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GEORGIA LETTER.

For a long time I have been reading the Texas and now and then sending it a line of Georgia news, as a kind of return for the kindness of the publisher. I have now become a very respectable Texan, as far as knowing the land and the people is concerned. Some of my kin were denizens of the Republic not long after the battle of San Jacinto, and Galveston and Austin were familiar names to me in my childhood. I have always been interested in this coming empire, and read everything in your local columns with great interest. I must congratulate you on the beautiful "get up" of your Advocate. Our Wesleyan, the Southern, the Alabama and the New Orleans still cling to the old form, but nearly all the others, I think, have changed theirs. But of all the fair dames there are none fairer than the organ with the lone star at its masthead. I would not like to raise a blush on the cheek of the young editor, but I must congratulate the Texas people on having an editor who is so judicious and so gifted. The debt Texas owes to Georgia is an old one, and a great one, and the debt for the Georgia contingent at work in the various Texas Conferences is not among the least of the items. Sometimes Billy Hayes sends us a line, but the rest of you Texas-Georgians are as silent as if you had forgotten your old mother. Even Hamilton Horton, who writes with a ready pen, never writes for our Wesleyan. Speaking of that paper, I do not think we have a more conservative and able paper among the whole tribe of Advocates than the Wesleyan is now under its present management. When J. W. Burke & Co. published it it had about six thousand subscribers; it has now over eleven thousand, but it still pays no dividend; and while it keeps agoing it considers itself fortunate. Its sharp-eyed business manager is always on the alert and ready to meet any suggestions to appropriate the prophets, by saying there are no profits! It was thought when the paper was published by contract that it paid the publishers handsomely, but those who thought so then, now that the conference is its own contractor, find themselves mistaken. Dr. Glenn is managing editor, and is wisely conservative.

The other day I received a card of invitation to be at Oxford to-day and see to the laying of the corner-stone of the handsome library building Dr. Candler is projecting. From the picture of the proposed building there is a prospect of a very handsome addition to the already comely group on the old campus. Our president is in high favor, and the college never did so well in its history as it is doing now.

The Churches are having their spring meetings. Dr. Monk, now in his fourth year in Macon, has had with him Dr. Hammer, of Memphis, who made a very favorable impression on the Macon people and did very earnest work for two weeks. I have never seen such crowds at a week-day service since I have known Macon.

Dr. Carradine is now with Bro. Mathews at First Church. He preached several days last week, and I heard him on yesterday. He looks worn, but he preaches with energy. I do not know what the meeting promises, but if I were him I don't think I would say so much about the cruel persecutions to which he and his brethren are subjected. It is calculated to arouse among others who are less pious than himself a feeling of resentment, and, perhaps, of retaliation. If we turn the left cheek to the smiter, we ought not to complain so loudly when we are smitten. In Forsyth, in Griffin and in Covington there have been good meetings. The North Georgia Conference gave Bro. Stanton and Bro. Little nominal appointments that they might help the brethren. They are doing it very efficiently, and as far as we can learn nobody is hurt. They are not going where they are not invited, and no one is likely to invite them unless he wants them, and I humbly trust the General Conference will not find it necessary to legislate about it. We really think the 306 Georgia preachers are as about as competent to settle these matters for themselves as men from Idaho and Oregon and California or Virginia and South Carolina are to settle them.

I am however a little chary in ex-

pressing opinions, as I find that for a man to be too free with his utterances is a little indiscreet—especially if they have reference to General Conference doings—unless, of course, he should be a member of the august body. But really I do think an effort to control pastors, as far as their own pulpits are concerned, would be a very unwise procedure. Better bear some things than rush to unwise measures, which may bring greater ills. I can but indorse and commend the very mild and conservative utterances of Bro. Lloyd, with the exception that I do not think one will necessarily backslide who doubts whether Dr. Carradine and some others are advancing holiness by their mode of advocating it.

GEO. G. SMITH.

NOTES FROM ALABAMA.

Time and again, as I have read your good Texas Christian Advocate, has there come over me a gracious impulse. Under such circumstances silence lacks a great deal of being golden. It is not even standard silver. For nearly a quarter of a century I have watched with much interest and anxiety the career of this Advocate. It has had the average experience of lights and shadows, praise and censure. But the result of my observation is that its course has been onward and upward. In the long ago, when its domicile was in Galveston, I went through the establishment and congratulated all concerned on the splendid outfit. Dinner was furnished in the hospitable home of Dr. John, its editor, and a drive on the beach arranged for by the clever and enterprising publishers. It has never had an editor or attache I did not respect and love. I was worried at the going of Bill Shaw and Hill. In true Methodism fashion the Advocate grows in knowledge and grace. Men come and go from its tripod and counting-room, but it ever goes on its even way. About a thousand proofs are in easy reach that it has a mission. But my main object in starting this paragraph was to emphasize the value of its editorials. Of course, it is edited throughout, both in what is admitted, as well as rejected. Every column shows good taste and judgment. This ex-Texan wants to say, now and here, that any one of many editorials is worth many times over the price of the paper. I may be too fond of newspapers, and yet they are not read to the neglect of magazines, quarterlies and books. Some papers are read for their editorials alone. Rarely is a line else in them noticed. Some are taken for the value for their correspondence and contributions. The name of certain writers attached to articles insures a wide reading. You see that Dr. Buckley is furnishing an illustrated paper. Tell Blaylock to go into the picture business as soon as possible. By the way, you have had some pictures—I beg pardon. Keep it up. Stay with the procession.

Your confrere of the St. Louis Advocate is a capital writer and editor. His editorial of last week (April 21) on "The Man—The Preacher," is a classic. It ought to go "the rounds." Some months ago I "blocked out" an article on that subject. It is "in soak." Some sweet day some kind-hearted editor may allow it to go into print. I am doing my best to learn how to preach. Not a line on that subject is allowed to go unread. Being young, I am yet malleable, and may possibly attain mediocracy in this high vocation. Time but magnifies the vast opportunity and responsibility of preaching the Gospel.

The reading and listening public is witness that I have shied the evangelist question. Perhaps I have been weak in many things, and yet no one has accused me of lacking "the courage of my convictions." In this matter I have thought it best to allow the Lord some margin. I am willing he should save in any way and by all sorts and sizes of agents. It may be that the supply has exceeded the demand, or else some are in the field without authority. I am free to confess misgiving and suspicion when they find it necessary to write here and there over the country soliciting a chance to hold meetings. It is bad enough in pastors to offer their services directly or through friends. This is not according to my teachings of the office and work of the Holy Spirit. Some even go so far as to advertise directly and through sympathizing friends in the papers their readiness to serve and be served. I don't think it in good taste to publish "the slate" of any

preacher. I have never posed as an evangelist and have had small fame as a revivalist. It has pleased God to honor the congregations I have served with gracious outpourings of his Spirit. That much every pastor ought to expect. I have aided, as opportunity offered, other pastors in protracted meetings. Of course, the time for such outside work is limited. In this connection I may humbly say that when I left Texas I had enough such invitations to have kept me busy every day for two years. And this without writing a line or saying a word to induce the invitations. The rather, they came and were repeated and urged in the face of polite but earnest statements of inability in view of obligations to those nearer and dearer.

To this writing I am specially incited on seeing that you seem to appreciate the help going to Texas from Alabama. M. H. WELLS.
Courtland, Ala.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—MISSIONARY MATTERS, ETC.

The first round on San Augustine District has just been completed. We began at Center January 4, and, although the time was so soon after conference, the stewards made a good report. They raised the pastor's salary one hundred dollars over last year, making it \$600, and paid \$116.75 down. Center is one of the best small stations in the State. The Methodists of that place are brave and loyal to their Church and pastor—not moved by every wind of doctrine. Bro. Weeks is serving his fourth year there. He is a first-class preacher and very popular with his people.

The Garrison Quarterly Meeting was held at Garrison January 9 and 10. Being in bed with lagrippe at that time, Bro. Downs, pastor at Timpson, went and held it for me. The weather was bad and attendance small. Bro. J. W. Bridges is the pastor—a young man of fine promise, and in whose hands the work will do well. Owing to the shortness of the notice and small attendance, the finances were short, and the assessment for pastor's salary was deferred till second quarter.

The Carthage Quarterly meeting was held by Bro. Davis, preacher in charge. The assessment for pastor was \$600; paid \$113.60. This is Bro. Davis' fourth year there. He is a young man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, able to fill our best pulpits, and ready to go any where.

Minden Quarterly Conference was held by Bro. Downs. Bro. J. D. Burke, preacher in charge, is a new man on the work. He regards the outlook as good, and if he keeps up his record this year he will have a good report at conference. The stewards assessed \$500 for pastor's salary and paid \$46.50.

Tenaha Quarterly Meeting was held January 30. The la grippe was still holding me, so Bro. Downs held it for me. Bro. S. M. Thompson is preacher in charge. He is also beginning his first year on that charge. He is popular with his people and full of courage and hope. He is so completely renovating the old parsonage that when he is done it will be a new one. The stewards put his salary at \$450, and paid \$69.75.

Melrose Circuit is supplied by W. W. Gollighugh. He is a consecrated and very industrious preacher and he and his people are much encouraged over the prospects of a fine year. The assessment for his support is \$345, with \$62.75 paid first quarter.

Nacogdoches Station has L. A. Webb this year. Webb is a big preacher any way you take him, and one of the most genial of men. He is in high favor with everybody in the Church and out, and his people say they could not have been better suited in a preacher. The outlook is very encouraging here. His salary is \$600; paid, \$134.50.

Center Circuit was held February 20, at Shady Grove. I. F. Pace, preacher in charge. This work has suffered some by some of our people going to the Congregational Methodist, but neither pastor nor people are discouraged. Pace is an earnest, shouting Methodist, and calculated to inspire hope in his people. Assessment \$403; paid \$48.50.

Timpson Station, with J. W. Downs for pastor, is moving up. There is no end to the good things the people say of him. They count him, and justly so, one of our most growing young men. He is preaching to full houses, with growing Sunday-school and prayer-meeting. The Quarterly Meeting was

February 22. Assessed for pastor, \$600; paid \$113.50.

Shelbyville Quarterly Meeting held February 27 and 28, was a feast of fat things. The Lord was with us throughout. Here the Northern Methodist (and at two other places) have organized with a few members, but it has not caused a ripple on the surface so far as affecting our Church is concerned. Bro. Helpinstill, the pastor, is a wise, cool-headed man, a good preacher and knows when to talk and what to say. His salary was fixed at \$460—ten over last year; with \$112.45 paid first quarter. Shelby Circuit is all right.

Appleby Mission has J. W. Goodwin for preacher in charge. He is another bright young man with a good future. The work is doing well. Quarterly Meeting at Appleby March 6 and 7. Pastor's salary, \$168; paid \$39.25.

Douglass Mission is supplied by G. W. Henderson, a good man and hard worker. This is a weak charge, but we hope to see it grow. Assessed for pastor, \$165; paid \$9.70.

San Augustine and Chireno Quarterly Meeting was held at San Augustine, March 20 and 21. It was a good meeting. Bro. Weeks went with me and we protracted a week. The meeting was good throughout. Six joined the Church. Bro. Turrentine, the new pastor, is one of the most consecrated and untiring workers in the district. He knows how to get hold of people and does it. He will have a fine report at conference. The salary is \$5.25; paid \$81.

Sharpesville Mission is served by J. S. Wilson (supply). He is an earnest, faithful preacher, but has a hard charge this year. This work is in a region that was burned up with drouth last year not a man in it, I suppose, but has to buy corn. But all hope to do something during the year. Assessed for pastor's salary, \$150; paid nothing.

Sexton Circuit Quarterly Meeting was held at Sexton April 3 and 4. Assessed for preacher, \$310; paid \$75. This was a good report when it is known that some of the strongest members of the charge have moved away. Bro. H. L. Hare, the preacher in charge, is hard at work and hopes for a good year. He is a full-fledged Methodist and by choice, having been raised a Campbellite.

The round closed with Hemphill Mission. Owing to the severe illness of my wife I could not attend it. Bro. Pace went for me. He reports Bro. Lumm, the pastor, as well pleased with his work; the people pleased with him. Assessed for pastor, \$290; paid \$37.75.

The total of assessments for pastors will be \$6,666. Paid on this first quarter, \$911.70; assessed for presiding elder, \$1,200; paid first quarter, \$151.35. This puts the average paid on the first round low, but we calculate to come out.

Our missionary assessments are receiving careful attention. We have been urging the brethren of our district and the conference to have in hand and send to Bro. Holt as much of the foreign mission money as possible by March 31. We wish now to urge the brethren to do all in their power for the domestic mission assessment during the second quarter. Advices from the Beaumont District say that quite a number of our missionaries in that district are absolutely destitute and that it will be necessary for them to receive help on their appropriations from the upper districts, or else they will not be able to carry on their work. The situation is without doubt a trying one, and something ought to be done at once for their relief. I know each presiding elder has his own missions to look after; but, brethren, let us make a good effort to collect at least seventy-five per cent of domestic mission assessment on the second round, and that will enable us to pay off seventy-five per cent of the appropriation to our own missions; and then each one can send some to Bro. Whitehurst, the Treasurer, to be paid by him to the presiding elder and missionaries of the Beaumont District; paying each according to the amount of their appropriation. Let us do this, brethren, and give our dear brethren down there the relief they so much need.

A letter from the presiding elder—and it is not at his instance I make this call—says: "When I go to a quarterly meeting and get money enough to pay my traveling expenses, I feel happy." But, brethren, how is a man

and his family to live who only now and then gets enough money to pay his way to the quarterly meeting? And if many of the best charges can only pay this way, they can't pay any domestic mission money. Let every preacher who reads this resolve to do his best.
J. T. SMITH.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference was held in the beautiful little city of Dublin, April 13 to 15. A generous hospitality was dispensed to the members of the Board and the numerous visitors in attendance.

Nelms, Annis and Hilburn were detained at home on account of sickness; all the other members were present and a most profitable session was held.

The semi-annual meeting is no longer an experiment, if, indeed, it ever was. The utility of such is prominent, even to the casual visitor; and the good accomplished is without doubt great. The board, by holding two executive sessions daily, can deliberately scan the field of its operations, gain information and digest it, that the too full hours of an Annual Conference session render altogether impossible. A large number of letters was read from presiding elders and our missionaries, and we are glad to state that most of them were full of hope at the encouraging prospects of the field.

Nelson, Bishop, Wright and Hotchkiss of the old panel wield Damascus blades and wield them well. The opening sermon was preached by Nelson. I called to mind a map this writer once saw. It was a commercial map got out by a syndicate representing the "Man of Commerce." His head rested on San Francisco, his vitals were over the great lakes system, his body and nether limbs stretched across the ocean and his feet touched the eastern continent. Nelson, the man of missions, beat this—he covered the entire world. To change the figure he girdled the globe and did not go at a gallop either; but taking his time and using his map, he gave a very comprehensive survey of the whole field, laying special emphasis on the stations occupied by the Methodists.

Horace Bishop made a report, took a review and gave the outlook of our missions. He has been a student of missions for twenty years. This time was none too long for the preparation of this most admirable lecture. He opened his treasures of knowledge and gave the fine coin of thought to all of his hearers.

Sam P. Wright was altogether present when his name was called. His address was cogent, analytic, incisive. It was not made in a day or a year. It was too strong and too well grown to have sprung into being fungus like. Those preachers who heard it will ever have a higher conception of their relation to the missionary movement.

Hotchkiss, on woman's work for women, was very happy. Bro. Nelms had this subject assigned him, but not being present, the mellifluous Milton championed the subject. He had a platform big enough for him, both as to subject and a sure enough one. No more need be said. His words burned and glowed like an arc light, and verily there was a great handshaking at the conclusion of his discourse.

J. E. Walker read an able paper on the best methods for educating our people on the subject of missions. The article was full of suggestion and if published would make "mighty good reading."

Wiseman, in telling of the work of the Holy Spirit in missions, brought tears to eyes unused to weeping. It was such an appeal as is seldom heard.

Little had thought maturely and so was prepared to speak well on city missions. His ideas came red hot from the forge of thought. Of this address the end is not yet. It will bear fruit.

R. F. Dunn, on "Charity begins at Home; we have the heathen at our door," was at himself and downed this old bugbear with lusty blows. We do not think that those who heard him will ever again use the expression.

Smith, the beloved of the Dublin District, had for his text, "Missions don't pay," and did some superior talking. He answered the objection in full, leaving no room for even a quibble. The board cast a verdict in his favor and took him in on probation.

Ore rotundo Chapman gave us "Money and Missions." It was a full

presentation of the matter and his arguments were unanswerable. The address was good, very good.

This writer fusilladed the ears of a long suffering congregation for awhile and then quit.

It was evident that every one on the programme had taken much pains to prepare himself. Much research and thought of the best character were evinced, and there was nothing shoddy about any of the exercises. Such meetings, aside from their importance to the intelligent prosecution of the work of the board, cannot but bear fruit; and if other presiding elders will imitate the example of Smith of the Dublin, and request their preachers to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Missions when it is held in their districts the good cannot be calculated.

Dublin was left well salted down and a fine brine making, and by this time it is thoroughly saturated with mission salt. This kind saveth.

JNO. R. MORRIS.

Italy, Texas.

MY VISIT TO CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS.

Thirty-six years ago I was in charge of Clarksville and McKenzie College Station. That was my third pastoral charge. That year I married Miss Mary McFarlin and carried her to this, then a very small town, stopping at the home of my friend and brother, David Black.

The next year, 1862, in the month of March, with Capt. West's Company of cavalry, I took my napsack on my back, my rifle on my shoulder and I started out to fight for my home, my country and my honor.

With the exception of one short stay the next year, this visit is the only time I have had the pleasure of meeting old friends in thirty-five years. You may imagine my feelings when approaching the city last Saturday. The long years that had intervened were hastily reviewed—many pleasant and some sad incidents came rushing back to me. The old church where I preached and worshiped in then had been sold to the Baptists and remodeled, leaving only the same floor and seats. Then an old printing office stood just in front. These were some of the relics of the long ago time had not entirely obliterated. My companion and I walked to the corner of the square where Bro. Black lived. The house had been burned, and another had taken its place. Bro. and Sister Black both have passed away to their final resting place long ago. Their children are scattered, I know not where. I looked up at the windows about where we (my young wife and I) sat, talked and viewed the hills beyond, read our Bible, had our daily devotions, thought of our love one for the other and for the Church. One of the prettiest pictures in memory's hall was the kindness bestowed on us by our friends, Bro. McKenzie and wife—her efforts to make us happy in every respect. But they, too, have passed from the stage of action in life; yet their influence for good goes on and on as a bubble on the sea of time, and thus will continue until time, the index to eternity, has been reviewed by God and each one having reached their abiding destination.

How my heart leaped when a number of my old friends met me, grasped my hand; while tears filled their eyes. How changed they were! Black hair and beard then, now silver-gray, faces furrowed and shoulders stooped, but the same great heart—every one striving for a better home, a happier abode. We talked and laughed together. Then something would be recalled that would bring tears. But a few of the Church members remain here. The most of them have gone. Excuse me, Mr. Editor, if I am a little sentimental at this place. Wife and I are both old now, but we love the place where we preached, loved and labored together. We were young then, and the people that loved and blessed us were. In a little while we will go to be with Master, Powers, Sherwood, Stockton, Cox and old father Bonner and the multitude that have gone to God before.

Bro. Lamb met me at the depot, put me in a carriage directed to go to his home, where I was welcomed by his noble wife. She knows how to make more than one preacher happy. I was made to feel truly at home. Everybody loves Bro. and Sister Lamb. They are doing a great work.

The presiding elder was with us. He is every inch a man a Christian, a preacher and a gentleman. He is at

home in the Quarterly Conference—in the pulpit, in the social circle and in presence of a "roasted turkey." Of course, I preached for and about the Orphans' Home at Waco. I will let others criticize the sermon. The people listened attentively. They showed a disposition to give to the Home and to God. Some of the truest friends to God and the Church are at Clarksville. They not only gave on this occasion, but had sent their assessment and boxes. They made our hearts glad. May God bless them.

Bro. Harris, of Haskell Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, brought me a contribution from his Sunday-school. It was liberal and most cheerfully given. Let all the schools help in this great work. R. W. THOMPSON, Dallas, Texas.

Since writing the above the Young Ladies' Society of the First M. E. C. has informed me that they realized \$25 from the Easter entertainment given at the residence of Mr. W. C. Padgett last Thursday evening for the Methodist Orphans' Home at Waco. Thanks to Mrs. Padgett for opening her heart and doors; and dear girls, for your efforts. May God bless you all and your homes. R. W. T.

WEATHERFORD NOTES.

My worthy colleague, Bro. Stephens, is hard at work and his efforts are appreciated by his people, who earnestly co-operate with him in all the work of the Church. We recently closed a glorious revival at First Church. We had about one hundred and forty reclamations and conversions—by far the greater part were reclamations. The membership of the Church was much quickened. Bro. A. L. Prewitt, Jr., rendered valuable service. The pastors of the other Churches gave timely aid to the work. Bro. Stephens and our presiding elder did good service. We were favored with the presence of Bros. Hightower, Tunnell, Baker, McKeown and Cox during the meeting, all of whom were with us for a short time and contributed much to the interest of the meeting by their presence, prayers and work in the altar.

As usual Weatherford College shared largely in the labors and results of the meeting. Several of the faculty and the pupils worked earnestly and efficiently. All the girls attending the college, who were unconverted, were saved except one, and she is a seeker of long standing. Many of the young men were also converted. The college is doing excellent work, and moves steadily on to grand success. Its prospects for the future are truly encouraging. It gives me real pleasure to recommend this school to the people.

Our motto is onward. We are planning for greater things in the future. A greater spiritual uplift and an advance in the educational interest of the college. R. C. ARMSTRONG, Weatherford, Texas.

A SYMPATHETIC NOTE.

Surely, "in the midst of life we are in the midst of death." The Advocate of the 15th of April is a memorable number. On its first page are recorded the death of four prominent ministers in Texas Methodism. It touched my

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heart, and tears flooded my eyes as I read those kind words from friends of their virtues and their labors.

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West Texas Conference. MILBURN CIRCUIT.

J. R. Smelser: Our second Quarterly Conference is past. Bro. Baker, our presiding elder, was with us, carefully looking into all the interests of the Church and preaching with great power, giving three good sermons, which made a lasting impression, we hope. This scribe and his family are being cared for. We serve as good and kind people as can be found anywhere. Finances somewhat behind, but we feel that the people are doing the very best they can. We have taken up our missionary collections at two appointments and got \$49.25 in cash and subscription, of which \$19.50 was in cash. We hope soon to report a new church house at Milburn.

PORT LAVACA MISSION.

J. W. Long: Our second Quarterly Conference is over. The results will be lasting. Bro. Biggs looked well after the interests of the Church. He left nothing unturned. There was a small increase along financial lines. During this quarter \$75.00 was raised to build a church at Port Lavaca. A Building Committee was elected. We expect, by the help of God and the good women, to have a house to worship in by conference. One Sunday-school organized at a private residence; membership has reached forty-four. Sixteen additions to the Church by certificate. The protracted meeting for Port Lavaca will begin the 7th of May. We are expecting a good meeting.

YOAKUM.

Hubert D. Knickerbocker, April 30: Closed a successful two weeks' meeting here Sunday night, April 25. There were thirty-five conversions and reclamations and twenty-eight additions to the Church, members revived, some old wounds healed, and many hearts and homes made happy. Had no evangelist or singer. Did all the preaching myself. Many members were put to work in hand-to-hand, personal endeavor for the first time in their lives. We will reap much fruit in the future from the meeting. The church had extra seats in and seated over 500, but at some of the services many were turned away. Sunday night folks came a half hour early to secure a seat. We are not "flying," but very much uplifted. The buoyancy of heaven and "hope in God" is in our hearts.

SAN ANGELO.

T. Gregory, April 26: For the first time in the history of this city there is a united effort on the part of the Churches to promote the glory of God in the conversion of men. The Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian, Campbellite and Methodist pastors are preaching, and for one week the largest crowds that ever attended religious services here have gathered. The spirit of harmony is remarkable. Sinners are being convicted. Prof. Wilcox has charge of the music and singing. The services will continue. Though rainy, the crowds yesterday were immense, and the sermons by Methodist, Cumberland Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Baptist preachers were listened to with intense interest and much profit. I am desirous that this, my last year here, may be most prosperous.

EAGLE PASS.

Z. V. Liles: On the 13th and 14th of April our efficient presiding elder, Bro. J. D. Scott, of San Antonio, was with us and held our second Quarterly Conference. He expressed gratification at the condition of the affairs of the Church. Reports all showed progress, and we are about prepared to make advance movements in Eagle Pass. We have had more than twenty conversions and eighteen accessions to our Church since conference. We have a loyal membership and believe that we have one of the most spiritual Churches on the border, and that it will compare favorably along all lines with most of our extremely western and southwestern charges. We have an excellent League, with a membership of forty. The League has paid all its assessments and sent \$4.00 to the general expense fund of the Waco Conference. The League expects to send two delegates and the pastor to Waco May 11-13. Our Sunday-school is well attended; teachers and pupils doing good work. Our midweek prayer-meeting fairly well attended, and nearly all who attend take an active part

generally. In a meeting held several weeks ago, Bro. J. H. Collard, son and daughter, did us great service by their preaching and singing. The people of Eagle Pass will long remember their visit. The finances of the Church are in excellent shape. All the assessments ordered by the Annual Conference paid and secured. Preacher's and presiding elder's salaries paid to date. Considering the disadvantages and difficulties under which we labor here, we could hardly hope to make greater progress. People and pastor are cheerful.

FLOYD'S CHAPEL.

D. A. Gregg: In response to a desired invitation given me by the preacher in charge of Leesville Circuit, I visited and preached several times to the people of Floyd's Chapel, beginning on Friday night before and running over the fourth Sunday in April. We had a nice time from the beginning. When Sunday came the Lord blessed us with a favorable day, and after the morning services we spread the well-prepared feast on the ground about 1 p. m. and began to eat. After all were filled we returned to the house to hold a children's service. To the surprise of some the Lord visited us with laughter of joy, tears of weeping and shouts of glory, hallelujah! Truly the Lord was with us on that occasion. We got a liberal donation for the building of the Orphan Home addition. We went to Wrightsboro and preached Sunday night. On account of the weather the congregation was small, but we had a nice time spiritually. We made many warm friends on the trip that we shall remember always in our prayers—especially among the children.

MASON.

J. M. Linn, April 27: We're moving up. The people laughed when I told them I expected to raise the missionary assessment, which, by the way, is more than one-third the amount estimated for the pastor; but I have more than 80 per cent of the amount—a good part of which is cash and the rest in gilt-edge subscription—and one more appointment to hear from. If the Lord prospers us we'll pay out this year. I didn't tell them a single tear-producing tale nor work any schemes, but simply pressed the claims of the gospel in this department upon those who are enjoying its benefits, and they did it all in cold blood. Some time since the good people of Bethel started, and now have in good running order, one of the most promising Sunday-schools I have attended for some time. They showed their faith in what they were doing by taking a collection the day of the organization, which was sufficient to defray expenses for some time to come. In Mason we have recently met some bills that have been hanging over us like a nightmare, and have also let the contract to complete the spire to the new church. Believing that when people put their money into the support of the gospel in its different phases, they are laying the foundation for a revival of spiritual religion, we thank God and take courage.

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Texas Conference. CALVERT.

J. Kilgore, April 24: Calvert Methodism is still on the upgrade. The Church is progressing, both financially and spiritually. The cyclone which visited us a few weeks ago took away our steeple, but we have put a new one in its place and in addition are painting the whole building anew. This will much improve our external appearance. Besides these things, we gave Bro. Vaughan nearly \$90, and our missionary collections are coming on nicely. But we have better things yet in store to tell. Our Church has recently enjoyed a season of refreshing from the Lord. Sinners were converted and saints were quickened. In some respects our meeting was remarkable. Two who had already passed three-score-and-ten were baptized and brought into the Church. As I was preparing to baptize a man of seventy-five he plucked my sleeve and whispered to me: "This has been the happiest day of my life." Quite a number were converted and are now living happy in the Lord. So far this year we have received thirty members into the Church, and others are knocking for admit-

tance. Our Epworth League does some excellent work. One of the most enjoyable and profitable Sunday evening services of the year was conducted by the League. They had soul-inspiring papers prepared on their regular topic, and their music was in full harmony with their papers. When this preacher wants a rest on Sunday evening and, at the same time, an excellent service, he has but to turn to his League. Our Sunday-school had the largest attendance in its history last Sunday. There is more interest and enthusiasm in this department now than at any time during my pastorate—in fact, the school has been growing steadily for some months. Much credit is due the officers and teachers of this school for their efforts, and to our Sunday-school missionary, who looks closely after the absentees and new pupils. Calvert wishes publicly to thank Bro. Matthews, of Dublin, for his efficient service during our meeting; and would not withhold an expression of gratitude to Bro. Vaughan, of Waco, who also contributed to our spiritual welfare. These brethren well deserve the high esteem in which they are held.

East Texas Conference.

MINDEN CIRCUIT.

J. D. Burke, April 28: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Bethel last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Smith was on hand with a clear eye looking after the interests of the Church and stressing its spiritual possibilities. His sermons were to the point and full of love and seasoned with the grace of God. While our finances are much below the usual report, and to one wholly dependent on the Church, quite discouraging, yet the outlook for the work is greatly improved. Our greatest need is a revival of vital godliness, such as will not only stir the membership to action but will control the tongue and temper and cause the Church to work more and talk less. We need a revival that will erect a family altar in every home and make room for the Texas Advocate in its new dress. Our people need the knowledge that the Advocate brings to their homes. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."—Hosea 4: 6.

CENTER STATION.

A. J. Weeks, May 1: This is our fourth year at this place. We have been welcomed back to this charge and have been the recipients of continued favors since conference. Our charge is in better condition in every way than at any time since we have been here. Our congregations are good and services spiritual. All departments of Church work, including Sunday-school, Epworth League, W. P. and H. M. Society, etc., are flourishing. We closed a revival meeting last Sunday. Had a good revival in the Church and twenty-three accessions on profession and five by certificate. Bro. Turrentine, of San Augustine, assisted us. He is a faithful, earnest preacher and a first-class worker. He won the hearts of our people. Bro. J. T. Smith, presiding elder, was with us also. He is a wide-awake presiding elder; looks after all the interests of the Church. Our second Quarterly Conference was held last week. Every official was present, and the stewards made a very fine report. There is not a better official board in the East Texas Conference. Notwithstanding the drouth last year and consequent hard times, the preacher's salary this year was placed at \$100 above that of last year. To pay the conference collections we have, in cash and good subscription, nearly one hundred dollars above the assessments. The Advocate grows in favor with our people. We are all proud of its editorial management and its mechanical make-up.

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"Layman:" I am not a regular correspondent, but a regular reader of the Advocate. It has helped me greatly to raise my children for the Church; but the Advocate needs no commendation from me—it speaks for itself. As only a small private in the army I wish to simply speak of the revival just closed with about eighty accessions to the Churches. Bro. Godbey will speak of the ministers and their aid in the battle, which, I assure you, was fully appreciated by our people. Last December we asked the Bishop to return Bro. Godbey to us for potent reasons—among them one was that we believed it to be to the interest of the spiritual upbuilding of the cause here; and this meeting shows the result of that request. This writer is an old-style Methodist and was foggy enough to want a revival by the pastor—the man of God sent to us by the conference—and for him to hold his services in the church built and dedicated to the Master for that purpose—not in a tent. We intimated this all the while, and it met the approval of the pastor, and God has blessed the effort abundantly. The Churches are all revived, and I hope the day will soon be here when we can read of revivals in the different charges without the absolute necessity of an importation from Kentucky or somewhere else for that special meeting. Now, in conclusion, I wish to say that I do not believe there is a man in Texas who has the confidence of his people more, or greater influence over them, than our pastor—not only his charge, but the entire community. I say this, not in any spirit of flattery, but because I know it to be the truth and just to him and his arduous work for the Master that the facts be told. His faithful, earnest preaching, with a zeal that never tires, with the great fundamental principles of our holy religion that brightens and sparkles more and more with each sermon, and with an unconscious, unpretentious eloquence burning with the love of Christ, he has completely won this people; and so can other ministers; and with such consecration and a united Church and preacher we can have "old-time religion."

North Texas Conference.

GREENWOOD.

John W. Tinscher, April 26: We had a good day yesterday at Rush Branch. Bro. J. W. Murphy was with us and preached at 11 o'clock and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a large congregation. After dinner the Epworth League met and we had showers of blessings—a regular old camp-meeting time! One penitent at the altar.

HUBBARD CITY.

W. H. Crawford, May 3: Have just been in a good meeting with Hotchkiss at Corsicana. We had a glorious prayer-meeting here last Wednesday night. A melting time last Sabbath and rich communion at night. Abe begins here Friday, May 7. We are looking for great things from the Lord and Abe. Free homes for all preachers and workers.

WINNSBORO.

C. H. Morris, April 27: Our second Quarterly Conference was held yesterday. Reports from Pastor O. C. Fontaine and his stewards show the Church to be in very good condition.

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BRYSON AND SALT HILL.

J. B. Sims: Am glad to report this work on rising ground. Our people are being encouraged. Our work is very large, which makes it very hard on people and pastor. But God is blessing us in some places with outpourings of the Spirit. Our second Quarterly Conference convened the 18th and 19th of April. Bro. F. O. Miller was present, preaching in the Spirit's power and looking carefully into the interests of the Church. Our people were more than delighted with Bro. Miller. We have a fine corps of stewards, and they are doing well, considering the pressure of the times. Our local preachers are not idle, by any means. If space would permit, would love to make special mention of our young people, but suffice it to say we have a number of consecrated young men and women of whom any pastor might envy us.

BONHAM.

M. W. Shearer, May 1: We are moving along slowly, but I think surely, on the South Bonham charge. By the assistance of Dr. J. M. Terry we have organized an Epworth League at Brotherton, consisting of thirty-nine members. Our prayer and social meetings are well attended. The people are attentive to the preaching of the Word; so we are hopeful of success this year. Our Sunday-schools are advancing nicely. Though our people in the main are very poor and not able to do much financially, they are good, loyal people. On last Monday night Rev. W. H. C. Elliott lectured in our part of town. The subject was "Then and Now; or, Forty-four years in Texas." He showed the agricultural, financial, educational, moral and religious developments of the country within this period. The lecture was well attended and listened to with interest. Those who are acquainted with Bro. Elliott know that he has been afflicted all his life; so he has labored under great embarrassment. In his travels he not only lectures, but preaches and talks to Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues. I would say to the brethren, encourage this worthy brother all you can and help him.

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Northwest Texas Conference.

BELLEVUE.

H. H. Vaughan, May 3: We are in the midst of a gracious revival at this place, led by Rev. E. G. Kilgore. The hardest sinners are being convicted and converted—forty conversions up to date; the good work goes on.

BIG SPRINGS.

C. D. West, April 26: The work is progressing nicely on our new church. We hope to have it ready for the District Conference in June. The roof will be put on in the next two weeks. When completed we will have the best frame building in the conference west of Abilene. We hope for a great revival during the year.

FORT WORTH.

Gus Barnes, May 3: We have just closed a sixteen days' meeting at Glenwood Church, which was a Holy Ghost one; had about thirty-five conversions, twenty accessions and eighteen children baptized. The Church was greatly revived. Bro. Boon was with us in the early part of the meeting and did some fine preaching; then our big, generous-hearted presiding elder G. S. Wyatt, did us some fine preaching; preached a very excellent sermon on baptism. At the latter part of the meeting Bro. Cox and more of his faithful workers came to us and did some good preaching and effective work. We have all of our conference assessment subscribed. We are on the move in Glenwood and

don't expect to be left in the rear. With our cottage prayer-meeting, League, Sunday-school and the united efforts of our faithful band we are just moving onward and upward singing "On to Victory, On to Victory."

L. W. Dennis, May 3: I was called yesterday down to Glenwood by the pastor, Bro. Barnes, to baptize a candidate for Church membership. I went, baptized the man, also an infant, remained and preached at night, presented the conference claims and succeeded in raising the entire assessment in good subscription. Glenwood had a heavy assessment, according to the ability, but Bro. Barnes has a plucky little Church who stand by their pastor and the Church requirements. I left Barnes all smiles. Barnes is a mover and his people love him and God is blessing his work. I returned home feeling that happy are they whose trust is in the Lord.

CLEBURNE.

J. D. Crockett: The Advocate looks as fresh and as neat as a girl with her new dress in the bloom of spring. May it continue to grow in grace. Bro. Lloyd's "For Order and Fair Dealing" was well written—for his side. But when properly examined it breathes the spirit of the second blessing school. We, the "minority," are holding to and teaching the old Methodist doctrine, and the "majority" are all erratic. His article reminds us of a story we heard of two Irishmen who disputed the right and control of a certain house. Finally one thought he had devised a plan to settle the matter. He went to the other and said: "Pat, I have thought out a plan to settle our dispute: You control the outside of the house and I'll control the inside." So Bro. Lloyd and the "minority" would have the "majority" to sit down and be very still until they convince us of our error, that they may swallow us whole. But will they be quiet and keep peace? Have they been quiet? Where did the trouble begin? Where will it end if they don't get quiet? Let them answer.

HICO.

Robt. B. Bonner, April 27: We closed a two weeks' meeting at this place Sunday night. Our little city has been stirred; great interest was taken from the beginning. The church would not hold the people. Every available space was occupied and yet great crowds were turned away. Our business men closed their places of business for the morning services the last week. The cottage prayer-meetings were well attended in the afternoon. We had eighty conversions and reclamations, besides many reclamations in the Church; fifty-four joined our Church, with more to follow. Our Sunday-school is growing in interest and in numbers; over two hundred scholars present last Sunday. Our house is too small. We will be forced to place two classes or more out in the church-yard. How we need a new and larger church! Our present building is neat and comfortable, but not near large enough for our school or congregation. Our collections are all in full and 75 per cent over, in cash and good subscription. We preached on missions, education, etc., and took our collections some time ago. Our people honored God; now he is honoring and blessing them. We have had eighty-three accessions since conference. Bro. M. K. Little, of Belton; Bro. J. H. Wiseman, of Lorena, and Bro. Fletcher, a visiting preacher, blessed us with one sermon each. We were edified and strengthened by their preaching. Our people are very kind indeed to us. Almost every day brings some token of love. At the close of the meeting they presented some nice presents and means for a two weeks' trip. A rest much needed.

SIPE SPRINGS.

C. H. Smith, April 28: I have organized an Epworth League at Sipe Springs, with seventeen members, and ten have joined since we organized; also organized one at Sand Hill, with sixteen members, and received eight or nine since. They are both working nicely, and I am expecting a grand work by them in all the Christian graces. They seem to be ready and willing to work for the Lord, and I feel sure that they will be a strong lever in my meetings this summer. We have organized through my local preacher, J. V. Havner, a class of sixteen mem-

bers at Birdville, an M. E. Church, South, and have a bright prospect for a strong Church in the near future. We are contemplating building a church house this fall. We had Mrs. W. H. Purcell with us on the 11th inst., who gave us a good talk on the work of the W. P. and H. M. Society. She did us a good work and organized a W. P. and H. M. Society, with twenty-one members, and eight more have joined the society, and all are well-equipped and pulling nicely. We had Bro. Sinex with us, and he was a welcome guest to our homes, and we showed him our appreciation by giving him thirty-one new subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate. He gave us a good talk at our prayer-meeting. Come again when you touch our work, and I think we will make the subscription fifty. The Lord bless him and the Texas Christian Advocate in her new dress. To see her is to appreciate her. Our second Quarterly Conference just closed. Most of the official board present. It was a feast of fat things to our souls. Bro. E. A. Smith, presiding elder, preached us three strong spiritual sermons at Liberty—one of them on prohibition, and I think it was the strongest appeal I ever heard. We had love-feast and the communion of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, and we all felt that it was good to be there. He preached us two sermons at Sipe Springs on his way and returning from Liberty that did us all good. We all love our presiding elder and our prayers go with him. The quartermaster is behind, but considering the money stringency we had a good, all-round conference, and the work is moving on very pleasantly. Good congregations, good attention, revival fire breaking out, shouting in the camps of Israel, the battle of the Lord and his children moving on to conquest and to victory.

ANOTHER APPEAL.

Sometime since I sent out some postal cards to a number of our preachers kindly requesting that they read the cards to their congregations. Nearly all of these preachers have either neglected or ignored the request. The following brethren respected my request and read the cards. I want to return my earnest and heartfelt thanks—not simply for the amounts inclosed—but for their respect to a brother pastor's reasonable request, and assure them that the bread cast upon the waters will be found again. May God bless them and their charges. The call I made was not to the preachers, but to their people, for a small incidental or basket collection to aid us in building a new church, our old one having been destroyed by a cyclone last July. Following are names and amounts: J. L. Kennedy, Del Rio, \$1.90; J. C. Russell, Uvalde, \$2.50; E. K. Denton, Goliad, \$2.10; A. W. Wilson, Llano, \$3.00; C. S. Mills, Kerrville, \$2.30; James Hammond, Pearsall, \$4.00; C. W. Perkins, Pleasanton, \$2.65; Pleasanton Sunday-school, \$1.00; Fred L. Allen, Rockdale, \$2.00; F. E. Hammond, Chappell Hill, \$4.26; S. H. Morgan, Webberville, \$3.80. Bros. Pinson and Theo. Lee answered the card, saying that as they had new churches to build they did not think it best to mention the matter to their people. These, with the

above, are all the replies we have received out of ninety-seven cards mailed. It is not too late yet, and we hope our brethren will attend to the matter. It will be hard on no one, and yet it would be a great blessing to this people, who are struggling hard to build a house free of debt.

F. H. C. ELLIOTT.

Hondo, Texas.

COMMENCEMENT NOTICES

Weatherford College, June 6-10.

All persons wishing to attend the commencement exercises of Weatherford College will have homes assigned to them if they will apply to myself, Rev. R. C. Armstrong, pastor of the First Methodist Church, or Rev. B. M. Stephens, pastor of Couets Memorial, June 6-10. DAVID S. SWITZER.

Granbury College, May 16-20.

May 16—Commencement sermon by Rev. E. D. Mouzon, of Abilene; sermon at night by Rev. R. T. Blackburn, of Smithville.

Wednesday, May 19—Commencement address by Hon. S. C. Padelford, of Cleburne.

Thursday, May 20—"Old Student Day"—Address by Rev. J. J. Shirley; at night, exercises by Alumni Association; address by Rev. S. W. Thomas, of Houston.

All are invited to attend, and especially the former students and teachers of the college are urged to be with us on "Old Students' Day." We expect a great reunion.

W. J. MOORE.

San Antonio Female College.

Sunday, June 6—Travis Park Church, sermon by Rev. J. M. Alexander.

Monday, June 7—8:30 p. m., Y. M. C. A. Hall, recital, schools of elocution and voice culture.

Tuesday, June 8—8:30 p. m., annual concert.

Wednesday, June 9—Commencement day, 10:30 a. m., reading essays by graduates; 8:30 p. m., address by Judge J. L. Camp; conferring diplomas.

Art exhibit during the week.

J. E. HARRISON.
San Antonio, Texas.

NOTICE.

Please announce debate between Rev. C. L. Ballard, Methodist, and Elder W. E. Crum, Campbellite, at Bardwell, beginning June 28, ending July 2. Subjects announced later. Meetings: Elm Branch, July 3 to 10; Avalon, July 11-17; Rankin, July 25-31; Oak Grove, August 1-8.

A SAD NOTE.

T. J. Jordan died on the 19th ult.; an old and well-known member of the M. E. Church, South. The same day at 6 o'clock a man by the name of Swayne was killed at a shingle mill, by a belt breaking and striking him on the side. He lived fifty minutes. I buried both parties the next day. Miss Eugenia Childers died on the 23d of April with congestion. She was taken Saturday night previous to her death. Her death was a triumphant one. She talked to all about her condition. She was J. Childers' daughter. This is the second one they have lost in nine months.

B. T. HAYES, P. C.
Coffeeville, Texas.

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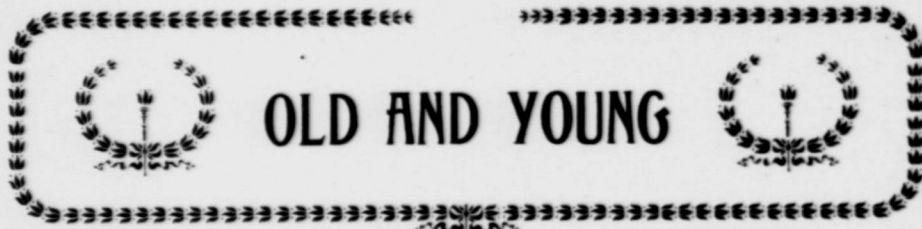
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OLD AND YOUNG

A Narrow Escape.

It was a very stormy evening. The rain came down in torrents. The wind blew around the house and whistled down the chimney and almost made the children shiver as they clustered about the fire. Amy went to the window and peered out, but there was only blackness outside. If it had not been dark she might have seen multitudes of leaves falling from the trees to the ground, and she might have seen plenty of mud, and ever so many wet and dripping things. As it was she had no view at all, so she went back to the fire, making the somewhat pointed remark, "This would be a good night for a story."

The other children applauded as though she had said something quite brilliant, and the story-teller, who had seemed to be reading, though she heard what was going on, laid down her newspaper and her spectacles.

"This evening reminds me," said she, "of something that happened on such a night as this, a great many years ago. On that evening a certain boy named Eddie, who lived in the city of New York, had a very narrow escape. His father and mother were very fond of their children, and besides they were able to give them many pleasures that others were without. Yet Eddie was not always satisfied with these, and sometimes he indulged in things that were forbidden. You see he had fallen into this habit when he was a little boy, and he had not altogether outgrown it, although he had come to be quite large and ought to have been wiser.

"There was a young man named Clarence Strong, who owned a boat which he was accustomed to sail on the Hudson River. Eddie had been particularly cautioned against going out with him on account of the danger, and it was taken for granted that the boy would mind.

"One day Eddie did not come home after school as he was expected to do. His mother watched for him from the window and wondered why he didn't appear. His brothers came in one after the other and each one inquired, 'Where is Eddie?' but no one could answer the question. The twilight fell and supper-time arrived, but still no Eddie. 'What can delay him?' asked the father, anxiously, as they sat down to the table, but the only response was a troubled look on the mother's face. After supper the other boys were sent out to look for their missing brother. An hour later they came in with the report that some of his playmates had seen him talking with Clarence Strong. They added that it was raining heavily and that the wind was high. Nothing more than this was needed to make the whole family exceedingly anxious, for they feared what proved to be the truth, that Eddie had gone out on the river with Clarence and that they had encountered the storm.

"There was nothing to do but to sit and wait. Yes, there was one thing more, they could pray. The father led them all in a petition for the safety of the erring one, and He who rules the winds and waves answered the prayer. Late in the evening Eddie appeared drenched to the skin and shivering with cold.

"My son, my son, how glad I am to see you!" exclaimed his mother; "where have you been?" Eddie penitently confessed that he had gone out on the water with Clarence. He said that after the storm arose the boat became unmanageable and they were very near drowning; but somehow, he didn't really know how, they succeeded in getting back to the city.

"The boy was dried and warmed and sent to bed where he was obliged to lie all of the next day. He said that he was very sorry for his disobedience, and I think he was, for I do not remember that he ever did anything of the sort again."

"Mustn't he have felt terrible when he was out on the water?" asked Amy. "Yes, indeed," was the reply; "and I think the worst part must have been the knowledge that he got himself into danger through his own fault."

The young listeners sat in silence for nearly half a minute. Then Freddie said, "I will mind, even when I'm as big as a man."

The story-teller kissed him and called him a good boy. Then she went back to her spectacles and her newspaper, and the children played a quiet game until bedtime.—Cousin Lois, in the Christian Intelligencer.

Reading for Children.

No greater good fortune can befall a child than to be born into a home where the best books are read, the best music interpreted, the best talk enjoyed; for in these privileges the richest educational opportunities are supplied. Many things are said in such a home which the child does not fully understand; there is music which is far beyond his intelligence; there are books to which he lacks the key; but the atmosphere of such a home envelops him in the most receptive years; his imagination is arrested by pictures, sounds, images, facts, which fall into it like seeds into a quick soil; his memory is stored without conscious effort. It is his greatest privilege that a life so large and rich receives him with unstinted hospitality, and offers him all he can receive.

Now, nothing could rob a child so circumstanced so grievously as to attempt to bring such a home life down to his comprehension instead of leaving him free to grow into it and up to it. The boy who hears the talk of cultivated men and women at table about current affairs and subjects of permanent interest has the very finest of educational opportunities; the boy who listens to talk which is intentionally brought down to the level of his intelligence is by that act robbed of his opportunities. Parents make no more serious mistake than taking the tone of the family life from the children instead of giving that life, clearly and pervasively, the tone of their own ideals, convictions, and intelligence. Nature does not present one aspect to children, another to mature persons, and a third to the aged; she presents the same phenomena to all, and each age takes that which appeals to it; dimly discerning, at the same time, the larger aspects which are to be disclosed themselves later on. The child loves Nature for certain obvious and beautiful things which it readily finds; but Nature is all the time enriching the imagination of the child beyond its care and consciousness. And the method of Nature must be our model.

If we could arrange Nature for children by selecting a few pretty flowers, a few colored stones, a few fleecy clouds, and separating them from the sweep and majesty of the universe, we should make the same blunder which we are constantly making by excluding children from the influence and power of great books and condemning them to the companionship of books written to fit different stages of development, as shoes are manufactured to fit feet of different sizes. The attempt to create reading matter for children, based on their ability to receive and understand at a given age, shows lamentable ignorance of the child mind and lamentable ignorance of the stuff of which great books are made. The mind is not, like the feet, accurately measurable at a given moment; it presents, at given moments, certain definite limits of expression, but it never discloses its capacity for reception. And it is an open secret that it can receive, brood over, and find delight in ideas which it only dimly understands; more than this, such ideas are often the most nutritious food of the growing mind.

There are a great many so-called children's books which are wholesome, entertaining, and educative in a high degree; but they possess these high qualities, not because they are children's books, but because they are genuine, veracious, vital, and human; because, in a word, they disclose in their measure, the same qualities which make the literary masterpieces what they are. It is a peculiarity of such books that they are quite as interest-

ing to mature as to young readers. Of the great mass of books written specifically for children it is not too much to say that it is a sin to put them in the hands of those who have no standards and are dependent upon the judgment and taste of their elders; a sin against the child's intelligence, growth, and character. Some of these books are innocuous save as wasters of time; many more are sentimental, untrue, and cheap; some are vulgar.

The years which are given over to this artificially prepared reading matter—for it is a profanation to call it literature—are precisely the years when the mind is being most deeply stirred; when the seeds of thought are dropping silently down into the secret and hidden places of the nature. They are the years which decide whether a man shall be creative or imitative; whether he shall be an artist or an artisan. For such a plastic and critical time nothing that can inspire, enrich, and liberate is too good; indeed, the very highest use to which the finest results of human living and doing and thinking and speaking can be put is to feed the mind of childhood in those memorable years when the spirit is finding itself and feeling the beauty of the world. This is the moment when the race takes the child by the hand, and, leaning over it in the silence of solitary hours, whispers to it those secrets of beauty and power and knowledge in the possession of which the mastery of life lies. This is the time when the boy who is to write "Kenilworth" is learning, with bated breath, the great stories and traditions of his race; when the boy who is to write the lines on Tintern Abbey is feeling the wonder of the world and the mystery of fate; when the boy who is to write the "Idylls of the King" is playing at knight-hood with his brothers and sisters in the Lincolnshire fields, and the brave group of noble boys and girls are weaving endless romances of old adventure and chivalry. This is the time when, as a rule, the intellectual fortunes of the child are settled for all time.

In these wonderful years of spiritual exploration and discovery the child ought to have access, not to cheap stories, artificially and mechanically manufactured to keep it out of mischief, but to the records of the childhood of the race; his true companion is this august but invisible playmate. That which fed the race in its childhood ought to feed each child born into its vast fellowship. The great story-book of mythology, with its splendid figures, its endless shifting of scene, its crowding incident, its heroism and poetry, ought to be open to every child; for mythology is the child's view of the world; a view which deals with obvious things often, but deals with them poetically and with a feeling for their less obvious relations. The dream of the world which those imaginative children who were the fathers of the race dreamed was full of prophetic glimpses of the future, of deep and beautiful visions, of large and splendid achievement, and of that wholesome symbolism in which the deeper meanings of nature become plain. Out of this dim period, when men first felt the wonder of the world, and felt also the mysterious ties which bound them to Nature, issued that great stream of story which has fed the art of the world for so many centuries and will feed it to the end of time. For these stories were not manufactured, they grew; and in them is registered the early growth of the race. They are not idle tales; they are deep and rich renderings of the facts of life; they are interpretations and explanations of life in that language of the imagination which is as intelligible to children as to their elders; they are rich in those elements of culture which are the very stuff of which the deepest and widest education is made.

Now, this quality which invests Ulysses, Perseus, Thor, Siegfried, Arthur, and Parsifal with such perennial interest, is characteristic of the great books, into so many of which mythology directly enters. The "Odyssey" is not only one of the great reading books of the race; it is also one of the great text-books. Shakespeare is not only a great story-teller; he is also an educator whose like has been seen only

two or three times in the history of the world. Teach a child facts without the illumination of the imagination, and you fill the memory; give these facts dramatic sequence and impart to them that symbolic quality which all the arts share, and you stir the depths of a child's nature. The boys whose sole text-books were the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey," and who learned, therefore, all their history and science in terms of the imagination, became the most original, creative, and variously gifted men who have yet appeared in history; they were drilled and disciplined, but they were also liberated and inspired. A modern writer has happily described Plutarch's "Lives" as "the pasture of great souls;" the place, that is, where such souls are nourished and fed. Now, the great poets, novelists, historians, supply the food which develops a strong, clear, original life of the mind; which makes the imagination active and creative; which feeds the young spirit with the deeds and images of heroes; which sets the real in true relations to the ideal.

These writers are quite as much at home with the young as with the mature. Shakespeare is quite as interesting to a healthy boy as any story-writer who strives to feed his appetite for action and adventure; and Shakespeare is a great poet besides. He entertains his young guest quite as acceptably as a hired comedian, and he makes a man of him as well. There is no need of making concessions to what is often mistakenly supposed to be the taste of children, by giving them inferior things; let them grow up in the presence of superior things, and they will take to them as easily as they will take to cheaper things. Accustom a child to good painting, and he will never be attracted by inferior pictures; accustom him to good music, and the popular jingle will disgust him; bring him up with Homer, Shakespeare, Plutarch, Herodotus, Scott, Hawthorne, Irving, and it will be unnecessary to warn him against the books which are piled up at the news stands and sold in railway trains. The boy who grows up in this society will rarely make friends with the vulgar and the unclean; he will love health, honor, truth, intelligence, and manliness. For reading is not only a matter of taste and intelligence; it is a matter of character as well.—Hamilton W. Mabie, in the Outlook.

Now is the time when the nervous system generally becomes disordered, more than at any other season. There comes that tired, weary feeling, lack of energy, weakness, dullness and all run down sensations, etc., which seem almost unaccountable. The true cause of such troubles is due to the inactivity of the nerve centers of the brain which supply the nerve fluid or life force to every part of the body. When these small but all-important organs become deranged, the supply of nerve fluid is insufficient to meet the demand, and consequently the whole system is affected.

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Do not try to do a great thing; you may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity which may never come. But, since little things are always claiming your attention, do them as they come, from a great motive, for the glory of God, to win his smile of approval, and to do good to men. It is harder to plod on in obscurity, acting thus, than to stand on the high places of the field, within the view of all, and to do deeds of valor at which rival armies stand still to gaze. But no such act goes without the swift recognition and the ultimate recompense of Christ. To fulfill faithfully the duties of your station, to use to the uttermost the gifts of your ministry, to bear chafing annoyances and trivial irritations as martyrs bore the pillory and stake, to find the one noble trait in people that try to molest you, to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words, to love with the love of God even the unthankful and evil, to be content to be a fountain in the midst of a wild valley of stones, nourishing a few lichens and wild flowers, or now and again a thirsty sheep, and to do this always, and not for the praise of man, but for the sake of God—this makes a great life.—F. B. Meyer.

HOW AFFLICTION ILLUMINES SACRED TRUTH.

There is an invisible ink in constant use among diplomats and others, the purpose of which is that only those to whom the letter is addressed shall become acquainted with its contents. When the letter is received it is exposed to the heat of the fire, and then slowly, but surely and plainly, the writing appears upon the paper in unmistakable characters. The Bible contains God's letters to men, and they are distributed so widely on account of their cheapness that several are to be found in the home of nearly every civilized family which acknowledges God throughout the world; and yet how few there are, comparatively speaking, who can intelligently read these divine letters! Millions might as well be without the book for all it is worth to them, because they only see the paper and the binding, the message it contains being written in invisible ink so far as their understanding it goes. And how often have we found that it required the fierce fires of affliction to make its written truths plain and conspicuous to our view! When we have been laid aside by the hand of sickness or accident we have discovered for the first time, it may be, how very precious is the Father's message to his children, and how very happy we have been made to feel after discovering its warnings and its promises.—Temple Magazine.

HOW GOD HELPS US.

"God is my helper" is a truth as old as the Bible, and confirmed by myriads of human experiences. But it is important for us to know how our loving Father helps us; for we may expect things that he never grants, and lose things that he offers to give us. There is a right way and a wrong way of looking at God's dealings; the one sets us to murmuring and complaining, the other gives us a wonderful uplift. If we looked at God as always wise and always loving and always holy, we should know, in the first place, that he often helps us by a sharp discipline that tries us most terribly. It helps the grass on my lawn in summer to put the mower over it, and it helps my grapevines to apply the pruning knife. Abraham came down from the mountain where he was told to sacrifice Isaac a stronger man than when he went up. What a train of troubles overtook Joseph from the time when he was put into the pit until he was put into the prison! By and by he looked his rascally brothers right in their faces, and said, "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." As head winds make a steamer's fires burn more briskly under the boilers, so adversity often drives a true Christian ahead in his spiritual life. Everything

that makes you and me purer, humbler, braver, stronger, or holier, is a mighty help; and if we keep the eye of faith open we shall see a loving God behind the pruning knife and behind the furnace of affliction.

What an immense lot of overloaded people there are in this world! We care see it in their careworn faces; and each one thinks his burden is the heaviest. There is a certain kind of care that is wise; a man who has no forethought for the future is a sluggard or a fool. The apostle had no reference to a wise thoughtfulness for the future when he said, "Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." That much-perverted verse is accurately translated in the Revised Version: "Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He careth for you." Now just what our almighty and all-loving Father offers is to help us carry our loads. He who watched over the infant deliverer of Israel in his cradle of rushes, who sent His ravens to feed Elijah by the brookside, who protected Daniel in the den, and kept Paul calm and cheerful in the hurricane, is the very One who says to us, "Roll your anxieties over on me, for I have you on my heart!" To do this requires faith. When God says, "Give over to me what will break you down, and I will help you through," he puts our faith to a pretty severe test. As the sinner must accept Jesus as the burden-bearer for his sins before he can be saved, we must accept God's offer to lighten our loads by putting himself, as it were, into our hearts and under the burdens. He then becomes our strength. His grace becomes sufficient for the hard duty to be done, the tough conflict to be fought, the sacrifice to be encountered, or the trial to be endured. This is a supernatural process. It actually means that the divine Spirit comes into us, and imparts divine strength just as much as the nutritious element in our daily bread imparts strength to our bodies. The "Everlasting Arm" is no less a support because it is an unseen Arm; but we can feel it. My brother, have you never felt the lift of that almighty Arm when you came up victorious out of a great temptation, or calm out of a great sorrow, or strong out of a heavy "weight of afflictions?" God helped you.

Those who know how to use God's

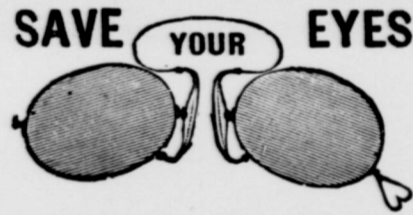
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help are the calm Christians who possess their souls in quietness. Work never hurts us. A stiff fight does not exhaust us. It is worry that frets and fevers us. It acts like an ague on the body and leaves us weak and wretched. Athletic old Paul, who fought beasts at Ephesus and bloody Neros at Rome, who was a "Board of Foreign Missions" in himself, and had the care of all the Churches on him, never chafed his great soul into a worry for a single moment. "Be anxious for nothing, brethren!" was his cheerful counsel to his comrades. He knew how to let God help him do God's work. He knew whom he believed, and worry would have been suicide. Be assured of this, all ye pastors, teachers, and workers of all kinds, that if you and I work on God's lines, he is bound to help us. If we attempt to work on our own lines and for our own selfish purposes, we shall be rebuked as Peter was when his Master said to him, "Put up thy sword into the sheath!" When Peter drew the sword of the Spirit at the time of Pentecost the divine help came, and thousands of souls were converted. Let us lay hold of God's work with a steady and a stalwart trust, and all the time be hearing him say, "In Me is thy help."—Theodore L. Cuyler, in New York Evangelist.

DON'T GIVE UP.

Sorrow came to you yesterday and emptied your home. Your first impulse now is to give up and sit down in despair amid the wrecks of your hopes. But you dare not do it. You are in the line of battle and the crisis is at hand. To falter a moment would be to imperil some holy interest. Other lives would be harmed by your pausing. Holy interests would suffer should your hands be folded. You must not linger even to indulge your grief. Sorrows are but incidents in life and must not interrupt us. We must leave them behind while we press on to the things that are before.

Then God has so ordered, too, that in pressing on in duty we shall find the truest, richest comfort for our-



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selves. Sitting down to brood over our sorrows, the darkness deepens about us and creeps into our heart, and our strength changes to weakness. But if we turn away from the gloom and take up the tasks and duties to which God calls us, the light will come again and we shall grow stronger.

"When all our hopes are gone, 'Tis well our hands must still keep toiling on For others' sake; For strength to bear is found in duty done; And he is blest indeed who learns to make The joy of others cure his own heart-ache."

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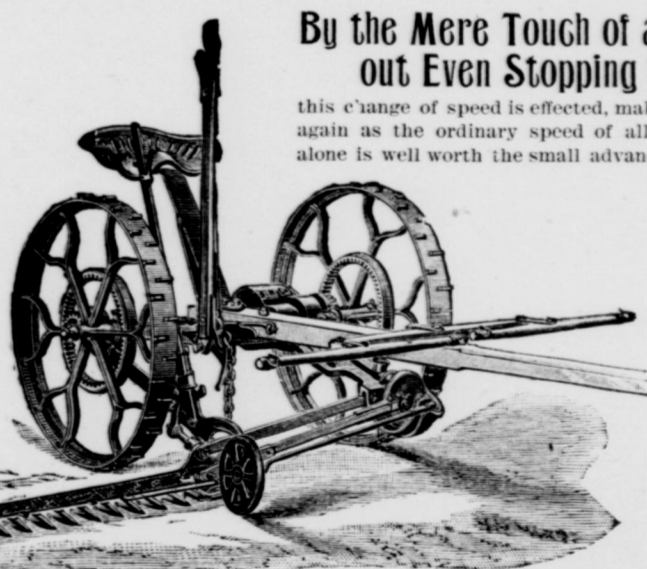
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CONNECTIONAL NEWS.

Arkansas Methodist: Dear Dr. Godbey—I have just read your reply to the brother who has been troubled about what becomes of the money collected for missions. I suppose some colleague of the Father of Lies has been repeating to him that well-worn one which has been of so much service in the past: "It takes a dollar to send a dollar."

Add this item to what you have said: Money sent from the United States commands a premium in every mission field of our Church. I will not undertake to say how much this premium is in China or Japan, but if anybody will send to me or to any other missionary in Mexico one dollar, it will be worth to-day exactly double its face value. That is to say, we have for our work two dollars for every one that is sent out.

I have known this field for over eight years, and in that time the premium on our Nashville drafts has never been less than 9 per centum. It has probably averaged 33 1-3, and yesterday was quoted at 100 to 103.

GEO. B. WINTON.

San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

We copy from the Epworth Era the following interesting items of business transacted by the Epworth League Board at its late meeting:

The Committee on the Reading Course reported that they had read a good many books, but adopted none, and referred the whole matter back to the Board.

The board then adopted the following books, after much discussion, as the course of reading, to begin October 1, 1897: "Southern Writers," by W. M. Baskerville; "The Circuit of the Globe," by Bishop Galloway; "Eminent Methodists," by Bishop Fitzgerald. "Fore-tokens of Immortality" was referred to the Committee on Literature with instructions to adopt it for the reading course if the committee approve it.

The Committee on Literature was instructed to provide a list of books suitable for Epworth League libraries.

S. A. Steel stated that he had traveled during the year upward of sixteen thousand miles in the interest of the work, at an expense to the Board of \$88.50.

It was ordered that the sum of not exceeding three thousand dollars be appropriated for the expenses of the Central office for the ensuing year.

S. A. Steel presented the matter touching the closing of the Sunday mail service in the United States. It was moved and adopted that this Board endorse the movement to petition the Postmaster-General to close the mail service throughout the United States on the holy Sabbath.

It was moved and adopted that we respectfully call the attention of the authorities of the Publishing House to the complaints that have come to this Board of the apparent discrimination against the Epworth Era as compared with other publications of the House in the rigid enforcement of the rule that stops the paper promptly on the expiration of the subscription.

It was resolved that it is the sense

of this Board, and it is hereby ordered, that this Board shall have another meeting before the General Conference at sometime next spring, the time to be set by the Executive Committee.

It was moved and unanimously adopted that we respectfully request the Book Committee to increase the size of the Epworth Era.

S. A. Steel stated that a movement was on foot looking to the federation of all young people's societies in some such way as would enable them to cooperate to the best advantage in Christian work. He urged the importance of this movement and the great results that might be accomplished by it. J. D. Crooks objected to the word "federation." He feared that meant nothing in particular or something to our disadvantage, but he was in favor of the highest Christian fellowship. Bishop Hargrove suggested that it would be time for us to act when there was something definite proposed. J. W. Newman, W. R. Webb, and J. E. Wray supported the proposition to appoint a committee to take the matter under advisement. W. W. Pinson said we could not afford to ignore such a movement. It was accordingly moved and carried that Bishop R. K. Hargrove, J. W. Newman, and S. A. Steel be appointed a committee on federation with other young people's societies.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

"The winds blow softly and pleasantly from the South," says the "Presbyterian." "Instead of counting up their burdensome debts the Foreign Mission Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church are able to say: 'By the blessing of God we have closed the year without debt.' There is a small advance upon the gifts of last year, but the balance in the treasury is not so large as it was last year. The number on its roll of missionaries is now 150, and the demands of the coming year will draw strongly on the faith and self-denial of the Church."

Correspondent in the Independent: Early in the spring of 1847, there was organized in the city of Chicago, by twelve congregations, twenty-two ministers and two candidates of theology, a Lutheran synodical body called then as now The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States. This organization, which is now celebrating the semi-centennial of its remarkable growth and work, has become not only numerically the largest Lutheran body in the United States, its lately issued Year Book reporting 1,389 pastors, 1,915 congregations, 736 parochial school-teachers, and 662,048 souls, of whom 380,006 are confirmed communicants, but has in the last three of four decades been decidedly the most powerful factor and force in the Lutheran Church of this land. In the entire length and breadth of this Church, contrary to the spirit and tendencies characteristic of other leading denominations, there has been, in the last generation, a pronounced conservative development, a revival of the confessional principle, a seeking after the ways of the Fathers in faith and worship. It is certainly a remarkable phenomenon that in an era when the general tendencies of the American Churches have been toward the removal of the old ecclesiastical landmarks and of the denominational fences, a body which combats the liberalizing unification ideas of the times, believing in a unity of Church forces only where there is an agreement on biblical doctrines and practices, should have been able to mold the destinies of a mighty Church to the extent to which the Missourians have those of the Lutheran communion in this country. It is not at all accidental that in the Lutheran Church of this land the innovations of "Higher Criticism" have been able to gain not a solitary friend, although in Germany almost the entire scholarship of the Lutheran Church, as represented at a dozen universities, accepts in principle this criticism and, to a greater or less degree, also its results. In America, where the Lutheran clergy, particularly the German and the Scandinavian, are most thorough Bible students, ordinarily too in the original tongues, the formal principle of the Reformation, that the Scriptures are the sole and absolutely authoritative guide and norm of faith and life, and accordingly are literally inspired, has so firmly entrenched itself in the Lutheran Church that it is

absolutely true that there is no scholar of this Church who has accepted the teachings and tenets of modern biblical criticism.

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The Value of Dignity.

It is the opinion of some observers that the American sense of humor, combined with the confirmed American disposition to take a good-natured view of everything, has tended to a lack of seriousness and of dignity in our attitude toward public affairs. It is held that our public speakers, especially at banquets and other festive occasions, treat us to chaff and jokes, with little or no effort to appeal to our intellectual tastes. They say that many of our newspapers are no longer our instructors, but avowedly our entertainers, giving us only such brief and furtive instalments of genuine instruction as are necessary to keep up the pretense of guiding public opinion. These, and other like manifestations, are pointed to as signs of a change in national character; but we do not think that they reflect accurately the true feeling of the American people. Certainly in the recent political crisis the press and our public speakers showed a capacity for serious and able discussion.

Any one who moves about much among his fellows knows that there is a widespread weariness of the flippant after-dinner oratory of the period. Whenever, at a public banquet, some speaker makes a thoughtful, serious, earnest speech, the response of the audience is invariably so quick and hearty as to give evidence of a keen appetite for wholesome intellectual diet of this kind. So, too, in the press and in public life. The real instructor and leader of public opinion was never surer of a following than he is to-day. The whole country is, in fact, straining its eyes eagerly over the political field in search of true statesmen, real leaders, who take a dignified view of their place in politics—that is, an elevated and worthy one.

We believe firmly that our public men have sometimes underestimated the public taste in this matter. Surely the American statesmen who are held in highest veneration were men of dignity, having that elevation of character, deportment, and speech which was worthy their office. Washington was the ideal of dignity. Lincoln was a most impressively dignified man in his public acts and utterances. What nobler dignity can be found than exists in his inaugural addresses and in the Gettysburg oration? Long before he delivered those immortal productions, in his speeches in the famous Illinois campaign with Douglas—notably in that at Springfield, in which he defined his attitude toward the slavery question—this same high dignity was revealed.—Century Magazine.

Literature in School.

The growing practice in our public and private schools of introducing children and the youngest pupils into the life of the world by means of literature is already bearing its expected fruits. The teachers are discovering what some of them have known all along—that, in order to teach, the teacher must know something, that is, something beyond the mere ability to read a text-book and hear children recite from it. No one can open the mind of a child to interest in the great world or ideas (the long evolution of which makes our modern life what it is) who has not a mind open to it. The best key to this world is Literature—the literature of myth and fable, of history, of poetry; the literature descriptive of nature in all its aspects, and of men in their habits and customs—in short, of social evolution. Under good guidance the child will soon perceive that this study is not a dry task, but a most interesting investigation of life itself. Give to some children the alphabet and the ten numerals and a piece of chalk, and they will eventually work out for themselves a knowledge of the world; but most children need help, and need it at the beginning of life. And for this there is no substitute for the living teacher who knows this vital literature of which we speak. It was considered a great step in public education when Normal Schools were organized in order to teach teachers how to teach. Now another revelation has come—namely, that it is necessary to educate the teachers beyond the requirements of mere machine-work. The how to teach is necessary, for teaching is an art,

doubtless; but, even with a good method, knowledge and cultivation are not less essential. This statement as to the qualification of teachers has led an audacious New York contemporary to the preposterous assertion that a Board of Education ought to know something about education. But a consideration of this would lead us into what is called politics.

There is a great awakening all over the country in this matter of the education of young children and the introduction of literature into the beginning of school life. In its comments on the qualifications of teachers the Study hopes it is not misunderstood. It is on the side of the teachers, and the elevation and remuneration of the profession. The body of teachers are working against public ignorance, public apathy, and in many regions against public stinginess in regard to education. All the late reforms have come from the teachers themselves. With great heroism and devotion, and small pay, they have worked to improve and broaden primary education. Everywhere they are making experiments how best to develop the mind and make our schools both fruitful and enjoyable to teachers and to the taught.—Harper's Magazine.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. Edgar C. McVoy, formerly of Dallas, Texas, and now of Albany, Missouri, is at present in the Scarritt Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., where he was compelled to endure a painful and perilous surgical operation. He is now resting quietly and hopes to be able to preach some time in June. He had a very narrow escape and is deeply thankful to God for preservation. Bro. McVoy's many friends will give him their sympathy and prayers.

Rev. T. J. Duncan, of Taylor, makes the following appreciative reference in the Nashville Christian Advocate to an noble and energetic Christian woman:

In Dallas the work of building a beautiful and spacious House of Refuge is now going on. Our brethren are beginning to see the dilemma of the Church when she says to the erring, "Go and sin no more," and on being asked "where must I go?" can only bow her own head in shame and say: "Back into the temptations from whence you came." The "Home Mission" feature of our Woman's Parsonage Society was inspired. It has opened up the way to this issue, and the discussion of its practical solution. The women of Texas Methodism are being aroused, and a mighty movement under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, an elect lady of Dallas, will soon transform moral sentiment on this subject, and a good home for the wayward will render them without excuse, fill the mouths of reformers with argument, and these Homes will be saved and happy women.

SOUTHERN METHODIST PERSONALS.

Baltimore Advocate: Bishop Wilson left home last week. He will go first to Atlanta, and then to Nashville, to attend the May meetings. He has been suffering some time from an obstinate cold; may the balmy air of Georgia effect a permanent cure.

Christian Advocate: Time and grace heal all wounds. At the annual meeting of the American Methodist Historical Society in Baltimore on the 11th inst., a paper was read by Rev. J. E. Armstrong on the life and character of the late Rev. Norval Wilson. Among those who were present was Rev. John Lanahan, D. D. He spoke in high terms of the ability, integrity, and courage of Mr. Wilson. In the years immediately following the war these two distinguished ministers had a good many rather lively passages with each other.

Rev. J. Martin, writing of the Western Virginia Conference in the Central Methodist, refers to Bishop Galloway thus:

The lecture and sermons of Bishop Galloway in the city of Charleston, the first of the week, has given prestige to the Church that will be felt for many years. I have never known a man to impress so many people; men who were in the city at the time on business, and stayed over Sunday have returned to their homes inspired with new courage.

We must congratulate Bro. Hampton, our pastor, and the faithful laymen

who were so much helped by the services of the good Bishop.

Their church building is out of debt, and dedicated. The outlook for our Church at the Capital is better than it has been for a long time. A nobler, truer people never suffered and struggled for the cause of the Master than may be found in this congregation. May the great head of the Church pour out a great blessing on pastor and people. Bishop Galloway will be hailed with delight by the people of the Great Kanawha Valley, if in the providence of God he should pay us another visit.

GENERAL PERSONALS.

Christian Advocate, New York: The funeral services of the late Orrington Lunt were held in Evanston, Ill., on Thursday afternoon of last week. At the house Dr. C. J. Little, President of Garrett Biblical Institute, read the twenty-third Psalm and offered prayer. The body was then taken to First Methodist Episcopal Church, the active pallbearers being students from Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute, and the trustees and faculties of these schools acting as honorary escort. At the church, where an immense company was gathered, Prof. C. F. Bradley read the Scriptures as the body was borne up the aisle; Prof. R. D. Sheppard read the Scripture lessons and Dr. F. M. Bristol offered prayer. The memorial address was given by President Little. The floral tributes were exceptionally rich and the services throughout were deeply impressive. In referring to Mr. Lunt's last hours Dr. Little said:

"I think the glory of his final hours gave him a sweet surprise, 'It is not the end; it seems like the beginning. I have such peace, such sweet content, I know that God is with me.' Two years before, when we thought him dying, he had recited to me with a trusting resignation:

'O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our abiding home.'

But now there was no stormy blast to think of; the last one swept over him soon after that. Now God was a rapture to him, not a refuge; a delight, and no mere shelter. I shall be stronger, I hope, all my days for the sight of that noble head crowned with the pure, white hair, for the sight of that transfigured face, glorious with sweet content as he lay there smiling at death and praising his Savior. 'If you say anything about me, say that I tried to do my duty. It seems so little now that I have done, but I tried to do my duty. Men of the world may think religion a farce. But my mind is clear, I know what I am saying. God is with me. I did not know that dying would be like this. Glory to God!' Friends, I would not, for I could not, pray when last I saw him. What should I ask God for? He had prepared a table before him in the presence of his only enemy. He had anointed his head with the oil of gladness; his cup was running over. I lifted up my hand, he closed his eyes, I pronounced God's blessing over him, and heard him say, 'Amen!' The rest it is not lawful for me to utter. Only that I heard him say once more, with his rich, strong voice, 'Glory be to God.'

Central Advocate: The following is an extract from the memoir of Bishop Simpson, prepared and read at the session of the General Conference in New York, May, 1888, by Rev. Dr. Jacob Todd:

"The critics condemned his voice, his manner and his style, but, in spite of these defects, there was a strange fascination about his eloquence which riveted attention, aroused enthusiasm, and drew the multitudes after him. Bascom was greater in the majesty of his thought and the finish of his periods. Maffit excelled him in beauty of diction and grace of imagination. Durbin surpassed him in artistic arrangement of thought and dramatic effect. But Simpson left them all behind in a tender pathos which penetrated to your inmost soul, and in a fiery impetuosity which burned all barriers down. I can see him now as he was in his palmy days standing before a public audience—a man six feet in height, spare of flesh and large of bone, angular and by no means graceful in appearance, with a decided stoop in his shoulders, light complexioned, with a low forehead, and with a high-

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keyed, penetrating, but not unmusical voice. There was something in the quality of his voice and in the nervous twitching of his frame that fastened your attention and made you follow him from the very first sentence. By and by he lifted his shoulders and drew himself up more erect, and, if you watched him closely you would see beneath his somewhat shaggy brows the flash of an eye like an eagle's. As he advanced in his theme his voice took a wider range and had a strange, weird music in it; his chest heaved like a smothered volcano, his form dilated, his eyes glowed with a glassy, glittering brightness, and his whole countenance was on fire.

"You might as well attempt to stop an earthquake or a whirlwind as to undertake to resist the sweep of his eloquence. You did not want to resist, and you would have been powerless if you did; for, like a flood, he carried everything before him. The man stood transfigured before you, and the audience was bewildered and entranced, scarcely knowing whether they were in the body or out of it. Of one thing only you were certain, and that was that it was good to be there."

THE DALLAS RESCUE HOME.

Some of our people have an idea that the Rescue Home and the Florence Crittendon Mission of this city are in some way related and that their interests are mutual. This is a mistake, and I take this method of correcting it. The Florence Crittendon Mission has nothing to do with our Rescue Home work. It was started here by a Mr. Stuart, of Kansas City, who said that Mr. Crittendon authorized him to use his name in the work of that Mission. He organized a board to manage the work, of which I was made chairman. Mrs. Edholms came and worked a few days for the mission. She took up subscriptions to be paid monthly, amounting to about \$90 per month, if successfully collected. Half of this she said was to go to our Rescue Home work. Stuart made the collection for one month; we got some \$30 of it, and then he dropped the matter and no further collection of it was made. He managed the mission very badly, got it in debt, and would not work in harmony with the board. So we dissolved the board and ceased to have any connection with it. Mr. Stuart has given up the work and left the city. It is now in the hands of a few earnest people who are trying to rid it of its embarrassment. But I have no official connection with it, and any money contributed to it does not in any way help our Rescue Home financially. It works for all sorts of people, men and women; but ours works exclusively for the unfortunate women. The work upon the building is progressing finely, and if the money continues to come in it will be ready for occupancy the 1st of June. Let none of our people, therefore, confuse the Florence Crittendon Mission with the interests of our Rescue Home. The two are wholly distinct.

G. C. RANKIN.

Dallas, Texas.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE OF WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

The Sunday-school Conference for the Weatherford District will be held in connection with the District Conference, June 27. I trust every Sunday-school in the district will be represented by at least two delegates.

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Which thine and thy dear children's forms arouse,
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Which wakes with memories of thy glorious spouse.

His was the fairest life which has adorned
War's gory history, for one brief span,
And taught the nations how one soul may be
The bravest soldier and the tenderest man.

Mothers may point their growing sons to him,
To kindle in their hearts the patriot's fire,
And teach them, also, that the patriot's zeal
Must be directed by a power that's higher.

We invoke his spirit now, from its fair home,
To witness how his conquered native land
Tenderly watches the sunset of thy life,
And places every honor in thy hand.

Soon Time's fleet wings will bear thee far from us,
Mayhap, we'll meet again no more on earth;
But thou'rt enshrined in every Southern heart,
And we will love and cherish thee till death.

—Dallas News.

Dallas, Texas.

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Cockran—Harrel.—On April 25, 1897, at 8:30 p. m., in school-house, Mr. W. Archie Cockran and Miss Dazle May Harrel, by Rev. J. W. Gibbens; both of Ozona, Texas.

Murray—McMahan.—On April 28, 1897, at 9 p. m., in school-house, Mr. Samuel H. Murray and Miss Cordelia A. McMahan, Rev. J. W. Gibbens officiating.

Patterson—Giles.—By Rev. J. T. Longino, April 25, 1897, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. R. L. Patterson and Miss Lenna Giles; all of Hood County, Texas.

Traxler—Corbett.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Fort Worth, Texas, April 28, 1897, by Rev. E. F. Boone, Mr. Charles L. Traxler, of Arlington, and Miss Laura E. Corbett.

Henson—Smith.—At 4 p. m., April 21, 1897, in Seymour, Texas, at the residence of the bride, Mr. W. D. Henson and Miss Dollie Smith, Rev. R. A. Walker officiating.

Routt—Peveto.—In the M. E. Church, South, at Chappell Hill, Texas, April 21, 1897, by Rev. E. W. Tarrant, Mr. Jackson R. Routt and Miss Lillian Peveto; both of Chappell Hill, Texas.

Rhymes—Mimms.—On January 17, 1897, at the home of the bride, J. W. Rhymes and Alice Mimms, by Rev. C. H. Smith; all of Eastland County, Texas.

Loving—Fitzpatrick.—April 23, 1897, by Rev. Wm. A. Edwards, at the parsonage in Fate, Texas, Mr. Merrit Loving and Miss Bessie Fitzpatrick.

Nelson—Townsend.—April 28, 1897, at the depot at Round Rock, Texas, Mr. Jesse A. Nelson and Miss Sue Townsend, by Rev. Jas. M. Sherman.

Thompson—Hayes.—A 12 o'clock m., on March 31, 1897, at the residence of the bride's father, Bro. T. H. Hayes, Limestone County, Texas, Dr. Melville C. Thompson and Miss Tommie O. Hayes, by Rev. J. M. Thurmond.

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No young man deserved to be called a Christian who does not reverence and obey his parents.

The contempt for parental authority often manifested by the young is so repulsive as to make the heathen practice of worshipping their ancestors appear almost a virtue.

Love and respect to parents is a small return for their years of suffering and care, but it is sufficient to give them a joyous old age.

Conceit and self-importance are not wisdom. Many sons abound in the former who are utterly destitute of the latter.

Reverent submission to God and respectful regard for the opinions of others are marks of highest wisdom.

The wise son seeks to perform well the duty before him rather than to obtain any honor or success undeserved.

TOPIC FOR MAY:

"EVERYDAY WISDOM."

May 9: A Wise Son.—Prov. 10:1; 30:17.

Where wisdom is spoken of it refers to conduct, and by it is meant that discretion and right decision which result in the doing of the proper thing at the proper time. One may have much knowledge without wisdom; while he who carefully and prudently applies his limited knowledge to the practical duties of life possesses wisdom.

Wisdom may dwell with the young, as well as with the old, and one of the evidences of its possession is reverence for and obedience to parents.

The first of these proverbs contrasts the effects upon the parents of the conduct of a wise son and a foolish one, and presents the happiness of the father and mother as worthy motives for right living. The second predicts ruin and shame for the child who despises parental authority.

The Son Who Makes Glad.

Wise in Secular Business—With what pride and satisfaction does a father regard the son who takes an interest in his business, plans with him for its success and can be trusted to manage it with skill and prudence. What exultation in the home as the son mounts upward in his chosen profession, respected, honored and successful. No lament for wasted opportunities, no secret griefs for disappointed hopes, no tone of apology when his name is called, but ever-increasing gratification.

Wise in Companionships—He shuns low company. The profane and drunken and impure in life and speech have no attraction for him. He sits not in the "seat of the scornful." No place is so sweet to him as his own home; no company so pleasing as that of parents and brothers and sisters. Knowing well the truth of the proverb, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed," he allows no degrading influences to come into his life from doubtful or impure associations. Nothing gladdens the hearts of pious parents more than to know that the son seeks the company of the good. It is the index of a pure character and the prophecy of its continuance.

Wise in the Fear of God—This is the crowning virtue of manhood—the "one thing needful" for every beautiful life.

That which fills the cup of joy for the anxious father and loving mother is that the son be wise in relation, both to this life and to that which is to come, laying a good foundation against the time to come, in "the fear of the Lord," which "is the beginning of wisdom." The gladness of no Christian father or mother is complete until the son or daughter is a devout, consistent disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There have been many noble illustrations of the truth of this proverb, a notable one being the case of Dr. Lovick Pierce and his son, who became a Bishop of our Church, whose love and admiration for each other form a pleasing chapter in Methodist history.

The Son Who Brings Shame.

He is in many, or all respects, the opposite of the one described. He behaves in a way to indicate utter disregard both for himself and those who love him. He is the "heaviness of his mother." His folly robs her of rest, his dissipation destroys her peace, his crimes break her heart and bring her gray hairs in sorrow to the grave. Who can not recall some case which enforces this truth. How many mothers bear with bleeding hearts the burdens of anxiety and disappointment placed upon them by the hands of sons whose pleasure it should be to lighten their burdens.

Such is the effect of a son's folly upon his loved ones. The effect of his disobedience and contempt for parental authority is no less disastrous to himself. It is described in the second passage (Prov. 30:17).

The language may be taken literally, as prophecy of the fate of a criminal whose body, untended, should become the prey of vultures; or it may be understood figuratively, as indicating that debasement of character toward which mocking children are going, where the ravens of evil passions and the eagles of strong habit pluck out the eyes of the understanding and drag the degraded wretch about as a dead carcass.

Conference Notes.

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Remember that the Texas Christian Advocate is the friend of the Leagues, and a potent factor in promoting the State Conference.

State Secretary Peacock is working night and day for the advancement of the League interests.

We are notified by Chairman of Programme Committee, that S. E. Tracy, of Houston, will deliver the address on "Christian Citizenship" at Waco instead of Taylor Moore, of Austin.

Read announcement of the cheap excursion to the coast over the Aransas Pass. Bro. Bowen, our pastor at Rockport, who is at home in such work, is actively arranging for it.

Notice.

Leagues who fail to raise their mission amounts in time to remit to me before May 9 will please send same to Waco by pastor or delegates.

A. K. RAGSDALE, Dallas, Tex. Treas. Fund.

Badges.

Delegates from the Texas Conference Leagues who have not received badges

for the State League Conference may procure same by remitting 5 cents to Miss Etta Toothaker, Galveston. These badges have cost considerable and each League is requested to remit 10 cents.

Sherman District League Conference.

The third session of this conference met in Whitewright, April 9, 1897. About sixty delegates were enrolled. The programme prepared and carried out embraced many subjects of vital interest to the Leagues and they were ably discussed. The report of the Secretary showed an increase of eight chapters during the year, and thirty conversions in the Leagues during eight months. While the reports from all the Leagues were gratifying, that from Bells Junior League showed the greatest number of conversions.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, A. H. Chambers, Sherman; First Vice-President, Miss Jennie Snell, Denison; Second Vice-President, Mrs. D. E. Emerson, Sherman; Third Vice-President, L. L. Reynolds, Van Alstyne; Secretary and Treasurer, Robert Means, Whitesboro.

The next session will meet at Sherman.

To the Leagues in the Texas Conference.

For the third annual conference of the Texas Conference Leagues Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Brenham, has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Music. The Programme Committee will consist of Mrs. Jas. S. Giddings, chairman; Rev. G. A. LeClere, Miss Norah Brooks and Dr. A. A. Bailey. Any League having suggestions looking to the perfection of the programme should at once address Mrs. Giddings at Brenham. Go to the State Conference that you may bring to the later meeting a spirit of enthusiasm and of consecration. A. RUSSELL, Galveston, Texas. President.

Weatherford District League.

The District League Conference of the Wetherford District will convene at Mineral Wells, June 28, 1897, 2:30 p. m. E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

Notice.

The Epworth Leagues of the Northwest Texas Conference, will please take notice of the following:

Some time last summer, by action of our Executive Committee, a special assessment of one cent per capita was placed upon all the Leagues of this conference, for the purpose of raising funds for the defraying of expenses connected with the workings of our Annual Epworth League Conference. It was requested that the assessment be at once collected and sent to the Treasurer at Weatherford, Texas. Up to date the following Leagues have responded, and the Treasurer takes this method of acknowledging same:

Baird, Pleasant Grove, Coperas Cove, Hillsboro, Grand View, Holder's Chapel, Ferris, Italy, China Springs, Taylor, Granbury, Albany, Ennis, Coleman, Hico, Weatherford—First Church, Waxahachie, Meridian, another League near Hico (failed to give name), Lingleville, Valley Mills, Merkel, Cisco, Abilene, Eastland, Belton, Frost, and New Hope, near Ft. Chadburne.

If your League is not named above, please see to it that the collection is at once taken and the amount forwarded to T. F. Temple, Weatherford, Texas, Weatherford, Texas, April 30, 1897.

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Many Leagues have written that they would pay soon. The time is short—what is done must be done quickly. Let none fall. Too much depends on your efforts. Our missionaries are in the field and their salary is due. Remit to A. K. RAGSDALE, Treasurer League Fund, Dallas, Texas.

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SECOND QUARTER—LESSON 7, MAY 16.

Paul Preaching to the Gentiles.

ACTS 14:11-22.

Golden Text: I have set thee to be a light to the Gentiles.—Acts 13:14. Quoted by St. Paul from Isa. 49:6. Spoken, says Mr. Wesley, by the Father to Christ.

Time: A. D. 46 or 47, and lasting from one to two years.

Place: Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, all situated in Southern Galatia, a district in Asia Minor; and Antioch in Syria, from which Paul and Barnabas had gone out on their missionary journey (verse 21).

Light from other Scriptures: Christ's directions in case of persecutions.—Matt. 10:11-16, 23-31.

Paul's experience as a persecutor.—Acts 8:3; 9:1, 2; 26:10, 11; Gal. 1:13.

The gospel for the Gentiles.—Isa. 49:6; 60:1-5, 11, 16; Mark 16:15, 16.

BETWEEN THE LESSONS.

In last Sunday's lesson we left Paul preaching to the Jews at Antioch in Pisidia. His preaching stirred the whole city, and the next Sunday the people thronged the synagogue to hear him. Paul's preaching and success aroused the jealousy of the Jews. It seemed to them an attack upon the very foundations of their religion. It destroyed their hopes as to the future of traditional Judaism. Now Paul and Barnabas take a bold stand and declare that the Jews, by their actions, condemn themselves—they pronounce their own sentence. "Ye judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life." Behold a thing now present! An astonishing revolution! We turn to the Gentiles, for so hath the Lord commanded us. I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.—Isa. 49:6.

In Antioch and all the surrounding country they published the Word of the Lord. Driven from Antioch by persecution they fled to Iconium, where they abode a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord; driven from that city they fled to Lystra, where we take up to-day's lesson.

LIGHT ON THE LESSON.

Verses 11-14: The fanaticism of the people.—In his congregation at Lystra St. Paul beheld a life-long cripple, who felt the power of salvation and had faith to be healed. The man had never walked. With a loud voice the apostle said: "Stand up right on thy feet," and he leaped and walked. The people of Lystra were a wild and lawless multitude, and seeing the evidence of supernatural power in the healing of the cripple, at once concluded that their gods had come down to them in the likeness of men.

"And they called Barnabas Jupiter." Jupiter was the most powerful of all the ancient gods. His power extended over all gods, and everything was subservient to his will except the Fates. "And Paul Mercurius." A god who presided over orators and declaimers. He was regarded as the god of eloquence; and as light, rapid and quick in his movements. The conjecture of Chrysostom is that Barnabas was a large, athletic man, and so was taken for Jupiter; and that St. Paul was small in his person, and the chief speaker, so was thought to be Mercury. "Which was before our city." The word "which" here refers not to the priest, but to Jupiter. The temple or image was in front of their city or near the gates. Ancient cities were supposed to be under the guardianship of some god, and their image, or a temple for their worship, was commonly placed in a prominent place at the entrance of the city.

"Brought oxen." Probably two, one to be sacrificed to each. "And garlands." The victims of sacrifice were usually decorated with ribbons and wreaths of flowers. "Unto the gates." The gates of the city where the temple, or images were. "Would have done sacrifice" to Paul and Barnabas. This the priest thought a part of his office. Here we have an

instance of the folly and stupidity of idolatry.

THE PROTEST OF THE APOSTLES.

Verses 14-18: When the apostles heard of these fanatical proceedings they rent their clothes in token of their abhorrence of the debasing idolatry of the people. "Saying, sirs, why do ye these things?" This is an expression of solemn remonstrance at the folly of their conduct. "Of like passions with you." We are men like yourselves. The word "passion" here means simply that they had the nature of men—the affections of men; or as the vulgate renders it, "We are mortals like yourselves." "That you should turn from these vanities." That ye should cease to worship idols. Idols are often called vanities or vain things (Deut. 32:21). "Unto the living God which made heaven and earth." Thus distinguishing the true God from their vain idols, which were destitute of life and power. He only is worthy of worship. This was a new doctrine to them. "Who in time past." In past ages permitted all Gentile nations to follow their own reason and systems of religion without the light of a written revelation. "Nevertheless he left not himself without witnesses." Though he gave them no written law, he gave demonstration of his existence and power.

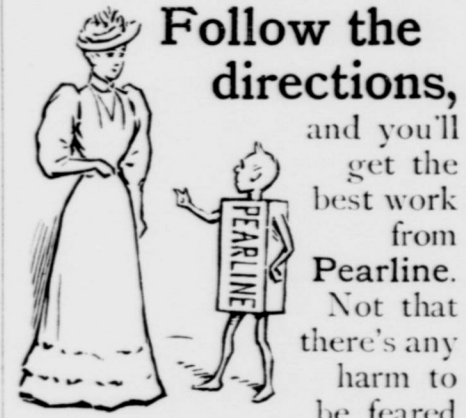
St. Paul brings forward the beneficent side of God's providence. "In that he did good." And he specifies the manner of his divine goodness. "And gave us rain from heaven." In his great sermon on the mount Jesus referred to the rain and sunshine bestowed alike upon the good and evil as characteristic of the perfect love of the Father. "Filling our hearts with food." The word "heart" stands for the whole man—the entire nature, body, soul and spirit, are refreshed and replenished with his divine goodness. As seen in this brief address and in his great discourse at Athens, St. Paul was master of natural theology. "And with these sayings." With these arguments the people could scarcely be restrained from doing them honor, so deeply were they convinced that the gods had come down to them.

ST. PAUL STONED.

Verses 19-22: "And there came thither certain Jews." Not satisfied with having expelled Paul and Barnabas from Antioch and Iconium, they still pursued them. Persecutors often exhibit a zeal and perseverance in a bad cause which it would be well if Christians evinced in a holy cause. Wicked men often show more zeal in opposing the gospel than professing Christians do in advancing it. "Who persuaded the people." That Paul and Barnabas were impostors, and excited their rage against them. "And having stoned Paul." Whom they were just before ready to worship as a god. A striking example of the fickleness and instability of idolaters. Nothing is more unreliable than popular favor. This transaction Paul referred to when he enumerated his trials in II Cor. 11:25: "Once was I stoned." "Drew him out of the city." Probably in haste and in popular rage, as if he were unfit to be in the city and was unworthy of a decent burial. "As the disciples stood round about him, he rose up and came into the city." Already these disciples were devoted to the apostle, among them the boy Timothy, afterward the favorite of all St. Paul's companions (2 Tim. 3:10, 11). So soon does the love of Christ join human hearts together, even under the stress and fire of persecutions. While they were yet gazing upon him, St. Paul rose up. Most of commentators have supposed that this was a miracle. "That he should be able to do this," says Mr. Wesley, "just after he had been left for dead was a miracle little less than a resurrection from the dead. Especially considering the manner wherein the Jewish malefactors were stoned. The witnesses first threw a large stone as they could lift, with all possible violence upon his head, which alone was sufficient to dash the skull in pieces. All the people joined as long as life remained." "The next day they departed to Derbe." A distance of some thirty-five miles. This was the furthest limit of the first missionary journey. Here they taught many, or as the margin gives it, made many disciples. From this point they began their homeward journey over the same route, by which they had gone out. At Lystra, at Iconium, and at Antioch where the storm of persecution had so

beaten upon them, confirming the souls of the disciples and "exhorting them to continue in the faith, that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." The young converts in the newly founded churches were like lambs in the midst of wolves, and the apostles brave the lions in their lairs in order to defend them against temptation. Like children they had but begun to learn the truth and Paul and Barnabas, at all hazard, would confirm them in the faith; that is, establish and strengthen them in the principles of the Gospel, so the word confirm means; and they uttered a great practical truth for all-time, already illustrated before the disciples of Asia Minor: "That through much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of God." Paul and Barnabas were living examples of what this means.

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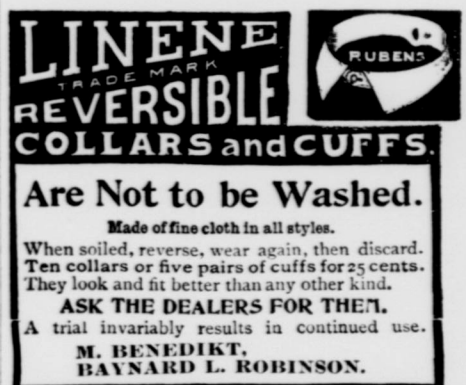
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THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

All matter intended for the Woman's Department should be addressed to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 28 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

Rescue Home.

Treasurer's report of cash received since April 20, 1897:

Anderson & Co., Trinity, Texas	3000 feet lumber
The Rescue Home Building	
Committee of Dallas	\$124 45
Mr. J. J. Russell, Plano	100 00
Mrs. M. A. A. Connor, Paris	100 00
Free-will offering of Sunday-school, Carthage	6 00
Salado Auxiliary	6 25
Jackson & Manning	5 00
Mr. J. T. Sanford, Dallas	3 00
Mrs. B. F. Hawkins, Waxahachie	1 00
A Friend	25
Denton Street Aux., Gainesville	10 00
Whitewright	17 45
Alvarado Auxiliary	10 00
Georgetown Auxiliary	30 25
Collected by Mrs. W. H. Johnson	129 80
A Friend in Justin	1 00
Mrs. M. M. Williams, Lexington	2 58

Total\$546 95
MRS. W. C. YOUNG,
 Dallas, Texas. Treasurer.

The New Rescue or Mission Home.

Our friends everywhere will rejoice with us in the wonderful success of this enterprise. The money comes in day by day with which to meet the weekly estimates of our contractor. We have paid all bills up to date. The amount of contract for the completion of the long "L" is \$4833.15. Thus far we have paid out on building \$3450.49, besides other expenses, which amount to several hundred dollars.

A little less than fifteen hundred dollars will complete the "L." Will the friends to this cause and our auxiliaries who have stood by us in the work like a wall of adamant make one grand united effort now to finish the work, and in two weeks we can take possession and move into our own home?

Can not all auxiliaries not having paid the \$10.00 borrow that amount and send to us at once.

Letters come almost daily asking us to admit girls who have been rescued. We now have in the little crowded Home (our temporary quarters) more than twenty girls. May the good people of Texas see their duty in this matter, and help us finish this home where more than one hundred can be sheltered.

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In the plenitude of God's blessings upon this work, we cry out with the Psalmist, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

MRS. W. C. YOUNG,
 345 Wall Street.
 Dallas, Texas.

An Easter Service.

We enjoyed a very appropriate and beautiful Easter service yesterday afternoon at the Methodist Church. The programme was an original one, prepared by the wife of our pastor, Mrs. F. O. Favre, assisted by Miss Mollie Davis and Miss Julia Compton. All the Sabbath-schools in our little town kindly united in this labor of love. The collection, which amounted to about seven dollars, will be given to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. God bless the little children.

MRS. O. C. KIRVEN,
 Fairfield, Texas.

District Meeting at Stanford.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Waco District met at Stanford April 9, to 11. The opening sermon was preached by pastor, Bro. Wiseman, Friday night.

Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, meeting opened, with District Secre-

tary Mrs. Bullock in the chair. After devotional exercises, scripture reading by Mrs. Gordon, Miss Willie Majors, Mrs. Griffiths, and Mrs. Bullock, prayer by Bro. Wiseman, Mrs. D. Holvey was elected Secretary.

We regretted having no representative from the Moody societies, also none from West. All the other societies of the district had representatives present.

It is seldom that delegates and visitors receive so cordial a welcome as greeted us at Stanford. If any one had any misgivings all doubts were dispelled after listening to the sweet addresses of welcome by Miss Allie Stanford, of Stanford Auxiliary, and Rosman Stanford, of "The Julia Cox Band." Bro. Wiseman also added just such a hearty welcome as he knows so well how to make. We at once felt at home. Response to address of welcome, by Mrs. Pipkin, of Waco.

At 11 o'clock Bro. W. L. Nelms, of Waco, gave us a soul-stirring sermon. I would that all our women could have heard it. I feel sure there are fewer idlers now than before that sermon was preached, and all workers are encouraged to renewed efforts.

We came together again at 2.30 o'clock to hear the reports from the various auxiliaries. All reports very good indeed. We feel encouraged.

Then came the pledges for this year. Some named the same amounts pledged last year, whereupon, Sister Barcus (bless her good soul) suggested it would never do to make no advance in that line, so some increased their pledges. It was a good move in the right direction.

A very interesting letter was read from Miss Atkinson, of "The Waco District School," in China. It did us so much good, and how our hearts were thrilled with joy when she told us six out of the twenty-two boys in that school had been converted. It made us so glad the school had ever been opened, and we are more determined to support it. Several interesting recitations by the little folks made the meeting very pleasant.

At 8 p. m. we had the pleasure of listening to the children—a unique programme delightfully rendered, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. They showed very plainly that Mrs. M. W. Stanford is no ordinary lady manager. They reflected great credit on her. Sunday opened lovely and bright. After a delightful hour with Stanford Sunday-school we had a most excellent sermon by Bro. Wiseman. He being such a believer and helper in the foreign missionary work, all he said was full of encouragement and instruction.

Three o'clock p. m. was a precious hour, long to be remembered—a Bible reading and prayer service, in which all took part, being led by Mrs. Griffiths, of Waco. The precious promises read that evening from both the Old and New Testaments made the weakest feel strong to have it brought so forcibly before them that the Father of us all has given each a work to do and promises to be with and bless us. So many testimonies disclosed the fact that working in the foreign mission cause had brought them out in all lines of Church work.

Eight o'clock p. m. a special service in which many of the visiting members and delegates read interesting papers and selections. Especially was the paper by Mrs. Triplitt, on "Religious Worship in China," enjoyed. And such singing! All during the meeting we enjoyed it—both special and congregational singing. Stanford can not be excelled in good singing. We had anticipated having Bro. J. M. Barcus with us, but were disappointed.

We will all be glad when the time comes again to go to Stanford.

MRS. M. A. PIPKIN,
 Waco, Texas.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Dear Sisters—After having read the urgent and stirring paper in our "Woman's Department" of the Advocate of March 18th, written by our beloved President, Sister Abbie Allen, headed, "Shall the Membership of the W. F. M. Society Be Doubled This Fiscal

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Year?" I feel like saying with all my heart, "Let's try."

There is no doubt in my mind but that, with very little effort on the part of each individual member, we might more than realize this wished-for increase. Let each of us at once bring this matter before our several auxiliaries, urging each member to obligate herself to do all in her power to induce one more sister to join our fold. We have quite a large number of ladies in our Church who belong to neither society of the Church and a good number who belong to the P. and H. M., but have never enlisted in the foreign work. I think a good plan would be for each auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society to see the pastor of their respective Churches and make special request that he preach a sermon on foreign missions during the year; and at that service, ask him to call for new members. The sisters of our Church need to be impressed with a deep sense of their duty—and who can so impress them better than the pastor?—then I believe they will quickly respond to the invitation to join us. I hope that each pastor whose eyes shall fall on these lines will decide to preach a stirring sermon on this important subject at once; for in doing so he will but obey the injunction of Paul when he said, "Assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you." We have some very efficient and energetic District Secretaries this year in our Conference Society, and with timely aid from the pastors of the Churches on their districts, I believe they will be enabled to organize many new auxiliaries; but without it they will accomplish very little. The subject must be constantly kept before the people.

Dear sisters, let us up and away to the Master's work.

"There's much we can do if we work with a will.

No time to be wasted to-day; The Master is ready our labors to bless, And wages he offers to pay.

No time to be wasted, for many the fields, And laborers as ever are few. Away to the work that is needing a hand!

So much, O so much, we can do!"

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN,
 Vice-Pres. Conf. Society.
 Plano, Texas.

District Meeting.

The District Meeting of the W. P. & H. M. Society, of Fort Worth District, Northwest Texas Conference, will be held at Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, in connection with the District Conference. It will occupy two days, viz.: May 14 and 15. Delegates and visitors to this meeting will please send their names at once to Rev. Hiram Boaz, pastor, that homes may be provided for them. We would request that our women observe Friday preceding as a day of fasting and prayer that God may grant the outpouring of his Spirit upon our hearts on this occasion.

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Broadway	May 22
Woodbine, at Wesley Chapel	June 12, 13
Belcher, at Barrell Springs	June 19, 20
Nocona, at Montague	June 20, 21
Dye Mound, at Dry Valley	June 24
Rosston cir. at Forestburg	June 26, 27
Era and Valley View, at Spring Creek	July 3, 4
Denton cir. at Boliver	July 10, 11
Greenwood, at Siddell	July 11, 12
Mountain Springs, at Friendship	July 17, 18
Dexter	July 24, 25
Bonita and Illinois Bend, at Duckberry	July 31, Aug 1
Spanish Fort	Aug 7, 8
Aubrey cir. at Oak Grove	Aug 14, 15
Marysville cir. at Sivel's Bend	Aug 21, 22

J. M. Binkley, P. E.

San Angelo District—Third Round.

Junction City cir. at Long Mt.	May 15, 16
San Angelo sta.	May 22, 23
Sterling City cir. at Grape Ck.	May 29, 30
Sherwood cir. at Knickerbocker	June 5, 6
Sonora and Ozona, at Sonora	June 12, 13
Paint Rock and Menardville cir. at Menardville	June 28
Milburn cir. at China Creek	July 3, 4
Brady cir. at Marlon	July 10, 11
Pontotoc cir. at Pontotoc	July 17, 18
Mason cir. at Loyal Valley	July 24, 25

J. A. Baker, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round.

Centenary, Paris	June 5, 6
Roxton cir. at Elmgrove	June 12, 13
Marvin cir. at Rockford	June 19, 20
Lamar Avenue, Paris	June 26, 27
Blossom and Reno, at Blossom	July 3, 4
Annona, at Annona	July 10, 11
White Rock and McKenzie, at Brewster	July 13
Clarksville sta.	July 17, 18
Rosalie, at Bethel	July 24, 25
Detroit, at Bagwell	July 28
Deport, at Halesboro	July 31, Aug 1
Woodland cir.	Aug 7, 8
Emberson, at Forest Chapel	Aug 14, 15
Maxey mis. at Round P. Chap.	Aug 21, 22
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If there is still anyone desiring entertainment at our headquarters—the McClelland—notify Bro. Nelms at Waco, at once.

All trains out of East Texas to Waco will run on regular schedule time except the I. & G. N. train, which will leave Longview Tuesday morning, May 11, at 5 o'clock, and the special through coaches will reach Waco at 3:50.

As the time is nearly up, let us make this the very best conference in Texas by attending and by praying.

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Longview, Texas.

North Texas Leagues.

Reports.

Secretaries failing to report to district officers by May 7 are requested to mail their reports to my address, care Rev. W. L. Nelms, Waco. Do not send your reports to the State Secretary, it is necessary that I have them first.

District Secretaries

Will please mail their reports so same will reach me not later than May 9, after which date address me as above

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Notice.

The Sulphur Springs District Epworth League Conference will be held at Commerce, Texas, July 13 to 16. Let all the Leagues in the district send a full delegation with a full report of their work.

H. D. WOLFE, Pres.

SPECIAL TRAINS.

The following special trains are announced for May 11 to Waco for the League Conference:

The Cotton Belt from Corsicana, leaving Corsicana at 12 m. and arriving at Waco at 2:05 p. m.

The T. and P. from Paris, starting at 5:55 a. m. and connecting with the M., K. and T. at Fort Worth at 12:02 p. m.

The M., K. and T. from Denison, starting at 8 a. m., passing Greenville at 9:34. Dallas at 12 noon, arriving at Waco 3 p. m.

Also a special, leaving Gainesville at 8:30 a. m., arriving at Waco 3 p. m.

The Aransas Pass from San Antonio at 9 a. m. via Flatonia, arriving at Waco same afternoon.

Should the business justify it the I. and G. N. will also run a special out of San Antonio for Waco.

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Rates to Waco.

The Transportation Committee of the State League Conference submit the following notices of railroads as the result of its efforts to secure low rates and special service to Waco. Leaguers will note the special train service offered by various roads and endeavor, as far as possible, to use these trains, thereby securing good service and the company of Leaguers en route. Some roads have not yet responded, but all will doubtless meet the rates named.

A. K. RAGSDALE, R. M. KELLY, THEO. BERING, JR., Committee.

LETTER FROM THE M., K. & T.

General Passenger Agents, Texas Lines: Gentlemen—For the Texas State Epworth League Conference to be held at Waco, May 11 to 13, we will sell round trip tickets for trains arriving at Waco morning of May 11, and all trains of May 11, limited for return to May 14, at rates made: 2 1/2 cents per mile from points within distance of 100 miles, thence 2 cents per mile. This basis will make rates as follows from our several junctions:

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Account of the Epworth League Conference to be held at Waco, Texas, May 11th to 13th, reduced rates of one fare for the round trip is authorized, except as follows:

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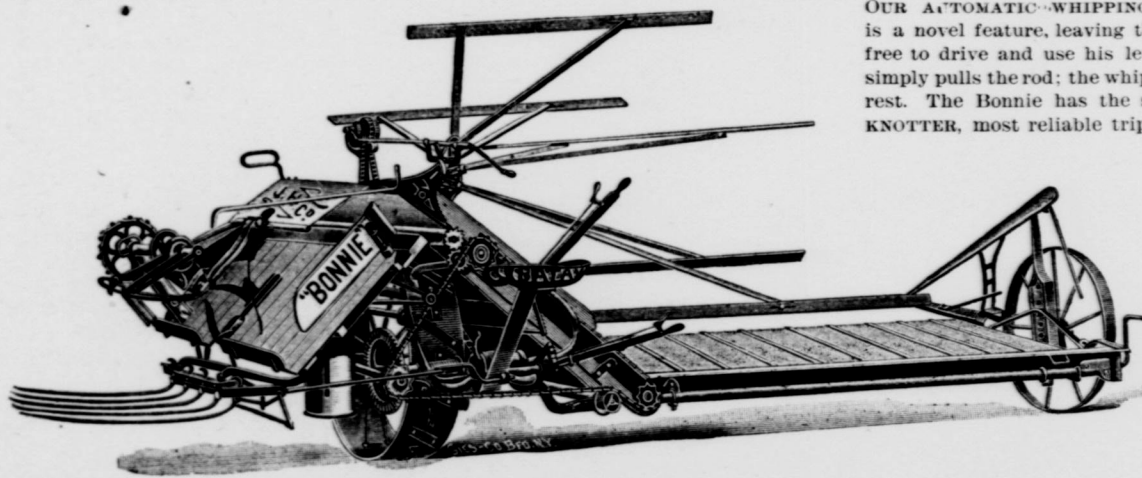
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Five years ago last winter, there was considerable commotion on the banks of the White River, Wisconsin, as a young man named E. N. Halleck, had broken through the ice, and was for some moments lost to view. It was not long however, before Mr. Halleck came in sight again, and by artistic means was fished from the fluid and restored to society. If the ducking had been all, it would have been well, but unfortunately, the young gentleman contracted a heavy cold, resulting in chronic rheumatism, complicated with disease of kidney and urinary organs.

"For six months," writes Mr. Halleck, "I was laid up, and not able to do anything. During this time I suffered with pains in the stomach and small of the back, and headache, urination was frequent and painful, my heart's action was increased, and I had aches all over my body, and was generally used up. Then I was able to go out, but was a confirmed invalid, and for nearly four years I was in that condition, and expected then that I should always be disabled, for nothing that I took gave me any relief.

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(Signed) E. N. HALLECK.

I, E. N. Halleck, do hereby certify, that the foregoing statement signed by me, is true.

E. N. HALLECK.

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) ss.
Cook County.

I, John T. Derby, a Notary Public in and for the County and State, do hereby certify that E. N. Halleck, whose name is signed to the foregoing statement, is personally known to me, and that he did in my presence, and of his own free will and accord, sign and swear to the same. JOHN T. DERBY,

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REV. E. D. PITTS, D. D.

Epaminondas Dunn Pitts, the subject of this obituary, was born in Jones County, Georgia, June 17, 1826. At an early age his parents moved to Dallas County, Alabama. He received his education at Valley Creek Academy and at Emory College, graduating in 1844. He first studied law, but feeling that he was called to preach, he gave up that profession and began teaching. About two years later he joined the Alabama Conference of the M. E. Church, South. He served his Church as circuit rider and station preacher until it returned him to the educational field, and kept him there as long as he could wear the harness. He was successively vice-president and then president of Centenary College at Mansfield, La., Auburn Female College, Prattville Academy and Opelika Female College in Alabama. In 1872 he came to Texas as president of Chappell Hill Female College, of which institution he remained in charge for seven years, then served two years in North Texas as President of North Texas Female College. His last work was as President of old Soule University, Chappell Hill. Here his health so failed him that for long years he was unable to teach or preach. During all this time he was frequently pastor of the Church in his school and town, and filled the many duties of the office. When not so appointed he had his regular Sunday appointments in neighboring towns, which he filled as long as his strength lasted. In 1887 he moved to Oakland, Texas, in company with his son, and his health so improved that in 1890 he assisted his son in our school; then taught three terms at Andrews' Chapel, Lavaca County. In 1893-4 he had charge of Oakland Academy, but his health failed, and since then he has been a great sufferer—slowly, but quietly and patiently sinking to his final rest. Dr. Pitts was one of the first to advocate the popular idea of normal schools, and was the author of the first bill ever presented in the Texas Legislature upon that subject. His writings upon the subject were widely copied in the United States, and aided materially in preparing the way for the two present State institutions of Sam Houston and Prairie View Normals. Dr. Pitts' personality always made itself felt in the community in which he lived. He was a lovable man, a true Christian, a learned teacher, a noble example. As a preacher and teacher he has left his impress upon the lives of men and women, boys and girls, now scattered throughout the gulf States, and only eternity can tell the story of his widespread influence. His title of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1875 by his Alma Mater, Emory College, Oxford, Ga.

Dr. Pitts was twice married. His second wife and four children survive him. The children are Mrs. Clara Brown, Mrs. Susie Motley, Mrs. Jonnie-maie Elliott and Prof. Walter A. Pitts who is a graduate of Emory College, and now has charge of the Oakland School. Sister Pitts has been his faithful wife and helpmeet. She is a lady of rare accomplishments. The personal knowledge and experience that the writer had with Dr. Pitts was of the most agreeable sort. We were his pastor for eighteen months and never have we found a mellow Christian character. He was perfectly systematic in his devotions and in the study of the Scriptures. An hour spent in his company could but produce the feeling that one had been in touch with a master mind and a wonderfully thorough Christian experience. His prayers in the congregation always produced an almost breathless silence, while the hearers could but feel that they were being lifted away from themselves into heavenly places. Such prayers as his are seldom heard. When able he was at Church. For the last few years he was a great sufferer with

a lung trouble. At 5 a. m., March 12, 1897, peacefully, without a struggle or groan, he breathed his last. At the earthly hour of 9 a. m., March 13, the writer preached his funeral in the Methodist Church at Oakland, while every store, saloon and shop in town closed and the citizens attended en masse and brought flowers and spread them upon the casket, while tears of sorrow filled nearly every eye. So ends the life of one we loved, and may the consolations of the gospel attend the bereft.

JOHN W. SIMS.

FERGUSON.—Minnie, beloved wife of R. O. Ferguson, departed this life January 28, 1897. Sister Ferguson was a woman of most estimable qualities. A good neighbor, a loving wife, an affectionate mother, a pure, good Christian woman has quit the walks of life for the joys and peace of heaven. She leaves behind a fond husband, two sweet little children, and a host of relatives and friends. They sorrow not as those who have no hope, but confident that their irreparable loss is her infinite gain. A touching tribute of respect and love to her memory was adopted by the Church Conference of Chireno M. E. Church, South, of which Church deceased had been a valuable and active member since early girlhood.

J. B. TURRENTINE.

REESE.—David M. Reese, fond husband, affectionate father and loving brother, was called from the toils and labors of earth to the joys and glories of paradise, on February 25, 1897. Bro. Reese was a good citizen and an exemplary member of the M. E. Church, South, at Chreno, Texas. It had never been our privilege to meet him, having just become his pastor, but his brethren speak of him as having been a good man, unpretentious, and a man who loved and served God and his fellow-man. The call came, not in the evening, but while his sun was yet in mid-sky, but he was ready; and the strong man, in obedience to the irresistible mandate of his God, laid aside the armor and weapons of his warfare here and presented himself for service on the other shore.

J. B. TURRENTINE.

BROWN.—Mrs. C. C. Brown was born in England in 1831, and died at Reinhardt, Texas, March 6, 1897. At the time of her death she had not a relative in America, yet no one ever lived in Dallas County who had more friends than she. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South. She was true to God and loyal to her Church. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her. While among us she made many warm friends, who sincerely mourn her death and look forward to a happy meeting in that land above where sorrow and death are unknown. Her life was an example of Christian piety, and in her death we lose one of our truest and best members. She talked often of her death during her sickness and said the way was clear. To the sorrowing friends we would say: "Let not your hearts be troubled."

T. M. KIRK.

MINOR.—Ellen Minor (nee Bishop) was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, September, 1826; converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of sixteen; married to Rev. Z. Minor April 17, 1845. With her husband emigrated to Texas, 1853. At the old homestead, in Lee County, Texas, March 5, 1897, Sister Minor fell quietly asleep in Christ. Her death was expected, for she had been an invalid for two years. That she was ready for the

change there can be no doubt. She talked of her departure with much calmness; advised with her husband as to how and where he should live when she was gone, as calmly as she ever planned with him about matters when in health. It would be difficult to say too much in praise of this good woman. If this quiet, consistent, constant life of service and devotion to Church, family and neighbors could be written, it would add another bright and helpful chapter to Christian biography. Her husband, who is past eighty years, is a useful local preacher. Three children mourn with father the loss of wife and mother, bereft and lonely, but the Christian's hope comforts them: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. 14:13.

T. R. CAIN.

McDade, Texas.

STEVENSON.—The subject of this sketch, John Allen Stevenson, was born in Lamar County, Texas, January 15, 1850, of honored parentage—Judge J. H. and E. C. Stevenson. He died at his home near Ruth, Texas, in Coryell County, at 5 o'clock, a. m., Thursday, April 15, 1897, aged forty-seven years and three months.

When near eleven years old he moved with his parents to Coryell and settled near the place of his late residence, and has been a citizen of that community ever since.

He was first married to Miss Annie P. Hairston, April 26, 1870. From this union there were six children born, all of whom are still living. His wife, after a most devoted Christian life, passed into the heavens November 25, 1887. He was married again October 29, 1889, to Miss Prairie I. Scott, who, together with his aged mother, children, loved ones and many friends are left to mourn their loss.

Bro. Stevenson was converted in the summer of 1870, at the old Henson Creek Camp Ground under the ministry of Dr. R. J. Perry. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at the same meeting, and lived an active, earnest, faithful, Christian, and loyal Methodist to the day of his death. Of this his many friends would testify, and every preacher who ever had charge of the old Henson Creek Circuit will remember him with the warmest affection. The writer, having lived in his home for one year, can say that Bro. Stevenson did more for him than any other man in Texas. He was a member of the Quarterly Conference for many years, had the interest of the Church at heart and kept himself posted.

He had his household in order and fell full length toward heaven. He talked with great calmness, but with bright hope, to his family and friends of his departure to heaven, exhorting them to meet him there. A good man has gone home. May God comfort the sorrowing ones. We will miss him. Let us meet him in glory. Amen.

GEO. A. NANCE.

STEPHENSON.—T. P. Stephenson was born in Lafayette, Macon County, Tennessee, May 24, 1842; died at Hargrove, Texas, February 15, 1897. Bro. Stephenson's father was a Methodist local preacher and the influence and power of religion in the home was the means of leading him to Jesus in boyhood, and to join the Methodist Church. In after years he moved to Texas and married, in Robertson County, Miss M. Hodge. Her father, too, was a Methodist local preacher out on the frontier. They moved to Somervell County, Texas. Bro. Stephenson has been known to the writer for the past thirteen years. He was ever ready to witness for Jesus. He always took a great interest in the

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Sunday-school and the Church work. At Oden Chapel Camp ground his family has camped, and he always took his part in leading grove meetings and prayer and altar services for thirteen years. He leaves a brother, a preacher in West Texas, a widow and sons and daughters to mourn his loss. When they visit the place where they have laid him may they remember that those that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him and may all his family meet him in heaven. GEO. SMITH. Hargrove, Texas.

HAMMIT.—Minnie Mae, the infant daughter of J. C. and L. P. Hammit, was born in Erath County, Texas, May 1, 1896, and died January 31, 1897. The Master has come and taken from this home their only child after three days' sickness. We cannot tell why he does this, but we know that he doeth all things well. He has taken your little one from the storms and sorrows of this life and sheltered her in the heaven of eternal rest. She cannot come back to you, but you may go to her. May the beckoning hands ever point the bereaved parents from the cradle to Him who says I am the resurrection and the life. At the morning of the resurrection may they be found an unbroken family in heaven, where sickness and sorrow and pain and death can never come. GEO. SMITH. Hargrove, Texas.

GLENN.—Bro. A. J. S. Glenn was born in Barbour County, Alabama, October, 31, 1859. He died April 22, 1897, in Kerrville, Texas, to which place he had gone only a few months since for his health. On December 16, 1886, he was married to Miss Mary Russell, and she, with her two sweet children, is left behind to mourn their loss. For eight years Bro. Glenn has been a member of the Methodist Church at Buffalo. His health has been poor for some time and it was hoped a change would benefit him; but it failed. It was with great sorrow that we laid him to rest, but we hope to meet him in glory "when the clouds have rolled away." C. B. GARRETT. Oakwood, Texas.

WATSON.—Jonathan Watson, the oldest citizen of Comanche County, Texas, passed away to his reward February 11, 1897—lacking only eleven days of being ninety years of age. He was a native of North Carolina; lived in Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas. The last forty years of his life were spent in Texas. He embraced religion when young and joined the Methodist Church, and lived a consistent member till his death—telling his children he was ready and anxious to go. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. May we all meet him in the better world. GEO. F. FAIR. Comanche, Texas.

McCASLIN.—Alford McCaslin was born August 6, 1838; was married to Sarah E. Burns December, 17, 1865. They had born to them seven children, two of which have preceded them to heaven. Bro. McCaslin was converted in 1861 and joined the regular Baptist Church, of which he lived a consistent member until death, which occurred April 17, 1897, at his residence at Giles, near Ben Franklin. The writer held the funeral service in the presence of a large concourse of weeping friends at Giles, on Sunday evening, April 16. May the Lord comfort the widow and orphans. L. L. NAUGLE.

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East Texas Conference.

Pittsburg District—Second Round. Daingerfield cir. at Harris Chapel. May 8, 9 Musgrove cir. at Parish Chapel. Wed. May 12 Linden cir. at Harmony. May 15, 16 Quitman cir. at Stinson's Chapel. May 22, 23 Park mis. at Maud. May 29, 30 Leesburg cir. at Union Ridge. Wed. June 2 Fairview and Rose Hill, at Fairv. Sat. June 5 Texarkana, State Line, at State Line. June 6, 7 Naples cir. at Naples. June 12, 13 Winfield cir. at Oak Grove. June 19, 20 The District Conference will convene at Atlanta on July 8, at 9 a. m., and embrace the second Sabbath. Delegates will be elected on this round. T. P. Smith, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round. Henderson cir. at New Salem 2d Sab in May Marshall, First Church. 3d Sab in May Haltville, at Bethel. 4th Sab in May Harrison cir. at Pt. Caddo. 5th Sab in May Beckville, cir. at Allison Chap. 1st Sab in June Arleston cir. at Harmony. 2d Sab in June Jefferson sta. 3d Sab in June Church-hill, at Oakland. 4th Sab in June Coffeeville. 1st Sab in July Kilgore cir. Bellvue. 2d Sab in July O. P. Thomas, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round. Garrison cir. at Mt Pleasant. May 15, 16 Meirose cir. at Shady Grove. May 22, 23 Nacogdoches sta. at Nacogdoches. May 26 Tennaha cir. at Wade's Chapel. May 29, 30 Timpson sta. at Timpson. June 5, 6 Shelbyville cir. at McClelland. June 12, 13 Appleby mis. at Linflat. June 19, 20 Douglass mis. at Douglass. July 3, 4 San. and Chl. at Chireno. July 6, 7 Sharpville mis. at Sharpville. July 8 Hemphill mis. July 8 Sexton cir. July 10, 11 J. T. Smith, P. E.

Beaumont District—Second Round. Woodville and Colmesneil, at C. May 8, 9 Moscow, at Corrigan. May 9, 10 Pinkney, at Hollywood. May 15, 16 Livingston, at Salem. May 16, 17 Jasper mis. at Homer. May 20, 23 Burkville, at Survey. May 29, 30 Jasper and Kirbyville, at K. June 5, 6 China mis. at Winnie. June 12, 13 Newton, at Beura. June 19, 20 Port Bolivar, at Port Bolivar. June 26, 27 T. J. Milam, P. E.

Palestine District—Second Round. Brushy Creek cir. May 8, 9 Jacksonville cir. May 13 Alto cir. May 15, 16 Rusk sta. May 22, 23 Jacksonville sta. May 29, 30 Elkhart cir. June 12, 13 Trinity, L. and G. June 10 Saron mis. June 19, 20 The Palestine District Conference will convene in the Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Texas, June 30, 1897, at 9 a. m. L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round. Tyler cir. at Red Spring. May 8, 9 Malakoff sta. May 15, 16 Walton, at Elm Grove. May 22, 23 New York cir. Fri. May 28 Athens sta. May 30, 31 Grand Saline, at Craigville. June 5, 6 Canton, at Morris Chapel. June 12, 13 Edom, at Holly Springs. June 19, 20 Lindale cir. June 26, 27 Tyler, Marvin. June 27, 28 Troupe and Overton. Wed. June 30 Tyler City mis. at will District Conf. at Grand Saline. July 8-11 Delegates to the District Conference will be elected this round. John Adams, P. E.

Northwest Texas Conference.

Weatherford District—Third Round. Weath'd. First Church, at F'st C. 1st Sun in June Weath'r. Courts Mem'l, at C. M. 2d Sun in June Peaster cir. at Veale sta. 3d Sun in June Mineral Wells sta. at Mineral Wells. 23d June Millsap cir. at Olive Branch. 1st Sun in July Aledo cir. at Godfrey's Chapel. 2d Sun in July Springtown cir. at Knob. 3d Sun in July Weatherford mis. at Shady Gr'e. 4th Sun in July Whitt cir. at Christian. 1st Sun in Aug Lipan cir. at Pilsgh. 2d Sun in Aug Santo mis. at New Hope. 11th July Gordon and Strawn. 3d Sun in Aug Ranger mis. 18th Aug Ellasville cir. 4th Sun in Aug Breckenridge cir. 25th Aug Huckabay mis. 5th Sun in Aug Thurber cir. 31st Aug E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Dublin District—Third Round. Proctor, at Graham. June 5, 6 Dublin. June 6 Carlton, at Gilmore. June 12, 13 Granbury sta. June 20, 21 Stephenville. July 3, 4 Duffau, at Oden Ch. July 10, 11 The Dublin District Epworth League Conference will be held at DeLeon, May 28-30. The Dublin District Sunday-school Conference will be held in Granbury, June 18-20. The Dublin District Conference will convene at Hico, September 7, at 2:30 p. m. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round. East Waco. May 23 Morrow Street. May 30 Fifth Street. June 6 Lorena, at Oak Grove. June 12, 13 Bruceville at Mooreville. June 19, 20 Troy, at Childers. June 27, 28 Aquilla, at Wesley's Chapel. July 3, 4 Morgan, at Kopperl. July 10, 11 Moody. July 17, 18 Whitney, at Towash. July 24, 25 West, at Elm Mott. July 31, Aug 1 Mart, at Elk. Aug 7, 8 Bosqueville, at Bosqueville. Aug 14, 15 Abbott, at Willow. Aug 21, 22 Peoria. Aug 28, 29 Mt. Calm. Sept 4, 5 Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Smithfield. May 8, 9 G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Moffatt, at New Hope. May 8, 9 Bertram, at Hopewell. May 15, 16 Belton. May 22, 23 S W U commencement. Sunday May 30 South Temple. June 5, 6 Rodgers, at Heidenheimer. June 12, 13 Temple. June 13, 14 Taylor. June 19, 20 Burnett, at Marble Falls. June 26, 27 District Conference some time in August. Place and time not yet definitely determined. Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Grandview cir. at Auburn. May 8, 9 Midlothian sta. May 15, 16 Red Oak cir. at Sterrett. May 22, 23 Osceola cir. May 29, 30 District Edworth League Conference at Alvarado April 29, 30. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. Quanah, at Quanah. May 8, 9 Altus, at Bethel. May 22, 23 Eldorado, at Bethel. May 25 Mangum, at Deer Creek. June 5, 6 District Ep. League Conf., at Quanah. May 28-30 C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round. Wellington, at Wellington. May 8, 9 Channing. May 15, 16 Canadian. May 22, 23 Higgins. May 29, 30 R. A. Hall, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round. Cotton Gin cir. at C. G. 2d Sat and Sun in May Thornton cir. at Bellview. 3d Sat and Sun in May Armour cir. at Armour. 5th Sat and Sun in May Powell mis. at Roane. 1st Sat and Sun in June Horn Hill mis. at Ben Hur. 2d Sat and Sun in June District Conference will embrace the fourth Sun in May. Jno. R. Nelson, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Fleming cir. May 7 Comanche sta. May 8, 9 Ballinger sta. May 15, 16 Robert Lee cir. at Robert Lee. May 18, 19 Decker cir. at Spring Creek. May 22, 23 Comanche cir. June 5, 6 District Conf., at Brownwood. July 2-5 O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round. Crawford and McGregor, at McGregor. May 8, 9 Valley Mills, at Coon Creek. May 15, 16 Harmony, at Lane's Chapel. May 19 Hamilton, at Warren's Creek. May 22, 23 G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Texas Conference.

Brenham District—Second Round. Davilla cir. at Lebanon. May 8, 9 Lexington cir. at Early Chapel. May 15, 16 Brenham sta. May 18 Chappell Hill sta. May 23, 24 Caldwell sta. May 26 District Conference, at Caldwell. May 27-30 Pleasant Hill cir. at Satty. June 5, 6 Milano cir. June 9 Maysfield cir. June 12, 13 J. C. Mickle, P. E.

Houston District—Second Round. Cedar Bayou, at Barber's Hill. May 8, 9 Matagorda. May 15, 16 Patterson, at Brookshire. May 22, 23 O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round. Winchester cir. at Ford's Prairie. May 8, 9 Smithville sta. May 9, 10 LaGrange sta. night, May 14 Eagle Lake cir. May 15, 16 Columbus sta. May 22, 23 Weimar and Osage. May 29, 30 Flatonia sta. night, May 31 H. M. Sears, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round. Centerville, at Centerville. May 8, 9 Rogers Prairie, at Gum Spring. May 15, 16 Petteway. May 22, 23 Mt. Vernon, at Mt. Vernon. May 26 Franklin. May 31 J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round. Navasota sta. May 8, 9 Prairie Plains cir. at Bay's. May 15, 16 Willis sta. May 19, 20 Conroe and Montgomery. May 22, 23 Cold Springs cir. May 29, 30 Dodge cir. June 5, 6 Huntsville sta. June 7, 8 Bryan sta. June 12, 13 W. Wootton, P. E.

North Texas Conference.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round. Wolfe City. Apr 17, 18 Como, at Forest Academy. Apr 24, 25 Willsboro. 7 p. m. Apr 25 Leonard, at Orange Grove. May 1, 2 Celeste. 7 p. m. May 2 Cooper, at Long Tow. May 8, 9 Bailey. May 15, 16 Mt. Vernon. May 22, 22 W. M. P. Rippey, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round. Kemp cir. at Becker. 1st Sun in May Mesquite. 2d Sun in May Pleasant Mound, at Reinhardt. 3d Sun in May Wylie cir. at Pleasant Valley. 4th Sun in May Cochran and Caruth. 5th Sun in May Cranford cir. 11 a. m. May 26 Kramer sta. 7:30 p. m. May 26 The Terrell District Conference will convene at Royse, Texas, June 3, at 9:30 a. m. Opening sermon by C. C. Davis, 11 a. m. C. B. Fladger, P. F.

Bonham District—Second Round. Lanniss. May 8, 9 Fannin, at Lamaseo. May 15, 16 Isaac W. Clark, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round.

Chico cir. at Chico. May 8, 9 Crafton cir. at Cundif. May 15, 16 Sunset cir. at Sparks Chapel. May 22, 23 Bellevue cir. at Stoneburg. May 29, 30 Archer City. June 5, 6 F. O. Miller, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round. Woodland cir. May 15, 16 Lake Creek cir. May 22, 23 Powderly mis. May 29, 30 The District Conference for the Paris District will meet at Roxton, Texas, May 6, 1897, 9 a. m. W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round. Nevada. 2d Sun in May Weston. 3d Sun in May Blue ridge. 4th Sun in May Bethel. 5th Sun in May I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round. Denison and Preston, at Colimus. May 8, 9 Pottshoro sta. May 15, 16 Gordonville, at Pleasant View. May 22, 23 Howe cir. at Ferguson's Chapel. May 29, 30 Pilot Grove cir. June 5, 6 J. R. Wages, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round. Denton. 2d Sun in May Argyle. 3d Sun in May Lewisville. 4th Sun in May Lancaster. 5th Sun in May R. M. Powers, P. E.

West Texas Conference.

San Marcos District—Third Round. Seguin, at Mill Creek. May 15, 16 Lockhart sta. May 22, 23 Kyle cir. at Pleasant Grove. June 5, 6 San Marcos sta. June 12, 13 Gonzales sta. June 19, 20 Belmont cir. at Oak Forest. June 26, 27 Luling cir. at Prairie Lea. July 3, 4 San Marcos cir. at Harris Chap. July 10, 11 Buda cir. at Mendoza. July 17, 18 Lockhart cir. July 24, 25 Dripping Springs cir. July 31, Aug 1 Harwood cir. Aug 7, 8 I. T. Morris, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round. Waelder cir. May 22 Hallettsville cir. May 29 Rancho cir. June 5 Sweet Home cir. June 12 Leesville cir. June 19 Yoakum sta. July 3 Clear Creek cir. July 10 Cuero sta. July 13 Edna sta. July 17 Morales cir. July 24 Victoria sta. Aug. 11 Port Lavaca cir. Aug. 14 A. C. BIGGS, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round. Boerne cir. at Lock Hill, Thursday before second Sun. in May Bandera, at B. 2d Sun in May Rock Springs. 3rd Sun in May Kerrville, at Ingraham Thur before 4th Sun in May Centre Point, at C. P. 4th Sun in May Cherokee, at C. 3d Sun in June Blanco, at Flat Creek. 4th Sun in June Kingsland. 1st Sun in July Round Mountain, at Rockvale. 2d Sun in July San Saba sta. 3d Sun in July Willow City. 4th Sun in July Llano sta. 1st Sun in Aug M. A. Black, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round. Mason cir. May 8, 9 J. A. Baker, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. Skidmore cir. at Sarco. 2d Sab in May Helena. 3d Sab in May Runge. 4th Sab in May Karnes City cir. at Kenedy. 1st Sab in June John S. Gillett, P. E.

New Mexico Conference.

El Paso District—Third Round. Penasco, at Upper Penasco. May 9 Roswell. May 16 Eddy. May 23 Pecos. May 30 El Paso. June 6 Alpine. June 13 District Conference at Alpine, Texas, June 16-20. C. C. EDINGTON, P. E.

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No. 114, 54 inch blades, 24 75 cents; No. 115, 54 1/2 inch blades, 25 00 cents; No. 116, 55 inch blades, 25 25 cents; No. 117, 55 1/2 inch blades, 25 50 cents; No. 118, 56 inch blades, 25 75 cents; No. 119, 56 1/2 inch blades, 26 00 cents; No. 120, 57 inch blades, 26 25 cents; No. 121, 57 1/2 inch blades, 26 50 cents; No. 122, 58 inch blades, 26 75 cents; No. 123, 58 1/2 inch blades, 27 00 cents; No. 124, 59 inch blades, 27 25 cents; No. 125, 59 1/2 inch blades, 27 50 cents; No. 126, 60 inch blades, 27 75 cents; No. 127, 60 1/2 inch blades, 28 00 cents; No. 128, 61 inch blades, 28 25 cents; No. 129, 61 1/2 inch blades, 28 50 cents; No. 130, 62 inch blades, 28 75 cents; No. 131, 62 1/2 inch blades, 29 00 cents; No. 132, 63 inch blades, 29 25 cents; No. 133, 63 1/2 inch blades, 29 50 cents; No. 134, 64 inch blades, 29 75 cents; No. 135, 64 1/2 inch blades, 30 00 cents; No. 136, 65 inch blades, 30 25 cents; No. 137, 65 1/2 inch blades, 30 50 cents; No. 138, 66 inch blades, 30 75 cents; No. 139, 66 1/2 inch blades, 31 00 cents; 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No. 217, 105 1/2 inch blades, 50 50 cents; No. 218, 106 inch blades, 50 75 cents; No. 219, 106 1/2 inch blades, 51 00 cents; No. 220, 107 inch blades, 51 25 cents; No. 221, 107 1/2 inch blades, 51 50 cents; No. 222, 108 inch blades, 51 75 cents; No. 223, 108 1/2 inch blades, 52 00 cents; No. 224, 109 inch blades, 52 25 cents; No. 225, 109 1/2 inch blades, 52 50 cents; No. 226, 110 inch blades, 52 75 cents; No. 227, 110 1/2 inch blades, 53 00 cents; No. 228, 111 inch blades, 53 25 cents; No. 229, 111 1/2 inch blades, 53 50 cents; No. 230, 112 inch blades, 53 75 cents; No. 231, 112 1/2 inch blades, 54 00 cents; No. 232, 113 inch blades, 54 25 cents; No. 233, 113 1/2 inch blades, 54 50 cents; No. 234, 114 inch blades, 54 75 cents; No. 235, 114 1/2 inch blades, 55 00 cents; No. 236, 115 inch blades, 55 25 cents; No. 237, 115 1/2 inch blades, 55 50 cents; No. 238, 116 inch blades, 55 75 cents; No. 239, 116 1/2 inch blades, 56 00 cents; No. 240, 117 inch blades, 56 25 cents; No. 241, 117 1/2 inch blades, 56 50 cents; 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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

The District Conference for Clarendon District will convene at Plainview, July 8, 1897, at 9 a. m.

The Examining Committees for the Clarendon District are as follows:

- For License to Preach—T. F. Robeson, W. L. Childress, J. W. R. Bachman.
- For Admission on Trial—E. T. Harrison, E. R. Wallace, R. M. Morris.
- For Deacon's Orders and Elder's Orders—C. S. McCarver, R. O. Eustace, J. A. Wallace, R. A. HALL, P. E.

Clarendon, Texas.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Pastors will please send names of local preachers and delegates-elect to the District Conference to Rev. J. B. Nutter. If you go by private conveyance, let him know, or you may have to provide for your team. If your wife or daughter will accompany you, let him know early. Brethren, do not neglect this.

W. WOOTTON, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

The Weatherford District Conference convenes at Mineral Wells, June 24, 1897, at 2:30 p. m. A. Long will preach the opening sermon on Thursday, 8 p. m.

Through the urbanity of Mr. Gaston Mesher and Mr. Foust, the Texas and Pacific and Mineral Wells Railroads have kindly consented to place tickets on sale June 24 to 29, at Benbrook and Eastland and all intermediate points, at the rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip; limited for return to June 30.

Committees of Examination:
For License to Preach and Admission on Trial—S. W. Turner, J. F. Swofford, J. D. Hendrickson.

For Ordination and Readmission—W. B. McKeown, A. Long, J. T. Longino, E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT.

Committees for Examination for Vernon District:

- For License to Preach—N. B. Bennett, A. P. Lipscomb, J. W. Robbins.
- For Admission on Trial—J. T. Griswold, W. B. Ford, E. T. Murchison.
- For Deacon's Orders—W. D. Robinson, E. A. Walker, P. N. Taylor.
- For Elder's Orders—L. G. Rogers, M. L. Moody, J. B. Massey.

District Conference at Vernon, July 1, 1897, at 8:30 a. m. C. W. DANIEL, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

The District Conference for the Marshall District will convene at Jefferson, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. D. P. Cullen will preach the opening sermon.

O. P. THOMAS, P. E.

BOWIE DISTRICT.

The Bowie District Conference will be held at Jacksboro, Texas, July 1, 1897. The opening sermon will be preached by J. D. Whitehead. The following brethren constitute the District Conference Committees:

- For License to Preach—W. M. Leatherwood, J. W. Rowlett, C. C. Williams.
- For Admission—H. H. Vaughan, M. E. Smith, J. P. Lowry.
- For Deacon's Orders—P. C. Archer, R. G. Mood, W. F. Clark.
- For Elder's Orders—W. S. May, J. A. Kerr, M. B. Johnston, F. O. MILLER, P. E.

DUBLIN DISTRICT.

Committees of Examination:
For Deacon's Orders—M. M. Smith, H. K. Agee, G. A. Nance.
For Elder's Orders—A. E. Carraway, J. J. Davis, C. F. Kiker.
For License to Preach—W. H. Matthews, W. J. Moore, J. H. Morris.
For Admission on Trial—E. Hightower, C. A. Evans, J. R. B. Hall, E. A. SMITH, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT.

To the Preachers of the Terrell District: This is the second call I make through the Advocate to the pastors. The first one only secured one response. Please furnish me the names of your local preachers, Recording Stewards, delegates-elect. If you do not furnish their names, I can't provide homes for them at the District Conference. I would be glad that all agents, officials, etc., who expect to attend the conference, would furnish their names.

WM. A. EDWARDS.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

The Houston District Conference will meet at Wharton, Tuesday, June 15, 1897, 2:30 p. m. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. Leon Sonfield. The N. Y. and T. M. R. R., the only road running to Wharton, will sell excursion tickets for the train

Tuesday morning at 4 cents for the round trip; good till 21st. There is only one train a day, and tickets will be on sale for only the one day—the 15th. Let the pastors tell the delegates of these rates and urge them to attend.

I announce the following subjects and speakers: "Missions," Seth Ward; "Sunday-Schools," I. M. Bryce; "Church Finances," J. B. Sears; "Epworth Leagues," C. A. Hooper; "Church Extension and W. P. and H. M. Society," W. D. Bradfield; "Work of American Bible Society and Our Duty to It," S. W. Thomas.

Committees of Examination:
License to Preach—J. B. Sears, C. M. Thompson, R. H. Barrow.
Admission on Trial—Seth Ward, B. J. Guess, E. P. Hamblen.
Deacon's Orders—J. R. Murray, J. J. Shirley, J. V. Dealey.
Elder's Orders—W. D. Bradfield, Jno. Todd, R. H. Griffin.
(Cut this out for future reference.)
O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

The Gainesville District Conference will be held at Broadway Church, commencing the 9th of June, at 10 a. m., and continue till the 11th, at 4 p. m. Opening sermon by Rev. W. E. Jordan.

Committees of Examination:
For License to Preach—P. L. Smith, J. C. Weaver, M. M. Dunn.
Admission on Trial—J. W. Blackburn, J. W. Tinscher, D. A. Williams.
For Deacon's Orders—T. J. Minnis, T. B. Norwood, W. C. Pryor.
For Elder's Orders—G. S. Boyd, M. C. Blackburn, J. D. Hudgins, J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

All applicants for license to preach in the Brenham District are requested to meet the Committee for Examination in the Methodist Church at Caldwell, Wednesday, May 26, at 9 a. m. W. H. BROOKS.

A CARD.

Time and strength would fail us if we should undertake to answer separately all the sweet letters of condolence and expressions of sympathy from our many dear friends on account of our sad bereavement in the death of our dear Nellie Graves Decherd. We therefore ask a little space in our Advocate to express to one and all our sincere thanks for their kindly remembrance of us as we pass through the deep waters, and to assure them that we feel comforted by these letters, which draw us nearer together and nearer to God.

Yours in Christ,
T. B. GRAVES AND WIFE,
F. D. DECHERD,
Alvin, Texas.

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A TRIBUTE.

Whereas, at a meeting of the congregation of Broadway Methodist Church, Gainesville, Texas, by a unanimous rising vote it was decided that a committee of five be appointed to draft a suitable expression of the deep regret felt at the death of Rev. R. M. Powers; and

Whereas, the undersigned were appointed a committee for that purpose,

We, the undersigned for and in behalf of all the members of said Church, do hereby declare that while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Maker, who has called home our deceased brother, we feel that in the death of Bro. Powers, not only the North Texas Conference in which he labored so long and successfully, but also all Southern Methodism has sustained a great loss. His deeds live after him, and coming years will show the fruit of his labors. For three years he served as presiding elder of this, the Gainesville District, and during that

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time he endeared himself to us all, and showed that he was the right man in the right place. Ever pleasant and cheery in demeanor and of deep and abiding piety, he was also fertile in resources for work in the Master's vineyard, and his sound common sense and splendid executive ability made him a giant in the service of the Church. While we rejoice to think that in the heavenly world he rests from his labors and enjoys the reward for which he strove so long and faithfully, yet we feel profoundly that his gain was our loss. A mighty man in Israel has fallen.

"Many moons shall wax and wane Ere we see his like again."
We extend to his bereaved wife and relatives our deep and sincere sympathy, and pray that God may give them grace in this the hour of their great affliction.

S. G. BENNETT,
H. L. GRAHAM,
A. CROZIER,
J. O. A. WHALEY,
H. L. STUART,
Committee of Broadway Church.

Unanswered Letters.

April 22—W. O. Shugart, subs. A. W. Wilson, sub. J. C. Weaver, sub. J. W. Blackburn, subs. J. M. Mills, sub. O. S. Thomas, sub. M. F. Daniel, O. K. T. R. Vinson, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. S. J. Vaughan, subs, have attention. G. J. Irvin, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub.

April 23—J. M. Baker, sub. J. T. Graham, sub. Stuart Nelson, change made. R. J. Smith, subs. O. A. Shook, has attention.

April 24—W. A. Edwards, sub. I. F. Pace, sub. H. F. Shrader, subs. C. H. Govett, sub. B. R. Wagner, subs. J. A. Kerr, subs. C. L. Browning, sub. J. L. Russell, sub.

April 25—Jno. W. Stovall, subs; two cards. Jno. M. Barcus, sub. J. W. Tinscher subs. J. M. Armstrong, sub. has attention. G. W. Harris, sub. Geo. S. Clark, O. K. J. C. Carter, sub. A. B. Roberts, sub. S. W. Turner, sub. T. T. Booth, sub. W. E. Caperton, sub. K. S. Van Zandt, subs. W. W. Gollighugh, subs.

April 27—J. W. Clifton, sub. V. A. Godby, subs. Jno. S. Davis, sub. J. D. Odom, sub. R. E. Raymond, sub. S. P. Brown, subs. J. D. Whitehead, subs. W. F. Mayne, subs. J. T. Bludworth, sub. E. G. Roberts, subs. W. L. Clifton, has attention. D. W. Towns, subs. T. B. Norwood, sub. Chas. F. Smith, sub. C. T. Cummings, subs.

April 28—J. W. Kelley, sub. has attention. W. B. Andrews, subs. J. M. Armstrong, sub. J. A. Ruffner, subs. L. F. Palmer, sub. G. E. Sandel, sub. W. S. May, sub. B. H. Passmore, sub. W. W. Horner, subs. J. P. Rodgers, sub. H. G. Williams, subs.

April 29—E. C. Hicks, subs, have attention. G. J. Irvin, sub. Jno. R. Steele, sub. A. T. Culbertson, sub. J. W. Tinscher, subs; two cards. H. B. Smith, sub. W. B. Ford, sub. S. L. Ball, sub. C. R. Wright, sub. Jno. W. Stovall, sub. Alanson Brown, subs.

April 30—E. D. Mounzon, sub. N. B. Bennett, O. K. J. R. Smelser, sub. J. W. Beckham, sub. has attention. T. B. Hillburn, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. M. J. Allen, sub.

May 1—W. W. Graham, sub. J. W. Bridges, sub. for two years. W. B. McKeown, sub. J. D. Hudgins, sub. C. C. Davis, trial sub. T. S. Armstrong, has

attention. C. F. Annis, sub. C. E. Simpson, sub. J. H. White, sub.

May 3—Bruce Meador, sub and change. W. T. Morrow, sub. A. J. Weeks, sub. W. S. Easterling, sub. J. E. Roach, subs. M. A. Turner, sub. H. T. Hart, sub.

May 4—G. C. Summers, sub. E. H. Casey, has attention. Laurence Reynolds, sub. J. M. Alexander, subs.

May 5—S. P. Pirtle, subs. Chas. U. McLarty, sub. A. T. Culbertson, subs. W. H. Moss, sub.

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