy, he assumed the office of affectionate manner, greeting the Master with a kiss. The words of reproof are kind and tender, with an undertone of sorrowful regret. "Friend, wherfore art thou come?" The reproof broke the heart of the betrayer.

The next time we see him he is a heart-broken penitent, throwing the feet of the chief priests the price of his infamy, and ending by his own hand his dishonored life.

In the case of Peter, the reproof of Christ resulted in the correction of his faults; but Judas despised instruction and went down in disgrace, the victim of avarice.

This same precious life is ruined in spite of the warnings of God's word, the pleading of his Spirit, and the affectionate interest of friends.

Tell Me No More! Tell me no more that this world is fair, For its pleasures are as fleeting as the vapory air. They allure for a season, then vanish away, Like the dew of night, before the orb of day. For the lowly in heart, the good and the pure, There are pleasures more lasting that ever endure. Beyond the Jordan of death, on the farther bright shore, We find them at last, growing sweeter every more. T. H. V.

The pleasures of this world are very deceptive and transient, and are to be sought after and indulged in with judgment and discretion. But pleasures more sweet, more enduring by far, are found in that "sunbright climate" of heaven. These pleasures are soul-satisfying, but never satiate. We grasp them by keeping God's holy commandments. T. H. V.

Important. To the Presidents or Secretaries of the Epworth Leagues of the Northwest Texas Conference: Please send me at once the names of the President and Secretary of your League. Please do not neglect or postpone this, but attend to it at once. Respectfully, E. P. WILLIAMS, Sec'y N. W. T. Conf. League, 202 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

League Conference. To the Preachers of Marshall District, East Texas Conference: I have recently mailed the announcements of our coming League Conference. Please distribute them where they will do the most good. The nature of the League within the district depends very largely on the success of the Hallsville Conference. Do all you can to help us. Remember the date, September 9-11, 1896. Pres. M. D. E. L. Conf.

League Conference. The Sherman District Epworth League Conference will convene in Whitesboro, August 14, and continue in session three days. Let every Chapter in the district elect delegates at once and forward their names to Miss Alice Marshall, Whitesboro, Chairman of the Reception Committee. Pastors in whose charges there are nonregular organized Chapters are requested to appoint delegates and report same. Let us make this a grand meeting. An excellent programme has been prepared and special attention has been given to topics

that bear upon practical work of the local Leagues. Whitesboro has graciously thrown open her doors for our entertainment. Let us be on hand in full force, expecting an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Grayson County papers are requested to copy this notice. GUS W. THOMASSON, President S. D. E. L. C., Van Alstyne, Texas.

Holders Chapel. Our Epworth League has now about thirty-two members, though it is nearly two years old. We are not progressing as well as we ought to, yet I think we are doing a good work for our people at this place. We were well represented both at the Northwest Texas League Conference at Weatherford and the District Conference at Gordon, in which our League was benefited. I hope those who were sent as delegates are awakened to the interest of our League, and that the future will bring better success in our League than the past. We held our July election last Saturday night, which resulted in the election of some new officers. Our Literary Department has been almost on the lift, but we have a new Third Vice-President, I believe they will recruit. The Charity and Help Department is our strongest work and our work on public worship is doing very well. By the grace of God I hope our League will grow better and better as it grows older.

T. F. CANAFAX, President. Millsap, Texas, July 6, 1896.

Tyler District League Conference. The Tyler District League Conference will be held in Mineola, Wednesday and Thursday, September 16-17.

Let Junior Leagues elect two delegates, and each Senior League not less than four. Pastors who have no League should appoint two or three of their young people and urge them to come. Please attend to this and send their names to D. L. Cain.

Homes will be provided for all delegates, pastors and visitors. We desire a full report from all Leagues on the work done and methods used in each department. Let every pastor and delegate come expecting the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Programmes will be sent to each pastor. Should any fail to receive one please notify me. D. L. CAIN, President.

To the Leagues of the Texas Conference. The Annual Conference will be held in Austin August 18-21. The I. & G. N. and the H. & T. C. railroads, the two terminal lines entering Austin, have granted to delegates and visitors to the Annual Conference of the Texas Conference a reduced rate on what is termed the distance plan. Four cents per mile for distances less than seventy-six miles; \$3 for distances seventy-six miles and less than one hundred miles, and one fare for distances over one hundred miles; this for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold August 17th, and for trains arriving in Austin on the morning of the 18th, limited for return until August 22. These rates will be used by other lines connecting with the roads named. Call upon your local agent a few days before you wish to leave and see that he has authority or gets authority to sell at these rates.

Bro. D. H. Hotchkiss will have charge of the singing during the conference. He suggests "Revival No. 2" song book be used. Don't neglect to advertise this gathering in your local papers and talk it among your Leagues. Austin bids us bring a crowd, and we must do it. A. RUSSELL, Pres. ETTA TOOTHAKER, Sec.

Texas Conference Leaguers. We do not send certificates this year to the delegates to our Annual Conference in Austin. The Leagues are requested to make their own credentials and furnish all delegates with same, after having them signed by the Presidents and Secretaries. These must be presented at the first business session of the conference, August 19th.

ETTA TOOTHAKER, Sec. Tex. Conf. E. L.

Austin District League Conference. The Austin District Epworth League Conference will meet in Platonia, September 1-3, inclusive. Free entertainment will be accorded all delegates and visitors. Will have an interesting and instructive programme prepared, and trust all pastors and as many Leaguers as possible will meet with us in this our first District Conference, and assist in making it one of the best meetings held in our Texas Conference. WM. H. MRELL, District President, Smithville, Texas.

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DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE. Cleburne, August 12 and 13, 1896.

PROGRAMME.

Wednesday Morning—10, devotional service, Geo. H. Mulkey, Ft. Worth; 10:30, organization, enrollment of members; 10:45, recess; 11, League sermon, Dr. J. J. Tigert, Nashville.

Wednesday Afternoon—2:30 devotional service, Ernest Lloyd, Polytechnic College; 3:00, Difficulties in the League and the Remedy; (1) "In the Department of Worship," Miss Emma Balch, Mansfield; (2) "In the Department of Charity and Help," Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Ft. Worth, and Miss Lula Bowman, Joshua; (3) "In the Department of Literary Work," Miss Amelia Cummings, Ft. Worth, and Mrs. J. G. Miller, Arlington; (4) "In the Department of Social Work," Miss Berta Clements, Cleburne, and Miss Eva Haddix, Ft. Worth; discussion; 4:20, "How has the League Helped Me as a Pastor," Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, Ft. Worth; Rev. H. A. Bonz, Ft. Worth; Rev. E. V. Cox, Polytechnic College, and Dr. H. A. Bourland, Cleburne.

Wednesday Evening—8:00, devotional service; sermon, Dr. R. J. Big-ham, Nashville.

Thursday Morning—6:00, Sunrise prayer-meeting, W. T. Blakney, Cleburne; 9:00 devotional services, Dr. J. M. Hanks, Blum; 9:30, Reports from Leagues; 10:00 Junior Work, Miss Annie C. Dixon, Hillsboro, and Miss Ida L. Conner, Ft. Worth; discussion; 10:30, The Financial Question; (1) "Needs of Money in the League," C. A. Sanford, Ft. Worth; Wm. T. Russell, Bonor; (2) "How Best to Raise It," Mrs. M. A. Clark, Ft. Worth; Ed. M. Allard, Cleburne; discussion; 11:15, Use of the Bible in Soul Winning, Rev. J. E. Walker, Joshua; Miss Margie Hollingsworth, Marytown; Miss Annie Dietrich, George's Creek; discussion.

Thursday Afternoon—2:30, devotional services, Rev. O. P. Kiker, Blum; 3:00, should the Pastor be Present at Every League Service, Rev. Horace Bishop, Ft. Worth; W. E. Hawkins, Ft. Worth; Rev. J. G. Miller, Arlington;

Rev. Abe Long, Covington; H. V. Hargrove, Arlington; Miss Dora Walkup, Polytechnic College; 3:40, Report of Committee on Constitution; 4:15, election of officers.

Thursday Night—8:00, devotional services; 8:30, relation of the League to the Church, E. P. Williams, Ft. Worth; discussion; 9:00, Conference Love Feast, Rev. R. B. Bonner, Ft. Worth.

Pastors and delegates should study the above subjects and be ready to take part in the discussions. It will be noticed that only 30 minutes are allowed for reports from all the Leagues. Let them be in writing, concisely giving the statistics of the three departments.

J. B. BAKER, Pres. Answer Promptly. Some time ago I sent letters to our Leagues in the Texas Conference. Each was requested to answer questions asked relative to work in the three departments of the League. If any of our Leagues have failed to receive these letters, I should like for their Secretaries to write me immediately. Leagues are not sending answers as promptly as desired. Do not neglect this. Elect three delegates to the conference to be held in Austin August 18-21. ETTA TOOTHAKER, Sec. Tex. Conf. E. L. Galveston, Texas.

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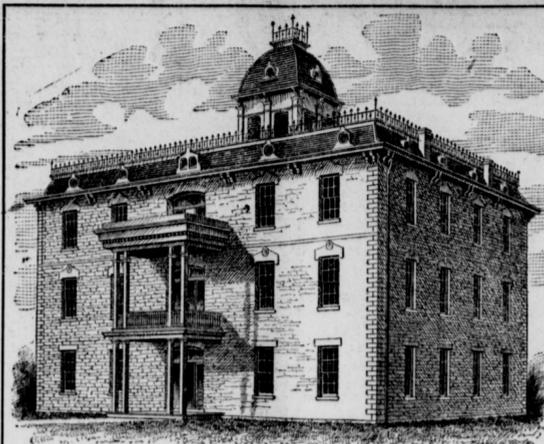
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LETTER FROM EUREKA SPRINGS.

Eureka Springs is unique in every respect except in its people, who measure up to a fair average in all the elements of a Christianized population. The city is said to contain four thousand inhabitants. Of Churches, there are nine, the Baptist and Presbyterian leading in numbers. The different pulpits are represented as being sustained by preachers of good ability. There are only two saloons, reported to be doing but a moderate business. A campaign is being pushed against these two with good prospects of success. The number of visitors is hard to estimate, but reaches several hundred at present. Texas is largely represented. There are a multitude of places, some of them over two thousand feet above the sea level; the altitude of the crest of the mountains above the bottom of the "gulch" is about five hundred feet, the mountain sides being precipitous and rocky. Great ledges jut out--stratified limestone--many of which are utilized for various purposes. On these mountain sides, in the "gulch," and on the crest of the mountains, the city is built. To say that the site is rugged is putting it mildly. The residences are generally well built, many being handsome. On one of the highest elevations is the Crescent Hotel, a massive stone structure, said to have cost \$300,000. From its observatory the battle field of Pea Ridge is pointed out, thirty miles distant, a little north of west. These mountains, then a wilderness, trembled and echoed to the roar of artillery on that eventful, sad day. There is here one trolley street car line, beginning at the principal spring, the Basin, and terminating on the mountain, an elevation above the spring just mentioned of about four hundred feet. On an air line, the distance between the termini is about five hundred rods; by the car track nearly two and a half miles. This road is a very interesting piece of engineering. There are said to be about forty springs within the corporate limits of the city, several of which are handsomely improved. But little difference can be observed in the water of these springs in taste or curative effects. One tradition of the discovery of the healing property of these waters connects it, about fifteen years ago, with a "wildcat" distillery; another, with a panther hunt. Which is correct, or whether either, deponent saith not. This is not mineral water in the strict sense of the term.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY--OLD AND NEW BUILDINGS.

THE thought of supplanting the old Southwestern University building with a new one awakens halcyon memories. The ascended Mood is before us--the originator and promoter of this great educational movement. The old building is monumental in his memory--recalling his undying devotion to this cherished enterprise of his life--the unabated zeal with which he labored to realize his ideal and his happy faculty of idealizing the real. The lamented Sanders, chaste and scholarly, whose memory is an ornament poured forth, is inseparably linked with the early fortunes of the University; and so of Chritzberg, Albrecht, Lewis and Burks, all buried workmen, resting from their labor, whilst the work goes on. From these halls about three hundred young men and women have graduated, and many of them are filling conspicuous places in the service of Church and State, and about thirty-five hundred pupils have here received instruction, and in a measure, the impress of the institution. The first to graduate were: James Campbell, Douglas Dashiell, Alfred John and George Stovall, in the class of 1876, the institution having opened Oct. 6, 1873. The first young ladies to graduate were: Kitty Mood and Mary Steele, in the class of 1879, the Young Ladies' School having been inaugurated in 1878. It may be worthy of note to mention that in the infancy of the school, because of scarcity of houses in the village and the abundance of room in the old building, the family of the Regent was there domiciled, and within these walls was born the Rev. Gibbs Mood, now one of the pastors in the city of Dallas. What hath God wrought in the space of twenty-three years! From three professors and thirty-three pupils the school has advanced to nineteen professors and teachers and four hundred and seventy-three pupils, as appears from the enrollment of last session. The old building that has served so well in the past is now inadequate to the enlarged demands of the University and must soon give place to the new one. The old building will be remodeled and devoted to the uses of the Fitting School, where the good work will go on ad infinitum.



THE OLD BUILDING.



THE NEW BUILDING.

THE steady progress of the University has gone beyond the capacity of the old building and necessitates the construction of a new building. For this purpose, according to the recent estimate of the Board of Trustees, about thirty-seven thousand dollars in cash, notes and land have been secured, and it is stated that if, in addition to the foregoing amount, ten thousand dollars in cash should be raised the work on the proposed building would begin at once. The new building has been planned by practical teachers and in the presence and with the aid of skilled architects, and out of several designs submitted the one represented in the accompanying cut has been adopted by the Trustees. The building is to be of stone, three stories high, with a south front of one hundred and sixty feet, and running back one hundred and twenty feet. There is to be a commodious Chapel, with seating capacity of eight hundred, independent of the gallery, which will accommodate about three hundred. There will be thirteen recitation (or lecture) rooms, about twenty-five by thirty-five feet, a library and reading-room, two large halls for the Literary Societies, and three connected rooms happily accommodated to the Chair of Chemistry and Natural Science and the work of the laboratory. It is very desirable indeed that the balance of the money necessary to the erection of the building should be raised at once that the work may begin in the fall and the building be ready for the succeeding session. With such a building and facilities, the University would enter upon a new era of prosperity to accomplish more abundant good in the cause of Christian education.

ly less gifted than himself--as he looks upon her "great brow And the spirit-small hand propping it,-- Mute! my spirit knows how!" Human love! What a heaven-born ministry to a sensitive heart! How ennobling, purifying to those who have a just conception of the holiness of its mystery! How demon-like the soul that degrades itself! I can only--for this letter is growing too long--refer to "A Death in the Desert" as presenting the finest, keenest, most unassailable argument against skepticism, ancient and modern, that has come under my notice. But it must be studied, not merely read, to be appreciated, as all of Browning's serious poetry must be.

A word to my friends concerning myself before closing. Thank God for friendship and friendship! As the days go by my heart craves and enjoys their sweet influence more and more. Since the middle of last March I have done pretty full work preaching, missing but few Sundays, and sometimes twice on the same day. I am by no means idle. Never did I so enjoy presenting Christ, the Savior, never did preaching fatigue me as little as now. As to health. I will let these long mountain rambles, a good appetite, good digestion, and unusually sound sleep speak for that. E. S. SMITH.

IS IT GAMBLING?

The Houston Post is running a lively contest among the Texas preachers for \$6000 of life insurance. Many understand the subject too well to need any explanation, but a few words may be needed by those who have not seen the Post. The preacher in Houston and the one in Texas outside of Houston who gets the highest number of votes, is each to get a \$2000 policy paid up for ten years, and the one receiving the next highest is to receive a \$1000 policy. The votes are coupons printed in each copy of the Houston Post. Without saying anything about life insurance as such, or about the Post as a newspaper, I wish to say something

about a contest in which ministers of the gospel are brought prominently before the world. What are the people saying about it? You may say, "It makes no difference what they say," but it does make a difference what they say. Enough will be said about preachers without allowing themselves to be brought to public view in a questionable attitude where they are sure to be severely criticized. That some preachers and many people are favoring the enterprise is evident from the number of votes, and the number of preachers who allow their names to remain in the list to be voted for. Some have withdrawn with praises for the generous offer of the Post and in favor of some other preacher. I know some who have withdrawn by writing to the Post their conscientious views concerning the enterprise. The letters of the latter the Post did not publish, but it was careful to publish the letters containing praises of its generous offer. There is much said by the people apart from the preachers who are in the contest and those who are doing the voting; and what are they saying? Much every way. I know a man who has tried to find out somewhat along this line. He selected ten members of the Churches and asked them individually what they thought of the project. Some of them pronounced it gambling, while others thought it looked very much like it, and the lowest expression amounts to the idea that it was "shady." Then the same man selected ten men not members of any Church and interrogated them. One said there was nothing wrong about it, but the other nine gave near the same verdict rendered by the Church members. Well here is a pointer. Would it not be well to look before we leap with our heads up for \$5000 Houston Posts just for the coupons they contained. These things give us some idea where the generosity (?) lies. On the same basis I might be generous; so might you.

Now I ask: What is the difference between betting on a horse-race and buying coupons to make my favorite preacher win the life-policy? In both cases money is given at a risk.

going on; it encourages their business, which is gambling. Then there are scenes like the following: After a preacher had preached against gambling, saying that these men were led by a disposition of wanting to get something for nothing, at the end of that service a sportsman said to another preacher: "The Post contest looks very much as if the preacher wanted something for nothing." Shall we allow our hands tied in this manner? How many explanations will have to be made as to what is gambling and what is not? Had we not better take St. Paul's advice and "shun the very appearance of evil?"

Now let us take a bird's-eye view of the contest and see what we can make out of it. Men and women who are whooping up their favorite preacher. Some of them are becoming very much enthused, buying papers just to get coupons. The more of these they think the better. Some have said that their man shall win if it costs them a month's wages. Here is another pointer: The Post must be making money out of these contests or it would not be continually working at them. It had a contest for a bicycle, then one for a scholarship, and now the great "preachers' contest for life policies." On this account men are praising the Post for its generosity. I like generosity; but is this the prompting of a generous spirit or a money-making scheme? It has been said concerning one of the scholarship contests that enough money was spent in it to send the person who received it to school for five years, and the Post had promised one year. Taking that for truth, is that generosity? A railroad man was heard to say his preacher (who by the way has withdrawn) should win in this contest if he had to buy 5000 Houston Posts just for the coupons they contained. These things give us some idea where the generosity (?) lies. On the same basis I might be generous; so might you.

A man stakes so much money on a horse-race not knowing which will come out ahead. Is this not gambling? You say it is. Well, in the other case men pay their money for coupons and vote them for their favorite preacher, not knowing that he will come out ahead. If the other is gambling, what is this? The only difference is, in the horse-race the man who puts up the money wins or loses; in this case his favorite preacher wins or loses. Will this difference change the gambling phase? I think not.

But these preachers may say they are not responsible for what their friends do. Hold, brother! If you know it is going on and you can stop it, and will not, you become responsible. If all the coupons voted were clipped from the papers of regular subscribers, the matter might be very different, but even then I could not favor the plan. As it is, I know there are many papers bought expressly for the coupons, and almost any one can know the same if he will only open his eyes to what is going on.

I am a subscriber to the Houston Post, and like the paper, but I don't indorse this preachers' contest. It will do hurt in many quarters. It does seem to me that if the preachers of Texas would only see the matter differently, they could do more towards making gambling odious between now and the end of this contest than has been done in the last decade. The onus, however, rests with those whose names are being voted in the Houston Post. W. A. SAMPEY.

NORTHWEST TEXAS LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Weatherford, June 23 to 25, 1896.

Having been one of the three delegates from Glenwood Epworth League who attended the Northwest Texas League Conference which convened at Weatherford, June 23 to 25, the task of reporting the proceedings thereof to our League has been assigned to me; and I must say that I realize myself very much unqualified to do it justice. However I would not be evincing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by our League as one of their representatives, nor my appreciation of the courtesies shown us by the people of Weatherford, if I did not make some attempt regardless of my incompetency.

After leaving Waxahachie on Tuesday morning, the 23d, we arrived at Fort Worth about 11 o'clock and were met at the depot and presented with badges by the President, Bro. W. F. Barnum, of Fort Worth, who accompanied us from there to Weatherford, where we were greeted by a host of generous-hearted people, whose pleasant faces and social manners made us at once feel welcome and glad that we had gone.

The Reception Committee soon had homes assigned to all, and, as carriages were awaiting for our convenience, we arrived at our temporary homes in time for supper and to prepare for the opening sermon, which was delivered Tuesday night by Rev. John R. Nelson, of Georgetown. Having been assigned to a home beyond the limits of convenience we were not permitted to attend any service of the sunrise prayer-meetings from Sunday. On Wednesday morning the address of welcome was delivered by Mr. W. R. Baker, of Weatherford, who very eloquently presented the conference with a large golden key with "Welcome" printed on it, which he stated would unlock the hearts and homes of all the good people of Weatherford, which we were satisfied had already been done.

The enrollment of delegates proved the number not to be quite as large as was expected, some Leagues not being represented at all. The reports from district officers were all encouraging. The address of the President, Bro. W. F. Barnum, was brief, but verified his consecration to the work, and a conscientious discharge of the duties of the office, which he had held for two years, required of him. He was followed by Bro. E. D. Steger, of Bonham.

Next was an address by Miss Holding, of Kansas City, Mo., on "How to Use the Bible in the League." Miss Holding is quite a fine speaker, and her earnestness in expression made her interesting address quite impressive. She insisted that every one should have a Bible of their own that they may study for themselves. Among other things she said that when the members, Sunday-school scholars and Epworth Leaguers get to realizing that their Bibles are of just as much importance to them in their respective works as their text books are in the literary schools, there will not be so many people "morally starved." That the first thing God did was to create light that he might see how to complete his work, and that he should consider the Bible as our light to heaven, and should take advantage of the present and inform ourselves of the past that we may be prepared for the future. That there is no excuse for not studying the Bible, and that it is required of us and is of more importance in our course of life than the study of any other history is in the course of education. That social and political history prepares us for earth, but the Bible prepares us for earth and heaven too. That if one criticizes the Bible let them study it that they may do so intelligently. She also said that those who do criticize the Bible are usually those who know least about it. In the absence of others, when E. C. Moore was called upon several times and never failed to respond with something of much interest.

On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Foster, of Waco, First Vice-President, read her address and presided during the afternoon. Mrs. Rollins, of Abilene, read a paper on "Power of Consecrated Christian Womanhood," which was quite interesting. Miss Scott, of Warrensburg, Mo., made quite an interesting address on "Our Juniors and Their Work." She is quite an advocate of Junior work, and insisted that every League organize a Junior League. She said it was surprising the interest children manifested and the influence they can have. That if you want to know a child's wishes or reach its heart, send another child to it. One child can be influenced by another much easier than by a person of mature years. She said that the exercises were an

embarrassing to them at first, but she gave her plan for overcoming that, and said that nothing was sweeter to her than original prayer from some child. She gave several methods by which to teach them to pray originally and without embarrassment. She also said that the children on the different cognomies required by the League were just as much good as grown people if they have some one to lead and train them. Miss Scott was also called upon several times, in the absence of others, and her responses were always highly appreciated.

We did not attend services Wednesday night, and failed to hear the sermon preached by Rev. E. P. Newsom, of Brenham, on "The Epworth League and Missions." Thursday morning the Third Vice-President being absent the first on programme was a paper read by Miss Cummings, of Fort Worth, on "Difficulties Met With in the Department of Literary Work, and How to Overcome Them." This was followed by another paper read by Miss McLean, of Georgetown, on "How Can We Get Leaguers to Read Good Books?" Neither of these papers were appreciated as they should have been, as the latter being a read loud question arose as to how a League should be conducted where there are several denominations represented. The decision was to proceed just as though they were all Methodist. The Epworth League being a branch of the Methodist Church, it was not considered right to vary from its doctrines.

A paper read by Mrs. Ward, of Waxahachie, on "Social Features of Our Work" was interesting and appreciated. Rev. W. F. Lloyd, President of the Polytechnic College at Fort Worth, preached an interesting sermon on "Christian Education." Bro. Lloyd truly believes in education, and in educating the soul as well as the mind. He is inclined to think that the boys are neglected. He said statistics showed a greater difference in the number of boys compared with that of girls in the graduating classes of this year than he ever noticed before. He also said that a man who will educate his girls and not allow his boys the same advantages is not worthy of an educated son-in-law, but that he will expect it.

Thursday afternoon the Second Vice-President, Miss Gibson, of Waxahachie, read an address and presided during the afternoon. Papers read by Miss Nutt, of Granbury, on "Importance of Watching for Opportunities," and by Miss Matthews, of Waxahachie, on "Our Place as Leaguers in the Sunday-school and Church Services," were both interesting.

Several who were on duty for that time were absent and the time was spent in general discussions, the principal topics being the buying and selling of bread, milk, meat and ice and bicycle, buggy, street car, steam car riding, and base ball playing on Sunday. It was quite an interesting discussion, as even some of the preachers differed in their views as to the harm in some of the things mentioned. However, resolutions were adopted that an effort be made by pastors and all good people to prevent Sunday base ball playing, which all agreed was very wrong and demoralizing, and such of the other things mentioned when a well-guided conscience dictates that there is harm in them.

Some amendments were made in the By-Laws and Constitution, and from this time only one delegate to every thirty members or fraction of fifteen will be allowed from each League. Another office was also added to the League, that of Superintendent of Junior Work. The election of officers then followed, and the following cabinet was elected for the next year: F. P. Works, Hillsboro, President; Miss Mattie Nutt, Granbury, First Vice-President; Miss Stella Gibson, Waxahachie, Second Vice-President; E. P. Williams, Fort Worth, Secretary; Cleo Temple, Weatherford, Treasurer, and Miss Dixon, Hillsboro, Superintendent of Junior Work.

Rev. W. L. Neils, of Waco, who was to have preached Thursday night on "Testimony and Consecration," being absent when E. C. Moore was called upon, delivered the closing sermon. The conference will meet next year at Brownwood. Respectfully submitted, INEZ STRICKLAND, Glenwood Church.

CHURCH DESTROYED.

On June 30, at 5 o'clock p. m., Caruth Chapel was destroyed by a cyclone. I have never announced this disaster except through the daily papers. The church is the property of Sister Caruth, and hence there have been no appeals for aid. I stood in the parsonage yard alone and saw the noble old structure go down. There was not one stone left to see. A more complete wreck I never saw. I was staying at the time with Mrs. Caruth at her country home, and when I announced to her the destruction of her church she took it philosophically and inquired exactly about the destruction, and by dawn almost the next morning a boy was off after a mechanic to rebuild, and just three weeks to a day a new house or a renewed one stood on the ground where the old one stood. Began a protracted meeting the night the house was completed. It is a stronger and better house than it ever was. I think it is not improper to say had this house been the property of the Church and depended on the Church for reconstruction it could never have been built. But Sister Caruth came forward in the spirit of Christianity and magnanimity and unloosed her purse strings, and as quick as men and money could do the work it was done. I also think it due her thanks on her farm, and especially those who are

members of the Church, to say that most of them came forward and offered to work until the church was rebuilt, but she would not allow them to do it, and paid them for most of the work. A noble woman that has nobly taken the place of her husband, and when she steps off the stage of action I will be surprised if the family mantle is not laid on the son and noble men and women who tenant her farm. The tenants manifested as much interest in the church as she did, and would have sacrificed anything within reason to aid. May the blessings of God rest on the Church and all who directly or indirectly by labor or with money did anything to replace God's house of worship. Our protracted meeting is progressing well, congregations large, penitents in the altar, and the church much revived. Wm. A. EDWARDS, Oasis, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Georgetown. Atticus Webb, July 30: Closed meeting at Owens; had a good time; Church revived; community united; and 16 conversions. Begin at Rock House next Sunday. Bro. J. R. Nelson will be with me and do the preaching.

Blooming Grove.

Sam C. Vaughan, August 4: Two of our meetings held. The Lord with us in both in great power. At Blooming Grove we had eighteen conversions and nine accessions, and a fine revival in Church. At Cryer Creek we had a glorious revival in Church; forty-three conversions and twenty-seven accessions.

Wortham.

B. A. Snoddy, July 31: Just closed a meeting of seven days at Woodland. Results: Church greatly revived, 5 conversions and 15 additions to our Church. Many thanks to Bro. A. B. C. Debnam for this valuable assistance in the meeting. Bro. Debnam is a local deacon in our charge.

Camp Springs.

W. H. Harris, July 28: We have just closed good meeting at Camp Springs; ran eight days with good interest all the way through. Results: twenty-six conversions and twenty additions to the Church. Praise the Lord for victory. This is our first meeting on the work. Commence at Snyder next Sunday.

Peaster Circuit.

J. T. Longino, Aug. 3: Bro. Rushing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and myself, have just closed a union meeting at Zion's Hill. We report twenty-three conversions, eleven accessions to the M. E. Church, South, and about an equal number to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Of ministerial help we had Bros. Beck and Cannon, of the Presbyterian Church, and J. M. Swofford, of our Church.

Memphis.

Ed. R. Wallace, July 31: I closed a two weeks' meeting at Newlin Thursday night. Bro. T. F. Robeson preached faithfully the clear-cut gospel, and the people were just to have him leave. He did preaching for the last week. We had nine conversions and many were counted old and hard in sin. The Newlin people furnished us the sweetest singing I have heard for years. I am praying for like times at other places.

Pooville.

J. M. Baker, July 24: Our meeting here still in progress. We have had some 35 or more conversions in Christians of all denominations at work; 8 or 10 heads of families converted, some of them the hardest cases in the country. About thirty penitents at the altar last night. Our meeting at Peaster resulted in 6 conversions and 5 accessions. God has given us the victory—to him be all the praise!

Cottonwood.

W. M. Adams, July 25: Our revival at this church has been in progress since the 18th instant, and salvation, full and free, is rolling on. We have some good workers here among our members. We have had seekers for pardon and purity, and some are seeking reclamation. Since we wrote you another brother claims perfect love. Our hearts were made sad to-day. One of our stewards saw fit to leave the meeting, freighting to the railroad, and a heavily loaded wagon ran over him and he is thought to be in a dying condition. His family leaves to meet him forty miles away.

Lingville.

R. P. Campbell, July 30: Our meeting, which embraced first Sunday in July, closed with living interest. Our pastor, Bro. John R. Steele, secured the valuable services of Dr. Hodges of Hico. Dr. Hodges did some able preaching. Many were convicted; some converted under the power of his preaching. He is a fisher of men; the Spirit of the Holy Ghost is with him. Also the valuable help of Miss Harper Leemaster, of Granbury, was secured. Her life has been sweetened by her love for Christ. Diligently, anxiously and earnestly, she is searching

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ing for lost souls and bringing them to her Master. God be with her till we meet again. The Church was greatly revived and the fruits of the labors can be seen.

Sims and Glenwood.

J. D. Odum, July 30: Forreton meeting at Odum. Between twenty-five and thirty conversions, Church much revived, and twenty-eight accessions. About \$1200 secured for a Methodist Church. This meeting is a great victory for Methodism in Forreton. Praise the Lord.

Granger.

Chas. F. Annis, Aug. 1: For five weeks I have been helping Bro. W. J. Lemons in his meetings on Granger Circuit. In some parts of the work we had gracious revivals. Numbers of conversions, and almost to a man they joined our Church. Methodism is in a badly run-down condition in this locality, but at this time there is a visible improvement going on. This is one of the most fertile portions of Texas, and ought to be a stronghold of Methodism. We have three more meetings to hold on the work.

Nesquite.

D. T. Brown, Aug. 1: Our meeting at Rowlett closed last night. It was a grand success. The Church was greatly revived. There were 25 or 30 conversions and reclamations at the mourner's bench and 19 additions to the Church. The pastor was assisted by Rev. E. T. Curtis, of Kemp, and Geo. W. Lewis, exhorter. Bro. Curtis won the love of all who heard him. He's good help in a protracted meeting.

Grapevine.

A. T. Culbertson, July 31: Our meeting at Minter's Chapel of fourteen days' duration closed last night. Bro. R. B. Bonner assisted us five days. He is a faithful good preacher, and God honored his preaching. There were a great many conversions and reclamations during the meeting. We had twenty-one accessions to the Church—fifteen by baptism. This was one of the most pleasant meetings I ever held.

Indian Creek Circuit.

D. C. Stark, July 28: We have just closed a meeting here of ten days' duration; had Bro. Bransford, of Coleman Station, with us one week. He did us great good; our people fell in love with him. Also had Bro. Coker, local preacher of the Bangs work, with us two or three days toward the last of the meeting; and assisted us greatly. Results: Some conversions; 7 added to the Church, and the membership greatly built up and blessed. The Lord bless these helpers.

Brookhaven.

Sam W. Warner, July 19: Just closed a very successful seven days' meeting at Pleasant Hill. Twelve conversions, a number of backsliders reclaimed, eight received into the Church by ritual, two adults and six children baptized. Fifteen heads of families agreed to erect family altars. We closed our meeting with a beautiful victory and fifteen penitents at the altar. Our local preacher and exhorter assisted us in the meeting—Rev. J. T. Abbott and John Graham. We were also assisted by Rev. Harshfield, local preacher of Cooper's Cove. This is the third meeting for us this year. The Church is standing by her pastor and is in good working order. We claim victory in the name of Jesus.

Duffau and Iredell.

Mac M. Smith: At Trimble Springs hundreds of people gathered to hear the preaching of the word. Many precious souls were led to Christ and shouted praises to God; 25 were received into the Church. Bro. C. L. Ballard, of Fort Worth, was with us in power. He has gone, but his work, his life, his influence, remain with us. He set the standard high and labored to lead our people up to it. We have all been drawn closer to God and closer to one another. Bro. Ballard preached three doctrinal sermons—'On Apostasy,' and the third 'On Infant Baptism,' and the third 'On the Mode of Baptism.' He is a master on our doctrines. After the sermon on 'Infant Baptism' 28 children were baptized. The like was never witnessed in this country before. Many too were converted on the mode of baptism. May God bless Bro. Ballard in his work. May the Church so appreciate his work that it will walk more circumspect before men.

Barry.

J. J. Canafax, July 31: Regular protracted meeting services are over. We thank God for abundant success. More than a hundred souls have been converted and sixty-three have joined our Church since these meetings commenced five weeks ago. The meeting at Barry was one of more than ordinary power. There was not a dull service through the twelve days and thirteen nights that it ran. Finkles Chapel had a time of gracious outpouring of the Spirit. Cook's School-house and Campbell's Chapel united in one meeting, joining with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with their pastor, Bro. Taylor, and the meeting was a grand success. The local preachers assisted more or less in these meetings, and we have here some of the most efficient lay workers of both sexes I have ever known. The drouth has hurt us financially, but the stewards think collections will be in full. We feel that the earnest, searching sermons of our presiding elder, Bro. John S. Davis, have conducted largely to the

such manifestations of God's power I have rarely ever seen. Backslidden men and women were reclaimed, new family altars were erected, sinners were convicted, penitents converted, and Christians shouted for joy. We had with us Bro. Sims, Bros. Mitchell and McCowen, of the Baptist Church; Bro. McMellon, of the Presbyterian Church, and Bro. Elliot, of the Campbellite Church. Of these, Bro. Mitchell preached once and Bro. McMellon five times. I did all the preaching with this exception. Among the faithful workers was Bro. A. Jeff Johnson, of Austin. He is good help in any meeting. My local preachers were with me and did good work. Yes, I forgot to say that Bro. J. C. Howe, one of my local preachers, preached for me last Monday. Praise the Lord we are moving up on Pleasant Hill Circuit. I organized an Epworth League at Pleasant Retreat also; I am satisfied it will do well. We have a nice, new organ in the church at Pleasant Retreat and will soon have one at Pleasant Hill. We will begin a meeting at Salty to-morrow night. Pray for us.

Mexia.

H. E. Jackson, Aug. 1: We have just closed most gracious revival services in our Church. Bro. John S. Davis, our most popular presiding elder, preached the first four days of the meeting. His earnest, Holy Ghost sermons warmed up the entire congregation. Bro. C. R. Wright, preacher in charge, did nearly all of the preaching. He is in high favor with all Mexia people and they gave him a fine hearing. The church was crowded at every service. His sermons, in our humble judgment, were unusually strong and searching. He makes no compromise with sin. As a result of his "unsparing" sermon on Sabbath observance the news man, the ice man and the butcher have much more leisure time on Sunday. Bro. W. A. Hemphill, the Epworth singer, managed the music for us. It's useless to say that he pleased everybody, and contributed in many ways to the success of the meeting. There is a veritable feast of tabernacles to the Church. Many souls were converted and reclaimed, while the Church itself was revived almost as never before in the history of the camp-ground. This is a great triumph for religion, considering the unhappy conditions militating against the cause in this section. The following preambles and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the camp-meeting association at the concluding service: Whereas, In the goodness of God we have just passed through one of the best camp-meetings ever held on this camp-ground; and Whereas, We believe the good results of the meeting are, in a large measure, due to the very efficient services of the visiting pastors, Revs. G. A. LeClere, John E. Green, C. A. Hooper and E. P. Newsom, who have proven by their labors that they are worthy instruments in the hands of God for leading the people out of sin into the light of the gospel; therefore, Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due to the above named brethren, and we hereby express the same for their services, praying that God's choicest blessings may ever rest upon them and their labors for the Master.

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Madisonville.

B. J. Guess, July 28: We closed a profitable meeting at Midway the second Sunday night in July. The Church waked up; the community was stirred. One adult received into the Church and one infant baptized. Two withdrawals. A \$30 subscription raised to seat the church and a committee appointed to push the work.

Travis.

C. E. Simpson, Aug. 3: We have just closed a gracious revival at Travis. We began the 18th with the third Quarterly Conference. Bro. Cochran, our beloved, was on hand and preached in demonstration of the Spirit, and captured the vast audiences that attended the preaching of the Word. My brother, Rev. J. T. Simpson, was with us, and did valuable service both in the pulpit and altar. Men and women were convicted of sin and came to the altar, repented of their sins, were converted, and the times of refreshing came from the presence of the Lord. Travlers never witnessed such a revival. Thirty joined the Church.

Hearne and Mumford.

W. W. Horner, Aug. 4: We closed our first protracted meeting on the Hearne and Mumford Charge last Sunday night. The meeting continued eight days and resulted in much good. There were three professions and two additions to our church. There is but little material to work at Mumford, as there are but few white people in the community. The most of those who live in the Brazos bottom are either large, rich planters and young men who guard the convicts employed to work the lands, and neither of these classes care much about religion or the future life. So, all things considered, our meeting was a good one, and we hope good seed was sown that will yet produce more fruit in the near future.

Dodge Mission.

E. M. Myers, July 28: Night before last closed one of the grandest meetings of my life. Oh, what great demonstrations of God's power there were in this meeting. This meeting was held at Black Jack, one of my regular appointments. There were 37 additions by ritual and more to follow. I can't say how many conversions we had, but think I am safe in saying we had 75 conversions and reclamations; 4 claimed to be entirely sanctified. Praise God for an artesian experience. Many others are hungering and thirsting after perfect love. Several new family altars will be erected. Your humble servant had no ministerial help. We called for \$35 on our collections and they gave us in cash and good subscription \$47.75. We have received up to date 65 members. Three more meetings to hold yet. Our nice new church here (Dodge) will soon be completed. We begin next Friday night another meeting in Dodge.

Timpon.

T. J. Milam, July 29: We have just closed a meeting in Timpon of seven-teen days. It is said by the citizens here that it was the greatest meeting that Timpon ever had. The entire community was stirred. The Church is perhaps in a better condition spiritually than ever before. I never have seen a Church in much better working

Salty.

M. E. Daniel, July 30: On the 11th of this month we began a protracted meeting at Pleasant Hill, which continued eight days. The Lord manifested his presence and power from the beginning to the close of the meeting. Eleven persons professed religion and eleven joined our Church. I organized an Epworth League, with nine members, which is now at work and which promises to do much good. Bro. Sims, one of our local elders, preached for me three sermons. With this exception I did all the preaching. The Church is so revived that it is at work as never before. Sunday, the 19th, which was the last day of the meeting, the Sunday-school met at the usual hour, after which I baptized four infants; then preached, then administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, then baptized four adults and then received the class of new members into the Church. I went out and took dinner with Sister Modisett, and at 3:30 p. m. left for Pleasant Retreat, which point I reached at 8:15, and found the house crowded with people anxious to hear the Word preached. The meeting continued nine days, and

order; our young people did so well. Many of the work by them was due to training in the Epworth League; 27 accessions to date and others will join. Bro. Whitehurst was with us ten days. His strong, earnest and spiritual preaching was much appreciated. He won the affections of our people. Bro. Frick was with us three days and it is needless to say that this people enjoyed Bro. Frick's preaching. His presence in Timpon is preaching itself. Bro. C. E. Smith, presiding elder, was with us several days. Although he has been here five years—two as pastor and three as presiding elder, his hold upon them seems to grow stronger and stronger.

Chappell Hill and Bellville.

F. E. Hammond, Aug. 3: The Chappell Hill and Bellville camp-meeting closed one of its most successful convocations a few days ago after continuing twelve days. It was, indeed, a veritable feast of tabernacles to the Church. Many souls were converted and reclaimed, while the Church itself was revived almost as never before in the history of the camp-ground. This is a great triumph for religion, considering the unhappy conditions militating against the cause in this section. The following preambles and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the camp-meeting association at the concluding service: Whereas, In the goodness of God we have just passed through one of the best camp-meetings ever held on this camp-ground; and Whereas, We believe the good results of the meeting are, in a large measure, due to the very efficient services of the visiting pastors, Revs. G. A. LeClere, John E. Green, C. A. Hooper and E. P. Newsom, who have proven by their labors that they are worthy instruments in the hands of God for leading the people out of sin into the light of the gospel; therefore, Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due to the above named brethren, and we hereby express the same for their services, praying that God's choicest blessings may ever rest upon them and their labors for the Master.

Coffeiville.

B. T. Hayes, July 31: Bro. Ashmore and myself commenced a meeting at Cox's school-house July 4. It was continued nine days. The Churches, Presbyterian and M. E. Church, South, were greatly revived. I began at the League July 11. There were 14 converted and reclaimed. The Church received great benefit. I commenced at Independent Springs July 18, and closed the 26. The membership were revived much, backsliders were reclaimed. Much good was evidently done. On Monday at 10 o'clock we had a service to pray for rain, which was a very good service. Bro. Ashmore and I will commence here to-morrow. It seems like there is so much to be done in the Church that we have not time or chance to reach sinners. Many are penitent, some few professed religion. The people are divided all over this circuit on the second-blessing theory. It is doing much harm to the cause of religion. I pray that all may have light.

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Bells.

J. F. Archer, Aug. 4: The Lord has done great things for us at Bells. "whereof we are glad." One hundred and forty conversions and some thirty family altars erected. Had good help by my brother, W. K. McMillan, R. H. Fields and the local preachers. Thanks to a kind Father above. We have opened the battle at Canaan.

Sulphur Bluff.

J. N. Hunter, Aug. 3: Closed a very gracious revival here, lasting two weeks; twenty-three additions. Our third Quarterly Conference held at Lone Star, Saturday and Sunday, Rev. L. W. Clark, presiding and preaching much to the edification of our people. Bro. Clark dedicated our Lone Star Church. The sermon, service and communion was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We will protract this week. Six penitents at the altar last night. We are expecting a great meeting.

Rosston Circuit.

D. F. Fuller: Closed a meeting at Rush Creek on the 27th instant. Several conversions and much good was done. The Leagues from Rush Branch and Oak Grove held union service at 3 p. m. the 19th instant. It was a grand occasion. These young folks must come again. God bless them. Bro. Tinscher aided me in the meeting. His service was both good and appreciated.

Merit.

J. W. Blackburn, Aug. 4: We have just closed our meeting at Alliance, which resulted in seventy conversions and thirty accessions to our Church. More will join. We were assisted in this wonderful revival by all the local preachers on the work except Bro. C. M. Livingston, who was at the bedside of his suffering companion. One mark of the revival was that the converts witness for Christ, and pray when called on. Our District Conference, which was held at this place July 3-4, resulted in much good to our town and community. It was followed by a gracious revival, in which we were assisted by Bros. Casey, Miller, Naugle and the local preachers of this charge and Farmersville. The Church was raised to a higher plane. Twelve conversions and sixteen accessions.

Lamasco.

H. B. Johnson, July 26: We have just closed our meeting at Lamasco. Had a wonderful meeting. Bro. Whitten, of Belton, was with us from the 15th till the 22nd. He is one of the most solid gospel preachers that we have ever heard. He was well liked by all who met with him, and the great good he did can only be revealed in the judgment. There were sixty-five conversions, and thirty-seven additions to our Church. Bros. Lane, McCoy and Bouly rendered us good service. Bro. Shearer can leave his wife only for a short time. It is thought that she can live but a few days at best. It sometimes looks hard for us to be reconciled to the will of Him who governs all things well. But we will be able to understand it better after awhile. May the good Lord bless Bro. Shearer in his sore bereavements. We began a meeting at Forest Grove last night. Pray for us, that we may have a great ingathering of souls.

Lewisville.

J. A. Wyatt, Aug. 4: We closed on last Sunday our round of protracted meetings on this circuit. All the help arranged for failed us at Lewisville, but we ran on nearly two weeks with no visible results except the quickening of the spiritual pulse of a large part of the membership. At Cemetery Hill we had a glorious revival. Near fifty conversions. Twenty-nine have already been received into the Methodist Church, five by certificate and twenty-

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Anna.

Joel S. Graves, Aug. 4: Our tabernacle meeting at Anna is under way. We are having large congregations, but, as usual, I have no ministerial aid. Bro. J. W. Hill was to help me, but Sister Hill writes me that he is trying the odoriferous wiles of the Colorado mountains for his ailments. Churchism and formalism have crystallized here. A cyclone just now would help to move things. Our Princeton meeting was only a partial success—one conversion, the noble daughter of Mr. Smith, Miss Hill, joining the Church at Wilson Chapel. We received fourteen into the Church two miles north of Princeton and baptized six. During the month of July we received forty-three persons into the Church, all on profession except one, and baptized twenty-three. Our mission has been strengthened by the addition of fifty-four adults since conference. We have more than two-thirds of the conference claims in good subscription. We intend to pay all claims this year without discount. One thing I like about our young converts is they all subscribe liberally to the connectional claims.

Kingston.

S. W. Miller, July 31: Our meeting at Bethel Grove was quite a success; six conversions and five accessions, with the Church generally awakened; one baby baptized. At Salem we had a glorious meeting, with eighteen conversions and ten accessions, and the Church generally aroused to a higher appreciation of a life of Godliness. We are now in a meeting at Kingston. Rev. W. J. Bludworth is with us doing fine work. Though we are meeting with quite a moral resistance, our faith is strong and we are confidently expecting to see the wall give way, and hope for glorious results. Have had up to this time two conversions, six accessions and two children baptized and the majority of the Church are in fine working condition here. I think we will make a good report on all lines at conference. I p. m. we had a cloudburst in the service to-day and it was a glorious time. We are expecting grand results.

Bonita.

J. R. Smith: Our meeting closed at Prairie View, July 26. It was a great meeting. Several old settlers said it was the best they had seen for twenty-one years. We succeeded in settling all friction existing between the denominations of that community. I never saw the Christian laity do more faithful work in my life. The converts got working religion or "had their goings established." Rev. Nigh, local elder of the M. P. Church, came in at the last of the meeting and did good work. The Lord gave us twenty-six conversions and some reclama-

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

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W. P. and H. M. S., East Texas Conference.

In the report of the East Texas Conference W. P. H. M. S. for the second quarter, ending June 1, 1896, we find sufficient progress made to encourage the hope and confident expectation of still greater results in the succeeding quarters.

This report gives our conference 34 auxiliaries, with a membership of 856—an increase over last quarter of 4 auxiliaries and 245 members. Of these 34 auxiliaries seven failed to render the necessary quarterly report; four District Secretaries also failed to make reports. We trust that those who have neglected this important duty will do so no more, as deficient or delayed reports, much more no report, so greatly retards the progress of our work.

The total number of monthly meetings held during the quarter are 102, with an attendance of 1309; subscribers to Our Homes 217—an increase of 83 over the number reported the first quarter; 80 are taking the Reading Course; while 42 are pledged to proportionate and systematic giving. The work of our Visiting Committee seems to have been quite thoroughly done, as 578 visits to the sick are reported; 1203 leaflets and papers distributed; 121 garments distributed; 64 prayer-meetings held, and 6 visits made to corrective and benevolent institutions.

Beaumont District has the largest number of organizations, but none of our districts have what we so much desire they should have—an auxiliary in every church.

This summary does not contain all the information concerning the W. P. H. M. S. Society work of East Texas Conference, which our members need; hence we trust the auxiliaries will carefully read the tabulated copy of the report with which each has been furnished. I would urge the District Secretaries to constant, earnest efforts in the work of organization, and ask our Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries to send full, correct and prompt reports.

MRS. GEORGE CALL, Conf. Cor. Sec. Orange, Texas.

W. P. and H. M. Society.

I want to say to those who subscribed with me for Our Homes, at Seymour, at the Vernon District Conference, they will receive their paper soon, for it is all my fault that they have not been getting them. I made a mistake in addressing my letter to Miss Helm, and the letter went astray. I have sent in the names again. I am very sorry this has happened, but I will make mistakes sometimes. I have just returned from a trip to Manitou, Colo.; went with my husband. He has been very sick and the physician ordered him to take a rest. He was too weak to go alone. He improved every day and is now feeling quite well. It did not suit me at all there; the altitude was too high for me. I suffered with my head all the time. I prefer Texas. Before leaving home I had attended nine District Conferences. I had a most delightful time at all. So glad to know our preachers are taking more interest in the W. P. and H. M. Society than ever before. I want to thank one and all for their great kindness to me and words of encouragement. Brethren, it does one good to know they are appreciated. Many thanks.

I am very sorry to have missed the Abilene District Conference. I could not possibly get home in time to attend. There are quite a number of people at Colorado Springs and Manitou from Texas. They seem to be delighted with the climate. I am home now, and ready for work. I have sent literature to a number of the pastors who wish to organize. Brethren, let us hear from you. We want to do great things this year in the way of organizing societies. Yours in the work, MRS. W. H. PURCELL, Gainesville, Texas.

We recommend our Scarritt Bible and Training School, located in Kansas City, to any of our sisters who are wishing to avail themselves of the advantages offered by such an institution—it being an institution somewhat similar to a Deaconess' Home. Our Training School offers every facility to those wishing to prepare themselves for efficient work as a foreign missionary, or as a city missionary in the home field, or as a Sunday-school teacher. The address of the President is Miss M. L. Gibson, Kansas City, Mo.

District Meeting.

The District Meeting of the W. P. and H. M. Society convened at Collinsville, July 9, 1896, in connection with the Sherman District Conference. We held our business session Friday afternoon, Mrs. Purcell presiding. Reports from the different auxiliaries were read. Five delegates were present, three reports sent in and two auxiliaries not reported. All reported increased membership and interest in the work.

Our presiding elder, Bro. Binkley, kindly arranged for us to have a night session, to bring our work before the

public. The Collinsville Auxiliary had prepared an interesting programme, after which the minutes of the afternoon session were read by the Secretary.

Mrs. Purcell, our General Organizer, presented the work in a very forcible manner. Mrs. Johnson, of Dallas, also gave an interesting talk on the "Rescue Work," after which a collection of \$218.65 was taken for the Rescue Home at Dallas. We feel that every one went away with more zeal for the work.

MRS. L. S. BARTON, Rec. Sec. Collinsville, Texas.

District Meeting of the W. P. and H. M. S.

The district meeting of the W. P. and H. M. Society of Palestine District was held Sunday afternoon, July 12, at Groveton. The programme was well carried out, and all who took any part in it acquitted themselves admirably. I wish that every officer of the W. P. and H. M. S. could have heard the paper on "The Responsibility of Auxiliary Officers," written by Mrs. C. C. Stoddard, of Palestine. It contained useful advice to one and all, and showed a thorough knowledge of the subject in hand. Every minister should have been present to hear Bro. Pate's remarks in reference to the pastor, more than any one else, being responsible for the organization and success of the W. P. and H. M. Society.

The paper on "Our Relation to Cuba and the Mountain Work," so nicely written and well rendered by Mrs. V. A. Godbey, enlisted our sympathies for those people, and I hope will stimulate us to greater effort in that work.

Rev. R. W. Thompson very ably presented the "Rescue Work." We had reports from only three auxiliaries with delegates present. The meeting was not altogether what we expected, but we hope for better things in the future. Pray for us that our labors may be rewarded abundantly, and that His work may prosper in this part of the vineyard.

FANNIE M. FOWLER, Dis. Sec. Palestine District. Palestine, Texas.

In Memoriam.

"The memory of the just is blessed." Since the organization of our Auxiliary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1880 the angel of death has called only one of our members. Mrs. D. Jester, one of our charter members and Vice-President, is the only one who had fulfilled her mission on earth and has been called to her reward. Mrs. Jester joined the Methodist Church in early girlhood, and had been reared by Christian parents, her father a Methodist preacher. For thirty-three years she had led the lonely life of a widow, watching and caring for her six children and faithfully performing both home and foreign mission work. As we sat in the conference this week and heard the earnest expressions from our consecrated workers in this, the woman's field of labor, memory carried us back to years gone by and brought up faces dear to our hearts of those who have gleaned their sheaves and gone before to swell the innumerable host. Sister Jester's face, so full of character and resolution, was sweetly presented. It can be truly said of her "she being dead yet speaketh," and her words do follow, and rise up as a memorial to the grandeur of her Christian character. "Her children rise up and call her blessed" in following her precepts and example. Her noble sons are always the first to respond to every call for good. They give liberally to all Church enterprises; and her Christian daughters are active for woman's work in foreign lands.

We are happy to have her noble daughter, Mrs. Bates, as President of our Missionary Society. Oh what a blessed heritage of children to be reared by Christian parents. The world reaps the good that such parents instill into their families.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Mrs. H. A. GORDON, Corsicana, Texas.

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Terrill District—Third Round. Allen, at Lebanon.....3d Sun in Aug Mesquite, at Mesquite.....3d Sun in Aug Pleasant Mount, at Pleasant Mount.....3d Sun in Aug Cranford, at Cranford.....3d Sun in Aug

Bonham District—Third Round. Fannin cir. at Bonham.....Aug 8, 9 Honey Grove.....Aug 15, 16 Preston.....Aug 22, 23 Bonham sta.....Aug 29, 30 South Bonham.....Sept 5, 6

San Augustine District—Third Round. Chireno, at Elm Grove.....Aug 8, 9 Center cir. at Newbern.....Aug 15, 16 Shelbyville.....Wed, Aug 16 Center sta, at Camp-ground.....Thurs, Aug 17

Palmetto District—Third Round. Crockett cir. at Shiloh.....Aug 8, 9 Holcomb cir. at Center Hill.....Aug 15, 16 Grapeland cir. at New Prospect.....Aug 22, 23 Elkhart cir. at New Prospect.....Aug 29, 30 Jacksonvle cir. at Jacksonvle.....Sept 5, 6

Pittsburg District—Third Round. Fairview and Rose Hill, at Fairview.....Aug 8, 9 Park cir. at Red Springs.....Aug 15, 16 Naples cir. at Hamlet's Chapel.....Thurs, Aug 20

Marshall District—Third Round. Church Hill, at Church Hill.....3d Sab in Aug Afton.....3d Sab in Aug Henderson cir. at Henderson.....Fri before 4th Sab in Aug Rigdon cir. at Rigdon.....4th Sab in Aug Keelyville, at Trinity.....3d Sab in Aug Coffeyville, at Hartsville.....3d Sab in Aug

Waco District—Fourth Round. Morrow Street.....Aug 30, 31 First Street.....Aug 31, Sept 1 South Street.....Sept 1, 2 M. Calm, at Mt. Calm.....Sept 1, 2 Bosqueville, at Bosqueville.....Sept 1, 2 Moody and Eddy, at Eddy.....Sept 1, 2 Bruceville and Mooreville, at Bruceville.....Oct 3, 4

Norfolk District—Third Round. Hubbard City cir. at Hubbard City.....Aug 8, 9 Armour cir. at Forest Glade.....Aug 15, 16 Horn Hill cir. at Horn Hill.....Aug 22, 23 District Conference, at Greenock.....Aug 29, 30 Wortham cir. at Wortham.....Sept 5, 6

Georgetown District—Third Round. Liberty Hill, at Leander.....Aug 8, 9 Berry's Creek, at South Gabriel.....Aug 15, 16 Herriman, at Hopewell.....Aug 22, 23 Georgetown, at Georgetown.....Aug 29, 30 Helton.....Sept 5, 6 Temple, First Church.....Aug 29, 30 Temple, Southside.....Sept 5, 6 Salado, at Prairie Dell.....Sept 12, 13 Round Rock.....Sept 19, 20 Harlett.....Sept 26, 27 Taylor.....Oct 3, 4 Florence, at Pleasant Camp.....Oct 10, 11 Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round. Claude.....Aug 8, 9 R. A. Hall, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round. Cresson, at Bruce.....Aug 8, 9 Smithfield, at Oak Grove.....Aug 15, 16 Hummer, at Mt. Zion.....Aug 22, 23 George's Creek.....Aug 29, 30 G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

Waxahatchie District—Third Round. Avalon cir. at Avalon.....Aug 8, 9 Ferris cir. at Bluff Springs.....Aug 15, 16 Jason, at Union Chapel.....Aug 22, 23 Ferris cir. at Hines Chapel.....Aug 29, 30 Temple, First Church.....Aug 29, 30 Dist. Epworth League Conf., at Itasca, Aug 27, 28 B. R. Holton, P. E.

Vernon District—Third Round. Quannah, at Quannah.....Aug 15, 16 Crowell, at Margaret.....Aug 22, 23 C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round. May cir. at Brownwood.....Aug 8, 9 Jackson, at Chaparral Hill.....Aug 15, 16 Ballinger cir. at Ballinger.....Aug 22, 23 Robert Lee cir. at Sango.....Aug 29, 30 Decker cir. at Decker.....Sept 5, 6 May cir. at Mt. Zion.....Sept 12, 13 W. M. Shelton, P. E.

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Beaumont District—Third Round. Leggett, at Casey.....Aug 8, 9 Livingston, at Providence.....Aug 15, 16 Liberty, at Smith Chapel.....Aug 22, 23 Beaumont and Sab's Pass, at Winnie.....Aug 29, 30 Beaumont sta.....Sept 5, 6 Newton, at Salem.....Sept 12, 13 Burkville, at Mill Creek.....Sept 19, 20 Jasper cir. at Beryl Camp-ground.....Sept 26, 27 Jasper sta.....Oct 3, 4 Wm. A. Sampy, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round. Edom, at Ashburne Camp-ground.....Aug 8, 9 Athens sta.....Friday night, Aug 14 New York, at Red Hill Camp-ground.....Aug 15, 16 Willis Point sta.....Aug 22, 23 Walton, at Meredith Camp-ground.....Aug 29, 30 Mainport station.....Sept 5, 6 Lindale cir. at Lindale.....Wed, Sept 9 Whitehouse, at Bullard.....Wed, Sept 16 Grand Saline cir. at Grand Saline.....Sept 23, 24 Troupe and Overton, at Green.....Wed, Sept 23 Tyler, at Marvin.....Sept 30, Oct 1 Tyler City mis.....Oct 7, 8 John Adams, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE. Huntsville District—Fourth Round. Anderson cir. at Anderson.....Sept 5, 6 Newton and Sab's Pass, at Winnie.....Sept 12, 13 Hockley cir. at Hockley.....Sept 19, 20 Homestead and Courtney, at C.....Sept 26, 27 Navasota.....Oct 3, 4 Zion cir. at Zion.....Sept 30, Oct 1

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

PARIS DISTRICT.

The twenty-seventh annual session of Paris District Conference met at Deport July 2, Presiding Elder F. A. Rosser in the chair.

F. M. Bishop was elected Secretary and J. W. Houston assistant.

At roll call sixteen clerical and twenty-eight lay members answered.

On motion it was ordered that the business of the conference be transacted as a whole.

The conference was well attended, perhaps the best attended and most harmonious this district has known. The preaching was of a very high order, the various pulpits of the town being filled by our preachers on Sunday.

The reports of the preachers show a fairly good spiritual state and prospect for revivals, but financial condition not encouraging. Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues in good condition all over the district.

Dr. Allen was with us in the interest of Southwestern University and Ladies' Annex; Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Orphanage, and Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Bedford, of the W. P. and H. M. Society, with the ladies of the Conference Parsonage Society sent greetings and prayers.

The Committee on Examination reported favorably on application of Bro. N. G. Ozment for license to preach; license was granted; the conference also approved his application to be admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

The following had their license renewed: J. N. Radford, B. J. Buder, F. M. Gearon, J. G. Smith, C. O. Terry, J. O. Guthrie, W. S. Lee, J. C. Weddington, W. B. Douglass, L. P. Hayes and Albert L. Seales.

F. M. Bishop, J. W. Houston, S. U. Parsons and Dr. W. H. Hancock, were elected as delegates to the Annual Conference.

Roxton was chosen as the next place of meeting for the District Conference. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, We have in the Texas Christian Advocate one of the best and most ably edited papers in our connection; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we congratulate ourselves on having such a paper and pledge our continued support. 2. That we express our thanks especially to Dr. Pierce for his recent editorials on the "Church Vow."

Resolved, That the official relations of our beloved presiding elder, F. A. Rosser, will cease with the present conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bro. Rosser measures up in the fullest sense to our ideal of a presiding elder and we recognize in him a zealous, earnest, painstaking, social-spirited Christian man. We regard his administration as having reached a high degree of efficiency, and we sincerely regret that our associations must soon terminate. We cheerfully commend him to whom he may be sent, and pray the blessings of our Heavenly Father on him in whatever field he may be called.

Resolved, That we have heard with profound pleasure the report by Dr. J. H. McLean, of the Southwestern University; that we rejoice in the unparalleled prosperity of that institution and pledge continued support to the same.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to pastor and people of Deport for their excellent entertainment; also to the other Churches for their kindness.

TYLER DISTRICT.

Our conference convened in its thirtieth session at Troupe, Texas, July 16, at 9 o'clock a. m., with Presiding Elder John Adams, D. D., in the chair. Dr. Adams opened the conference by reading and commenting upon the first chapter of Ephesians, after which he led in an earnest and eloquent prayer.

Lon R. Parks and W. P. Pledger, both of Athens, were elected Secretary and assistant, respectively.

The first roll-call showed a rather small attendance, but the delegates and preachers kept coming in until the attendance was very good, all the pastors being present save two—L. A. Webb, of Willis Point Station, and K. P. Barton, supply on Tyler City Mission.

The finances were reasonably well up, and the committee's report was very flattering as to the spiritual state of the Church. Several of the pastors reported successful revivals. All seemed to be hopeful of a successful year's work. The spiritual pulse of the conference was strong at one time after

a masterly sermon by J. M. McCarter, reaching the shouting point. Jim McCarter is a fine thinker and a powerful preacher.

"Upele Caleb" Smith inquired very closely after the class meeting, but only a few pastors could report the old-fashioned kind.

Visitors: Revs. J. M. Mills, of Kilgore Circuit; R. W. Thompson, of Dallas; J. T. Smith, of Marshall Station; I. Alexander, of Jacksonville Station; D. F. C. Timmons, of Palestine Station; L. M. Fowler, of Palestine District; Prof. Williams, of Alexander Collegiate Institute, and Prof. Cody, of the Southwestern University.

Prof. Williams made a fine impression upon the conference. Dr. Alexander, who was for seventeen years at the head of our East Texas Conference School, said upon the conference floor that the institution is now on better footing than ever before in its history. He gives Prof. Williams his unqualified endorsement. Bro. Fowler also spoke very encouragingly of the future outlook of Alexander Collegiate Institute.

Prof. Cody is a scholarly, sweet-spirited Christian gentleman, and his address was much enjoyed by the conference. Prof. Cody is a practical man and his address was brimful of good sense. We shall always be glad to have him at our District Conference.

After the adoption of the report on education pertaining to the Southwestern University, this writer raised a collection for the loan fund, amounting to \$57.

Among the visitors I should have mentioned Miss Eleanor Mullen of Laredo Seminary, who was with us several days and made a most excellent address on our work in Mexico.

On Friday night R. M. Kelley, of Longview, organized our district into a District Epworth League Conference, with Rev. D. L. Cain, of Mineola, as President.

On Saturday, at 11 o'clock, Uncle Dick Thompson preached to the delight of the people and raised a collection for our Texas Methodist Orphanage.

W. P. Pledger, T. T. Booth and S. N. Allen were appointed a committee to petition the next Legislature, in the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south, in Tyler District, to enact a law to prohibit Sunday baseball games.

Dr. Adams conducted the love-feast Sunday morning. It was a precious service. The Methodist pulpit was filled Sunday morning and night by W. P. Pledger and M. I. Brown, respectively, and the Baptist pulpit was filled at 11 a. m. by D. L. Cain, and at 8:30 by A. A. Kidd.

T. T. Booth and G. W. Riley preached a good sermon each during the conference.

Saturday night was a great occasion. J. T. Smith addressed a packed house on the subject of missions and raised a collection amounting to \$271. Smith is a hard-bitter. I wish every congregation in our conference could hear his address on missions. It would bear fruit.

J. N. Mullins, B. E. Moore, Rev. B. C. Ansley and Dr. J. W. Shuford were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.

The next conference will be held at Grand Saline.

Our entertainment by Bro. Allen and the good people of Troupe was all that could be desired. W. P. PLEDGER, Assistant Secretary.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

The Greenville District Conference was held at Merit, July 2-4, inclusive. The reports of the preachers in charge were, on the whole, very gratifying. A number of them reported gracious revivals, with large accessions to the Church; all reported an increased attendance at Sunday-school and League meetings, and a number of each have been organized during the year. Some new churches have been built and others are under construction; most of the charges report comfortable parsonages. Salaries were generally nearer paid than at the same period last year. On the whole, the present conditions are gratifying and the future very promising. Lone Oak was selected as the place for holding the next District Conference.

J. J. M. Harper, W. G. Perkins, Rev. J. D. Graham and J. F. Lovell were elected delegates to Annual Conference, with M. S. Andrews and L. H. Adamson as alternates. Of course your J. B. Powers was on hand rustling subscriptions for the Advocate.

J. T. Turrentine and E. L. Ingram were licensed to preach. Chas. A. Corey was recommended for admission to Annual Conference.

The attendance was the largest in the history of the conference. The hospitality of the good people of Merit was unsurpassed, and the conference gave expression by a unanimous vote of thanks. SECRETARY.

NOTES.

The presiding elder did not preside with all the dignity of a Bishop or the wisdom of a Solomon, but he did preside and conduct the business as only W. M. P. Rippey can.

Mrs. W. H. Purcell, Mrs. Young, Dr. J. R. Allen and Revs. R. W. Thompson, I. S. Ashburn and W. L. Clifton honored the conference with their presence.

The W. P. and H. M. Society of the district held a very interesting and

profitable service Friday night, consisting of an excellent paper each by Mesdames Van Amburgh and Wise, an address on parsonage building by Mrs. Purcell, and an address by Mrs. Young in behalf of the Rescue Home. The exercises were interspersed with some splendid music, led by the choir.

Dr. J. R. Allen represented the Southwestern University as prosperous; Bro. Thompson preached, plead and cried for the Orphanage, and took a collection; while Bro. Ashburn did not make a half speech in behalf of missions, being prevented by a wind and rain storm.

The preaching was done by Revs. E. H. Casey, J. R. Allen, R. W. Thompson, D. J. Martin, W. M. P. Rippey, J. F. Alderson and W. L. Clifton and was all spiritual and good to edifying.

The love-feast Sunday morning, conducted by Bro. J. H. White, was a pleasant and joyful service.

The League Mass-meeting Sunday evening, conducted by Bro. L. T. Rippey, was one of the most encouraging and profitable of all the services of the conference.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

I want to ask all the members of the District Conference of the Corsicana District to be at Groesbeck on Wednesday morning, August 26, at 9 o'clock, a. m., without fail, as we want to have a day for our Sunday-school and League work, which we wish to have on Friday, August 28. Let every Sabbath-school and League elect at least one or two delegates to be there by Friday morning. Come, brethren, praying for and expecting a gracious outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

JOHN S. DAVIS, P. E.

The advertisement of Grayson College, Whitebright, Texas, appears elsewhere in these columns. It is an old institution, being chartered in 1886. It admits to its halls both sexes. The teachers have college and university degrees; some of them have post-graduate degrees. Six members of the faculty are spending the summer in special work. Commodious laboratory for work in science classes. In short, it affords the student rare advantages. Read the announcement in educational column.

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we applied to the East Texas Conference to establish a city mission, which they did—Dr. D. H. Connally the agent; the conference appointed the Rev. Kostoom P. Barton the missionary. They rented a house and organized a Sunday-school right away. They have built a nice church house 36x50 feet and organized a Church of fifty members. Mr. John Durst donated a beautiful lot 90x180 feet. They have Sunday-school and religious services every Sunday. We ask the prayers of all Christians for the success of the enterprise. W. N. BONNER.

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