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## EDITORIAL.

### DEALING WITH WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH.

That there is more or less of worldliness in the membership of the Church is a self-evident proposition, and to deal with it wisely and firmly is a problem with which every pastor is confronted. Some of the elements of this problem need to be pointed out and discussed as a preliminary step toward its solution.

1. The people who belong to the Church and run with the world, are usually people of means. They live in fine houses, they have most everything they need, and they pay liberally to the support of the Church. They innocently believe that on account of their means the Church is brought under obligation to them, and that without their financial help the Church would be crippled in its operations. That the Church needs money to meet its current expenses and to support its benevolences is most assuredly true; but such people often take advantage of this necessity, contribute of their money, and thereby claim certain privileges that the possession of money bestows.
2. The people who belong to the Church and indulge in worldly practices are usually people of high social standing—that is, they are sought after by what is known as society. They are popular in the community, and many demands are made upon them by worldly associates. They are included in the social "functions" of the community. To resist these demands is to be a little unpopular and peculiar, and this they cannot afford on account of their children.
3. Often they are people who are only formal members of the Church and have no adequate idea of the spiritual import of Church rules and obligations. They are strangers to the experience of regeneration and the witness of the Spirit. They do not always know God in the pardon of sin and they have no conscious joy of full salvation.
4. In this state they see neither impropriety nor wrong in these things condemned and forbidden by the Church. To them there is no harm in the theater, in the ball room, and in the progressive eucher party. They can go to Church on Sunday, take the holy sacrament regularly, pay their assessments, treat the pastor with great kindness and respect, and with these duties thus discharged they are at liberty to enjoy the recreations of life. Other good people do these things, and there is no good reason why they should be put under restrictions. Therefore they remain in the Church and indulge in these worldly practices. Now these are some of the elements entering into this problem of worldly amusements, and they make the enforcement of discipline a difficult question. Yet with reference to these things the preacher and the Church have a sacred duty to perform. In performing it, however, the pastor needs to be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove. He has no right upon the one hand to lose his temper and become foolhardy in dealing with such cases, neither has he any right upon the

other hand to shut his eyes to these infractions and plead the baby act. It makes no difference if these worldly people are possessed of means and stand high in the social circle, he ought to go to them in person and in the loving spirit of Jesus Christ talk to them, point out the impropriety of their course, and pray with them. This sort of treatment will in most instances either remedy or check the evil. But if he goes at them with a Discipline in his hand and the utterance of high-sounding terms of authority, he will spoil the whole thing; or if he goes to them with fear and trembling and plays the whining sycophant, his effort will be futile. There is a religious, manly and courageous way to meet an issue of this sort that will prove effectual. Then in his pulpit ministrations he ought to speak out in no uncertain sound touching the evils of worldly amusements. And not only this, but he ought to preach the importance of a conscious salvation from sin upon the part of those who constitute the membership of the Church of God. A full gospel, preached in directness and love and in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, coupled with the exercise of great judgment and consecration upon the part of the pastoral office, is one of the imperative needs of this age and generation.

### THE FIRST DRUNKARD WE EVER SAW.

More than forty years ago we were living in a quiet country home in the hill country of East Tennessee. There was no town near us and we were all country folk together. Our home was the largest house in the settlement and centrally located and upon the "big road." There is where the preachers used to come every six weeks and hold meeting for the community. It was the place also where travelers were wont to stop and spend the night, and, in fact, it was the most prominent place in that immediate section. Among the other gatherings that frequented our place were the voters who always came there on election days to cast their votes, as it was the precinct for that district. Election days were big days, and they always brought big crowds of men. Candidates were generally around on such occasions, and they would bring whiskey in abundance. Drinking then was not what it is now. Men would sometimes get a little full, and they would often have the old time fist-and-skull fights, but clubs and knives and pistols were never used by the combatants. Among the crowds gathering on these occasions there was one chronic drinker. He was a poor man and lived on rented land. Most generally he worked as a hired day-laborer. His name was Edington, and he had a wife and three small children. We heard of his drink habit long before we ever saw him drunk. On the occasion to which we refer he was on hand early and got full before noon. As the day advanced he got more full and toward night he was helpless. At the close of the voting some men pulled him into the barn. To our innocent eyes the sight was appalling. A man

so beastly drunk that he had to be dragged about like an animal! It was in the fall of the year and very cold for that season. In fact, it was just the beginning of winter. About ten o'clock we heard him trying to get out. Some one of the family went down and tried to prevail upon him to come to the house and spend the night. But he would not hear to it, and insisted on being turned loose and allowed to go home. A colored man took him quite a little distance and put him in the right path and he said he could make it all right. It turned off very cold before day and the ground was frozen the next morning. About ten o'clock in the day Mrs. Edington, with her babe in her arms, came to our home in search of her husband. This was a surprise, as we thought he had gotten home safely. A search was instituted and half a mile from his home his remains were found, frozen stiff, by the side of a spring where he had crawled to get a drink and had fallen asleep never to wake. The ice was frozen in his whiskers and his eyes were set and glassy in their vacant stare. He was dead! His poor wife was heart-broken. She cried so loud that her lamentations could be heard a long way off. He was buried the next day and his grave was always pointed out as the grave of a drunkard. His wife and children for some years were upon the hands of the neighbors for support. Two of them were boys. They grew up, but never amounted to anything. The sister went to the bad when she became a grown-up girl. Since then we have seen scores and scores of drunkards, but we have never known any good to come of their drinking. At that early day we learned to have a horror of strong drink. The lesson we learned from that man's end has never left us. We can see him now as though it were only yesterday that he lay crouched up by that spring with his silent eyes, without sight, looking into vacant space. We can still hear the screams of his heart-broken wife as she looked upon his form stiff in death! Who can estimate the crimes which strong drink has perpetrated upon outraged humanity—its widows, its orphans, its sorrows, its poverty, its wreckage of life and character? And its shrieking victims in the regions of despair, who can estimate them?

### ALAS FOR THE SHEEP!

The above heading appears under a cartoon, by Frank Beard, in the last issue of the Ram's Horn. The picture affords food for thought. Let's give the reader an idea of it. There is a well-furnished room, and upon the door hangs the sign, "Preachers' Meeting." On the inside are several grave ministers with the Bible open before them pointing out some matters of alleged questionable authenticity. Just over them is the program for the day's discussion, as follows: "Subject for discussion—1. Who Wrote Ecclesiastes—Martin Tupper or Solomon? 2. Shall we feed the sheep on sawdust or on sulphur and molasses?" On the outside of the room and away off in the field is a flock of sheep

with the devil driving them off at a rapid rate. He has horns on his head, forked feet, and a whip in his hand. This is intended to be a take-off of the higher critic's method of interpreting the Bible. It may be overdrawn, but it is suggestive. The great masses of the people care nothing about "Higher Criticism." They are dealing with the great practical issues of life, such as poverty, sin, temptation, affliction and soul weariness. For these things there is but one remedy, and that is found in Jesus Christ as a Savior. They need sympathy, forbearance, pardon, regeneration and spiritual consolation. For these experiences they look to the pulpit and long for relief. Here they must be pointed to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. The preacher who can put himself into touch with these needs of the struggling masses, impress upon them the fact that he loves them, awaken within them a consciousness of their need of a Savior, and help them by his kindly ministrations into the realization of a better life, is the man who will make himself a genuine blessing to those among whom he labors. "Higher Criticism" has its place as a pastime to those who have the leisure to indulge in a luxury of that sort, but the preacher who gives up his entire time to it will most assuredly let the devil drive away the bulk of the sheep. Nothing but the unutilized gospel of the Son of God preached in demonstration and in power will bring people to cry unto God for mercy and forgiveness. We are truly thankful that you have to go East to find the conditions necessary to the production of a picture like the one described. In this section our preachers are too busy preaching the gospel to find time to devote to destructive criticism of the Bible. People are dying and the devil is abroad over these lands, and human hearts are breaking under their burden of sorrow, and we must needs be about our Father's business. Christ did not waste time criticising the Old Testament; Paul did not indulge in the spirit of picking out apparent discrepancies in the gospel; but the one went about doing good and the other gave his life to preaching Christ and him crucified. And they turned the old world upside down and put into active motion those vital forces which have wrought revolutions in the civil, social and spiritual conditions of mankind. It is our business to preach this same old gospel to men to-day, and not to criticise it or apologize for it. We are called to be ministers and not iconoclasts. The old book will get its share of hammering at the hands of its enemies without the friends of it joining their strength to the blows. The sheep need our attention, and if we will only look after them, the old book will take care of itself. It has weathered the storms of the centuries and its truths are as fresh and potent to-day as they were on the day of Pentecost.

The sweet hour of prayer is only possible to those who live the life of prayer.—Ram's Horn.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

## GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

The District Conference for Gatesville District met in its twenty-sixth session at McGregor, June 22, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m., Rev. J. G. Putman, the presiding elder, in the chair. James M. Robertson was elected Secretary. All of the pastors of the district were present except two, one of whom was sick and unable to attend, and the other was at the bedside of a very sick and sorely afflicted wife. The attendance of local preachers and delegates was reasonably good. This district is blessed with a noble band of faithful local preachers, who are in great favor, not only with their pastors, but with the people generally.

The Hargrove blanks were used, but in addition thereto each charge reported generally, through its pastor or some official of the charge, by statements and answering the numerous questions propounded on the floor of the conference.

The prominent visitors who came to see and be with us were: Revs. W. F. Lloyd, A. E. Carraway, W. H. Edwards, D. M. Hill, G. W. Owens, T. G. Whitten, R. R. Raymond, J. H. Wiseman, R. B. Young and J. M. Cochran, and last but not least, Sisters M. W. Hatchett and W. H. Purcell, the former District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the latter Conference Organizer for the Woman's Home Mission Society. We were pleased to have all these visitors with us, and their presence aided us very much in making our session what it was and what we desired it to be.

Rev. G. W. Owens represented the Advocate and the Branch Publishing House at Dallas, and right well did he do it. We looked for the long and dangling form of the editor, but were truly glad to see and hear Bro. Owens. He is a fine substitute, Mr. Editor, not only in words, but in form and beauty as well.

Dr. Lloyd represented Polytechnic; Rev. T. G. Whitten represented Whitten Institute, and Rev. J. H. Wiseman represented the Board of Missions of our conference. These brethren all did well, and acquitted themselves nobly.

The preaching was all good and of the highest order, but space forbids a notice of all these sermons. Suffice it to say that the sermon of Dr. Lloyd on the Twentieth Century movement was a masterpiece, and put new life and vigor in all who heard it, and will bear much fruit in time to come. The sermon of our presiding elder on Sunday was one of the grandest and most touching this scribe has ever heard, and he has heard most of our big guns. I am by no means alone in this opinion. Putman is a great and feeling preacher.

Our hearts were made sad when our President arose and in beautiful and pathetic words told us of the condition of our two absent pastors, and the good wife of one of them, and when he concluded and asked all of us to kneel in prayer for them, and called upon Rev. A. E. Carraway to lead us, the house almost quivered, for the Holy Ghost came upon the entire conference. It was indeed good to be there. God bless Bro. Oswald in his afflictions, and may He bless and sustain Bro. McLaughlin in the sore afflictions through which he is passing, as also his dear companion, and may each of them fully realize Romans 8:28.

The old and familiar faces of Rev. B. H. Baird and Rev. J. F. W. Toland, two of our oldest local preachers, as well as that of Uncle Bob Brandon, one of our oldest and best laymen, were absent. There old brethren were kept away by sickness and old age. God bless all of these faithful old soldiers.

The licenses of the following local preachers were renewed: Emmett McLaughlin, Amon C. Smith, Hays Smith, Henry Francis, Henry M. Banks, Ollie C. Sweeney, Eugene M. Crites, Richard N. Dupree, James W. Nichols, Marcus L. Campbell, C. C. Chaney, Christopher C. Moore, William A. Barclay, George F. Winfield and William P. Davis.

Rev. Thomas W. Sharp was granted license to preach, and recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The Committee on Missions reported, recommending a new mission in the district, with which the conference fully concurred.

The spirit of church building is spreading among us. Lampasas, Meridian and Killeen are preparing for new and up-to-date houses of worship, while many of our country appointments are doing the same thing.

John R. Smith, of McGregor; James M. Robertson, of Meridian; H. Y. Price, of Bee House, and Rev. S. D. Waddill, of Levita, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, with

W. L. Ayers, of Gatesville, and C. M. Stribling, of Bee House, alternates.

Few districts can boast of a better or more faithful lot of pastors than can the Gatesville District. They are earnest men, good preachers, and in great favor with the Church and people at large.

The brethren generally know that Rev. J. G. Putman is a new "beloved," and he never presided over a District Conference before, but sir, to have looked in upon him, you would have supposed him to be an "old hand." He is in great favor with his preachers and people, and is a deeply consecrated and earnest preacher, and we want him back.

Rev. J. H. Braswell and the good people of McGregor did their full duty in providing for our comfort, even to the abundance of good spring chicken. The fact is, Bro. Braswell is a full-fledged Methodist, and he knows how to entertain. Resolutions of thanks were adopted in appreciation of these favors.

The entire proceedings and spirituality of the conference were good. Rev. O. P. Kiker captured the next session of this conference for Killeen. Come down at that time, Mr. Editor, for we shall claim you next year, as well as claim Bro. Owens.

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Sec.

The Gatesville District Conference closed last Sunday, June 25th. Rev. J. G. Putman, presiding elder, presided, to the delight of all. This was his first effort to hold a District Conference, but one ignorant of this fact would have pronounced him an experienced hand. His sermon on Sunday was one of the most profound that it has been our privilege for a long time to hear. He carried with him the large audience that waited upon his words. The conference was preceded by a day given to the Missionary Institute with an opening sermon by Rev. A. P. Smith, of Hamilton, on "The World's Great Need of the Gospel." The day was given to the discussion of topics appropriate, by the pastors and delegates who had been assigned to the program. The business of the conference proper opened Thursday morning with religious exercises, conducted by Dr. Lloyd, of Polytechnic College. His address made a profound impression upon the members of the conference. Dr. Lloyd also, at night, preached a sermon on "Christian Education and the Twentieth Century Movement." This was a masterly effort, and will bear fruit hereafter.

Rev. J. H. Wiseman, of Morrow Street, Waco, represented the Board of Missions on Friday night by a fine sermon on that subject. Bro. Raymond, of Bruceville charge and ex-pastor here, was present, to the delight of the conference and his old parishioners. He preached on Saturday a sermon that moved to tears almost the entire audience. Rev. G. W. Owens represented the Texas Christian Advocate and the Branch Publishing House in a timely and satisfactory way. Rev. T. G. Whitten was on hand to talk on Whitten Institute, of Midlothian. We were glad to have these visiting brethren. Mrs. W. H. Purcell, organizer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, was present, and spoke of her work. Mrs. M. W. Hatchett, District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was present in the interest of her work. These faithful women were made welcome. All the pastors in the district were present except two, Bro. C. V. Oswald, of Gatesville Station, on account of personal affliction, and Bro. N. M. McLaughlin, of Crawford, on account of serious sickness in his family. Special prayers were made for these brethren and their families. We had about seventy in attendance. The session was highly spiritual throughout; two conversions and some reclamations and fresh consecrations to a better life. The sacramental and love feast occasion, at 3:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, was a great hour to many. The preaching by the brethren of the district was of a high order. The following brethren preached: A. P. Smith, C. B. Meador, J. L. Hollers, J. R. B. Hall, O. P. Kiker, J. E. Stephens, W. H. Carr, W. B. Wilson, and F. M. Winburn. As usual, J. M. Robertson, of Meridian, was made Secretary. No District Conference ever had a better one. We note in attendance two of the preachers' wives, that of Bro. W. B. McKeown, of Valley Mills, and Bro. W. P. Edwards, of Bee House. The preacher's wife is entitled to be mentioned among the honored visitors. They are always welcome. Two men were licensed to preach, to-wit: T. W. Sharp and A. C. Smith. T. W. Sharp was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The business was done through the usual committees, but we were not bound down by ironclad rules. Peace and harmony prevailed to the close of the session. McGregor was much helped by having the conference in her midst. The next session goes to Killeen.

## GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

This conference convened in Georgetown, Texas, at 9 a. m., June 21, with Rev. W. L. Nelms, presiding elder, in the chair. All the pastors in the district and an unusual number of laymen were present.

The conference did most of its work by committee of the whole, it being determined to have only three committees, viz.: one on Quarterly Conference Records, one on Missions and one on Public Worship. The various interests of the Church were carefully looked into, which showed the district to be in a fairly good condition, with an upward trend in almost, if not quite, every particular.

The Regent of Southwestern University made a very encouraging report of the past session of this great institution.

The following brethren were licensed to preach: Louis A. Reavis, Jas. L. Wilson, Claude H. Ledger, M. L. Story, Jesse C. Carpenter, E. E. Thomson and Samuel I. Morrison. Bro. Albert L. Scales was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The following local preachers were recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders: Samuel D. Roberts, A. L. Scales, J. W. Hennessee.

The license of the following brethren were renewed: A. L. Scales, J. B. Berry, E. C. Wilson, H. R. Madison, S. B. Knowles, Robert E. Goodrich, Glenn Flinn, C. T. Talley, William Nickels, B. A. Evans, J. N. Vincent, J. M. Coffey, Samuel D. Roberts, E. M. Lewis, R. B. Jones, Robert Walter, O. F. Hatfield.

The reports of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society show these societies in the district to be in a healthy, growing condition.

Rev. R. G. Mood represented the Texas Christian Advocate and our Branch Publishing House at Dallas as doing finely.

Rev. J. H. Wiseman, in a strong sermon, represented the Conference Board of Missions.

Bros. Jerome Duncan and E. W. Solomon "looked in on" the conference.

The conference recommended to the Annual Conference that Seventh Street, Temple, and Bartlett Stations be made self-sustaining; that two other missions in the district be opened up for supplying destitute sections of the country with the gospel, and that the Board be asked for \$200 for each of them.

R. S. Hyer, J. E. Blair, J. M. Porter and M. L. Story were elected delegates to the Annual Conference. John Lloyd and A. F. Bentley were elected alternates.

Seventh Street, Temple, was selected as the place for holding the next conference.

Resolutions were passed complimentary to the Georgetown pastor and people for their superb entertainment, and the presiding elder for his superior presidency over the conference.

Steps were taken to effectually bring before all the people of the district the question of the Twentieth Century Educational Fund.

Touching the spiritual state of the Church the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, From the reports of the various pastors we find that there has been but very little revival spirit among us and very few conversions; and,

Whereas, Our Church has always been characterized as a revival Church, and by pre-eminence her especial mission is to get people saved; and

Whereas, We believe that the same conditions that gave us revival power in the past would give us the same power now if they obtained; and

Whereas, These conditions are such as we ourselves are largely responsible for; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we as members of the District Conference will devoutly pray for each other, that God may use us as instruments in bringing about a general revival.

2. That we call upon the members throughout the district to join us in this prayer.

3. That as far as is manifest to us, whatever the difficulties are which hinder this revival power, we will, by the help of the Lord, get them out of our way.

4. That we believe that the best interests of the Church throughout the district will be advanced by the people rallying around their pastors as the leaders in revival meetings.

5. That with faith in God and in the convicting and saving power of the Holy Ghost, and with confidence in the old-time gospel as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and with faith in the Church as the God-ordained agency for the salvation of men, we will press the battle to the very gates, in confident hope of gracious results.

JOHN M. BARCUS,  
JEROME HARALSON.

The conference adjourned about noon on June 23. J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Secretary.

A visit to Georgetown is always a delight. Such is the culture, refinement and hospitality of our people there, that it is an ideal place for entertainment. This scribe has been enjoying this hospitality "off and on" for twenty-one years, but no occasion was more enjoyable or profitable than the recent gathering there of our District Conference and District League Conference. By appointment of our presiding elder, the former convened on Wednesday, the 21st, at 9 o'clock, and continued in session until Friday, the 23d, at 12 o'clock. Then the League Conference convened at 2:30 of that day, and continued over Sunday.

The District Conference was a success from the very beginning. Our own presiding elder, Bro. Nelms, presided, and J. M. Armstrong occupied the Secretary's desk. We appointed committees on public worship, District Conference records, and missionary territory, and all the rest of the business was considered in committee of the whole. Every preacher in the district was present, and about forty laymen. A lively interest was taken in all the items of business, and a very religious and devotional spirit was manifest throughout. The reports of the pastors were all hopeful. Several gracious revivals had already been held, and indications are favorable for a general revival through the summer months. The conference indorsed very heartily the Twentieth Century movement, and appointed a committee to prepare an address on the subject, to be scattered through the district.

We had only one distinguished visitor, and that was Bro. J. H. Wiseman, representing the Conference Board of Missions. He acquitted himself well. Five young men were granted license to preach, and one, Bro. A. L. Scales, was recommended for admission into the traveling connection.

The delegates elected to the Annual Conference are: Regent R. S. Hyer, Prof. J. E. Blair, of Temple, Rev. J. M. Porter, of Salado, and M. L. Story, from Florence Circuit.

South Temple was selected as the next place of meeting.

The District League Conference received an inspiring start in the opening service Friday afternoon, conducted by Bro. G. A. Overdorf, of Temple. He gave a Bible reading, insisting on each Leaguer finding his place in the Church and filling it. The program for the conference had been carefully prepared and printed in neat and attractive form and distributed throughout the district two weeks before the meeting. As a result of this, quite a fine representation was secured from almost every League in the district, and they all came up expecting a great treat.

We can not expect to follow the program in full on this account. With but very few exceptions, all who were on the program were present, and the verdict of those who had attended a great many League Conferences was that they never heard better papers and addresses anywhere. The addresses Friday afternoon were intended to stir up and stimulate an interest in a district organization, and, judged by the enthusiasm with which the organization was perfected on Saturday, they accomplished their purpose.

Friday night we had the general subject, "The Epworth League and Missions." Saturday morning we discussed "Helps and Hindrances to Devotional Meetings," and the Charity and Help Department. Saturday afternoon was given to ventilating the Literary Department and the Junior League. Saturday night we had a capital address by Regent R. S. Hyer on the demand for college-bred men and women.

Sunday morning Bro. Nelms preached a very helpful sermon on the relation of the young people to the Church of the present and the future. In the afternoon we had a mass meeting of all the young people's societies in the city, and at night a grand jubilee meeting.

We would like to speak of each paper in detail, but lack of space forbids. Two of them were so exceptionally fine that the conference requested their publication. These were the mission-

ary paper by Mrs. S. J. Jones, of Salado, on "Children of Light," which will be sent to the Review of Missions, and a paper by Prof. J. E. Blair, of Temple, on "The Relation of the League to the Social Life of Our Young People." This will be sent to the Epworth Era. Both these papers will make excellent reading.

The district organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: Prof. J. E. Blair, President; W. C. Rylander, Secretary; Miss Minnie Rawlings, First Vice President; Miss Minnie Mood, Second Vice President; Prof. R. A. Nichols, Treasurer; Mrs. F. B. Carrell, Superintendent of Junior Department. A young lady from Taylor, whose name I can not recall, was elected Third Vice President.

Special mention ought to be made of the musical features of the conference. Everybody was enthusiastic in its praise. Miss Jessie Clower had arranged for a number of well selected solos, duets, quartettes, etc., which were well rendered at intervals during the conference, and which not only served to save the proceedings from monotony, but were in themselves very inspiring. A male quartette from Temple also furnished several selections, which were enthusiastically received. We had also very fine congregational singing, using for that purpose the Hymn and Tune Book.

The enthusiasm of the meeting began to rise with the opening service, and increased to the close, culminating in a public pledge to pray and work for the League in the future as we had not done in the past. There is no doubt but that the whole League interest throughout the district will be greatly benefited by the conference. This meeting confirms an opinion we have long held that the most important of all our League gatherings is the District League Conference. Let it be magnified by our presiding elders and others in authority, and there need never be any complaint of a decline in the League work.

Belton was selected as the place for the next meeting.

JOHN M. BARCUS.

#### PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

The fifth annual session of the Pittsburg District Conference, presided over by Rev. T. P. Smith, presiding elder, was held at Mount Pleasant June 20-26, 1899. Our much beloved and highly appreciated presiding elder was at his post, with a hearty handshake and a "God bless you!" for every one. He presided with his usual ease, grace and dignity. J. E. Morris was elected Secretary.

All the pastors of the district were present except Rev. G. W. Riley, of the Winfield Circuit, who was kept at home on account of sickness in his family. Indeed, it was a pleasant sight to behold, to see all the brethren so joyous and happy over their work in their fields. From the reports it was clearly seen that the spiritual condition of the Churches all over the district was on an up grade and far ahead of last year.

The business part of the conference was disposed of most pleasantly. All the local preachers' licenses were renewed. Charles W. Huse and Edward W. Phillips were licensed to preach, and Charles W. Huse was unanimously and heartily recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference. Revs. L. A. Humphrey and R. L. Steelman were recommended for deacon's orders.

The following resolutions were read, to-wit:

Separation from a true, tried and helpful friend is always productive of sorrow, and such the Rev. T. P. Smith has been to the clergy and laity of the Pittsburg District as presiding elder for the past four years. Therefore be it

Resolved, by the Pittsburg District Conference, 1. That in losing Bro. Smith we lose an able preacher, a first-class executive officer and a sympathetic and helpful friend.

2. That we hope our beloved Bishop will continue our brother in the office to which he is so well adapted.

3. That our faithful prayers and true love will follow Bro. Smith into whatever field of labor the providence of God may cast his future life.

4. That the Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Texas Advocate for publication.

STUART NELSON,  
C. A. TOWER,  
R. A. MORRIS,  
R. J. HURT.

And after all the pastors that were present, and even the laity, expressed their highest appreciation of him, and regrets, all in one voice, of having to give up Bro. Smith, the resolutions were unanimously adopted, and then followed an old-time Methodist hand-

shake and shedding of tears. Rev. A. A. Wagon, in a very appropriate talk, presented Bro. Smith with a beautiful Bible.

We were very glad indeed to have the good ladies of the W. H. M. Society meet with us. After they had held their service, Bro. Smith suggested that we make some of the ladies life members of the society, and immediately \$25 was raised and the following sisters were made life members of the W. H. M. S.: Mesdames J. S. Mathis, G. R. Huse, R. J. Smith, W. W. West, and Mrs. Phronie Hopkins.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: W. W. West, J. S. Morris, R. A. Morris, E. A. Allday. Alternates: F. S. Eberhart, R. J. Hurt, T. H. Black and J. A. Carr. The next conference will be held at Daingerfield. The conference adjourned sine die. J. E. MORRIS.

#### TYLER DISTRICT.

The Tyler District Conference met at Lindale, Texas, June 29, 1899. Rev. John Adams, our presiding elder, presided with much grace and dignity. Most of the preachers were present, and the lay brethren were well represented. The business of the conference was dispatched rapidly, but not hastily. All the interests of the Church received attention. The session was harmonious and pleasant. The spirit of brotherly love prevailed.

Bros. Taylor, Mills and Brewer were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission into the traveling connection. Bros. Reynolds and Mill's were licensed to preach. The preaching during the session was clear and strong.

Several visitors were present. Rev. V. A. Godbey represented the educational interest; Rev. T. P. Smith presented the claims of the missionary cause. Bro. Williams, representing the Alexander Collegiate Institute, made a very favorable report of its work. Revs. C. F. Smith, of Jacksonville; Mills, of Beckville, and Hall, of Kilgore, were with us. These servants of the Lord delighted us with their presence and preaching.

Bros. Hornbeck, Duke, Davidson and White were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.

The good people of Lindale gave us a very cordial reception, and entertained us royally. They are a kind folk; we shall not forget them.

W. A. MANLY.

#### ABILENE DISTRICT.

The fifteenth District Conference, Abilene District, Northwest Texas Conference, which convened at Colorado, Texas, June 15-19, 1899, was by unanimous assertion one of the most successful gatherings in the history of this great district.

While the attendance was not excessively large, the spirit of both members and visitors, as well as the feelings of the estimable people of Colorado, were of such a nature as gave lively interest to the occasion, over which a deep spirituality was clearly manifest.

Dr. J. S. Chapman, that tireless worker and vigilant presiding elder, was in the chair, and never did he display greater judgment, and show himself more worthy the high trust committed to his keeping and direction than on this occasion. His questions touching upon the various and vital interests of the Church, though suggestive and searching, still were tempered with that kindly spirit which caused every pastor to feel that he possessed the sympathy and confidence of the presiding officer. The reports of the several pastors showed marked progress in many of the departments of work, but a general regret was noted, and that was so few conversions as compared with other years. But not discouraged, with faith, with hope, these earnest men of God return to their various fields of labor in purpose fixed to renew their labors, and strong in the belief that success will crown their efforts. One thing developed by the questionings of the presiding elder which points to a flood of light is that the attendance upon the divine services, throughout the district, is remarkably strong. The people are hearing the gospel, hearing causes conviction, conversions follow convictions, and the indications promise, ere the summer is ended, the reaping of an abundant harvest. May the hopes of the present find their fulfillment in a deep and wide-reaching revival!

Among the visitors were President D. S. Switzer, of Weatherford College, who spoke in the interest of that most excellent institution, and M. K. Little, from the Polytechnic, who made a fine address for his school. J. H. Cham-

bliss lectured in the interest of the Orphans' Home at Waco, and Mrs. Johnson spoke in the interest of the Rescue Home, at Dallas. Both made fine representations of these two great works, and each secured a liberal help for the advancement of those enterprises. The Southwestern University was ably represented by H. A. Boaz, of Abilene.

Among the excellent and spiritual sermons by R. S. Helzer, J. T. Rascoe, W. R. Thornton and others are mentioned the masterly sermons of Dr. Chapman on Sunday at 11 o'clock, and the one by S. W. Turner a few nights before on the subject "Fidelity to Parental Authority." Both these sermons were profound and wide-reaching in their scope, and dealt with the subjects with that clear discrimination and exactness that showed the careful thought which had been bestowed in their preparation.

The pastor, J. A. Whitehurst, and the people of Colorado, as entertainers have no superiors. A more genial, generous, hospitable and cultivated community can not be found. At the home of Dr. B. F. Dulaney this writer was entertained with all the kindness that generous natures can bestow, and at the elegant home of Mr. Gary and of Mr. Roe an evening was spent which will be remembered with other pleasing recollections of this District Conference.

As stated in the beginning of this brief notice, the Conference was a blessing and a benefit to every one, and all returned to their respective fields of labor refreshed in spirit and in mind, feeling that indeed it was a blessing to have been there. SECRETARY.

#### SHERMAN DISTRICT.

This conference had a most pleasant session June 28-30 at Pottsboro. We were admirably entertained by Bro. Bounds and his people. Pottsboro is just large enough to royally entertain a District Conference, and in return get real benefits.

Bro. J. R. Wages, our beloved, efficiently presided. W. K. Strother was elected Secretary. The morning of the first day was given up entirely to devotional services. The preachers, save one, were present, and a large number of the local preachers and delegates were on hand.

Reports from the various charges indicated that an earnest effort is being made to obtain a deeper work of grace in the hearts of all our people. Already a number of good revivals have been held. Our Sunday-schools are doing well. A large per cent of the collections have been taken, and only in a few cases are the salaries of the preachers paid in full to date.

Horace L. Connor was licensed to preach, and the following were recommended for admission on trial: M. A. Cassidy, L. G. White, C. W. Brooks and W. A. Thoms. The delegates elected are: Dr. E. D. Hughes, H. N. Tuck, J. M. Everhart and Rev. A. G. Nobles.

Bro. P. C. Archer was requested to furnish his paper on "Christian Education" to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

The usual resolutions were adopted, also an unusual one on the tobacco question.

Bro. O. S. Thomas, Chairman of the Conference Board of Education, represented the "Twentieth Century Educational Movement."

Bro. R. W. Thompson—"Uncle Dick"—preached us an extraordinary good sermon and collected some \$50 for the orphans. Our conference appreciated the presence of several other visitors.

Whitewright is the honored place for the next session of our District Conference. W. K. STROTHER.

#### DUBLIN DISTRICT.

The fifth annual session of the Dublin District Conference, Northwest Texas Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the Methodist church at DeLeon, Texas, June 22, 1899.

That faithful old pioneer of Methodism, Presiding Elder E. F. Boone, was present, and presided with his usual ability. The session was deeply spiritual throughout, and at the close a testimony meeting elicited the fact that it was good to be there.

Preceding the conference, the Missionary Institute for this district was held, and the various phases of mission work were discussed. As a result, preachers and laymen got much good from the meeting. Of the institute, I leave others to write.

The District Conference was not largely attended, on account of the recent rains and the farming class being so far behind with their crops. But

there was a good crowd, and those attending came for business, and to get good from the meeting. The session was harmonious from beginning to end, and the brethren seemed to be in love with God and each other.

All the preachers were present except Bro. John A. Wallace, of Stephenville Station, and Bro. Marion Mills, of Morgan Mill Mission. Bro. Wallace is in ill health, and is at Mineral Wells to recuperate. Let us pray that his illness may not be permanent, but that his useful life may be spared many years to the Church.

From reports of the pastors, we gathered that the Church has not suffered the past six months under their wise supervision. The spiritual state of the Church, while not as good as it ought to be, is very fair, and the revival spirit has gotten hold of our people. The sentiment seems to be, "We must have a revival." Let us pray that the Holy Ghost may accompany these faithful pastors in the summer campaign, and that Dublin District may feel his holy influence to the remotest bounds. There is not a more faithful and consecrated band of pastors anywhere in the Northwest Texas Conference, and we are expecting great things this year.

The licenses of the following local preachers were renewed: J. M. Owen, M. P. Morton, J. W. Childress, J. T. Browning, C. H. Armstrong, M. M. Vaughan, A. L. Munn, J. M. Slatten, Marcus S. Leveridge, B. F. Boles, E. G. Thomas, A. D. Livingston and H. M. Long. A. C. Bell and A. J. Owen were licensed to preach. The following were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial: H. M. Long, M. S. Leveridge, J. M. Owen.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: John J. Switzer, W. J. Clay, R. P. Campbell, W. J. Moore. Alternates: T. L. Gates, H. E. Anderson, J. B. Wilson, J. T. Owen.

The business of the session was finished Saturday afternoon at about 6 o'clock. JOHN J. SWITZER,  
Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Granbury College, at its annual meeting, passed certain resolutions, requesting each pastoral charge in the Dublin District to raise enough money to furnish a room in the boarding department, and

Whereas, the necessity and emergency of such help are apparent for the permanent success of our district school; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we indorse and ratify the action of said Board.

Resolved, 2. That each pastor take the matter in hand and raise at least \$25 at as early a date as possible, and remit the same to Dr. E. A. Hannaford, Treasurer of the Board, Granbury, Texas. Be it further

Resolved, That we indorse Granbury College as our own district school, and that we pledge anew our support to the same; and will assist the President of the school, Rev. W. J. Moore, in making his canvass through our charges from time to time.

Resolved, further, Whatever amount is raised by us for Granbury College be credited on our assessments for the Twentieth Century Educational Fund. CHARLES E. BROWN,  
For Committee.

#### SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT.

The San Augustine District Conference met at Chireno, June 29, at 5 p. m., with a good attendance at the organization.

At 8:30 the opening sermon on "Christian Education" was preached by W. F. Davis. Bro. Davis has a reputation for being a good preacher at any time, but on this occasion he showed that he had studied carefully the subject in hand. It was indeed an excellent sermon. The first half hour of Wednesday morning was taken up with reports of pastors on the Sunday-school work. The remainder of the morning was given to the educational work. This scribe was not present Wednesday, but we learned from those who attended that it was a very interesting and profitable session, the leading feature of the occasion being an address by Rev. V. A. Godbey, Conference Educational Secretary. Prof. Williams did not arrive in time to get in on the program Wednesday morning, but made some very practical and pointed remarks on other occasions. The evening session was taken up by

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

North Texas Conference.

ROSALIE.

W. H. Brown, July 10: We are in one of the great meetings of the land. We have been running about eight days and more than 100 people have professed. The Lord is doing wonders for us. Men who have lived here for twenty-five years say nothing like this ever happened to this country. Last night the service ran for three and a half hours, and there must have been thirty-five or forty people blessed, and shouts went up from many a glad heart to God. Oh! how good God is to us. Glory to his name.

TERRELL CIRCUIT.

A. G. Scruggs, July 10: Just returned from holding my first protracted meeting of eight days. Began in the rain and mud, but the people came, and the power of the Lord was with us from the first service unto the last. Convictions like David tells about in Psalm 116:3, conversions like described in the 126th Psalm. Thirty-one conversions of non-Church members, and about twenty in the Church; 17 accessions by ritual. The balance will go to the Protestant Church, and others, I suppose. Six adults baptized and nine children. Collection secured in subscription. We thank the Lord, take courage and go the next appointment.

MONTAGUE.

Atticus Webb, July 10: Our third Quarterly Conference is past, and it was one of the best that I have ever been in. Bro. Binkley was on hand and preached some of his new sermons. Our finances are about as well up as the average. In all respects, I suppose that Montague is equal to the ordinary. The people have been very kind to us this year. On every hand come tokens of love and esteem. We have a very fine Junior Epworth League, and a few days ago we were surprised to hear the gleeful chatter of small voices. Opening the door we saw our Juniors with a nice pounding. The same evening we found a nice suit of clothes awaiting us up town, the gift of the older folks. All this cheers our hearts amidst the toils and cares of the pastoral life.

TERRELL.

I. W. Clark: The meeting just closed at Terrell demonstrates the truth of the text, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap if you faint not." Dr. Neely began the conference year under many discouraging circumstances, but his power in the pulpit drew crowds of people to hear him, and his pastoral work added to his indefatigable determination to succeed has culminated in a glorious meeting. For three weeks during the severe weather last winter, when the thermometer was below zero, he ran a meeting and did not miss a service. Several conversions and reclamations resulted from that meeting. This time he rented a tent, and began with many of his Church members already eager to do all they could for the meeting. At the close of the first week the rain began, and continued day and night for one week, yet there were conversions every day, and only one service omitted. One week of clear weather after the rain, and he was forced to close because of circumstances over which he had no control. If the meeting could have gone on the results must have been wonderful. It is the consensus of opinion that there has not been such



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religious enthusiasm, and so much deep conviction on account of sin in many years in Terrell. There were over thirty conversions (for no effort was made to keep count), and fully as many reclamations. Many of the conversions were in the Church, who said they had never known anything about religion. I have never seen a better working Church, and many who had been cold and lukewarm are enthusiastic in their zeal for the progress of the Church. Dr. Neely is doing some of the best work of his life. He is preaching the old gospel in power and demonstration of the Spirit, and the people hear him gladly. His Sunday-school is probably the best in the conference; his League is splendid, while the Woman's Foreign Missionary and Woman's Home Mission Societies are easily in the lead of the conference. I have never been more impressed with the unfaltering faith of a man than I have with Dr. Neely. He has never for a moment doubted his final success, and the only reason he has ever given was his confidence in the Lord he had served so long, and whose gospel he had preached for nearly a half century. It has been truly refreshing and strengthening to see a man who expects a revival to come over all obstacles simply because he and his people pray for it. This meeting came this way, and tongues of fire were heard to speak.

PONDER.

A. P. Hightower, July 4: At the first Quarterly Conference for Roanoke and Ponder Mission a committee was appointed to locate and build a parsonage. Ponder was selected as the place, and on the 20th ultimo we moved into the parsonage, which, when completed will afford the preacher for this charge with as convenient and comfortable a home as may be desired. Bro. J. R. Speelman was the prime mover of this much needed enterprise and has been untiring in his efforts from the start. In a few days after we moved into our new home wife and I were busy looking after the finishing of the interior. A delegation, consisting of men, women and children, from Wilson Chapel, headed by that firm friend of the preacher, "Grandpa" Wilson drove to the parsonage and we were initiated in due and ancient form into a genuine pounding. A little later another van, led by "Grandpa" Langley, from Stoney, and then the citizens of Ponder began to arrive, and after spending a very pleasant evening in social conversation, singing and prayer, these friends departed, and wife and I took "stock" and found flour, hams, sugar, coffee, potatoes, preserves, jelly, can fruits sufficient to last the family some time, for which we are devoutly thankful, and trust that we may minister to them spiritual things.

Northwest Texas Conference.

CAREY.

George A. Nance, July 10: The Twentieth Century Fund is booming in Clarendon District. It is in safe hands with Dr. Adkisson. He raised \$100 at Childress yesterday to be applied to Clarendon College. Is with me this week.

JONESBORO.

F. M. Winburne, July 10: A goodly number of my people are victims of the recent floods, caused by the Leon River running through my charge. Quite a number have lost almost their entire crop, and others a great portion. This, of course, will have deleterious effects on all our financial interests. The preacher and the Church must generally bear a liberal share of these so-called misfortunes. Still we have food and raiment and faith in God. High day in Israel yesterday: preached on peace, faith and truth at 11 a. m.; 2 accessions. My new exhorter at night: 10 or 12 mourners; 1 conversion; singing, hand-shaking, shouting. Expect glorious meetings all around, beginning at Levita next Saturday.

KILLEEN AND NOLANVILLE.

H. N. Banks: We haven't had much to say this year about our condition either way, but we would like for the readers of the Advocate to know that we have still got life enough to "howl" when hit. Our able and efficient pastor, Rev. O. P. Kiker, has everything which appertains to the work well in hand. He not only stands well with his people, but the world respects him. Perhaps it is not saying very much for a preacher to stand too well with his people and command the respect of the world, but as I see it I would like to

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Remarkable Rescue.

One Household Darling Saved when all Hope had Fled. Parents saw Her Danger but were Helpless to Aid.

From "On the St. Lawrence," Clayton, N. Y.

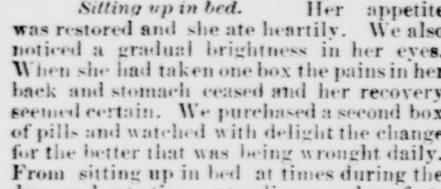
Florence J. Sturdivant, the four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sturdivant, in February, 1896, was taken sick with scarlet fever, and after the usual run of the fever she was left with a weak back and gradually began to lose strength, until finally despite the best efforts of physicians her life hung in the balance. It was at this crisis, when all seemed darkest, that little Florence was released from pain and suffering and restored to strength and health. This remarkable occurrence is best told by her father.

Mr. Sturdivant said: "Florence was taken sick with scarlet fever and we immediately called a physician. He prescribed for her and we followed his directions closely, giving our little patient the best of care. After two weeks the fever subsided but Florence was left with a very weak back. Severe pains were constantly in the back and stomach. We did all that possibly could be done to relieve our little sufferer, but to no avail. The difficulty seemed to baffle the efforts of the physician.

"Finally at the end of four months of treatment, we found our patient completely prostrated. At this time we called an eminent physician, who agreed with the diagnosis of our physician and said that the trouble resulted from the scarlet fever. He prescribed a course of treatment and we followed it faithfully for three months, but instead of improving, Florence failed.

"We were completely discouraged. A brother of my wife advised us to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I purchased a box. After using the pills a short time we could see an improvement. Her strength began to return and she would sit up in bed. Her appetite was restored and she ate heartily. We also noticed a gradual brightness in her eyes. When she had taken one box the pains in her back and stomach ceased and her recovery seemed certain. We purchased a second box of pills and watched with delight the change for the better that was being wrought daily. From sitting up in bed at times during the day and at times standing on her feet, Florence finally became strong enough to walk a little. She gained in flesh and strength rapidly and the pains gradually left her. By the time she had used three boxes of the pills she was evidently well. We continued the treatment using another box, the fourth, to prevent the possibility of a recurrence of the difficulty.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. STURDIVANT, Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixth day of April, 1897. H. W. MORSE, Notary Public. At druggists or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.



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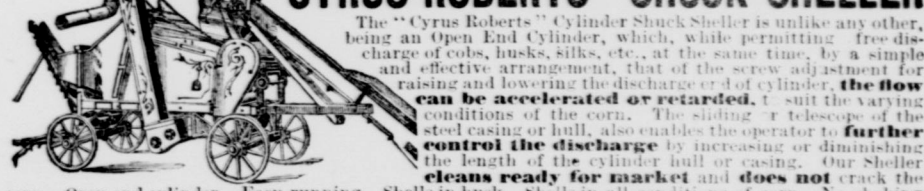
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## SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

There is a move on foot by some of the Eastern Democrats to sidetrack William J. Bryan. This movement is headed by Mr. Croker and other leaders in the Tammany organization. Messrs. Gorman and Hill are also said to be behind it. However, Mr. Bryan is head and shoulders above any of them, and he has the grip on public opinion.

Comptroller William J. Morgan, of New York, has started a first-class scandal in that center of great pretensions. He has publicly charged that the Woman's Reformatory has been conducted in a disgraceful manner; that in it women are "subjected to semi-barbarous methods of punishment." He says that some of them "have been chained to the floor, stripped of their clothing and whipped with a heavy leather strap several feet long." If this charge is true, it is proof positive that New York is a fit place to foster prize-fights.

An eminent physician of London, Dr. Lambert Lack, has discovered, so it is claimed, the secret of the dread disease known as cancer. His learned colleagues who compose the London Pathological Society say that he has about solved the problem of the cancer cure. By tedious experiments he has found that the disease is produced by a germ, and that he will soon produce serum that will be a panacea for this fearful malady. If this proves true, Dr. Lack will be the greatest benefactor of this generation.

The Regents of the State University met last Monday, and as intimated in another item, President Winston tendered his resignation and it was accepted. This has been rumored for some time, and now it is hoped that the Regents will fill the place with a thoroughly educated and up-to-date man.

The Grand Duke George, brother of the Czar of Russia, died the present week in St. Petersburg. He was born April 27, 1871, and has been in bad health for a long time. He was the heir apparent to the throne.

The most sensational shooting scrape that ever occurred in Dallas took place in the Church of the Disciples, situated at the corner of Bryan and Pearl Streets. A large congregation was present, and at the close of the service the minister was inviting penitents, when a man came stalking down the aisle and fired a shot into the body of a man sitting by his wife and children on the front pew. Great excitement ensued, and when the people recovered their presence of mind Professor J. D. Lipscomb, principal of the High School, was weltering in his blood, and James T. Carlisle was standing over him with a smoking pistol in his hand. Carlisle had been dismissed as the janitor of the school a few weeks before by the Board of Education, and he fell out with the teacher about it, with the above result.

The suffering from the great flood disaster continues, but contributions are coming in steadily from all points of the compass. The latest returns indicate that there over 20,000 people destitute, and the list of fatal casualties grows larger as the knowledge of the interior of the flooded districts is made known. It is the most appalling calamity ever known in Southern Texas.

Last April Mrs. John D. Rich is said to have shot and killed J. D. Rich in the city of Jaurez, Mexico. After the shooting, the injured man was able to get to El Paso, but died of the wound immediately after his arrival. The crime having been committed in Mexico, the authorities applied to this government for the prisoner to be returned. This she resisted, but on a hearing of the case before the United States Commissioner it was held that the prisoner should be returned to the scene of her offence to answer for it under the laws of Mexico.

Judge Clint, of the Dallas County Criminal Court, brought the new Grand Jury before him last week and gave them a special charge as to the growing evil of pistol carrying in the county. He instructed them to take this matter under advisement and sift it to the utmost. He thinks that many of the killings which have recently occurred in the community are the result of this habit of carrying pistols, which is against the law. It

is to be hoped that men who are guilty of this cowardly habit will be indicted by the Grand Jury and prosecuted by the court. There is no excuse for the existence of this crime if the officers will do their duty.

The President has ordered out volunteers for the Philippines and appointed officers for the different regiments. They are to proceed at once to Manila and report to Gen. Otis for service. Among those appointed to command is Brig. Gen. Joseph Wheeler. So the little old fighting ex-Confederate will get to turn his hand in for the government again, notwithstanding his age. And when he gets there he will do something to help matters and to distinguish himself as a man of eminent ability.

Doctor George T. Winston, of the University of Texas, it is said, will tender his resignation as President at the approaching meeting of the regents of the institution. He has been elected President of a school in North Carolina, and he will accept the offer. This will give the regents an opportunity to elect a man of broad scholarship and eminent standing among the educators of the land. The time has come when cheap politicians from other States are not the men to occupy the high position of President of a great State University.

Such is the terrible suffering throughout the Brazos regions on account of the unprecedented floods that Governor Sayers has applied to the United States for relief of the suffering people. He has asked for the government boats about Galveston to be sent up the streams for purpose of rescue, and also for 20,000 rations for immediate distribution among the distressed people. He says that as soon as the Legislature meets the amount of the expense will at once be met and refunded to the government.

A poor man living on the farm of Mr. A. B. Graham, some distance from Corsicana, on Pin Oak Creek, has moved up several notches in his finances within the past week. His children were out playing near where and old tank had broken and washed off the surface of the earth and found some silver and gold coin. They reported the find, and further search was made, and \$2500 of the precious metal was raked in. How it ever got there is not known, unless some Mexicans hid it there away back in the early days.

Both the State and the War Department of the Government are busily engaged in the work of relieving the sufferers along the streams of Middle and Southern Texas. The devastation wrought by the flood has been appalling, and the calls for help all over the State are responded to with commendable generosity. Money and provisions are going in large quantities. This is absolutely necessary since the people of those sections are not only destitute now, but their property and crops are gone and they will be in need for months to come. It is, therefore the duty of the fortunate to help the unfortunate.

John R. McLean, of Ohio, has announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. This is an off year in politics, and the Democrats of Ohio usually do their best to capture the State at that time. McLean is a journalist by profession and a man of wide influence. He is the owner and editor of the Cincinnati Inquirer.

On last Sunday, near Columbus, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. William Reinhard and their five children were taking a drive and were run into by a train on the Big Four Railroad, and were all killed but one child, and she was badly injured.

The Texas State Journal, Republican paper edited by Dr. John Grant, has gone out of business and closed up shop permanently. The cause assigned for the demise is lack of time, patronage and money.

Robert Bonner, of New York, a leading newspaper man, died last week at the age of sixty-seven years. He was the owner and editor of the New York Ledger and the owner of many fast horses. He was born of old Scotch Presbyterian stock in Ireland.

The return of barbarism in New York is an indication of a savage nature still prevalent in that great center of population. Prize fights are as com-

mon there now as bull fights are in Mexico. Most every week two human beasts are permitted to meet in the arena and pound the senses out of each other in middle century style. The country and city officers attend the exhibitions and seem to enjoy them. And this in New York!

Mr. Sylvain Blum, of Galveston, member of the firm of L. & H. Blum, of that city, died last week. He had been in business in Galveston for a great many years, and was a prominent Mason. He stood high as a prominent citizen and an enterprising business man of the city.

Governor Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, recently made a visit to the White House and spent some time with Mr. McKinley. After that the statement was made with authority that the Governor would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. But he will be a candidate after Mr. McKinley has finished his second term.

The Texas State Fair Association is planning for the greatest exhibit yet made by this great enterprise. And we are glad to note that with each year the Fair is improving in its moral tone. It is not yet perfect in this respect, but it is improving in this respect as much as in others.

The fund started several days ago by the Daily News of this city to aid the widows and orphans of the Humphreys who were hung by a mob in Henderson County six weeks ago, has reached \$356. This is a meritorious fund, and these unfortunate people should be aided sufficiently to enable them to finish their crops for the season.

The State Sheriffs' Association is in session in Fort Worth this week. The exact meaning of this Association we do not know, unless it is to organize the constabulary of the State as to bring about legislation in the interest of these officers. Sheriff Cabell, of Dallas County, is the President of the Association.

Governor Sayers, of this State, some time ago suggested a meeting of the executives of the several States to take place in St. Louis next September to discuss some concerted action against the trusts of the country. A great many of the Governors have acceded to the suggestion, and it now seems that many of them will be on hand at the appointed time to confer upon the subject. Texas has a live executive.

Professor Lipscomb, who was shot last Monday night while at Church service, mention of which is made in another item, is still living as we go to press. His condition is very doubtful with the chances against him. A more dastardly deed and one more fiendish than this one perpetrated by James T. Carlisle has never been recorded in this county. It was absolutely without the slightest excuse in fact or suspicion.

Nathan A. Hughs, who was in jail at Denton on the charge of murdering old man Geo. Framton and putting his remains in the bottom of Millam Creek, but who escaped the jail some ten days ago, was captured last Tuesday morning near St. Joe, Texas, and is again in the Denton prison. He will be watched more carefully from this on.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

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report of pastors on the spiritual state of the Church.

Thursday morning the conference was turned over to the good women of the W. H. M. S., and was perhaps the most interesting day of the conference. Some splendid papers were read by the ladies, which were discussed at length by the brethren. The conference was impressed with the importance of the work these good women are doing, especially the rescue work.

Thursday afternoon thirty minutes was given to the American Bible Society. The pastors reported nothing done in this work except collections taken. A resolution was adopted recommending that a collection be taken in every charge. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up by reports from pastors and laymen on financial systems and contributions to Church purposes. During these reports the presiding elder raised a collection to insure the district parsonage. Most of the pastors were hopeful as to the financial outlook this year.

Friday morning was missionary session. After the report of the committee was read, Rev. J. B. Turrentine delivered a splendid address on "Our Foreign Mission Fields, and What We are Doing." Rev. C. B. Smith made a good talk on "Our Obligation to Give the World the Gospel." Rev. J. S. Wilson, in his speech on "Domestic Mission Work and its Outlook," recommended that we spread our literature on the missions. Rev. J. L. Dawson read a splendid paper on "Can Our District Pay its Assessments?" He thinks it can.

Friday afternoon was devoted to the Epworth League work. Some very excellent papers on different phases of the League work were read by Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Lucy Paine, Mrs. Judge Hull, and Miss Effie Willis. The discussion by the brethren on the Epworth League work was very pleasant and profitable.

Saturday morning was the time for the Sunday-school program, which was well carried out, all the brethren being ready with well prepared speeches. Those of T. S. Garrison on "What is an Up-to-Date Sunday-school?" and W. F. Davis on "What are the Qualifications of a Sunday-school Superintendent?" deserve special notice.

Saturday afternoon was given to miscellaneous business. Garrison was selected as the next place for the District Conference.

On Sunday afternoon the Committee on Memoirs read its report. Two members of the conference had died during the year—Rev. A. D. Parks and Rev. Haston Twomey. That these venerable soldiers were loved and honored by their brethren was evidenced by the many tributes of respect paid them on this occasion. At the conclusion of this memorial service conference adjourned sine die, and Sunday night we shook hands with the good people of Chireno to go to our homes the following morning a wiser, happier, and better people than when we came. Chireno is a pleasant and hospitable town. To say that we were royally entertained does not express it. The people enjoyed the conference and made the members of the conference enjoy their stay among them. As one brother expressed it, "They did not merely open their doors, but pulled them off their hinges." Bro. Pate is a good hand to entertain the conference. Though he had a large crowd on his hands, he managed to find all a pleasant home. The conference was a spiritual feast from the start. The Holy Spirit came in the opening prayer and remained with us in power until the close. There was a better attendance than has been for several years previous. The program was carried out almost to the letter. Only one of the pastors was absent, and that one on account of sickness in his family. Our presiding elder, though feeble in health, was in good spirits and did everything to make the occasion pleasant and profitable to all. His gentle, loving and impartial, yet dignified, manner of presiding endeared him to the hearts of all. Our faithful Secretary, J. D. Ford, was at his post and discharged his duty with neatness and dispatch. But few of the connectional men were present. Uncle Dick Thompson represented the Orphanage, and after preaching an excellent sermon Wednesday night, raised a collection amounting to \$16.50. Many of the ladies were present and added much to the interest of the occasion. Mrs. J. W. Downs, of Timpson, deserves special mention.

The District Conference at Chireno will remain long in the pleasant memories of those who attended. It was a good conference and a good time

among a good people, and above all, the Lord was with us.

JNO. W. GOODWIN.

## A GERMAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of Western District German Mission Conference was held at this place (New Fountain), beginning July 22.

Bro. H. W. Weise, our brand new presiding elder, guided the proceedings of the conference in a satisfactory way, with Bro. E. A. Konken, the Secretary of several preceding conferences, by his side.

Harmony and good feeling were manifest from the first, and the little real business to be done at such gatherings was done in a short while. Considerable time was taken up with discussions. By previous appointment of the presiding elder papers had been prepared by J. Bader on "Pastoral Instruction of the Children;" by B. C. Rauch on "Sunday-Schools;" and by this writer on "The Twentieth Century Educational Fund." The discussion of these papers, as well as the reports of the various committees, elicited interest, and will prove beneficial.

Two brethren were licensed to preach—Bro. F. Broars, an elderly man, who for some years had been an efficient exhorter in this congregation, and Bro. C. M. O. Rabe, a very promising young man, who has been a student at Southwestern University during several terms, and who is preparing for the itinerancy.

The license of each local preacher in the district was renewed.

Bro. F. Vordenbaumen, the father of German Methodism in Texas, having died since the last conference, appropriate resolutions were passed touching the sad event. Surely a pillar has fallen, but our consolation is that God buries his workmen, but carries on the work.

Judging by the reports of the brethren, as well as the "district pastor," we can frankly state that growth is everywhere noticeable in our district. A considerable increase in membership since the last conference can be chronicled; and, better still, conversions have been had in most charges.

The attendance was very encouraging. Despite bad roads and much rain a few days before, all the preachers were there, and more visitors from other charges—some coming in crowds over 100 miles—were present than this writer has seen at any previous conference. This was due in part to the fact that the Conference Epworth League was held here during the days just preceding the District Conference. The League Secretary will give an account of this conference.

Any one taking a pessimistic view of the German work in Texas as done by the Southern Methodists would grow very optimistic were he to see the intelligent and very much interested crowds of our young people. Surely there is a grand and promising work just in our midst to reach and lead these thousands of Germans.

The commission movement inaugurated by our Church a few years ago has greatly helped and encouraged the small band composing the German Mission Conference. We further solicit the prayers of the brethren in our behalf.

C. A. LEHMBERG.

New Fountain, Texas.

## WASHITA DISTRICT.

Thinking that the Church in Texas might feel interested in an account of the work in this part of her missionary territory, I write of the first conference of the new Washita District, which was held at Gip, Custer County, O. T., June 22-25. Although this is a new district, having a new presiding elder, the Rev. W. A. Randle, the business of the conference was transacted quietly and with dispatch. The opening sermon was preached on Thursday night. Friday morning the conference opened for business. Geo. G. Hamilton was elected Secretary and W. S. Dearling assistant.

The business of the conference was transacted through committees. Among other things the committee reports revealed the following facts: Finances sadly behind, though the preachers seemed quite hopeful; only two churches and two parsonages in the district; only two Epworth Leagues in the district; very few Sunday-schools in the district; spiritual state of the Church improving. Before you criticize, dear reader, I beg you to reflect. This country was opened to settlement just seven years ago. In many parts it is but sparsely settled as yet. The people who settled it were poor. They lived in "dug-outs" and did the best they could. The "dug-out" seems to be

still very popular as a place of residence. The country is now developing rapidly. People are coming in all the time and settling. We need men and money to develop this field. Here are nine preachers and a presiding elder trying to preach to the inhabitants of 8000 square miles of territory. We need help.

L. F. Cassler, supply on Edwardsville charge, and A. S. Cesil were recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders. Geo. G. Hamilton was recommended for admission on trial into the traveling connection. No one was licensed to preach.

The educational rally on Saturday night was conducted by J. J. Methvin, of the Anadarko Mission School, and J. J. Lovett, editor of the Indian-Oklahoma Methodist. Over \$400 in cash and subscriptions was raised. Our assessment is only \$350 for the district. We shall double it. In reading these figures, keep in mind the fact that this is mission territory. The preaching of the conference was done by the following brethren in the order of their names: Geo. G. Hamilton, L. F. Cassler, T. H. Kinser, J. A. Rowan. Sunday at 11 o'clock Bro. Methvin preached and dedicated the Gip church, and also baptized several children, among them being the infant son of John H. Stone, pastor at Gip (Barnitz charge.) Bro. Randle preached at 4 o'clock and Bro. Lovett at night. This closed the first conference of Washita District. It was a pleasant and profitable meeting.

Gip is only a postoffice and country store, and is half a mile from the church. Bro. Stone had pitched his commodious tabernacle between the church and parsonage. The food was brought to the parsonage, and the good people assisted Sister Stone in the entertainment of the preachers and delegates. Preachers and delegates slept in the tabernacle, while their wives and daughters occupied the parsonage.

This was the most spiritual conference I ever attended. The love feast on Sunday morning was a season of refreshing. Everybody was strengthened for battle, and I fully believe that the revival fire is ready to take hold on Washita District. God grant that we may not be deceived in our hope. Monday morning we left for home, and after a tiresome journey in a wagon, arrived at Cloud Chief Tuesday morning.

I have been on Cloud Chief Circuit five weeks. During all of this time I have been moving. We have large works here. Some of us live in "dug-outs." As soon as my household effects arrive from Texas I shall take up my abode in one of these mansions. But I am happy and wife is happy, and Ruth is happy. We are working for God. I only wish that the Church could realize the importance of filling this field at once. Put men here and support them and we will take this country for God and Southern Methodism. Brethren, will you do it?

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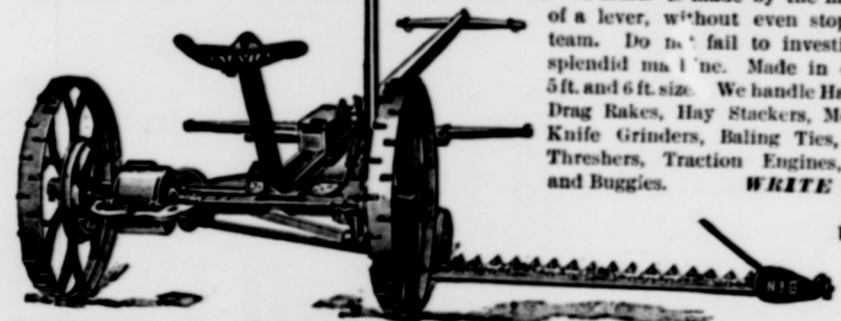
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**LETTER FROM SHANGHAI.**

I receive the Advocate regularly, and read it with much interest, and from what I gather your readers are well pleased with the work that you are doing. Texas Methodism alone is able to amply support the Advocate, and it is to be hoped that you will not lack anything that the Church can and ought to give you.

Once and again I have thought of writing a letter for the paper, especially since Miss Mary Tarrant, Texas' last gift to the China Mission, arrived on the field. Miss Mary comes from Bro. Bradfield's Church in Galveston—old St. John's. She is, in all respects, well prepared for the work, having spent two years in our Training School in Kansas City, in addition to good training that she had received in the active Church work in connection with St. John's Church, we regard her as especially equipped for work out here. While in the States in 1895-6 I had the pleasure of visiting Galveston several times, and came to know many of our people in that city, and on every hand I heard Miss Mary spoken of in the highest terms. Had the question of selecting a missionary from the female members of St. John's Church been left to her people I feel sure that they would have turned to our new missionary as the one to send. We thank old Texas for her choice gift, but at the same time think of the many more whom she might send out to us for this work. She is a grand State in all respects, so, of course, is expected to do things on a grand scale.

The partitioning of China comes by degrees. I have now become reconciled to whatever turn affairs may take, believing that there is a hand divine working among the nations for the more speedy coming of his kingdom. Those who have so firmly held for the autonomy of the Empire, with the belief that China could and would be reformed, are now coming to see that such a thing as the reformation that is regarded as necessary for the solid progress of the country is impossible and not to be expected. To this day the large majority of the officials are densely ignorant of the true state of affairs and are oblivious as to what may become of the State. There are, of course, a few officials who are keenly aware of what is transpiring, and would be too willing to risk everything for the good of China; but, alas! alas! the number is so small that they can do nothing.

Many of us Americans here are wondering what course the United States will take in the changing conditions. While China is held together our trade is constantly increasing; but what results the forming of these spheres of influence will produce still remains to be seen, and it cannot be known for some time as none of these nations have yet laid down any definite policy. As things now stand, it is a common sight to see American flour, cotton, lumber, clocks, watches, sheetings, lamps, oil, machinery, etc., being sold and used. China offers a magnificent field for commercial enterprise. It is to be hoped therefore that our government will not stand by as an uninterested spectator while it may be European nations are closing the doors against our trade.

While things national are swinging in the balance of uncertainty the work of the Church of God is going grandly forward. Even in Manchuria, where Russian aggression is so manifest, even there the English and American missionaries are prosecuting their labors without any abatement of zeal or loss of interest. They do not believe that the work that is now making such fine progress will be or can be stopped. From the hostile Province of Hunan, where everything foreign has for so long been utterly despised, we now have news of even hundreds and thousands of candidates for baptism. Lately reinforcements have gone into the very heart of this province.

In this part of the Empire, while there is no great tramping from the idols, still there is a constant gain in both numbers and influence among the masses. Our souls long and long to see the desires of our hearts, and while we long we are not standing idle, but putting in the licks thick and fast, for we know that the time is coming when the harvest will be gathered.

During the last year the Anti-Opium League of China was organized for the purpose of opposing the horrible traffic which seems destined, if something is not done, to destroy this nation. The thing of greatest importance that was done during the year was the printing of a book which contains the opinions of more than 100 physicians, scattered all over China, as to the affects of opium on the Chinese. Dr. W. H. Park, of our mission in Soo-Chow, collected the material and edited the book. This book is to be distributed in England and the United States.

At the late annual meeting of the Anti-Opium League they resolved to publish a paper—the Anti-Opium News—to be printed in Chinese for Chinese readers, and is to advocate the organization of local Anti-Opium Leagues all over the country. We now feel it imperative to unite our forces and engage the enemy in earnest. Many of the foreign merchants—the English I mean—are bitterly against us in this work of opposing the destructive traffic, but it is most encouraging, on the other hand, to know, as we do, that the Chinese people are hand and heart with us, and are supplying the funds for the work. Some foreigners say they are opposed to the league for the reason that it seeks to rob the poor Chinaman of his last and only comfort. Well the comfort is of such a nature as to cause John to gladly pull out his money to rid himself of it. How strange.

J. L. HENDRY.  
Shanghai, China, June 8.

**CHINA.**

**Orphanage, Education, Opium.**

Rev. J. L. Hendry, of Shanghai, in whose church there is an almost continuous revival, writes in a recent letter:

Bro. Inwood's meeting, of which I spoke in my last letter, resulted in much good to us and the work. The Chinese Christians were pleased and helped by the preaching. Many of them are now thirsting for the filling of the Spirit. New life has been given to our work. Some new work has already been started in consequence of the services. Our hearts are earnest in endeavoring to bring souls to the light of life.

I am so happy to relate that we have received the first child into the Orphanage. It is a little girl only ten days old. Her parents did not want her, and were going to give her to the heathen, by whom she would be raised an idolater; but God in mercy saw fit to send the dear little thing to his people so that it might be taught to love and fear him. There is another little girl of some ten years who is to join our little family in the Orphanage. She was diseased in her feet so that the doctor had to partly amputate them. She was left, as her people thought, a cripple for life. The doctor tells us, however, that she will be able to walk very well after a few more days, when she will be sent to the place our Father has prepared for her. She will be taught to work, as well as to read God's Holy Word. It is my hope that she may develop into a useful woman. I cannot express in words the joy of my heart in seeing the blessing of the Lord upon the Orphanage. He is enabling us to trust him for everything in connection with the institution. Well, when it is remembered that he is able and willing, it is not a hard matter to trust him. How often we limit the Holy One by feeling that in some matters we should rely upon ourselves. Sad, sad indeed it is for us to so doubt our God, who only doeth wondrous things! I do believe that I shall see large numbers of the poor and outcast ones in this home. The Lord is encouraging me to expect large things from him, and I do. At present our native pastor is in charge of the Orphanage. In fact, the parsonage is in connection with it. By and by other arrangements will be made. We are now waiting upon the Lord for a suitable Christian Chinese woman to act as matron. This is of the greatest importance, as the matron will give tone to the whole institution. We want a woman who has a heart of love for the dear little ones, and who, therefore, finds her labors for them one of love.

The Educational Association is now in session. Some valuable papers are now being presented. These cover a wide range of subjects. A new era is slowly dawning upon the educational system of China; and this dawning will, as I think, be slow, or very slow, in the degree that it is fostered and encouraged by the missionaries. One thing is now plainly seen, and that is this: The old system is doomed, and with it the study of the Chinese classics, so far as the young people are concerned. There are some missionaries who are afraid to take any steps towards replacing the classics with other and more suitable books. There are others, and among them Mr. Fer-

guson, the President of the new Chinese College now being erected by the government, who are now fully convinced that there are better books for young pupils than the classics, and other books are being prepared to meet this demand. I am happy to see this change, as there is no doubt, other things being equal, a student whose mind and heart are filled with the classics is harder to reach with the gospel than one who has not been taught the classics. And there are good reasons that it should be so.

At the late meeting of the Anti-Opium League it was decided to print a bi-monthly paper, and I was elected the editor. This is no doubt a much needed feature of the League, but I was not happy at the prospect of having the work to undertake. I will try to take it for a year, and then see what direction the movement will take. The anti-opium work was never so hopeful. There are some auspicious signs of the times. Our late public meeting here in Shanghai was well attended, and several enthusiastic addresses were made. Dr. Park is also in the movement. His book is just out of the press, and is creating much interest.

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To belong to the Church is all right and proper, but the mere fact of Church membership will not save the soul. Salvation is found in repentance, faith and regeneration. Where this experience abides in the heart, religion becomes a reality and not a form.

Some men are so devoted to their Church that they are ready to resent any criticism of its doctrines and polity; but in heart they know but little of that experience which comes as the result of having been made partakers of the divine nature. To have pride enough in your Church to fight for its doctrines and usages is one thing, but to have vital religion enough to honor its sanctity by a righteous life before men is quite another thing.

The Church is the visible expression of the spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ. When we come into the Church we are expected to conform our lives to his commandments, not simply because he issues these commandments, but because it is the highest duty that can come to the conscience. In our obedience to his law we illustrate his grace before the world. Men see our good works and glorify his name. They are led by such high influence to see something of a heavenly nature in the Church through which his gospel is thus proclaimed. A Church without Christ is a misnomer. And yet such a thing is among the possibilities in this world of shams and empty professions.

The Church is the most sacred institution among men. It stands for God, for Christ, and for the Holy Ghost. Through it comes the truth which is intended to convict, regenerate and cleanse the souls of the children of men. It brings to them the promise of the life which now is and of that which is to come. It tells them of time and of eternity, of death and of immortality. It thrills the troubled heart with the inspiration of hope, and it hangs the promises of the resurrection around the open grave. To belong to the Church in deed and in truth is the highest privilege that comes to us in the way of life. But to dishonor the Church and abuse its privileges is a crime against Christ and an irreparable injury to conscience.

## EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Even parrots can articulate a few words when they hear them often repeated.

Heresy, in the esteem of some men, is a simple collision with their theories.

Orthodoxy is something else besides a few old and well-worn dogmas.

The common people know the difference between ranting and preaching.

The reading and digesting of the contents of a good book will improve the subject matter of any pulpit.

Preachers who read and study and keep themselves fresh never cross the dead line in ministerial work.

If you are not appreciated, it is your own fault, and you need not go around blaming other people for it.

Some men and women make their own beds and then go about grumbling because they have to sleep in them.

To forgive and forget, but always remember, is a poor quality of religion for a Christian to profess.

If you are so straight in your integrity that you lean a little bit, you can put it down that you are crooked.

Some men square up old accounts with one another and bury their tomahawks, but leave the handles above ground.

## THE SINS OF THE HIP-POCKET.

The six-shooter is a menace to the welfare of Texas and a disgrace to the civilization of the century now drawing to a close. Its ravages upon human life are fearful, and they are reported in full in the daily papers as regularly as the sun rises. Laws as they now exist and as they are now enforced have no more effect in restraining this evil than do the winds that fan the waters of the Gulf. In almost every community the slightest provocation between two men is a sufficient pretext for the hip-pocket to get in its deadly work. The fact is, the pistol has the right of way in our commonwealth. It is kept for sale in our great hardware stores and in every junk-shop in our towns, villages and cities. It is a part of the furniture of the most of our homes. All classes of men, more or less, carry the thing about their persons, or they keep it in easy reach in case of emergency. Just the other night in this city a white boy and a negro lad got into a little altercation and the latter drew his old rusty gun and shot the former dead in his tracks. He was simply following a custom. The crimes of the six-shooter seem to have, in a large measure, immunity from punishment. The man who is convicted and punished for shooting his fellow man is the exception to the rule, especially if the offender has money and is able to employ shrewd counsel. Hence the number of victims at the muzzle of the six-shooter in Texas during the year is horrible to contemplate. The attention of our Legislature ought to be especially called to the inefficiency of our laws touching the offense of carrying concealed weapons. We need laws much more stringent. Pistol-carrying and pistol-selling, except under rigid restrictions, ought to be made a felony. The six-shooter ought to be outlawed and the hip-pocket put to other uses. We have had enough of its depredations. It has glutted the State with widows and orphans, and the great power of the State ought to arise and deal it a death blow. No law-abiding citizen has any need of such a deadly enemy to society upon

his person. It is the property either of the villain or the coward. It ought therefore to be banished from the walks of civilized life. We have had enough of the disreputable thing, and sentiment ought to be developed against it.

## SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Sulphur Springs District Conference met last week in that town, and I went up there on Friday to take in the session. This was my first trip to that immediate section and I was glad of an opportunity to visit that community and form the acquaintance of the preachers and the people. Sulphur Springs is one of the leading towns of North Texas. It has a population of 5000, and they are an intelligent and prosperous people. The business of the place is enterprising and the merchants seemed to have their hands full of matters. The old college building, which was once a Methodist school, is still standing, but it is now used for public school purposes. A number of our preachers got their start in matters educational in this old school. Hicks, Harless, Marvin Nichols and others attended this institution in its palmy days. The courthouse is located on one corner of the public square, and it is a handsome stone structure. Texas is ahead of almost any other Southern State in its courthouses.

Sulphur Springs is made sacred to the Methodists by virtue of the fact that the bones of Rev. W. A. Shook, Rev. S. J. Hawkins, Rev. Calvin J. Cook, Rev. J. C. Randall, Rev. T. E. Sherwood, sleep in the dust of this community. These were good and true men, and they wrought well for the Church. They are sleeping the sleep of the just and in the morning of the resurrection they will awake amid those groves to answer to the roll call. Our Church in this place is in good condition. The building is a handsome brick and in splendid repair. It is a credit to the people who worship within its walls. The parsonage property is now undergoing a thorough renovation; in fact, is being rebuilt, and when completed will be one of the best homes for the preacher in the North Texas Conference. Rev. F. A. Rosser is the fortunate pastor of these good people and they speak kindly of him and his work. He has a live membership, and they say among them are some of the finest women in Texas. They are back of this parsonage enterprise. While there I was entertained by the family of Bro. J. F. Carter. He is originally from Mississippi. He graduated in a class at Emory and Henry College with Dr. Lambuth, Buck Peoples, Jo. Adams, D. W. Humphreys and others. I had the pleasure of meeting my old friend Dr. J. W. Miller. I knew him at Abingdon, Va.; also his daughter, Mrs. Brinker. She was a little girl when I knew her, but now she has a family, and she is a great worker in the Church. Wherever I go I meet with some of the dear friends of other days. How pleasant it is to meet them.

Rev. C. B. Fladger is the live presiding elder of this district. He evidently has hold of matters, for he had present about eighty delegates and preachers—about the largest number I have yet found at a District Conference. Bishop Joseph S. Key was present and presided the most of the time. He is a great success in meetings of this sort. He was a presiding elder so long before he was elected to the Episcopacy that it comes natural for him to run a District Conference like a veteran. He was kind and courteous and his visit was a benediction. The conference was a good one, and the spirit of it was very fine. Rev. O. S. Thomas, Rev. Dr. Carroll and Rev. Dr. Lloyd, along with Bro. Wall, were the visitors. The first three made some fine speeches in the interest of the

Twentieth Century Educational movement. Rev. W. H. Hughes, of Dallas, was also present and enjoyed the meeting very much. This is one of his old stamping grounds. The most of the people whom he used to know are either passed away or they have changed their places of abode; yet he was warmly received and had a good time. The good women of the Home Mission Society had their meeting along with the conference. They were given one evening, and the meeting was of special interest.

The country all between Dallas and Sulphur Springs is one vast domain of prosperity. The corn is like a great cane-brake. Much of the oats and wheat is already threshed, and the remainder looks well in the shock. The cotton is in beautiful shape. All of North Texas was never in better condition in its farming interests. The people up here can afford to help their unfortunate neighbors further south. The rains which have ruined them have made us in this section.

G. C. R.

Henry Lindenmeyr & Sons, of New York, the past week sent the publisher of the Advocate a check for \$100 for the benefit of the flood sufferers of South Texas. This is a generous gift from a very liberal and enterprising firm.

The electric current may be generated by the dynamo and started on its errand of mysterious power. And it may strike a non-conductor; there it fades into non-entity—without a history in results. At a throne of grace we kneel confronted with all the possibilities locked up in the power of prayer. The current leaps and bounds only to shrink and die away—unseen, unfelt. It strikes a spiritual obstruction. Our sins are non-conductors.

## TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. J. Moore, of Granbury College, made us a pleasant visit last Tuesday. He reports his school interests in good shape and promising.

Rev. J. M. Sweeton, of Lewisville, dropped in to see us this week. He is putting in some hard work this year upon his charge, and good results will follow.

Rev. L. P. Smith, of Caruth, was in to see us recently. The rainy season has been so bad that he has had to suspend all effort at protracted meetings.

Bros. D. H. and O. T. Hotchkiss, J. W. Horn and Seth Ward, of Houston, with their families, are located on San Jacinto Bay, near LaPorte, for the summer.

Mr. H. M. Munger, of Mexia, the aged father of S. I. Munger, of this city, died the 5th inst. He was a good man and long a member of the Methodist Church in his community.

Rev. S. G. Warner has begun a protracted meeting at LaPorte. He has erected a tent in a convenient location and is expecting a genuine revival. Bro. Hotchkiss, his presiding elder, is assisting him.

Mr. T. J. Broughton, of Kaufman, and his brother, Harris Broughton, of this city, made us a call this week. Bro. Broughton is a staunch member of our Church in Kaufman and a reader of the Advocate.

Judge S. S. Munger, of Lampasas, stopped in to see us on his return from the funeral of his brother, which occurred last week in Mexia. He is now the last of seven brothers, but still vigorous for one of his years.

We regret to learn of a serious accident which happened recently to the mother of Rev. E. P. Newsom, of Huntsville. While on a visit to Sulphur Springs she fell and fractured her arm. Being in her seventy-seventh year the doctors think it will cripple her for life.

Rev. C. R. Wright, of Hillsboro Station, called in to see us last Tuesday and gave us some account of the recent



meeting in his church, in which he was assisted by Rev. Abe Mulkey. During the time of the meeting the rains came and the floods poured, but the services went right forward in the church when it was too wet to be under the tent. The people became very much interested and attended in great crowds. The membership was greatly built up, sinners were converted and many backsliders were reclaimed. There were something over one hundred and fifty conversions, about one hundred of whom joined our Church, and the remainder went to the several other Churches. Money was sent to the Orphanage, quite a little sum was given to the flood sufferers, and Bro. Mulkey was remembered substantially. All in all, Bro. Wright pronounces it a great meeting.

**SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.**

Rev. Jacob Ditzler, D. D., the famous debater, preached last Sunday in Centenary Church, St. Louis. His first sermon in Missouri was preached in old Centenary Church in 1857.

Rev. T. R. Brewer, of McAlester, I. T., and late editor of "Our Brother in Red," has been elected to the presidency of Willie Hallsell College, at Vinita, Indian Territory. He has accepted.

Bishop H. C. Morrison, according to the press dispatches, preached a great sermon before the Masons in Atlanta, Ga., last Sunday. He touched up the lack of old-time truthfulness in commercial life.

Rev. Goodman Hughs and Rev. Mark H. Edwards, both of the North Georgia Conference, are dead. The former died at Dalonega, and the latter at Fairburn, about the first of the month. They were both useful members of their conference.

Rev. J. C. Berryman, D. D., the venerable minister of Farmington, Mo., is now ninety years old, but in good health for one of his age. He and Doctor Andrew Hunter, of Arkansas, are the only Southern survivors of the famous General Conference of 1844.

Bishop John P. Newman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at Saratoga, N. Y., the 5th inst. During Gen. Grant's incumbency of the White House, Dr. Newman was his pastor, and he went with him around the world. After that he was elected Bishop.

Rev. J. H. Dye, D. D., former President of Galloway College, Searcy, Ark., has been appointed Superintendent of the Blind School of that State and he has accepted the position. At present he is the presiding elder of the Helena District. This latter place he will resign.

The Wesleyans of England have already raised by subscription \$3,326,000 of the \$5,000,000 which they propose to raise for the Century Fund. They are making a house to house canvass, and they will reach the amount long before the Twentieth century dawns at the rate they are now going.

The following districts are the only ones which raised every dollar assessed against them last year: Houston, Chattanooga, St. Joseph and Tuscaloosa. One of them is in Tennessee, one in Missouri, one in Texas, and one in Alabama. Why can not a dozen of the Texas districts join this small list this year?

Rev. R. P. Troy, a superannuate of the North Carolina Conference, died the 1st inst., at Greensboro, that State. He was about sixty years of age. During the war between the States he was a brave Confederate soldier, and since then he has been just as brave in his service in the cause of Christ.

**MAGAZINE NOTICES.**

Among the many great story tellers who are to be frequent contributors to the Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia is Mr. Bret Harte, who is now engaged upon a series of four short stories dealing with Californian life in the days of the great gold fever.

A Treasure of the Redwoods, the first of these characteristic tales, will appear in the Saturday Evening Post of July 8. The series is along the lines upon which Mr. Harte made his first brilliant successes.

The American Review of Reviews for July is before us and its columns are laden with fine literary matter. Such subjects as "The Truth of the Philippine Situation," "Gold in the Philip-

pires," "Rosa Bonheur and Her Work," "Modern History and Historians of France," "Scenes of Spanish Occupancy in Our Southwest," and "Brick Paving in the Middle West," are some of the subjects treated by experts in their lines of study. But in the different departments are found subjects and articles of varied interest, and to read this periodical is to keep oneself well informed as to the movements of the world and the great minds investigating these matters.

Harper's New Monthly Magazine for July is up to its high standard of merit. The first number is the sixth article by Henry Cabot Lodge on the Spanish-American War. This special contribution takes up the "Blockade of Manila and the Capture of Guam." Mr. Lodge is an intensely interesting writer. Following this is "Transitional"—a story by I. Zangwill. Then we have the third installment of the "Interior Decoration of the City House," by Russell Sturgis. The entire number of this monthly is rich in its contents.

Scribner's Magazine for July is replete with many delightful contributions, among which is: "The Letters of Robert L. Stephenson." This has proven to be a popular series of letters printed in this magazine. They show the inherent greatness of the man, and by and by they will doubtless form a splendid volume. "The Chronicles of Aunt Minerva Ann," by Joel Chandler Harris, is a thrilling story of life among the colored people. Mr. Harris is the finest student of the negro dialect living. One of the most valuable contributions is the article by Senator George F. Hoar on Daniel Webster. Many of the articles are highly illustrated.

The Century Magazine is one of the finest monthlies published in America. The July number is up to its high level. On the frontis piece is Collier's portrait of Rudyard Kipling. Among the many delightful articles is that of F. M. F. Skene; subject: Sir Walter Scott's first love. Then the ninth paper of Benjamin Ide Wheeler, on The Life and Character of Alexander the Great, is possessed of historic value. The entire serial when completed will furnish a volume or more of high grade matter. Franklin's Relation With the Fair Sex, by Paul Leicester Ford, shows a wonderfully interesting side of this great man's life. No family can afford to be without the Century Magazine.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine, edited by Rev. J. W. Lee, D.D., and Rev. Naphtali Lucecock, of St. Louis, is a new magazine, but it is carving out a sphere in Methodist life and character peculiarly its own. The July number is rich in matter and illustration. On the first page is a striking portrait of Bishop Matthew Simpson. Further along is found a fine article on the Antecedents, Life and Character of the Bishop. Much other matter is presented in popular style. This periodical will win success, for it has money and ability back of it.

The Religious Review of Reviews is an excellent magazine for the student of religious and biblical subjects. This periodical gives a resume of the articles of all the religious periodicals of the country and presents a bird's-eye view of the progress of religious thought. The July number is well filled and beautifully illustrated.

**PLANS FOR THE TWENTIETH CENTURY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

By action of the Fort Worth Conference the Secretaries of Education for the several Annual Conferences in Texas constitute an Executive Committee for the direction of the canvass for the Twentieth Century Thank Offering in the State. This committee was called to meet in Waco on the 27th day of June. In response to the call there were present Dr. H. A. Bourland, of the Northwest Texas Conference; the Rev. M. S. Gardner, of the West Texas Conference; the Rev. V. A. Godbey, of the East Texas Conference. In the absence of Dr. J. R. Allen, Dr. F. B. Carroll represented the North Texas Conference. Dr. J. H. McLean, long and intimately connected with our educational work in Texas, was present by special invitation. Also the Rev. J. R. Nelson, pastor of Fifth Street Church, Waco. Greatly to his regret and to ours, the Rev. E. W. Solomon, of the Texas Conference, was prevented by sickness from attending the meeting.

After a most thorough discussion of the present status of this movement in

our State steps were taken looking to a more thorough organization of our forces and a more vigorous prosecution of the educational campaign. The following are the more important recommendations of the committee: The organization of a District Campaign Committee in each presiding elder's district, consisting of three or more members, to be appointed by the presiding elder and Conference Secretary of Education, of which committee the presiding elder shall be ex-officio chairman. This committee is to cooperate with the pastors and the Conference Secretary of Education in arranging for mass meetings, and to see that every charge is interested and actively engaged in this work. Conference Secretaries will at once correspond with presiding elders with reference to the organization of these committees. It is the purpose of the Executive committee and State manager to enlist a number of our leading laymen, as well as our preachers, in addressing mass meetings, and other gatherings, in the interest of education. The secular press, as far as possible, will be used in giving information of this work as it goes forward. It is especially desired that "The New Century Education," published by our General Board of Education, be widely circulated in all our conferences. It is only ten cents per year and is brim full of information. We must agitate and educate until every Methodist in Texas becomes interested in the success of this movement. We urge our preachers to take this matter on their hearts. Back of the movement is the authority of the Church. Involved in it are the interests of our Lord's kingdom. Begin at once to take subscriptions to this fund. Take cash, subscriptions payable by the first of January, 1901, or notes bearing 6 per cent interest, payable in five years. This will enable all to give. Let us press the work, and above all, remember that it is of the Lord.

SETH WARD.

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**THE ORPHANAGE.**

The people of Waco are preparing for a great time on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Methodist Orphanage and the city's great auditorium. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, assisted by other fraternal orders of the city. The program for the day is as follows:

Address at Padgett's Park 11 a. m. Barbecue at 12. 2:30, grand parade, to form on the public square, marching up Austin Street to 12th; down 12th to Columbus Street, and on Columbus to auditorium ground, where the corner-stone of the auditorium will be laid. Hon. Stilwell H. Russell, of Dallas, to deliver the oration.

The procession will then lead to the Orphanage, on Herring Avenue, where the corner-stone of the addition to the Orphanage will be laid. Rev. G. C. Rankin, of Dallas, will deliver the oration.

The railroads leading into the city have given a dollar rate from points within a radius of 100 miles, and five dollar maximum rate from all points in the State.

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**CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.**

The commencement exercises of this old and well-known school embraced the second Sunday in June. It was an unusually interesting occasion. The attendance was good both as to the immediate vicinity and the distant parts of the conference. The year's work just completed is most satisfactory. The trustees had the largest and most business-like meeting they have had for years. They were fortunate in finding sale for the old Soule College property and turned in the proceeds to put the Female College on a better footing than it has been for a number of years. So the Female College has paid every dollar of her debt, and has added ten acres of valuable and much-needed land to her property. The trustees recommended that the President and faculty advance as fast as possible the curriculum to make the course required for the different degrees conform to the recommendations of the commission appointed by the General Conference. The patronage of the school for the past year has been better than for some time. There were but five graduates, and they received with honor the various degrees for which they had passed the usual tests. All the public speakers for the occasion were on hand and acquitted themselves with distinction. It was the pleasure of the writer to hear but one of the addresses and neither of the sermons; but others more competent to judge said they were creditable to all concerned. We say upon personal experience that Dr. Massey's address on Monday was fine—well suited to the purpose and a splendid piece of literature. Prof. L. F. Smith continues as President and Mrs. Smith as matron of the home. This is fortunate for the school, both as to the President and the matron. The outlook is better than for many years. May she long live to bless the Church.  
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## Sunday-School Department.

THIRD QUARTER, LESSON 3, JULY 16.

"THE HEBREWS IN THE FIERY FURNACE."—Dan. 3:14-28.

Golden Text: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us."—Dan 3:17.

Time: About 585 years before Christ. Place: Plain of Bura, close to or within the city.

Persons: Nebuchadnezzar, a few Chaldeans, and the three Hebrew children.

Occasion: The refusal of certain Jews to worship the King's image.

King Nebuchadnezzar, of Babylon, had returned from his conquests of neighboring nations and he erected a great image to his god. This was to be an expression of his gratitude for his victories, and it was also to unify the religious sentiment of the composite people who made up the citizenship of his kingdom. His order was that at a given time when the music sounded all of the people were to bow down and worship this image; but the three Jews whose names are given in this lesson, and perhaps others, refused to obey the order. This was an unpardonable affront and punishable by death in the fiery furnace. They were brought before the King, but refused to change. The sentence was pronounced upon them and they were cast into the burning furnace. But God, whose servants they were, went to their relief, and the fire did not burn them. They were brought forth and the King, struck by their preservation, accepted their God as his, and became a true worshiper. We are here taught that even if commanded by a king to do wrong it is best to do right. Wrong is never justifiable. Even if the resisting of it entails suffering, it is our duty to resist and leave the results with Him who is able to care for us. Right is always the thing to do. It is the only true course to follow. For the time being we may suffer on account of our adherence to duty, but our action will be vindicated in due time. Then, too, God makes provisions for those who put their trust in him. In his own good way he will deliver them. We furthermore see in the lesson an example for us to follow. We may not be called upon to pass through a literal fiery furnace, but there is a furnace of some sort for those who are inflexible in their purpose to love God and hate evil. When that furnace opens we must walk into it and trust Christ for deliverance. With him we cannot fail.

## Epworth League Department.

July 16. Topic: "A Friend in Need."—Luke 10:30-37.

This picture of the Good Samaritan will never lose its interest as long as there is suffering in this world and sympathy in human hearts. Notice some of the elements in the love which prompted this man to help the unfortunate one: 1. It was active in its operation. The love of some people is passive, a mere expression of sympathy. Sometimes this is all that is needed and when bestowed it accomplishes a good result. But there are times when a mere passive sympathy does not meet the emergency. We see its failure in the case of this helpless man when the priest and Levite gave expression to it. The man needed something more. The Good Samaritan put his sympathy into action. It picked up the sufferer, put him upon the beast, carried him to the inn, and paid the expense of his entertainment. 2. It was self-sacrificing. The man ran the risk of being attacked himself by robbers. He walked and let the sufferer ride. He took money out of his pocket and paid it for the comfort of this unfortunate one. This was a genuine act of love. It was true religion. 3. It was opportune. The man had to be helped then or never. He was bleeding and ready to die. In a few hours more he would be beyond aid. So these opportunities come to us to-day, but they do not abide. We must embrace them or they fly from us forever. 4. It was unselfish. The good friend never expected to get anything in return for his kindness. He never saw this man before and never expected to see him again. He helped him because he was a human being in distress. 5. It was a heaven-born act. Such love has its origin not in this world, but in the world above. Christ brought it among men and left it as the heritage of the good Father above. He exercised it to perfection while in the flesh, and wherever you see it now you see the spirit of Christ at work. To love God and do right by our fellow men is to follow in the footsteps of the Master.

## CUERO DISTRICT LEAGUE.

The fourth Annual Conference of the Cuero District League convened at Port Lavaca June 29 and 21, 1899.

Rev. Thomas Gregory, of Cuero, preached a most eloquent, soul-stirring sermon the evening previous to the opening of the conference. Morning session opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. G. M. Gardner, of Waelder. President Fly, of Victoria, then duly opened the conference, after which a most enjoyable and instructive program was presented. It was urged and impressed upon the Leaguers the importance of inspiring in the hearts of its members a zeal and devotion to God and his service, a failure to progress in this direction being opposed to the true purpose of the League idea.

The Port Lavaca League furnished the music for the occasion, and the volume and excellence of their music was the subject of much favorable comment.

The following officers were placed in nomination and subsequently elected for the ensuing year: President, J. W. Woodson, Cuero; First Vice President, Mrs. A. McKenna, Victoria; Second Vice President, Miss Minnie Houston, Yoakum; Third Vice President, Miss Mabel Wallace, Cuero; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Miller, Waelder.

Waelder was selected as the next place of meeting. A resolution was offered and passed unanimously returning the thanks of the convention to the people of Port Lavaca for the kind and hospitable entertainment received at their hands, and that the Secretary be instructed to have a copy of these resolutions published in local papers and in the Christian Advocate. Adjourned. J. W. WOODSON, Assistant Secretary.

## HO FOR INDIANAPOLIS.

An excursion has been arranged from Indianapolis to Niagara Falls at a rate of \$7 for the trip and return. Tickets on sale July 21 and good until August 3. Leaguers go prepared to make this side trip. From Niagara it is only a two hour's run to Toronto, and those who missed going to this famous city two years ago will have an opportunity at this time. Let's all go to the largest gathering of young Methodists in the history of our Church. Can you afford to miss it? If you want to join the crowd and live in Texas, write me for information as to rates, parties, etc. GUS W. THOMASSON, State Secretary.

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## THE LEAGUE AS AN ANTIDOTE TO SOCIAL EVILS.

There are three League ideas, namely, that of worship, charity and help and of intellectual development. The development of these three ideas is the purpose of the Epworth League. The object of the devotional department is the development of a spiritual worker, one who devoutly loves God and has the courage and grace to perform any service that the Church may make incumbent. There are hundreds of young men now, who, a few years ago were at best but nominal and silent factors in the Church, but who cannot do any work in the Church save that of the ministry. And there are many now entering and about to enter the ministry whose call thereto would doubtless have been stifled if they had not come in touch with the League. This department develops a spiritual force and thrusts it out into the world.

The work in the charity and help department has a subjective and an objective influence. Nothing so refines the character as to be thrown in touch with misery and woe. Whether it be a providence of God or an improvidence of man, that we have the poor always with us, the effect of their presence and helplessness is the same upon us. And that effect is to soften and mellow us. If we were never brought face to face with human woe, we would doubtless become frigid and inflexible. It is easy for the artist to throw the body and outline of a great painting upon the canvas, but the finishing touches are exceedingly difficult. Upon these depend the life, likeness and beauty of the picture. So lifting up the fallen, helping the weak and administering to the sick are not easy or pleasant to the flesh, but such ministries are the finishing touches that lend beauty and grace to character. Thus the subjective effect of our work in this department is invaluable. The objective benefit is the relief afforded others, and the value here must be computed by the arithmetic of another world. The work of charity and help is the most Christ-like of all. The object of his death was to make an atonement for our sins, but it seems that the object of his life was to mitigate our suffer-

ings. The more we develop this part of our work, therefore, the more do we re-incarnate the life and spirit of the Son of God among men. Progress in the Devotional and Help Departments of the League is therefore progress in the direction of that Christian perfection for which we should all earnestly strive.

But simply to be pious is not all that is important. To be good and to be constantly going about and doing good, are, of course, the most important things, but sanctified ignorance is sanctified weakness. Recognizing the need of mental culture and social refinement, the League has very properly and wisely incorporated the literary department. Intellectual vigor and social prestige give driving force to piety and good works. True, the Holy Ghost is the power behind the throne, but there are some things the Holy Ghost can only do through certain agencies. An inferior iron wire will not transmit the electric current so well as the more highly wrought steel or copper wire. Neither can the Holy Spirit operate through ignorance and awkwardness as mightily as he can through learning and refinement. The time has come when he who would mightily move upon an enlightened public must be able to show himself not one whit behind the chiefest of those who stand before him. There is a great deal of prating now about what God can do with an unlettered boy or girl. It is to be sincerely hoped that this maudlin sentiment will not find its way into Epworth League circles. It is the business of the League to stamp it out of the Church, and rally to the standard and example of the one who said: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Purity and innocence are good, but the wise man said: "With all thy getting, get understanding." To be sure there will always be good people who are not educated, and there is a place and work for them, but the object of literary work in the Epworth League is to enlarge the sphere and elevate the character of their work. Work in the devotional department to be most effective, must show that the worker is master of the situation. In the work of charity and help, culture lends an accent and a grace, hard to describe, but nevertheless powerful in giving effect to the effort. And as for the social circle, we are all more or less acquainted with the misfortunes of the blunderbus there. What the literary work of the League proposes to do, is to round off these rough edges, impart discretion, and lend power and effectiveness to all we do.

And now, in conclusion, let the application of what has been said be made to the subject under discussion. "The League as an antidote to social evils." It is easy to see that these three departments of work correspond to the three greatest needs of a redeemed nature. The most deeply imbedded want of such a nature is a worshipful spirit. Work in the first department develops it. Then a spirit of deep sympathy and tender compassion are indispensable to a right character. There can be no happiness without such a spirit. Work in the charity department develops it. And the culture of the mind and refinement of the social instincts are things for which a right nature cries out continually. Work in the literary department develops a supply for this demand. Only a moment's reflection is needed to see that when those three wants of our nature are met, there is but little else needed. The development of these three League ideas, with their corollaries, and their crystallization into character, will present to the world a character with a solid foundation, well built and beautifully adorned.

So it seems that in framing the Epworth League and outlining its work, our Church has provided an antidote to all social evils. If the work of these departments is faithfully kept up, there will be no time left for things of a grosser nature. If the work is faithfully done, there will be no energies to expend upon worldly follies. If the proper amount of thought is given to the work, there will be no mental energies to throw away upon empty trifles. And the beauty of it all is that as we advance in work of this character we come to love it more and more. The higher nature draws its food supplies largely from its work, and from the institutions with which it stands identified. So the more and better the work, the richer and fuller will be the life. This is the antidote that will effectually cure worldliness, not by keeping it at

bay, but by killing its insidious germs. The great danger line is passed when we cease to love the world and the things of the world—when the chief attractions are all on the other side.

Finally, dear Leaguers, set the world an example; show the devotee of sinful pleasures the more excellent way. Live a life that will not only shine into the dark places, but will burn up the poisonous elements there. Rebuke the world—not by railing accusations, but by living a spotless life. It is related that one of the great artists had a pupil whom he told to execute a perfect hand upon the canvas. The pupil did the best he could, and was ashamed of the effort. His knees almost smote together for fear when he heard his master coming, for he expected to be fairly burned with rebuke. But the great teacher came in, looked at the blotch, and without a word picked up the brush and executed a perfect hand just under the pupil's failure, and walked away. The pupil said he expected a rebuke, but he had not conceived of one so withering as that. So it is. Let us live the perfect life and the world will not fail to feel the rebuke. Then, as the sun takes the place of every inferior light, so shall we become "the light of the world." R. C. HICKS.

## HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE IN THE LITERARY DEPARTMENT OF THE LEAGUE.

My Dear Leaguers—It seems to me that in many of our Leagues nothing is so greatly neglected as the study of the Bible in the Literary Department, and yet how grand are the possibilities of such work.

As Leaguers I doubt if there is any part of the service that deserves more of our attention, for without a proper knowledge of our Heavenly Father and his will concerning us, such as we can fully attain only by a systematic study of the Bible, it is impossible for us to serve him as we should in the other departments of work.

Of such vast importance do I consider this subject that I felt my utter unworthiness to open this discussion, but since the subject has been assigned me, have studied it closely and prayerfully. If I may but say some word or give some thought that will cause our Leagues to rise higher and grow more perfect in this line of work, then I am thankful indeed to Him to whom I gave myself for direction.

There is no one who appreciates more than I the other work of the Literary Department—such as the study of our great authors and their works, the study of the nations, both modern and ancient with their laws and customs; a study of our great masters of art, an evening on natural history, an evening with our martyrs and Christian heroes, and also do I appreciate greatly our Reading Course. These are sources of pleasure indeed, and as Leaguers let us inform ourselves on every subject of interest, for truly "There is no bondage like ignorance; no inheritance

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like knowledge." Yet while we study these things let us seek to the very foundation of all that is good and beautiful in them and we shall find that it rests upon God and his Word. If we study these things truly, we are studying the Bible indirectly, for it is the gems of this book that give immortality to the pages of all masters in literature.

Lord Macaulay said: "The English Bible is a book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the extent of its beauty and power." The nations depend upon it for their success. An African Prince, sent as an embassy to the court of England, asked the Queen to tell him the secret of England's greatness. Holding up a much-used Bible, she said: "This is the secret of England's greatness."

We have but to meditate a moment to see that the master works of art had their light from the Bible. The noblest carvings of sculpture, the most beautiful paintings and the sweetest strains of music have been inspired by its teachings. "The Lord is my shepherd," "Suffer little children to come unto me," "Behold I stand at the door and knock," "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." What can be more tender and beautiful?

There has been no beautiful and holy life—beautiful because holy—that has not had its inspiration from this Book.

Do we keep up with the explorers? They are continually bringing to light something to verify the pages of this Book. Then as we busy ourselves as to these works of the Literary Department we may learn more and more of his blessed Word.

We may emphasize the importance and create a love for the study of it systematically, but let us ever remember that the Bible itself is the most important Book of the Literary Department, and it is by its study alone we can best know its truths. May God speed the time when each of our Leagues will organize a class to study the Bible systematically; for no one can really become interested in the Bible who has not some method.

Every Leaguer should know his Bible as he does his school books, and to accomplish this he must study and recite it as he does these books.

For studying the Bible in this way there are several methods to be employed. Each League should study them and adopt the one or ones best suited to itself. No matter what method is adopted, let us remember that first of all our hearts must be prepared for the work. We need light from above. We must ask Him to make our hearts simple, humble and teachable; must realize that there are a great many things in the Word we do not understand, but that God is a great deal wiser than we and can teach us all things.

We must have his spirit dwelling within us, for without spirituality we lack insight. When we come to a passage we do not understand we must pray over it and meditate until the light comes.

To make this work a success we need also a consecrated and intelligent leader or teacher—one who loves and studies God's Word.

Now, as to methods of taking up the work: The one that I find used mostly by our Leagues in the Literary Department and that is full of riches indeed to our young hearts, is the biographical method. As is familiar to many of you, this consists in taking up some Bible character, as Abraham, Joseph or Daniel, and studying all that is to be found in the Scriptures in regard to this particular person.

We might plan an interesting and profitable study on the patriarchs, the judges, the kings or the prophets. Might spend an evening studying the men and women of the age of Jesus. One with Moses the orator, or with Job the poet. This book is filled with poetic phrase, and in the Bible we find there is nothing wanting which could be useful or interesting or delightful.

Henry Ward Beecher, in speaking of his experiences in the study of God's Word, tells of the joy that he had and the light that was borne in upon his own soul by reading through and studying at one time one of the gospels for the purpose of getting a clear and connected idea of the character of Christ. Others have found delight in studying David, or Paul, or some other personage, of which the Bible has much to tell us. It may be possible to devote several lessons to the study of these and still have much to learn.

This method is probably the most fascinating of all plans of Bible study, since here we deal with men, with the

evolution of character, with the powers and possibilities of human influence, with those subtle forces that make men what they are and the world so much of what it is.

What a charm there is in studying the character of a man like Peter until we see what Dr. Lyman Abbott styles, "The development of Peter from the rude and profane fisherman to the eloquent revivalist!" Another method which it is well to use when the League wishes to inform itself fully on some certain subject is the topical method.

This can not be used so well unless the Leaguers have a general knowledge of the book as a whole, but for solid information and deep instruction it will be found to be one of the most fruitful and profitable.

Suppose, for instance, the Leaguers should take up the subject of temptation for an evening. An interesting program could be had in this way. Let each Leaguer write a list of at least ten questions concerning temptation, such as he is interested in overcoming or in teaching others to overcome; for let us ever remember that we are not only to look up, but to lift up. Let us then go to the Bible for light, asking God to direct us in searching for answers to these questions. Let us begin at the beginning. We have but to turn a single leaf to come upon the account of the temptation in Eden, Study Eve's case, wherein she made a mistake and what course she ought to have pursued. Likely we will find something that helps to answer our questions. Adam was tempted. Study his case and note the difference between his and Eve's. Having thus made a start, we will find no difficulty in continuing. The references in the margin with their references will supply us with further light. These lessons should be assigned several weeks before the meeting, that all may have an opportunity of studying and be able to ask and answer such questions as are not fully understood.

Another method which may be used effectively in the Literary Department is the parallel method. A series of interesting lessons on the person and ministry of Christ might be had by using this method. Take up some one event, some one miracle, some one period in the life of Christ, and then study all parallel passages in the gospels recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We will find that one evangelist emphasizes one point while another will give more prominence to some other. Outside of the gospels this can not be applied so well.

Last, but best of all in my opinion for our study of the Bible in the Literary Department, is the Book-method. Read by books, the Bible becomes not a mere collection of texts, but books full of great throbbing life, with intense human problems. Here we will find an abundance of work. "Job demands as much study as Hamlet; the Psalms as the lyrics of Wordsworth, of Tennyson, and John as the greatest philosopher." When possible, I think it would be best to take a book at a single lesson. Learn all we can concerning the date, authorship and general purpose of the book from the helps. Prepare ourselves as well as possible before coming together, and be ready to ask and answer questions on all points not clearly understood. Would not read by books consecutively. We need elasticity in this plan. Think it would be best to take a book in the historical part of the Old Testament; then a book in the New; then one of the prophets, keeping touch with every part of the Bible. Sometimes it might be best to spend two or three lessons on one book, reading and re-reading until all get into the spirit of the writer. Then alone may we know its beauty. This means work, but are we not willing to labor to prepare ourselves for labor in his vineyard. And let us ever remember that not those who read most and get most, but those who keep most and meditate most, are the most edified and nourished and enriched unto everlasting life; and there is surely no better way to learn these sixty most important books than this. Herein we have informed ourselves as to history, law, poetry and letters, and so may we study these ancient pages in every department that, standing out in sweet relief above all history and biography, poetry and prophecy, precept and promise, faith shall see in vivid personality and love shall grasp in adorning reverence the form of Jesus only.

May God guide and direct us in this work of studying the Bible systematically until we come to know all truth.

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When counting the flocks of his fold  
He has missed her,  
And says, "If ye my disciples would be,  
Go forth in my name and say to your sister,  
The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

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### DISTRICT MEETING W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The district meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Dallas District, convened at Oak Cliff on the morning of June 23d for an all-day session, the District Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Powers in the chair. After the opening devotional services, conducted by Mrs. W. C. Young, of Dallas, Mrs. J. W. Rowlett, of Denton, was appointed Secretary, and reported the following delegates present: Dallas, First Church, Mrs. H. M. Price; Oak Cliff, Mrs. W. M. Crow; Oak Lawn, Mrs. J. R. Horne; Trinity Church, Dallas, Mrs. Boyer; Ervay Street Church, Dallas, Mrs. Cammack; Cedar Hill, Mrs. J. D. Merryman and Miss Lizzie Crandall; Cochran's Chapel, Miss Mary Cochran; Duncanville, Mrs. E. A. Carr; Denton, Mrs. J. W. Rowlett; Floyd Street Church, Dallas, Miss Maria Elliott, besides many visitors from the several auxiliaries.

The District Secretary read her annual report, which was a full and comprehensive statement of her efforts in advancing Home Mission work. She spoke of the objection raised by so many of this society as having "too much machinery," and she attributed it to a lack of "concentrated, united power, to move it."

The reports of the delegates were then read, and as a whole, evidenced the work advancing, both spiritually and financially, the reports being better in these respects than those of the year previous. Mrs. Mattie Clark, of First Church, Dallas, made a fine report on the jail work that was being done, and especially emphasized the spiritual results.

Mrs. Knowles, an enthusiastic worker, and Miss Moore, the Matron of the Mission Home at Dallas, were introduced; also the following ministers: Dr. J. H. McLean, Rev. J. H. Reynolds, Rev. L. P. Smith, Rev. J. M. Langston, Rev. F. B. Carroll, Rev. W. M. P. Rippey and Rev. W. C. Young.

With but three exceptions, each Auxiliary in the Dallas District made reports, and these were all very good.

Mrs. Viola Hunt, the Superintendent of the Department of "Loan Funds," being absent, her report was read by the chair, who also read a fine paper full of good suggestions as to means of raising the Educational Fund.

"What Shall We Do to Advance the Home Mission Work" was ably discussed by many of the ladies present, and the discussion showed how much they have this work on their hearts.

The meeting then adjourned for dinner with the benediction by Bro. Reynolds, to meet again at 2:30 o'clock.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Work, for the Night is Coming." The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. C. Young. Rev. F. B. Carroll addressed the meeting on "The Need of City Missionary Work," and those who have once listened to him well know how beautiful and practical this talk was. Among other things he quoted from that grand old statesman, Gladstone, "As America goes, the world goes," to which he added, "As the American city goes, so America goes," thus presenting the great need of missionary work in our large and representative cities. He said the nations of the world judge our Christianity by our people, and urged a closer, more practical co-operation, and pleaded for a "cleaner city," spiritually and morally.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey followed with a talk regarding the "Duty of a Pastor as a Helper and Co-operator in the City Missionary Work, Recognizing and Advancing the Work of the Women."

Miss Moore, the matron of the Mission Home, made a touching appeal in the interest of this institution. Mrs. Knowles invited each and every one to visit this Home and see for themselves what the Lord has done. Mrs.

Heckman, of Trinity Church, Dallas, spoke earnestly of her experience in the Home, and mentioned the two weeks of her stay there being the happiest of her life, because of an opportunity to do a work for her Master.

Mrs. Howell explained the industrial feature of the Home, and Mrs. Young reported its financial condition. Bro. Rippey related a touching and timely incident in connection with the Rescue work, pressing the necessity of our presence as a need, more than our money, often. Bro. Reynolds followed with others of the same character, his talk filled with love and tenderness for all in the Home and all connected with the work.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, that as members and delegates of the Home Mission Society of the Dallas District, we express our appreciation of the kindness shown us at this district meeting by the members of the auxiliary of Oak Cliff Church, in thoughtful attentions bestowed and in provision for our comfort at the noonday lunch. We are grateful, too, for the presence of our brethren of the ministry, and their support, and hope they will continue to encourage us with their presence and aid us with their counsel in our meetings as a society.

MRS. W. C. YOUNG,  
MRS. F. E. HOWELL.

The following announcement was then made:

"The Saturday market, which has been heretofore conducted by the First Church Auxiliary, will be under the management of the Floyd Street Church Auxiliary during the month of July, Oak Cliff Auxiliary the month of August, and Trinity Church Auxiliary the month of September. This is an enterprise for the benefit of the Mission Home and should be liberally patronized by all housekeepers."

The meeting then adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. H. McLean.  
MRS. J. W. ROWLETT,  
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#### REPORT OF CLARENDON DISTRICT MEETING OF W. H. M. SOCIETY.

I have just returned from the District Conference at Clarendon, Texas. It was indeed a good conference. Quite spiritual, and to the hungry soul it was a feast. Bro. Hardy, our presiding elder, is a fine leader, and the people all love him. Bro. W. L. Harris, who for several years has been on the superannate list of the Northwest Texas Conference, was present and added much to the interest of the conference. He has not lost any of his old-time power. The Lord is wonderfully using him in this great Panhandle country. Dr. Lloyd, of the Polytechnic College, and Bro. S. P. Wright, of Waco, were present also, and did us service in preaching and counsel.

The W. H. M. Society held its annual District Conference on Saturday afternoon, June 17. It was the most interesting and profitable one ever held in the district. Five auxiliaries were represented, and the reports show they are all doing good work. At a place or two the women are discouraged, but I believe they will hold together and tide over the discouragements.

We had two excellent papers, one on "Home Missions," by Mrs. Emsberger, of Plainview, and the other on "Parsonages," by Mrs. John W. Veale, of Amarilla. Mrs. Emsberger being in great sympathy with the missionary movement, and especially our Woman's Work, was able to present some very valuable thoughts, and Mrs. Veale being the daughter of one of our itinerant preachers (Rev. E. A. Bailey), had considerable knowledge of parsonages, viz: "What they are and what they should be." Altogether, we feel we have gone forward some during the last year, and hope before another year passes the number of auxiliaries and members will be doubled. We are disappointed because Sister Purcell could not be with us in our meeting. She came, but could not remain through the conference. I feel we could have accomplished more had she been with us.  
MRS. J. T. BLOODWORTH,  
District Sec'y Clarendon District,  
Claude, Texas.

To the Preachers of the Texas and West Texas Conferences:

While I am aware that the good name of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, the Financial Agent of the Rescue Home work of our Texas Methodism, has gone into all parts of our State, I am led, as her pastor, to commend her as well as the great work in which she is engaged to the earnest support of all our preachers. Sister Johnson will be in South Texas within the next few weeks looking after the financial affairs of the Rescue Home in San Antonio, and I feel a double interest in her success in that work, from the fact of my own connection with it in the past. Brethren, give Sister Johnson your full sympathy and endorsement, and she will do the rest in the matter of carrying this work to success.  
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REV. MARVIN COPPEDGE.

Rev. Marvin Coppedge, A. M., was born at Murray Institute, near Coffeeville, Upshur County, Texas, February 25, 1851, and died at the same place June 11, 1899, aged a little more than twenty-eight years. He was educated chiefly at Polytechnic College, spending in all about five years in that institution, part of the time doing work as a tutor in the preparatory department. Immediately after graduation he was married to Miss Ada Brooks, of Jacobia, Hunt County, Texas. The marriage occurred June 9, 1894. He was soon thereafter employed by the presiding elder to supply the Sonora and Ozona Circuit in the West Texas Conference. At the end of the year he was received on trial in the East Texas Conference and sent to the Henderson Circuit. After one year he was appointed to the San Augustine and Chireno charge, which he filled with great acceptability. Feeling a strong missionary spirit, and longing to go where he was most needed, he transferred in November, 1898, to the Indian Mission Conference and was appointed to the Checotah charge. His father, the Rev. C. C. Coppedge, of Upshur County, Texas, died June 11, 1898. His funeral sermon was to be preached June 11, 1899. Desiring to be present on this occasion, Rev. Marvin Coppedge visited the old homestead. He was not well when he arrived, nor was he able to attend the funeral. He gradually grew worse until the end came as stated above.

Rev. Coppedge was one of the purest men I have ever known. As a student he never disobeyed a rule nor failed on a recitation through any carelessness. In preparation his constant ambition was to do good. For this he strove to gain knowledge and worked with an ardor that never abated. During his five years at college he preached somewhere nearly every Sunday. He was generous and unselfish almost to a fault. No one ever thought of accusing him of a mean trick—he was above anything of the kind. His associates all loved him and had the utmost respect for his religion. He very modestly claimed the blessing of perfect love, and those who knew him best gave credit to his testimony. He was a good preacher, sensible in his comments and deeply spiritual. As a pastor he was earnest and loving, seeking in every way possible to do his people good. He had planned to give his life to the itinerant ministry, but the reaper came just as he was reaching the vigor of his young manhood. Thank God he was ready and waiting.

His death was a glorious triumph. Realizing that his end was near, and having the consciousness of the Savior's presence, he sang the entire hymn, "Pass me not, O gentle Savior." Requesting those present to sing, "I know I love thee better, Lord," he then called upon his sister to lead in prayer, to every petition of which he responded with hearty amen. Following this he called for the song, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus," and at the close he pronounced the apostolic benediction: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

Such a death was a fit ending to his holy life. Mr. Wesley said of his early Methodist: "Thank God, they die well." In some cases this witness is still true. He leaves a wife and precious babe to mourn their loss, as well as numerous other relatives and hundreds of friends.

W. F. LLOYD.

RUSH.—Martin Grigsby Rush, the subject of this brief notice, and known to many of our preachers, was born in Moore County, N. C., February 25, 1828, moved to Alabama at the age of 21 years, and on the 10th day of November, 1879, was married to Anna P. Thomas. They came to Texas in 1873, and in 1877 settled in Navarro County, where the remaining twenty-one years of his life were spent. These last twenty-one years were spent zealously in the M. E. Church, South. He served the Church in every way that was committed to his hand and judgment. He was indeed a broad-gauge citizen, spiritually-minded Christian, a devout husband and a friend to the stranger. Having honored God, God honored him. He always was cheerful and happy, and hence made others feel the blessing of his presence. He was called into the presence of the Lord by the presence of Rev. Rush. He was apparently well up to a few hours of death, when he became suddenly unconscious, and passed peacefully to rest June 28, 1899. He was laid to rest in Hamilton Cemetery, near Corsicana. If true to God we will meet him, where he rests from his labors.

G. J. IRVIN, Pastor.

THOMAS.—THOMAS.—William Thomas was born in Raleigh, N. C., September 13, 1816. Early in life he moved to Henry County, Tenn. Here he met Miss Amanda M. Coleman, a native of Buncombe County, N. C., with whom he was united in marriage August 11, 1836. The wife, who was born November 16, 1815, professed religion and joined the M. E. Church in early youth. The year following their marriage the husband professed religion and also joined the Methodist Church. In 1869 they immigrated to Texas and settled in Hays County. The same year they affiliated with the Church in this section and remained staunch members of the Methodist Church until removed by death. Six children were born to this couple. One daughter, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive them. A son of much promise, who "wore the gray," was killed in battle at Atlanta, Ga., July 22, 1864. Through the lights and shadows of sixty-two eventful years this couple lived in the endearing relation of husband and wife, and for more than sixty years were consistent members of the Methodist Church. They adorned the marriage relation with peculiar fidelity to each other; were devoted to the Church and faithful to God. In later years the infirmities of age hindered their at-

tendance at Church; but a well-worn Bible, the Texas Christian Advocate and the preacher's visits were relied upon for spiritual sustenance, comfort and fellowship. Bro. Thomas died October 26, 1898. Sister Thomas died April 26, 1899. These died in faith. Their bodies sleep in the San Marcos cemetery. J. T. GRAHAM, Staples, Texas.

CALLENS.—Mrs. Mattie Callens, daughter of W. P. Payne, was born October 22, 1860, and died at her home on Red Oak Creek, Texas, June 9, 1899. She was married to G. W. Callens November 4, 1885. Her husband and little boy, Roy, mourn their loss. She was afflicted for about five years, but bore her afflictions with a great deal of patience. In fact, she lived as "seeing Him who is invisible." It was the writer's privilege to visit her frequently in the past two and a half years, and found her always glad to see her pastor, and glad to have a prayer before we would separate. Though afflicted she was one of the most constant attendants on the public worship. She professed religion when quite young and was a member of the Methodist Church at Bell's Chapel about twenty-one years. All of the pastors on Red Oak Circuit for many years past will remember the delicate form and cheerful face of our ascended sister. She had a heroic type of Christianity—not demonstrative, but firm and durable. For weeks before her death she was confined to her bed and seemed to realize that the end was near. When it seemed she would not last many hours, or days at most, I said to her: "I hope you are trusting the Savior." Very quietly she said: "Oh, yes; I've been trusting him too long not to trust him now." And thus she passed away. We laid the remains to rest in the Bell's Chapel cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. As an index to her inner life I send two copies of letters written by her to her husband and little boy. The letters were sealed and placed in her trunk and found after her departure. Written a few weeks before her death. Here are the letters:

"Dear Husband—Perhaps when you read these lines I will be gone not to return, and hope you will know where to look for me. There is quite a peace of mind with the consciousness that I have done what I could. I am sorry to leave you, though it is so. I thank you for your kindness. Let me beg you to live more religious. You will find much peace in reading the sacred pages of the Word of truth, which will prove a lamp to thy feet and a light to thy pathway. There is no greater consolation than in summing up the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father, too wise to err, too good to do wrong. Be kind and patient with our darling boy. I can only leave you in the hands of a higher power, hoping to meet you to part no more. Good-bye. Your loving companion, "MATTIE."

And then to her only child: "Darling Boy—Your mamma's greatest care that you be a truthful, good boy, so as my last request, let me ask of you to make few promises; don't be hasty in your decisions; though when decided, stand to it. Speak the truth at all times and under all circumstances. Read the Bible and abide by its teachings; be kind to all; be patient; be charitable; never use any bad language. Keep good company, never drink any strong drink, and, above all, live religious, and meet mamma in the better land. Good-bye, "YOUR MAMMA," "Who Loves You." May the husband and son meet her in the sinless land. J. W. DICKINSON.

POSEY.—Bro. Bennett Posey "died in faith" at Neches, Texas, on Sunday morning, May 28, 1899, after a severe and protracted illness. During his sickness he realized that the end was near and made every arrangement for the division of his effects and the comfort of the loved ones left behind. He was born in Georgia in Harris County, I think, September, 1820; was married to Miss Sallie Williamson in Greene County, Miss., on the 16th of May, 1846, and moved to Cherokee County, Texas, during the same year. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1842. He reared a family of ten children to be grown; one died. His life was an active, busy one. He was a man of strong conviction and unyielding integrity. His death has left a void that will be hard to fill. The State, the Church, the world, is poorer by reason of his death. He was laid to rest with Masonic honors amid a large concourse of sorrowing kindred and friends at Neches, Texas, May 29, 1899. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." W. A. MOORE.

STRANGE.—William W. Strange was born October 29, 1828, in Spartanburg District, S. C., and moved with his parents when a boy to Chattooga County, Ga.; was married March 23, 1854, to Miss Isabel Parks; professed religion in 1865 and joined the M. E. Church, South; moved to Texas in 1870. He raised a large family of boys. He lost his first wife and was married in the year 1878 to Miss Rebecca McClung, and by her had one son. She died, and he was married to Miss Sarah Williams in the year 1893. Bro. Strange was a good man, loved the Church and did a great deal of good in his day; was class-leader for a number of years and held that office until death came, June 12, 1899. On June 13, a large concourse of friends and relatives followed his remains to Pleasant Grove Church, and the writer preached his funeral sermon, after which he was laid in the cemetery to await the resurrection morn. May God bless his surviving wife and children. S. W. JONES.

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LOWRIE.—John Berry Lowrie was born February 18, 1821, in East Tennessee, in which State he resided till the twenty-fourth year of his age, when he moved with his widowed mother to Texas. They settled in Kusk County, where he was married to Clarissa Ogletree December 2, 1851. Their union was blessed with nine children—five sons and four daughters, two of whom, a son and daughter, preceded him to the glory world. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Grayson County, Texas, in 1857, he having professed religion before the time of his marriage. He died at the home of his son-in-law, B. E. Smith, Jr., near Robinson Peak, Texas, June 19, 1899. He leaves a heart-broken wife and seven children and other relatives to mourn. They know where to find him. My acquaintance with Father Lowrie was brief, but pleasant. He was a true man. We laid his body to rest in the cemetery at Rough Creek to await the morning of the resurrection. May the Lord bless the sorrowing ones and may they meet their loved one in the sweet by-and-by. G. W. TEMPLIN.

POWELL.—Mrs. Mioma Powell (nee Wright) died at her home, near Kirbyville, Texas, May 20, 1899. She was born April 25, 1827; was married to Jno. M. Powell August 1, 1850; joined the Methodist Church in 1857, and lived a consecrated member ever since. She was the mother of ten children, and leaves only one surviving brother out of a large family of brothers and sisters. She suffered but a short time in her fatal illness, and she did not seem to be aware of death's approach till it was too late to talk; but all who knew how she lived and of her devotion to her Savior, know where she is gone. In her last religious conversation she expressed a desire to see all her children converted and in the Church before her death. While she is gone to her reward in the land of the blessed, may the memory of her heart's desire and prayer to God be the instrument of the salvation of all her children who are out of Christ, and in so doing ultimately form an unbroken family circle around the throne of God. J. T. McCLURE.

PERRY.—On June 9, 1899, the death angel visited the home of Sister Loula Perry and took from her tender embrace her little boy, Daniel Martin, whose presence was the joy and light of a home which is now left sadly and lonely. Dear mother, grieve not, for your little one is now asleep in the blessed arms of Jesus, where the tempest's roar nor the lightning's crash can ever break his peaceful slumber. Strive to meet your darling in the world to come, where you can be happy through all eternity. God grant that, when the final day shall come, the inmates of this home may be found washed in the blood of the Lamb as pure as this little one, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. W. W. EDGAR.

WALLACE.—Elburn, infant son of Jesse and Mattie Wallace, was born November 19, 1897, and died February 26, 1899, thus lacking only a few days of being fifteen months old. He was ill for several weeks before his death, during which time loving parents and kind friends ministered to his every necessity. Nothing was spared for his comfort and welfare. His stay on earth was short, but long enough to entwine the hearts of all who knew him with chords of tender love. Elburn was a good child and his cheerful face and bright smile shed a ray of happiness throughout his home. But our Heavenly Father had a better place for him, and said: "Suffer little Elburn to come unto me, and forbid him not" and angels bore his spirit to the God who gave it. Farewell, sweet one, but not forever; beyond this vale of tears we will meet you in the better land. May God's sustaining grace be sufficient for the bereaved parents. C. R. GRAY.

HORTON.—Little Roy Horton, infant son of J. C. and S. W. Horton, was born December 21, 1898, and was called home May 19, 1899. He was the pet of the home and was a bright, promising, sweet child; but he is gone from us now. His little voice is hushed in death; his little toys lie about the room untouched. Oh, how sad we are! But stop, papa and mamma, listen! By faith, don't you hear little Roy's sweet voice with that heavenly choir? He is singing still; he is happy. What shall we do? We will go and meet him. Brother and sister, he loves you too. Will you go? Yes, thank God, we can all meet him in heaven. Look up, then, and thank the Lord for a home where we can all meet again. S. N. ALLEN, P. C.

McLEROY.—Mrs. Frances E. McLeroy nee Hill, was born in Bibb County, Alabama, March 10, 1823, and died in Prairieville, Kaufman County, Texas, February 4, 1899; was married to Ransom J. McLeroy March 4, 1845. They moved and settled at once in Jackson Parish, La., where they lived until the late war, then refuging to Texas, settling in Smith County, where she lived, labored and was well known for many years. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church, South, at ten years of age, ever afterwards adorning its doctrines and politics with a consistent, godly life. She was a great reader, very intelligent, and could give satisfactory reasons for being a Christian and Methodist. Her home was her preacher's home, and his visits were a benediction to her soul. The Texas Christian Advocate, next to her Bible, was her daily companion as long as she could see to read it. A good woman has gone to meet a bright reward. Peace to her memory, and blessings upon all the bereaved; and may all the children meet mama in glory. Amen! T. T. BOOTH.

YOUNG.—Died, at his home in Winchester, Texas, February 2, 1899, James Kerr Young, aged eighty-two years, seven months and nine days. He was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, and came to Texas in 1837. A carpenter by trade, he was employed in building the furniture for the first capitol at Houston. He was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars and a lifetime soldier of the Cross. His religious convictions were strong and clearly expressed. He attached but little importance to water baptism, but placed great emphasis on the baptism of the Spirit. He was always a Methodist—not demonstrative in his religious experience, but he loved the doctrine and polity of his Church, and has been a subscriber to the Texas Advocate



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since it was first established. He was a member of the Building Committee and liberal contributor to the erection of our beautiful church at Winchester, built twenty years ago. He was the young preachers' friend and his house was their home. The last of a large family, his brothers, Jack and Alfred, having recently crossed the river ahead of him. He was twice married—first to Miss Laurana Davidson, February 25, 1839, who died September 12, 1846. One daughter of this union, Mrs. Mary Moore, of LaGrange, still survives. June 16, 1851, he married Miss Mary Ann Fraim. Two daughters and one son still live of this union, viz.: Mrs. Nora McCollum, of Mason, Texas; Mrs. Bettie Hotchkiss, of Brownwood, and W. T. Young. Anticipating his approaching end, he made every needed preparation by adjusting his temporal affairs, and said to his wife, he was ready to go. He spoke frequently and fully of the exchange of worlds, and had no fear in the last hour. His end was peace, and there is all consolation in his death. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." May the Lord comfort the bereaved.

M. S. HOTCHKISS.

**CAMPBELL.** Bro. Ezra J. Campbell was born in Boone County, Mo., on the fourth day of May, 1871, and died at the home of his parents, Mr. T. J. and Mrs. S. E. Campbell, in Travis County, Texas, on the 24th of April, 1899. Bro. Campbell was an excellent young man, and is said to have always been an exceptionally good boy, an obedient son and a kind brother. He united with the M. E. Church, South, about seven years ago and since has been an active member of the Church. He would pray in public and do anything pertaining to the interest of the Church that was within his power. But now "His task is done, the gates are passed and heaven is won." Bro. Campbell was sick for a long time, but during his entire illness he was patient and submissive to God's will. On the evening of his death, just a short time before, he expressed himself as being prepared to meet God, and said: "I'm so happy." He is now at rest, no doubt, in the paradise of God. His parents, two sisters, four brothers and a host of friends remain to mourn their loss of him.

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**North Texas Conference.**

**Dallas District—Third Round.**

- 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
- Irvingville.....12, 13
- First Church.....Aug. 20
- Floyd Street.....Aug. 27
- Trinity.....8 p. m. Aug. 27
- Denton.....11 a. m. Aug. 27
- Haskell Avenue.....Sept. 3, 4
- Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

**Terrell District—Third Round.**

- Rockwall, at Mt. Zion.....July 15, 16
- Bornes, at Allen's Chapel.....July 22, 23
- Terrell cir, at College Mount.....July 29, 30
- Resquite, at Montgomery.....August 5, 6
- Reinhardt.....August 12, 13
- Crandaill.....August 19, 20
- Kenop.....August 26, 27
- Gray's Prairie.....Sept. 2, 3
- I. W. Clark, P. E.

**Sulphur Springs District—Third Round.**

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

**Sherman District—Third Round.**

- Collinsville cir.....July 15, 16
- Whitesboro sta.....July 16, 17
- Pottsboro and Preston.....July 22, 23
- Bells cir.....July 29, 30
- Willow Street.....August 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
- Gordonville.....Sept. 9, 10
- Gunters.....Sept. 16, 17
- J. R. Wages, P. E.

**Paris District—Third Round.**

- Detroit cir, at Red Oak.....July 15, 16
- Deport cir.....July 22, 23
- Rossale cir.....July 29, 30
- Blossom and Reno.....Aug. 5, 6
- Woodland cir, at Franklin.....Aug. 7, 8
- Emerson cir.....Aug. 12, 13
- Roxton cir.....Aug. 19, 20
- Maxey cir.....Aug. 26, 27
- Lake Creek.....Sept. 2, 3
- Powderly mis.....Sept. 8, 9
- W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

**Gainesville District—Third Round.**

- 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.**

- Avard cir.....July 15, 16
- Chico cir.....July 16, 17
- Bryson.....July 22, 23
- Jacksboro sta.....July 23, 24
- Bridgeport (Monday).....July 24
- Rhome cir.....July 29, 30
- Post Oak cir.....Aug. 5, 6
- Boonsville cir.....Aug. 12, 13
- Gibtown cir.....Aug. 13, 14
- Bluegrove cir.....Aug. 19, 20

- Crafton cir.....Aug. 26, 27
- Bowie cir (Wednesday).....Aug. 30
- F. O. Miller, P. E.

**Waco District—Third Round.**

- 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.**

- Gober.....3d Sun. July 15
- White Rock.....4th Sun. July 15
- Randolph.....5th Sun. July 15
- Ladonia.....1st Sun. Aug. 5
- Petty.....2d Sun. Aug. 5
- Trenton.....3d Sun. Aug. 5
- Brookston.....4th Sun. Aug. 5
- Fannin.....1st Sun. Aug. 5
- Lannius.....2d Sun. Aug. 5
- T. R. Pierce, P. E.

**Greenville District—Third Round.**

- Princeton, Kulleoka.....3d Sun. July 15
- Kingston, at Ballard's Chapel.....July 19
- Neola, at Meadow View.....4th Sun. July 19
- Floyd, at County Line.....July 26
- Allen, at Murphy.....5th Sun. July 26
- Lone Oak, at Miller Grove.....1st Sun. Aug. 10
- Weston.....Aug. 10
- Bethel.....2d Sun. Aug. 10
- Merit, at Harrold's.....3d Sun. Aug. 10
- Blue Ridge, at Snow Hill.....Aug. 23
- I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

**Northwest Texas Conference.**

**Fort Worth District—Third Round.**

- Blum, at Blum.....July 15, 16
- Burleson, at Denton's Chapel.....July 22, 23
- Manchester.....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.**

- 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
- G. W. Daniel, P. E.

**Corsicana District—Third Round.**

- Rice cir, at Reynolds.....July 15, 16
- Cotton Gin cir.....July 22, 23
- Mexia sta, at Mexia.....July 23, 24
- Groesbeck sta, at Groesbeck.....July 29, 30
- Horn Hill cir, at Central Inst'te.....Aug. 5, 6
- Armour cir, at Armour.....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.**

- 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. 5, 6
- Millsap, at Holder's Chapel.....Aug. 12, 13
- Palo 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.**

- Alvarado, at Cahill.....July 15, 16
- 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
- Ennis sta.....Aug. 12, 13
- Bardwell cir, at Oak Grove.....Aug. 15
- Ferris cir, at Bluff Springs.....Aug. 19, 20
- Horace Bishop, P. E.

**Abilene District—Third Round.**

- Buffalo Gap cir.....July 15, 16
- Abilene mis.....July 15, 16
- Grade mis.....July 15, 16
- Midland sta.....July 22, 23
- Big Springs sta.....July 22, 23
- Anson cir.....July 29, 30
- Roby cir.....July 29, 30
- Merkel and Sweetwater.....Aug. 5, 6
- Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

**Clarendon District—Third Round.**

- Channing.....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.**

- Harmony, 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
- Coperas Cove, Rock Church.....July 29, 30
- Bee House, Pidecke.....11 a. m. July 31
- Lampasas mis, Bonner.....Aug. 5, 6
- Killeen and Nolanville.....Aug. 7
- J. G. Putnam, P. E.

**Georgetown District—Third Round.**

- 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
- Bertram.....Sept. 2, 3
- Burnet.....Sept. 9, 10
- W. L. Nelms, P. E.

**Brownwood District—Third Round.**

- Santa Anna, at Rockwood.....July 14, 16
- 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.....Aug. 10
- Glen Cove mis., at Midway.....Aug. 12, 13
- Decker mis., at Noland.....Aug. 19, 20
- Robert Lee cir.....Aug. 23

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- Zephyr.....Sept. 2, 3
- Brownwood sta.....Sept. 23, 24
- District Conference.....July 26
- O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

**Dublin District—Third Round.**

- Glen Rose, at Elm Flat.....July 15, 16
- Granbury.....July 18
- Iredell and Walnut, at Etology.....July 22, 23
- Hico, at Lanham.....July 26
- Duffau, at Clariette.....July 29, 30
- Proctor, at Graham Chapel.....Aug. 5, 6
- Green's Creek, at Green's Crk.....Aug. 12, 31
- Carbon, etc., at Gorman.....Aug. 19, 20
- Rising Star, etc., at Scranton.....Aug. 26, 27
- Sipe Springs.....Sept. 2, 3
- Delcon.....Sept. 4, 5
- Desdemonia, at Graham's Chap.....Sept. 9, 10
- E. F. Boone, P. E.

**West Texas Conference.**

**Beeville District—Fourth Round.**

- Blancovia cir, at Berclair.....July 22, 23
- Beeville sta.....July 29, 30
- Goliad cir, at Goliad.....Aug. 5, 6
- Lavernia cir, at Lavernia.....Aug. 12, 13
- Stockdale cir, at Stockdale.....Aug. 19, 20
- Helena cir, at Oklahoma.....Aug. 26, 27
- Runge and Kenedy, at Runge.....Sept. 2, 3
- Floresville and Karnes, at F.....Sept. 9, 10
- Laredo sta.....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.....Oct. 21, 22
- J. M. Alexander, P. E.

**San Angelo District—Fourth Round.**

- Mason, at Mason.....Aug. 5, 6
- Pontotoc, at Fredonia.....Aug. 12, 13
- San Angelo.....Aug. 19, 20
- 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
- Shirwood, at Christoval.....Oct. 14, 15
- Menardville and Junction, at M. Oct. 21, 22
- Theophilus Lee, P. E.

**San Antonio District—Third Round.**

- Pleasanton cir.....3d Sun in July
- Pearsall.....July 15
- Bexar.....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.**

- 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.**

- 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.**

**Marshall District—Third Round.**

- Longview sta.....July 15, 16
- Marshall sta.....July 22, 23
- Hallville cir, at Hallville.....July 29, 30
- Jefferson sta.....Aug. 5, 6
- North Side, at Union.....Aug. 12, 13
- Kelleyville cir, at Avinger.....Aug. 19, 20
- Kilgore cir, at Hickory Grove.....Aug. 26, 27
- Beckville cir, at Ebenezer.....Sept. 2, 3
- Church Hill cir.....Sept. 9, 10
- Ardiston cir, at Harmony.....Sept. 16, 17
- Henderson sta.....Sept. 23, 24
- Coffeeville cir, Ind. Spgs.....Sept. 30, Oct. 1
- L. M. Fowler, P. E.

**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. 26, 27
- Groveton cir.....Aug. 26, 27
- Alto cir, at Atoy.....Sept. 2, 3
- Grapeland cir.....Sept. 9, 10
- Jacksonville cir.....Sept. 9, 10
- West Palestine.....Sept. 16, 17
- Holcomb cir, at Ratcliff.....Sept. 20, 22
- V. A. Godbey, P. E.

**Beaumont District—Third Round.**

- Livingston at Corrigan.....July 15, 16
- Woodville, at Coimesneil.....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 Arthur.....Aug. 12, 13
- Curryville 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.**

- 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
- Humphill.....Sept. 9, 10
- Sexton.....Sept. 9, 10
- St. Augustine and Chirono.....Sept. 14
- J. T. Smith, P. E.

**Pittsburg District—Third Round.**

- Winfield cir, at Winfield.....July 15, 16
- Mt. Pleasant sta, at Mt. Pleasant.....July 16, 17
- Linden cir, at Linden.....July 22, 23
- Quitman cir, at Salem.....July 29, 30
- Dalby and DeKalb, at Austin'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.**

- 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.....Thurs., Aug. 5, 7
- Mineola, at Big Sandy.....Thurs., Aug. 10
- 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.**

- Jewett cir, at Jewett.....Mon., July 17
- Rogers Prairie, at Redland.....Wed., July 19
- Centerville, at Leona.....Wed., July 22
- Franklin cir, at Macy.....Sat., Aug. 5
- Hearne and Wheelock, at W.....Mon., Aug. 7
- Franklin sta.....Fri., Aug. 18
- Mt. Vernon cir, at Beeks.....Sat., Aug. 19
- Calvert sta.....Mon., Aug. 21
- Rosebud cir.....Thurs., Aug. 31
- Durango cir.....Sat., Sept. 2
- Loft cir.....Mon., Sept. 4
- H. M. Sears, P. E.

**Austin District—Third Round.**

- Eastrop.....July 9, 10
- Platonia.....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 Epton.....Aug. 5, 6
- Merrilltown and Walnut, at W.....Aug. 12, 13
- South Austin.....Aug. 19, 20
- First Street, Austin.....Aug. 26, 27
- Cypress, at Pleasant Valley.....Aug. 26, 27
- Manchaca.....Sept. 2, 3
- Tenth Street, Austin.....Sept. 9, 10
- Hotchkiss Memorial.....Sept. 10, 11
- McBade.....Sept. 16, 17
- Geo. A. Lettiere, P. E.

**Brenham District—Third Round.**

- Ben Arnold.....July 15
- Cameron.....July 15, 16
- Maysfield.....July 22, 23
- Ingram.....July 29, 30
- Davilla.....July 29, 30
- Cameron cir.....Aug. 5, 6
- Pleasant Hill.....Aug. 12, 13
- Rockdale.....Aug. 13, 14
- Sealy.....Aug. 19, 20
- Patterson.....Aug. 2

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### ARMOUR.

C. G. Shutt: The Boggy Springs Camp-meeting, five miles south of Tehuacana, will begin on Friday night, July 28. Dr. Deets will conduct the services. The meeting will be run on the self-supporting plan. Plenty of good water and shade. This is quite a health resort, as there is a fine sulphur spring at this place, said to have excellent medicinal properties. This country is recovering somewhat from the great flood. We were about the center of the great downpour. It seems to be well authenticated that for several miles around this place from thirty to thirty-six inches of water fell within about fifty-four hours. Some got at these figures from actual measurement.

### Texas Conference.

### ANGLETON.

H. G. Williams: The Houston District Conference convened at this place June 14. All the pastors were present and a goodly number of local preachers and lay delegates. The sessions were harmonious from start to finish. Our beloved was fairly at himself and looked well into the work of the district. We have in Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss as good a man and as good a presiding elder as any district has in the connection. May God bless him and his family. Rev. Seth Ward, it was said, "excelled himself." I did hear his sermon, but at the conclusion of his address on the "Twentieth Century Movement" we said in our heart: "Many sons have done excellently, but thou hath excelled them all." This was a faultless speech by a faultless man. At the close of the conference Rev. C. J. Oxley turned loose his artillery, and for eight days he gave the enemy hot shot. He is a good preacher and goes into a meeting with victory in his own soul, hence the Church caught his spirit and we had the best meeting ever held at this place. The Church was graciously blessed. Twenty-seven have been received into the Church, and we have the names of three brothers and will receive them at our earliest convenience. Of course there were several adults and children baptized. God bless Bro. Oxley. Rev. S. W. Thomas came at our call, and with his assistance we would have continued a week longer but for the incessant rain which compelled us to close with his first sermon. God bless all who helped us in this work.

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Samuel W. Roy and Miss Mabel Darwin on June 28, 1899, at the home of the bride's parents, in Taylor, Texas, Rev. W. H. Matthews officiating.

June 28, 1899, at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. J. C. Carpenter and wife, in Kyle, Texas, Mr. Martin M. White and Miss Raquina J. Carpenter, by Rev. C. M. Carpenter.

Mr. G. W. Sanders, of Tehuacana, Limestone County, Texas, and Miss Ella Sitton, of Wichita Falls, Texas, June 6, 1899, at the Peach Street Methodist parsonage, Fort Worth, Texas, Rev. M. H. Major officiating.

At the Methodist parsonage in Taylor, Texas, July 1, 1899, Mr. Tom William Otter and Miss Willie Scott, by Rev. W. H. Matthews.

At San Marcos, Texas, April 30, 1899, at the Methodist parsonage, Mr. Wm. Summers and Miss Birdie Williamson, Rev. M. S. Gardner officiating.

On June 25, 1899, Mr. Fred A. Carver and Miss Susie Freeman, at Methodist parsonage, by Rev. M. S. Gardner.

On June 28, 1899, Mr. Joseph Wright and Miss Laura Lee Joyce, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. M. S. Gardner.

Mr. I. M. McFarland and Miss Ada Patten, of Wood County, Rev. G. M. Fletcher officiating.

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