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EDITORIAL.

THE WORLDLY ELEMENT IN THE CHURCH.

Methodism stands for spirituality in the experience and life of the professed followers of Christ. If it does not mean this, it does not mean anything as a system of doctrinal truth and practical precepts. From the very beginning of its history on down to the present time it has persistently enforced repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, a conscious salvation from sin, and the direct witness of the Holy Spirit to the facts of regeneration, adoption, and sanctification through the truths of the gospel. And not only this, but it further teaches and requires in its members the outward conformity of the life and conduct to this inward experience of divine grace. The one is a gracious experience and the other is a consistent manner of living before men. That there are large numbers of people in the Church to-day who have this experience and whose outward lives are exponential of this fact, we most sincerely believe. Yea, we believe that there are by far more of them to-day than at any previous period in our history, and in them is the life of the Church and the hope of her future growth and development. We have no patience with the cry that the Church is on the spiritual decline and that she is shorn of her power as an evangelical force in the salvation and edification of mankind. Her mission is still world-wide and she is girding herself for a mighty onward movement in the years to come. In fact, she is just in the infancy of her efficiency and possibilities as an organization under God for saving men and for "spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands."

But there has never been a time in her history when there was not a worldly element in her membership whose influence is and has been a clog to her growth and progress. That element has increased with the years of her prosperity until, perhaps, it is larger and more defiant to-day than ever before. As we have grown in numbers, in wealth and in social preferment, the tendency of this increasing element toward worldly practices and toward the disregard of Church vows and discipline, is becoming more and more marked and manifest. They are in the Church and support the Church with their means until they are regarded as indispensable to her maintenance, but they live in the world and run after the world and mix with the world to such an extent that they are only Methodists in name and in perfunctory affiliation. They patronize the theater, they attend balls and they countenance progressive euchre games, and even give such entertainment in their homes. Not only this, but they have the "function" written up in the most approved style and published in the "society" columns of the daily papers. In these write-ups they parade the decorations of the rooms, give the number of the tables, tell the names of the parties participating in the games, publish the

winners of "prizes" in these card-playing performances, as though the Methodist Church were a social club organized for the promotion of "progressive euchre" in the homes of her members. The next morning the pastor of such people and the official members of his charge read this embellished account of the "function," feel a deep sense of mortification and shame, but take no disciplinary notice of the violence done the rules and vows of the Church. People who indulge in such things are usually possessed of means. They pay their assessments, they stand high in the social realm and they claim special dispensations in worldly privileges not accorded to the common classes in the membership of the Church. These exceptional cases in the Church are not peculiar to any one locality, but they are found in all of our great centers of population. They constitute the danger points in the progress of Methodism, and their worldly practices are hindrances to the spirituality of the membership and to the salvation of sinners. Leading members of the Methodist Church lined up alongside of card tables playing "progressive euchre" for prizes and publishing themselves to the world in the "society" columns of the great dailies is enough to make old John Wesley turn over in his grave and weep over the follies of his misguided children!

SYMMETRY OF CHARACTER.

Character is an organism and not a mechanism. It is a growth and not a piece of architecture. No man can build it; he must develop it. It is an inherent part of self—the motive, the thought, the will, the moral and intellectual essence of the man. It is his inward experience expressed in his speech, his acts, and his influence. Not so with his reputation. This is what people think of him; but character is the sum total of the man and it is the residuum of life that abides after the physical organism is dissolved and passes away. Character, then, consists of a variety of elements. It is a composite of many qualities. All of these need education and expansion. The same may be said of the vegetable product. The flower is not made up of one element, but of many. There is first the stem, then the leaf, after that the bud, then the bloom, and finally the fruit. Each one of these is dependent upon the other and the development of them all makes the whole complete. When we come up into animal life, and take the bird, we find the same variety in unity. And when we explore the realms of light we see the same law in operation. The rainbow is not the result of one color, but the combination and blending of the seven prismatic colors. The absence of any one of them would mar the whole of them. Everywhere in nature the completeness of design is found in its symmetry. And symmetry is the result of the proper adjustment and association of all the qualities in the object under training or culture. In character it is the proportionate development of all departments of life, or of all the qualities

inherent in the heart, the mind and in the spirit. It is such a harmonious balancing of the mental and spiritual forces as will bring about an equipoise of temperament and disposition. It is the absence of this that makes hobbyists and fanatics out of men. They are abnormally developed in some directions and dwarfed in others. The trouble is, they are out of proportion, and therefore abnormal. Upon some moral and religious questions they are extreme, but upon others they are lax and unreliable. Sometimes they all go to head and become skeptical, at other times they are all heart and full of misguided enthusiasm. Hence in temperament and disposition they are mercurial and rise or fall according to circumstances. They are what we term cranks and their trouble is in the fact they are out of plumb. They are not properly balanced in character. They get hold of an idea and chase it until they go to seed, and when they reach that condition they are in a state of suspended development. You cannot do anything with them. You find such people in the Church, in the temperance work, in politics, in social reform, and in literature. They are the wandering stars in the galaxy of life. They are not governed by the laws that operate in the case of sane and normal people. You cannot argue with them, for they are incapable of the processes of sound reasoning. They have a theory of their own and they hang on to it with the grip of grim death. If you mention any other subject they will head the conversation or the argument for their pet ideas. They do not know anything else and they cannot be taught anything else. Like the hanks of thread that our mothers used to immerse in the old-fashioned dye-pots, they are set and you cannot change them. But in the symmetrical and well-proportioned character you find a happy combination of mind and heart, free from these objectionable excrescences and fungus growths. A well-rounded and thoroughly developed life ought to be the purpose and aim of all mental and moral and spiritual tuition. Without good common sense life does not amount to much in its practical workings, and after all, common sense is a large part of character.

PURPOSE AND CHARACTER MAKE THE MAN.

Daniel maintained his integrity because he "purposed in his heart" not to defile himself with the usages and practice of a heathen court. Such was his sense of right that he did not propose to compromise himself, notwithstanding the fact he was young, away from home, and under the orders of a profligate king. He had a thorough knowledge of his duty and his purpose to abide by it was fixed and unflinching. And out of this purpose he developed a character for rectitude and honor which imparted to him an element of immortality. He stands before us to-day and challenges our admiration as a man, as an official, and as a true prophet of God. He dared to do his duty under all circumstances and leave the results with God. The

ages will take care of the deeds of that sort of a man and his character will continue to grow larger in its strength and beauty as the centuries recede and the generations pass by. A purpose to be somebody and to do something in the world is the most profitable investment that a boy can make as he outlines the work of his life. It is the germ-point in the manhood which is to follow his effort. Around that purpose and out of its resources is to come the character with which he will stand clothed in the after years of his toil and struggle as a member of society and a citizen of his country. It is, therefore, very largely with every youth to determine whether his life shall be a failure or a success. He can make it either the one or the other, just as he elects. In our country and under our form of government the door of opportunity is flung wide open and every aspiring boy can enter if he wills to become a competitor. Poverty, hardship and inequality of birth give him no pretext for sluggishness and inactivity; but, on the contrary, these very apparent disadvantages have done more toward the sturdy development of men than wealth, and ease, and luxury. The men to-day who stand in the forefront of the world's activities have come, for the most part, out of these untoward circumstances and conditions. All that you need to make your life a success in the world and a blessing to your kind is to have a deep-seated purpose to be somebody and to form a character for truthfulness and sobriety that will certify to your worthiness before the people among whom you live. Love God, speak the truth, be honest, employ your time, avoid cards and strong drink, and then you will grow up into the sort of man for whom the business and professional world is earnestly looking. Feed your purpose with industry, frugality, good reading, pure associations and you will carry in your pocket the passport to prosperity and success. The providence of God is around that sort of a life and heaven ministers to its growth and expansion. Then let no boy sit down and bemoan his fate and his lack of opportunity and thereby become indolent and vicious as thousands are doing throughout the world to-day. But let him resolve to be a man and press forward with diligence by turning his hand to the first duty that confronts him, and he will find something in store for him as his years of maturity bring him into the stature of manhood. Deep purpose and true character in the heart of a boy will make out of him a stalwart man if he will abide his time with patience and assiduity. In the after years you will find him among the good and the great in some useful department of life. A quarter of a century ago, while at college, we knew just such a boy as this. He was poor, he was without high social prestige, and he was not among the brightest and most promising of his classes. But he had a purpose and around that purpose there were the elements of a true character, and to-day he is an honored and brilliant member of the United States Senate.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

ABILENE DISTRICT.

The Abilene Sunday-school and District Conferences have come and gone. They convened in Colorado, Texas, in succession on the 13th and 15th days of June.

Family affliction kept this writer away from the Sunday-school Conference, but he heard nothing of it but good reports.

The District Conference was remarkable in several particulars. Nine of the pastors were not present. Some were sick, some had sick families, others were in protracted meetings and the absence of two or three was not explained. Several charges made no report. The attendance of local preachers and laymen was small. The rains have been so abundant that most farms are overrun with weeds and farmers stayed at home to work their crops. But we had a good conference.

At the opening of the first morning session, while we were singing, "Children of the Heavenly King," the Spirit of God came upon us and we rejoiced. From that time unto the close, God was with us. Excepting that the conference felt compelled to decline an application for license to preach, the pleasure of the occasion was not marred by a single jar. Dr. Chapman was in the chair and Prof. F. W. Chatfield was chosen Secretary. The business was conducted in the usual way, but the President introduced one new feature. He held class-meeting with each preacher as he made his report, and probed gently but deeply into his inner life. The fact was clearly brought out that a preacher's greatest danger lies in becoming so preoccupied with pastoral duties as to forget to nourish his own soul. That part of the conference did us much good. Reports showed that about thirty-three per cent of preachers' salaries had been paid and that not much has been done toward getting the other collections. Some revivals were reported, and the whole district seemed hopeful. Most of the preaching was substantial and spiritual—such food as is to be desired by a growing saint.

Dr. Chapman presided with his usual alertness and vigor, but his appearance made it plain to all that he has tried to do more than one man can stand. By unanimous vote the conference asked him to take at least a month's rest, which he promised to do. He will recuperate at Mineral Wells.

During the conference there was one conversion.

The next session goes to Snyder.

E. HIGHTOWER.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

The thirty-fourth session of the District Conference of the Waxahachie District met at Alvarado June 20, Rev. Horace Bishop, D.D., in the chair.

Bro. Bishop stated in the opening service that he desired above all things that this District Conference be a spiritual one; that the least possible time be given to routine business, and that almost the entire time be given to song and prayer and the ministry of the Word. The brethren conducted themselves accordingly, so that the occasion seemed more like a three days' revival meeting than a District Conference.

When Bro. Bishop called for reports on the spiritual state of the Church he read Isaiah sixth and called on the preachers and laymen present to talk out of their own experience. This hour, which ended in great rejoicing among the brethren, seemed like an Annual Conference love-feast.

The pastors of the district were all present but four. There was a fair attendance of the laity.

Rev. T. G. Whitten, the big-hearted President of Whitten Institute, Midlothian, Texas, who is a member of this District Conference, was present and addressed the conference in the interest of Christian education, and also said some things concerning the work and prospects of this institution. He stated, among other things, that the school had succeeded this past year beyond the most sanguine expectation of its most ardent friends. He emphasized the fact that this was a training school, not a college. The school has a splendid corps of teachers for another year and the outlook is very hopeful.

Prof. R. B. McSwain, from Polytechnic College, was also present and spoke to the conference in reference to this fast-growing and deservedly popular young institution. He gave a fine report of the work being done, and there

is doubtless a prosperous future for Polytechnic College.

Rev. G. W. Owens, Financial Agent of the Texas Christian Advocate, is also a member of this District Conference. He was present one day and had the ear of the conference in reference to the Advocate. He also spoke to the conference about the work of the Publishing House at Dallas. This branch of the publishing interest is succeeding finely, and by another year will do a business commensurate with the greatness of Texas Methodism.

Rev. J. T. L. Annis was present during the entire session. He represented the Board of Missions, and on Tuesday night preached to the conference on the subject of Missions. His discourse was greatly enjoyed by those present and it as good to see his familiar face among the brethren.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Business Manager of our Orphanage at Waco, was present the last day of the conference. He took a collection amounting to about \$170 to pay for brick in the new building now rapidly going up. When this building is completed we will have a home of which all Texas Methodism may well be proud. May God bless this faithful man and his most excellent wife, who are wearing out their lives in behalf of the orphan boys and girls of Texas. Surely the Master can say to them: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my little ones, you have done it unto me."

Other visitors to the conference were: Mrs. Purcell, organizer of the Home Mission Society; Rev. W. J. Hearon, teacher last year in Granbury College, and Rev. H. M. Glass, superannuate member of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Brother Bishop and Dr. Bourland addressed the conference in the interest of the Twentieth Century Fund.

The preaching was all well done and contributed much to the interest of the conference. The following brethren preached during the conference: K. S. VanZandt, J. T. L. Annis, J. W. Dickinson, H. A. Bourland and W. H. Vaughan.

The delegates elected to the Annual Conference were: R. C. Mitchell, E. J. Anderson, H. C. Purdon and H. T. Moore, with B. H. Dunbar and F. A. Winn as alternates.

Itasca was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Resolutions of thanks to Rev. C. S. Field, pastor, and to the people of Alvarado who entertained the conference in such splendid style, were read and unanimously adopted.

The conference adjourned with a sermon by Rev. W. H. Vaughan.

The Ladies' Home Mission Society of this district met in connection with the District Conference. There was a fair representation present, and on Thursday afternoon they had a splendid meeting under the management of Miss Elsie Bennett, our wide-awake and sweet-spirited District Secretary. Their reports showed that a glorious work was being done by this society.

J. H. STEWART, Sec'y.

BOWIE DISTRICT.

The Bowie District Conference met in the Methodist Church at Bridgeport, Texas, Wednesday, May 17, 1899, with Rev. F. O. Miller, presiding elder, in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. W. S. May.

The official roll-call showed a very good attendance—only two pastors being absent, and they were kept away on account of sickness. Owing to the season a few of our lay delegates were kept at home to entertain the grass in their cotton fields.

The first day of the conference the usual order of business was observed, with due prominence given to religious services—for our "beloved" says that a class-meeting can always rise to a point of personal privilege and gain recognition over any other matter of business.

On Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock the conference convened again, and by order of the Chairman the usual order of business was deferred until the next day and the conference resolved itself into a Missionary Institute and rendered a very interesting and instructive program, which proved a great spiritual blessing and a source of great missionary inspiration to all present.

Following we give the program as rendered: 8:30, "Work in Our Foreign Mission Fields," by Rev. R. W. Thompson; 9:30, "Our Duty, as a Church, to Our Newly-Acquired Territory—Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands," by Rev. C. M. Shuffer; 10, prayer service and class-meeting, conducted by

Rev. J. E. Vinson; 11, missionary sermon, by Rev. M. B. Johnston; 3, "Our Work in the West and Southwest," by Rev. I. N. Crutchfield; 3:30, "Epworth Leagues in Missions," by Rev. M. L. Hamilton; 4, "Sunday-schools in Missions," by Rev. J. P. Lowry; 4:30, "Our Woman's Work in Missions," by Rev. E. R. Edwards.

Friday morning the usual order of business was resumed.

The pastors' reports summarized show the spiritual condition of the Church in Bowie District to be very good. Already some gracious revivals have been held and the outlook for a great revival over the entire district seems to be very good.

While unusual interest is manifested in the spiritual condition of the Church, yet the reports show that material improvements are being made and that all interests of the Church are being carefully looked after.

We had with us as visiting brethren Rev. R. W. Thompson, who preached with his usual power and took a collection for the Orphan Home at Waco; and we, like Methodists usually do, especially at conference, gave our dimes, our quarters and our dollars, and were glad to.

Bro. Everett was there to represent our Branch House at Dallas, and we were glad to see him and we heard him gladly.

Rev. T. G. Whitten, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was there and preached an excellent sermon and talked in behalf of his school at Midlothian, Texas.

Rev. Dr. Lloyd, of the Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, was with us and we enjoyed what he said and appreciated his interest in our deliberations.

Rev. G. W. Owens, Financial Agent for the Advocate, was there and presented very forcibly the claims of our paper.

The following are the delegates elected to the Annual Conference: Sil Stark, J. S. Lillard, Rev. J. B. Parr and Walter Isbell, with A. H. Lowry and G. G. Neilson as alternates.

Bellevue was selected as the place to hold the next District Conference.

The business sessions of the conference closed Saturday afternoon, with a gracious social service in which the power of the Holy Spirit was wonderfully felt in all our hearts.

With tact, with judgment and with the spirit of Christ our beloved presiding elder, Rev. F. O. Miller, presided throughout the entire conference, and seemingly the spirit of our Master characterized everything that was done.

We all feel very grateful to our host, Rev. H. H. Vaughan, for the kindly interest shown for the convenience and comfort of all the delegates.

To Bridgeport, that entertained us so generously, we shall always feel grateful.

M. L. HAMILTON,
Secretary.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

The Clarendon District Conference opened Thursday evening, June 15, with a sermon by Rev. W. L. Childress, of Canadian, which was enjoyed by all present, and which set the spiritual keynote of the conference. After the sermon Mrs. Purcell made an address on the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Friday morning, after an interesting prayer-meeting, the conference was called to order by the presiding elder, Rev. G. S. Hardy. A discussion of minor topics ensued, and at 11 o'clock Bro. Nance preached an able sermon on the text: "Have Faith in God." The theme was very opportune, and all seemed to take a stronger hold upon Omnipotence.

The spiritual state of the Church was the subject of the afternoon session, and the report by Bro. Levi Harris shed fresh light on the condition of Panhandle Methodism. It was resolved to set aside each Friday as a day of fasting and prayer for the conversion of souls and for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the Church.

The Twentieth Century Educational Movement was represented by Dr. Lloyd, of Polytechnic College, in a logical and soul-stirring address upon the responsibilities that devolve upon our Church with the opening of the new century. The facts and figures advanced were startling.

Saturday morning at 8:30 Bro. C. A. Clark preached an earnest and impressive sermon on "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire." The mission report followed, and as this is a mission district, the subject was well aired, and it was the general sentiment to reduce the claims upon the Board as much as possible. It was asserted

that a crisis has arrived in Clarendon District and great wisdom must be manifested on the part of the Church for the advancement of her best interests.

The 11 o'clock hour was occupied by Bro. Levi Harris, whose sermon was deeply spiritual. Heaven seemed not far away and all were drawn nearer to God. It was indeed a gracious service.

In the afternoon the reports from the various departments of Church work were heard and discussed. The Woman's Home Mission Society held its annual meeting, and at night Bro. Warren, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preached an able sermon full of truth.

Sunday was an all-day meeting, of course. At 11 o'clock Dr. Adkisson preached on paternal relation of the Church to the ignorant classes, at the close of which a collection of \$1100 was taken for Clarendon College and University Training School. This amount is above all indebtedness. At the love-feast in the afternoon there were two conversions. Bro. Sam'l P. Wright preached in the evening on Missions.

J. N. Donohoo, J. A. Wallace, T. M. Edmondson and W. C. Blankenship were elected delegates to the Annual Conference. J. J. Burton, W. C. Turner, alternates.

E. R. Clark was licensed to preach. Amarillo was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The conference was a success from beginning to end, and all realized much good therefrom. Every preacher, we believe, went to his work strengthened and determined, by God's help, to do great things in his name.

J. N. DONOHO, Sec'y.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

The seventh session of the Houston District Conference was held in the town of Angleton, June 13-16. The opening sermon was preached Tuesday night by Rev. J. E. Green. Wednesday morning the business of the conference was taken up. O. T. Hotchkiss, presiding elder in the chair. Every pastor responded to his name at roll-call; while an unusually large number of local preachers and lay delegates were present. The good people of Angleton attended this conference as interested visitors as the writer had never seen before. The usual Disciplinary committees were appointed; after which Rev. F. B. Sinex was introduced to the conference and delivered a stirring address on the workings of the Southwestern University. He also exhibited plans of the new building now in course of construction. The remainder of the day was given to the discussion of "The Spiritual State of the Church." In this connection Bro. J. W. Horn and W. D. Bradfield each preached a very able sermon—Bro. Horn at 11 a. m. and Bro. Bradfield at night. Bros. J. L. Russell and C. J. Oxley delivered very able addresses.

The second day was largely given to hearing reports from the various pastoral charges. These reports were encouraging and showed progress along all lines. Bro. J. L. Russell preached at 11 o'clock. At night, long before preaching hour, such an immense congregation had assembled to hear Bro. Seth Ward preach, that it became necessary to announce an "overflow meeting" at the Baptist Church, where Bro. J. E. Green preached.

Friday, the last day, was given to hearing and discussing the reports from the various committees. The report on the spiritual state of the Church shows that revivals have been held in several charges; that there have been two hundred and one accessions to the Church on profession of faith. Our social meetings are all well attended and are growing in interest every way.

The report of the Committee on Financial Systems and Church Property shows finances considerably behind, but the conference collections are much in advance of the salaries. Two new churches have been built, two others are in course of construction; two new parsonages have been provided for.

The report on missions shows forty per cent of the assessment for foreign and seventy-one per cent for domestic missions have been paid. All missions in the district are doing well. The conference called on the presiding elder for an address in connection with this report, and he made a very strong appeal in behalf of our work in both home and foreign fields. Bro. Green spoke to the report also.

In connection with the report on Sunday-schools and education, Bro.

Seth Ward made a telling address on the "Importance of the Twentieth Century Movement." He also spoke in glowing terms of the work being done at Southwestern University. Bro. W. D. Bradfield spoke in highest praise of the management and quality of the work being done at Chappel Hill Female College.

Delegates to the Annual Conference: John Hfrey, E. D. Chase, I. T. Reynold and E. P. Hamblin; Rev. J. L. Murray and Y. W. McNeil as alternates.

W. F. Carothers was licensed to preach the gospel.

The license of the following local preachers were renewed: Wm. Wills, G. T. Newberry, C. W. Delaney, H. W. Abbott, G. S. Brown, W. W. Tyler and P. G. Smith. The roll shows eleven local elders and eight local deacons in the district.

W. F. Carothers and S. W. Warner were recommended for admission on trial into the traveling connection. J. W. Morris for readmission. J. T. Huffmaster for elder's orders.

The Church at Alvin invited the conference to meet in their town next year. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The conference is indebted to Bro. H. G. Williams and the good people of Angleton for their most hospitable entertainment.

J. R. MURRAY, Secretary.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

The seventeenth session of the Calvert District Conference met in Bremond Wednesday, June 14, Rev. H. M. Sears, presiding elder, in the chair.

The first day was devoted to the District League work, so that the conference really began its work on Thursday.

The various points of Church work were enquired into by the committees and reported on. Nearly every line showed advancement. The spiritual state of our district was not thought to be as low as in some quarters. This committee was hopeful, and the conference seconded its hope by its vote on the report of the committee. Financially we report ahead of last year.

The conference was largely attended. Thirty-six lay members were present. An increase of eleven over last year. The hospitality of Bremond was ample, the thoughtfulness of Harmon first-class. We were well cared for.

Religion was put first, the presiding elder stressing the spiritual side of the conference; and it was a feast of spiritual things. The preaching was plain, practical, direct. Thompson, Melver, Holt, Favre, Garrett, Cullen, Wootton, Vaughan, Kilgore, Collard, were the preachers, except on Friday night, when all present took texts and preached to the edifying of all. H. Necley, J. E. Crawford, S. W. Dean, S. H. Johnson were elected delegates to Annual Conference. V. E. Powers, D. Q. Owens, J. S. Goodman were licensed to preach. All licenses of local preachers were renewed. W. T. Stanford was recommended for deacon's orders. C. H. Adams, M. L. Dickey, V. E. Powers were recommended for admission on trial. Brother Vaughan got \$53 for the new building. A hundred dollars was raised to send a young man to school. Visitors were Goodwyn, Cochran, Cody, Everett, J. B. Sears, J. H. Collard. Jewett gets the next conference.

C. B. GARRETT, Sec.

Hearne, Tex.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

We have just closed the ninth annual session of the Corsicana District Conference. It was well attended by both preachers and laymen. Every pastor present. Brother Bailey, our wide-awake presiding elder, presided. His spirit was excellent, administration minute. We were in no hurry. Some of us expected to return to our charges on Saturday, but the conference was in full sympathy with the exhortation of the Chair, and voted a brother a continuance in his seat even against the plea of an appointment to begin a meeting. The Mexia saints will thank the conference for giving them a rest. The election of our brother, B. H. Wood (our "Church property"), of Corsicana, Secretary insured our minutes in first-class style. The committees did their work with the dignity and thoroughness of an Annual Conference committee. There was little debating, but the subjects

that were discussed were living subjects, and they were discussed in a lively manner by wide-awake men. By the way, if your columns have not contained the last best work of Dr. Hoss on the subject of 1898 Statistics, we Leagues and others would thank you to let us have it. If it is a fact that our gain for the year was 35,000, rather than a loss of \$800, it will do us good to know it. It will certainly snatch the pessimism out of some of our most thundermonious sermons on the Gehenna-wards tendency of the grandest ecclesiastical organization for the salvation of men on the face of the earth. The world in the Church gives us pain, but the salt in the midst of all this impurity must not be forgotten. The saintliness of the saints is often most potent when silent. Penetrating and permeating often go on silent as the down falling of snowflakes, yet powerful as the most potent acids. We can not ignore statistics. Because we do not it does not follow that we are "numbering Israel" in any sense offensive to our Lord. If in our greed for numbers we have embarrassed the integrity of our statistics, it need not set the world on fire if we seek to put them on a more reliable basis. "Salvation is rolling on."

The spiritual state of the Church was a matter of deep concern to the conference. It has concerned more and graver bodies of late. Conferences will not improve it until made up of men who teach from the pulpit the necessity of moral purity in the Church, and follow their precepts up with firm and wise administration of wholesome discipline. I mean by this the exhaustive effort of a pastor to induce wrong doers in the Church to reform, and conform, and failing, proceed with judicial action and rid the Church of them regardless of money and social position. This will be done or not done in proportion to the extent we make money seem a necessity to the Church.

Mission work in the bounds of the district received close attention and was thoroughly probed by a wise, working committee. The League at Corsicana sprung the question of sending a missionary to Cuba to be supported by the district. They have a committee appointed to inquire into its practicability. The conference endorsed the movement. The truth is things are happening in Corsicana Methodism. Debt paying, completing the church, improving the grounds, expanding the domain, lubricating machinery and last, but not least, "making Hay while the sun shines." Brotherly love was at hightide. A deep spiritual brotherliness could be felt on every hand. The preaching was spiritual. The Holy Ghost came upon us, and several souls "found Him of whom Moses and the prophets did write."

Brother R. C. Armstrong was with us in the interest of Polytechnic College. He made a good address, and preached an edifying sermon. I made a short visit to his honored brother in Corsicana. He submits cheerfully to the Lord's method of ripening him for his heavenly garner.

The question of education took an exceedingly practical turn. The conference resolved upon a Corsicana District High School to be a training school correlated with Southwestern University. The Chair was directed to appoint a committee of five to locate and secure the property with a full understanding and co-operation with the authorities of the University and Board of Education. I look upon this movement as one of great interest to this district. While the educational waters are to be troubled for a few years Corsicana District will plunge in, and, I trust, come out with a training school worthy to be handed over to our children when we turn the twentieth century over to them.

The financial report elicited a spirited discussion. That was right. The gist of the discussion was that preachers should pay more attention to the organization and systematic working of their Boards of Stewards. That in the early part of the conference year, while the proceeds of two-thirds of the cotton crop are in circulation is the time for pastors to take their collections, and for stewards to press collections for their pastors, thereby making the work of the latter part of the year easier, and give greater assurance of success.

The next conference goes to Hubbard City. Brother Tom S. Armstrong was with us soul and body. Bubbling over with cheer and brotherliness, he was enjoyed by his many friends.

The following is the list of delegates to the Annual Conference: B. H. Wood,

B. W. Jackson, W. A. Putman, C. M. Ward; alternates: W. C. Dunn, J. R. Collins, J. R. Smith and D. Olliver.

Brother Bailey, in a gavelless way, presided over the conference with great ease to himself and pleasure to the brethren. His preachers and laymen believe in and love him.

T. J. DUNCAN.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

The Bonham District Conference convened in its thirteenth annual session and was called to order by Dr. T. R. Pierce, presiding elder, in the Methodist Church in Ector, Texas, June 22, 1899.

From start to finish this was perhaps the very best District Conference I ever attended.

Dr. Pierce shows great ability in the official chair and this conference was piloted through without a jar or friction. He manifests tenderest regards for all the brethren and holds all the interests of our Zion nearest a warm heart.

Rev. J. C. Weaver, the pastor at Ector is an ideal host. No preacher nor delegate can want for any comfort where Bro. Weaver entertains.

Ector showed herself equal to the task in every particular. She entertained the conference royally.

All the pastors were present and in good health, except Bro. Lamb, of Dodd and Windom. We were very sorry of Bro. Lamb's absence, but did not learn the cause.

The reports of the several charges show the spiritual state of the Church considerably on the advance. Some gracious meetings have been held in the district and a good number of conversions, baptisms, accessions, etc., were reported.

Not as many infant baptisms were reported, by a great deal, as should be.

The reports show our Sunday-schools in fine condition. Our Leagues are not doing as well as we should like. However, there are several Seniors and a number of Junior Leagues doing good work. Prayer-meetings fair.

The literature of the Church is receiving good attention, the Texas Advocate having nearly doubled its subscription within the last six months.

We had a communication from the Southwestern University showing our school in good condition, making marked progress—the new University building being under good headway.

We had nothing from the North Texas Female College. Hope, however, the same prosperity she has had will continue.

The Wall School at Honey Grove was reported by Prof. S. V. Wall, the President, showing all the advantages necessary to the comfort and success of a great training school. The pupils of this school enter any of the universities without further examination, on the certificate of the President. This school has commenced a great work right in the midst of our people. Our Church at Honey Grove, through the influence of this school, has taken on new life and bids fair to be one of the strongest stations of the conference. If all our charges will make the Wall School their first rallying point in the pursuit of education, untold good would accrue to the Church and her intelligent influence would widen beyond anything we have thought of.

The District parsonage, which was destroyed by fire last winter, is now rebuilt and ready for occupancy.

Visitors were: Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor Texas Christian Advocate; W. C. Everett, manager of our Branch Publishing House; O. S. Thomas, in interest of the Twentieth Century Fund; J. B. Gober, of Whitesboro Station; R. N. Brown, of Whitesboro Circuit, and Prof. McSwain, of Polytechnic College. The last named visitor addressed the conference in interest of the Polytechnic College, showing marked advancement in the school.

The preaching during the conference was done by Revs. C. M. Threadgill, G. H. Adams, Dr. G. C. Rankin, J. F. Archer, J. A. Stafford, S. C. Riddle, W. B. Bayess and Dr. T. R. Pierce, Sunday at 11 a. m. Love-feast, conducted by J. D. Hudgins, and Sunday p. m. League services, conducted by the writer.

The next conference goes to Petty. ZORO B. PIRTLE, Secretary.

LEAVES OF LIFE—CHAPTER XXI.

On Sunday, the 19th day of September, I preached twice at Pleasant Grove School house. Am not sure what the text was in the morning; believe, however, that it was in Luke 4:17-21. In the afternoon the text was Rom. 10:1. The congregations were good at both

services. I was embarrassed, and felt pretty blue. On Monday morning, the 20th of September, 1858, was the time set for my departure to my circuit. It was a hard struggle to say good bye to mother and sisters, and to know that the old Leaton home would be broken up at once, and forever, because I was gone. How sadly I felt! In saying good bye, when I reached my sister, Lucy, who was next to the youngest, and said, "Good bye, Lucy," she cried out from the anguish of her full heart, "Good bye! sweet brother! I hope I will meet you in heaven!" My dear sister Lucy died in the faith of the Son of God many years ago. Also Eliza, the youngest member, and my dear mother have gone on to the "better land." No doubt they are all in heaven now waiting with songs of joy for me to come. Mounting my pony, I could only say, as I rode sadly and slowly away, "God grant that we may all meet in heaven." After riding a few miles it seemed like my poor heart would break. I turned off from the road, dismounted, kneeled down and prayed with all the powers of soul and body. None was there to hear but God. Do not know how long I prayed, but while I was praying, the Holy Ghost came and comforted me. Glory be to God! I was happy then! I arose and went on my way rejoicing! Jesus was with me; hallelujah to God, and the Lamb forever. Often since, when in trouble, have I tried the power of prayer, and it never has failed to bring help and relief. Bless God!

R. M. LEATON.

BEWARE OF FOOD SAMPLES.

Quite recently in New York two deaths occurred from poisoning by the use of powders sent to the victims by mail. In Leavenworth, Kan., the other day nearly every doctor in town was called to attend the children who had gathered up, eaten, and been made ill by samples of an article left at houses by canvassers for advertising purposes.

Alum baking powders have always been favorite articles for this sampling business. Yet there is nothing more liable to lead to danger than the practice of using the various samples of baking powder left at the door. They are presented by irresponsible parties, in appearance are not distinguishable from arsenic, and indeed, in Indiana some time since one package was found, after it had caused the death of the housewife, to have been mixed with that poison.

It is safer to refuse all samples of food or medicine offered at the door. Pure cream of tartar baking powders sell upon their merits, and are never peddled or sampled.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

There has been a great deal said about the spiritual condition of the Church, and as the editor is about to decide on the results before I get a say, I will now speak if I can get a hearing. Of course there are many causes, I suppose, but the one that I shall speak to is the lack of conviction and repentance and, as a result, a lack of true Bible conversion, and as a final result, our Churches are being filled with unconverted people. Brethren, we as preachers have left the Bible idea of conversion; we are driven from it by other Churches fighting the altar. Hence we don't fight for the altar as we should; for the day has come that it means a fight for Methodist usages. When did we have the power? Wasn't it when we preached the terrors of the law and got men convicted, and called them to the altar, and got down there with them and prayed with them as they repented like David? (Psalms 40:1) But it isn't popular nowadays. The popular preacher is the fellow that makes the coming to Christ the easiest. So the man that asks people to hold up their hands for prayer and then join the Church is the man that pleases the people. But, brethren, look around you for a moment; where there is no conviction there is no Bible conversion, but give me Bible conviction. (Psalms 116:3, Psalms 40:1) Then we will have Bible repentance. (Psalms 54:1; 61:1; 69:1-4) Then we will have Bible conversions. (Psalms 40:2-3, 1:17, 84:10, Acts 9:6.) The second cause may be owing to our failing to prune the Church. This is also very unpopular, so we let people do as they please, and remain in the Church. The idea of using the discipline has become a thing of the past in some parts. So what shall we do? First, I shall contend for the altar or mourner's bench and conviction and repentance, and then if we get that, we will have conversion. Then I shall try to get the bad out of the Church. I may go to the wall by the process, but we must do something, or we are ruined. S. N. ALLEN. Tyler, Texas.

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SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

In some portions of Spain several riots occurred late last week and during Sunday. The military had to be called out, and in several instances fired into the mobs, wounding a number and killing a few. Spain is having her share of the troubles that attend a declining monarchy.

Capt. Dreyfus, the noted French army officer who has been in confinement on Devil's Island since his banishment on account of what has since turned out to be forged evidence, has been recalled and is once more on his native soil. He will have a rehearing, and will probably be vindicated. When he reached France he was totally ignorant of the forgeries, or rather of their exposure, which resulted in his downfall.

The Tyler Cotton Oil Company has been chartered at Austin at \$50,000. Also the McKinney Cotton and Gin Company, with a capital stock of \$10,000; the Cameron Ice Company, \$15,000, and the Yellow Pine Tie and Timber Company, at Silsbee, \$10,000. Improvements are going steadily on in Texas.

Recently the old Pope at Rome appointed eleven new cardinals, six of whom are Italians, one is an Austrian, one a Spaniard, one a Frenchman, and two are Latin Patriarchs. America was left out.

A boy living with his parents near Athens, Ala., was out with his father some time ago, and the latter was killed by what was supposed to be the accidental discharge of a gun; at least that is the tale told by the lad. The neighbors did not believe this, and the widow with the children moved from the community. A few days ago this same boy became enraged at his grown-up sister and stabbed her in the breast, killing her. The mother rushed to the girl's relief and he stabbed her in the abdomen, and she died. The boy escaped, and has not been apprehended. He is thirteen years old.

The charge of lynching was made against a half dozen men in Patrick County, Virginia, some time back, and the case came to trial last week. The defendants were found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for five and six years. The man lynched was a lunatic who had attempted an assault upon a white woman. This is the first conviction for this crime that has taken place in that State.

The Dallas News gave the troop of newsboys a picnic last Saturday. It was a great occasion for the boys. They thoroughly organized and paraded the streets in great style, and then went to the place appointed and spent a delightful day.

The jury before whom was tried the charge of murder against C. H. Alexander, of this city, failed to agree, and were discharged by Judge Clint last Saturday. So the whole thing, which has already occupied the Criminal Court of this county for nearly three weeks, will have to be gone over again.

A serious trouble is on hand at Carterville, Ill., on account of a coal mine strike. The union men refused to go to work, and in course of time the owners of the mines shipped in a lot of negroes to take their places. The union men fired on them with rather serious results. Now Uncle Sam has stepped into untangle the affair.

Some time ago Rev. Dr. L. G. Broughton, a Baptist minister in Atlanta, Ga., publicly denounced Mayor Woodward as a libertine and a drunken rake, and said that his private life was a disgrace to the city. This resulted in the appointment of a committee by the City Council to investigate the charges and the Mayor appeared before them and acknowledged the impeachment of the minister and graciously promised to make amends by leaving off his irregularities and henceforth lead a better life. This is thought to end the matter until the Mayor has had time to reform.

The ravages by floods in South Texas, especially about Galveston, Bryan, Navasota, Wharton, and other low points, have turned out to be fearful. Fourteen lives are known to have been lost and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed. It will take weeks yet to foot up the

damages. Trains between Galveston, Houston, and other points in that section, have been cut off from communication with Middle and Northern Texas for several days.

State Senator William Flannagan, of Powhatan County, Va., was shot and killed by W. G. Pilkington the 3d inst. They were both prominent politicians, the former a Republican and the latter a Democrat. The trouble grew out of a canvass for the county attorneyship in which Flannagan was elected. He was the aggressor in the fight in which he lost his life.

Assistant Secretary of War George D. Meikeljohn has announced himself a candidate for the United States Senatorship from Nebraska, the position now held by Senator Thurston. The vacancy will occur March, 1901. The present incumbent will try to keep the place.

Montgomery M. Folsom, one of the best newspaper men in the South, died last Sunday of apoplexy at his home in Atlanta, Ga. He had been in ill health but a few hours.

Medical science has scored another victory—or rather, science in behalf of medicine, has scored it. For some time effort has been made to photograph the interior of the human stomach, but without avail. However, in Chicago last Monday the achievement was accomplished in the case of James C. Foster, of Cleveland. The patient was made to swallow a thin rubber bulb, to which was attached a tube of similar material. The interior of the bulb was coated with photographic emulsion, and acts like a plate when a picture is taken. Having swallowed the bulb, it was then inflated through the tube until it filled the entire stomach, its flexible sides conforming to the walls of the stomach. An X-ray exposure was then made and the picture was a success. It revealed in the patient's stomach a well-developed tumor.

The Mayor of Muskegon, Mich., James Balbiernie, was assassinated the 29th inst. by J. W. Tayer, a disappointed office seeker. The slayer immediately shot himself through the head and expired.

Heavy rains have fallen throughout Northern, Central and Southern Texas in great quantities. The crops are in fine condition, but along many of the water courses much damage has been sustained on account of overflows.

The preliminary hearing of the alleged lynchings of the Humphreys was closed at Athens, in Henderson County, the 29th ult. and the accused parties were remanded to jail without bail to await a full hearing in the district court in the near future. The parties held are George Wilkerson and his son Walter, William Brooks, Sam Hall, John F. Gaddis, Robert Stephens, W. A. Johns, Mahan, Weeks and the two Greenhaws.

Some time ago, about one year, the steamer Jessie was wrecked on the Kuskokwim River, in Alaska, and it was thought then that the passengers were all drowned, twenty in number. But it now develops that they all probably escaped to the land and were murdered by Alaskan Indians. All of the suspects will soon be brought to trial.

The prisoners confined in the Denton jail made a successful break for liberty on the night of the 25th, and several of them escaped, among them N. A. Hughs, the man who is supposed to be the murderer of the old man, Framton, who was found tied down in Milam Creek some weeks ago.

Ex-Governor James S. Hogg, of Texas, made a flaming speech before Tammany Hall Democrats on the 4th inst., in which he announced that the South was united for Bryan and free silver. Congressman Richardson, of Tennessee, was booked for the speech, but failed to materialize, and the Texan was substituted. It was intended to be a Van Wyck meeting, but the man from the West landed it for the Nebraskan. The speech called forth loud applause.

The entire Brazos bottoms are still under water and hundreds of people are left homeless, without food or any sort of comfort. The citizens of Brookshire have appealed to the Governor for aid in behalf of the suffering people, and he in turn appeals to the people of Galveston and Houston to come

to the relief of the flooded district. The State has no means at its command at present with which to supply the needed funds.

In the District Court at Sherman, Bob Smith, the negro who was charged with the murder of Arria Taylor last winter, a white woman of questionable repute, was found guilty the 29th ult., and his penalty was assessed at death by hanging. The case was appealed.

There was a destructive fire in Paris, Tennessee, the 4th inst., in which \$100,000 worth of property went up in smoke. The entire square with all the business houses is made desolate. The insurance is not known, but is far less than the value of the property destroyed.

The Galveston-Dallas News has opened a subscription for the aid of the three widows and thirteen orphans of the Humphreys, who were lynched a month ago in Henderson County. These people, whatever may have been the reputation of their husbands and fathers in that community, are in need, and the stand for their relief taken by the News is humane and commendable.

The celebration of the Fourth of July was generally observed throughout the United States last Tuesday. So far as reports go, the festivities were of a peaceful nature, and but few accidents are recorded. Fireworks, banqueting and speech-making were the order of the day. Since the war with Spain, patriotic demonstrations in the South are more common. After all, we are becoming one people, despite prejudices and politicians.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education of the North Texas Conference will please meet at the Publishing House, Dallas, Texas, at 10 a. m., Tuesday, July 25, 1899. It is very important that every member of the board (both clerical and lay) be present. The meeting will be in the interest of the Twentieth Century Educational movement, to provide for a more thorough organization of our forces and a vigorous prosecution of the campaign.

All the presiding elders of the conference are earnestly requested to meet with us.

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FROM BRO. HEARTSILL.

The Advocate of the 22d has an editorial, "The Duty of Adult Members to the Sunday-school," that I wish to most heartily commend; also to add a word of exhortation. After an experience of twenty-one years as Superintendent of one of the best Sunday-schools in Texas, let me offer this word of advice in the matter of securing attendance upon the Sunday-school: Let the effort be mainly, not wholly, directed in interesting and securing the presence of adult persons. I found no special trouble in getting the children to attend Sunday-school, and if there is any purpose in the work it is to study the Bible, and that can be made interesting alike to young and old. Whenever the work of the school departs from this pivotal center, it no longer has a place amongst us. Nothing can substitute the study and exposition of God's Word in the Sunday-school.

J. R. HEARTSILL,
Marshall, Texas.

SANTA FE SPECIAL RATES.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

North Texas Conference.

ALVORD.

S. Crutchfield, July 3: This is the most prosperous year in the history of Bowie District. The revival tide is higher than it has been in any former year. Finances are better up. Peace, prosperity and brotherly love prevail throughout the district. Our District Conference was well attended, both by preachers and laymen, and was a great success. One of the most profitable days I ever spent at a District Conference was the day of the Missionary Institute—the first one held in the North Texas Conference. The whole district caught the inspiration. Our Publishing House, Polytechnic College, Midlothian School, Orphanage, and last but not least, the Texas Advocate, were well represented. Our "big" Oak Cliff man, G. W. Owens, thinks that the Texas Advocate for Texans is like the Hindoo religion to Hindoos. Our presiding elder very courteously gave ample time for all these institutions of the Church to be represented. Our District League Conference at Alvord was a great success. Our young people throughout the district caught enthusiasm and inspiration. There is great promise for Bowie District under the guiding hand of our most deservedly popular presiding elder, F. O. Miller, and in a large measure this state of prosperity is due to his abundant labors, untiring efforts and devotion. May God give us a great year.

East Texas Conference.

NAPLES.

R. J. Smith, July 3: We closed a four days' meeting at Bassetts yesterday. Bro. J. W. Scoggins, of Malta, Texas, was with us at four services, and let me say that he is an excellent worker in a meeting. Bassetts is a small town, but has some excellent people, a live Sunday-school, a good prayer-meeting. God gave us fourteen bright conversions, and fourteen united with the Church, and we baptized three infants. The people from the country attended but little, on account of mud and rain. While the temporal showers kept the streets muddy, the heavenly showers made our hearts glad.

GRAPELAND.

J. L. Chiles, July 4: Our Quarterly Conference was a success. Ninety-two dollars was raised the present quarter for the ministry. We are all proud of our ministry. Our presiding elder preached us three fine sermons, in which he made us realize more fully that a man's life does not consist in the things he possesses, and that a man ought to give a tenth of his income, let it be great or small, and that it is not so much the money the Lord needs, but the spirit of true benevolence. It was the best sermon on the money question we ever heard. The spiritual condition was not flattering, but some old wounds have been healed. The finances are in better condition than at any time in our history this early in the year. Our pastor is fast winning the love and confidence of his people. This circuit has five appointments. All but one have their assessments half paid. I think as a whole everything is flattering.

CROCKETT CIRCUIT.

O. A. Shook, June 29: Yesterday at 4 a. m. rain began to fall, and has kept steadily falling until now, 4 p. m., about thirty-six hours, and we have a good season. This will insure a good

crop. Early corn is damaged some by the dry weather, but there is plenty of late planting to supply the demand of the country, I think. Other crops are in fine condition, and hence a good harvest will be garnered. Those who have learned how and when to gather canteloupes are getting a fair profit from raising them. It is a new industry here. Our people are taking more interest in religion now than in the beginning of the year. Congregations are increasing, and a more responsive spirit is manifested. We are making some improvements to the parsonage, and hope to make some repairs on some churches. Our presiding elder has taken hold of the finance question, and I think he will educate and inspire the Church here to greater zeal and usefulness than it has enjoyed in a long time. The circuit is taking some better care of its pastors this year than it did last, up to the second Quarterly Conference.

UNION RIDGE.

S. W. Jones, July 2 was a grand day for Union Ridge Church, on the Leesburg Circuit. It was Children's Day. By 9 o'clock in the morning the people began to gather in from every quarter. By 10 o'clock there were between eight hundred and one thousand people on the church yard. Services began about 10 o'clock. By request of the superintendent the pastor read the address and the responsive reading of the Scripture lesson; after which the opening prayer by the pastor, all standing. The program for Children's Day gotten up by the Publishing House was then taken up and carried out as best we could, and was enjoyed by all present. The organist performed her part excellently and the music was of the best quality. The little girls and boys of Union Ridge may be equaled in singing, but not excelled. The speeches, essays and recitations were all fine and were well rendered. The collection was taken and was reasonably good. At 12 o'clock dinner was announced and everyone invited to the table, where everything good to eat was found, from a nut-ton ham to a pound-cake and in abundance. The people of Union Ridge know exactly how to provide for Children's Day, and good cooks among the ladies are numerous. They seem to know just what a fellow wants to eat. After all had eaten we repaired to the church again and finished up the program. Three of the finest speeches of the day were delivered. We then received the benediction by the pastor. We all went, I trust, a happier and better people to our homes.

Northwest Texas Conference.

ROBERT LEE.

Eugene T. Bates, June 28: Robert Lee is coming to the front. Last Saturday we went dry in Robert Lee by a good majority. A good school building is being erected, two stories high, and we have telephone communication with the outside world. The ladies of Hayrick presented this scribe with a nice quilt. Many thanks to the donors. I must give place to some one more worthy than myself next fall, as this is my fourth year with this good people.

RICE.

W. H. Crawford: What a good thing to have a big-souled, rich man in your Church! May be we overlook the good these men are doing any how. Why do I write this way? Well, we needed a tabernacle at Rice to hold meetings under, and called a mass meeting for that purpose. One of our big-hearted men said: "Gentlemen, I will give you \$50. This one gift inspired all present, and almost guaranteed the success of the enterprise. God send us more such men, who are able and willing to help.

West Texas Conference.

HARWOOD.

R. J. Deets, July 3: When I wrote my last card, we were just starting to Buhler to assist Bro. Brown in a meeting. The meeting started well. Sunday night forty or fifty came forward for prayers. Monday night the storm struck us; eighteen inches of rain fell in four days; many people driven from their homes; corn blown flat; much of the cotton under water. No lives lost in that country, as far as I know. We were not able to have any services after Monday night. Friday we started out and came part of the way in a buggy and part in a boat, and then a good long walk through mud and water; but we reached Ga-

nado safe. Many of the people from Ganado went down to attend the meeting. We kept them in that county. It will be some time yet before they get out. Bro. Brown has his work well in hand. Will have good reports at conference. I am indebted to many of the brethren for kindness shown me during the flood. Commenced meeting here to-day

ALPINE.

We have just closed a delightful eight days' meeting at Marfa, in which Bro J. F. Corbin, presiding elder of the Northwest Mexican Border Conference, did the preaching. Truly it was a treat to hear this man of God deliver the message of salvation. The congregations were good for Marfa, and the Church greatly benefited. One reclamation, but no conversions. The Christians here want to work for the Lord, and are growing more determined in the great warfare. We observed Children's Day at Alpine; had a good time, large crowd, and \$7.50 collection. On Sunday night, June 25, Marfa school gave a Children's Day entertainment. The music and recitations were splendid, the packed house well pleased, and the collection \$8.55. Bless the Lord. Isn't that pretty good for a frontier work, in the New Mexico Conference? Brethren, pray for us.

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A clumsy Saratoga waiter upset a cup of tea on the shoulder of a gentleman. "Shall I bring you another napkin?" asked the waiter. "Perhaps," said the stranger, "you had better bring me a mackintosh."

LITERARY NOTES.

The Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge in the July issue of Harper's Magazine brings to an end the history of the war with Spain with an account of the Manila campaign. It is certain that this is, and will remain for many years to come, at least the standard history of the conflict of 1898. Senator Lodge writes with authority, and the position he held on the Committee of Foreign Affairs gives an added importance to his narrative. Senator Lodge has borne witness to the fact that there existed in official circles gross mismanagement and criminal negligence, and the fact that he held an important position gives weight to his statements. The work is in all respects an admirable piece of historical writing, and should take a prominent place in our historical literature. The fact that it has been so profusely illustrated by the best special artists makes it doubly valuable. Those who have not had an opportunity for reading it as it appeared in the Magazine will be glad to learn that it will shortly be issued in book form, and is to contain over eighty full-page illustrations besides numerous photographs. It is a book that should find an honored place in every American home as the lasting record of a most momentous war.

INTERNATIONAL TRUSTS.

It is a great mistake to think that a system of competition closely analogous to warfare can survive indefinitely as between nations when the competitive system has been abandoned in the domestic field. For a while the Standard Oil trust maintained its competitive fight for trade in the uttermost parts of the earth against the immense petroleum monopoly that works the oil fields of Russia and Central Asia. But experience has shown that it is far more profitable for these vast commercial entities to arbitrate than to fight; and it is understood that they now get along very well together by the simple device of dividing up the market on geographical lines. The great monopolies of the industrial world will rapidly follow the example of the great political powers and map out their possessions, protectorates, spheres of influence, and so on. In some industries, without a doubt, there will soon appear the international trust, controlling the whole planet as respects a particular line of production. But owing to the fact that corporations must derive their powers from government, while corporation law differs greatly in different countries, it will be found easier in most cases to do away with competition by agreements fixing prices, spheres of exploitation, and so forth, rather than by international consolidation. The obvious fact is that business and politics are becoming more closely interrelated, and that the very same forces of civilization that are making war obsolete and unprofitable are also tending toward the abandonment of the competitive system in industry and trade. And these new forces are bringing about stupendous changes at a rate which outstrips the predictions of the most enthusiastic. From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for July.

THE IMPRESSION DANIEL WEBSTER MADE UPON HIS CONTEMPORARIES.

In one respect Daniel Webster is the most striking figure in our history, and one of the few most striking figures in all history. That is, in the impression he made on everybody—that, great as were his achievements, he was himself greater than his greatest achievement.

Franklin, Webster and Emerson are the three great New Englanders. Each of them was a great public teacher. If Webster did not lack, at least he did not manifest, Franklin's wonderful common-sense, as applied to common things and common life. He had not Emerson's profound spiritual discernment or wonderful poetic instinct. But his intellect seems like a vast quarry. When you have excavated the great rocks at the surface, you know there is an inexhaustible supply left. When he died, the people felt as if the corner-stone of the Capitol had been removed; as if the elephant had died that bore the universe on his back.

Emerson's portraiture of Webster at Bunker Hill is made up a few strokes. But it reveals the whole secret. Great as were the things that Webster said, profound as was his reasoning, lofty as are the flights of his imagination, stirring as are his appeals to the profoundest passions of his countrymen, there is a constant feeling that Jove is behind these thunderbolts. That is the contrast between him and so many other orators. Even in Choate and Phillips you are admiring the phrase and the eloquence, and not the man. In Webster you are thinking of the man, and not the phrases. The best things that he said do not seem to his listener to be superior, and rarely seem to his listener to be equal, to the man who said them. There is plenty of reserve power behind.

Half his strength he put not forth, but checked. His thunder in mid-volley.

—From "Daniel Webster," by Senator George F. Hoar, in the July Scribner's.

"No, Willie, dear," said mamma, "no more cake to-night. Don't you know you cannot sleep well on a full stomach?" "Well," replied Willie, "I can sleep on my back."

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COMMUNICATIONS.

MATANZAS INDUSTRIAL HOME.

We rejoice that a house has at last been procured for the orphans under Mr. E. E. Hubbard's care.

But the need of a helper is still unsupplied, and is, if possible, more urgent than ever. Several parties have expressed a desire to go to Mr. Hubbard's relief, but the difficulty is lack of means. Those going out to take up this work must be self-supporting missionaries. If they have no means of their own, friends or individuals whom they may interest might supply the needed sum, or else the Church of which they are members might raise it. Care should be taken, however, not to let the amount so raised interfere in any way with the regular missionary collections.

Mr. Hubbard writes from Matanzas:

Dear Dr. Lambuth—It has now been nearly two weeks since we moved into the large house on the hillside north-east of the city—the house which we first talked of having. I have been so long getting some of the rooms cleaned and repaired and getting settled that I have found very little time for writing to any one.

After spending a good deal of time looking for a suitable house we decided that this was the best that could be had for our purpose. On the advice of Chaplain Sanders, I leased the property for three years with the privilege of renewing the lease. He told the Mayor that he would be personally responsible for the payment of the rent—\$20 a month. Though he has made no pledge except this: that the rent should be paid if I failed to pay it. I have already received through him \$158 in money besides a large part of our present outfit of furniture, bedding, etc.

Before moving into the house I had a contractor make estimates on the cost of putting all the rooms in order. He would do it for \$271, or he would put in order three of the rooms that we wanted first for \$75. By doing much of the work ourselves we have two of these three rooms in good condition at a cost of a little over \$7. There are over 70 acres of land with the house, and though some of it is quite rocky, and at all this dry season seems hard and not very fertile, yet they say a large amount of produce has been raised on it in time past. We have made a swell beginning towards getting the ground ready for planting. This week I received from Washington a whole mail bag full of seeds. There is a good deal of good pasture on the place, and we ought to have some cows.

This is going to be a good place in which to spend the summer. It is much more comfortable up here than it is down in the city. There is nearly always a breeze from the bay and ocean and we get the full benefit of it here. Thus far I am very much pleased with the climate of Cuba. We have clear skies almost constantly, and no gloomy weather, and, except for the tropical sun's heat, which can be avoided by keeping in the shade in the middle of the day, there is hardly any discomfort from the heat.

I now have twenty-five boys, and have promised to take one more in a day or two. Applications still continue to come in almost daily. One of the hardest things I have to do is to refuse some of these who want to come. I think over those whom I now have to see if there is not one whom I can send away in order to make room for one more destitute, but it seems it was intended that all or nearly all whom I now have should be kept. And so I say "no," to those who come, and then feel almost guilty about it, for they ought to be taken and cared for, and so long as I am able to do anything for them, ought I not to do it? Is there no one in any of the Gulf States, where the climate is not so very different from the climate here, who can come and spend the summer in this delightful place overlooking the city and bay, and can do a work for these needy children such as he will probably never again have the opportunity of doing? And if there is some one ready to come, there surely will be some one ready to send him. There ought to be another man—a man and his wife—here this summer to help improve the opportunities God is placing before us and to help get ready for the enlargement of the work which by all means ought to be made next fall. I now have two women and a boy interpreter to help me. I will do the best I can alone so long as I have to be alone, but I feel sure that two could do more than twice as much good as one alone can do. I know I am not alone. The words, "casting all your care upon Him" mean more to me

now than ever before. But still I feel so much the need of a fellow-worker who could supply the many things in which I am deficient.

There is so much to be done in this line of work that I hope by next fall that either the Church will take it up or that an undenominational organization will be formed to carry on the work in Matanzas and throughout the island. Much more good could be done by organized effort than by individuals working alone. It seems to me now that it is time to be thinking and planning for something like this. I hope that a good business manager can be found to put at the head of our institution. I believe I could do more good in the second place than I could at the head, and it would be more to my taste to look after the internal affairs of the establishment rather than to be troubled with external matters.

The cruise of oil and the barrel of meal still keep us supplied. I have received in all \$234 in money—\$158 through Chaplain Sanders, \$75 through you and \$1 from a gentleman here—and besides the valuable supplies and the rations which I have received from the government I have received a box of clothing from Key West. We need now clothing or money to buy clothing for the boys and some money to put our place in as good a sanitary condition as possible for the summer.

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"IS IT A FACT THAT THE RIGHTEOUS FLOURISH MOST?"

Before we consider this most important question, we will just take a look at the diversified and woe-begone class of people that put such an axiomatic proposition.

First, we see the moralist approaching with uncertain step and voicing the query in half-interested manner. This worldly wise man, careless of all other inducements to seek the heavenly way, now turns with a sense to the utility, especially keen in his class, and inquires as to the success of the Christian life. After morality comes the anxious one, the one just becoming interested in his or her immortal soul, and asks the question. We at once note the striking difference in the manners of these. The first is careless and very little interested, while the other comes with an eager tongue to ask the way, an eager ear to hear and an eager hand to do that which is really best for himself.

There is also another class represented in this band of interrogators, and this is the one who demands our most immediate attention: it is the penitent. This is he who comes with a face filled with anguish, so plainly bespeaking the heart all torn and bleeding within. He comes, and while he vainly attempts to conceal his bloody hands, he asks as for life or death: "Is it true that there is rich pardon for this?" These are the ones that question us so often. We meet them every day, in all places with this selfsame query on their tongues, in their eyes, in their features, in their manners, or in their hearts.

Now, Leaguers, it is for us, and all God's children to ever be ready and anxious to answer these ship-wrecked upon the rugged rock of doubt.

Prosperity is the end of human efforts. It is what we all are living for. Living true to this eternal principle, we will select as our choice of life a life that would cause us to enjoy the greatest amount of prosperity. If the drunkard's life will bring us the most prosperity, we will follow it. How many are? If a life associated with vanity and gay society will bring us most prosperity, we will follow it. How many do? If a life spent in floundering in the mire of sin, in the unprofitable service of Satan will bring us the greatest prosperity, we will follow it. Sinner, does it? If a life spent in the gracious service of the humble Nazarene, who so faithfully served us in fighting for the Prince, who overcame the powers of darkness, and even death for us, in glorifying the Christ who has bought with his own life-blood a home for us in glory; if this will bring the greatest profit and prosperity, we will follow it: will take up the cross and crown of thorns and bear the toil and endure the pain and enjoy the profits along the way, and the crown of happiness in the end. What a host of us are doing this, Leaguers! The moral man will say: "I have a great prosperity; for I have the respect, love and good wishes of my fellow man everywhere." Yes, you have all this; and this is much to be desired indeed; but you lack that which perfects the solicitous love of the Father for all men. You have the prosperity of him who faithfully adheres to the letter of the golden rule, but not of him who

obeys the injunction: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." O morality, thou vain, deluding shadow, when wilt thou cease to decoy us from the really good of life, the love of God, and obedience to his commandments? Probably the most effective argument that could be brought against skepticism is the prosperity of the children of God. Hence we are not surprised when we hear this question coming so often from the cold, rigid lips of the doubter. He generally understands prosperity to be measured by dollars and cents; so he tauntingly says: "If you prosper why are you so constantly in need of contributions from the world?" Looking merely upon the surface, he asks this now, but behold the skeptic forced to the wall or upon his deathbed and we hear: "I know you have something that I have not, for lack of which I shall go into everlasting ruin."

The hope of heaven is riches unbounded, making the ugly face beautiful, the sluggish hands active, the harsh voice sweet and the darkened life bright again. This, the sweetest of all hopes, does for us what all the silver and gold under the sun could not do—it makes us new creatures in the sight of God. It seems to me that even this prosperity is worth all self-denial. If hope brings such prosperity, what should assurance do? All the world loves the righteous, and everywhere their lives are thrown in pleasant places. Though he be a pauper in worldly goods and poor in spirit, and though misfortune's impoverishing hand seems constantly overshadowing him, still does the righteous man have a clear title to mansions of untold wealth in heaven and the infallible promise of the Father never to forsake him hereupon earth on Mammon's cruel rock of temptation and struggles.

We ask of the prosperity of the righteous, and almost like an echo we hear these sweet proclamations wafted to our ears upon the gentle zephyrs of a Savior's love, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and "He that believeth on the Lord Jesus Christ hath life everlasting."

Now, Leaguers, I have finished my message. Take these thoughts to your Savior, remembering that he who gives up the world and all its deluding follies for Christ's sake wins eternal rest for his soul, but to him who lives for the world, nothing but the world is given him.

If you would have only true prosperity, and all that is really good in life, cling to the Savior of man, and heaven is yours in the end.

ELLA MARTIN.

Lone Oak, Texas.

MY EARLY RECOLLECTIONS.

After a few days in his hospitable home, we spent a week with Revs. Sam Box and W. N. Bonner and other friends in the vicinity of Rusk. Brother Bonner, then fifty-one years of age, was going up to join conference. Brother Box was a member of the conference, and died during the war. He was an humble, faithful man. He lived to do good and died in peace. On reaching Rusk I found a pleasant home with a local preacher named Broom. My associates were J. M. Binkley and H. W. Moore. Both of these brethren were admitted on trial with myself and eleven others at that conference. They were my seniors in age and had more experience than myself. Brother Moore was a school teacher at that time. For ten years he did faithful work in the conference. He married Miss Georgia Cooper, of Crockett; located in 1867 and engaged in the practice of law in Crockett, where he still resides. He has succeeded in accumulating a good competency of earthly goods. He still preaches in the local ranks, and is acceptable everywhere. No doubt but he would long ago have been a leader of great usefulness in the Church had he continued in the pastoral work. His service is still given to the Church, and his liberality abounds to the promotion of every Church enterprise. Rev. Jacob M. Binkley has been a prominent factor in Texas Methodism all these years. He has been a delegate in six General Conferences, a presiding elder about twenty-seven years, and has served the other years on circuits and stations. He has accomplished more for the good of mankind than we will ever know in

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The conference session opened on the 18th of November, 1857, Bishop Kavanaugh in chair and C. C. Gillespie Secretary. It was a time of great interest with me. To hear and learn all I could was my purpose. The men who led in the conference were watched and discussed by the young beginners. A class of fourteen was received on trial. Only two of the number are now effective; the greater number have crossed the floods, while a few others, like myself, "are to the margin come." The conference session was the most lengthy and tedious I ever attended. A brother was charged with immorality. A committee was appointed, with John N. Hamill chairman. After four days the committee reported the accused guilty as charged. After a long and heated discussion the conference rejected the report, and demanded an open trial before the whole body. C. C. Gillespie for the prosecution and A. H. Shanks defending. It was a battle between giants. Gillespie was by nature a strong man and was well posted on the law and usages of the Church. Brother Shanks was an old preacher and a lawyer of acknowledged ability, and did all he could to save his client. After five days were consumed the vote was taken and the accused was expelled from the Church. I have always considered the brother as being unjustly dealt with after becoming well acquainted with him and all the facts in the case. Bishop Kavanaugh was affable and courteous to all. His good nature and marvelous kindness kept others sweet, and nothing occurred of an unbrotherly nature during the lengthy session. We had preaching three times each day, and such preaching I have never heard equaled on any conference occasion. I remember to this day the men who occupied the pulpit and the subjects discussed by many of them. Milton H. Porter, Charlie and John N. Hamill, Gillespie, M. C. Robinson, M. H. Neely and Jno. B. Tullis, among others, preached during the conference. Bishop Kavanaugh preached three times. His sermon on Thanksgiving night will always live in the memory of those who heard it. It was on "the river of God." Text: 65th Psalm and 9th verse. Never before nor since have I listened to a sermon that has equaled it for profound logic, beauty of diction and overwhelming eloquence. He walked the earth as his basis and rode on the winds, soaring heavenward, until the congregation was in rapturous ecstasies. They were shouting, waving handkerchiefs, clapping hands until the grand old preacher would be forced to pause and wait. As the commotion ceased, he would move on in unequalled grandeur until many were on their feet, and seemed ready to rush upon the preacher in a body. The recollection of that sermon and its effects upon those who listened to it will never be forgotten by this writer. Grand man he was in that day. I have heard many distinguished men since, but never listened to the equal of Bishop Kavanaugh.

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

INFIDELITY IN DISGUISE.

In this article I expect to be able to show that Hardshellism flatly contradicts the Word of God. Compare Hardshellism with the following scriptures and be convinced.

1. Hardshellism teaches that the Bible has no promise for any one who was not elected from all eternity to salvation. But the Bible says: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." Matt. 18:11. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8. "Christ came into the world to save sinners." I Tim. 1:15.

2. Hardshellism teaches that it is all vain for a sinner to seek salvation; let him remain neutral in the matter, and if he is one of the elect God will look after his case in due time. But what does the Bible teach? "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Is. 55:6, 7. Hardshellism teaches that it is the will of God that a part of the human race should be eternally lost, and that no provision has been made for their salvation. But the Bible says: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but

is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Second Peter, 3:9. "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God; and not that he should turn from his ways and live." Ez. 18:23. "Who will have all men to be saved?" I Tim. 2:4. "Who gave himself a ransom for all." I Tim. 2:6. "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

3. Hardshellism is the bitter enemy of Sunday-schools, and opposed to all efforts made in the direction of bringing the children to Christ and training them in gospel paths. But what saith the scriptures? "And ye shall teach them, your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up." Deut. 11:19. "Train up a child in the way he should go." Prov. 22:6. "Remember thy creator in the days of thy youth." Ec. 12:1.

So we find that the teaching of Hardshellism on these points is quite a different thing from the teaching of the Bible. Hardshellism does not believe in the ultimate triumphs of the gospel in the earth; makes no effort to save the regions beyond, and kicks with all its might against those who are at work in this direction. But the Bible on these points is very plain.

"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord." Ps. 22:27. "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters that cover the sea." Hab. 2:14. "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O, Lord, and shall glorify thy name." Ps. 86:9.

The whole spirit and tendency of Hardshellism is opposed to the fulfillment of these scriptures. However it is a blessing to the heathen, no doubt, that the Hardshell creed has never been preached to them. The creed of Hardshellism is in substance about this: "You have no right to seek religion, for if you seek it, you can't find it; if you find it you haven't got it; if you have got it you can't lose it; if you lose it you never had it."

Abstain from the appearance of Hardshellism. C. G. SHUTT.

Armour, Texas.

THOUGHTS ON BAPTISM.

The writer was early taught that baptism was regeneration; by it I was made a member of Christ, a child of God and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven; but as soon as I knew anything I knew that I was a sinner by nature and by practice, notwithstanding I was duly baptized by consecrated hands. Then, it may be asked, what advantage is there in the ordinance? The great apostle, after proving that Jew and Gentile were all under sin, and neither could be saved only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, asks, "What advantage it the Jew or what profit is there in circumcision?" He answers, "Much every way. If we go back to the time when David met the giant, he says: Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? What does he mean by uncircumcised? Simply that here was a man out of the covenant of God and presuming to defy the God of Israel; and while Saul and his men were dismayed because they looked only at the giant with sword and spear, his helmet and shield, with hosts of the Philistines armed to the teeth on the one side, and to the men of Israel poorly armed and poorly drilled, like two little flocks of kids, on the other, they say: 'Surely to defy Israel is he come,' and they fled from him. But David saw only an uncircumcised Philistine and an army of uncircumcised Philistines on the one side and the armies of the living God on the other, and the living God to lead them to victory; and when told that he was not able to go against such a man he said: 'The Lord that delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear he will deliver me from the hand of this uncircumcised Philistine.' But it may be asked, Why could not Saul the King go against the giant? He was circumcised. Why could not the brothers of David go against him? Why could not any one of the men of Israel go against

him—they were all circumcised? But their circumcision profited them nothing because of their unbelief. David took hold of the covenant and held fast and the Lord gave him the victory. When he went out after the lion and the bear he could say: "O Lord, I am thine; save me," and he did save him. When he went out after the giant he could say: "O Lord, I am thine; save me," and he did save him. When we bring our dear ones to the Lord in baptism we place them under the covenant, the new covenant, which is also the old covenant. They have a right to participate in all its benefits. We have a right to expect God's special mercy to be over them, and when we bring them individually to the throne of grace we can say: "O Lord, he is thine; save him. O Lord, she is thine; save her;" and if we hang on to promises as David did and as Jacob did, God is faithful. He has promised; he will not turn us away. Brother, sister, fail not to bring

your dear ones to the Lord in baptism, and then train them in the fear of the Lord. Pray with them and for them, and impress them with the necessity of personal application and appropriation of the promises, and you have a right to expect God's special grace to be vouchsafed, and depend upon it God is not slack concerning his promises. JAS. WEBSTER.

Many stories are told of a former Canadian Bishop who had passed his youth in Scotland, but flattered himself that not a hint of his origin could be gained from his speech or manner. One day he met a Scotchman, to whom he said at last abruptly, "Hoo lang hae ye been here?" "About sax years," was the reply. "Hoot, mon!" said the Bishop, sharply. "Why hae ye na lost your accent, like mysel?"

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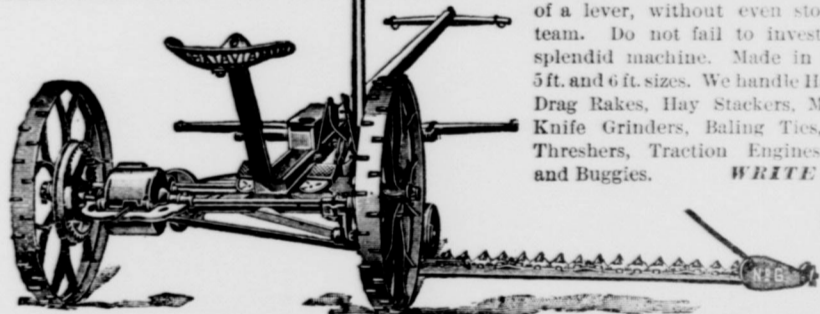
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The Advocate is in receipt of some communications touching the articles which have appeared in its columns on the Roundlap bale. These articles appear as advertising matter. As to the merits or demerits of the Roundlap bale we are not sufficiently posted to express an opinion. We may say, however, that the advertisers of the Roundlap bale will hardly be able to force it on the people unless it has merit which will justify its introduction into general use.

The Branch House in Dallas has been in active operation only three months, April, May and June. The business during May was \$1000 more than in April, and in June it was over \$2000 more than in May. So the increase is marked and gratifying. The outlook for the Branch House is flattering. The brethren are taking hold of it with vigor, and that it will prove a great success nobody out this way entertains the slightest doubt. The first year's showing, we predict, will astonish the people beyond the Mississippi.

The preacher needs to cultivate the spirit of peace in the membership of his Church. If members of the congregation are not in harmony with each other, and if any number of them are out of accord with the pastor, then but little progress can be made in the work of the Church. There must be oneness of mind before there can be concert of action in any given enterprise.

There is a genuine frenzy that's divine. It results from an abnormal strain upon the spiritual senses produced by an utter sense of helplessness. Holy zeal includes the characteristic of determined desperation. No prayer reaches heaven that would not, in its last analysis, end in self-sacrifice. The throne of Scotland trembled when John Knox cried, "Give me Scotland or I die." We pray, oftentimes, like the parrot talks. The power of prayer is generated in the depths of conscious loss. On the heights we shout for joy; out of the depths we cry in agonizing prayer. Every true prayer marks the toils of a genuine crucifixion.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

You need not ask God to come to your help as long as you reserve the right to tell him how you want it done.

No sinner has developed his spiritual nature to the point at which abuse helps him to be a better man.

The man who is not on speaking terms with his next door neighbor is not very intimate in his relation with God.

People often speak of the great service which they have rendered the Church, but they rarely ever tell what the Church has done for them.

Men who groan the longest and the loudest are not always the worst hurt, for a real bad hurt takes all of the breath out of its victims.

Some men who have soreheads take a genuine delight in always poking them around where somebody is sure to give them a passing whack.

A man who makes a habit of cultivating a sour disposition toward other people will find himself turned to whey some of these days.

Good and true men, like cream, always rise to the top in all departments of life, but men of inferior merit go toward the bottom of society.

Some people never get their just deserts in this life, and that is the reason why we have only a few first-class state prisons.

Variety is the spice of life and therefore very enjoyable, but too much variety at the expense of substantial things surfeits the appetite.

What is the difference between gambling with cards in a Christian home for handsome prizes and gambling in Coney Island with the same cards for drinks and money? Is this sort of thing ever done in Christian homes? It is very common in Coney Island, for we went through the place one night and saw it. But we never saw it going on in Christian homes—we have only read of it.

Sometimes the daily papers give minute description of high social "functions" which take place in Christian homes, in which "progressive euchre," handsome prizes, elaborately decorated rooms, and the names of the gay participants figure conspicuously, and a list of the fortunate ones winning the "prizes" is especially made prominent. Now suppose the Advocate were to copy into its columns, without comment, a few of these "society column" items, would such Christian people deem a matter of this sort proper to appear in a strictly religious paper?

Is it right to gamble with cards? Well, the law says it is wrong and the Church teaches that it is wrong, but some people who belong to the Church see no harm in it. They rig up their homes, bring in the tables, buy the cards, provide attractive prizes, invite the young people of the Church to the "function," and have a high old time. How would it do for the minister in charge of a congregation to arrange a "function" of that sort and invite the members of the Epworth League to the parsonage and have them gamble for handsome china, or a piece of cut glassware? Would you want to have him administer the sacrament to you the following Sunday? Would you not shudder at the very idea of such a thing? If it is wrong to gamble in a parsonage, then it is just as wrong to do it in any other Christian home.

BISHOP GALLOWAY ON BISHOP HURST.

We publish below a few lines from Bishop Galloway touching our recent reference to the domestic troubles of Bishop John F. Hurst, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In our notice of the unfortunate matter, we were careful to cast no reflection upon the high character of this truly great man. But we did and do deplore the necessity out of which this affair developed, however innocent the good Bishop may be in the matter. The secular press in Texas gave wide publicity to it, and it was incumbent upon us to state the facts and point out the exact relation of the Bishop to the matter. This we did, and we made out as favorable a case for him as the reports would justify; and while there may be some inaccuracies in the accounts furnished the public by the press dispatches, yet the fact stands out before the world that the Bishop's domestic infelicities are of such a nature that a practical separation from his wife is the result. We deeply sympathize with him, and we sympathize with Methodism also, that the mistake involved in his second marriage has cast this shadow over his pure life. That these troubles "will never affect unfavorably the efficiency and appreciativeness of his great service to the Church" may be true as to his past work; but that they will affect his efficiency as a Bishop from this time on is a proposition that can not be questioned. We want nothing in the public or private lives of our Bishops that has to be apologized for or explained away. Their records must be as clear as the noonday sun:

Jackson, Miss., July 1, 1899.—I have just read your editorial entitled "Bishop John F. Hurst." Your comments upon the good Bishop's private and distressing troubles are doubtless based upon publications in the secular newspapers. Those statements, I know, are very inaccurate in essential particulars. Of course I could not and would not refer to things which came to me in private confidence, but I can assure you that nobody has ever suspected or accused Bishop Hurst of doing anything unworthy a noble Christian gentleman and faithful minister of the gospel. His calamities, which may befall the wisest and best, command our brotherly sympathy; and surely they will never affect unfavorably the efficiency and appreciativeness of his great service to the Church. Beautiful in character, consistent in life, consecrated in spirit, and of vast and varied scholarship, he has been and is an honor to world-wide Methodism.

CHARLES B. GALLOWAY.

A VISIT TO FARMERSVILLE.

I had the pleasure of a visit last Saturday and Sunday to Farmersville, a fine town of some 2500 population, situated upon the Santa Fe Railroad, about forty miles from this city. It is located in one of the most fertile black land sections of North Texas. Such a town, fed by such a rich agricultural body of land, could not be otherwise than prosperous. The people who make up its citizenship are thrifty, and they are beginning to awake to the necessity of public spirit and enterprise. Some excellent improvements are in progress, and others are in contemplation. In and around the place I found a great many people originally from Southwestern Virginia and East Tennessee. Brother McBride was the Superintendent of the Sunday-school at Hiwassee College twenty-five years ago, when I first entered the school as a student. To meet him again after these long years was a surprise and a pleasure. Bro. W. P. Honaker lives here also. He has a brother living in Abingdon, Va., with whose family I boarded while pastor there twenty-odd years back. This fact made me feel as though I was acquainted with this good brother in Farmersville the moment I met him and his good wife. They have been in Texas nearly a half century. They are now old people, but God has been good to them, and they are vigor-

our for their age. Some year and a half ago they celebrated their golden wedding, and it was a great occasion. Their children, grandchild'ren and great-grandchildren are living around them, and they are happy in their old age. They have loved God and his Church all of their lives, and now they are contented in their lot. It was good to visit them and hear them speak of the past, the present and the future. I was pleasantly entertained by their son and his family, Bro. H. D. Honaker.

The occasion of my visit was to attend the closing session of the Greenville District Conference, of which Rev. I. S. Ashburn was President. When I arrived the conference was about through with the business of the session. It was well attended by the preachers and lay delegates. I understand that the reports were favorable to all departments of the work of the district. The Secretary will furnish an account of the proceedings.

Saturday night I heard a strong, earnest sermon upon "Restitution" from Bro. I. A. Thomas, of Allen. On Sunday morning there was a fine love feast service. At 11 o'clock I preached to a good congregation, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Bro. Pirtle preached in the afternoon. Several of the brethren occupied the pulpits of the other Churches in the community. Rev. Sam Ashburn is the pastor of our Church there, and he is a faithful, painstaking, earnest minister of the gospel. He has a good Church membership and excellent property. The church building and parsonage own two acres of black land. Rev. I. S. Ashburn is an enterprising official and a strong preacher. He has the affairs of his district well in hand, and he looks after details. He is encouraged with the outlook on his work. His preachers are all hopeful, and if the indications do not fail they will bring up good reports next fall to the Annual Conference.

My visit was a delightful one, and the brethren received me with cordiality. They spoke well of the Advocate, and it is in good favor with them. To mix with the brethren is a genuine delight. Methodist preachers and Methodist people are the most hospitable and well-disposed toward each other in the world. G. C. R.

"STUDIES IN BIBLE TRUTHS."

The above is the title of a very interesting book just from the hand and mind of Bishop John C. Keener, D. D., senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is an elegantly gotten up volume of 240 pages, and published by our House at Nashville, and it is on sale in our Branch House in Dallas. It is dedicated by the author to the "Superannuated Ministers of Southern Methodism." The book is just such a production as one would naturally expect from a man of Bishop Keener's experience, type of mind and scholarship. It is worthy of the great man who has given it to the Church. The first general topic treated is "The Creative Glory in Its Two Distinct Realms, the Natural and the Moral." Under this is taken up in their regular order "The Will," "The Realm of Nature," "The Moral Realm," "The Arch of Mercy," "Why Free?" "The Flexibility of Moral Law," "The History of Freedom," etc. Then follows, second, "Job, a Prince of the East, and His Inspired Epic." Here is treated "The Prince of the East," "Its Authorship," "Satan," "Elihu," "Providence," "Sovereignty," "Suffering," "Immortality," etc. Third, "The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ." Under this head come, "The Key," "The Divine Majesty," "The King of Glory," "The Lion of Judah," "The Ascension," "The Wine Press," "Satan's Overthrow," "Battle Hymns," "Symbols," "God's City," "The Transfiguration," and "The Resurrection." The fourth general topic is, "The First

Resurrection." Under this are two beautiful original poems, "The Easter Aurora," and "Dies Irae." Then the book closes with "The Ascension of Our Lord." From the beginning to the ending of the book is the expression of the very best thought of the mind of this eminent man. Every sentence bears the stamp of his own best and most original method of thinking. To appreciate it, the book must be read. We commend it to preachers and laymen alike. It ought to be upon every Methodist table. It will take its place with the great books of this class, to abide long after the author has gone from us. To read it with care is to forage over verdant fields and along limpid streams.

There are many things in the conduct of Church members not according to the liking of the pastor, yet they are not of sufficient importance as to justify measures of discipline. Many of these he must simply overlook; otherwise he will vex his own soul without accomplishing any good. A wise mother does not see all of the little indiscretions of her children, though they occur right under her eyes every day. So it is with the wise pastor in his relations to his people.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Prof. Mister, of the Polytechnic, is in the city, visiting his daughter, and he did not forget the Advocate. He is a companionable brother.

Prof. Evans, of Whitewright, called to see us since our last issue. He was on his way to Gonzales to lead the singing in a meeting soon to begin there under the lead of Rev. George Stuart.

In a note from Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Vernon, we are pained to learn of the death of the little daughter, Mary Inez, of Bro. C. W. Daniel, presiding elder of the Vernon District. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Channing Courier takes occasion to say some very pleasant things in its last issue about Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, of the Northwest Texas Conference. He is worthy of the notice given to him as a faithful worker in the Master's vineyard.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the wife of Rev. N. M. McLaughlin, which sad event occurred at the parsonage in Crawford the 27th of last month. Our dear brother and his children will have the sympathy of all the brethren.

Rev. O. S. Thomas, of Kaufman, on his way up to the Sherman District Conference last week, looked in on us for a few minutes. He is taking in as many of these District Conferences as possible, in the interest of the Twentieth Century movement.

In a card from Rev. S. H. Morgan, of Huntsville, we learn of the death of his venerable father, which occurred the 30th of last month. He was one of the pioneers of Texas, and a member of the Church for more than a half century. He was something over eighty years of age.

Rev. Joseph J. Morgan, who recently won the R. A. Young medal for oratory at the Vanderbilt commencement, has determined to keep on winning prizes. On the 28th of last month he proceeded to capture the hand and heart of Miss Margaret John, of Nashville, the daughter of the late Rev. I. G. John, D. D., one of the honored men of Texas.

We were delighted with a visit last week from Rev. L. P. Lively, of Terrell. He was in the city on business, and did not forget us. Though advanced in years, his mind is clear, vigorous and strong. In his superannuated relation, he is living quietly on his farm, and preaching most every Sunday at some point within his reach.

In a note from Mrs. Annie Barnes, of Jefferson, she speaks very kindly of Bro. Burke and the work he is doing. She says he knows how to comfort saints and build them up in the faith, and that he knows how to oppose sin and wickedness. She says: "Mother

Burke has gone on a visit to Fayette, Mo., where she will remain and attend the session of the conference there later on."

We were delighted to have a visit last Tuesday from the venerable Dr. Rufus Bursleson, of Waco. He is one of the oldest citizens of the State and the Nestor of the Baptist ministry in Texas. He knew all of the old Methodist preachers of the early days in Texas and he spoke tenderly of them. He says he was present when the Advocate was born, and he is delighted to see her developed into such a magnificent young lady.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

Rev. W. A. Bowen, of the West Texas Conference, has an interesting article on "Ben Oliver" in the last issue of the Epworth Era.

Fifty thousand delegates are expected to attend the great International Epworth League Conference to convene in Indianapolis July 20-23.

Mrs. John J. Tigert is the President of the baby roll and life membership certificates of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Her address is Nashville, Tenn.

The new Mayor-elect of Baltimore, Thomas Gordon Hayes, is a member of our Central Church, and a son of Mrs. Juliana Hayes, first President of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church at large.

Rev. J. R. Moose, of the Western North Carolina Conference, has resigned his pastorate of one of the Churches in Asheville, and is arranging to sail from San Francisco the first of August, to take up his work as missionary in Korea.

The Twentieth Century fund for Southern Methodism has already reached \$250,000 from all sources. This has come from a variety of sections of the Church, and has been designated for specific objects in our educational work.

Dr. James H. Kirkland, Chancellor of the Vanderbilt, has been elected President of the Board of Missions, to succeed the late Col. Cole; and W. R. Cole has been elected to succeed his lamented father on the Board of Trust for the Vanderbilt. Thus God buries his workmen, but carries on his work.

The Rev. T. T. Christian, assistant editor of the Wesleyan Advocate, died at his home in Atlanta the 21st of last month. He had been ill for some time, and his death had been expected for days by those who were near his bedside. He was a good man, and rendered years of fine service to the North Georgia Conference.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Thanking Bro. S. P. Wright for his plain, earnest article in your last issue, I wish to say that we have had fifty-two cases of measles since the 1st of June, all up to-day and at the table except two, and they are in a fair way to get well. There is not more than a half dozen more children to have measles. God has been good to us in this, the hardest month of our experience. We have borne the long days of service and nights of watching without a murmur, and are in better health to-day than we were the 1st of June. Our people have been good to us in the past. We appeal to them—all of them—now the more confidently for help to go forward in rather a double work—that of caring for the children and building at once the new house. The assessment paid will do the first. Will all our pastors please send the money at once. Six dollars and fifty cents pays for one thousand bricks built in the walls. Bro. Wright pays for seven thousand, one hundred for each of his children. Who will join him in any amount for the new building? Send me the money, and if the editor will permit me, I will send list each week for publication, so that each can see what is being done. May all of us so help in this building for God's little ones that we may have place in the mansion above.

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INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Cloud Chief Circuit.—I organized a Church in Mountain View last night, with twenty members. There are more to follow. Mountain View is the new town at the terminus of the Chickasha branch of the Rock Island Railroad. It is not yet two months old, and is growing rapidly. It contains several hundred inhabitants, and is destined to become a city. We are first on the ground, and intend to push the work. We want Abe Mulkey here. I preached and organized in an unfinished store house, next door to a saloon. That is fighting the devil at close quarters.

GEORGE G. HAMILTON, P. C.
Mountain View, Okla., June 30.

AN EXPLANATION ASKED.

I am a Sunday-school Superintendent and teacher. We hear almost every wind of doctrine that is common to West Texas. I see in our Sunday-school Lesson for August 6 next a comment on Ezekiel 36:25, in which Mr. Currey says that Ezekiel has in view the purifying rites prescribed by the law. I don't so understand the prophet, and it is very important that we do understand him. The twenty-fifth verse reads: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean." There is a reason for mentioning clean water. The water of purification was not a clean water. It was to be pure water, mixed with blood and the ashes of an heifer; hence, it was not clean, and the prophet evidently used the word clean to distinguish between the water of purification under the law and the water to be used in baptism under grace. Christ says: "Think not that I am

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come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." What Christ was doing was fulfilling the prophets. In connection with the sprinkling of clean water the prophet says: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you," etc. This everybody says has reference to regeneration. If so, Christ is to do this for us, and the sprinkling of clean water is something else that is to take place during the reign of Christ. Now, if it is not water baptism, what is it? Will some one who has time to give it thought and time to write, please answer.

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DANIEL IN BABYLON.
Dan. 1:8-21.

Golden Text: "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself."—Dan. 1:8.

Time: About 604 B. C., and at the beginning of the seventy years' captivity.

Place: In the great city of wicked Babylon.

Rulers: Jehoiakim of Judah, and Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

Prophet: Jeremiah at Jerusalem.

At the time of this occurrence Daniel was a youth some twelve or fourteen years of age and he was a captive Jew down in Babylon, where he lived all of the seventy years of the captivity. He grew up in the favor of the heathen king, became a great statesman, a man of wide learning, a true prophet of God, and is said to have died at about the age of eighty-five years. The book of Daniel is divided into two great sections—one is historic and the other prophetic. The authorship of the book and the date of its writing are both involved in much uncertainty. As to these biblical scholars are not agreed. However all of them are agreed that the book is authentic and that it is inspired—at least the consensus of opinion is practically a unit touching these questions. We accept it as a part and parcel of the great system of inspired truth contained in the Holy Scriptures in every way worthy of our faith and practice.

The simple story of the lesson before us contains a beautiful experience, and to study it is helpful to spiritual life and character. Here is a youth carried away to a far-off city and spends his life in captivity. But his tuition at home had fixed the trend of his life. He believed in the God of his fathers, and though in Babylon he remains steadfast in his faith. "He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself," and by that purpose he stood with unflinching fidelity. He was not footholder in his determination, but reasonable and prudent, but nevertheless firm. The facts that he was young, away from home under the command of a king, and amid the temptations of a wicked city, did not deter him in his purpose. He acted upon conviction and not impulse and circumstances did not change him.

Epworth League Department.

July 9: A Good Vacation.—Mark 6:7, 12, 13, 30-32.

The topic for this lesson is a little far-fetched. The disciples were not sent out by the Savior to take a "vacation," but to do the work of preaching and ministering to the people. It was a tour for work, and hard work at that. They went out two and two upon this mission because two would be mutually helpful. This was a trial trip. They had never thus gone out before, and it was a new experience to them. But they went as ordered and preached that men should repent, and they cast out devils and healed some that were sick. Their success was somewhat astonishing to themselves. When they returned they reported to the Master the results of their work, and he encouraged them, for he knew that in the after years they would become his itinerant ministers in the work of the gospel. Here they got their first ideas in matters of this sort. But Christ wants all of his followers to become dispensers of his truth, and he wants them to become the helpers of the helpless. Preaching and helping go hand in hand with all of Christ's work. We are to preach to the people and we are to meet their bodily needs also. The Church and the infirmary ought to stand very close together; and the almshouse ought not to be too far away.

JUNIOR LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

Topic—Nature: Lesson in the Ant.—Prov. 6:6-8.

The ant is the busiest little mortal upon which the eye can rest. He is up with the light of the day and he comes in with the shadow of the night. He puts by in the summer time his food for the winter, and he makes provision for his helpless family. He throws no time away. From him we are exhorted to learn lessons of industry, providence and economy. This is

a busy world, and God wants us to work. This is the only way to live honestly and grow up into usefulness. In the course of life God has no use for the sluggard. Whether we are providing for our bodily wants or the needs of the Church, we must be up and doing if we succeed.

TERRELL LEAGUE.

Sunday, June 25, was rally day with the Epworth League at Terrell. Mr. W. E. Hawkins, President of the Northwest Texas Epworth League Conference, came over specially to conduct the service, and all those who have heard him know what a treat we had. A large number of Leaguers and others from the various young people's societies of the city were present. Mr. Hawkins spoke in his usual soul-stirring and inspiring way, which went direct to the hearts of every Leaguer present. He placed the strongest possible emphasis upon the subject of keeping the Sabbath day holy, and made an earnest appeal to Christians, especially Epworth Leaguers, to so live that their lives might be bright examples of the religion they profess.

Our League is on an upward movement. Already we have begun to feel the benefit of Mr. Hawkins' visit, and are more determined than ever that our lives shall be all for Christ.

MISS ABBIE WHITING,
Terrell, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The seventh Annual Conference of the North Texas Epworth League convened in Greenville, June 14-16. Delegates, visitors, preachers and laymen poured in until the attendance was as large, if not larger, than any previous conference. Opening sermon was preached by Rev. E. W. Alderson, of Sherman, and was of that high order characteristic of Bro. Alderson.

The regular session opened June 15, 9 a. m. President Dickard and First Vice-President Bennett being absent, Miss Clara Harris, of Dallas, Second Vice-President, was called to the chair and presided over the conference sessions with ease, grace and dignity. Time and space forbid that we give a lengthy report of the conference proceedings. Suffice to say that some of the best talent of the conference were on the program, and papers and addresses were of an order and character above the average, and were practical, instructive and interesting and calculated to do our Leaguers much good. We regret that we can not give some of the papers in full.

We had the pleasure of having with us quite a number from other conferences, and make special mention of part taken by some: Mrs. F. B. Carroll, of Dallas, State Organizer, assisted by Junior Superintendents, gave us a very interesting "Junior Hour," making it a very profitable one to the Leaguers.

Prof. R. B. McSwain, of Fort Worth, delivered a very comprehensive and logical address on the subject of "Missionary Intelligence in the League."

W. E. Hawkins, President of Northwest Texas League Conference, Fort Worth, also made an interesting and profitable talk on line of devotional work.

Hon. F. P. Works, President of State League, Hillsboro, discussed "How to Interest and Hold Young Men in League work," handling the subject in a clear and forcible manner, and to the close attention of all Leaguers in attendance.

Gus W. Thomasson, State Secretary, spoke of the State work in Texas, stating that there were 25,000 Leaguers in Texas—the largest number of any of the Southern States. He also spoke of our mission work—our Leagues supporting three missionaries in foreign fields at a cost of \$10,000 in past three years. He also made many suggestions looking to the improvement of League work.

On the second night the conference had the pleasure of listening to a soul-stirring sermon by Dr. G. C. Rankin, of Dallas, and editor of the Advocate. Our Leaguers, Church and Christian workers were very much enthused and encouraged by the earnestness and eloquence of Dr. Rankin, who is one of the ablest divines in the State.

Conference closed with a sermon by Rev. I. W. Clark, of Terrell, a former pastor of Wesley Church, who needed no introduction to a Greenville audience, and hence was listened to with more than ordinary interest on this occasion. There are few, if any, more forcible and practical pulpiteres in the bounds of our conference than Bro. Clark.

Reports of officers show our Leagues

as doing good work and deserving the hearty support and co-operation of all who have the interest of the Church and our young people at heart.

Following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, D. L. Williams, Greenville; First Vice-President, Frank Reedy, Plano; Second Vice-President, Miss Mary Jones, Garland; Third Vice-President, Miss Mary McKinney, Cooper; Secretary-Treasurer, R. M. Means, Whitesboro; Junior Superintendent, Miss Mamie Owens, Oak Cliff. After the usual resolutions were read, conference adjourned to meet again in Plano, June, 1900.

D. L. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

To the Officers and Members of North Texas Epworth League Conference, in Annual Session Assembled, Greenville, June 14-16:

As your Secretary I have the honor, and it is my pleasure, to submit to you an account of my stewardship and a report of work done and the condition of affairs of North Texas Epworth League Conference. When your humble servant was re-elected at Paris, June, 1898, he congratulated himself on the fact that with a year's experience behind him, a knowledge of the work to be done, and an acquaintance with the Leagues and ground to be gone over, would enable him to do the work incumbent on him with less trouble and greater ease, and also to be enabled to report a more marked advancement and a more thorough organization of our Leagues into a systematic, working condition. On the contrary, instead of having an easy time during the past year, your Secretary has learned that the way of the Secretary is as the way of the transgressor—hard. The year's work has been a very unsatisfactory one in many respects. It has not come up to the high standard that I hoped it would attain, and which I pray that it may yet one day reach, in spite of the obstacles that it encounters. Your conference, as a conference organization, during the present year has, in a large measure, been a failure, and across the record of the majority of your conference officers might be written, "Unfaithful stewards." While there has been much done during the year by the Leagues of our conference, I deplore the fact—and it is a fact—that with few exceptions our conference officers can take but little credit for the work which has been done.

During the year there has been no meeting of the Executive Board, except to arrange program of our conference, consequently no plans were outlined or promulgated for any kind of work, specific or otherwise, to promote

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the interest and build up the League or to the advancement of the Master's cause. And what is said of our conference can also be said of some of our district organizations, judging from the meagerness of reports sent in; some of our District Secretaries reporting not more than ten per cent of the Leagues in their district, and others no reports, thus showing that there is a palpable and criminal negligence there also. From the reports which your Secretary and District Secretaries, with earnest appeals and persistent effort, have been enabled to obtain, we would judge that many of our Leagues are either lacking in effectual organization or else have incompetent and inefficient officers. When officers of a League have been written to and asked to send in a report, blanks for reports having been furnished and no report is given or receipt acknowledged, it shows that there is a lack of a proper recognition on the part of these officers of his or her official duty and obligation. Failure to answer promptly inquiries from central, district and other officers shows an incompetent and inefficient Secretary. Many a chapter and other organization have been crippled in their usefulness, and in many instances killed by lazy, stupid or incompetent Secretaries. Many fail to promptly and properly transcribe minutes; sometimes it is entirely neglected. Why is it? Why is it that everybody, everywhere, will not learn that procrastination is the thief of time, and that careless and lazy people are not wanted at any price in any place? District Secretaries report that in a great many instances the reports received are unreliable, from the fact that records of work done by local Leagues have either not been kept at all, or else very imperfectly kept. This condition is largely due to the fact that the majority of our League officers fail to supply League Secretaries with proper record books and blanks for reports. Our State Secretary has gotten up a complete set of blank forms for local, district and conference reports, which, if supplied to Leagues by those whose duty it is to see that it is done, and if properly kept and filed, at the end of the year a complete, comprehensive and systematic report could be correctly compiled and given. The one great obstacle and drawback to the proper working of the League is want of system. Many Secretaries elected do not understand the duties incumbent on them, and are never edified by those competent to impart information. The pastor may aid this department by showing an interest in the department and appreciation of work it does, by teaching, by word, by example, the necessity of prompt correspondence; by asking for a written report for Quarterly Conference, and asking in time, so that it can be properly and carefully made out; by seeing each year that a summary of work done and historical items are carefully recorded in a well-kept and substantial book; by frequently examining records and making suggestions, when necessary, as to manner of keeping minutes and making reports for the Chapter, Quarterly, District and Annual Conferences, and last and most important, by seeing to it that only those who are fit, qualified and competent are elected to fill offices. This is in part a very meager report of the general state and condition of our conference, so far as your Secretary has been enabled to obtain, and I believe that coming in contact and being in touch with the work of Leagues, and being cognizant of the conditions as they exist, I can say that our conference does not approach an ideal condition, and unless changes are made, and needed reforms brought about, our organization as a conference is a failure. I believe that this reform can only be brought about by the recognition of the League as a part of the Church, authorized by and having the seal and sanction of the Church, and not as an adjunct or a prefix, as a side department, or separate organization; and whenever this is done, and its interest looked after by those in authority over us as the interest of the Church, and seeing that it is conducted on proper lines, in decency and in order, then, and not until then, will it measure up to what it was intended that it should measure up to and accomplish the end sought in its organization.

Owing to the fact that during the past year a new system has been adopted for gathering reports, it has resulted in some confusion to local and District Secretaries in acquainting themselves with the method. The result has been that our report is not as full and complete as it would otherwise have been. One district not reporting, others with live, working

Leagues in their district, have been unable to obtain a report from same. Notwithstanding all this our Leagues show an increase in growth and membership. Last year's report showed 133 Leagues, with a membership of 5744. This year's report shows 136 Leagues, reporting 6113 members.

Following is statistical report: 136 Leagues, reporting 6113 members. Devotional meetings held, 2892; conversions, 35; visits to sick, 4926; to jail, 294; Bibles given away, 193. Raised for Orphanage, \$113.45; for Rescue Home, \$11.50. Number of literary meetings held, 445; Era subscribers, 405; Advocate subscribers, 381. Paid on missions, \$418; raised for other purposes, \$1286.80. Total, \$1794.80. Respectfully submitted.

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"Ha, ha!" said Rob. "Now I've got one for you. I found it one day in the paper. Which is the longest word in the English language?"

"Incomprehensibility," said Tom, promptly.

"No, sir; it's smiles, because there's a whole mile between the first and last letter."

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I have toiled so long, O Father,
Striven, aye, so hard for right,
But the baser passions conquer;
I am sinking in the night,
O, Father, give me light!

I have longed so oft for virtue,
Oft essayed the weary length
Leading from the vale of weakness
To the broad uplands of strength;
Dear Father, grant me strength.

All along the toilsome journey,
Ere I reached the mountain side,
Laughing, luring voices bade me
In the valley to abide;
But, Father, I have tried.

Tried to point the grief and sorrow,
Tried to tell the want and woe,
Which from thoughtless deeds of evil
Some dark day must surely flow;
Yet, Father, thou must know

That my weary limbs are failing,
And my courage ebbing fast,
In this darkness of my pathway
That the upland shadows cast;
And, Father, there are massesd

All the combined hosts of darkness
Set to block my lonely way;
And they mock the hope that whispers
Of a better, brighter day,
O, Father, send one ray

Of the gladdening, golden glory
Of the saints' immortal Home,
To cheer the lonely pathway
Where benighted now I roam.
Then, dearest Father, come,

Come and place thy arms about me,
Let me lean upon thy breast;
Whisper of the light that's breaking
Just beyond the dark hill's crest,
Where thy faltering child may rest.
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HOME MEASUREMENTS.

Sister measured my grin one day:
Took the ruler and me;
Counted the inches an the way—
One and two and three.

"Oh you're a Cheshire cat," said she.
Father said: "That's no sin."
Then he nodded and smiled at me—
Smiled at my three-inch grin.

Brother suggested I ought to begin
Trying to trim it down.
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LOST.

Only a memory,
Yet the vision of her tears
Through the veil of the vanish'd years
Breaks up for me
All of earth's harmony,
And fills me with a mystery
Of strange doubts and fears,
And stirs to the depths my soul
With feelings I cannot control
Of a torturing sense
Of utter discord in God's whole uni-
verse.

The morning's pure embrace
Left no a single trace
On the fair and girlish face
Of her life's deep disgrace.
Only clusters of clotted gold
In shreds at her temples roll'd,
Most powerfully told
Of the deed of dire despair
That left her in lonely ruin there.

O, is it for lack of thine
O, is it for sin of mine,
Since her thoughtless sin,
That she hath so an orphan been?
No father's strength to lean upon,
No mother's love to feed upon!
Shunned and crushed as a worthless
thing,
Stung by our words as adders sting,
Hither and thither hurl'd
By the breath of this heartless world.

Too late for our covering of tears!
We cannot atone for the vanished
years,
When we heard her piteous cry
And so coldly passed her by,
Walking on the other side,
And heard her wretched moan,
"O, God, I'm left alone
To my sorrow and my sin!"

Her red blood ebbs away
In the light of the awful day,
But it cryeth from the ground
Accusing thee and me.
—Rev. F. B. Carroll, in King's Messen-
ger.

A local enterprise, inaugurated for the benefit of the Mission Home in Dallas, is a "Saturday Market," carried on by the auxiliaries of the W. H. M. Society of the city. The Auxiliary of First Church, Dallas, opened the market and conducted it every Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 7 o'clock, for six weeks, and last Saturday afternoon the Auxiliary of Floyd Street Church, of this city, took charge to conduct it each Saturday afternoon for the month of July. The Auxiliary of Oak Cliff Church will take charge for the month of August, and the Auxiliary of Trinity Church for the month of September. The market is supplied with homemade light bread, beaten biscuit, a nice variety of cake, etc., all prepared at the Mission Home by the inmates, under the supervision of the housekeeper, Miss Ames, who is a lady of mature years, and an experienced and practical housekeeper, the entire profits made by the sale of these articles to be devoted to the payment of current expenses of the Home. Besides these articles prepared at the Home, there are contributions of salable articles, from time to time by members of the auxiliaries, the sale of which goes to increase the revenue of the Market for the benefit of the Home. The enterprise is yet new, but so far those who have had it in charge feel encouraged, and confidently expect large and increasing revenue for the Home to come from this source. We speak of this matter for the benefit of auxiliaries in other sections, thinking perhaps the members might deem it a wise investment of means and effort to raise money for various purposes, and we hope any such will remember the Home and send a donation to the treasury for current expenses, which are heavy month after month—a donation which is so much needed.

DISTRICT MEETING W. H. M. S.

It was made my duty to report for the Woman's Department of the Advocate the proceedings of the district meeting of the Home Mission Society, Waxahachie District, Northwest Texas Conference, which convened in the Methodist Church, Alvarado, Texas, June 29-30. The ministers' District Conference also convened at the same time and place. The presiding elder, Bro. Horace Bishop, very kindly allowed us Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon for our special meetings. Out of the eight auxiliaries in the district, six were represented by delegates, viz: Italy, Hillsboro, Itasca, Ennis, Waxahachie, Alvarado.

Our District Secretary, Miss Elsie Bennet, of Hillsboro, was with us, and called a meeting of the delegates Wed-

nesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of our Conference President, Mrs. I. A. Patton. This proved to be our best meeting in point of helpfulness, as here we could indulge in heart to heart talks, and plan and discuss our work. Miss Bennett was ever ready to answer any question, and aided and directed in our work by her advice and much needed information. If any of us went to that meeting feeling discouraged over our work, the cloud was soon dispelled, as Miss Bennet is full of enthusiasm, and inspires one with her words of encouragement, and plans for more successful work. Wednesday evening at 8:30 Bro. Bourland, of Waxahachie, delivered the annual sermon, taking his text from the sixteenth chapter of Romans, first and second verses. Bro. Bourland brought out many forcible points, proving that women all along through the ages of time had been a succor of many. We again assembled at the church Thursday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Although the ministers' Conference had adjourned with the morning service, we were pleased to note the presence of many of the preachers, among them being the presiding elder and Bro. Vaughan, of the "Orphans' Home," Waco.

The meeting opened with a song from the choir. Miss Bennett, presiding officer, in the chair, with Mrs. Field as Secretary. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Field, of Alvarado, after which Bro. Stewart, of Itasca, favored us with a beautiful solo. Miss Bessie Patton then delivered the welcome address in a charming manner, thrilling our hearts with her words of welcome. She was responded to by Mrs. J. L. Hey, of the Waxahachie Auxiliary. Then followed the reports of the several delegates. While the reports were not as encouraging as all hearts desired, yet all showed signs of improvement and advancement, many taking the reading course and pledged to systematic giving during the last year. Miss Bessie Patton then favored us with a solo, "The Holy City," which was heartily enjoyed by all. Our District Secretary then gave us her report, which was listened to attentively and profitably. Her report showed advancement along all lines. She urged us on to the better service, and insisted that to become acquainted with our work and educated in all its departments, it was necessary that each member, as far as possible, take "Our Homes." She also urged the observance of "Loan Fund Day" and the keeping up of our assessments to the Mission Home in Dallas. In fact, she urged us to do our whole duty, speaking to us in a sweet and gentle manner that won our hearts. Our Conference President, Mrs. I. A. Patton, then gave a summary of our work in her own tender and peculiar style, full of beautiful thoughts and encouraging words. She also paid a glowing tribute to our "elder sister, the W. F. M. S." Bro. Armstrong, of Italy, then addressed the meeting in his own happy and joyous way, and we were fully convinced that Bro. Armstrong was with us in our work, heart and hand. We cannot close without expressing to the members of the Alvarado Auxiliary and their friends our heart-felt thanks for their hospitality and kindly greeting. They will ever be remembered by us, and we pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon them.

We adjourned by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

MRS. J. L. HEY,
Delegate from Waxahachie Aug.
Waxahachie, Texas.

A GUEST AT THE DOOR.

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DISTRICT MEETING W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Georgetown District, Northwest Texas Conference, held its annual session at Georgetown, Texas, June 21-23, 1899.

Mrs. J. M. Daniels, District Secretary, aided by efficient helpers, had hearts, homes, pages, papers, and badges, all in readiness for a good meeting.

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About fifty ladies were present at the opening service, nor did the number decrease. Mrs. R. S. Hyer, on the part of the local Home Mission Society, and Mrs. Sample, the Foreign, read sweet and tender addresses of welcome, filled with thoughts and expressions of a gracious hospitality and greeting. Mrs. J. T.

Griswold was to have responded to the former, but was detained at home by sickness. Mrs. J. Haralson responded to the latter.

Ten societies reported—a gain of four during the year; but there were only a few represented by delegates. The various lines of work were brought before the body by papers on the subject. Mrs. C. C. Cody gave an outline of the "History and Workings of the Society." Mrs. J. Haralson read a paper on "The Difficulties in the Way of Success and How to Remove Them." Mrs. Montgomery read a memoir on the life of Mrs. Ann Browder Cunningham. Mrs. Crockett gave an inspiring

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article on "The Missionary Spirit." Mrs. Noble gave a pathetic and instructive account of the work done in the jail by the local society at Georgetown. A few items from her account of this work may be encouraging and guiding to others to follow: During the year eight persons had been converted, four of whom had been sentenced to the State prison, but had written back that they were trusting God and trying to be faithful. One young man from a good family had felt the disgrace keenly, but after his conversion thanked God for it because he had found his Savior in the prison. Another had known no other life than one of crime, but now thanked God for a new self and life. One, eighteen years of age, had denied his crime, but conviction touched his heart and he plead guilty and said, he should not only suffer the penalty, but was willing to do so. Some at first seemed offended and would not listen, but were softened by sympathy, and said they knew the work of the women was genuine, for they could feel it reaching down to them and lifting them as the words of none else had done, for it came from loving mother-hearts.

Mrs. Hutton, of the Presbyterian Church, read an interesting paper on the missionary work of that Church in the South.

There were many good things said and done, but space will not allow particular mention.

On Thursday evening a meeting was held before the ministers and delegates of the District Conference, then in session, and the pastors talked of the work done in special cases, viz.: First Church, Temple, had contributed \$250 toward the debt on the church. Taylor had spent \$75 for the comfort of the pastor. Belton, \$200 in improvements on the parsonage and carpet in the church. Bartlett, \$50 for a set of furniture. Other smaller amounts were mentioned, but not taken down.

Executive Business.—On motion it was decided to have hereafter a gentleman for auditor. A resolution was adopted requesting the Conference Society to grant the privilege of holding the district meetings of the society separate from the District Conferences.

Mrs. Montgomery was elected Recording Secretary; Mrs. Brown, Treasurer; Mrs. J. Haralson, Reporter.

Mrs. Daniels, the presiding genius, had not put her specially well qualified talent for leadership into such lively exercise for naught, for the hearty thanks of all parties to the enjoyment of this extraordinarily good session are due and heartily accorded to her for it. And with such a Recorder and general aid as she had in Mrs. Brown success and pleasure were doubly assured.

After discussion of some lines of work and some very wholesome advice from the District Secretary, the society adjourned to meet at South Temple next year.

MRS. J. HARALSON, Reporter.

Quarterly report of Treasurer Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South:

Table with financial data: Dues collected at annual meeting on last year's account \$27.05, Dues on this quarter's account 128.68, Dues from Juvenile Auxiliaries 7.03, Mite boxes 15.15, Cuban offering 27.15, Conference pledge on last year's assessment 99.19, Conference pledge, this year's assessment 1.00.

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

In the Methodist Church at Laveria, Texas, at 11 o'clock a. m., June 15, 1899, Prof. J. H. Peacock and Miss Almata Perkins, daughter of Rev. C. W. Perkins, preacher in charge of Laveria Circuit, by Rev. W. J. Johnson.

June 18, 1899, at the residence of the bride's father, W. R. Knowlton, who officiated, Mr. Mr. C. C. Arnett and Miss Elizabeth M. Knowlton; all of Edwards County, Texas.

In the Methodist Church (Union Chapel), North Side charge, Marshall Texas, Mr. E. W. Long and Miss Emma Mosley, Rev. D. W. Towns officiating.

At the home of the bride's father, in Williamson County, Texas, May 25, 1899, Mr. Edward R. Noe and Miss Elsa J. Bratton, by Rev. D. W. Gardner.

At the home of the bride's father, in Williamson County, Texas, June 21, 1899, Mr R. A. Pennington and Miss Rosa W. Raven, Rev. D. W. Gardner officiating.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

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Table with dates and locations: Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs... July 6; Marshall, Kilgore... July 6; Palestine, Grapeland... July 7; Brownwood, Ballinger... July 28.

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Let the belle of society Have means to flit, to be dashing and gay; Fill her life with notoriety, And let her hear what the world may say.

Let her bring men low at her feet, And strangle in them life's sweetest joy; Let her drink deep of the bitter-sweet, And may it not her conscience annoy.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

June 22—J. F. Webb, change made. E. M. Myers, sub. T. B. Vinson, has attention.

June 23—H. A. Boaz, sub.

June 24—H. M. Whaling, subs. J. W. Kelley, sub. E. V. Cox, has attention.

June 27—Henry F. Harris, sub. J. E. Vinson, has attention.

June 28—J. A. Coppedge, change made.

June 29—A. H. Hussey, sub. Jas. A. Walkup, change made. G. V. Ridley, change made.

June 30—J. B. Adair, sub. J. M. Crutchefield, sub. C. A. Tower, sub has attention.

July 1—Geo. S. Clark, sub. John S. Gillett, thanks.

July 3—T. W. Ellis, sub. T. W. Glass, sub. S. W. Jones, o. k. W. B. Andrews, sub. New Harris, sub. G. M. Gardner, sub.

July 4—N. B. Read, subs. Jerome Duncan, sub.

July 5—J. J. Davis, sub. J. Kilgore, thanks. W. W. Gollighugh, o. k. W. T. MeLugin, change. N. A. Keen, sub.

Beeville District—Fourth Round.

Table with names and dates: Blaconia cir. at Berclair... July 22, 23; Beeville sta. sub. C. A. Tower... July 22, 23; Coliad cir. at Coliad... Aug. 5, 6; Laveria cir. at Laveria... Aug. 12, 13; Stockdale cir. at Stockdale... Aug. 19, 20; Helena cir. at Oklahoma... Aug. 26, 27; Range and Kenedy, at Range... Sept. 2, 3; Floresville and Karnes, at F... Sept. 9, 10; Laredo sta. sub. C. A. Tower... Sept. 16, 17; Alice, at Alice... Sept. 23, 24; Uvalde cir. at Lagarto... Sept. 30, Oct. 1; Oakville cir. at Bethel... Oct. 7, 8; Corpus cir. at Corpus... Oct. 14, 15; Rockport cir. at Rockport... Oct. 21, 22; J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Marshall District—Third Round.

Table with names and dates: Longview sta. sub. C. A. Tower... July 15, 16; Marshall sta. sub. C. A. Tower... July 22, 23; Hallville cir. at Hallville... July 29, 30; Jefferson sta. sub. C. A. Tower... Aug. 5, 6; North Side, at Union... Aug. 12, 13; Kilgore cir. at Kilgore... Aug. 19, 20; Beckville cir. at Beckville... Aug. 26, 27; Harrison cir. at Port Caddo... Sept. 2, 3; Church Hill cir. at Church Hill... Sept. 9, 10; Arleston cir. at Harmony... Sept. 16, 17; Henderson sta. sub. C. A. Tower... Sept. 23, 24; Coffeyville cir. Ind. Spgs. at M. Oct. 21, 22; L. M. Fowler, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round.

Table with names and dates: Mason, at Mason... Aug. 5, 6; Pontotoc, at Fredonia... Aug. 12, 13; San Angelo cir. at San Angelo... Sept. 2, 3; Sterling City, at Sterling... Sept. 9, 10; Brady, at Brady... Sept. 16, 17; Milburn, at Varga... Sept. 23, 24; Paint Rock, at Paint Rock, Sept. 30, Oct. 1; Sonora and Ozona, at Sonora... Oct. 7, 8; Sherwood, at Christoval... Oct. 14, 15; Menardville and Junction, at M. Oct. 21, 22; Theophilus Lee, P. E.

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REV. J. J. BRUCE.

Rev. J. J. Bruce, of whose death I have seen nothing, and knowing him personally, and he being to this scribe more than friend and brother in the Church for more than forty years, without any items except his birth and death, and my personal knowledge of him, feel constrained from a sense of duty to lay a flower upon the grave of this more than ordinary man. Bro. Bruce was born in Alabama, February 11, 1818, and departed this life at his home in Georgetown, Texas, August 11, 1898. He died without a struggle or a groan. Ripe and ready, one beautiful morning, without notice, he was not, for God took him. I met this precious brother first in November, 1852, then living in Union County, Ark., a local preacher on the Lapeal Circuit, Camden District, Andrew Hunter, presiding elder, and this scribe preacher in charge, near Bruce's Chapel—a good church he had built mainly himself. He was of German descent, a prosperous farmer, and one of the most useful local preachers I ever knew. When he moved to Arkansas I don't know. He moved to Texas in 1862. He filled a number of circuits and missions as a supply, both in Arkansas and Texas. In 1876 he was elected Tax Assessor of Williamson County, Texas. After serving in that office (I think eight years), the people asked that he be Tax Collector, which office he filled acceptably until 1894 or 1895. In all the relations of life, public or private, I never knew his superior—one of the consecrated, useful men of the world. I met him first after he came to Texas at the Annual Conference at Calvert in November, 1876. Bro. Bruce was married three times. I have no dates as to time, only that his second wife was a Mrs. Hally, the widow of Dr. Hally, in Arkansas, whom I knew in 1860. His last wife was a Miss Kinard, of Arkansas, born and raised near Bro. Bruce's. He lost his only son in the Confederate war. He leaves a wife, several daughters and grandchildren and hundreds of friends to mourn their loss. Thank God, there is a country where they die no more. I expect to meet him on that happy shore.

SAM'L MORRIS.

HOLSOMBACK.—Mrs. Eunice Elvira Holsomback, daughter of Rev. T. T. and A. E. Booth, was born July 16, 1874, and died April 14, 1899; was married to Jas. T. Holsomback September 25, 1895. She was baptized in her infancy, and was converted and assumed the vows of the Church at nine years of age, where she lived a pure and beautiful life to the day of her death. When nearing her dissolution, she said: "Pa, I want to hear you pray once more. I am not afraid to die. I was converted long ago, and have always done the best I could; though would love to live to raise my sweet little babe." But our kind heavenly Father ordered otherwise, and she left sweet little Otis, her only living child (just three weeks old) to meet one who had gone before. But how sad we all feel when we think of dear Eunice. We can see her no more here. Her beautiful form lies in the grave. We can but weep, and say farewell; but, by the grace of God, we will see her again some sweet day, where there are no sad partings, for "We mourn not as those who have no hope." Little Otis is left in our home and will be cared for and trained to live so as to meet mama after awhile. We are all so sad and heart-broken. Jim has lost a good wife; Alice, Dora, George, Jenny, Truwan, Henry, Hubbard, Leona and Birdie have lost a sweet sister, papa and mama a precious child, and little Otis his loving mother. She cannot come back to us, but, thanks be to God, we can all go to her; and we are all on the way; be faithful, dear ones, and the meetings will be glorious. Oh! how sweet it will be, in that beautiful land, so free from all sorrow and pain, to meet each other again! Her

PAPA AND MAMA.

MRS. ELIZABETH FUQUA.

Died, on Sunday, at 9:30 p. m., May 28, 1899, Mrs. Lissie Fuqua, wife of W. A. Fuqua, at their residence on Moberly Avenue, Longview, Texas.

Thus passed away one of the sweetest characters it has ever been our privilege to know. As a Christian, neighbor and friend her life among us was one to be admired; but it was as a wife that the great grandeur of her character appeared, surpassing anything we ever witnessed. Her perfect patience was indeed sublime. Of physical ill she had a full share of all that "flesh is heir to," and troubles otherwise fell to her lot without stint. This world was never promised to be heaven to any one. If heaven can come to earth, God gives of his grace and a foretaste we have. She had that grace, and it sustained her always. Her last illness was almost tortures of suffering from disease. She bore it without a word of complaint. She won us all, coming as she did to

camp, as she called their temporary place of abode, to be near and to encourage her husband in his arduous work. Many were the pleasant days the writer of this tribute had with her there! There she waited and hoped for a home for herself. Ere long it was commenced, and slowly, as convenient season occurred, it progressed. I never can forget how happy she was when it was complete. She tolled with her hands and she tolled with her brain to plan and provide each little article so necessary to make a home. Some of her friends remarked that just as she got it all finished she was called to leave it. I said: "She is in a home far better." There no suffering is.

At the last three whole days and nights, except short intervals, she was in convulsions, in one of which her life would have passed out, but heroic treatment secured a quiet spell of an hour, out of which one or two twitches roused her. She opened her eyes and looking into the eyes of him she idolized, gave one quick breath and the chord of life was snapped asunder. Our prayers go up to the great Giver for him that he, like as she did, may give his life to God and duty. The saddest sight there was that of the mother looking at her own flesh and blood die. The deceased leaves father, mother, Mr. and Mrs. Spain, of Alto, Texas, four sisters, husband, and, saddest of all, a little son, some seven years old. God is just, and out from her life will spring blessings upon every one with whom she came in contact.

A FRIEND.

DAVIS.—Lorn Laughlin Davis was born in Cass County, Texas, March 12, 1862, and died on the same day of the month, 1899, having lived thirty-seven years exactly. He was taken violently ill with pneumonia at the beginning of his sickness, and although his physicians and friends worked with heroic energy, inspired with a hope to save a life so valuable, all efforts were in vain. The time for his departure from this world had come, and neither love nor skill could detain him. In the presence of his father, wife and children he fell on sleep—that sleep that knows no awakening in this life. That the awakening will be a glorious one for him we feel confident. He expected death from the first of his sickness, but he felt no fear. When the day before he died his pastor told him the end was likely approaching, he said: "It is all right with me." Chorus thought that "all's well" at the end! As a citizen, Bro. Davis stood high. He was for six years the District Clerk of his county. For several years he was assistant cashier of Atlanta Bank. In all the positions he held he constantly exhibited the best traits of character and capacity. He was an unusually popular man, well known and well loved throughout the country. It was in June, 1898, that he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, and until death claimed him he was a faithful and useful member. For several years he had been a steward, and one of the best on the board. Nowhere, except in the family circle, is he missed more than in the council and work of his Church. His home-life was especially happy and beautiful. His father said he had all his life "been a dutiful and loving son, and had never been anything but an honor and comfort to his parents. It is not surprising that such a son proved a good and true husband. He was married to Miss Della M. Johnson, daughter of J. D. Johnson, of Atlanta, December 15, 1889. Five children were born into their home—two of whom preceded him to the better world. Three bright little girls are left for a comfort to the mother. It is sad for all of us who loved him, and we miss him sorely; but oh how doubly sad and lonely for the young wife bereft of so noble and devoted a husband, and her children of an always kind and affectionate father! The home, once so happy and bright, is full of sorrow now, but God in his goodness has promised to wipe all tears from our eyes, and "Some Sweet Day" he will reunite husband and wife, father and children and friend with friend.

J. W. JOHNSON.

Atlanta, Texas.

ADAMSON.—Sarah Alice, youngest daughter of J. S. and Margaret E. Zant and wife of J. N. Adamson, was born in Dooly County, Ga., September 24, 1874, and died in Shackelford County, Texas, May 7, 1899. Sister Adamson was converted and joined the Church at the age of eleven years under the ministry of Rev. J. David Crockett, since which time she has lived a consistent Christian. Her death was very sudden and unexpected to herself and family. "But they know where to find her." She leaves a young husband and a little babe, with father, brothers and sisters who expect to meet her again where partings are no more.

I. E. HIGHTOWER.

DENTON.—Mrs. Amanda M. Denton was born in North Alabama, August 22, 1849; was married to Jno. P. Denton April 7, 1867; joined the M. E. Church about fifteen years ago and remained a true, consistent member of the same until her death, which occurred in Hunt County, Texas, November 7, 1898. She leaves a husband, five sons and an only daughter to mourn their loss. She was a good wife, a kind mother and loved her Church and its services. Her seat is vacant here, but we expect to find her occupying a seat in the Church triumphant in heaven.

A. NOLAN, L. P.

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DUNN.—Little Rose Dunn, only child of Bro. and Sister George Dunn, was born December 21, 1835, and died May 24, 1899. She was taken with diphtheria, and after a few days of intense suffering passed to her home in the skies. It was so hard for parents and relatives to give up their little darling, whose innocence, beauty and childish prattle had endeared her to them. But God doeth all things well, and we bow to his will, hoping for the resurrection and the meeting on the other shore.

PASTOR.

BYRD.—J. F. Byrd, aged about forty-eight years, died April 28, 1899, after suffering for a long time with consumption, caused by a gripple. He expressed himself as ready and willing to die. His wife and six children are left lonely, his oldest son having died several years ago. We can only commend them to the God of the widow and the fatherless, and pray that they may be an unbroken family in the world where sickness and death never enter and where he has joined many loved ones, to sing the praises of God forever.

M. A. G.

BROWN.—Bro. A. W. Brown was born in Brandon, Rankin County, Miss., February 25, 1845. He joined the Methodist Church when thirteen years old, and soon afterwards removed to Hallettsville, Lavaca County, Texas; was married to Miss Amanda Merchant April 5, 1866. In 1879 he removed to Willsboro, Texas, and there, after a few days of illness, died June 12, 1899, at 8:40 a. m. Bro. Brown leaves behind a wife and five children; but they hope to meet him on high when God shall call them away to be at rest with him in glory.

PASTOR.

CONAWAY.—Marion Linn Conaway, infant son of W. J. and Lella Conaway, was born June 14, 1898, and died May 30, 1899. After suffering for about three weeks the Lord took the sweet spirit of this precious child, and with sad hearts we laid his little body away in the beautiful cemetery at Vaughan, Hill County, Texas, to await the resurrection. May the rich grace of God sustain the parents and relatives and at last reunite them in the home above.

C. N. N. FERGUSON.

Abott, Texas.

PILANT.—Mary Elizabeth Pilant, eldest child of Nathan and Susan Sims, was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, December 22, 1845; moved when an infant to Jackson County, Alabama; was married to James Calvin Pilant March 14, 1865. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Gray's Chapel, in Alabama, in 1867; came to Texas and settled in Dallas County in 1874; came to Arlington in 1876. She was the mother of twelve children—four boys and five girls still living. She was taken with typhoid fever, relapsed, and after a ten-week's struggle with disease she died June 15, 1899. A true wife, a faithful mother, a splendid Christian is gone; but in her lifetime she served the Lord, and so no wonder she died with "thy will be done" on her lips. The Lord comfort all the bereaved.

E. V. COX.

Arlington, Texas.

GRIZZARD.—Luther Albert Grizzard, son of Dr. L. A. and Mrs. Mattie Grizzard, was born on the 31st day of May, 1896. With three sisters, he was the only brother and the pride of his parents. He was a child of great promise and as handsome as could be. Bright blue eyes, golden curls, a large, well-formed head, a plump body and an excellent disposition made him a most interesting child. But God saw best to take him home; so on the 2d day of February, 1899, the angels came and carried him to his eternal home. It seems a mysterious Providence, but our Heavenly Father is too wise to err and too good to do wrong, and it must be right.

H. A. BOAZ, Pastor.

Ablene, Texas.

COX.—Minnie May Bell, wife of J. T. Cox and daughter of J. S. and Martha E. Houx, was born at Boonville, Cooper County, Mo., November 10, 1871; came to Texas with her father's family in 1875, her father settling in Palo Pinto County. She embraced religion about the age of fourteen and joined the M. E. Church, South. She was a good woman, affectionate wife and mother, and loved and respected by those who knew her. Her death, which occurred May 24, 1899, was very triumphant. For several days before she died she was happy in the Lord and shouted his praises aloud. She suffered a great deal before the end came, but she bore her sufferings patiently without murmuring, and said she "was going home to die no more." She leaves a husband and several little children. May the Lord bind up the broken-hearted and help them say, "Thy will be done."

I. E. HIGHTOWER.

Breckinridge, Texas.

BICKLEY.—Mrs. Eliza E. Bickley, daughter of Wm. and Thirza Sutton, was born May 31, 1862, in Russell County, Va., and was married to J. P. Bickley August 20, 1896, and came immediately to Merit, Hunt County, Texas, where she remained until her death, which occurred May 27, 1899. Her death was very sudden. She ate her supper and sat up and talked until 9 o'clock, and then retired for the night. About 10:30 p. m. she got up and her husband asked what was the matter, and she replied that she was choking. He immediately called for help, and sent for the doctor, but before he could get help she was dead. Her death was a great shock to the entire community. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev.

S. A. Ashburn, of Farmersville Station, in the presence of a large congregation, and she was interred in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, at Farmersville, Texas. Sister Bickley was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, early in life, so about all of her life was spent in the Church. I have never known any one more universally loved and admired, and one who loved the Church more than she. She took a great delight in all the work of the Church, and was always ready and willing to do all that lay in her power. She possessed an amiable disposition. Her conversation was chaste, "coupled with fear." Her adorning was not that of "braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array," but with good works, "Ever the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." She was truly an "elect lady." She was true and faithful in all the relations of life, as daughter, sister, wife, friend, Christian and Sunday-school teacher. Her pleasant smiles and sweet expressions will not be seen and more on earth, for she heard the call, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." "Though she be dead, yet speaketh."

J. B. ADAIR, P. C.

BENTLEY.—Mrs. Martha Bentley, daughter of O. H. and Elizabeth Hooper, was born March 1, 1867, in Cleburne County, N. C.; died in Clay County, Texas, March 23, 1899. She was converted at the age of fifteen, at Muscendine Camp Ground, in North Carolina, and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a faithful member until death. She was married to Thos. Bentley September 24, 1884. To this union were born five children—three boys and two girls—the last one of which, Elena Bentley, God saw fit to take to himself, after a short stay in this world of two months and eleven days, dying two days after its mother. Sister Bentley was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a consistent Christian. She told her mother just a short time before her death that she was ready and willing to die if God so willed. May her pure life and peaceful death inspire the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters, husband and children, to so live that when they depart this life they may meet her in the land of rest.

T. N. WEAKE, P. C.

STRATTON.—Mrs. Frances Stratton, daughter of S. G. and S. C. Bird, was born in Wise County, Texas, September 11, 1875, and died at Alliance, Hunt County, Texas, June 11, 1899. She was married to Lee Stratton December 10, 1894. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of twelve years, and from this date to the end of her life she was a good Christian. She had a very lovely disposition; was a kind and sweet-spirited woman. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and two little girls, several relatives and a host of friends. She was sick four months and one week, during which time she suffered greatly, but did not complain, but endured it with Christian fortitude. She told the writer some time before her death that she "was prepared to die; that she loved God with all her heart." A few hours before her death she said to her husband that she regretted to leave him and her two little girls, but they must do the best they could.

J. B. ADAIR, P. C.

PEURIFOY.—John Burton Peurifoy, the only child of R. G. and Laura P. Peurifoy, was born near Riesel, Texas, April 5, 1898, and died June 3, 1899, aged fourteen months and four days. The writer baptized little John while serving the Mari Circuit, in the bounds of which Bro. and Sister Peurifoy live. A brighter, healthier child was seldom seen until the last twelve days of his life, during which time he suffered intensely. Bro. and Sister Peurifoy are consecrated Christians. They know what it is to lean on the strong arm of God, and it has not failed them in their hour of need. They gave their baby to God when it was given to them, and although they are mute with sorrow, yet they sorrow not as those who have no hope. They do not feel that he is dead, but only gone before, and they are striving to be submissive and have begun to try as never before to find and perform their Christian duties in the eyes of God. The funeral occurred June 10, 1899, and the little body of baby John was laid to rest in the quiet little cemetery at Battle, Texas, to await the resurrection morn. May God help the sorrowing parents in their hour of trial.

JAS. A. RUFFNER.

Waco, Texas.

NORWOOD.—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; they rest from their labors." What a thrill of joy does this blessed passage awaken in the Christian breast! What emotions of pleasure are experienced, and bright the beckoning hand of hope when with faith we rely upon such a promise, and the human soul presses on in the way of life until the river of death is reached, then how sweet to know Him who has said: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Such was the experience of the subject of this notice—Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards (nee Norwood). She was born in North Carolina, November

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4, 1811; died in Yoakum, Texas, at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. Thomason, July 1, 1898. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church when at the age of thirteen years; was married to Mr. J. G. Edwards, of Kentucky, in Alabama, July 6, 1837. He died in Arkansas, October 6, 1857. She then moved to Texas in 1858, settling near my father's home, at Oso, Fayette County. She and my mother were lifelong friends and schoolmates, and from early boyhood I knew her. To know such an one who was so devoted to her Savior, family and friends was an inspiration. To know of such a death is a glorious truth of the saving grace of God! It was my happy privilege to be with her a short while several months before her death and to hear expressions of perfect submission and bright hopes of immortality beyond the grave.

A few weeks before her death she was confined to her bed, and her mind became unsettled and wandering; but just before her departure her mental faculties returned in full vigor and she calmly conversed with the loved ones around her. In this hour there was expressed by her countenance the conscious presence of the Divine. She asked the family to sing a hymn, which had been so dear to her in life: "O sing to me of heaven." The song was sung, then the spirit was released, and the angels bore it away to the "summer land of bliss." Two children had preceded her: six remain—all of whom are dear friends to the writer. And I pray that four mother's life and death will prove a blessing eternal to you.

J. F. SULLIVAN.
Flaton, Texas.

"A word to the wise is sufficient." Wise people keep their blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and make sure of health.

It seems that evolution has ascertained that the Garden of Eden was a monkey garden.

North Texas Conference.

- Dallas District—Third Round.
- Lewisville July 8, 9
 - Cochran and Caruth July 15, 16
 - Wheatland July 22, 23
 - Grand Prairie July 29, 30
 - Oak Cliff 11 a. m. Aug. 6
 - West Dallas 8 p. m. Aug. 6
 - Duncanville Aug. 12, 13
 - First Church Aug. 20
 - Floyd Street 11 a. m. Aug. 27
 - Trinity 8 p. m. Aug. 27
 - Denton Sept. 3
 - Haskell Avenue Sept. 10
- Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

- Terrell District—Third Round.
- Wylie, at Blythe's Chapel July 8, 9
 - Rockwall, at Mt. Zion July 15, 16
 - Forney, at Allen's Chapel July 22, 23
 - Terrell cir, at College Mound July 29, 30
 - Mesquite, at Montgomery Aug. 5, 6
 - Reinhardt Aug. 12, 13
 - Crandall Aug. 19, 20
 - Kemp Aug. 26, 27
 - Gray's Prairie Sept. 2, 3
- I. W. Clark, P. E.

- Sulphur Springs District—Third Round.
- Sulphur Bluff cir. 3d Sun. July
 - Commerce sta. 8:30 p. m. July 18
 - Windsboro sta. 4th Sun. July
 - Sulphur Springs sta. 8:30 p. m. July 25
 - Cooper, at Foster's chap. 5th Sun. July
 - Reily Springs, at Forest Home. 11 a. m. Aug. 3
 - Wolfe City sta. 8:30 p. m. Aug. 3
 - Campbell at Jones Bethel. 2d Sun. Aug
 - Como, at Forest. 3d Sun. Aug
 - Celeste and Lane, at Celeste. 3 p. m. Aug. 25
 - Leonard at Grove Hill. 4th Sun. Aug
 - Cumby, at Gafford's. 11 a. m. Aug. 31
 - Mt. Vernon, at Mt. Vernon. 1st Sun. Sept
 - Fairlee. 2d Sun. Sept
 - County Line. 3:30 p. m. Sept. 15
 - Ben Franklin. 4th Sun. Sept
- The appointments embracing Sundays will include Saturday before also.
- C. B. Fladger, P. E.

- Sherman District—Third Round.
- Van Alstyne sta. July 9, 10
 - Collinsville cir. July 15, 16
 - Whitesboro sta. July 16, 17
 - Pottsboro and Preston. July 22, 23
 - Bells cir. July 29, 30
 - Willow Street. Aug. 5, 6
 - Travis Street. Aug. 6, 7
 - Pilot Grove. Aug. 12, 13
 - Whitewright sta. Aug. 19, 20
 - Denton sta. Aug. 26, 27
 - Whitesboro cir. Sept. 2, 3
 - Gordonsville. Sept. 9, 10
 - Gunters. Sept. 16, 17
- J. R. Wages, P. E.

- Paris District—Third Round.
- Lamar Avenue, Paris. July 8, 9
 - West Paris, Paris. July 8, 9
 - Detroit cir, at Red Oak. July 15, 16
 - Depot cir. July 22, 23
 - Rossale cir. July 29, 30
 - Blossom and Reno. Aug. 5, 6
 - Woodland cir, at Franklin. Aug. 12, 13
 - Emerson cir. Aug. 19, 20
 - Boxton cir. Aug. 26, 27
 - Lake Creek. Aug. 26, 27
 - Powderly mis. Sept. 2, 3
- W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

- Gainesville District—Third Round.
- St. Jo, at Gladys. July 8, 9
 - Belcher, at Barrell Springs. July 9, 10
 - Era and Valley View, at Spring Creek. July 15, 16
 - Marysville, at Marysville. July 22, 23
 - Roanoke and Ponder, at Roanoke. July 29, 30
 - Sanger, at Cedar. Aug. 5, 6
 - Rosston, at Forestburg. Aug. 6, 7
 - Greenwood, at Greenwood. Aug. 12, 13
 - Dexter, at Galisburg. Aug. 19, 20
 - Woodbine, at Bethel. Aug. 26, 27
 - Aubrey, at Oak Grove. Aug. 27, 28
- J. M. Binkley, P. E.

- Bowie District—Third Round.
- Decatur cir. July 8, 9
 - Decatur sta. July 9, 10
 - Avond cir. July 15, 16
 - Chico cir. July 16, 17
 - Bryson. July 22, 23
 - Jacksboro sta. July 23, 24
 - Bridgeport (Monday). July 24

- Georgetown District—Third Round.
- Granger. July 8, 9
 - Holland. July 15, 16
 - Belton. July 16, 17
 - Temple, Seventh Street. July 22, 23
 - Temple, First Church. July 22, 23
 - Round Rock. July 29, 30

- Rhomb cir. July 29, 30
 - Post Oak cir. Aug. 5, 6
 - Bronsville cir. Aug. 12, 13
 - Gibtown cir. Aug. 19, 20
 - Bluegrove cir. Aug. 26, 27
 - Crafton cir. Aug. 26, 27
 - Bowie cir (Wednesday). Aug. 30
- F. O. Miller, P. E.

- Waco District—Third Round.
- Aquilla, at Aquilla. July 8, 9
 - Peoria, at Peoria. July 15, 16
 - Bruceville, at Bruceville. July 22, 23
 - Troy, at Oenaville. July 24
 - Bosqueville, at Evergreen. July 29, 30
 - Moody, at Stringtown. Aug. 5, 6
 - Lorena, at Stanford. Aug. 12, 13
 - Morgan, at Kopperl. Aug. 19, 20
 - Morrow Street. Aug. 26, 27
 - Abbott, at Willow. Sept. 2, 3
 - Fifth Street. Sept. 9, 10
 - Elm Street. Sept. 16, 17
 - Mart, at Riesel. Sept. 23, 24
 - Mt. Calm. Sept. 30, Oct. 1
- Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

- Bonham District—Third Round.
- Dodd and Windom. 2d Sun. July
 - Gober. 3d Sun. July
 - White Rock. 4th Sun. July
 - Randolph. 5th Sun. July
 - Ladonia. 1st Sun. Aug.
 - Petty. 2d Sun. Aug.
 - Trenton. 3d Sun. Aug.
 - Brookston. 4th Sun. Aug.
 - Fannin. 1st Sun. Aug.
 - Lannius. 2d Sun. Aug.
- T. R. Pierce, P. E.

- Greenville District—Third Round.
- McKinney. 2d Sun. July
 - Princeton, Kulleoka. 3d Sun. July
 - Kingston, at Ballard's Chapel. July 19
 - Neola, at Meadow View. 4th Sun. July
 - Floyd, at County Line. July 26
 - Allen, at Murphy. 5th Sun. July
 - Lone Oak, at Miller Grove. 1st Sun. Aug.
 - Bethel. 2d Sun. Aug.
 - Merit, at Harrell's. 3d Sun. Aug.
 - Blue Ridge, at Snow Hill. Aug. 23
 - Weston. 4th Sun. Aug.
- I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

Northwest Texas Conference.

- Fort Worth District—Third Round.
- Arlington cir, at Kennedale. July 8, 9
 - Arlington sta. July 9, 10
 - Blum, at Blum. July 15, 16
 - Burleson, at Denton's Chapel. July 22, 23
 - Mansfield. July 29, 30
 - East Cleburne, at Chapel Hill. Aug. 5, 6
 - Marystown and Joshua, at J. Aug. 12, 13
 - Grapevine. Aug. 19, 20
 - West Cleburne, at George's Crk. Aug. 26, 27
 - Cleburne sta. Sept. 2, 3
- B. R. Bolton, P. E.

- Vernon District—Third Round.
- Chillicothe. July 8, 9
 - Harrold mis. July 15, 16
 - Quannah sta. July 22, 23
 - Childress sta. July 29, 30
 - Mangum mis. Aug. 5, 6
 - Altus mis. Aug. 9
 - Eldorado cir. Aug. 12, 13
- C. W. Daniel, P. E.

- Corsicana District—Third Round.
- Wortham cir, at Birdston. July 8, 9
 - Rice cir, at Reynolds. July 15, 16
 - Cotton Gin cir. July 22, 23
 - Mexia sta, at Mexia. July 29, 30
 - Groesbeck sta, at Groesbeck. July 29, 30
 - Horn Hill cir, at Central Institute. Aug. 5, 6
 - Armon cir, at Armon. Aug. 12, 13
 - Thornton cir, at Big Hill. Aug. 19, 20
 - Corsicana cir, at Zion's Rest. Aug. 26, 27
- E. A. Bailey, P. E.

- Weatherford District—Third Round.
- Whitt, at Black Springs. July 8, 9
 - Eliasville, at Reunion Grounds. July 15, 16
 - Ranger, at Wayland. July 22, 23
 - Breckenridge, at Eolian. July 29, 30
 - Springtown, at Goshen. Aug. 5, 6
 - Santo, at Brazos. Aug. 12, 13
 - Huckabay, at Bridges Chapel. Aug. 19, 20
 - Hillsap, at Holder's Chapel. Aug. 26, 27
 - Falo Pinto. Sept. 2, 3
 - Peaster. Sept. 9, 10
 - Weatherford mis. Sept. 16, 17
 - Couts Memorial, at C. M. Sept. 18
- Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

- Waxahachie District—Third Round.
- Waxahachie sta. July 7
 - Forreston cir, at Avalon. July 8, 9
 - Alvarado, at Cahill. July 16, 17
 - Mountain Peak cir, at M. Peak. July 22, 23
 - Venus and St. Paul, at Wyatt. July 24
 - Red Oak, at Onward. July 29, 30
 - Midlothian sta. Aug. 5, 6
 - Crisp, at Sessions. Aug. 8
 - Enns cir. Aug. 15, 16
 - Bardwell cir, at Oak Grove. Aug. 19, 20
 - Ferris cir, at Bluff Springs. Aug. 19, 20
- Horace Bishop, P. E.

- Abilene District—Third Round.
- Colorado sta. July 7, 9
 - Colorado mis. July 8, 9
 - Clear Fork mis. July 12
 - Buffalo Gap cir. July 15, 16
 - Abilene mis. July 15, 16
 - Carle mis. July 15, 16
 - Midland sta. July 21
 - Big Springs sta. July 27
 - Roby cir. July 27
 - Merkel and Sweetwater. Aug. 5, 6
- Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

- Clarendon District—Third Round.
- Childress. July 8, 9
 - Chanuing. July 15, 16
 - Silverton. July 22, 23
 - Canyon City. July 29, 30
 - Floydada. Aug. 5, 6
 - Emma. Aug. 12, 13
 - Matador. Aug. 19, 20
 - Wellington. Aug. 26, 27
- G. S. Hardy, P. E.

- Gatesville District—Third Round.
- Coryell City, Coryell City. July 8, 9
 - Harmon, Boggy. July 15, 16
 - Brookhaven, Brown's Creek. 11 a. m. July 18
 - Hamilton, Warren's Creek. July 22, 23
 - Evant, Hurst. 11 a. m. July 25
 - Copers Cove, Rock Church. July 29, 30
 - Bee House, Fideoke. 11 a. m. July 31
 - Lampasas mis, Bonner. Aug. 5, 6
 - Killeen and Nolanville. 4 p. m. Aug. 7
- J. G. Putnam, P. E.

- Georgetown District—Third Round.
- Granger. July 8, 9
 - Holland. July 15, 16
 - Belton. July 16, 17
 - Temple, Seventh Street. July 22, 23
 - Temple, First Church. July 22, 23
 - Round Rock. July 29, 30

- Bartlett. Aug. 5, 6
 - Salado. Aug. 12, 13
 - Rodgers. Sept. 16, 17
 - Moffat. Aug. 19, 20
 - Florence. Aug. 26, 27
 - Rertram. Sept. 2, 3
 - Burnet. Sept. 9, 10
- W. L. Nelms, P. E.

- Brownwood District—Third Round.
- Goldthwaite. July 8, 9
 - Lometa mis, at Grey's S. H. July 11
 - Santa Anna, at Rockwood. July 14, 15
 - Bangs mis, at Cleveland. July 19
 - May cir. July 22, 23
 - Ballinger sta. July 29, 30
 - Winters cir, at Wingate. Aug. 1
 - Fleming mis. Aug. 5, 6
 - Coleman sta. Aug. 10
 - Glen Cove mis, at Midway. Aug. 12, 13
 - Decker mis, at Nolan. Aug. 19, 20
 - Robert Lee cir. Aug. 23
 - Indian Creek cir. Aug. 27, 28
 - Zephyr. Sept. 2, 3
 - Brownwood sta. Sept. 23, 24
 - District Conference. July 26
- O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

- Dublin District—Third Round.
- Bluff Dale, at Post Oak. July 8, 9
 - Stephenville, at Sylvan. July 15, 16
 - Glen Rose, at Elm Flat. July 15, 16
 - Granbury. July 18
 - Iredell and Walnut, at Eulogy. July 22, 23
 - Hico, at Lanham. July 26
 - Duffau, at Charlotte. July 29, 30
 - Proctor, at Graham Chapel. Aug. 5, 6
 - Green's Creek, at Green's Crk. Aug. 12, 13
 - Carbon, etc., at Gorman. Aug. 19, 20
 - Rising Star, etc., at Scranton. Aug. 26, 27
 - Sipe Springs. Sept. 2, 3
 - Delcon. Sept. 9, 10
 - Desdemonia, at Graham's Chap. Sept. 9, 10
- E. F. Boone, P. E.

West Texas Conference.

- San Antonio District—Third Round.
- Amphion cir. 4th Sun. in June
 - Cotulla cir. 1st Sun. in July
 - Moore cir. 2d Sun. in July
 - Pleasanton cir. 3d Sun. in July
 - Pearsall. July 19
 - Eagle Pass. 4th Sun. in July
 - Del Rio. 1st Sun. in Aug.
 - Utopia cir. 2d Sun. in Aug.
 - Flores Street. Aug. 11
 - Uvalde. 3d Sun. in Aug.
 - San Miguel. Aug. 19
 - Prospect Hill. Aug. 21
 - Travis Park. 4th Sun. in Aug.
 - Sherman Street and South Heights. 1st Sun. in Sept.
- B. Harris, P. E.

- San Marcos District—Third Round.
- Lockhart cir, Dale. July 8, 9
 - Belmont, Oak Forest. July 15, 16
 - San Marcos Cir. July 22, 23
 - Kyle, Pleasant Grove. July 29, 30
 - Gonzales Sta. Aug. 5, 6
 - Lockhart Sta. Aug. 12, 13
 - Dripping Springs. Aug. 19, 20
- I. T. Morris, P. E.

- Llano District—Third Round.
- Kingsland cir. July 8, 9
 - Round Mountain cir. July 15, 16
 - Willow City cir. July 22, 23
 - Blanco cir. July 29, 30
 - Boerne cir. Aug. 5, 6
 - Bandera and Medina. Aug. 12, 13
 - Center Point sta. Aug. 19, 20
 - Ingram cir. Sept. 2, 3
 - Rock Springs cir. Aug. 26, 27
 - Kerrville sta. Sept. 9, 10
- I. K. Waller, P. E.

East Texas Conference.

- Palestine District—Third Round.
- Elkhart cir, at Homes' chap. July 15, 16
 - Palestine sta. Wed. 8:30 p. m. July 19
 - Jacksonville sta. July 23, 24
 - Rusk sta. July 29, 30
 - Crockett sta. Aug. 6, 7
 - Crockett cir, at Center Hill. Aug. 12, 13
 - Trinity and Lovelady at Trinity. Wednesday, Aug. 16
 - Wells mis, at Wells. Aug. 19, 20
 - Brushy Creek, at Brushy Creek. Aug. 22
 - Groveton cir. Aug. 26, 27
 - Alto cir, at Atoy. Sept. 2, 3
 - Grapeland cir. Sept. 6
 - Jacksonville cir. Sept. 9, 10
 - West Palestine. Sept. 16, 17
 - Holcomb cir, at Ratchiff. Sept. 20, 22
- V. A. Godbey, P. E.

- Beaumont District—Third Round.
- Leggett mis, at Salem. July 8, 9
 - Chester mis, at Hollywood, camp meet- ing. July 13
 - Livingston at Corrigan. July 15, 16
 - Woodville, at Colmesneil. July 22, 23
 - Jasper and Kirbyville, at Kirbyville. July 29, 30
 - Port Bolivar cir, at Port Bolivar. Aug. 2
 - Beaumont mis, at South Park. Aug. 5, 6
 - Sabine Pass and Port Arthur, at Port Ar- thur. Aug. 12, 13
 - Burkeville cir, at Farrisville, camp-meet- ing. Aug. 19, 20
 - Jasper mis, at Byreley. Sept. 2, 3
 - Orange sta. Sept. 9, 10
 - Newton mis, at Laurel. Sept. 16, 17
- T. J. Milam, P. E.

- St. Augustine District—Third Round.
- Tenaha, at Woods. July 8, 9
 - Nacogdoches. July 15, 16
 - Garrison, at Reeds Mt. July 21, 22

- Lufkin, at Wallace Chapel. July 29, 30
 - Homer, at Stanley Creek. Aug. 5, 6
 - Appleby, at Linn Flat. August 12, 13
 - Melrose, at Smith's Chapel. August 15
 - Center cir, at Newburn. August 19, 20
 - Center. August 21
 - Carthage, at Clayton. Aug. 26, 27
 - Minden, at Minden. August 28
 - Shelbyville, at Carroll's Chapel. Sept. 2, 3
 - Hemphill. Sept. 9, 10
 - Sexton. Sept. 12
 - St. Augustine and Chireno. Sept. 14
- J. T. Smith, P. E.

- Pittsburg District—Third Round.
- Gilmer cir, at Hopewell. July 8, 9
 - Dalingerfield cir, at Cason. Thur. July 13
 - Winfield cir, at Winfield. July 15, 16
 - Mt. Pleasant sta, at Mt. Pleas't. July 16, 17
 - Linden cir, at Linden. July 22, 23
 - Quitman cir, at Salem. July 29, 30
 - Daily and DeKalb, at Anstin's Chapel. August 5, 6
 - Fairview and Rose Hill, at F. August 6, 7
 - New Boston, at New Boston. August 12, 13
 - Texarkana, State Line, at S. L. Aug. 13, 14
 - Redwater mis, at Red Springs. Aug. 19, 20
 - Leesburg cir, at New Friendship. Aug. 26, 27
 - Naples cir, at Hamell's Chapel. Sept. 2, 3
 - Musgrove cir, at Maple Springs. Sept. 9, 10
- T. P. Smith, P. E.

- Tyler District—Third Round.
- Chapel. July 9, 10
 - Golden, at Boyd's Chapel. July 15, 16
 - Malakoff, at Elm Grove. July 22, 23
 - New York, at N. Y. Fri. July 28
 - Athens sta. July 29, 30
 - Wills Point sta. Aug. 5, 6
 - Mineola, at Big Sandy. Thur. Aug. 19
 - Grand Saline, at Oakland. Aug. 12, 13
 - Canton, at Morris Chapel. Mon. Aug. 14
 - Edom, at Ashburn C. G. Wed. Aug. 16
 - Troupe and Overton, at London. Aug. 19, 20
- John Adams, P. E.

Texas Conference.

- Calvert District—Third Round.
- Buffalo and Oakwood, at O. Sat. July 8
 - Jewett cir, at Jewett. Mon. July 17
 - Rogers Prairie, at Redland. Wed. July 19
 - Centreville, at Leona. Sat. July 22
 - Hezra and Whiteock, at W. Mon. Aug. 7
 - Franklin sta. Fri. Aug. 18
 - Mt. Vernon cir, at Becks. Sat. Aug. 19
 - Calvert sta. Mon. Aug. 21
 - Rosebud cir. Thurs. Aug. 21
 - Durango cir. Sat. Sept. 2
 - Lott cir. Mon. Sept. 4
- H. M. Sears, P. E.

- Austin District—Third Round.
- Elgin, at Pleasant Grove. July 8, 9
 - Eastrop. July 9, 10
 - Flaton. July 15, 16
 - Weimar and Osage, at Osage. July 16, 17
 - Columbus. July 22, 23
 - Eagle Lake, at Lissie. July 23, 24
 - La Grange. July 27
 - Manor. July 29, 30
 - Cedar Creek, at Upton. Aug. 5, 6
 - Merrilltown and Walnut, at W. Aug. 12, 13
 - South Austin. Aug. 19, 20
 - First Street, Austin. Aug. 20, 21
 - Cypress, at Pleasant Valley. Aug. 26, 27
 - Manchaca. Sept. 2, 3
 - Tenth Street, Austin. Sept. 9, 10
 - Hotchkiss Memorial. Sept. 10, 11
 - McDade. Sept. 16, 17
- Geo. A. LeChere, P. E.

- Brenham District—Third Round.
- Brenham. July 8, 9
 - Ben Arnold. July 15, 16
 - Cameron. July 15, 16
 - Maysfield. July 22, 23
 - Davilla. July 29, 30
 - Cameron cir. Aug. 5, 6
 - Pleasant Hill. Aug. 12, 13
 - Rockdale. Aug. 13, 14
 - Sealy. Aug. 19, 20
 - Patterson. Aug. 26, 27
 - Bellville. Sept. 2, 3
 - Chappell Hill. Sept. 9, 10
- E. W. Solomon, P. E.

- Houston District—Third Round.
- Bay Shore, at La Porte. July 8, 9
 - Wharton and H., at W. Thur. July 13
 - El Campo, at Hohn. July 15, 16
 - Columbia and B., at Hinkle's Ferry. July 22, 23
 - Dayton, at Blair's Mill. July 29, 30
 - Cedar Bayou, at Alexander Ch'l. Aug. 5, 6
 - Sandy Point, at Dairy. Aug. 12, 13
 - Matagorda, at Ashby. Aug. 19, 20
 - Washington Street. Aug. 26, 27
 - McKee Street. Aug. 27, 28
 - Tabernacle. Sept. 2, 3
 - Shearn. Sept. 3, 4
 - McAshan, at Harrisb'g. Tues. night, Sept. 5
 - Dickinson, at Hitchcock. Sept. 9, 10
 - St. John's. Wed. night, Sept. 13
 - Rosenberg, at Modina. Sept. 16, 17
- O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

- Huntsville District—Third Round.
- Prairie Plains cir, at Bay's. Aug. 12, 13
 - Anderson cir, at Roua's Prairie. Aug. 15
 - Courtney and Plantersville, at P. Aug. 17
 - Montgomery, at Harmony. Aug. 19, 20
 - Conroe. Aug. 22
 - Willis. Aug. 24
 - Dodge cir, at Waverly. Aug. 26, 27
 - Cold Springs cir, at Shepherd. Aug. 30
 - Millican cir, at Wesson. Sept. 2, 3
 - Zion cir, at Sulphur Springs. Sept. 7
 - Madisonville cir, at Midway. Sept. 9, 10
 - Bryan. Sept. 14
 - Hempstead. Sept. 17, 18
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THE PASTOR'S SALARY.

The Church that looks to "suppers" and set times to "pop off" to raise the preacher's salary leads a precarious life. Collections taken under abnormal conditions are misleading, and furnish no guide. The pastor's right to pecuniary support rests on the authority of God, and its reason in the philosophy of natural law; and the denial of this right on the part of the Church furnishes its own counterpart in the death of that Church. This support is trustworthy and commensurate only where the conviction of this "right" is fixed in the soul of the Church. Although some men respond to this obligation as if by intuition, without religion or special instruction, still, the rule favors the educated conscience. Men must be taught the authority of this law, as well as its practical uses. "The laborer," Christ says, "is worthy of his hire." As a specific duty it stands in the category of faith, works, etc. True the Church has no wages to sell; "salvation is free," "without money and without price." Notwithstanding, it is also true that the Church can no retain her right or power to succor the individual membership except on the principle of individual reciprocity. This relation is interdependent, and is maintained only by acts of conscious rectitude. In this sense, to use a vulgar phrase, it is impossible for any member to "dead-beat" the Church. He may withhold his means in whole or in part, and if the act be arbitrary, that moment his interest stops. "God (only) is not mocked." The apostle says, "Let him that is taught in the word minister to him that teacheth in all good things." The limitation is "all good things." Nothing less.

A thousand dollar circuit makes a preacher and six live on \$400 or less, and pay moving expenses. Mirabile dictu? No, not "wonderful to tell." It is a shame! Paul wants to inculcate the principles of liberality, the opposite of stinginess. "Stinginess," as it relates to Christianity, stands in the exact order of antithesis. "Liberality" promotes life; stinginess death. I never knew a truly liberal Church that did not have "power." As opposed to this order is the "dead" stingy Church. Religion, or love, is neither lachrimosity nor verbosity; it is beneficence in motion.

A brother said, "That will be my land when I get it paid for." I said, "True, but will you forsake God in the meantime?" I knew what he meant; I had heard it so often. His steward said, "He pays less now than when he got his first hundred acres 'paid for'; besides, he hardly ever goes to Church." I would allow no "debt," or any number of them, to intervene my obligations to God otherwise.

I said that men should be taught. But, owing to the secular relation of the pastor to his people, the subject is a delicate one. Especially if the preacher is very poor and the Church "backward" to learn, the effort is liable to create a contingency that would increase rather than diminish his burdens. The pastor's right to a support issues in a higher cause (as already stated) than an empty crib or depleted larder. To urge considerations of poverty degrades the "calling" to the level of a mere vassalage, and in time would stamp out the system utterly. The pastor is the servant, not a slave, of the Church. A fair understanding of this whole subject is material to the spiritual development of the people. The whole duty of man in the concrete is, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself." But the multitudes demand a more specific gospel. Therefore we ought to preach that men (that includes me) must support the ministry; preach that we must feed the hungry; preach that we must

entertain the stranger; preach that we must clothe the naked; preach that we must visit the prisoner; preach that we must help the idle to find work; preach that we must pay full price for full work; preach that "works" is the demonstration of faith; preach that faith without works is dead. "For I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." If we preach these things we do well; but thrice happy are we if we "do them." "For then shall the King say, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." JOEL S. GRAVES.

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The Beaumont District is in the East Texas Conference, bordering on the Gulf, extending from the Trinity River to the Sabine east and west, and north and south from the gulf to Angelina and Cherokee Counties. This takes in about eight or ten counties.

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The business of the conference was transacted smoothly and with dispatch. The "Ditzler" of the conference, Rev. V. A. Godbey, was there, full of work, looking after the educational interests of the Church. If Godbey lives and keeps true to himself and the Church, the world will know him one of these days. The brethren and the people treated us kindly, and we gave them the gospel on Friday night, and they gave bread and meat to the orphans.

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