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## EDITORIAL.

### GIVE THE PASTOR HEARTY CO OPERATION.

By this time every Methodist Church in the State has a pastor on the ground and already at work. He is there with a good, clean record, both morally and spiritually. His conference passed his character and gave him an unqualified indorsement, and he is the peer of any man in the State in his standing and reputation. He is not with you this year at his solicitation nor at yours, for as Methodists you are not invested with such right; but he is your pastor in obedience to the authority of the Church. Doubtless your needs were well considered and his fitness for service was thoroughly canvassed by those in charge of such matters, and you have, as a result, the best man who could be gotten, and he has the best congregation to whom he could be sent. So that the arrangement is the wisest that could be made, both for you and for him. Now, it becomes his duty, as well as his privilege, to render to you the very best service possible, both in the pulpit and in the pastorate. He will have much hard study to do in order to preach to you instructive and edifying sermons. To do this well and faithfully will levy a tax upon all of his resources of mind and heart. He will not be able to hold anything of this nature in reserve. Out in the field he will go from house to house visiting you and learning your children by name. He will minister to you in your troubles and sickness; he will be in sympathy with you in all of your griefs and distresses; he will smile with you when you have joy and gladness; he will perform the sacred rite when your children are given in marriage; and he will speak the word of comfort should the grave swallow up your loved ones—in short, he will be your closest friend and brother under all the circumstances that will environ you. The day will never be too wet and dreary and the night will never be too dark and stormy for him to go to your assistance when his presence and service are needed. Such a man possesses a value to your home and community not easily computed. Will you not therefore give him your unflinching co-operation? He will need your sympathy, your prayers and your kind words. Provide for him an ample and an adequate support. He has a wife and children just as you have—and they need the comforts of life just as your wife and children need them. His little ones must go to school and be prepared for usefulness in the future. He will not be able to leave them money or even a home; so he must educate them, and then with well-trained minds and hearts commit them to the keeping of Him who has said through His inspired servant, "I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." Do not, then, pinch and cramp your preacher by a support too limited and narrow. You will not permit him to make debts without a probability of paying them; so you must put him in such condition that this misfortune will not be necessary. Then he can be

a manly man, have the respect of the community and do all of the work assigned him without harassing his mind with the thought that his credit is in danger or his family is in need. Help him with an open hand, and his ministry will be enhanced one hundred per cent. A pastor thus aided will be an untold blessing to your Church and to your home. Give the suggestion a good trial this year and you will realize that the investment of your sympathy and helpfulness is wise and profitable.

### GUARD THEIR GRAVES.

Under the above heading, the Interior, published at Chicago, has a beautiful paragraph in its last issue touching the reference of the President to the graves of the Confederate dead in his Atlanta speech some ten days ago. Such sentiments as this show that the era of good feeling between the North and South is a fact and not a fancy. The paragraph is as follows:

The President's touching reference to the cemeteries of the Confederate dead was befitting the representative of a Christian people. No man can give a higher evidence of sincerity than a willingness to die for his convictions—and he is not the less a hero because he is mistaken. The Confederate dead have been in God's peace beneath the sod for thirty-five years. They had the highest personal respect of every man who met them in battle, or has met their survivors in peace. Grant, at Appomattox, exhibited a spirit of fraternity and of considerate tenderness which was wholly new in the history of wars, and yet he acted in harmony with the sentiment of the people of the victorious States. Two of our sea captains said immortal words at Santiago—that rugged warrior Evans said that men during the battle fought like American seamen and after the battle were tender as American women. If that was to the Spaniard, how much more to our own Southern brothers with whom we quarreled to the death, but to whom, both living and dead, we are reconciled evermore. If we now follow the suggestion of the President it will put a wreath about the brow of the Republic fresher than any that can be laid on the graves of the dead. It will mark one of the greatest triumphs of republican institutions. It will show that they produce men who are as magnanimous as they are brave. The cause of the union of the States was vindicated in the arbitrament of arms and has been vindicated tenfold by the history of the country since—so that now there is no difference of opinion on that subject. Those Confederate dead were wayward sons, but they were our sons, and there is not an American who is not proud of their devotion and valor. Let us guard their sleep, only wishing that they might have lived to stand shoulder to shoulder, as they would, with Wheeler and Lee.

### MANY APPROVING VOICES.

We have awaited, with interest, the coming of our Northern exchanges to see what they would have to say about the President's Atlanta speech. Would they be favorable to his patriotic utterances touching the graves of the Confederate dead, or would they frown upon him? Now that we have seen them and read their reference to this matter, we are more than ever convinced that brotherly love prevails in reality between the North and the South, and that the President gave expression to a fraternal feeling well

nigh universal between the two sections. In all of these exchanges there is but one expression, and that is of enthusiastic sanction. Doctor Arthur Edwards in the Northwestern Christian Advocate, and Doctor Potts in the Michigan Advocate, two of the most extreme journalists in their prejudice toward the South, join in the chorus of the one song of approval. This is significant and we take it as an omen worthy of record. Ten years ago, a speech of this character would have thrown these two eminent brethren into a paroxysm of turbulent rage. We welcome them into the federation of the brotherhood and congratulate them upon their progress in these matters fraternal.

Not only is this true of the religious press, but it is also true of the secular press, especially. All over the North the great dailies have expressed gratification at the deliverances of our Chief Magistrate along the route of his Southern tour. Even the numerous Grand Army Posts all over the North have largely spoken upon the matter, and with only one single exception, their words are in hearty commendation of the position taken by the President. This is remarkable and it is worthy of special note. The very thought, to many of us is like a dream, nevertheless it is true that we are becoming one great people in sympathy, in purpose and in aim; and it is to be hoped that sectional strife will never henceforth mar the unity of our national life. We are glad that President McKinley came South and spoke these noble and brotherly words concerning our people, both the living and the dead.

### METHODISTS TO THE FRONT.

In the recent State election the Methodists forged to the front. Major J. D. Sayers, the Governor, is a life-long Methodist in principle and training; J. H. Browning, Lieutenant-Governor, is a Methodist; Treasurer John Robbins is a Methodist and was a delegate to the late General Conference. It is said that T. S. Smith, Attorney-General, is also a Methodist—we are not sure of this. J. S. Kendall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a Methodist; Comptroller Wat Finley is a Methodist; M. M. Brooks, Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals, is a Methodist; N. W. Finley and John Bookhout of the Court of Civil Appeals for this division of the State, are Methodists and members of First Church in this city, and we do not know how many more of them are of the same faith. Sometimes it happens that the majority of the State officials belong to other Churches, but this time the chance fell largely to the Methodists. What we need is to fill public office with good and true men, and whatever Church they belong to is a matter of minor importance. The present incumbents, recently elected, are all right, and we look for a good administration of the affairs of the State. Now, let all of the people give to their public servants a hearty co-operation, and steady progress in all directions will mark the acts of these capable officials.

### SOME CONFERENCE HUMOR.

We heard of a preacher, in our recent rounds of the conferences, who had been troubled with too much dancing on his circuit, and as the story goes he determined to search the Scriptures concerning the evil and preach a red-hot sermon to his young people upon the subject. After the investigation he said that to his surprise he found more in favor of dancing in the Bible than against it. Then he went over the ground again and he said he found a text that suited the matter to a dot, and he loaded up his gun to the muzzle and fired her off from one end of his circuit to the other. He said that the result was like magic and that all dancing stopped instanter. Some brother asked him what the text was and he replied, "I do not remember exactly where it is now, but it was somewhere over there in the Old Testament where, in speaking of that man, Naaman, it says, 'And he was a leaper.'" We do not vouch for the truth of the story, but if the sermon on the text did stop the leaping act, known as dancing, the result was all right, even if the text was unconsciously perverted.

Down in South Texas the buzzard is a privileged bird among all classes of people on account of the fact that he cleans up the refuse and aids sanitation. Hence you see him perched upon the housetop or walking leisurely about the backyard, according to his liking, and no one offers him harm. He is very nearly as gentle as the domestic fowls and often mixes about with them. Now, for the story. At one of the conferences in that section an elderly brother, with a young companion, was placed at a very excellent home for entertainment. The younger of the two told us that one day the elder brother, who was from the interior, was surveying the poultry in the backyard and musing upon the good dishes in store for him when he spied some brown-looking specimens with naked heads. He did not like the looks of those strange birds, but seeing them with the others he was not able to classify them. So at the dinner table he said, "My sister, I see some strange looking brown fowls in the poultry yard, and I would like to know what species of bird they are." The good housewife thought a moment and replied, "Oh, those are buzzards, you saw, I suppose." That was a stunner, for the gentleman is a man of serious cast of mind and did not realize the business of buzzards mingling with table fowls during a session of the conference. He had nothing further to say about the strange birds, but he thought a great deal; and the young brother said that his venerable friend refrained from eating any more chicken or other kind of poultry during the remainder of the conference.

About one hundred laughing and rollicking preachers got aboard the train at Beaumont at 6 o'clock the morning after the adjournment of conference, bound for Houston. There was a very corpulent Jewess occupying a couple of seats about half asleep. The bois-

terousness of the preachers aroused the old lady with a start and she shouted out, "Mine sou, vat manners dese Dexans has." She quieted down a little and directly her husband came in from the smoker, and as he waddled up to where his spouse was seated, he said, "Mien Got, vat does dish mean?" "She-e-e! Would you only keep quiet; dese is Dexans cow-boys what got on at the uder station," said his spouse. He quieted down and was as still as a mouse during the rest of the trip.

A bright little boy of seven years of age, where one of our conferences met, saw something of the deference shown a Methodist Bishop as the guest of the town. Some one told the little fellow that he must grow up and become a Bishop. A day or two afterwards, while bidding his turn to get to the table, he remarked, "Mamma, when I do get to be a Bishop and go round to conference I will always get to eat at the first table, won't I?" There is a good deal of human nature in this remark.

### A SHARP CRITIQUE.

We clip the following from a letter by Rev. C. H. Briggs, D. D., of Southwest Missouri Conference, in a recent number of the Richmond Christian Advocate:

A recent addition has been made to the editorial force of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, Dr. C. C. Woods having been appointed by Bishop Candler editor with Dr. Palmore. This was done a month after the session of the Southwest Missouri Conference. For years the course of the St. Louis paper has been far from satisfactory to a large number of Missouri preachers, so much so that for two years the Southwest Missouri Conference, to which both editors belong, has withheld any endorsement of the paper, not even recommending the appointment of the editor. The paper has produced this alienation by becoming in spirit too much like a certain so-called Methodist paper—nameless here—which has borne several different names in the last few years, without changing its spirit for the better in any of the changes it has made. It is hoped that this addition to the editorial staff of the St. Louis will be followed by a change in its policy which will tend to harmony. The prestige of the paper is great and a wiser editorial policy can speedily win back those who object to its course in the past.

We have known Dr. Briggs a long time, and he is given to telling things out of school. This is a small sample, but you do not have to search for his meaning. Briggs uses vigorous English.

We never have more than we can bear. The present hour we are always able to endure. As our day, so is our strength. If the trials of many years were gathered into one, they would overwhelm us; therefore, in pity to our little strength, he sends first one, then another, then removes both and lays on a third, heavier, perhaps, than either; but all is so wisely measured to our strength that the bruised reed is never broken. We do not look enough at our trials in this continuous and successive view. Each one is sent to teach something, and altogether they have a lesson which is beyond the power of any to teach alone.—H. E. Manning.

It is not the man who is painting the house, who is doing the greatest work.

SECULAR NEWS

The following resolution complimentary to Hon. J. D. Sayers was introduced into the lower House of Congress the other day by Mr. Bingham, a Republican from Pennsylvania, and it was passed amid applause:

"His courtesy and fairness towards his associates in all the labors of the committee, in the formulation and discussing of great supply bills of the government, and in their presentation and conduct in the House of Representatives, have won for him the esteem and confidence of his colleagues here, and of his fellow members in that body of representatives of the American people. In his new field of exalted public duty as chief magistrate of the great commonwealth of Texas, we extend to him this expression, sincere and cordial, though imperfect, of our affection, respect and confidence."

December 19 Dr. Joe Bowers, who lived at Red Bluff, Jackson county, Texas, was shot at his front gate and killed by an unknown assassin.

The Attorney-General of the State, Mr. Crain, has held that glove contests, such as have been taking place at Galveston are a violation of the spirit of the State prize fight law, and the General has notified the Galveston County authorities to stop all such performances.

The dead body of Rev. Mr. Gill, the Episcopal minister who so mysteriously disappeared from Brownsville some ten days ago, was discovered a few nights ago under a pile of hay in his barn in an advanced state of decomposition. This only increases the mystery, for soon after his disappearance this identical spot was thoroughly searched along with every other nook and corner of his premises. The surroundings indicated that the body had been placed where it was found and covered with hay.

The New England Society of the Carolina held its annual meeting the 22d of December at Charleston. The address of the occasion was delivered by Senator G. F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, which address closed with these words: "South Carolina and Massachusetts, the Presbyterian and the Puritan, the Huguenot and the Pilgrim, however separated by distance or by difference they will at last be summoned together by a common faith in God."

Mr. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, has tendered his resignation of that position, and it has been accepted. Press of private business matters is the reason assigned. The President has appointed Mr. E. A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, to the present Ambassador to Russia, to the place made vacant by Mr. Hitchcock is a native of Alabama, though he has lived for a number of years in St. Louis, Mo.

Sir Wm. Harcourt, Mr. Gladstone's successor as the leader of the Liberal party in England, has retired on account of a lack of harmony upon the part of his followers. So this once mighty force in English politics is now without a leader to direct its actions.

At Entwah, Ala., some discharged soldiers under the influence of liquor shot into the house of Mrs. Lucy Thomas and wounded her and her four-year-old child. The child is not expected to live.

In Minnesota, at the last election, the constitutional amendment permitting women to vote at school elections was carried, and that much of woman's rights will henceforth prevail in that State.

A mob of women at Granada, Spain, December 14, fancying that the discovery of America was the cause of the war between this country and Spain, sallied forth and pelted the statue of Columbus with stones. This act of frenzy is just about as sensible as a great many other things that Spaniards have done within the past few years.

Lieut.-Commander Sumner C. Payne, of the United States Navy, retired, died at Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22. He was an executive officer of Commodore Dewey's flag-ship just previous to the beginning of the late war.

Three negro boys by the name of Lewis, living in this city, had an altercation with some white boys last October at the cotton factory, in which one of the latter, named June Redd, was killed. The negroes were tried in the criminal court of this county last

week and were given a long sentence each in the penitentiary. The War Department has announced that the Government will muster out 50,000 more of the volunteers in the United States Army.

The Republicans in the lower House of Congress want the standing army of the United States to number 150,000; the Democrats want it to number only 30,000. Bills to this end are now before that body.

The Illinois Central Railway passenger train was attacked by highwaymen, one night last week, near Grenada, Miss. They attempted to break in the express car, but failed.

A handsomely gotten up sword, costing \$4200, the gift of numerous Pennsylvanians and others, was presented to Admiral Schley, of Santiago naval fame, at one of the Baptist Churches in Philadelphia the other night.

Smallpox epidemic has been raging at Cameron, Texas, for some weeks, but it is now thought to be under control.

The revision of the celebrated Dreyfus case is now before the court in Paris, and the end is not yet in sight.

REPORTS—NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Report of the Sunday-School Board.

We find reported by the pastors 347 Sunday-schools. The Treasurer makes the following report:

Table with columns: Dr., Cr., To Children's Day, Balance from last year, Total, By Sunday-school supplies, By Southwestern University, By Dr. Hammond, By Barbee & Smith, Balance on hand.

Total 381 10 A. F. HENDRIX, Chairman. W. J. BLUDWORTH, Sec.

Report of Treasurer of Board of Missions.

Your Treasurer respectfully submits herewith a report of the amounts paid by the several presiding elders' districts, on account of foreign and domestic missions for the fiscal year ending November, 1898:

Table with columns: District, For. Mis., Dom. Mis., Dallas, Terrell, Greenville, Sulphur Springs, Gainesville, Paris, Bonham, Sherman, Bowie, Anniversary coll'n.

Totals \$7089 24 \$4590 30

Amount received by cash and subscription on anniversary collection, \$216.30, which is equally divided between the two accounts.

Of the amount collected on domestic missions, \$528 belongs to the German Mission account.

W. T. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

Report of the Joint Board of Finance.

To the President and Members of the North Texas Conference in Session at Greenville, Texas:

Dear Brethren—The following amounts for the different objects named were received according to districts as follows:

Table with columns: Dist., Con. Col., Bish's., Del. G. C., Dallas, Terrell, Greenville, Sulp'r Sp'gs., Gainesville, Paris, Bonham, Sherman, Bowie.

Totals \$4818 45 \$1202 95 \$169 25

Claimants' fund as above \$4818 45 Received from Pub. House 790 00 Bal. from contingent fund 218 20

Total \$5826 65

Less 10 per cent for contingent fund \$582 65

Appropriation for minutes and expenses 44 00

Total \$626 65

Amount appropriated, \$5200, to the following persons: Angell, Rev. J. L. \$200 00

Table listing names and amounts: Brewer, A. H., Carroll, F. B., Chalk, J. W., Cobb, S. S., Cummings, Mrs. Sinia, Davis, Rev. W. R., Haislip, Mrs. Anna, Harrison, Rev. L. W. (cond't'l), Hawkins, Mrs. Emma, Lane, Rev. R., Lewis, Mrs. M. A., McDugald, Rev. Jas., McDougal, Mrs. Jane, McKee, Mrs. Mattie, Miller, Rev. T. L., Morton, Fannie and Carrie, Nelson, Mrs. Lucinda, Pearson, Mrs. Mary, Peele, Sallie L., Piner, Mrs. M. J., Rabb, Rev. Jas. B., Rainey, Rev. R. G., Randall, Mrs. Mary C., Randle, Rev. J. R., Read, Mrs. Henrietta, Riggan, Helen and Willie, Scoggins, Mrs. Kate, Sellars, Mrs. A. R., Sewell, Mrs. S. E., Shaw, Jane and Mary, Sherrill, Mrs. M. A., Sherwood, Mrs. T. E., Shook, Mrs. Mary G., Simpson, Mrs. J. C., Smith, Mrs. Mattie, Spragins, three children of Rev. E. L., Whittenburg, Mrs. Lucy.

Total \$5200 00

From the contingent fund there was appropriated the following:

Table with columns: Name, Amount: Coppedge, Rev. W. A., Pryor, Rev. W. C., Robbins, Mrs. W. M., White, Rev. J. H.

Total \$582 65

Assessed for conference claimants, 1898-99, \$6500.

P. L. SMITH, Chairman. B. M. BURGHER, Secretary and Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer Church Extension Board.

Receipts and Disbursements.

Table with columns: Dr., To Dallas District, To Terrell District, To Greenville District, To Sulphur Springs District, To Gainesville District, To Paris District, To Bonham District, To Sherman District, To Bowie District, To cash from anniversary, To unpaid subscription, To cash on hand.

Total \$2226 60

Table with columns: Cr., By West Paris, By Hinckley, By Argyle, By Denison, By Woodbine, By Sivil's Bend, By Wolfe City, By Pleasant Hill, By Boyd, By Murphy, By Ballard's Grove, By Chico, By printing minutes, By expense for blanks, By amount to Parent Board, By unpaid subscriptions, By cash balance on hand.

Total \$2266 60

W. B. DASHIELL, Treasurer.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

Inasmuch as the place for holding the next session of our General Conference is left to the selection of a committee; and, inasmuch as the General Conference has not been held in the great Southwest since 1866; and, inasmuch as the city of Dallas, with its elegant hotels and efficient railroad systems, presents many inducements to said committee; we, therefore, most cordially invite them to select Dallas as the place for holding the General Conference in the year 1902.

W. H. HUGHES, O. S. THOMAS.

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Table titled ASSESSMENTS FOR 1898, 1899, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Columns include: Name, 1898, 1899, Total, and various categories like Scale, Bishops, Conference Claimants, Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Church Extension, Education S. W. University, Palne and Lane Institutes, Orphanage, Minute Fund, Total This Year, Total Last Year, Increase, Decrease.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

A sweet and virtuous soul, like seasoned timber, never gives.—George Herbert.

Hospitality is one of the first Christian duties.—Goldsmith.

A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.—Butler.

Premature consolation is but the remembrances of sorrow.—Goldsmith. Painful it is to be misunderstood by those we love.—Hyperion.

Young men soon give and soon forget affronts; old age is slow in both.—Addison.

Never assume to yourself qualities which you do not possess.—Brodie.

Error wounded, writhes with pain, and dies amid her worshippers.—Bryant. What mortal in the world, without inward calling, but would be miserable.—Goethe.

Your fate is but the common fate of all.—Longfellow.

Entertain honor with humility, and poverty with patience.—Fleming.

A man's character is like his shadow, which sometimes follows and sometimes precedes him, and which is occasionally longer, occasionally shorter than he is.—From the French.

Riches have wings, and grandeur is a dream.—Cooper.

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Among other means to that end she requested each alumnae to give a book, or set of books, with the name inscribed and date when her degree was taken, to be preserved as a gift from her to her Alma Mater.

A number of books have been received from friends, who are not graduates; and three volumes, Macaulay's Essays, sent by Mrs. Willie Mountcastle, Sherman, came at once.

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 2, JANUARY 8.

Christ's First Disciples.—John 1:35-46.

Golden Text: "Behold the Lamb of God."—John 1:36.

The time of this lesson, February, A. D. 27. The place of it is Bethabara, near the ford of the Jordan and east of the river. Herod Antipas was Tetrarch of Galilee and Pontius Pilate was Governor of Judea.

Christ had received Baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, and he had gone up into the wilderness and passed the ordeal of his great temptation, and at the time of this lesson he is back at the place of his baptism and under the observation of him who had administered this holy rite to him. Christ was then about thirty years of age, and John was some six months older. In character and mission they were very dissimilar, though in motive and aim they were in perfect harmony. John came to prepare the way; Christ came to walk in that way and to introduce a spiritual kingdom. To do this it was necessary to gather about him some helpers, and to train and teach for service. His work could not be done without the help of human co-operation. In the previous lesson we saw the announcement of the fact that he was divine, and in all points equal with the Father, but here we see the human side of his character and his dependence upon others to aid him in the propagation of his truth. He could not work alone, and it is best for the world that such is the case. We shall now notice the method which he adopted in calling his first disciples:

1. He called two of them through the influence of John the Baptist. As Christ returned from his conflict in the wilderness to the banks of the Jordan, John saw him, and in the presence of a large gathering he said, "Behold the Lamb of God," pointing to Jesus. This was a significant utterance, and it arrested the attention of two of his listeners. The lamb had for ages represented the need of a sacrificial offering. All through the old dispensation it had been dying for the sins of the people, and in its temporary atonement it had been pointing to the coming of One who would become the final propitiation for the sins of the whole world. Now, the Baptist pointed to Christ as the fulfillment of this great expectation—the true Lamb whose atonement would become permanent. Andrew heard this announcement, and another also heard it—probably John the evangelist—and they immediately turned about and followed Christ for an interview. When Christ saw them following him he said, "What seek ye?" And they replied, "Master, where dwellest thou?" And he said, "Come and see." So they went with him to his temporary abode and spent the day in his company. If we only had access to the words that he spoke to them upon that private occasion, what a flood of light they would pour into our minds and hearts! When they came away from that secret retreat, they were his confirmed followers. No honest man can spend a day in the private company of Christ without coming away a firm believer in his truth. They became two of his most earnest disciples. What unconscious influence we often exert. John the Baptist a few months after this went to prison and to death, but the influence of his few simple words upon the minds of Andrew and John, the beloved disciple, abides to this day, and it has multiplied itself a million-fold. Words spoken for Christ can never be lost. The speaker may die, but his gracious words will go on blessing some one.

2. Christ called his third disciple through the instrumentality of Andrew. As soon as this first one received his call and became convinced that he had found the true Lamb of God, he felt constrained to extend a personal invitation to others to come and see for themselves. The first one to whom he went was Simon Peter, his brother, who was also in that vicinity attending upon the ministry of the Baptist. Peter at once heeded the invitation, and his great impulsive nature was soon under the magic spell of the Savior's voice. The matter of his discipleship was at once settled, and he afterwards became the mighty and intrepid leader in the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom. This was the result of the personal solicitation of one who had learned from experience the power of Christ to save. This personal work is the most effectual work that we can do. A man in a vast audience may resist the most wonderful appeal, but when one in whom he

has confidence goes to him in person and importunes him to come to the Savior, the entreaty rarely ever fails. We need more of this personal sort of work in bringing men to Christ. The teacher has a wonderful opportunity in this sphere. Pupils are easily reached by a personal approach.

3. Christ won his fourth disciple by a special invitation of his own. While others were telling the story of their wonderful salvation, he himself was not idle. He was now on his way to Galilee, and he met up with Philip, and without ceremony he said unto him, "Follow me," and he obeyed without hesitancy. He, like the others already called, was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and it was natural that he should be influenced by the example of his associates and countrymen. He was soon a settled disciple. The Savior is still giving to men these personal invitations to become his followers. They are scattered all through his blessed gospel. If you read his sayings you can not go amiss for his wonderful invitations of mercy and love.

4. But Jesus gained his fifth disciple through the special solicitation of Philip. As soon as he felt the touch of this strange love and his nature became aflame, he at once went to his acquaintance and friend, Nathanael, and told him of his experience with this wonderful Person. He said, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth." That word "Nazareth" had odium connected with it, and it aroused the contempt of this proud Galilean, and he said, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip made the only answer that a sneer needs. He said, "Come and see." He himself had been convinced by a personal interview, and he had no fear of the result, if he could get Christ and Nathanael together. This took place some time afterward, and Nathanael became an enthusiastic disciple of the Master. Christ will bear investigation and he courts inquiry. The more the world can know of him the better it will be for humanity. The thing to do is to get people to making inquiry and their conversion will soon follow. The great difficulty in the way of the gospel is, that people will not take the time to think and to investigate. A personal knowledge of the Savior is a matter of conscious ascertainment, and it needs to be intelligently taught.

Some reflections:

1. When we are truly converted the first thing we want to do is to begin a little missionary work right in our own homes.

2. Christ needs our earnest co-operation. Out of these five disciples, four of them were brought to Christ through the personal solicitation of others. Without this, they might never have come to him.

3. It is the duty of every follower of the Master to say both by word and example, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

# THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

January 1, 1899: The Angel Presence for the New Year.—Exod. 23: 20-25.

1. One who travels over an unknown way needs a special guide. Another year, with its toils and hardships, its joys and sorrows, and its success and failure, is now forever gone, and we are standing face to face with another new year. This new year stretches out before us like an untraveled country. To understand it, we will have to travel through it. True, the experience of the years gone by will be of some service to us, but the one just before us has things in store unlike anything through which we have passed. At present we cannot tell what they are. Just here is where our Guide comes in to lead us and to supply us with helps needful for us. "Behold I send an angel before thee to keep thee in the way." This angel is not peculiar to the old covenant, but he belongs to the present dispensation. His help is accessible to us to-day. Right in the beginning of our journey through the new year we can put our hand in His and he will keep us "in the way." If we have this guide the way will be smooth.

2. This Guide is unerring. We are limited in our resources and we cannot see afar off. The immediate future is not known to us. But our Guide knows the future as correctly as he knows the past. To him it is all plain and fully understood. Every rough place, every crook in the path, every steep hill and every short turn in the road is perfectly familiar to Him. Yes, every joy, every sorrow, every shout of triumph, every expression of pain, every

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dark day and every bright day is to Him a matter of personal knowledge. His all-seeing eye beholds it, and his great loving heart experiences it all, even now. He has gone over the way many and many a time, and if we trust Him we cannot go astray. He is in sympathy with us.

3. To get the assistance of this Guide we must obey him. A guide can be of no use to us in an unknown country unless we put ourselves in his care. So in making this journey through this new year we must follow our heavenly Guide. Our wills must be subordinate to his will. We must watch his movements and keep by his side, and when he speaks to us we must heed his voice. We must not stop by the way to serve other gods. Therefore, "Beware of him and obey him; provoke him not, for he will not pardon your transgressions, for my name is in him." Our Guide is a jealous Guide.

4. This Guide will use our every experience along the way to train us for still better service. Every burden that we bear, every hardship that we endure, and every task that we perform under his leadership will work itself into our experience and bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness in our daily lives. As our days come and go, our strength will be sufficient for every trial, and our characters will unfold their excellencies under his tuition. He knows just what he can endure, and when our efforts fail he will put the everlasting arms about us to hold us up.

5. This Guide will supply all of our needs along the way and bring us to the end in triumph. In this undertaking he has never failed, and he will not fail in our case during this year. "Ye shall serve the Lord your God and he shall bless thy bread and thy water, and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." This is the unfailing promise. His resources are unlimited, and his power has no restrictions. Hence, under his guidance, every rough way will be passed, every turbid stream will be safely crossed, every steep hill will be triumphantly climbed and when the end of the journey shall have been completed we will look back and say, "God's hand hath led me all the way through."

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**EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

**BECKVILLE.**

J. M. Mills, Dec. 22: We are here for another year and right glad are we that we do not have to move, especially when we are received back with smiles and kind words, but this is not all. Our W. P. and M. Society have built a new fence around the lot, put a heater in one of the rooms, and last, but not least, a big pounding—canned fruit, ham, sausage, a live turkey, chicken, sugar, coffee, sack flour, china and glassware, dry goods, a pair of new blankets, and other things too numerous to mention. So, you see, we start out for a new year encouraged to do our best for the kind friends on Beckville Circuit. We will try to help you by sending subscribers to the Advocate.

Dr. Timothy Dwight, who has just resigned the presidency of Yale University, is fond of telling the following story of his life as a teacher:

He had under him a young man who was an inveterate shirker of his duties. In order that he might forego attending Church service on Sundays he applied to Tutor Dwight for a seat in the Episcopal Church, thinking that there he might prevail on the college monitor to allow him "cut" now and then with impunity.

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We gave our readers an unusually large paper last week because it was our Christmas number. This week includes the holidays, and we will issue only an eight-page edition of the paper. Many of our exchanges announced no paper for this week, but we will give our readers a regular paper, though slightly reduced in size. We wish all a happy New Year.

Rev. C. W. Perkins, of Lavernia, West Texas Conference, in sending in a list of new subscribers, says: "I am going to make a specialty of the Advocate this year. I am going to try to place it in every Methodist home on this work." Bro. Perkins is an active worker and he will make good his promise, for which he will have the thanks of the Advocate corps. It will pay any preacher a handsome dividend to place the Advocate in the homes of his people.

Our people at Bonham will, in a few days, begin the erection of an \$8000 church to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

One of our exchanges gives an account of a funeral sermon once preached by a Hardshell Baptist preacher of the olden time. The following sentence gives the conclusion of the sermon, "Now, in regard to the deceased, I will say he had horses, and he rid 'em; he had chickens, and he fit 'em, and I have heard that that occasionally he was good at a fire."

We acknowledge the receipt of copies of the minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference, with the compliments of Bro. John M. Parsons and Jerome Duncan. It is a beautifully gotten up publication, conveniently arranged. It contains a handsome likeness of Bishop Galloway. Thanks to the brethren.

REV. F. S. JACKSON.

The death of this good man at Austin, Texas, on December 21, 1898, is a source of regret to a large circle of loving friends. He was born at Friar Point, Mississippi, August 25, 1854. He was converted September, 1871, in the State of Arkansas and at once united with the Church. He was licensed to preach September 11, 1877, in the Monticello District, Arkansas Conference, Rev. J. R. Harvey preacher in charge of the circuit. He came to Texas and was admitted on trial in the North Texas Conference November 30, 1881, at Greenville. He traveled one year in this conference and transferred to the West Texas Conference. But after a few years' work there he located on account of failing health. At the last session of the

Legislature he was elected Chaplain of the State Senate, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a good, noble and true man, loved by all who knew him, and he has gone to a sure reward. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his death.

A HELPFUL SERMON.

Such is the sermon preached some time ago by Rev. R. C. Armstrong, B. D., while pastor of the First Methodist Church in Weatherford, Texas, upon the subject, "Children Cursed for the Want of Parental Restraint." The text is I Sam. 3:13, 14, and from beginning to end the discourse is intensely practical, and it deals with issues that involve the weal of every home. The author is now the pastor of the Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, and a dime inclosed to him will supply you with a copy of this neatly printed sermon. It ought to be in every home in Texas.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend a students' recital at Oak Cliff College, December 20.

Rev. C. B. Carter, of Garland, was in to see us this week and gave an invitation to spend a Sunday with him soon.

Rev. U. V. Wyatt, of the Indian Mission Conference, called on us and gave a good account of his work at Witteville.

Dr. F. B. Carroll, city, and Rev. W. H. Stephenson, of Renner, gave the Advocate a call and spoke kindly to us last week.

Rev. L. L. Naugle and his little son, of Mesquite, gave us a delightful call during the week. He is well pleased with his new work.

Bro. McKamy, of Richardson, Texas, paid the Advocate office a pleasant visit and enjoyed the workings of the typesetting machines.

Rev. T. R. Pierce, recently editor of the Advocate, has a fine article in the last issue of the Nashville Advocate on "Christmas Thoughts."

Prof. W. A. Hemphill, our sweet Texas singer, will be the director of music for the Southern Methodist Leagues at the International Conference at Indianapolis next July.

Rev. C. A. Spragins, of Lancaster, was in to see us this week, and we enjoyed his visit. He looks so much like his sainted brother, Rev. E. L. Spragins, that it does one good to look at him.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the little babe of Bro. and Sister C. V. Bailey, of Waco, and we extend to them our sympathy in their bereavement. May they find comfort in the Saviors promises.

We acknowledge the receipt of a cordial invitation to the marriage of Rev. T. M. Kirk to Miss Ella Dobs, which occurred in the Methodist Church at 3:30 p. m. on the 21st of this month, at Roysie City, Texas.

We regret to learn of the death of Rev. John Carpenter, a supernannate of the Northwest Texas Conference, which occurred on the 21st of December. Bro. C. R. Wright, of Hillsboro Station, attended his funeral, and a more extended notice will be sent us for publication. He was a good man, and died in the faith.

Rev. P. L. Smith and family left Thursday for their new home at Van Alstyne, Texas. During his pastorate of the Methodist Church at this place they made many friends and were exceedingly popular, not only with his congregation, but with members of all denominations, who regret their leaving very much. He is a splendid pastor, an affable gentleman and an able preacher, and the Church at Van Alstyne is to be congratulated on securing his services.—Pilot Point Post-Signal.

We learn that Rev. O. P. Thomas has been changed from Terrell Circuit to Willsboro Station. He takes the place of Rev. C. I. McWhirter.

We are in receipt of a kind note from Dr. Young J. Allen, dated at San Francisco, on his way to China. He wants the Advocate sent to him, so that he may be

able to keep up with the progress of our Church in Texas. He speaks most kindly of his visit to Texas and the reception he met with from all of the brethren. God bless the old veteran on his return to his work.

We are pained to learn of the death, near Tyler, on Christmas night, of Rev. Dr. A. F. Fountain, a worthy and useful local preacher in our Church. His son, Rev. O. C. Fountain, the pastor of Floyd Street, in this city, was called by telegram to the bedside of his father on Saturday before the death occurred. A more extended notice will appear later.

A note from Rev. W. B. McKown facetiously says: "I ought to be allowed to sign my name P. E., but Bishop Galloway did not so order it. I have eight preaching places. There are three towns, each of which ought to have two Sundays per month, and each country appointment ought to have a full day. About all I can do with such a work will be to take subscribers for the Advocate and let it go where I can't." The latter proposition is no doubt good.

From the Dallas Daily News of December 25 we clip the following personal of Rev. W. E. Boggs, pastor of First Methodist Church: "Dr. Boggs is a Virginian, of Scotch-Irish descent; is about forty years of age and a man of splendid physique and commanding presence. He is a classical scholar, educated at the theological seminary of Alexandria, Va., and is said to be forceful, finished and epigrammatic in his style of speaking. He entered the ministry in Virginia in 1881, and was a member of the Western Virginia Conference until 1887, when he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference, in which he remained for five years. Two years of this time he served in the pastorate and three years in educational work as President of the Bellvue College, Institute, located at Columbia, Mo. On account of his wife's ill health he was then transferred south to the Little Rock Conference, and later, for the same reason, to the West Texas Conference, and stationed at Travis Park Church, San Antonio, where he remained until transferred by the Bishop of this conference and appointed pastor of First Church."

We clip the following personal from the Whittier Institute Messenger: "Since our last issue a change in the pastorate has taken place. At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference Rev. E. M. Broyles was appointed pastor of the Methodist Church at this place. From what we have gathered, he is pleasing the brethren generally. Bro. Broyles is a man of very great versatility. He has been a student of more than ordinary grasp. I know of no young man of a more thorough knowledge of English literature than he. His style in the pulpit is his own. His sermons show thoughtful preparation."

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HEARNE AND WHEELOCK.

C. B. Garrett, Dec. 23: We have been on our new work ten days. Were cordially received, pounded fully, and are now "at home" in the parsonage. Much kindness has been shown us. Would mention names, but might overlook some. Have preached to good congregations at Hearne. Go to Wheelock to-morrow. Both pastor and people are expecting to do a good work in Jesus' name this year.

HOUSTON.

Houston Post, Dec. 25: Rev. and Mrs. Seth Ware of the Sheary Methodist Church, have been thoughtfully remembered in a very substantial manner by ladies of the Church congregation in the form of a very handsome Christmas present. It consists of a dozen each of massive sterling silver spoons and forks, also a handsome silver butter knife. A large satin lined case with glass contains the elegant tableware, and the recipients are very appreciative of the thoughtfulness and good will of the ladies among whom they are so pleasantly situated.

WEIMAR.

W. F. Brinson, Dec. 19: At the conference at Houston we were returned to Weimar for the second year. We have received a warm welcome by all, which to us is very pleasant and agreeable. We have also received tokens of appreciation in a more substantial way, of many good things. One sister sent in a few days after conference a pair of fine wool blankets, which were highly appreciated, and as the weather was very cold, they were put to immediate use; and on the 15th we received a general pounding of many things to eat, which will last many days, and some cash. At the close we had four turkeys in the coop. We pray God's blessings upon the donors, and may he give us a gracious year at Weimar and Osage.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

JONESBORO.

Finch M. Winburne, Dec. 17: It was a glad surprise to me this day when there came into my home my old army comrade, Rev. Pert Henderson, whom I have not seen nor heard from since we received our "paroles" at Greensboro, N. C., in 1865. Army of Tennessee, surrendered by Gen. Johnston. He learned I was here and came immediately to my home. He is now a Baptist preacher. We went into the army as headstrong boys and remained in same regiment till the close. He was with me when my precious brother, Capt. Winburne, fell on Chickamauga's bloody field.

GRANBURY ITEMS.

S. J. Vaughan, Dec. 24: We have been kindly received and pounded. Granbury has an intelligent, loyal, solid Methodist membership; an elegant parsonage, but we must have a new church. Rev. E. F. Boone, P. E., made a fine impression at our first Quarterly Conference. The Granbury College is located here. The building is an

elegant piece of property. The college is in its twenty-sixth year and has done much for Methodism. Rev. W. J. Moore and his excellent faculty are doing good work. Many changes have occurred since I entered school here twenty-one years ago. The little village has taken on city proportions. Many of my old schoolmates are here, but they are twenty years older, and some of them leading citizens of the town, and now sending their children to the college. I am well pleased with the Advocate and hope to put it in many more homes.

KERENS.

W. P. Garvin, Dec. 20: After a move of about 250 miles we are here and about settled for the work of another year. Our reception was all that any Methodist preacher could ask. The parsonage was burned last year, and now they have a new one, one of the best in the district—all paid for. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 19th inst. Bro. Bailey was at his post; and notwithstanding the weather was very disagreeable there was a good attendance of officials; almost the entire board present. The stewards planned to care for their preacher, and I believe they will do it.

BROOKHAVEN.

A. W. Waddill, Dec. 20: We are now comfortably settled in the parsonage on our new charge. We preached to an appreciative congregation at Brown's Creek last Sunday at 11 o'clock; in the afternoon at Spring Hill; preached to one man and five ladies—the most attentive congregation we have ever had. The people of this charge have received us kindly, and we are anticipating a pleasant year indeed. We have faith in our Father, God, and he says: "Ask what ye will." So we are asking for a revival of religion in our own hearts and for the conversion of many souls during this year. May God help us as pastors and as people to be faithful to our trust, so that the banner of our God, all stained with the blood of Christ, may never trail in the dust; and that our Zion may travail and bring forth many sons and daughters.

BOSQUEVILLE CIRCUIT.

C. S. Cameron: One round has been made on the Bosqueville Circuit. Notwithstanding the extremely severe weather I have been able to meet each appointment. I have found a kind people here. They have received their pastor with open hand. They have tried to provide for the comfort of this preacher and his family. A new cook stove with attachments, a new set of chairs, with bedstead and springs, so that now we are comfortably situated. Many expressions of kindness and love have found their way into our home and hands. Bro. Rodgers, one of our local preachers, was the leader in providing for our comfort in the parsonage. The ladies of Bosqueville gave us a genuine pounding last Friday of many good things for numbers to mention here. God bless these good women and all others who have had a hand in providing for our comfort and welfare. I shall endeavor to give this people the best year of my life. Some work has been done and we are looking for a year of success in this field.

WEATHERFORD.

Hubert D. Kniekerbocker, Dec. 23: At the last session of the West Texas Conference we transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference to take "pot luck" in this part of the moral vegetable garden. The dish of "pot luck" the Bishop gave us had bacon and greens and "dumplings" in it. We are enjoying the dish very much. We were received with sincere and warm cordiality into the conference and at Weatherford. This is a beautiful, healthy, cultured town and a delightful place to live. The field is inviting for sowing and reaping. We have had fifteen or twenty accessions since conference. Our congregations are full and the prayer-meeting has more than quadrupled in attendance. We are about to make \$1000 worth of improvements on the parsonage and are planning \$1500 worth of improvements on the church building. The Board of stewards left the pastor's salary at \$1500 a year, but made an advance by deciding to pay each month's salary in full by a check on the bank. This arrangement adds considerably to the convenience of the situation. The President of the Board, Bro. "Mac" Cameron, is an ideal officer. He "lays awake nights," if necessary, in planning his work. He has able helpers. My predecessors have wrought well. We are heirs of their labors. We will make the legacy grow, with God's help.

ARLINGTON.

E. V. Cox: Please say that we had a gracious service on "prayer and fasting day," and that my League is flourishing.

SPRINGTOWN.

E. J. Maxwell: After a long move, coming down through the mountains of Palo Pinto County from Carbon, in Eastland County, we reached Springtown on Friday, December 2, and found our people ready and waiting to give us a cordial welcome; and on Saturday night following our arrival we met with a genuine pounding. Although we were tired and worn from our long journey, and not well fitted up for entertaining our guests, yet we were glad to see them and to form their acquaintance. We have found them to be a big, warm-hearted people, who know how to make the preacher and wife feel at home among them, and I shall in return for their kindness do them the best year's work that it is possible for me to do. Our first Quarterly Conference convened on the 16th of this month, and our new presiding elder, Bro. Morris, was on hand, and looked well after all the interests of the Church and preached a fine discourse to the delight and comfort of my people. The official members were found at their post of duty.

with good reports. The stewards have the work in hand and have already paid about one-fifth of the assessment. We are hoping, trusting and praying for a good year. But I would not forget those I have left behind. The ladies of Carbon made me a present of a fine suit of clothes at the close of my labors among them, which was highly appreciated. The people of Carbon have a warm place in our affection that will linger with us through life.

RODGERS.

Mac M. Smith, Dec. 24: We enter our new field with delight. We have been warmly met by many noble hearts. We never enter a new conference year without being brought under renewed obligations and a deepened sense of gratitude to Almighty God. There is much work to be done here. May God help us to lead some souls to Christ. We are pleased to note several local preachers here who are true helpers. The officials we have met express considerable interest in Church matters. We are greatly encouraged to go forward. We find some Advocates here. It is certainly a great paper, and we expect for it a great future.

NOTES FROM THE BROWNWOOD DISTRICT.

J. W. Fort: At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference the writer was read out to Blanket Circuit, in the Brownwood District. At first we trembled. Somehow the preachers in the conference have gotten the idea in their minds that this is a hard field. In the past it might have been, but at present, to our mind, it has the brightest future of any district in the conference. Every pastor is on the field and from every charge comes the news of advancement along all lines. The district is largely manned by young men, full of enthusiasm, able to endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. At the head of this consecrated band is Rev. O. F. Sen-sabaugh, the present presiding elder—a man yet in the thirties. We fully agree with a statement made by Bro. Duncan at Brownwood that it is advisable to put young men in the elder-ship—men who are soul-winners. We are sure a district soon catches the spirit of the presiding elder. Think of a presiding elder holding a Quarterly Conference on a charge and then going to almost every appointment, stirring up the people, visiting the officials and planning for an uplift along all lines of Church work. A man like this can demand something of his men—and not one man out of fifty will fail to follow when having before him such a leader. Another thing, we find out here is our people are loyal and liberal. This writer had a circuit a few years ago, in one of the eastern districts of four hundred and twenty members, and yet they only assessed four hundred dollars. Here we only have three hundred and eleven members and they have assessed five hundred and seventy-five dollars. But we must say that in this country something is demanded of the pastor. We are planning to visit all of our members once a quarter, praying in their homes, etc. We believe if a preacher will do this, he will in a measure have success.

MOODY.

A. E. Carraway: Prospects bright for a good year. Preacher received a hearty welcome. Usual pounding and good crowds to hear him preach, with a general spirit of co-operation.

HASKELL.

M. I. Moody: We are in our place and have begun our third year's work. First Quarterly Conference over; our presiding elder was with us, and got "snow-bound" from Thursday till Monday. We have been very kindly received by all the people here, for which we feel glad. Have also had many solid expressions of appreciation in a nice little pounding. We start with the hope of doing the best year's work of our life. Our League is doing finely; no finer young people anywhere than we have in Haskell. Sunday-school doing well; expecting much.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

McKINNEY.

E. H. Casey, Dec. 19: Had a good day yesterday; large crowd; two penitents at the altar last night; good interest in the Church. Have been kindly received, pounded in due and ancient form, and expect this to be the best year of my life. We will expect you, Mr. Editor, to come and see. (So we will.—Ed.)

ECTOR.

J. C. Weaver, Dec. 18: We landed in Ector and set up for housekeeping on Tuesday after the first Sunday in December, and the first night we were visited by the good people of Ector; and they of course left with us the dining-table loaded with good things. So we have received a hearty welcome to our new work, and of course we want to do our best for them. Our first Quarterly Conference is over. We had



MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At Chappell, Texas, December 14, 1898, Mr. M. R. Stockton, of Chappell, Texas, and Miss Fannie P. Rankin, of Chappell, Texas, Rev. L. G. Watkins officiating.

Mr. J. E. Jones, of Hickory Creek and Miss Alice Stephens, of Oak Ridge community, were united in marriage in a buggy, at the parsonage, in Guber, Pecos County, Texas, Dec. 21, 1898, Rev. A. H. Husey officiating.

December 18, 1898, at the residence of the bride's father, near Elm Mott, Texas, Mr. R. A. Stewart and Miss Sallie Long, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.

December 13, 1898, at the Methodist Church, Mr. W. C. Holly and Miss Oble McManis, all of Potosi, Texas, Rev. H. C. Jolly officiating.

December 25, 1898, at the Methodist Church in Marlin, Texas, Mr. J. G. Bradley and Miss Maggie Bryant, of Clinton, Texas, Rev. W. Wootton officiating.

In a buggy, at the gate of the writer, December 29, 1898, by Rev. Daniel Morgan, Mr. Rollin Ross and Miss Belle Anderson, all of Lometa, Texas.

At the residence of the bride, December 21, 1898, Mr. John B. Daybridge, of Marshall, Texas, and Mrs. G. R. Ehlig, of Aensley, La.

Mr. D. C. Price, of Indian Creek, Brown County, Texas, and Miss Mattie Oliver, of Pleasant Ridge, Guadalupe County, Texas, were married in a buggy in front of the Methodist parsonage, at Staples, Texas, December 21, 1898, Rev. J. T. Graham officiating.

In the Methodist Church at Royse, Texas, December 21, 1898, Rev. T. M. Kirk, pastor of Klinton Circuit, North Texas Conference, and Miss Ella Dodson, of Royse, Texas, Rev. D. T. Brown officiating.

In the Methodist Church at San Marcos, Texas, on December 22, 1898, Mr. Paul L. Watson and Miss Willie E. Rossen, by Rev. M. S. Gardner.

At the home of Jackson Brown, near Richland, Navarro County, Texas, December 21, 1898, Mr. Martin M. Prime and Miss Mattie Cash, Rev. Jackson Brown officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents, Plantersville, Texas, December 12, 1898, Mr. W. F. Baker and Miss Mary Alice Wise, Rev. Chas. U. McLarty officiating.

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East Texas Conference.

Pittsburg District—First Round. Pittsburg sta., at Pittsburg, Jan. 1, 2. Queen City, at Queen City, Jan. 7, 8.

Atlanta sta., at Atlanta, Jan. 8, 9. Gilmer sta., at Gilmer, Jan. 14, 15. Winfield cir., at Bridge's Chapel, Jan. 21, 22.

Mt. Pleasant sta., at Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 22, 23. New Boston, at New Boston, Jan. 23. Dalby and DeKalb, at Dalby, Jan. 28, 29.

Fairview and Rose Hill, at Fairview, Feb. 4, 5. Texarkana, State Line, at State Line, Feb. 5, 6.

Naples cir., at Naples, Feb. 10, 11. Linden cir., at Douglasville, Feb. 11, 12. Dalgardfeld cir., at Hughes Springs, Feb. 18, 19.

Redwater mis., at Redwater, Feb. 25, 26. Quitman cir., at Quitman, Wed. March 1. Leesburg cir., at Reeves' Chapel, Mar. 4, 5.

Musgrove cir., at South Chapel, Mar. 11, 12. The District Stewards will meet in the Methodist Church at Pittsburg on January 5, 1899, at 1 p. m. T. P. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round. Nacogdoches sta., at Nacogdoches, Jan. 7, 8. Tenaha cir., at Tenaha, Jan. 14, 15.

Garrison cir., at Garrison, Jan. 21, 22. Center cir., at New Prospect, Jan. 28, 29. Carthage cir., at Carthage, Feb. 4, 5.

Lufkin cir., at Lufkin, Feb. 11, 12. Homer cir., at Homer, Feb. 18, 19. Melrose cir., at Simpson's Camp, Feb. 25, 26.

Appleby mis., at Pine Grove, Mar. 4, 5. Shelbyville cir., at Shelbyville, Mar. 11, 12. Minden cir., at Locklin, Mar. 18, 19.

Sexton cir., at Sexton, Mar. 25, 26. Hemphill mis., at Hemphill, April 1. San Augustine and Childs, at P'n's Apr. 8.

Let every official member who reads this notice make arrangements to attend the Quarterly Meeting of his charge. On the round plans for the new year are to be made. That we may plan wisely, let us attend the Quarterly Meetings praying that the Holy Spirit may guide us. The past year in many respects was the best in our history; we must, by God's help, make this better. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round. Edgerton cir., at Edgerton, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

Keokuk cir., at Warren, Jan. 7, 8. Cheatey mis., at Pine Grove, Jan. 14, 15. Livingston cir., at Moscow, Jan. 21, 22.

Legett mis., at Elmwood, Jan. 28, 29. Sabine Pass and Port Arthur, at Port Arthur, Feb. 4, 5.

Orange sta., at Orange, Feb. 11, 12. Port Bolivar, at Port Bolivar, Feb. 18, 19.

Beaumont mis., at Amelia, Feb. 25, 26. Jasper and Kirbyville, at Kirbyville, Feb. 25, 26.

Jasper mis., at Magnolia, March 4, 5. Burkeville cir., at Burkeville, March 11, 12.

Newton mis., at Newton County, Tramm, March 25, 26. District Stewards' meeting at Beaumont January 4, 7:30 p. m. T. E. Milam, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. Edom, at Holly Spring, Jan. 14, 15. Tronpe and Overton, at O., Jan. 21, 22.

New York, at Oak Grove, Jan. 28, 29. Golden sta., at Golden, Jan. 29, 30. Golden mis., at Golden, Friday, Feb. 5.

Mimsola, at Canton, Feb. 11, 12. Canton, at Canton, Feb. 18, 19.

Tyler, Marvin, March 19, 20. Emory, at Emory, March 25, 26. The Tyler District Stewards will meet at Marvin Church in Tyler on Thursday, January 5, 1899, at 1 o'clock p. m. John Adams, P. E.

North Texas Conference.

Paris District—First Round. Lamar Avenue, Paris, Dec. 25. Woodland cir., at Woodland, Dec. 31.

Blossom and Reno, at Blossom, Jan. 1, 2. West Paris, at West Paris, Jan. 7, 8.

Centenary, Paris, Jan. 8, 9. Annona cir., at Williams' chap., Jan. 14, 15.

Emberson cir., at Mt. Tabor, Jan. 21, 22. Rosalie cir., at Rosalie, Jan. 28, 29.

Roxton, at Roxton, Feb. 4, 5. Deport, at Deport, Feb. 11, 12.

Lake Creek cir., at Brushy Mound, Feb. 18, 19. Maxey, at Round Prairie, Feb. 25, 26.

Powderly mis., at Palestine, March 4, 5. W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Cedar Hill, Dec. 24. Oak Cliff, Dec. 25.

Gocharan, at Gocharan, 11 a. m., Jan. 1. Oak Lawn, at Oak Lawn, 7 p. m., Jan. 1.

Louisville, at Louisville, Jan. 8, 9. White Church, at White Church, Jan. 15, 16.

West Dallas, at West Dallas, Jan. 22, 23. Lancaster, at Lancaster, 11 a. m., Jan. 22.

Haskell Avenue, at Haskell Avenue, 7 p. m., Jan. 22. Wheatland, at Wheatland, Jan. 29, 30.

Trinity, at Trinity, Feb. 5. John H. McLean, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round. Gober, at Gober, 4th Sun Dec. 27.

Bailey, at Bailey, 1st Sun Jan. 3. Dodd, at Dodd, 2d Sun Jan. 10.

Honey Grove, at Honey Grove, 3d Sun Jan. 17. Petty, at Petty, 4th Sun Jan. 24.

White Rock, at White Rock, 5th Sun Jan. 31. Ladonia, at Ladonia, 1st Sun Feb. 7.

Brookston, at Brookston, 2d Sun Feb. 14. Randolph, at Randolph, 3d Sun Feb. 21.

Trenton, at Trenton, 4th Sun Feb. 28. Lannus, at Lannus, 1st Sun Mar. 6.

Fannin, at Fannin, 2d Sun Mar. 13. The District Stewards will meet in the Methodist church in Bonham, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1899. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. Whitesboro sta., at Whitesboro, Dec. 24, 25.

Gollinsville cir., at Gollinsville, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Sherman cir., at Sherman, Jan. 7, 8.

Pottsville and Preston, at Pottsville, Jan. 14, 15. Willow Street, at Willow Street, Jan. 21, 22.

Travis Street, at Travis Street, Jan. 28, 29. Van Alstyne, at Van Alstyne, Jan. 28, 29.

Howe cir., at Howe, Feb. 4, 5. Deulson sta., at Deulson, Feb. 11, 12.

Pilot Grove, at Pilot Grove, Feb. 18, 19. Whitewright, at Whitewright, Feb. 25, 26.

Whitesboro cir., at Whitesboro, March 4, 5. Gordonville, at Gordonville, March 11, 12.

Gunters mis., at Gunters, March 18, 19. J. R. Wages, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round. Terrell cir., at College Mound, Dec. 24, 25.

Renner, at Renner, Dec. 27. Plano sta., at Plano, Dec. 28.

Rockwall, at Rockwall, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Wylie, at Wylie, Jan. 1, 2.

Garland sta., at Garland, Jan. 8, 9. Forney, at Forney, Jan. 8, 9.

Mesquite, at Mesquite, Jan. 15, 16. Reinhardt, at Reinhardt, Jan. 15, 16.

Crandall, at Crandall, Jan. 22, 23. Kemp, at Beckers, Jan. 22, 23.

Gray's Prairie, at Jones' Chapel, Jan. 29, 30. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Nocona sta., at Nocona, Dec. 30.

Montague, at Montague, Dec. 31. Henrietta, at Henrietta, at night, Jan. 6.

Benavene, at Benavene, at night, Jan. 7. St. Jo, at St. Jo, at night, Jan. 13.

Boneta, at Boneta, Jan. 14, 15. Belcher, at Belcher, Jan. 15, 16.

Marysville, at Elm, Jan. 21, 22. Boston, at Hardy, Jan. 22, 23.

Texas Conference.

Austin District—First Round.

Elgin sta., at Elgin, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Smithville sta., at Smithville, Jan. 1, 2.

Webberville cir., at Webberville, Jan. 7, 8. Manor sta., at Manor, Jan. 8, 9.

Cedar Creek cir., at C. C., Jan. 14, 15. Bastrop sta., at Bastrop, Jan. 15, 16.

Flintonia sta., at Flintonia, Jan. 21, 22. Weimar and Weimar, at Weimar, Jan. 22, 23.

Colunbus sta., at Colunbus, Jan. 28, 29. Eagle Lake and Rock P'd, at E. L., Jan. 29, 30.

West Point cir., at West Point, Feb. 4, 5. Latigrange sta., at Latigrange, Feb. 5, 6.

Austin, Tenth Street, at Tenth Street, Feb. 11, 12. Austin, Hotelkiss Memorial, at Hotelkiss Memorial, Feb. 12, 13.

Merriltown and Walnut, at W., Feb. 18, 19. Austin, First Street, at First Street, Feb. 25, 26.

South Austin, at South Austin, Feb. 26, 27. Manahan cir., at Moore's Sch'l H., Mar. 4, 5.

McDade cir., at Morgan Chapel, Feb. 11, 12. Cypress mis., at Cypress, Mar. 18, 19.

The District Stewards of Austin District will please meet at Elgin, Friday, December 30, at 4:30 p. m., at Methodist Church, Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

Shearn, Dec. 11, conference Feb. 27, 7:30 p. m.

Tabernacle, Dec. 11, p. m., conference Feb. 29, 7:30 p. m.

St. John's, Dec. 18, a. m., conference Jan. 30, 7:30 p. m.

St. James, Dec. 18, night, conference Jan. 31, 7:30 p. m.

Washington Street, Dec. 25, a. m., conference Feb. 21, 7:30 p. m.

McAhan Chapel, Dec. 25, night, conference Feb. 23, 7:30 p. m.

Dayton, at Dayton, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Bay Shore mis., at Deep Water, Jan. 7, 8.

Angleton, at Angleton, Jan. 14, 15. Columbia and Brazoria at C., Jan. 15, 16.

El Campo, at El Campo, Jan. 22, 23. W. V. at W. V., Jan. 28, 29.

West End, Galveston, Wed. night, Feb. 1. Sunday Point, at Sandy Point, Feb. 4, 5.

Richmond, at Richmond, Feb. 8, 9. Wharton and Hungerford, at H., Feb. 11, 12.

Cedar Bayou, at Alexan's Chapel, Feb. 18, 19. McKee Street, at McKee Street, Wed. night, Feb. 22.

Wickliffe, at Wickliffe, Feb. 25, 26. Rosenberg, at Big Creek, March 4, 5.

Matagorda, at Bay City, March 11, 12. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.

Navasota, at Navasota, Jan. 1, 2. Hempstead, at Hempstead, Jan. 8, 9.

Anderson, at Anderson, Jan. 14, 15. Huntsville, at Huntsville, Jan. 22, 23.

Prairie Plains cir., at U. Grove, Jan. 29, 30. Dodge cir., at Black Jack, Feb. 4, 5.

Montgomery, at Montgomery, Feb. 12, 13. Cold Springs, at Cold Springs, Feb. 18, 19.

Conroe, at Conroe, Feb. 25, 26. Millican, at Millican, March 4, 5.

Zion cir., at Zion, March 8, 9. Madisonville cir., at M., March 11, 12.

Bryan, at Bryan, March 18, 19. Courtney and Plantersville, at Stoneham, March 25, 26.

Waller cir., at Macedonia, March 25, 26. The District Stewards will please meet me at Conroe, on Wednesday, February 8, 1899, at 2:30 p. m. J. C. Mickle, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round.

Kosse cir., at Kosse, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Kosse sta., at Kosse, Jan. 1, 2.

Remond and Rengan, at Remond, Jan. 7, 8. Personville cir., at Personville, Jan. 14, 15.

Fairfield cir., at Fairfield, Jan. 15, 16. Jewett cir., at Jewett, Jan. 22, 23.

Cold Springs, at Cold Springs, Feb. 18, 19. Rogers Prairie, at Rogers Prairie, Jan. 29, 30.

Franklin cir., at Franklin, Feb. 4, 5. Franklin sta., at Franklin, Feb. 5, 6.

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Canyon City, at C. C., Jan. 11. Silverton and Tulla, at Tulla, Jan. 15. Flatview, at Flatview, Jan. 14, 15.

Manzum, at Manzum, Feb. 18, 19. Altus, at Altus, Feb. 21. District Stewards will meet at Vernon, January 3, at 7 p. m. C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Abilene District—First Round.

Colorado sta., at Colorado, Dec. 29. Colorado cir., at Colorado, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

Snyder cir., at Snyder, Jan. 7, 8. Anson cir., at Anson, Jan. 11, 12.

Cottonwood cir., at Cottonwood, Jan. 14, 15. Clarendon cir., at Clarendon, Jan. 18, 19.

Roby cir., at Roby, Jan. 21, 22. Clear Fork mis., at Clear Fork, Jan. 24. Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

Meridian, at Meridian, Dec. 24, 25. Oglesby, at Oglesby, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

Lampasas, at Lampasas, Jan. 7, 8. Lampasas mis., at Lampasas, 11 a. m., Jan. 10.

Conover Cove, at Conover Cove, Jan. 14, 15. Killeen, at Killeen, 11 a. m., Jan. 17.

Rockhaven, at Rockhaven, 11 a. m., Jan. 18. Coryell City, at Coryell City, Jan. 21, 22.

Jonesboro, at Jonesboro, Jan. 28, 29. Hamilton, at Hamilton, a. m., Jan. 29.

Harmony, at Harmony, Feb. 4, 5. Ewart mis., at Ewart, 11 a. m., Feb. 10.

Bee House, at Bee House, Feb. 11, 12. J. G. Putman, P. E.

Waxahatche District—First Round.

Waxahatche sta., at Waxahatche, Dec. 24, 25.

Alvarado sta., at Alvarado, 11 a. m., Dec. 29. Forrester cir., at Collins Ch'l, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

Palmer cir., at Dixon's Ch'l, 11 a. m., Jan. 2. Venus and St. P., at St. P., 11 a. m., Jan. 7.

Middleton sta., at Middleton, 7 p. m., Jan. 7, 8. Hardwell cir., at Oak Grove, 11 a. m., Jan. 14.

Brookville cir., at Brookville, Jan. 14, 15. Lovelace cir., at Woodbury, Jan. 14, 15.

Red Oak cir., at Ovilla, Jan. 21, 22. Mount's Peak cir., at Oak Branch, Jan. 28, 29.

Crisen cir., at Wins Chapel, 11 a. m., Feb. 3. Ferrel cir., at Ferrel, Feb. 4, 5.

Ennis sta., at Ennis, Feb. 11, 12. Horace Bishop, P. E.

Waco District—First Round.

East Waco, at East Waco, Dec. 25, 26. Morrow Street, at Morrow Street, Dec. 25, 26.

Waco, Fifth Street, at Waco, Jan. 1, 2. Brensville, at Eddy, Jan. 7, 8.

Troy, at Troy, Jan. 8, 9. Morgan, at Morgan, 7 p. m., Jan. 12.

Peoria, at Bethel, Jan. 14, 15. Whitney, at Whitney, Jan. 15, 16.

Abbot, at Belle Springs, Jan. 21, 22. Rosineville, at Wesley Chapel, Jan. 28, 29.

Wart, at Lone Oak, Feb. 4, 5. Mt. Elm, at Mt. Elm, Feb. 11, 12.

Lorena, at Lorena, Feb. 18, 19. Moody, at Moody, Feb. 19, 20.

Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

First ch., Weatherford, at 1st ch., Dec. 25.

Brownwood District—First Round. Bangs, at Bangs, Dec. 24, 25. Indian Creek, at Aswait Chapel, Dec. 31, Jan. 3.

San Angelo District—First Round. Menardville and Junction, at Menardville and Junction, 4th Sun Dec. 27.

Llano District—First Round. Selma cir., at Selma, 1st Sun Jan. 3. Randa and Medina, at Randa, 1st Sun Jan. 3.

San Marcos District—First Round. San Marcos sta., at San Marcos, Dec. 24, 25. Belmont cir., at Nixon, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

Cuero District—First Round. Cuero sta., at Cuero, Dec. 24. Clear Creek cir., at Clear Creek, Dec. 24.

Beeville District—First Round. Oakville cir., at Oakville, Dec. 21. Wade cir., at Wade, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

San Antonio District—First Round. Pearsall, at Pearsall, Jan. 1. San Miguel mis., at San Miguel, Jan. 4.

Corleiana District—First Round. Harry cir., at Cook's H., Dec. 24, 25. Hubbard sta., at Hubbard City, Dec. 29.

Georgetown District—First Round. Round Rock, at Round Rock, Dec. 29. Georgetown, at Georgetown, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

Vernon District—First Round. Vernon, at Vernon, Dec. 24, 25. Crownell, at Margaret, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

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BERRY.—Bro. J. A. S. Berry, was born in Smith County, Texas, Sept. 5, 1851, and died at Waco, Texas, November 3, 1898.

J. H. WISEMAN. Ben Wheeler, Texas.

ARNOLD.—Little Emmet, son of I. W. and F. E. Arnold, was born December 5, 1896, at Sealy, Texas, and died at Paul's Valley, Indian Territory, October 10, 1898.

MRS. S. M. MARTIN.

HAYNES.—Helen A. Haynes, daughter of Carrie C. and Payton Haynes, was born December 22, 1894, and departed this life October 22, 1898.

ELLIOT.—On November 1, 1898, the death angel entered the home of G. H. Elliot, and when it winged its way back to heaven it carried the spirit of his loving wife, Mattie L. Elliot.

J. H. LOWRIMORE. Dawson, Texas.

LANCASTER.—Florence Lancaster was born September 13, 1896; died November 29, 1898. Florence was an exceptionally bright and beautiful little girl, and was the pride and joy of fond parents and loving brothers and sisters.

C. W. DENNIS.

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JEWEL.—Talley W., son of G. B and C. E. Jewel, was born July 12, 1880, and fell asleep December 1, 1898, in El Paso, Texas, of that dreaded disease, small-pox.

S. A. BARNES, P. C. Graham, Texas.

TONN.—John Alexander Emil Tonn, son of Gustav and Antonette Tonn (now Mrs. Kelley) was born in Washington County, Texas, September 25, 1882.

CHAS. U. McLARTY. Stoneham, Texas.

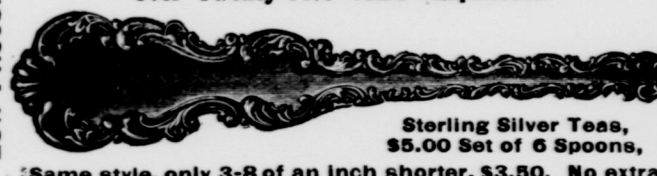
HAMILL.—Sister Estelle Louzora Hamill (nee White) was born in South Carolina, August 23, 1886. She came with her parents to Texas in 1881, and was married to Bro. T. B. Hamill July 26, 1883.

HUTCHISON.—Mamie Blanche Hutchison was born January 8, 1871, in Karnes County, Texas. She was the only child of Judge J. D. and M. M. Hutchison.

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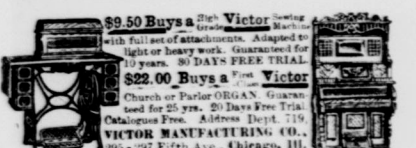
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Dear Brethren: You will recall in the near future the literature from our Board of Education seeking your cooperation in their plans. As Secretary of Education for the conference I venture to exhort you to heartily help forward this great movement.

JOHN R. ALLEN, Secretary of Education.

HISTORICAL.

For light reading we note a few points connected with Methodism in the South, east of the Mississippi.

An Episcopal gentleman remarked that Methodism received a "boost" in Georgia from the visit of John Wesley, whereas he was not a Methodist at the time of his visit, and while in that territory taught anything else than Methodism.

John Wesley conducted the first Sunday-school in America at Savannah, Ga., in 1736.

Geo. Whitefield was really the first Methodist preacher who visited America and preached on our shores.

Cornelius Winter, in 1769, an Englishman, was the first missionary to the negroes in America.

Smith in his history says Methodism had over 12,000 members in her fold before an Episcopal Bishop ever visited Georgia.

After the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784 the first Methodist preacher (Beverly Allen) was sent to Georgia the following year.

When the Church was first organized there were only 10,000 Methodists in America, and three years after South Carolina and Georgia were thrown into one district and James Foster made presiding elder.

John Andrew, the father of Bishop Andrew, is said to have been the first native Georgian admitted into the traveling connection.

Asbury, in his journal, tells us that the first South Carolina Conference, which included also the States of North Carolina and Georgia, met at a private house in a chamber twelve feet square in 1794, in which chamber the entire conference had to sleep and eat, one member being in bed sick. This year the entire States of South Carolina and Georgia were placed in one district and Philip Bruce was ap-

pointed presiding elder. There were only three circuits.

Like some other preachers, Bishop Asbury once preached at White Oaks, near Augusta, Ga., and had to ride fifteen miles before any one would invite him to dinner, and after dinner he swam Little River.

At the first General Conference after organization of the Church the allowance of preachers was fixed at \$64.00, the same for a wife and nothing for children.

At the following General Conference a motion to adopt a delegated General Conference was negatived, after which the same preacher (Tolleson) moved that preachers be allowed \$80.00, which was carried, at which conference also Ezekiel Cooper, as a salary of \$250 annually, took charge of the entire publishing interests of American Methodism.

Lorenzo Dow is believed to have been the first Protestant and the first Methodist who ever preached in Alabama.

In 1811 there were only three stations in Georgia, one of them (Savannah) with only three members, and some years afterwards the number had increased to only six. Here is where the Episcopal brother says John Wesley gave Methodism a "boost."

H. G. H.

GREETING IN ACROSTIC.

All is but lip wisdom which wants experience.—South.

Confidence is a plant of slow growth in an aged bosom.—Chatham.

He that is much flattered soon learns to flatter himself.—Johnson.

Real glory springs from the silent conquest of ourselves.—Carlyle.

I dare do all that may become a man; none dare do more.—Shakespeare.

So live that, sinking in thy last long sleep, calm thou mayest be, while all around thee weep.—Sir Wm. Jones.

The greatest facts, without discretion, may be fatal to the owner.—Hume.

More faith lives in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds.—Tennyson.

All that tread the globe are but a handful to the myriad that slumber in its bosom.—Bryant.

Search others for their virtue, thyself for thy fault.—Proverb.

God asserts eternal providence and justifies his ways to men.—Milton.

Revenge at first though sweet, bitter ere long, back on itself recoils.—The Bard.

Excellence is never granted to man but as the reward of labor.—Reynolds.

Envy withers at another's joys and hates that excellence it cannot reach.—Thomson.

The noblest spur unto the sons of fame is thirst of honor.—John Hall.

If your love raises and exalts you, you are safe.—Hamilton.

Nothing but sin can draw us away from God.—Beecher.

God pity us all who vainly the dreams of youth recall.—Whittier.

Compiled by J. M. N.

Nocona, Texas.

FROM BRO. TOWSON.

During six weeks the good people of Texas gave 966 subscriptions to the Review of Missions, besides a number of renewals. Over 400 of the new subscribers are preachers. To these and to the old subscribers among the preachers, I want to say that in each case the Review will be sent to your last year's address, unless otherwise ordered.

If your appointment was changed, and you have not already done so, please notify Rev. W. R. Lambuth, Nashville, Tenn. (not Barbee & Smith) of the new address. If your Review does not reach you by the middle of January, please write Dr. Lambuth, and the error will be corrected. Subscriptions are coming in very rapidly, and the office wants to use all available methods to prevent confusion.

Some one of the Beaumont Conference enclosed a quarter in a subscription envelope, but failed to write the name or address. If the person who did so will forward the full address to Dr. Lambuth, the Review will be sent them.

To those who may read this, who do not receive the Review of Missions, I want to state that this magazine, the official organ of the Board of Missions, is now being offered to all new subscribers for one year for 25 cents. This offer will hold good till April 1st. The regular subscription price is \$1. The Review of Missions is a 64-page monthly, very well printed and nicely illustrated. It contains full reports of what our Methodism is doing in the

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After spending over eight years in little Japan, the land of the petite, Texas, "the biggest single thing I ever saw," oppressed me with its magnitude; so, also, with Texas Methodism. We have nothing equal to it in all of our beloved Zion. May its shadow never grow less! But may it, in all those interests and departments that constitute a loyal and true part of Southern Methodism, increase more and more, and may the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit be with you richly this year and ever!

The names and the faces of many kind friends who endeared themselves to me by their warm hospitality, many kindnesses and the frequent assurances of their prayers are warmly cherished and their memory will ever be a precious legacy of my visit to Texas. I am a better man for having come in contact with Texas Methodists, and my work in Japan will be lighter because of your prayers for me and mine. Yours in the Methodist service, W. E. TOWSON.

Nashville, Tenn.

SANGER.

Less than thirty-five years ago the present town site of Sanger lay in the well-beaten way of the red man, as with the grizzly hauteur of the crude forester, he pursued his return from the slaughter of the pioneer settler to his retreat in the wilds of the headwaters of the Brazos or Canadian Rivers.

In those days Sanger, like many other towns in Texas, was not known by the name it bears, nor by her monuments to the hand of industry and science that mark the way of the Man of Peace; but, as Dr. H. M. Pirtle, in his treatise on ethnology, tersely puts it, "Yonker is the hill and here is the creek," said the man of the bow, "and we know that this is the place." Sanger has a settled population of 700, with an easy proximate of 2,000 under ordinary conditions two years hence.

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Rev. C. L. Miller, who supplied Rosston till conference, will be in evidence during the year; so also will Brother Isbel, who is a power in the land. We have other local brethren that I have not met with. To Drs. Fields and Pirtle let me say, there is nothing to read "between the lines;" that while Old Sol is obscured by the drifting clouds of snow he has the saddle.

The "ee-ce-sig-num" is again present, and the bonds of peace, like the bow of promise, overarching our home and sky. We're in the push. JOEL S. GRAVES.

Prayer is listening, as well as telling.

Many are sick of evil, without the courage to be well.—Ram's Horn.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Dec. 22.—E. C. Keith, sub. W. C. Bruce, sub. W. J. Crawford, sub. Jas. A. Walker, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. V. A. Godbey, o. s.; thanks, D. W. Gardner, sub. and trial sub. W. W. Graham, trial sub. N. C. Little, sub. Dec. 23.—S. J. Drake, sub. J. L. Kennedy, sub. W. F. Brinson, sub. Dec. 24.—W. K. Simpson, sub. Marier Mills, change made, J. A. Black, has attention, G. J. Little, sub. C. W. Perkins, sub. J. J. Clark, sub. Dec. 26.—J. L. White, sub. Albert Little, we "sube." C. C. Williams, sub. Has attention, C. Williamson, sub. C. M. Shuffler, sub.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. R. M. Morris, Floydada, Texas. Rev. A. A. Kidd, Malakoff, Texas. Rev. W. H. Moss, Arlington, Texas. Rev. R. F. Dunn, Harbin, Texas. Rev. G. N. Thomas, Winchelsea, Texas.

Marshall District—First Round.

Longview sta. .... Jan. 7, 8 Marshall sta. .... Jan. 14, 15 Kellyville cir. at Kellyville. .... Jan. 21, 22 Jefferson sta. .... Jan. 25 Harrison cir. at Winterfield. .... Jan. 28, 29 North Side .... Feb. 4, 5 Beckville cir. at Beckville. .... Feb. 11, 12 Kilgore cir. at Kilgore. .... Feb. 18, 19 Henderson sta. .... Feb. 25, 26 Arderton cir. .... March 4, 5 Henderson cir. at Stovall. .... March 11, 12 Church Hill, at Pleasant Hill. .... March 18, 19 Coffeyville cir. .... March 25, 26 District Stewards, please meet at Longview, Friday, January 6, 1899, at 2 p. m. L. M. Fowler, P. E.

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Crockett sta. at Crockett. .... 1st Sun Jan Rock sta. at Rock. .... 2d Sun Jan Jacksonville sta. at Jacksonville. .... 3d Sun Jan Palestine sta. at Palestine. .... 4th Sun Jan Brusley Creek cir. at Neches. .... 5th Sun Jan Edhart cir. at Edhart. .... 1st Sun Feb Crockett cir. at Pleasant G. .... 2d Sun Feb Grape land cir. at Grape land. .... 3d Sun Feb Alto cir. at Mt. Zion. .... 4th Sun Feb Wells mts. at Wells. .... 1st Sun March Holcomb cir. at Hickory C. .... 2d Sun March West Palestine, at W. P. .... 3d Sun March Trinity and Lovevialy, at T. .... 4th Sun March Groveton cir. at Groveton. .... 1st Sun April Jacksonville cir. .... 2d Sun April The District Stewards will please meet me in Jacksonville, Texas, on Tuesday, January 3, at 11 a. m., in the Methodist Church. V. A. Godbey, P. E.

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