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EDITORIAL.

THE OUTRAGE OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL.

The Dallas City Council, by a vote of six to three, on last Wednesday night passed an ordinance setting aside the Sunday law during the Fair. No such an outrage as this upon the moral sentiment of the city has been perpetrated since the corporation of Dallas was organized. It shows the texture of the men who make up this majority in the Council. They have no respect for Christian sentiment and public decency, and less respect for their own standing in the community. They belong to the men who run the liquor dive and the gambling den. But they have given the better element of people in the city an occasion to get a real view of the men who misrepresent the city in the Council. No set of men before them ever had the audacity to do such a thing like this since Dallas has had a Council. They stand alone in their saloon glory and fame! One good thing may come of it, and that is, the people of this city will have an opportunity hereafter to see to it that the city will never again be put into the keeping of such aldermen. We have had about enough of their sort. In the meantime we look to Mayor Traylor, who is a Christian gentleman, to block this game of the saloon men. He has such standing in the community for moral integrity that the good people can count upon his vetoing that infamous measure. He is incapable of permitting such a thing to become a law.

More than this the management of the Fair can not afford to have the City Council let a piece of legislation like this stand on the statute books of this community. They had better rise up and demand that such a thing be stopped right now, or the good people of the State will hereafter be called upon to show their disapproval of an institution that encourages such a state of things in this great center of population. We do not believe that the promoters of the Fair are responsible for this outrage, but they will have to bear the brunt of it if it is carried out according to the programme of the Council. They can at least let the Christian public understand that they do not approve it.

PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN NATURE.

There are no sudden transitions in the operations of nature. First, there is the introduction of germ life, and then gradual development follows. The growth is often slow, but it is sure, and the unfolding process does not cease until full maturity is reached. The drouth may interfere with its progress, the early frost may nip back its first stages, and the late freezes may lock up the sources of its sustenance; but as spring time draws nigh and

melts out the frost and the freeze, and as summer approaches and quickens it with warmth and shower, it takes on an abundance of life and bids defiance to impediments and obstructions.

And such is the faithfulness of nature to the trust thus committed to her keeping that she invariably reproduces in the time of the harvest the same kind of life given over to her in seed-time. We plant the corn, we sow the wheat, we set out the tree, and in the time of the gathering we are rewarded with fruit like unto that we used in the planting. We never gather grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles. We scatter barley in the autumn and we reap barley in the following summer. Nature practices upon us no caprices or deceptions. Honesty is at the bottom of all her dealings. "Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

And not only this, but such is the generosity of nature that she receives in good faith the quantity we commit to her, makes use of it for a few months or years at most, and then on maturity returns it to us with more than one hundred per cent of increase on our investment. We sow a few bushels of wheat and in the harvest we receive hundreds in return. We plant a few trees in the orchard and by-and-by we are shipping carloads of fruit to the distant market. And so from year to year we plant and we gather, we sow and we reap until we grow prosperous and rich upon the munificence of nature's benefactions.

There is nothing haphazard or willful in these operations and results. They are in keeping with the wisdom of law established and applied from the beginning of things. They are the expressions of God's goodness and love to his children. "And God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, and it was so." And from that day until now this law has undergone neither variableness nor cessation. Such is its absolute certainty in human calculation that upon its operations and effects all governments and all economical industries and commercial prosperity are founded and maintained. And in the working out of these delicate and stupendous results the whole process is marked by gradual development and normal stages. No caprice, no irregularity of transition, is anywhere visible. There is first a beginning, then a growth, and after that a maturity.

PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN RELIGIOUS LIFE.

The law of development, the results of which are seen in the operations of the natural world, holds equally good in its application to the realm of morals and religion. There are no fits, or starts, or sudden transitions in the processes of the latter any more than there are in those of the former. A well-matured and thoroughly established religious life is not an accident, but the legitimate outcome of intelligent growth under the tuition of spiritual law. There is, first, a consciousness of the indwelling presence of God, and then follows the working out of this vital entity into life and character as the years multiply and as the

experience ripens into larger fruitage. At every stage of the progress of this development, God wisely imparts grace according to our spiritual needs and in proportion to our increased capacity of soul to receive and appropriate additional nourishment. In this way the law of development operates in the enlargement of our spiritual gifts and in the better guidance of our activities in the enterprises of the Church. Thus we grow in grace and increase in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Such is the unerring wisdom of this spiritual law that when we wisely apply it it reproduces in us the mind that was also in Christ Jesus. Like produces its like here as well as in nature. If we sow to the Spirit we shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Divine truths attended by the Spirit make us partakers of the divine nature. As we gain continuous accessions of grace we grow more and more into the likeness of God in thought, in purpose, and in holy living. Our lives become hidden with God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We take in these life-giving principles and in due time we reap righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. And then our relations to the great work of life become so adjusted and fixed that men see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

And for every investment of righteousness we thus make, we gather a hundred-fold more of benefits in return. We get the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. It brings to us soundness of health, strength of intellect, beauty of character, and robustness of soul. Nothing remunerates us so largely as obedience to spiritual law. It results in a perfect peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ and in the gift of larger resources with which to bless and elevate the world. We come into the possession of the wealth of the spiritual kingdom, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We give him our perfect faith and then he withholds no good thing from us. His blessings are full, pressed down, shaken together, and are made to run over. He takes our little all and returns us his eternal and infinite much.

But all of these things come as we work together with him under this law of spiritual development. We are to use the means, and growth and enlargement follow. We read the Word, we pray in secret, we meditate on holy things, we commune with the Spirit, we have fellowship with one another, we do good as we have opportunity, and thus our growth and fuller maturity become indefinite in the life we now live and eternal in the life which shall be. Into such a life as this, there will come alternations of sunshine and shadow, the bitter and the sweet, sighing and rejoicing; but all of these will be made to contribute to our completer moral and religious education. Faithfulness upon our part will hold us to this progressive development in religious life; and this development will not be zig-zag, eccentric and emotional, but steady, normal and wholesome. It will be in keeping with the great law of righteousness.

THE ALARM OF FIRE

We were sitting at the desk the other day, very busy with work, when the alarm of fire was turned in near our office. We looked out at the window and great volumes of smoke were issuing from a building just across the street. People from neighboring stores began to gather around the burning structure and their interest was at fever heat. The fire drew them, though they could do nothing but look on as spectators. The occasion became suggestive, and the thought occurred to us, why can not the sound of a church bell also excite public interest and bring people to the service? And the answer came at once: Maybe there is no fire in the pulpit where the bell was heard. Its tone has become a familiar sound and it quickens no special concern. But suppose the preacher become fired with the Holy Ghost and the people blaze with ardor and enthusiasm, then what? Why, the pews are crowded, the doorways are blocked, and the preacher needs a larger house. We have seen this time and again, and a service of this character never fails to draw the masses. A fire alarm of this sort in the pulpit always brings the people; they want to get into a meeting of that nature, and you can not keep them away from the place where it is in progress. Talk about excitement. You must have some of it in your service as well as in business and political life, if you hope to get hold of the multitudes. On the day of Pentecost, the upper chamber was ablaze and the people rushed hither from all over the city to see what was going on, and Peter preached the gospel to thousands of them who would never have heard of that prayer-meeting had not tremendous excitement been in progress. We believe in order in the house of the Lord, and in the ordinary methods of instruction and service to Church service, but it is always in order for a Methodist preacher to get happy in the service and shout the praises of God under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; and it is always in order for the people, filled with the same Spirit, to join with him in this religious outburst. We are becoming so painfully orderly in the services of God's house that you rarely ever hear a religious grunt from the pews nowadays. We simply need to touch the upper altar and have the fire alarm turned in and then something will come to pass. We are dying under dead formality. Life in our services is what we need, and our preachers are somewhat responsible for its decadence. We are ceasing to practice the usages which made the Church service a power in the earlier days, and we are falling into the habits of other denominations. We need to awake and return to the old paths in this respect at least. The average Church service is perfunctory, and in it there is but little evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. Where the Spirit of God is there is liberty, and the return of this liberty in worship is the pressing need of the hour. And if we as a Church are losing our hold upon the masses it is traceable in part to our loss of power in our forms of service. Let our preachers turn on the alarm and give the people a little more fire.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

REV. MARTIN RUTER D. D.

For the information of the Church it becomes necessary that I should make known the present condition of the remains of Dr. Ruter and also some events anterior thereto during the time of my official connection with them. From about the year 1870 Col. John M. Brown and myself, of Washington, Texas, where I also resided for many years, were the only trustees of the Ruter church property in Washington, on which the remains lay. A brick church house 40x60 had been built to his memory and Dr. Ruter's remains removed from the cemetery in Washington and buried by the church in April, 1852. After some years the foundation of said house yielded to the weight upon it, and seams opened in the walls so as to make it unsafe for use, when the walls were taken down. Cedar railing was placed around the grave at first, but it gave way by age, when I ordered iron railing from St. Louis, and with another man we put it up around the grave, which grave, from the interment, was protected by a brick wall and a marble slab resting upon it, placed there by Dr. Alexander, as he told me, with the following inscription upon it, at the dictation of Dr. Alexander, which inscription I here give in its form, literature, and punctuation, as a faithful copy of the original:

Beneath this stone Rest The mortal remains Of Rev. Martin Ruter, D. D. 37 years an itinerant minister Of the Methodist E. Church; and Superintendent Of the First Mission of that Church in The Republic of Texas. He was Respectable for talents; Distinguished for Learning; and Sincerely and devotedly pious. He died in this town May 16, 1838, In the 54th year of his age. His end was peace. He left a widow and nine children With whose sorrows, Thousands sympathize; Among whom the Associates and objects Of his Missionary benevolence are principal.

Well done, thou servant of the highest! Thy work is done, and thou art blest;— Beneath Jehovah's wing thou liest, Protected in thy quiet rest. Soon when the resurrection day shall rise, The trump of Gabriel thou shalt hear; Burst from thy grave, with glad surprise, And with the saints of light appear: In honor clad, with glory crowned, To hear the approval of thy King; And join the rapturous host around, The triumphs of His grace to sing.

Col. Brown having died, left me the sole trustee of the Ruter church property which now consisted only of the lots on which Dr. Ruter lay. I having removed to Navasota, six miles distant, and Washington having become deserted by white people, only one white family living in the town survey, and that one not connected with any Church, it became absolutely necessary to remove the remains to a public cemetery, which I did at my own expense in June last and interred them on lot No. 5, block 8 in Oakland cemetery at Navasota, Texas. A substantial brick wall incloses the grave two and one-half feet high, on which rests the aforesaid marble slab laid in cement, and with the assistance of a hired man I placed the same iron railing around the grave.

As we are making an assault on mammon this year, could we not place a monument to the memory of Dr. Ruter at his grave in Navasota? Can the Church forget the memory of such a man?

This notice would have been forwarded the Advocate office soon after the removal had illness not prevented it. But, my brethren, a monument to Dr. Ruter—let this be the theme until it is accomplished.

C. L. SPENCER.

A VISIT TO THE OLD HOME.

On the 21st of August I took the train on the H. & T. C. via Ennis, Terrell and Shreveport, for Benson, La. Desoto Parish, where lives my sister, Mrs. D. H. Sebastian. Bro. J. B. Williams, the faithful pastor of Pelican Circuit, Shreveport District, arranged a meeting in which I had the pleasure of preaching thirteen times during the six days of my stay. Some good was done, but the meeting would not have been a success in Texas. The people are deeply in love with their pastor. He needs to come to our conference and recruit, for malarial poison has told on him during the summer campaign. He would be a tiptop man for one of our prairie charges, where the breezes could fan the fever from his brow. His companionship was indeed refreshing to me.

I found my brother, D. H. Sebastian, busy manufacturing lumber from pine trees so tall it almost made one dizzy to look at the top of them. His mill has a capacity of about 10,000 feet per day only, but the lumber is clear and of excellent quality. I found their crops of both cotton and corn a failure. They will have to buy corn on a large scale. They need our corn, so abundant on the rich prairies of Texas, and we need their beautiful lumber. Why not have a system of exchange? They can load lumber on cars at \$7.50 per thousand feet, and we can load corn at Rice, Texas, at 20 cents per bushel. Freight rates are all that lie between us. There ought to be a "humanity" system of rates to be in full force during drouths, etc. Some Texas farmer might do well to write to D. H. Sebastian, Benson, La., about it.

I left Benson, La., Monday, Aug. 28, for Shelbyville, Texas, the home of my childhood. An appointment was made for me Monday night, after a thirty-five mile drive over a rough road, which I filled as best I could. As I sat in the pulpit of the beautiful new Methodist Church and looked out over the congregation, so many dear faces of precious memory were missing that sad memories rushed into my mind, and my feelings overcame me, and I could not proceed for some time. But I got control of myself, and what a meeting we had. The Holy Ghost was there, and how sweet was the communion. Tuesday I visited my mother's grave down in the piney woods, six and one-half miles from Shelbyville. She died Sept. 11, 1864, the very day I was five years old. She had prayed that one of her boys might be a Methodist preacher. I knelt by her grave and promised her sleeping dust that I would be faithful to the trust of an itinerant preacher and meet her in heaven. By her side sleeps brother Simpson and brother Felix, who "taken so early are beckoning come." My grandfather and grandmother McWilliams sleep side by side near by, and others of precious memory are sweetly resting there, awaiting the resurrection morning. Peace to their ashes. I came to Center in company with my brother Tom, who was not quite a year old when dear mother left us. Here Bro. Turrentine had planned for three days of preaching for me. But God orders things his own way. The Holy Ghost came down on the first service and kindled a revival flame which has increased with every service till the town is astrife with revival power, and I don't yet feel free to depart, though it has been two weeks to-day since I left home. It seems to be the Lord's meeting, as I had no thought of such a thing. But when the causes came to light I find that the faithful ones have been talking to God about it. How good to feel above all things that one belongs to God. Like Paul, I feel like saying: "Whose I am and whom I serve." How happy was Bro. W. P. Wilson to see the Sunday-school children coming in for whom he has prayed so long. He has been superintendent here for twenty years or more. Center has some of the best people I ever met. Happy is the man whose lot falls here. Bro. T., the pastor, is a most genial and spiritual man. His people love him. I will go home as soon as the Holy Spirit will permit.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

Center, Texas, Sept. 4.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

The Clarendon District begins at the southeast corner of King County and runs due north and west to the State line, excepting Childress Station, and includes thirty-eight counties. One-half of this territory is on the Staked Plains. It requires from 1500 to 2000 miles' travel to make a round on the district. This section is devoted mostly to stock farming, is sparsely settled, but generally in a prosperous condition. The citizenship is intelligent, active and progressive. Our membership in the district is about

2000. No better type of Methodists can be found anywhere. They are religious, loyal and liberal. The membership of the district pays more for the support of the ministry than any in the Northwest Texas Conference. I know one man, in moderate circumstances on a circuit, who pays his pastor \$10 per month. One charge with seven members supports a preacher. The spiritual state of the district is fair. Have had about 385 conversions. The pastors have generally held their own meetings. During the year seven Leagues have been organized. Our good women have not been idle. Several Home and Foreign Missionary Societies have been organized. The Sunday-school work, while below what it ought to be, is improving. We have several model Sunday-schools. One of the chief barriers in the way of our Sunday-school work is the lack of houses of worship. Eight of the sixteen charges in the district have no church houses. We are arranging to build at Wellington, Matador, Floydada, Canyon City, Silvertown and Channing. Silvertown, Canyon City and Emma have new parsonages. Memphis, Claude, Channing and Higgins have greatly improved parsonages, while nearly or quite all the charges have done something in the way of refurbishing the parsonages. The district parsonage at Clarendon has been improved at a cost of \$250, and is now a neat and comfortable six-room house. Clarendon, Stempais, Childress, Matador, Floydada, Canyon City, Channing, Claude, Canadian and Plainview will, I think, pay the general assessments in full. The others may do so, but will have to "get a move" on themselves if they come out. The pastors' salaries are much behind, but will not be more than ten per cent short in the end. I think Bro. Menifee gave up his work at Canyon City early in the year on account of failing health. Bro. Eustace, at Channing, has been unable to do full work for some months past, but is still at his post of duty. His people have agreed to continue his salary without preaching if he will remain with them. No truer man than Eustace lives. Munger left Plainview for Nashville a month since. He expects to transfer to the Tennessee Conference.

Our educational work is moving on. The Clarendon College and University Training School opened with an enrollment of seventy and will not stop below one hundred. We regretted to lose Dr. Adkisson, but Bro. McKeown, the new President, has made a fine impression. He has his work well in hand, and with his most estimable and accomplished wife, and that most competent and successful instructor and Christian gentleman, Prof. B. R. Blankenship and others, we are confident that he will build up a school of a high order. The Twentieth Century assessment has had attention, and about two thousand dollars has been secured on same. We will nearly or quite double our assessment by January, 1901. I say we—of course I expect to be returned to the district.

The Advocate is all right, and is in great favor with our people. I shall be glad to see the day when all our people will provide themselves with this paper, and leave off some others that can be found here and there. Some of our preachers have made special efforts to circulate the Advocate, among whom I mention Nance and Morris. All things considered we will have a good report at conference.

G. S. HARDY, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

As we enter the fourth round we are forcibly reminded of the near approach of conference. Soon the record of another year will have been made, and from the field of battle the army of Methodist preachers will come up to report the measure of success achieved under the leadership of the Captain of our salvation.

Fort Worth District has twenty-one pastoral charges, and these are filled by as true and faithful men as ever blessed any district or ever stood by any presiding elder. They started out at the beginning of the year to solve both the spiritual and financial state of the Church in the district, and have succeeded admirably. They have magnified the evangelistic as well as the pastoral element of their ministry. The first has brought revivals, and if you do not believe the second will bring the money, talk to the stewards about it. Beginning with the preachers' conference at Fort Worth and closing with the approaching Annual Conference at Cleburne, we will have had seven special conferences in the district during the year, and these have all been an inspiration to us. We are in good practice for entertaining. E. D. Monzon and his congregation, of

First Church, set the tune for the music of the district in the early part of the year by the purchase of a splendid pipe organ, which in tone and power has given abundant satisfaction. The inside of his parsonage burned out, and taking advantage of the situation he had it made new within and without. He has held two meetings, and has added about fifty members to his Church. He is a man of many books, and his people say his preaching gets better farther on.

J. Sam Barcus guides the ship at Missouri Avenue. He is one of the most self-possessed men living. The same in the storm as out of it; never soars too high nor falls too low. Has held a successful meeting of his own, and was a full partner in the Armstrong-Barcus meeting, that will go down to history as a great meeting. His increase will be large. His successful arrangement for finishing Missouri Avenue Church is the greatest piece of work in the district. That princely layman, W. J. Peaz, shoulders half the responsibility. Provision has been made in subscription and money, the contract let for \$9100, and work is now going on.

R. C. Armstrong has the spiritual oversight of Mulkey Memorial, and a veritable gem it is. He is the youngest man of his age in the district. He is a first class preacher, and loves to preach—never surrendered to his presiding elder but once, and then he was sick and worn out. Has held two meetings and added many to his Church. Raised a Church debt of \$600, and otherwise improved the basement of his Church. Don't know what he is politically, but religiously he is an expansionist; believes in annexing all adjacent territory and holding the same.

G. S. Wyatt holds the reins at Cleburne. He is a driver. If the team don't go to suit him, he pulls the other line. If he can't solve the problem by one rule, he tries another. He has more human resources than any living man. His personality is tremendous. He fishes for inspiration, and takes more collections than anybody. His sacramental collection for the poor at quarterly meeting amounted to \$100. He has work enough for three men, and is doing enough for two. He has people enough for two churches, and not enough house for one. Cleburne ought to rise up and build and then swarm. Wyatt says dirt will be broken for the new building before conference. He has held a number of meetings, and has the largest increase in the district. His people are in the lead on finances.

W. N. Curry cultivates Grapevine according to up-to-date methods. He plows and plants and prunes. Has had a revival sweep all over his circuit—sixty or seventy conversions and many additions. Curry always brings something to pass, and his people say they want nothing better than Curry.

L. W. Carleton is closing his second successful year at Cresson. His is a model circuit. He either has the best people in the world to attend quarterly meeting, or is an expert at bringing about favorable conditions. They are always there in full force, and he is a wise preacher who makes these occasions for general rally, and thereby gets the best there is in his "beloved." He has had a good revival at every point; is the best up on finances of any circuit; is finishing a beautiful new church at Acton, to be dedicated at the fourth quarterly meeting. He says the devil always knows he is on the ground.

E. V. Cox is making full proof of his ministry at Arlington Station. He has strong convictions, and is always ready for action. If some issue does not rise up, he will raise one, and woe be to tobacco users and Sunday train riders. He has had a revival of old-time power, made substantial improvements on his church, and his charge is steadily going on to station perfection.

E. T. Harrison is closing his first year at Mansfield Station. With a new wife, a new baby and a new station, he can but succeed. His people are gracefully adapting themselves from circuit to station life. He assumed the responsibility of a meeting, stuck to it and succeeded. He is planning to remodel his church at a cost of about \$600.

L. W. Cain divides his time equally between Marystown and Joshua. Has had a good revival at each place. He was a very sick man, and we thought he would die during quarterly meeting; but his recovery is complete, and he is pressing the battle to victory. He reserved one immersion for his presiding elder, but, inasmuch as the first Cain slew his brother, it was decided best for the last Cain to bury him.

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the first to be held in the district. It swept the hill. Nearly everything in sight was converted. Then came the smallpox scare, and he has been practically without a congregation till the opening of the session last week. The school has opened with not a full but an encouraging enrollment. Something near two hundred students are here, and others are coming every day.

Dr. Lloyd and his faculty are prepared to do better work than ever before. About one hundred have availed themselves of the advantages of his co-operative boarding terms. He has invested himself and all his worldly goods in the Polytechnic College, and has done a work of love and sacrifice that few men would do.

A. D. Porter serves Glenwood and attends college. Porter is both learning and putting into practice what he learns. He has a plucky little charge. They have lived and moved and had their being up to this time without any help from the board.

M. H. Major feeds the flock at Peach Street. Not satisfied with one mission, he has taken in another. Has held two meetings, the last of which was more successful than the first. The greatest problem confronting him and his people is the debt on the church. Considerable progress toward its relief has been made this year.

W. T. Gray supplies Trinity Mission and succeeds E. R. Barcus, whom we reluctantly gave up for a more responsible work. He attends school and is recommended for admission on trial. He has taken right hold of his people, and they are responding satisfactorily. He is building a tower, painting and otherwise improving his church.

G. S. Sandel, on East Cleburne, has had splendid revivals. The cross timbers have been ringing all summer with the shouts of the redeemed of the Lord. All the indebtedness has been lifted from his new parsonage. Sandel has religion in good measure pressed down, shaken together and turning over.

Sterling Richardson has charge of West Cleburne, even unto the Brazos River. Has had several good revivals, and is making satisfactory progress on two new churches. He is the only man who has strong all the fish he caught, but he made his presiding elder wade pretty deep water for five of them.

Chas. Davis commands the forces on Covington Circuit. He has had several little meetings and one great meeting. Reports more than a hundred and fifty conversions. He emphasizes the pastoral instruction of children, and they all know him and love him. Eight hundred and twenty-five of the \$1059 debt on his new church has been raised.

H. P. Shrader dispenses the word at Blum. He is the best-natured fellow in the world. He smiles and looks pleasant, no matter what comes or goes. His people like him and his preaching.

W. H. Moss and his little wife travel Arlington Circuit. He is a strong scriptural preacher, and his people are always fed on sound Methodist doctrine. He is planning for a new parsonage at Kennedale.

I. Z. T. Morris has charge of Burlington. I dare say he contends with more isms than ever afflicted the same amount of territory. He has some as good people as ever lived; is well up with his collections; raised a debt of \$200 on church, and has had some good meetings.

C. Rowland, of Smithfield Circuit, is a superannuate, and does full work. He lives at the shouting point. A very slight pressure on the trigger will make him go off. He has had good revivals, and will bring up everything in full.

T. W. Ellis supplies Azle Circuit; is now having his first experience as pastor. He is a splendid mixer. Has had some good meetings, and has raised a debt of long standing on his parsonage. B. R. BOLTON.

CORSICANA DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL.

Whereas, The town of Blooming Grove has contributed \$4000 and a most eligible campus, containing four acres of ground, for a training school in Corsicana District, and directed that tLis munificent gift be placed to the credit of our Twentieth Century Fund; therefore,

Resolved 1. That we heartily endorse the action of our committee, appointed by the District Conference, to locate said school, in accepting the gift, and in securing the valuable services of Rev. J. W. Adkisson as Principal of said school.

2. That we tender to our friends of the Blooming Grove community the hearty thanks of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Corsicana District, and assure them that we not only

most highly appreciate the gift, but that we will endeavor to evince our gratitude by our hearty support of the school.

3. That we will put forth every effort in our power to supplement said gift by at least \$8000, or \$1 per member for every member of the Church in the district.

4. That we urge all our people to plan wisely and timely for the faithful canvass of our district, that the Twentieth Century Fund may be a perfect success.

The above resolutions were passed by a meeting of the preachers of Corsicana District, in the Methodist church in this city, last Thursday night. The movement seems to be taking hold upon the preachers and people of Corsicana District. If the spirit of pluck and enterprise that characterizes Blooming Grove should pervade the entire district, there will doubtless be one of the finest preparatory schools in Texas located in their town. Every Methodist should feel a deep and abiding interest in this work. Texas Methodism has paid enough board, tuition and traveling expenses in the last twenty years in sending her children abroad to be educated to endow handsomely Georgetown University and training schools enough crowd it with pupils prepared for the collegiate and university departments. And while that was the best that could be done for our young people at the time, it seems to many of the thoughtful that the time has come to bring the education of our young people more directly under our home influences. The training department of the University is doubtless doing valuable and indispensable work at this time, and that department cannot decrease to any appreciable degree without a corresponding increase of collegiate and university patronage; for those who prefer placing their children in a Church school will probably do so with a view to their thorough course. Nor can it be justly reckoned that these training schools detract to any great extent from the financial support of the University. Enlightenment liberalizes. It was the fear of many that the organization of our Boards of Education, Church Extension and Woman's Board of Missions would take from our General Board. The figures do not prove the fear well founded. These have proved co-educational on the subject of Christian giving, and the Board of Missions has reaped her share of the result. Everything that quickens the conscience and enlightens the mind of the Church in Texas on Christian education will tend to the endowment of our grand enterprise at Georgetown. Her struggles are not hurtful, but will be helpful. Through these she gathers strength and courage to go on. Her philanthropist will come. Already it may be his eye is on her, and his heart is tendering, expanding, and her endowment may even now be nearer than we think. There is a crown there for some favored saint. Let him or her beware of "bags with holes," and bestow their blessings where they will abide. T. J. DUNCAN.

REPLY TO S. W. MILLER AND OTHERS. Bro. S. W. Miller in Advocate of 7th inst. said his charge was assessed as much as Wesley and Kavanaugh combined. I don't know how our good brother could write so unless the papers in the Advocate from Bros. Hanson and Carter and the finances of Greenville District inflamed his imagination. These brethren wrote without sufficient knowledge of the facts, and Bro. Miller has followed in their steps. If Bro. Miller had said his circuit only lacked 132 members of having as large membership as the two Churches combined, and paid less than half as much as the two Churches, he would have been correct. Then there can be no question as to Miller's Circuit being several times richer than Wesley and Kavanaugh combined. In order to insure equal justice to each pastor, whether his salary be large or small, the district stewards ordered an assessment for the presiding elder on each charge equal to fifteen per cent of the amount assessed for the preacher in charge, and the collections to be pro rated on the basis of the assessments. This rule reduced assessment on Bethel Circuit for presiding elder from \$110 to \$90, and raised it on Wesley and Kavanaugh from \$250 in 1896 to \$330 this year. After much discussion and trial of other methods the district stewards adopted the plan used by our Board of Finance and the General Boards. The scale runs from fifty to one hundred, and it is hoped that it will prevent the usual unpleasant conflicts of the annual meetings, and insure a more

just distribution of the burden of the Church. It may be that needed changes may occur, but it goes a long way toward securing permanency.

The assessments for this year are: Wesley, rated 100; members, 434; pays presiding elder, \$180; collections, \$360; total, \$540.

Kavanaugh: Rating, 100; members, 233; pay presiding elder, \$150; collections, \$193; total, \$343. Total for two Churches, \$883.

Bethel: Rating, 75; members, 532; pay presiding elder, \$90; collections, \$331; total, \$421.

Bethel is assessed for all purposes about fifty dollars more than it was assessed four years ago. The increase on Wesley and Kavanaugh is now greater. But it should be remembered that the scale of the district was raised by our late conference, and our assessment on the district increased more than two hundred dollars. There is no ground for complaining in the district, for I verily believe that there is not a charge in the district but has from one to a dozen men who could pay the total assessment made for our benevolences and not do more than God would approve, or the example of Paul or Wesley would inspire. The greatest hindrance to securing full collections all over the district is the absence of a consuming, year-lasting zeal on the part of the presiding elder and preachers. I. S. ASHBURN, Greenville, Texas.

H. G. H. AGAIN MISTAKEN.

In the Advocate of Sept. 14, under "Brief Notes," H. G. H. has this: "W. A. Bowen, in Advocate of 24th ult., seems 'amazed' because he has not come across any mention of his 'notice of a good history of Methodism in Texas, which has been before us for ten years. Personally, this scribe is sorry that such 'notice' escaped his eye, and the eyes of possibly others, if that is what he is 'amazed' at, for it would have afforded such a rare chance to comment on raw materials of history."

Nothing in my article referred to can, by any possible stretch of unfevered imagination, be construed so as to even remotely indicate that I expected an article of my own to appear and was "amazed" that it "never came." I never wrote any such article, nor even suggested one. I expressed amazement that no one had as yet, so far as I had seen, given any credit to Thrall for his history—nor had made mention of it. That was all. And so all the closing part of the above quoted paragraph is not just to my article, nor kind concerning me. I believe H. G. H. was unintentionally in error. As to the "Christian ethics" and "ownership" of historical facts I shall say nothing at present. I only ask to be dealt by justly—not in a hypercritical spirit. WM. A. BOWEN.

LETTERS TO THE AFFLICTED.

Nearly four years ago, when first stricken down, unable to sit up with this distressing malady, the doctors told me I would never be able to eat any more solid food as long as I lived, be the time long or short. For a moment it seemed hard to bear, but I "conferred not with flesh and blood," but as usual I took my case to the Lord in prayer and asked him not to let me crave anything that I could not eat, nor let me suffer with hunger. And I am happy to say that I have never had the least desire for any other article of food, and have lived all this time principally on boiled milk. This last April I had two attacks which were of a more severe type than any I had previously suffered from; even the milk cramped me so much the doctor put me on Valentine's meat juice. But that was so expensive I didn't know how I was to get it, but trusted to our Father to provide, if it was his will that I should live to need it. He who sent the ravens so long to feed Elijah I knew would certainly feed his afflicted child, and he did. Without a dollar's income in the world, yet I am rich in being the child of such a Father who still has his good agents on earth and puts his spirit in them to help the poor with the means he has given them. Well, my dear friends, I suppose the gentle, tender hands of Jesus keep the frowns and wrinkles smoothed out of my face, as he does not allow me to fret and worry, nor have many whims to disturb others. In the

good book we are told both "Swear not," "fret not," and if swearing is wicked, so is fretting—even if you are sick, for no doubt it will mar the beauty of the fairest face. Why my hair is not white is as much of a wonder to me as to any one else. If it were left to my choice I would prefer it gray, for a wise man said: "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." Sometimes my lonely bereaved heart will yield to the weakness of human nature and these lines come into my mind:

"Tired! so tired! Heart and soul and brain
Utter the same sad plaint, feel the same dull, heavy pain
Tired of the daily struggle, of the never-ceasing strife
Of the weary waiting and pining for the everlasting life
Tired of listening for voices that never will come any more
Waiting for the sound of footsteps that have passed to the other shore."

But I instantly drive self into silence and listen to the voice that speaks from the depths of my heart, "Be still and know that I am God." And now, my dear afflicted friends, let me say to you that God has placed every individual on earth for a same purpose, and he has a purpose in prolonging the life of each one. Our finite minds cannot comprehend why he often takes away some useful person—maybe in early life—and leaves others seemingly worthless to themselves and to the world, but he knows. M. J. MILLER, Beaumont, Texas.

REV. WM. H. SEAT.

It must have been about the year 1853 that I first saw him. It was at Huntsville during a session of the Texas Conference. There I saw also, for the first time Homer S. Thrall, and there I heard, though not for the first time, that prince of preachers, Dr. O. Fisher. It was at night when I first saw the subject of this brief sketch, and he was in the pulpit. The impressions of that hour linger with me yet. It was good to be there—good even for a boy yet in his teens. Bro. Seat had a rather portly appearance. He must have been full six feet tall. He had a massive brow, dark hair and eyes with a dreamy expression, and a countenance "all slicked over with the pale cast of thought."

In the domestic circle he was simplicity itself, in social life genial and gentle as a girl. In the pulpit a master. He loved to dwell upon the greatest themes; he soared at home amidst eternal verities. The attributes of God, eternity, and kindred subjects were his delight. If he was not always practical yet he was always entertaining, always instructive, and the graces of the spirit lingered where he dwelt. He essayed the interpretation of prophecy, but like all who went before him, and like all who shall follow in that field, he found that he had been only guessing. He was a man of excellent spirit, but his physical strength having been broken by disease, was not great and he died all too soon, yet not too soon for him. He is nearer now to Him in whom was all his delight and whose character he sought so diligently to unfold. Brother-in-law to Ashbury Davidson, they dwelt together in the skies. I want to be near to them in eternity. JOHN S. GILJETT.

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SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

The President has issued a proclamation declaring that the local Hawaiian officials have no power to transfer public lands in Hawaii pending legislation by Congress.

The Mexican Senate has granted President Diaz a twenty days' leave of absence to visit Chicago.

President Kruger has made a personal appeal to her Majesty, the Queen of England, to intervene in the Transvaal affairs in the interest of peace and to prevent bloodshed. It is hoped that war may yet be averted.

The anti-trust convention called by Gov. Sayers to meet in St. Louis has been in session some days, but the attendance of Governors has not been large from beyond the Mississippi.

The Grand Army people are in the dumps about the position assigned them in the approaching Dewey parade. These folks are hard to please at any point you touch them. They are the spoiled children of the nation, and whenever they come to the front it is with a whine and a grunt that somebody is neglecting them.

In the State election in Nevada some time back, Sadler, the Democrat, seemed to have a plurality in his favor, and it was so announced. But his Republican opponent appealed the matter to the courts. The Supreme Court of the State has just decided in Sadler's favor.

Dreyfus is now a free man, having been released from prison the 20th inst. He left the prison at 3 o'clock in the morning, was met at the railway station by his brother, where they took the train for Nantes. He has issued a statement declaring his innocence, and says that he will not rest until he has made that fact known to all Frenchmen.

Jailer Boyd stood off a mob at the Corsicana jail the other night, whose object was the person of a negro who had committed a nameless crime the day before. The men on guard quietly told them that if one of them put his foot on the doorsill his life would pay the penalty, and they saw that he meant business and they quietly dispersed.

The State Democratic Convention of Massachusetts held their meeting last week and put out a ticket for the State offices. They endorsed the Chicago platform and shouted for Bryan. As is often the case with Democratic Conventions, there was much disturbance, and the police had to come in and take a hand in preserving order. Robert Treat Payne heads the ticket for Governor.

Mark Hanna, the boodle Senator from Ohio, has arrived home from Europe, and he has entered the State campaign in his State in earnest. The man whom the Democrats have nominated up there for Governor has about as much money as Mark, and the old man is uneasy. Things are growing warm up there, and the fight is a bitter one.

McCormack, the negro porter who killed Gus McKemie, of Gainesville, up at Manitou a few weeks ago, was found guilty of manslaughter the 21st inst., and given one year in the pen. This is a poor return for the destruction of a valuable life. Better not get into an altercation with an inferior, for in so doing you have to get upon his level, and that gives him all the advantage.

A butcher who lives in the Sugar Bottom district of Denison, and does business there, was attacked the night of the 21st by an unknown assailant just as he was closing his place and beaten into insensibility and robbed of \$50 in cash. His name is J. A. Jennings. No clue to the party making the assault.

A young woman of Houston by the name of Olive Ricketts, while being driven in a hack from her stopping place to the postoffice, shot herself dead without assigning any cause except that she was tired of this cold and heartless world.

Dallas people held a great mass meeting at the City Hall the other evening to celebrate the name of Mr. Carnegie and his generous gift of \$50,000 toward a public library in the city.

The condition of the gift was that the city obligate itself to appropriate annually \$4000 to the maintenance of the enterprise. The condition has been complied with, and now we will soon have this needed public institution.

Senator David B. Hill, of New York, has announced his opposition to the Chicago platform and the renomination of Bryan by the next Democratic Convention. But Senator Hill is a back number in national and State politics.

Julia Morrison, a woman of the stage, shot and killed Frank Leiden in the theater at Chattanooga on the night of the 22d inst. Leiden was the manager of the company, and the woman was the "star" in the performance. The coroner's verdict was that the shooting was premeditated and unjustifiable.

J. W. Vidler, a farmer, was shot and killed by another farmer named Tom Ray. No cause for the shooting was given at the time, but it was done in a saloon, and that was cause enough. Star rooms and crimes go hand in hand, and it is very rare that anything of a criminal nature occurs that whisky is not directly or indirectly at the bottom of it.

It is reported at Washington that the gunboat Ordaneta has been captured with her crew of ten or twelve men, by the insurgents near Manila. The boat was found beached on the river, with her hull only left, and that was riddled with bullets. No news from the captured men.

The boiler in a gin near Pottsboro blew up last Monday and killed three men and injured a number of others. The whole thing was completely demolished.

It was foolishly reported in the papers the past week that Dreyfus, the famous Frenchman, would come to this country and spend the winter in San Antonio. The fact is, his health is very much shattered, and he will sojourn for some time in Italy with his family.

Miss Julia Dent Grant, granddaughter of Gen. U. S. Grant, was recently married to Prince Cantacuzene, of Russia. American girls of fame and fortune have a mania for foreign snobbery.

United States Senator Wellington and Gov. Lowndes, both of Maryland, are in collision. They are both Republicans, and were swept into success by the tidal wave some year and a half or two years ago, but they are in a fair way to be swept out at the next election.

Col. W. J. Bryan, the most famous Democrat in America to-day, will be at the great Democratic dinner given at the Fair grounds the first of next week. It will be the greatest political occasion that has occurred here in years. Other public men of national repute will be in attendance also.

The sentiment among a large section of the English people for war with the South African Republic is strong, and it will take great care to avoid it. The Queen is averse to bloodshed, and it is to be hoped that the calamity will not come.

In the city of Ferrol, Spain, last Sunday, a mob of six hundred people attacked a Catholic Church and stoned it, breaking out the windows and otherwise damaging the property. Spain is an unhappy country, and many of her communities have to be placed under martial law.

Earthquake disturbances occurred throughout Alaska last Sunday was a week ago. Along the coasts the tide would alternately rise ten feet and sink, and the earth would rock. The inhabitants were badly shaken up, and some property was destroyed.

It is now given out that Gen. Otis will be ordered home, and that Gen. Merritt will be sent as his successor to the Philippines. The administration of Otis has not been satisfactory to the country at large.

The State Board of Education has apportioned \$3,000,712 of money among the public schools of Texas. According to the recent scholastic census, there are in the State 706,050 children to become the beneficiaries of this im-

mense fund. Texas is fortunate in the provisions made for the public education of her children; and when you add the large amount added to this fund by the corporation taxes, it is a vast amount.

There is living in the City of Mexico an old woman of miserly habit of life. She is eighty years of age, and a few nights ago, according to the dispatches, some men entered the house and bound her and found a steel box which contained \$50,000 in cold cash. The money was carried off, and several arrests have been made, and among them the right parties are thought to be in keeping.

The yellow fever shows no abatement at Key West. They have an average of some forty-odd new cases daily, though the fatalities are small. Jackson, Miss., had two new cases last Tuesday, and other places in the State have quarantined against that town. New Orleans still has a few cases occurring sporadically.

Last Tuesday while Mrs. W. H. Carroll, of Van Alstyne, was out driving with her daughter the horse took fright and ran away. Mrs. Carroll was dragged until life was extinct. The daughter escaped with only a few bruises.

Admiral Dewey, the great American hero, is again in his native land. He came to anchor inside of Sandy Hood last Tuesday morning. A great demonstration awaited his coming. The whole ocean view was a scene of glory. Distinguished callers rushed out to welcome him. But the great demonstration is yet to occur when the nation will greet him.

Despite the protests of anti-Goebel Democrats, Mr. Bryan will go to Kentucky to make speeches in behalf of the regular Democratic ticket. He will enter the State about October 15 and address the people at a number of points.

Some two years ago William Bradbury violated the law against spitting on the floor of a public street car. He was arrested and convicted and sentenced to twenty-four hours imprisonment in the county jail. He persistently fought the case, but was turned down at every point. He has now concluded, after a struggle of two years, to serve out the sentence. The thing in his case that makes it worthy a place in the Associated Press dispatches is that Mr. Bradbury is a millionaire; but he is no better than other people for all that.

ROUNDLAP BALE IS WORTH MORE.

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"As a farmer, however, I hope you will not be driven out; I want to continue to sell you my cotton at about \$1.00 per bale more than if put up in square bales. Yours truly,

(Signed) J. ADOUE, Calvert, Texas, Feb. 24, 1899."

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

East Texas Conference.

CANTON.

Arthur Downs, Sept. 23: Chaplain Watts came to us on the 8th and remained through the 17th. He captivated the people in the very beginning, and held them to him all the way through. His vigorous style of denouncing sin caused some to finch a little, but his simple, kindergarten method of teaching great spiritual truths bound them back to him. He was more popular when he left than when he came. The town, I honestly believe, is in much better condition morally and spiritually than it was before. Eight joined the Church, and among them were some of Canton's most promising girls. Fifty or more have given their names for membership in the Epworth League. In this we see the promise of better things. The coalition state of this preacher was made the butt of much good-natured wit, to the apparent enjoyment of the young ladies of the congregation. Watts told them that I could not return to this parsonage unless I married; but "we shall see what we shall see." With my course of study, my collections, the New Century Fund and the general rounding up of the circuit, I shall be busy till conference.

NEW BOSTON.

G. R. Hughes, Sept. 19: We have just closed the campaign for 1899 on New Boston Circuit. At New Boston we had a good revival—not what we wanted, but great good done. I was assisted here by Bros. A. A. Wagnon and J. M. McCarter. Our next was at Park. Here we had with us the broad-gauged Stewart Nelson. My! my! what he is in and out of the pulpit! This meeting was a grand success every way. We were reinforced by Cleghorn and Charley Hughes, local. Then to Godley's Prairie, where we were assisted by J. M. McCarter and Charley Hughes. They did most of the preaching. The good people built an arbor, and came in crowds such as I never witnessed. Old men fell in the altar and got religion after the old fashion. From here we went to Redlick; received assistance from Bro. McCullough, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Cleghorn, local preacher. Results, sixty-four accessions to the Church. The Church greatly revived. We are building a new church; will have it done soon. At the parsonage, overhauled the old barn, built a new buggy-house, since our last meeting. Also, the ladies have put more new furniture in the parsonage. We have the best society and best set of ladies. Of course the brethren will not get jealous. They just tell the preacher what ought to be done, and then help him do it. It will read this way at Timpson: Preacher in charge, \$600; presiding elder, \$90; general collections, \$195; all paid. Now, don't set your caps for New Boston, boys; I'm going to return if the Bishop says so.

GARRISON CIRCUIT.

D. L. Cain, Sept. 22: Our revival meetings this summer on Garrison charge resulted in 75 conversions and 63 accessions to the Methodist Church. We conducted our meetings under brush harbors out in open air, and out of five appointments only one refused to prepare a good harbor and make other material preparations, and at that appointment, and that one only, did we fail to have a glorious revival. Old Caledonia made every preparation necessary for a meeting. The Church came together like a

brave army for God. After five or six days hard battling fifteen souls were happily converted to God. A call for volunteers was made and twenty-two young soldiers for Christ joined the Methodist company, and as we renewed our battle against sin, loud shouts and praises to our Captain and cries of victory were heard from the soldiers of the cross. With J. T. Lacy, M. P. Hamilton, W. P. Harris, M. Rainbolt and many others I could name about Caledonia, the Church is preferred above every other joy. We went to Silas and found the Church ready, waiting and anxious for a revival. We carried our burden to God in prayer. We preached and sang the good old songs our fathers used to sing. The Holy Ghost came down upon us; sinners were convicted and twelve were happily converted. The Church was greatly revived and rightly claimed the victory. The brethren at Silas have resolved to build a Methodist church there, and with Bros. Jesse Parker, Geo. P. Ramsey and A. Crompt leading the enterprise we feel sure the church will be ready for dedication by conference. Our meeting at Mount Pleasant was not what we desired it to be. Several of the brethren and good women prayed and labored hard, but we only had three conversions and three accessions. We are going to conduct another revival there in October and hope to have many conversions. I am back at home now, where I will get some needed rest. I find our Church here in Garrison still on advancing ground, being pushed on by our good and faithful sisters, Hannah Johnson, Emma Simpson, Anna Garrison, Lelia Fisher, Ada Garrison and others. The success of our Church here owes much to the faithful and untiring efforts of these great and good women, who are found always interested in their Master's cause. The dear old Texas Advocate is going into a hundred or more homes in my charge, and it is doing my people good.

North Texas Conference.

BAGWELL.

S. F. Moore, Sept. 25: Our meeting commenced on the fourth Sunday in August, and ran for two weeks, with Bros. J. L. Sullivan, our pastor, and Walter B. Douglas, who did all of the preaching. I never in all my life saw such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Church wonderfully revived, and about fifty conversions. Fourteen joined our Church, and more to follow.

MONTAGUE.

Atticus Webb, Sept. 20: We have just had our fourth Quarterly Conference. It was well attended, and the various reports were very encouraging. The prospects are very good for this charge to pay out in everything. We have had on the circuit during the year about ninety who claim either conversion or reclamation. Two of our revivals were very fine, but in both of these we united with the Cumberland Presbyterians, and to them belong a part of the spoils. Yet we have added on profession of faith thirty-five, and will doubtless add several more. The kindness of this people has greatly endeared us to them.

COOPER.

J. N. Hunter, Sept. 18: We closed our tent meeting last night. Ran two weeks. Rev. C. O. Jones, of Sherman, did the preaching, and Prof. D. J. Evans led the singing. These two men make a fine team. We had a good meeting. Church revived, backsliders reclaimed and several conversions. Fifteen joined the Church. Such are some of the visible results of the meeting. Pledges were given by several heads of families to erect family altars, and many promises given to live better lives. At two country Churches we had gracious meetings. The campaign is over, the Church is in good spiritual condition, and now we are preparing to finish the year's report for conference. To the Lord of Hosts be all the praise.

BLOSSOM.

R. C. Hicks, Sept. 25: I closed a meeting at this place last night, which was quite a success. Continued two weeks. Had a fine revival in the Church, which was very greatly needed. Some members who had never enjoyed religion before came into the light, and others who were in the fog moved up into purer atmosphere. This, together with seven bright conversions, gladdens our hearts and gives us fresh courage. I was assisted by Bro. W. R. Douglass, who will be admitted this

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fall. He is one of the most valuable young men I know. Many of our people here have already asked me what course will be proper for them to take in order to secure him for this place next year. I am closing my fourth year with this charge, and in many respects they have been the most pleasant years of my itinerant life. I am exhausting my resources in the effort to carry up a good report and leave a pleasant place for my successor, whoever he may be.

PLANO.

Geo. S. Sexton: We have just closed a very successful revival. Twenty-eight professed conversion and eighteen have applied for membership in our Church. Five infants baptized. The meeting was of the old-time sort. Penitents came running to the altar, cried and prayed over their sins. The conversions were clear, the seeker being the first to find out that he was converted. Bro. I. W. Clark, our presiding elder, preached five days for us. No preacher ever gave greater satisfaction than he did. He was called home to attend his sick daughter. Bro. D. J. Martin preached two sermons for us. His rest has done him good, and he is anxious to take his place among the brethren. The meeting continued eleven days, the Church assisting the pastor as faithfully as any body of Church members ever did. This has been a successful year for the Plano Church. Full reports will be made at conference.

GRAND PRAIRIE.

W. F. Clark: Our fourth Quarterly Conference for Grand Prairie charge was held last Saturday. It was really a grand occasion. Mr. McLean, presiding elder, was on hand and preached four of the finest sermons it has been my pleasure to listen to in many days. In fact such sermons will bear fruit. Our session was well attended. The people are anxious to pay out. Some of the appointments have already paid out. I am hopeful that every claim will be met. It is two months until conference and they have paid more already than ever before. I have learned that when people are religious they always have something to give. My members who are religious and read the Advocate never give the stewards any trouble. We are now collecting subscriptions to build a church five miles south of Grand Prairie. We commenced there the first of

the year with eleven members. We now number between forty and fifty. We have been preaching in a school-house. They now feel like they are able to build.

Northwest Texas Conference.

BENJAMIN.

B. R. Wagner, Sept. 19: Late Saturday evening a cyclone struck our church at Benjamin and demolished it. We have only three male members in Benjamin, yet they say we will rebuild right away. They are poor men, but have the pluck. Had just raised \$75 for repainting the church, so we have that much to begin with.

A CARD FROM BRO. DEETS.

R. J. Deets, Sept. 20: When I wrote my last card I was at Hubbard City helping Bro. Caton. Now I am home from Groesbeck. Had over seventy-five conversions and reclamations and a good revival in the Church. Bro. McCullough is doing a good work there, and appears to be in great favor with his people. Will be at Wortham next week with Bro. Bond.

CLAIREMONT.

W. H. Harris, Sept. 18: My round of meetings are passed. We had nine good meetings, about sixty conversions, fifty additions to our Church. My father, Rev. W. L. Harris, was with me most of the time. Bro. C. W. Byron was with us in two meetings. He is a grand man of God. He has come to us twice, and the people like him better all the time. We built a parsonage, and will have a good church completed by conference.

WEATHERFORD MISSION.

G. E. Cameron, Sept. 19: We have just closed our series of protracted services, the results of which are as follows: A genuine revival in the Church, many reclamations, one hundred conversions, and seventy accessions. Our third Quarterly Conference, which was held on the 16th and 17th inst., was indeed a harmonious and profitable one. Our esteemed presiding elder, Bro. J. R. Morris, was present, looking carefully into all the interests of the Church. He is indeed a model presiding elder. His preaching was very in-

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must be shared with one who, for the time of his sojourn under your roof-tree, is dependent upon you for comfort and pleasure.

Everybody knows, although few can define, the charm of homes where an influence, subtle and delicious, like the breath of the ointment that filled the Bethany house of feasting, steals upon the inner senses of the guest at the first word uttered by host or hostess. In crossing the threshold you shed the sense of strangerhood, as a flower drops the withered calyx. You will speak gratefully afterward of “having been made to feel at home once.” You feel, without saying it in so many words, that you are as one of the family, but with a difference. You are, for the time, the most honored inmate of the dwelling—a charge that is evidently a pleasure to all. The priceless essence is poured out for you in gladness and singleness of heart. It is not so much that your entertainers make room for you. They carry the beautiful work further by conveying the impression to you that your place in their home and lives was all ready and waiting for you. This is “hospitality without grudging.” Because you are there, the home, be it cottage or mansion, or city flat, becomes the house of feasting.—Marion Harland.

“BE A GOOD MAN, PAPA.”

Mary's father was going on a journey that would keep him away from his home for a week at least. The children hated to have him go, for they would miss him sadly. He was all ready to start and the horse and wagon were at the door. Mary, always eager for the last word and the last kiss, followed him and gave him a loving hug before he drove off. “Mind, now, and be a good girl, Mary,” said he. “Yes, papa, I will; and you must be a good man, papa,” answered Mary as he drove off. When he looked back as he came to a turn in the road he saw Mary still standing by the gate waving her good bye.

Her last words, “Be a good man, papa,” went with him. Did he not need the counsel as well as she? he felt that he was only a child of larger growth. Men and women have their temptations to do wrong as well as boys and girls. For the sake of his little girl and his family he would “be a good man” in every sense of the word; he would be honest in business, strictly conscientious and keep his heart pure and his lips sweet and clean for their kisses. If every man would do the same what a happy world ours might be!—The Youth's Temperance Banner.

NEIGHBOR ON THE OTHER SIDE.

A minister was soliciting aid for foreign missions, and applied to a gentleman, who refused him with the reply, “I don't believe in foreign missions; I want what I give to benefit my neighbor.”

“Well,” replied he, “whom do you regard as your neighbor?”

“Why, those around me.”

“Do you mean those whose land joins yours?” inquired the minister.

“Yes.”

“Well,” said the minister, “how much land do you own?”

“About five hundred acres.”

“How far down do you own?”

“Why, I never thought of it before, but I suppose I own about half way through.”

“Exactly,” said the clergyman, “I suppose you do, and I want the money for the New Zealanders—the men whose land joins yours on the bottom.”

“OUR FATHER.”

The name we use for God in prayer is very important. It is not the same whether we call him king, creator, judge, of father. If we think of him as our king, royalty is suggested to us—majesty, splendor, and power; but no tenderness, nor ease of access, nor love. If we call him creator, the name carries us back to the beginning, when all things came from the divine hand, and we think of power, wisdom, goodness, beauty; but He is not brought near us. Some people begin their prayers by invoking God as the incomprehensible one, a God of majesty and holiness, the Lord of hosts. All these names or titles have their suggestions of attributes or qualities of the divine character. But none of them present

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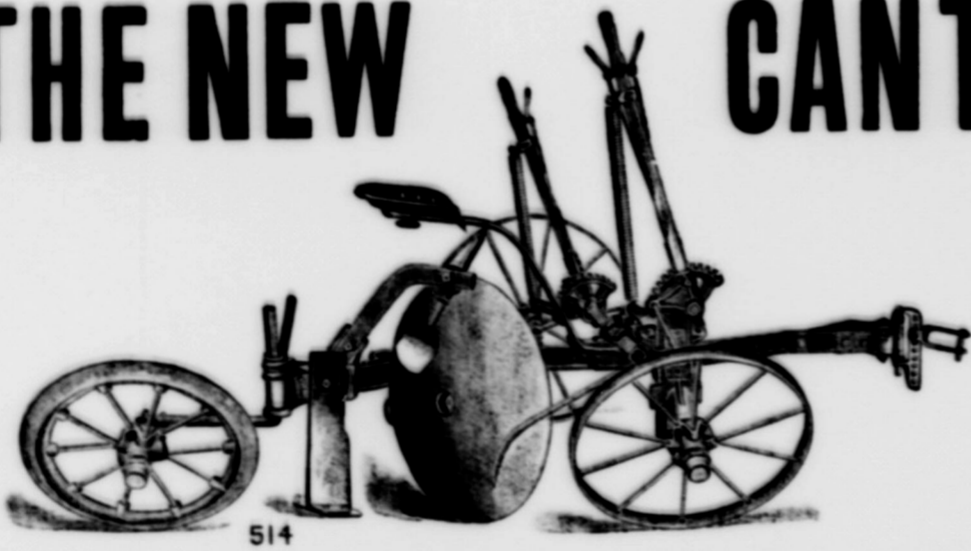
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Bishop Candler will make several addresses in Texas during the first half of October. He is coming in the interest of the Twentieth Century Fund. This is fortunate, for we need the stimulus of his inspiring words just at this time. He is a practical school man, and he is possessed of a high order of ability, and to hear him upon this important question will prove an event in the life of the ordinary man. The Bishop will be in Georgetown October 1 and 2; San Marcos, October 4; Huntsville, October 5 and 6; Houston, October 8; Galveston, October 9; Corsicana, October 10; Gatesville, October 11; Waco, October 12, and Mexia, October 15. Of course our people will give him a fine hearing at all these points.

We spent last Sunday with Rev. S. J. Vaughan and his good people at Granbury, and we had a delightful time. But we go to press too early to give an account of the visit in this issue; so we will have to defer it till next week. While there we were hospitably entertained by Bro. D. L. Nutt and his good family. He is a successful merchant in the place, and he is also the chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Church. I had the pleasure of breaking bread with Bro. Vaughan and Bro. Moore, of Granbury College. But the rest of it will appear next week.

The man who is over-estimated by himself and under-estimated by others is in an unenviable attitude. In his effort to correct this state of things he needs to lower his own estimate and thereby bring the other up to a happy medium. As a rule, mankind know how to correctly estimate the worth of a man who works under a glass hive.

Some men have a strange idea as to their relation to a friend. They love him and stand by him as long as they can make any personal use of him, or as long as he thinks in harmony with all of their plans and enterprises; but the moment he ceases to be serviceable to them, or has a few thoughts of his own, they suspect him of ingratitude and place him under a ban.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

A bushwhacker is both a highway-man and a coward.

There are some people innocent enough to think they can write poetry.

The waste-basket and the blue pencil are the editor's best friends.

The man whose feelings dwell near the surface had better steer clear of the tripod.

It is best not to gather too many secrets lest you permit some of them to make their escape.

The man who prides himself upon his powers of sarcasm will have but few very trusted friends.

You can not afford to kick every cur that barks at your heels as you pass along through life.

If a man speaks evil of you do not get angry and froth, but examine yourself and see if you have given just cause for it.

Flowers, however beautiful and sweet, can not call forth the appreciation of the heart lying cold and silent under the wintry sod.

Habitual kindness does not draw heavily upon your resources, but it goes a long way in sweetening your own life and in blessing others.

The man to whom even a tramp is afraid to apply for a little help may think he is fortunate, but God does not encamp round about his dwelling.

The measure of genuine piety is not found in the noisy profession that you make, but in that part of your life exemplifying the most of Christ.

It is not safe to make your feelings the key to the interpretation of the scriptures, because feelings are very transient and often unreliable.

The success of a good family newspaper, whether secular or religious, consists more largely in what is kept out of it than in what goes into it. That which is withheld can do nobody any harm, but the improper things which find their way into its columns are often the cause of incalculable injury.

THE ADVOCATE AND THE "MAGNETIC HEALERS."

It will be remembered that few weeks ago there appeared in the columns of the Advocate an article from Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., our pastor at Nevada, Mo., under the head, "Magnetic Healing." We published the article just as it was written, without any personal knowledge upon our part of the facts involved. We know Dr. Bishop, and have known him for a quarter of a century, and he is the peer of any man in Southern Methodism. It so happens that he lives in the town where several schools of "magnetic healing" are doing a thriving business; and at the time he wrote the article, we doubt not that he was under the impression honestly that all of the positions he then took upon the subject were true and could be supported by trustworthy evidence. It turns out, however, that several statements made in that communication were based, not upon his personal knowledge, but upon information which came to him indirectly. Several of the persons from whom it was supposed this information came now come out in sworn depositions and affirm that they did not make these statements which passed through other parties to Dr. Bishop. Among them are undertakers and other citizens of the town. Therefore, we feel that inasmuch as these statements con-

tained in Dr. Bishop's communication are not the result of his personal knowledge, but were based largely on hear-say testimony, it is due the people whose work has thus been publicly assailed to make this explanation in their behalf, for it is not the purpose of the Advocate to do the people practicing that method of "healing," or anybody else, an intentional injustice.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. J. R. Wages, of the Sherman District, is a busy man. We were up there recently and could only get a glimpse of him on the wing.

Brother C. S. Summerford, of Richardson, made us a pleasant call this week. Their new church up there is now dedicated and in service.

We met up with Rev. E. B. Thompson, of Celeste, last week, and he spoke encouragingly of his work. He is a companionable and brotherly man.

Rev. R. W. Thompson is still indisposed and is not yet ready to take the field for the Orphanage. He is able to be up and about, but cannot use his foot but a few steps without pain.

We had a few words with Rev. F. A. Rosser, of Sulphur Springs, last week while changing trains at Commerce. He had been to Sherman to place his daughter in our college.

We were in Fort Worth for a few hours last Monday and called to see Rev. E. D. Mouzon and family. His work is in good case—collections all provided for, and he is looking toward conference.

We were passing Wolfe City the other day and had a few words with Rev. W. L. Clifton, one of the superannuates of the North Texas Conference. His health is greatly improved and he says that he feels able to take the work this fall.

Rev. W. F. Lloyd, after five years of hard work at Polytechnic College, has tendered his resignation as President of that institution. He will return to the pastorate, in which he has always been a success. Professor McSwain will act as President pro tem, until a successor to Dr. Lloyd is elected.

Rev. W. H. Howell, the well known local preacher in First Church, spent last Sunday with Rev. W. F. Clark, Bro. Howell was at one time a member of the Holston Conference and the pastor of this writer's mother's family, but he has been a willing worker in the local ranks for many years since that time.

The wife of Rev. J. L. Brooks, who is the daughter of Dr. J. H. McLean, has been lying very nearly to death's door for the past few days; but we are rejoiced to record the fact that at this writing her condition is much more hopeful. In fact, it is now believed that she is beyond the critical point of her malady. She is with her father in Oak Cliff.

METHODIST NEWS IN GENERAL.

Bishop Galloway recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his birth and the thirtieth anniversary of his marriage at his home in Jackson, Miss.

After a twelve years' residence in Atlanta, Ga., Bishop Morrison, who is now on his tour of conferences in Mexico, will make his home in Louisville, Ky. Bishop Candler is now residing in Atlanta.

The St. Louis Conference, which met the other day, had the Publishing House matter before it, but declined to call for an extra session of the General Conference—and this is the home of Dr. Palmore!

The Illinois Conference fell into line with the Missouri and asked for an extra session of the General Conference to consider the Publishing House affair. This is not a large conference, but it is the second one so far to take this step.

So far Macon, Ga., has given about \$10,000 to the Twentieth Century Fund. Bishop Candler preached in that city at Mulberry Street church and received a subscription of \$5000 and upward.

That is the way they do down there, but do we hear Texas say anything?

The Alabama Advocate comes out in new dress and the costume is very robbly and becoming. There must be prosperity down that way as conference approaches. We congratulate the management.

We notice in a dispatch this week that on last Sunday the Methodists of Atlanta had a great educational rally with Bishops Galloway and Candler as the speakers. They collected \$16,000 for the Century Fund.

A week ago last Sunday the First Church in Atlanta, Ga., contributed \$5000 to the Twentieth Century Fund. Old Georgia is always in the forefront when money and work are needed to push the enterprises of the Church.

Dr. James S. Kennedy, of the Holston Conference, has moved to Emory and Henry College and taken the chair of logic and ethics. This is to give Dr. Waterhouse, the President, more time to work on the outside. Dr. Kennedy is one of our most scholarly men.

MONTHLY PERIODICAL REVIEW.

The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine for September is styled "The Salt-Water Number." This is owing to the fact that the number devotes its contents very largely to subjects pertaining to marine matters. Also, the most of the illustrations are taken from seamen and seafaring life. It is a strikingly interesting issue and very instructive.

Harper's Monthly Magazine for this month is very rich in subject matter and in beauty of illustration. The first article in the number is, "The First American; His Home and His Household," by Leila Herbert. This is an entertaining pen picture of General Washington and his home life. "The Century's Progress in Experimental Psychology," by Henry Smith Williams, M. D., is of special interest. Mark Twain has a well written article on "Concerning the Jews." The entire list of subjects treated is exceptionally fine.

Scribner's Magazine for the present month is full of well written matter. The first article is captivating. It is entitled, "Where the Water Runs Both Ways," by Frederic Ireland. It is a fine description of natural scenery in the wooded and watered portions of Canada, and the animal life of those sections. "Aguinaldo's Capitol," by Col. J. D. Miley, is descriptive of Manila and the Philippine Islands. Malolos is beautifully presented. One of the most touching poems we have read in a long time is "The Old Home Haunts," by F. Colburn Clark.

The American Review of Reviews is the finest periodical of the sort published in this country. Besides a thorough review of the current events of each month, this number has several very fine original articles from the best writers to be had. A man can keep himself well informed upon almost every subject if he takes nothing else but this excellent monthly.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine is the most unique religious periodical coming to this office. It is to the religious life what Munsey is to literary and social life. It is replete with valuable Methodist matter, with other things of special interest. Among the latter is the article on General R. E. Lee and his home life, by Rev. J. W. Jones, his old army chaplain, and also the article on "The Religious Teachings of Tolstol," by Samuel E. Keeble. This number has 112 pages of matter, and it is only \$1 a year. It is published by Dr. J. W. Lee and Naphtali Luccock, St. Louis, Mo.

If some folk spent as much time in knowing men as they do in finding out things about them, they would make a better business in life.—Ram's Horn.

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THE GRAVE OF ANNA HUTCHISON.

By her Father, John Hutchison.
In yon deep shaded woodland dell
Washed by ocean's moaning wave,
Bedecked with flowers and seaside shell,
Lies hid a maiden's lowly grave;
And o'er that new-made flowery mound
The spreading oak and stately pine
Wave their dark mossy garlands round,
And sigh her dirge at day's decline.
Oh! could I tune my broken lyre,
And join my voice with nature's song:
Or could I catch poetic fire
That mournful anthem to prolong,
The strain might reach that distant shore,
Where none but pure in heart may live,
Her ear might catch the earthly lore,
And answer, "Papa, do not grieve."
Death's gloomy fortress! Silent halls!
You can't contain that spirit bold,
The Cross has rent your earthen walls,
She's now within the gates of gold.
The flowers upon that sylvan grave
Will shortly wither, fade, and die;
The oak that braves the windy wave,
Decayed in dust, shall often lie;
That tall green pine that lifts its head
So proudly to the azure sky,
And waves its garlands o'er thy bed,
Shall bow its head and fall and die.
The tolling ocean near thy feet
Shall cease its billowy tide to roll;
The earth and sun, in time, shall meet,
Dissolve and vanish like a scroll;
But you, with saints around the throne,
Will glory in eternal youth,
Shall never with pain or sorrow moan,
For death to such is only birth.
Arcadia, Texas.

BATHS AND WHY WE BATHE.

A learned German professor has said that in a state of absolutely wild nature a man would require no bathing. That is to say, the skin exposed constantly to sun and wind and rain, brushed by dewy branches and grasses of mornings, and inured to periods of chill and cold, would keep itself clean enough. The skin when exposed to all the vicissitudes of wheather develops a vastly more extensive circulation than is seen in the clothed man of civilization. Lay a hand on the thigh of a Nez Perces Indian in winter-time. It is covered only by flaps of buckskin fastened roughly at the side edges with two or three thongs. Even in zero weather it feels hot. That means circulation of blood. But a savage pays for this by having most of his nervous force taken up in adjustments to the various inclemencies. In civilization we want this force for other things. So we dress, and heat our houses, and shade the body (except hands and faces) always from the sun-rays, and get quiet and equable conditions for the skin and its thousands of nerve-endings. The brain can work better thus than when the skin-nerves are in excitement. But incidentally to this almost incessant shielding of the skin its circulation falls off vastly more than we ordinarily realize. Its glands become less active by far than in the savage. It becomes thinner in its working elements; or, worse, becomes a sort of shelving-place for half-vitalized fat and water—this especially in women of leisurely lives or men in sedentary occupations. And its nerves from lack of employment become relatively inert. Finally the constant excretions so necessary to the general well-being, tend to accumulate in the top layers of the skin, on its surface, and in the clothing, and impede the escape of other excretions that should be having right of way. This brief history is necessary to bring the mind to the point where it realizes lies that baths are the compromise made by civilization to savagery. We need to constantly work back toward the superb skin circulation of the savage and his completer glandular activity, and to this end can afford gladly a quarter to half an hour out of each day, taking all the rest for other things. It is not otherwise with a horse or a cow. Turned out in a brushy pasture and (for horses especially) free to roll in the dirt, and getting betimes showers and sun and wind, their hides keep clean. The bushes curry them the whole day through. But if horse or cow or calf or bull is kept up in a barn—and there are enough reasons for doing so in winter—then it becomes imperative for the best results, to curry the creature thoroughly every day. We take extra work from the horse or more milk from the cow, and give in exchange currying—along with hay and grain and shelter.

CARE OF BOOKS.

An enthusiastic book lover once upon a time, we are told, canceled his engagement to a most estimable lady because she had marked a borrowed book. He took the high moral ground that "a person capable of such vandalism could not be loyal to any constitutional estate." He might perhaps have gone further and argued that such an offensive intrusion of her opinions boded no good for the future peace of

the domestic circle. A friend may not borrow our garments and alter them to suit physical peculiarities and then return them to us unrebuked—and yet our books come back to our homes so charged with the personality of the borrower that we have an uncomfortable sense of invading privacy when we turn the pages. It is not our book any longer—that alien volume that emphasizes what we prefer to slight, and calls attention in black lines to the very points we would ignore, and at best chatters mental confidences in which we have no interest. The law declares that our property shall not be wantonly defaced and the offender go free, but there is no redress for the interlarded volume with its adjectives and exclamation points or queries.

To remedy evils of this kind Richard de Bury founded a library at Durham college in the university of Oxford during the fourteenth century. He organized a most elaborate system of lending books, and while acting as librarian, was assisted by a corps of book-binders, for he held that the proper care of covers was an important item for the reader to learn. From time to time he burst into awful rages at the careless folk who then as now had no conscience in the matter of book handling.—Harper's Bazaar.

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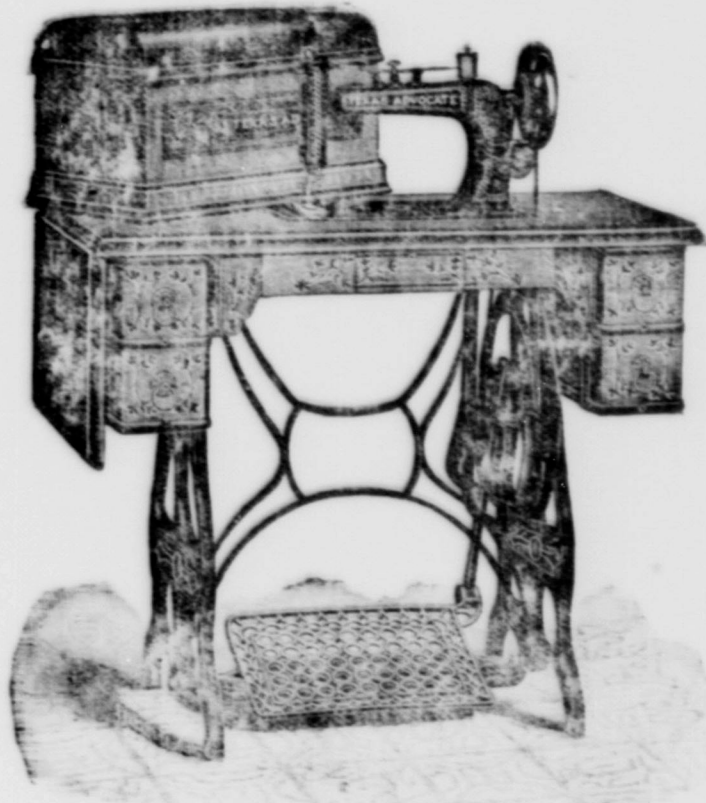
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WORK OF W. H. M. SOCIETY IN NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE—SISTER JOHNSON, AND ELSE.

I have just sent off my quarterly report, the last for this conference year, and again feel disappointed that it did not represent the work in full. Why? Because the Secretaries did not all send me reports. I received only forty-three, and many of them were incomplete, showing proper records had not been kept. But I am thankful for the forty-three that did not forget to send reports. The following places to which I wrote did not reply (I hope, if they see this, they will yet, that I may know how to report them at our annual meeting): Throckmorton, Groesbeck, Belton, Iredell, Strawn, Grandview, Whitney, Cresson, Hubbard, Blum and Grapevine. The Treasurer had receipts from fifty-eight auxiliaries only.

We have just had the great pleasure of a visit from Sister Johnson, of our Mission Home at Dallas. Of course her effort was a success. They always are, for when she does not get much money she sows seed-thoughts of sacrifice, and love, and grand purpose, that ultimately yield money—that grand exponent of all. Her faith is truly founded on a rock, for she always looks with cheerful, beaming face to the "substance hoped for," though it be not in sight. We do not help her as we should, or her work would not be so hard. The auxiliaries ought to gather up the "littles" from house to house and save her this labor. Mrs. Lowe, our Treasurer, Conference Society, writes me she has received only \$76.45 this quarter on current expenses of our Mission Home. This shows heavy arrears on the part of many auxiliaries. I wish all had the work on their hearts like the brave little band at Counts' Memorial Church, in this place. Though in debt \$500 on their parsonage, they made an extra exertion and paid their \$1 a month to the Home for the year, and nearly all are poor in this world's goods. Sister Johnson will soon address a letter to each auxiliary on this subject, and keep an open account with each, making quarterly or monthly statement of the amount paid by each. Let us hope much from this system of "constant reminders." Many of us would do good things if we only thought of it.
MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG.
Weatherford, Texas.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
To the W. H. M. S., Northwest Texas Conference:

The delegates and visitors to the annual meeting of the W. H. M. S. will please take notice that they must send in their names as early as possible, so they can be assigned homes, and a card giving the names and address of their hostess will be sent to them. This meeting will be held in Fort Worth, October 19-21, and every name should be in by the 1st of October.

We are expecting and hoping for a delegate from every auxiliary, and let me urge them all to come prepared to stay till the close of the meeting.

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NOTICE.
To the Auxiliaries of Woman's Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—Our annual meeting convenes October 18-21, at Wolfe City. Each auxiliary is expected to send two or more delegates. We also expect many ministers. We ask that every name be sent in of those expecting to attend at the earliest convenience, as by so doing our committee on arrangements will have ample time to get suitable homes for all visitors included.

Please forward names to either of the committee.

Committee—Mrs. C. C. Spradling, Chairman; Mrs. H. D. Wolfe, Mrs. L. M. Hanna.

MRS. L. M. HANNA,
Cor. Sec. W. H. M. Society,
Wolfe City, Texas.

DAYS OF DISCOURAGEMENT.

All of us have days of the weary heart, days when the wheels drag heavily, and we find it hard to go

cheerily on our way. Perhaps the season of the year depresses us. To some natures winter brings exhilaration, and the keen, frosty weather is a delight, while others simply cringe and creep, and envy hibernating animals when the days come of the keen blast and the scouring sleet. Still other persons are unhappy in the autumn, and dislike to see the falling of the leaves, feeling with the poet in his lines:

We, too, have autumns when our leaves
Drop loosely through the dampened
air.
When all our good seems bound in
sheaves
And we stand reaped and bare.

Again, there are people who do not like rain, or mist, or too glaring sunshine, and their moods vary with the winds, and their mental barometer is as changeable as that of the weather. Fortunate are men and women who are independent of temperature and climate, so far as their souls and minds are concerned.

Our state of health, our lack of physical equipoise, the presence of some malady, or the touch of a chill or a fever in the blood, often account for our days of discouragement. When we are well, life moves on with the joy and the swiftness of an army with banners. It is no credit to us that we are gay and cheery then: we ought to be; but it is less easy to preserve one's equilibrium unmoved when there is an aching head, or a weary foot, or a pain in the side, or a dyspeptic fiend gnawing the stomach.

For all our discouragement, let it come from what source it may, there is a cure. Absolute, unwavering trust in God, belief in his sovereign love, and constant prayer to him for grace and guidance, will keep the heart unmoved, let the external situation be whatever it may. Continual effort to do the best one can, in accordance with the laws of one's being, and in obedience to common sense, will also help very materially.

And there is a great deal in maintaining a resolute outside cheerfulness of aspect, of look, of word, of behavior, in all circumstances. The demon of discouragement flies before a steady determination not to show the white feather, not to bow the head like a bulrush, or to diminish the outward gaiety.—Christian Intelligencer.

THE WORLD A MISSION FIELD.

Let us gather up some facts relating to the workings of the Holy Spirit, during the century soon to be numbered with the world's past history. "In its early history or beginning, our opportunities seemed very small in comparison to what has been wrought by omnipotent Power." It is said, in the early part of the century only two or three Protestant missionary societies existed in all Christendom, but now are flourishing all over America, as well as in all countries where the true gospel is preached, while representatives are being sent to all earth's nations and this saving light is speedily flashing over those enveloped in extreme darkness, ignorance, superstition, and eternal death. "Then less than fifty versions of the scriptures comprised the entire work of the Bible translation since the days of the Apostles." Now behold the great change wrought by our loving Father, for his disobedient, ungrateful children, in causing his holy word to be translated into more than two hundred and eighty languages, while the whole Bible is made accessible to nine-tenths of the human race.

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Notwithstanding the meagerness of our contributions, the missionaries have won wonderful success, while in many places they are rejoicing in triumphs of victory. The converts, including whole families from heathendom, are estimated to be three millions.

What answer will we make to this demand? Our wisest men answer this serious question for us "with a three-fold challenge: Churches to the front, reserves to the front, pastors to the front."

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one secret of success. Everything founded on a sure foundation, or pure principles must be a success, when led by the Holy Spirit, who requires of us unity of feeling, faith, truth and practice, also a common center of interest.

It is difficult to open people's eyes to new duties. Some complain they have no surplus, either of time, thought or money, while they never think, or try to make, or accept an opportunity in Christian work.

"O Father, haste the promised hour, When at his feet shall lie All rule, authority and power Beneath the ample sky;

When he shall reign from pole to pole, The Lord of every human soul; When all shall heed the words he said, Amid thy daily cares, And by the loving life he led Shall seek to pattern theirs, And he who conquered death shall win The nobler conquest over sin."

"For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations." Psalms 22:28. "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name." Psalms 86:9. MRS. MARY M. DAVIDSON, Georgetown, Texas.

BAYONETS OR BOUNTY—WHICH?

With reference to the downfall of Dr. Schell, of the M. E. Church, you certainly did the cause of Christ and common honesty a good service in writing it up, giving at least the leading facts in the case, which facts have never been denied or palliated so far as the writer has seen.

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Should be provided with good health, and everyone who would have good health should remember that pure, rich blood is the first requisite. Hood's Sarsaparilla, by giving good blood and good health, has helped many a man to success.

MARKS OF HOLINESS.

As the Christian lady, when asked "If God gave her a choice, whether she would prefer to live," replied, "she would not make a choice, but would refer the matter back to him."

Still another feature is lowly-mindedness, esteeming others better than ourselves. The charity that hopeth all things covers the defects of others with the broadness of its mantle, while their excellencies grow in the light which it reflects.

"I want to tell yo' my deah brethren," said Deacon Johnson to his flock at prayer-meeting, "dat in dese days of chainless bikes, hossless kerridges an' sich, dat what we need fo' de glorification of de cullud folkse am chickenless coops, razzlerless pahties, melonless coops and crapes games. Does yo' follow me?"—Harpers Bazar.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. N. Haden, of Sherman, Texas (formerly of Kentucky), preached an able sermon in my church last evening from John 3:5. His remarks on the mode of baptism are absolutely unanswerable.

D. T. BROWN, Preacher, in Charge M. E. Church, South, in Royse City, Texas.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

700 minus 333, equals 367 pastoral charges, which have not yet sent me their assessment for current expenses. School opened last Monday, which added to our expense account.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Sept. 23—D. O. McAllister, subs. O. P. Kiker, sub. Sept. 21—Jesse White, sub. J. H. Chambliss, change made. J. E. Walker, sub. J. W. Horn, sub. B. D. D. Greer, sub. has attention.

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In The Century for October announcement will be made of the names of the three winners of the prizes offered for the best poem, essay and story submitted in competition by American college graduates of 1898.

The prize poem, entitled "A Hill-Peace," is by Miss Marion Warner, Widman of Newark, Ohio, B. A., 1898, of the College for Women of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio.



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