

COMMUNICATIONS.

IMMERSION AGAINST THE BIBLE.

By Old Foggy.

It is a fact, which will not be disputed by any intelligent Bible reader, that the word baptism is occasionally used in the Holy Scriptures where the ordinance of baptism as practiced by the Church is not directly involved. In this chapter we propose to confine our investigation to this class of texts, and learn therefrom the true meaning of the word baptism, or, in other words, the scriptural mode. Before we get through with this investigation, we think it will be clear to the unprejudiced reader that, in some instances, immersion was impossible; in others contrary to common sense, and in all contradictory to the teaching of the Bible.

First, we call attention to the case of Nebuchadnezzar, who was baptized with the dew of heaven. "They shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet (baptize) thee with the dew of heaven." Dan. 4:25. It will not be denied that the word here translated wet is the root of baptism, nor that immersionists affirm it always means to immerse and nothing else, and that nothing is baptism but an entire submergence of the whole body in water.

How Nebuchadnezzar could have been immersed with the dew of heaven is a mystery beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals. But immersion must be sustained, even if the dew in the field where Nebuchadnezzar grazed and "eat grass as oxen" has to be deep enough to immerse a man's body in. Shame on a cause which requires its advocates to assume such ridiculous and impossible position. Daniel says Nebuchadnezzar was wet (baptized) with the dew of heaven, which every man, learned and unlearned, knows falls or descends in such small particles that they are almost if not altogether imperceptible to the natural eye, and that it is never in sufficient quantities to make immersion possible. But immersionists say he was wet all over with the dew. We reply, the question in debate is not the extent of the wetting, but the mode by which it came. Here Daniel comes to our relief and forever settles the question, and says he was wet (baptized) with the dew of heaven, which at least in this case descended, thereby infallibly fixing affusion as the Bible mode of baptism.

But some try to break the force of the above argument by appealing to the modern theory on the formation of dew, which teaches that dew is produced by the condensation of watery vapor from the atmosphere, and does not fall. I want to say this theory of dew was introduced to the scientific world by Mr. Wells in 1814, and is therefore less than one hundred years old, and whether true or false cannot affect the universal idea of the falling of dew held by people three thousand years ago. I have examined every text in the Bible where the word dew occurs. It is used twenty-eight times. Fifteen times no allusion is made as to how it came; thirteen times the mode of its coming is unmistakable, viz.: "God give thee of the dew of heaven"—Gen. 27:28; "And the dew fell on the camp in the night"—Num. 11:9; "My speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herbs"—Deut. 32:2; "Heaven shall drop down dew"—Deut. 33:28; "We will light upon him as the dew falleth upon the ground"—II Sam. 17:12; "Who hath begotten the drops of dew"—Job 38:28; "As the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion"—Psalms 133:3; "The clouds drop down the dew"—Prov. 3:20. These all with one accord join their testimony that the action was affusion or by falling or descending, which Daniel called baptism when he said Nebuchadnezzar was wet with the dew of heaven.

Next, the promise of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. God says, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28. Now note what Christ says of the fulfillment of this very prophecy: "But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." And continuing, he says: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:5-8. Thus Christ distinctly declares the fulfillment of this prophecy, both as to the element and mode, and says it was baptism. But our Baptist friends fly into the face of Jesus Christ and declare nothing is baptism except dipping, and try to prove by Greek lexicons that Christ was mistaken when he called this pouring out of God's spirit baptism. Thus they impeach

either the wisdom or the veracity of Jesus Christ. To illustrate this allegation, suppose you tell me a thing is colored, and continuing you tell me the same thing is blue, and I were to assert nothing is color except red, and were to proceed to prove my assertion by the books. Would I not challenge either your knowledge of what it takes to constitute color, or your veracity? This is precisely the attitude of the Baptist Church.

Again, was this pouring out of the Holy Ghost, first announced by the prophets, a baptism? John the Baptist is recorded by all four of the evangelists and the apostle Peter as saying Christ "shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Christ twice said to his disciples, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." And Paul says, "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body." These witnesses ought surely to settle the fact that "this pouring out" was baptism. All the writers in the New Testament, after the day of Pentecost, testify as to the mode of this spiritual baptism in these words, viz.: "Anoint, rested upon, poured out, descended upon, lighted upon, fell upon, sat upon, came upon, shed on us, abode upon, and remained upon." Here we leave the reader to decide which he will believe, the unsupported assertions of the Baptist Church or the prophets, Jesus Christ and all the apostles.

Again, we call attention to the incident where the sons of Zebedee came to Christ and requested that they might sit the one on his right and the other on his left hand in his glory. "But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can, And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized." Mark 10:38, 39. The Baptist version reads: "Are ye able to drink the cup that I drink, or to undergo the immersion that I undergo? And they said to him, We are able, And Jesus said to them, The cup that I drink ye will drink; and the immersion that I undergo ye will undergo." Mark 10:38, 39.

No intelligent, unprejudiced Bible reader will deny that the Master is here speaking of the suffering which culminated in the baptism with his own blood which he was to undergo in the garden and on the cross, and the promise here made to his disciples was that they should also be baptized with the same bloody baptism in their martyr death. Now we ask, can any sane man believe there is blood enough in the veins of any man to immerse his whole body in? And then it must be remembered that Christ had lost much blood in his bloody sweat in the garden the night before the crucifixion. If you have credulity enough to believe this was an immersion, we ask, who dipped him in that blood? But you say the blood gushed out of those wounds and ran down on the body, and your assertion is true. But we ask if, when the blood poured out of those wounds and ran down on the body, was not the mode affusion? But Baptists say he was wet all over with his blood. About this we are not informed. But the contention is not about the extent of the wetting in baptism, but only as to the mode of applying the element to the subject. If we were to pour four times as much water on a candidate for baptism as there is blood in the veins of a man, our Baptist brethren say he is not baptized because he was not dipped. So we repeat the contention is not about the quantity of water, but the mode of its application.

To show the absurdity of immersionists on this text, we call special attention to the following facts:

1. We all know that on the cross the blood poured out of the wounds and ran down on the body of the Master.
2. We know there is not enough blood in the veins of a man to immerse his body in.
3. In the garden "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood, falling down to the ground." Luke 22:44.
4. This blood pouring out of the wounds and running down on the body of the Master on the cross, and the "great drops of blood falling down" to the ground in the garden, in this bloody baptism, was affusion.
5. To this Paul and Peter both agree. Paul calls it the "blood of sprinkling which speaketh better things than the blood of Abel." Heb. 12:24. And Peter calls it the "sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." I Pet. 1:2.
6. Our Lord lays down the following rule for sufficient evidence to prove any fact: "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. Here we have the maximum number of witnesses required by this rule. Christ, the first witness, testifies

six times in the above text that this bloody experience of his was baptism. And Paul and Peter, the other two witnesses, both testify that this blood was the blood of sprinkling. Are these witnesses worthy of credence? If so, affusion is the Bible mode of baptism.

I John 5:8: "There are three that bear witness in earth—the spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one" mode.

NORTH ALABAMA ITEMS.

The thirtieth session of the North Alabama Conference met with our First Church, Birmingham. Of course, we were entertained in good shape. That city is noted for its hospitality. They have a habit of grabbing for all sorts and sizes of gatherings. During the same week the Presbyterian Synod and Christian Convention of Alabama were in session. Theological extremes met, but did not clash. The one scarcely knew the other was about but for certain fraternal exchanges. Bishop Candler presided over our crowd, and did it to perfection. The memory of man does not run back to a time when we had a more stately and spiritual session. The personality and divinity of the Holy Ghost was stressed, and He cheered the saints and saved sinners. We are coming to a better day. I wish the movement was steady and straightforward, but fear relapses. We are moving by jerks and spells. Any way or how, so we get there. One hopeful sign is in the fact that we are allowed to see and speak of our failures without being chided for pessimism. Another blessed indication is the intense honesty of the men upon whom the Spirit is working these later wondrous. They are candid enough to admit that it is a first and original work of grace. They have quit hiding behind a profession of a second and undefinable blessing. They talk, live and preach just as they did in the other times. The older people among us recognize the long silent blast of the old-time bugle. Modern ditties fail to supply the needed expression of rapture, and they must needs go to the Hymn and Tune Book—the standard "How happy every child of grace," etc. The collections were well up to the average. Every interest on the heart of the Church was looked after. We are perhaps least enthused over the Twentieth Century Movement. I can hardly imagine any one capable of a stronger statement than that made Friday night by Bishop Candler, and yet he had hard work to get \$3000 subscribed. Most of this was from the preachers. It is due the people of Birmingham to say that they had on a former occasion subscribed near \$2500. I mean the First Church people. If we meet our assessment some remarkable work must be done.

I am sorry to report that our membership still declines. As I gathered the figures, we are over six hundred short of last report. We ought to fast and pray till this deadly tide is turned. This is not the time or place to recite causes for such a state of things. Some of them could be told and remedied in the privacy of a Bishop's cabinet. Perhaps Bishop Key is right in saying this is the presiding elder's opportunity. For some reason, it is noticed that they are putting many new men "in the saddle." We get practically five of the new sort. Now they are half and half. As good Dr. McAnally used to say, "We shall see what we shall see."

No one thinks Bishop Candler had other than the kindest feelings for all the preachers, and yet some of them complain of being afflicted. "It is human to err." Some of these preachers may change mind in the next twelve months. Love and best wishes for all Texas friends. M. H. WELLS. Blocton, Ala.

SOUTH CAROLINA LETTER.

It is hard to realize that another conference year has gone to record, but such is the case, and the one hundred and fourteenth session of the "Old Palmetto Conference" is a thing of the past. The session was held in the town of Orangeburg, a place historic in the annals of South Carolina Methodism. The Methodists largely predominate in this town. They have a beautiful church building, completed under the ministry of the Rev. E. Olin Watson, who has finished his quadrennium there and has been sent to Bethel, Charleston, one of our best appointments. Brother Watson is one of our most popular young men, and is making a fine record for himself in our conference.

Bishop Joseph S. Key presided. This was the first official visit of the good Bishop to the South Carolina Conference. So far as your correspondent was able to discover, his presidency

gave universal satisfaction, and his visit left a very fine impression upon the body. In fact, no Bishop has ever more deeply impressed us for good than Bishop Key, and let me say just here that we shall await his return to us with a great deal of happy anticipation. He impressed us as being a man with a large fund of good, hard, common sense. But his great spirituality brought us larger blessing than even his brain. Our conference has never seen anything like the great wave of spiritual power that swept over the body when the class of young men was received into the conference. One of the young men had served a hard mission field the previous year and had chafed a little under the burden, but when he had been thrilled with this powerful wave that day said: "I am ready to go back to that mission, or any other place." In fact, the divine influence was felt throughout the entire assembly. The good wife of one of our presiding elders said to the writer just afterward: "The preachers' wives ought to go to conference occasionally to get a fresh supply of the old-time religion."

The Bishop, according to his custom, made some new "elders." Dr. H. W. Bays, who had closed a successful quadrennium at Bethel, Charleston, was mounted on the "Black Horse" and galloped off to the Rock Hill District. Your scribe got a glimpse of the good Doctor as he galloped away, and from the way he held the reins of his new charger, as well as from his past record, I predict for him a most successful ride. The people of the district will find him a most lovable, Christian gentleman, as well as a scholarly preacher. Rev. R. A. Child was taken from Greenwood and mounted for the Cokesbury District. Bro. Child had several years' experience as a lawyer before coming into the conference. His practical knowledge will be of great service to him in his new field. He will do fine work on the district.

The financial reports were unusually good, but our increase in membership was small. I think, however, that the brethren, one and all, went home to do a greater work for the Lord than ever before. May heaven's richest blessings attend every one of them this year.

The great feature of the session, from a financial standpoint, was the Twentieth Century collection. The conference subscribed \$20,000.

WATSON B. DUNCAN, St. George, S. C.

PERNICIOUS LITERATURE.

The power of the press is a proposition too clear to render any argument necessary in support of it. But it depends upon the use to which it is applied whether it be power for good or evil. We are a reading people and our lives are influenced largely by what we read. A wicked and licentious press is one of the most fruitful sources of vice and crime known to modern civilization. It poisons the home, debauches our young people, vitiates public sentiment and blights everything it touches.

We are assured by divine authority that "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Publishers of vicious literature are too often more active and persistent in promoting its circulation than are the friends of truth and righteousness in disseminating moral and religious reading matter. We need to redouble our diligence at this point, and to resist the encroachments of the enemy. Christian people should buy, read and circulate such publications as will be elevating in their nature, and help to counteract the force of evil. It is their duty to aid in supplanting the issues of a corrupt and demoralizing press with that which is pure, wholesome and instructive. The happiness of the home, the welfare of Church and State and the character and destiny of millions are involved.

Few persons are aware of the extent to which the publication and circulation of obscene and demoralizing literature is carried on in this country to-day. Anthony Comstock, Secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, stated a few years ago that there were 4000 persons in the United States engaged in this iniquitous business. These infamous smut dealers are cunning, persistent and unscrupulous in plying their nefarious trade. Their vile productions are often put up in a form that is quite attractive. We find them at news stands, on railroad trains, on steamboats, and in the homes of the people. Such publications scattered over the country are a standing menace to the purity and usefulness of our young people of both sexes.

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mentally dyspeptic by reading the high-wrought fiction and demoralizing trash that is constantly being issued by the secular press. The sensational reports of crime, the minute descriptions of social impurities, the detailed accounts of the many wicked deeds of bad men and women—all have a baneful influence upon the youthful mind. Those who habitually read these loathsome details must necessarily have their moral sensibilities impaired. In this way young persons are often led astray and ruined. They grow familiar with crime, learn to relish foul stories, feel a desire for adventures of this character, and finally commit crimes which at first would not have been thought of for a moment. Well has Pope said:

"Vice is a monster of such frightful mien, As, to be hated, needs but to be seen; But seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Our young people must and will read something. If good impressions and habits are not formed the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. The evil influence of one bad book or paper may do a vast amount of harm. Yet there are many thousands of such books and papers printed every year. The satanic press of to-day, in creating a cheap and vicious literature, is poisoning the very fountains of public and private virtue. When the youthful mind becomes thoroughly saturated with foul stories, criminal deeds or blasphemous tirades, the godly admonitions of pious mothers are soon forgotten and the dictates of conscience disregarded. Let parents, guardians and teachers exercise the most scrupulous care in guarding the minds of the young against evil reading. Every home should be quarantined against this stream of vice and corruption. Exclude it from the house as you would the germs of a deadly pestilence. Let there be a careful and thorough censorship of books and papers, before the minds of our beloved youth are filled with evil thoughts and purposes, and the things which make for their peace are hid from their eyes.

B. W. WILLIAMS, Brazos, Texas.

THE CRUCIFIXION, THE RESURRECTION, THE FORTY DAYS, AND THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.—A GREAT DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

BY WM. MITCHELL. (Reviewed by Rev. John L. Williams, Round Mountain, Texas.)

I. It was far from an easy task which Mr. Mitchell set about to do, but it appears that he has performed the task with conspicuous success. The felicitous choice of words, the music of the versification, the strain of passionate yet restrained feeling, the insight into events, invest the most familiar of all stories with a fresh and beautiful charm. His description of the scene is set forth in the introductory of the poem:

"Hallowed Gethsemane! whose tranquil shade Found calm retreat for Him on that dread night, When sore amazed, and sorrowful to death, Prostrate on earth He raised the suppliant cry, 'Father! My Father! Save me from this hour, Oh! let this cup pass from me if thou wilt, Nevertheless, thy will, not mine, be done!'"

Then he describes the agony of our Lord as he bowed under the load he bore for us, while he poured forth his soul in prayer:

"The tears, the agony, the bloody sweat, The burdened soul, the passion of that hour, Known to Him only with love be-held The travail of his well-beloved Son— Again, and yet again, the cry arose."

But to assist him in the hour of his trial an angel comes to minister to him. This he blends in the very choice of words:

"Ere the faint echoes of that anguished voice With quivering cadence softly fall and die, An angel instant from the Father's throne Kneels down beside the stricken suppliant."

"Who shall unfold the mystery of love,

The ministry of spirits sent from God? The very atmosphere of heaven is there—

Peace to the troubled soul, triumphant hope, Grace, all sufficient for the darkest hour."

He describes our Lord as he arises from the scene, armed for the conflict, strengthened from on high:

"Filled with delight to do the Father's will, The Savior rose serene, and from his side To realms of bliss, swift as the bolt of heaven, The ministering angel wings his flight."

'Tis night, and from the peaceful slopes of Olivet the Master goes forth to face the raging powers of earth and hell. He called his disciples from their slumbering, and they arose and followed on, and all that takes place is set forth by the poet in these lines:

"'Tis eventide—a thronging multitude, Rude men and officers, with swords and staves, With lighted torch and lantern, have come out At bidding of the elders, priests and scribes— The traitor at their head—to apprehend And bring the Nazarene a captive bound Before the Council at Jerusalem. Judas salutes his Lord—arch traitor he— A kiss the token of his infamy. Despite the power which cast them to the ground, Despite the grace which healed the servant's ear, Despite the just remonstrance of the Lord, They make him prisoner, bind him fast with thongs, And as a sheep before his shearers dumb, Or unresisting lamb to slaughter led, So Jesus gave himself, the Lamb of God, Submissively to judgment, shame and death."

"They led him away to Annas first, Thereafter to the High Priest Caiaphas, Into whose palace, towards dead of night, The officers conduct their prisoner."

SEC. II.

Then, at the court of Caiaphas, he describes the few assembled around the lighted fire; Peter, who secretes himself with the servile throng; yet, while Peter would be unnoticed and unknown, the servants would challenge him:

"Thy speech betrayeth thee. With oath and curse And bold effrontery, he, unabashed, Three times, three several times, denied his Lord. The cock crew as he spake. The Lord looked around On the poor renegade. That loving look Of tender, sad reproach, so smote the heart Of the disciple with remorse and shame He turned aside to weep, o'erwhelmed with grief, And, going out, shed bitter, bitter tears."

Before Caiaphas and the Council he is brought and then arraigned before Pilate in the Praetorium hall, which he so sublimely presents in these words:

"Pilate comes forth, salutes them courteously, As they assemble in the palace court, Gives patient ear as they prefer their charge Against the Nazarene, their prisoner; Which having heard, and their demand for death, His sense of justice shrinks from such a deed. 'Take him yourselves,' he said; 'why bringest Him here? You have your laws; by them let Him be judged.' With bitter scorn they clamorously shout, 'We have no power of death,' and further add, 'This fellow has been found defiantly Troubling the people and perverting them, Forbidding to give tribute, and declares That he—this Nazarene—is Christ, a King.'"

Now, when Pilate heard that Jesus was a Nazarene, he was in hope that he might escape the dire necessity of condemning him, and in eager haste sent him to Herod, who was indeed glad to see the humble Nazarene, for he

would see one of his miracles and hear the great prophet. He pictures the scene—Jesus before Herod:

"In silence Jesus stands. He will not deign To satisfy the curiosity E'en of a King, whose shameful, wicked life Gives him no title to the Judgment seat. While Herod waits in vain, the Pharisees Bring railing accusation 'gainst the Lord. Wearing at length with base-born revelry He clothes the prisoner with a gorgeous robe, Sending him back to Pilate as he came, With courtly message to the Governor, Which by its tone and import made them friends, Who heretofore had lived at enmity."

SEC. III. When Pilate had received him again, he called for the accusers and assured them that Herod's judgment had confirmed that of his own—that Jesus the Christ was innocent of the charge that would justify his death. But as it was his custom always to release one prisoner at the feast, now he would be pleased to release this Jesus if they so desire.

"The priests and elders will not have it so. Moved with malicious envy, they persuade The multitude to ask for the release Of one Barabbas, thief and murderer. Who for sedition was a prisoner; Insisting still with clamorous urgency On condemnation of the Nazarene." Pilate basely delivered Jesus up to them to be crucified—

While he washes his hands in innocent blood—and exclaimed—"See ye to it." He paused. From every side of heaven rose the cry: "On us and on our children be His blood." He is delivered to the multitude to be crucified.

"Four Roman soldiers, proud of mien and fierce, Advancing, lead the way-worn prisoners forth Wounded and bruised, into the common hall."

Now Pilate becomes conscious that he has played the part of a coward and resolves again to face the maddening throng and save from death the lowly Nazarene.

"Quick, on his entrance, back the soldiers fall. The Roman Judge advances haughtily, Proclaims again in hearing of them all That in this man, this lowly Nazarene, No crime is found to justify His death; Then, beckoning the prisoner to advance,

Directs Him to the palace balcony, In front of which High Priest and Elders stand, With all the idle multitude who throng To scenes where tumult and excitement rage."

(To be continued.)

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO.

Some weeks since I saw in the Advocate a letter from Brother Gravis, and it stirred up old memories, and those old scenes of the past in his preaching out in the wilds of Texas when there were only a few scattering settlements, have been stirring my heart until I feel that I must do something to call attention to them.

It has now been thirty-seven years since I first heard Brother Gravis preach at a little gathering of the early settlers of Llano County, and I was so impressed and benefited by the discourse that I remember the text and some of the sermon to this day. It was Ecclesiastes 9:18, and from that time on, wherever there was a settlement of cattlemen and a little congregation could be gathered, he went all alone through that wild Indian country, while small bands of hardy frontiersmen, well armed and mounted, dreaded an attack of the Indians. He said the Bishop had given him a work entirely beyond the outside row, and he did that work with a courage and perseverance that have seldom been equaled by any other man, and there

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are some of the preachers of the Northwest Texas Conference now comfortably situated on a circuit or station where Brother Gravis preached the first sermon after traveling a long distance through the woods and crossing swollen streams to get there, and he did that work beyond the outside row so effectively that a district was formed, and he was appointed presiding elder over a district that must have covered a large portion of the country now in the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference, and I feel sure that there must be a great many incidents of heroic courage and self-denial and patient suffering in the performance of duty that, if they could be collected and published, would be not only of thrilling interest to the reader, but of real historic value in the early history of the conference, and I want to say that I think the heroic labors and grand self-denial of Brother Gravis have not been fully appreciated nor properly rewarded by the conference. HARRISON POSEY.

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The Pyramid Pile Cure is a success because it has the merit which brings success. It cures every form of piles and cures them to stay cured. It is now the most popular and best known pile remedy before the public, and one reason for its great popularity is because it has taken the place of surgical operations, once considered the only sure cure.

People often wonder that so simple a remedy will so promptly cure such an obstinate trouble as piles are well known to be. Yet the greatest remedies and greatest inventions we have are the simplest, and the fact that it does cure is all the sufferer from piles wants to know.

The Pyramid Pile Cure cures piles in any stage of the disease as shown by the following testimonial letters which are published every week and new cases reported each time.

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SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

A few leaders of Irish societies in America are threatening to invade Canada as a menace to Great Britain. They had better consult Uncle Sam before they talk too much.

The trustees of the Northfield Seminary have called upon the Christian world to contribute \$3,000,000 with which to perpetuate Mr. Moody's work at that point.

The charitably disposed in Washington and New York are raising a fund for Mrs. Lawton and her children. The motive prompting this work is a good one, but the United States Government is abundantly able to take care of those whom the ill-fortune of war leaves to its love and esteem.

Dallas foots up an unusual number of killings during the holidays. The city has won for itself an unenviable reputation in this line; but when Dallas County juries send crazy murderers to the penitentiary for a short term it has a tendency to make men go crazy when they take a notion to kill somebody.

Governor-General of Cuba Wood says that he is overwhelmed with applications for office under his administration. As far as possible he will give the preference to natives of the island; but in some instances he will have to use Americans, but only where it is necessary.

United States Senator Morgan and Gov. Johnston, of Alabama, are having a hot time over the canvass for the seat of the former in the Senate. Morgan has held the place for a great many years, and he will prove a hard man to turn down. Besides, he is a statesman of great ability.

Daniel Ford, of Boston, is dead. This is of public interest, because of the fact that Mr. Ford was the principal owner of the Youth's Companion. Since his connection with that paper he has made it a great success, and he leaves a great fortune, estimated at \$2,500,000.

The wife of Attorney-General Smith, of Texas, died in St. Louis, Mo., recently, to which city she had gone for treatment. Her remains were brought to Hillsboro for interment. She was a noble and good woman.

A large meeting of representative men was held in New York last Saturday night to give expression to sympathy with the Boers in their struggle with England. Other meetings of a similar character are being held in several leading cities of the country. There is nothing official in these meetings. The men who compose them express only their individual views.

Gen. Otis reports that he has discovered corruption in the public affairs in Manila, and he has resolved to stop it at once. Such is the greed for office that it will be a miracle if some fraudulent practices are not carried on in the organization of this new government by some designing characters.

The United States Senate will have a lively fight over the seating of Mr. Quay, of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the fact that the Legislature of his State after fruitless efforts failed to elect him. But after that body adjourned the Governor appointed him to succeed himself. So if the Senate seats him it will have to repudiate its precedents upon that subject.

The British cruiser Magicienne overhauled a German steamer in Delagoa Bay last Saturday and found her freighted with arms and ammunition supposed to be for the Boers. The steamer will be brought before a prize court and the affair may bring about a little complication between the two governments.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, who is now serving his fourth term in the United States Senate, has announced that at the expiration of his present term, which will be in 1903, he will retire from public life. He has been a prominent figure in national public life for a number of years.

It seems that the Goebel Democrats in the Legislature of Kentucky have a majority and they are going to make things a trifling interesting for their opponents. Whether or not they will be able to settle the contest for Gov-

ernor in favor of their man we do not know, but old Jo. Blackburn is certain to go back to the United States Senate.

In a battle last week with the insurgents in the Philippines the Americans were victorious. Many of the enemy were killed and captured. Among the prisoners who surrendered are three Filipino officers and the wife of Aguinaldo.

Severe storms have been prevailing of late over the gulf about the vicinity of the mouth of the Mississippi. Much property has been destroyed and several lives lost. Shipping interests have suffered up and down the coast.

Eleven thousand children applied for admission to two schools in Porto Rico within two weeks. These schools are supported by Congregational Churches, under the direction of the American Missionary Association, and are located at San Juan and Utuado. Together they accommodate only about 400 pupils.

The urgent deficiency bill calls for an appropriation of \$51,000,000. Of this amount \$45,000,000 is for the War Department, and \$2,143,000 for the Navy Department.

The Jewish Era for October 15 gives the following statistics on Hebrew Missions: "There are in all 107 societies with 692 preachers preaching the gospel to Jews in 200 stations, at an expense of \$750,000 a year. It is reckoned that 294,549 Jews have been baptized in this century, of whom 72,740 were in Protestant Churches, 74,596 in Greek and 57,390 in Roman Catholic Churches. Between 1875 and 1897 there were born in Prussia 11,578 children of mixed marriages, of whom one-fourth went to Judaism. There are over 600 Hebrew Christian ministers in Europe and 214 in the United States.

Lord Roberts, the newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in South Africa, is regarded by many military authorities as the foremost general which Great Britain has produced for seventy-five years. Although very small in stature, he has distinguished himself in numerous battles during his many years of service. Beginning as a lieutenant in 1851, when he was nineteen years old, before he was twenty-five he had won the Victoria Cross for a series of gallant feats at the battle of Khodagange during the Indian mutiny. He is the hero of the English people, and it is to him, as a great commander, that England has turned to retrieve the disasters which have befallen her troops in South Africa.

In the House of Representatives the gold bill got through in schedule time. There was much discussion, but it was not confined exclusively to the merits of the measure. Much that was extraneous was introduced by congressmen. Political considerations played an important part on both sides, but the bill was passed by more than a partisan majority, several Democratic Representatives having voted with the Republicans. The bill now goes to the Senate and no doubt is entertained respecting its ultimate passage in that most deliberate of deliberative assemblies. The usages of the upper chamber do not admit of restricted debate as in the other branch of the National Legislature. The measure will be taken up by the Senators when they reassemble after the holidays and it will be pushed with all the diligence and perseverance its sponsors can command. Senator Hoar has given notice of a speech on anti-expansion resolutions. Speeches on the same subject will also be made in the House of Representatives, but much of the oratory during the present session will have an oblique reference to the approaching presidential campaign.

The British, under Gen. French at Colesburg met with another setback at the hands of the Boers last Sunday. They were led into another trap by the Boers, and were repulsed in confusion. They lost a supply train, but the fatalities at this writing are unknown. The command, under Gen. French, is made up of cavalry and he thought that he had a walk-over, but awoke to a failure.

The caucus of the Senate and Lower House of the Kentucky legislature on the 2d instant, chose J. S. C. Blackburn for United States Senator. This returns a brilliant man to public life. State Senator S. B. Harrell has openly charged Jno. H. Whallen, of Louis-

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ville, with an attempt to bribe him against the interest of Goebel. Whallen is a rabid anti-Goebel leader. He has been arrested, and the affair has created the biggest sensation that has yet occurred in the politics of the Blue Grass States.

The News states that the feature of the year for Galveston is, that the city has been advanced from the sixth to the second place as a wheat port. New York alone now surpasses Galveston in exporting wheat. The fact is Texas is coming to the front in all lines of agricultural industry.

"From time to time," says Electricity, "startling and wonderful electrical devices are brought out, probably the latest being an arrangement for automatically feeding a horse, invented by an enterprising resident of Youngstown, O. The arrangement, according to reports, consists of an alarm clock connected by wire to a hopper in a horse's manger. The alarm clock is set at any desired hour, the hopper filled with oats, and at the appointed time the alarm clock, by means of an electric apparatus connected with it, releases the oats in the hopper and out rolls the breakfast under the astonished horse's nose."

At the parade on New Year's Day Emperor William addressed the officers of the garrison at Berlin as follows: "The first day of the new century sees our army, in other words our people, in arms, gathered around the standards, kneeling before the Lord of Hosts, and verily, if any one has especial reason this day for bowing down before God, it is our army. A glance at our standards suffices as an explanation, for they are the embodiment of our history."

The University of Chicago has received a New Year's gift of \$3,370,000. President Harper will make the announcement at the quarterly convocation of the University at Studebaker Hall. The President hoped to announce that the University would be \$4,000,000 richer, but he had not been able to raise the \$315,000 which, duplicated by John D. Rockefeller, would make up that amount. However, Mr. Rockefeller has wired that he will extend the limit three months, and in that time Dr. Harper thinks he is reasonably sure of getting the rest of the money, as he has several large donations in prospect. Four years ago Mr. Rockefeller gave to the university \$1,000,000 and promised to duplicate every amount donated before January 1, 1900, up to \$2,000,000. One year ago Dr. Harper had secured \$1,135,000 from various sources to apply on the \$2,000,000. Since then this amount has been raised \$550,000. It is understood that much of the money has come from business men of Chicago.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Northwest Texas Conference.

SNYDER.

Ed R. Wallace, Dec. 26: We have been well received, and after one round we are well pleased. Snyder is a half station and will maintain its dignity.

FIRST CHURCH, WEATHERFORD.

Hubert D. Kriegerbocker, Jan. 2: We begin the new year auspiciously. We have just gotten in place and in successful working order a hot-air heating plant, costing about \$750. It is exceedingly comfortable. We have also changed the place of the pulpit and remodeled the choir stand. The interior of our church is now as handsome as any we ever saw. Congregations are full, and we look for great spiritual results through the power of the heard gospel. Bro. Bonner, at Courts Memorial, has made a fine impression. Bro. Caperton, on the Weatherford Mission, is moving things. The college prospers. Methodism is moving, and the best of all is, God is with us.

ABE MULKEY AT HUBBARD CITY.

E. T. Caton, Jan. 1: Rev. Abe Mulkey came to us yesterday. We had but two days' notice, with no possibility of public announcements, even in the town papers. The atmosphere was damp and chilly, and the weather threatening; but, notwithstanding all this, we had a full house at each service. Bro. Mulkey is at present doing some special work in the interest of the new Orphanage building at Waco. The result of this visit was, first, that our people had the privilege of hearing two stirring sermons, which will do us all good for time to come and be pro-

ductive of much more fruit; second, Bro. Mulkey asked the people to pay for 10,000 bricks, and received an amount sufficient to pay for more than 13,000, or \$89.55. The people of Hubbard City are always delighted to have Bro. Mulkey visit their town—no matter if he does take a collection. We all have faith in him and his plans.

BERTRAM.

G. W. Harris, Dec. 28: We have been received with marked kindness on this charge. The pounding has come in showers, until last night, when it became a storm, and many of the Bertram people and those near by came on in torrents, and how they did use up this preacher, leaving so many nice things for the family. The fat turkey reached us in time for Christmas. The Mount Horeb people were to blame for part of this. Santa Claus got into my buggy Christmas morning, and when I got home I found many nice things in it. Now, if this continues, this preacher will get fat. God bless the people of my charge.

ELIASVILLE.

J. S. Hackabee, Dec. 28: We are snugly housed in our new parsonage at Eliasville. The work is in fair condition. Had an excellent time at Smith's Chapel Christmas day. The Lord came down our souls to greet. We were handsomely pounded on Christmas day. It just beats the world how these people out here can make a preacher and his family glad when they try. We have received many tokens of our welcome since our return. There has been a stream of good things flowing into the parsonage since we arrived here, and it looks as though it would continue. Well, it just makes a preacher feel like doing more for the Lord. I believe it actually enables him to preach better.

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J. D. Hendrickson, Dec. 30: We have been well received on our new work. We left some very dear friends at Courts Memorial. Our eyes grew dim and our voices trembled a little as we bade them good-bye, but we are finding friends here and the indications are good for a profitable year. How happy is the preacher's lot; how many friendships he forms; how many prayers ascend in his behalf; how grateful ought he to be. We have been receiving good things from time to time since our arrival. A crowd of young people delighted us Christmas night with their presence and association and left us loaded down with confectioneries. Night before last the big pounding came, and as I write a great sack of sugar is handed in at the parsonage door. May we minister to this people in spiritual things. Success to the Advocate.

BOSQUEVILLE.

C. S. Cameron, Dec. 27: We have entered upon the duties of another conference year on Bosqueville charge and trust we have started out fairly well. We will do our best to make it the best year of our ministerial life. We have a good people to serve. They are administering to our wants, and by God's help we will do our best for them. At the last Quarterly Conference of last year a building committee was appointed to sell the old parsonage and site and buy a lot and build at Bosqueville, and they have wrought well, for we are now comfortably housed in a neat house of six rooms, and besides all this, many are the tokens of love that are finding their way to this new parsonage home, which make glad the hearts of this poor preacher and family. God bless all the donors, both in and out of the Church and all others who doubtless would be glad to do as others have done. Amen.

ROGERS.

G. W. White, Dec. 26: We were able to be on our new charge in time to preach for our people at Rogers the first Sunday after conference. The people of the town of Rogers, as well as those of the entire charge, received us royally and seem to anticipate all our wants. Since our arrival the parsonage has been improved to the amount of about \$75, refurnished with carpets, bed, bedding, chairs and other things to match. On our arrival we went directly to the parsonage and found it in possession of the good women of the "Home Mission Society" of the Church, who, in addition to the many other good and wise things they had done, had prepared and sat on the table as fine a dinner for us as this scribe had ever eaten. There were turkey, cranberry, jellies, cakes and pies and other things too numerous to mention. In fact, we found everything prepared and ready for us, carpets

down, beds made, fires built, larder supplied, dinner ready and a glad welcome from everybody, and we are determined to do our best for the charge in return and we expect a good year. Our beloved presiding elder, W. I. Nelms, under whose excellent administration we had been before, reached us Dec. 15 and held our first Quarterly Conference on the 16th. The finances, notwithstanding the shortness of the quarter, were well in hand, and we are assured that the charge will do liberal things this year for the support of the gospel and the enterprises of the Church. Bro. Nelms preached three grand sermons for us, with which we and all the people were delighted.

PLAINVIEW.

Ben Hardy, Dec. 27: I reached this place December 2; was kindly received. The people here, like all Western people, are intelligent, cultured, big-hearted and progressive. We give three Sundays a month here and one at Hale Center, a growing little village twelve miles out. Our Sunday-school and League are doing good work. Our prayer-meetings and class-meetings are quickening the spiritual pulse of the Church. Have received eleven members into the Church since coming. Our one local preacher, Bro. Bradford, is very old and is getting feeble. His faith is strong and his anchor holds. We do not find many Advocates here, but will make a canvass for it in a few days. Am praying and working for a gracious revival this year. I shall never forget the two very pleasant years I spent at Childress and the warm-hearted people there. May God bless them all.

QUANAH.

S. W. Turner, Jan. 1: This preacher and family have been very kindly received and treated by the good people of Quanah. We were met at depot on arrival by officials with carriage and at once conveyed to the parsonage, where the elect ladies of the Church awaited us, with a nice supper already prepared, and the house well in order. There were necessary articles in pantry for use until we could have time to provide for ourselves. Many well appreciated kindnesses have been shown us. On the evening of 21st ult., I was called to marry a couple in the suburbs of Quanah at 7:30. When I returned to the parsonage I found it well filled with our good men and women, who had stormed us in my absence, and surprised the mistress of that domicile by bringing sacks of flour, packages of coffee, sugar, canned goods, meat, soap, and even turkeys and chickens. Our lips tried but could not express our appreciation of such kindness. And the

pounding has occurred at intervals to date. We feel like we want to do our very best for this people, and for our Lord. As they have freely given carnal things, may they abundantly reap spiritual blessings. Quanah is a good town—the town of the Northwest. We have a live people. The church is a splendid stone building, tasteful in its internal arrangement, and well furnished. The parsonage is neat, well located and comfortable. My predecessors have labored well, and we have entered into their labors. The outlook is favorable. We pray for a great spiritual harvest. We will sample our new beloved on the third Sunday. We will do our best for our Advocate.

GATESVILLE MISSION.

Geo. F. Winfield: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Newland December 23 and 24. Our presiding elder was sick and could not be with us, but Bros. Scott and Dewalt were there and helped the boys pastor out. The mission is newly organized, but is starting out very well. We had gotten around and met a very cordial welcome at every appointment. There are some old-fashioned Methodists on our work, who love God and the Church, too, and are willing and ready to make sacrifice for Christ's sake. We have organized one Church, and will organize another soon. The stewards made a very good report for the first quarter. There is a Sunday-school that has not gone into "winter quarters," and says it will not suspend at all. Bro. Smith is a faithful superintendent. Bro. Montgomery, a super-annuate, has a great influence for good on the charge. We have some people who take the Advocate, and expect to try to put it in every home.

North Texas Conference.

KINGSTON.

T. M. Kirk, Jan. 2: This writer has been returned for a second year's work on the Kingston charge. Every one seems glad of our return, in token of which the Salem appointment presented us on Christmas day with a snug little sum of money. The White Rock people also remembered their pastor, and Kingston came in with a nice pounding, so we are all well, glad and happy. One brother said he prayed during the entire conference session for our return. Such as this will enable a man to preach, if he has any preach in him. We are praying that the Lord will enable this pastor to do the work of a faithful servant this year, and that our people will resolve in the beginning of this new year to live better.

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A MOTHER'S GIFT—THE BIBLE.

II Tim. 3:14-15.
Remember, love, who gave thee this,
When other days shall come;
When she who had thy earliest kiss
Sleeps in her narrow home.
Remember, 'twas a mother gave
The gift to one she'd die to save.

The mother sought a pledge of love,
The holiest for her son;
Out from the gifts of God above
She chose this holy one;
She chose for her beloved boy
The source of light and life and joy.

I bid thee keep the gift, that when
The parting hour shall come
We may have hope to meet again
In an eternal home.
Thy precious faith in this shall be
Sweet incense to my memory.

And should the scoffer in his pride
Laugh that fond faith to scorn
And bid thee cast the pledge aside
That thou from youth hast borne
I bid thee pause, and ask thy breast
If he or I have loved thee best.

A mother's blessing on her son
Goes with this holy thing;
The heart that would enjoy the one
Must to the other cling.
Remember, 'tis no idle toy—
A mother's gift, my darling boy.

HOW TO SUCCEED.

Boys, the world is wide. If you wish to be somebody, pitch in." The brave always have friends. Where others have gone, you can go. If the old tracks don't suit, make new ones. Success is not obtained without effort. If you fall once, try it again. If it's dark, strike a light. Are you in the shade? move around; for if there's shade on one side, there is sunshine on the other. Take time, boys; don't hurry too fast. Go slow, especially till you know the road or become acquainted with your team.

A HUSTLING BOY.

It has been a number of years ago, but it is no less a fact, that a boy who had acquired a meagre education was thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood right in the commencement of his teens. He went to a groceryman on Market Street, in a large city, and applied for work. With some difficulty he secured a place as a sweep. He started in with push and grit, and really did a great deal of hard work for very little pay; but he strove to do his work well. From the start he was punctual and unflinching. He had not been at the work long until a friend, passing him when he was sweeping the sidewalk, said to him: Joe, what are you doing?"

"I'm sweeping myself into a job." And he was, for it was not long until he got the confidence of the house in which he worked and was promoted to a more desirable position, but no less work. He was willing, however, and every minute was employed.

He hustled in everything he was called on to do. Soon the neighboring places of business began to see Joe and to talk about Joe, and began to covet Joe. Why? Because Joe was a mover. He was willing to put his hands to anything needing to be done. His heart was on the advancement of the firm's interest.

A man over the street from where Joe worked said to him, one day: "Joe, I should be very much pleased to have you in my employ, and I am willing to pay you five dollars per month more than you are getting in your present employment, if you will come and work for me."

"Well," said Joe, "I like Mr. Bachelor, and Mr. Bachelor likes me, and I might rue a change, even at five dollars difference in the month."

Seeing Joe's great firmness and his tact of holding on to a good thing when he had it, he further tempted him by saying: "I'll give you ten dollars per month more than you are getting from Mr. Bachelor, if you will work for me."

Joe stood and scratched his head a little, and said: "I'll give you an answer later." Joe told his employer of the offer the man over the street made, and Mr. Bachelor replied: "Well, Joe, if you are worth ten dollars a month to any other man in the city more than I am paying you, you are worth it to me. So you may go ahead with an advance of ten dollars on the month for your wages."

Joe's wages were advanced from time to time, and also was he advanced to

higher places of trust, until, by-and-by, he became a partner in the firm, and rose to be a man of money and influence in the community where he lived.

He was a trusty, hustling boy, and by doing menial work quick and well success has crowned him in all the pursuits of life.—Christian Standard.

SOME ANIMALS IN CAGES.

The man who, for many years, was superintendent of the Zoological Gardens of London, has written a book about animals that contains many interesting stories.

One of the stories is of father and mother and baby hippopotamus. The mother and baby had a den to themselves. One day the baby ventured to get out of the tank alone. She slipped back several times, when her mother came to her aid. It was evident the baby was frightened as well as tired. The mother swam to the baby and held its head up by her neck. Then the mother got out of the tank, as if to show the baby how. Again it failed, slipping back many times into the water. The mother went to it again holding its head on her neck until it was rested. This time the baby made a desperate effort and got out on the platform. The baby was five months old before it entered the cage of its father. When the mother and baby passed through the gate the father trumpeted. Whether the mother was afraid something would happen to her daughter, or for some reason, she flew at the father, rising on her hind legs, and drove him into the water. She slipped into the water after him, drove him into a corner and thoroughly whipped him, the baby watching the whole proceeding from her mother's back, and acting, naughty child! as if she were having a good time.

Mr. Bartlett tells of Jumbo, the big elephant, which Barnum, the great American showman, brought here from the Zoological Garden of London. Jumbo had a bad temper, sometimes becoming so furious as to injure himself. One day, in a rage, he broke off his tusks. An elephant's tusks grow as long as he lives. For some reason Jumbo's tusks did not come through as they should under the upper lip. They seemed to grow up into his mouth and cause him great pain. It was decided to perform an operation. It was evident that Jumbo was relieved. The next day the keepers decided to operate on the other side, but, knowing Jumbo's memory and his temper, they approached him expecting trouble. To their surprise Jumbo was very patient, and seemed to know that the keepers were trying to help him.

When Alice, the tiny elephant—she was but four feet tall, while Jumbo was twelve—was brought to London, it was suggested that, to avoid the crowds and excitement, she be put into a cab. This was not done, however. She was driven through the streets, followed by three or four hundred people.

When she reached the garden she ate her supper of bread and apples as though she had grown up in the streets of London and played with the children.

THE CARE OF BOOKS.

A good book is the product of talent, genius, thought, study, labor, pains and money. It may embody the choicest elements of the best and greatest minds—it may enshrine the very thoughts of the living God.

Books should be treated with reverence and handled with care. There are books in my library nearly four hundred years old, yet perfectly sound and legible. There are other books which are almost new, which show marks of barbaric usage.

Here is a costly, well-bound book of rare value, which has been kept safe and sound for fifty years or more. A careless person gets hold of it and in a month's time the back is torn off, the covers are loose and the dilapidated volume is only fit for the book-binder, and no one knows how it was done or who did it!

Some people read other people's books with pen or pencil in hand, and mark, and underline, and annotate, till the book is an eyesore in a library.

Some leave books lying open, liable to be soiled, soaked or torn. Others open them and lay them face down, where they may become soiled, and their backs are quite sure to be broken. Some will go to a meeting and take up a Bible or a hymn-book which is provided for them and bend the covers back till they touch each other, and then hold the book in one hand and think they are smart, while they are ruining other people's property.

Some people forever put books out

A SORRY SIGHT

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of place. They take them, use them, and leave them where they used them, instead of putting them where they belong.

Some people borrow books and do not return them. Here is a rare book which, with some others, was lent to a student of ancient history. He kept it thirty years; he might have kept it still longer, but he died; and then this one of the lot came home, and was gladly received, though another had long before been bought to take its place, as no one could remember where it had gone.

A man who wishes to use books should know how to take care of books. He should open and close them carefully, he should not strain the bindings, soil the leaves, mark the pages, put pencils inside of them and shut the book; but he should treat books carefully, respectfully, reverently.

Persons who do this will have books and will deserve to have them; persons who maltreat books can hardly expect to retain blessings which they undervalue.—The Christian.

ARE YOU WORTH IT?

In the October Lippincott's Cy Warman tells a delightful anecdote of a farmer and his successful son, Steve, who had come down home for a visit.

One warm midsummer day Steve found himself seated under the old Baldwin apple tree, with the half hull of a red-hearted watermelon in his lap. Old Mr. B., busy with the other half, paused now and then to ask Steve about his new job, how many cigars he smoked in a day, what they cost, and what he paid for his fine clothes. Presently he wanted to know what they called his boy on the road—conductor, brakeman, or what.

"They call me the general freight agent, father," said Steve.

"That's a mighty big name, Steve."

"Yes, father; it's rather a big job, too, for me."

"But ye don't do it all, Steve. Ye must have hands to help ye load and unload?"

"Oh, yes, I have a lot of help."

"And the company pays 'em all?"

"Yes."

"How much do they pay ye, Steve—two dollars a day?"

Steve almost strangled on a piece of core, and the old gentleman saw that he had guessed too low.

"Three?" he ventured.

"More than that, father."

"Ye don't mean to say that they pay ye as much as five?"

"Yes, father more than twenty-five."

The old man let the empty hull fall between his knees, stared at his boy and whispered.

"Say, Steve," he asked earnestly, "are ye wuth it?"

THANKSGIVING IN THE HEART.

"We ain't going to have any Thanksgiving at our house," said a small girl with flaxen braids, to her sturdy, eight-year-old neighbor.

"No Thanksgiving! Why not?" There was a shocked sympathy in the voice which asked the question.

"Cause papa's been out of work, and mamma's been sick, and we can't afford turkey." The little maid's voice had been tremulous throughout the conversation, and now it broke into a sob.

The boy looked on awkwardly, but with an evident desire to impart comfort. "But your father's got work now."

"Yes I know."

"And your mother's a lot better, so she can be 'round."

"Yes."

There was just a trace of indignation in the would-be consoler's tone as he burst out, "Well, then, I should think that you could have a Thanksgiving without a turkey."

From the corner where they waited for the delayed street-car, they smiled over the conversation, and then grew grave as we realized how many imitators the little maid finds among those of us who are older and should be wiser. Prosperity comes back to our home, the angel of death is stayed, the shadow of sickness is lifted, but perhaps the turkey is lacking and straightway we decide that we can have no Thanksgiving.

Are you awaiting the coming of this day which has been set apart for praise with a frown on your forehead, and sad feeling at your heart? Are your thoughts dwelling on the benefits which have been denied? Are you going to shut yourselves out of a true Thanksgiving because of some slight, ungratified desire? Take time to think things over. Write in one column the blessings which have come to you during the last past year, and then set down in another list those things which have been a positive injury. If prayerfully and honestly we should thus review God's dealing with us, how many who are now going about with gloomy faces would come to the conclusion that they needed an especial day for Thanksgiving after all!—Young People's Weekly.

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Devotional

ALONE.

Alone I wait, and vainly list to hear,
In the deep silence, sound of coming
feet—
The whispered words of one so very
dear.

Who, could she come, my soul would
gladly greet.

Alone I wait; the dreary hours go by,
And all unbroken is the silence still;
No voice is heard, no presence draw-
eth nigh;

The darkness gathers and the air
grows chill.

Alone I wait, and vainly reach to
grasp
A vanished hand, to gently stroke
a head;

But there's no hand my own again to
clasp;
She comes no more; she sleeps
among the dead!

Alone I wait, and still I wait alone
For one to come, yet knowing as I
wait

That her pure spirit has forever flown,
And safely passed within the pearly
gate.

Alone I wait, but waiting here I know
The time will come, ere many years
have flown.

When to thy blessed home I, too, may
go.

And then I shall no longer be alone.
—The Rev. W. R. Fitch, in the New
York Christian Advocate.

"NO MAN CARETH FOR MY SOUL."

Last Wednesday night a brother
stood up in prayer-meeting and said, in
substance: "I have a confession to
make. I have been very remiss in my
duty, as you all know. I have passed
through deep trouble, and just at the
time when I most felt the need of sym-
pathy and help, it seemed to me that
you had all grown indifferent toward
me. Some of you ceased to call me
'brother' and hardly spoke to me when
we met on the street. I felt that you
had no sympathy for me in my trouble
and did not care what became of me.
It made me bitter, and I grew cold to-
ward the Church. I even went so far
as to ask that my name be taken off
the roll. You were kind enough not to
do that, and I thank you for bearing
with me. Perhaps much of the fault
was in me. I have never entirely lost
my desire for the service of God and
the fellowship of his people, and I beg
your pardon for my negligence in the
past, and will try, by God's help, to do
my duty in the future. I want your
prayers." He is a bright young man,
who had not been long in the Church
when his wife died, and while stunned
by his great sorrow he was tempted to
feel that he did not get from his breth-
ren that sympathy and help which he
craved and had a right to expect, and
the thought made him hard and bitter.
The incident gave the leader of the
meeting a good opportunity to stress
the importance of brotherly kindness.
This is simply one case among many.
Seasons of intense hunger for human
sympathy come to every heart. The
feeling that "no man careth for my
soul" has made many a man and wom-
an desperate. A little Christian sym-
pathy has nerved thousands to conquer
some trouble or trial or temptation
where without it the fight would have
been given up. Every occupation in
life has its peculiar trials and crosses,
and every sorrow its pang which can-
not be fully understood by any except
those who have traveled the same road.
Each soul has bitter trials which are
known only to itself and to God. If
we understood one another better we
should love one another more. Men
are often blamed where they deserve
pity and treated as unworthy of notice
when they are dying by degrees for
want of a token of sympathy or help-
ful word that might so easily be given.
The Bible says: "Be ye kind one to
another, tender hearted." "Add to god-
liness brotherly kindness." We all have
frequent opportunity to exercise this
virtue. It is a grace that needs culti-
vation.

"Help us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear;
Let each his friendly aid afford
And feel a brother's care."

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and
so fulfill the law of Christ."

E. HIGHTOWER.

"WE SHALL KNOW HEREAFTER."

From the time when baby lips form
their first utterances until there has
been placed upon them the seal of an
eternal silence, they repeat again and
again, questions, old and new, that no
finite mind can answer. We ask and

ask again for the secret of life, here and
hereafter. The reason for its brevity,
whence we came and whither are we
journeying? We question the ministry
of pain, the uses of adversity, and, ris-
ing higher than our selfish imaginings,
we reach out and take God's universe
into our feeble mental grasp, only to
find we are unable to understand the
wonderful secrets hidden everywhere
about us. We read the story of a
world's creation and accept it, for it
lies all about us, controlled by a divine
power that holds the sun and moon in
their pathways. But before the stars
were born and the earth was formed—
what? and no answer comes to tell us
the story of what was beyond. From
the mighty hurricane that cuts its way
through the forest with power that re-
cognizes no obstacle, all the way to the
untroubled quietness of the air we
breathe in our most peaceful slumbers
—all is unseen. A something to be felt,
and blindly weighed and measured,
yet who can tell just how they come to
us, from that hiding place known only
to Him who formed them and holds
them in his keeping. This life is all
too short to solve the problems of a
universe. We are hedged in by the home-
ly duties that make up an ordinary
life. There is little time for dreaming
in this world, whose harvest fields are
always white unto the harvest. The
call is for workers, and each day we
stand face to face with some mystery
we fain would understand, but we must
put it carefully aside, to be solved
"hereafter."

"What thou knowest not now." Ah,
we wonder if he who knew our limita-
tions so well, felt a thrill of sympathy
for the weary, questioning ones who
would long for the wisdom, for an op-
portunity to fathom these mysteries
and settle forever the cruel doubts that
clamor to be heard above the sweet
voice of faith that believes all things,
and "hopeth all things," content to
wait patiently the divine solution.

There will be time in the "hereafter."
The days will be long, and the years
know no ending. It is well that there
has been so much reserved for us "to
know" when we are free to accept and
fully enjoy the wonderful knowledge.
Surely there could have been given no
more blessed promise than this to a
world of restless, hungry souls, whose
desires go out to the unseen, the un-
known, looking always with longing
eyes into the shadowy depths where lie
the secrets of time and eternity.

Oh, wait impatient heart,
As winter waits, her song-bird fled,
And every nestling blossom dead."

You will know hereafter all the un-
written history of life. The secret
things will come forth at your bidding.
You will understand their meaning and
wonder at your earthly blindness, your
misconception of God's wonderful gift
of life.

We are not always blameworthy be-
cause we fail to make the most of life
here. It is hard traveling when the
road is rough and full of pitfalls, if our
guide be a blind faith which can not
pierce the veil that separates the road
here from the road beyond. And yet
see how it brightens and grows smooth
and fair until it ends in the "shining
way" trodden by the feet of the re-
deemed. "Thou shalt know hereafter."
"God never leaves thee in relentless
dark."

Slowly the dawn on unbelieving eyes
Breaketh at last. Day brightens—and
oh, hark!
A flood of bird-song from the tender
skies!
From storm and darkness thou hast
found an ark,
Shut in with this great marvel of
surprise!"
—Weekly Hawk-Eye.

A WELCOME HOME.

On a beautiful September morning I
was aroused from my morning work by
the constant blowing of factory
whistles. Thinking there must be
fire, I went up in my attic, where I
have a view almost over the whole
city, but I could see nothing except
the white smoke from the factories
rising high up in the air. The noise of
the whistles was fearful, and as I went
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done before. And I thought what a
welcome home will there be for those
that have conquered foes without, and
never before had these words of my
Savior, "I go to prepare a place for
you," such a meaning as on that
morning.

My heavenly Father had just a few
days before sent me heavy sorrow, and
it seemed almost impossible for me to

go forward in my Christian life, and
yet I felt that my standing still would
mean defeat; and so this blowing of
whistles was like an inspiration to me,
and my soul cried out, "Jesus, in thy
strength I will go on loving and trust-
ing thee till the fight is over."

Dear Christian reader, is thy way full
of thorns and disappointments? Art
thou weak and weary? Does it seem
sometimes so hard to keep faith, to do
the Master's will?

"To him that overcometh will I grant
to sit with me in my throne, even as I
also overcame, and am set down with
my Father in his throne."

Weary soul! There is a welcome
home for you and for me if we are con-
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Last week we gave our readers an eight-page paper, so that the office force might have an opportunity to enjoy a holiday. We further felt that we could do this once in the year, since we have had occasion to give them several times an enlarged edition of the Advocate.

Now that the conferences are all past and the preachers are settled down for another year in their several fields of labor, let us all strive to make this one of the most successful years in the history of Texas Methodism. By prayer, diligent study of the word of God, and persistent work, great results will be accomplished.

Maybe you did not get the preacher whom you specially wanted, and maybe you did not get the special congregation you wanted, but God has put you together as preacher and people, and it is the duty of both of you to get into each other's sympathy and do your best. Then God will make you efficient in saving souls and building up the kingdom of Christ.

The people ought to make ample provision for the support of their preacher and then pay it to him by weekly or monthly installments. Then he is free from all anxiety and able to meet his little bills as they fall due. In fact, he will be able by that arrangement to live without making bills, and when he meets men he will hold up his head and talk to them with the assurance of the gospel. A preacher thus supported is tenfold more useful to his people.

After the people have made preparation for the support of their preacher and have given to him their sympathy and prayers, they have a right to look to him for the very best service that he is capable of rendering. This service is two-fold: It is the most studious and painstaking preparation for his pulpit work of which he is capable, and his persistent devotion to them as their pastor. That sort of a man will never lack for the love of his people. When he stands before them he will have their confidence, and when he mingles with them he will meet with a cordial welcome. The most brotherly relation to be found outside of the home ought to exist between the Methodist pastor and his flock. If the preacher will cultivate this sort of relation, the people will heartily return it. If he will do his full duty in all things to them, they will do theirs toward him.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

A charge of bird shot rarely ever kills a quadruped.

Original poetry is very interesting to the people who write it.

When a correspondent has but little to say he writes with fluency.

A little encouragement will stimulate many a man to a noble deed when other incentives fail.

Even the frogs are not disposed to sing very lively when the ice is frozen over the ponds.

A dead prayer-meeting is a more gruesome place to most people than a graveyard in mid-winter.

Most people will think that you are a great man as long as you agree with their plans and opinions.

The women of America have made short work of the political aspirations of Brigham Roberts, of Utah.

Vital thought mixed up with red hot religion is more effective in the pulpit than scolding and complaining.

Oats and corn given to a hungry horse will produce better results than the application of whip and spur.

A lot of vacant pews at a church service is a strong evidence that there is something vacant on the pulpit platform.

A sail boat can not move in a dead calm, but when the wind blows at a lively pace she splits the water like a thing of beauty.

We are frequently asked, when does the Twentieth Century begin? Our answer is that it will begin January 1, 1901. As to this opinion, there is a slight difference, some holding that it began with January 1, 1900. We have not the time or inclination to go into a discussion of the matter, but the very best and most reliable authorities upon the subject agree with the statement above made. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Advocate, and one of the most eminent journalists in the religious world, has a long and exhaustive editorial in his last issue in which he demonstrates beyond question that the Twentieth Century will begin January 1, 1901. Our Church accepts this as the true date also, and has fixed upon it as the time to lay our Twentieth Century Offering for education upon the altar of Christ.

A SHORT VISIT TO SHERMAN.

Sherman is an attractive place to this writer. To begin with we like the people up that way, and then our Conference School is a sort of common ground where we all love to meet. But we have in that school a girl, whose presence there makes a vacancy here, and we never let an opportunity go by to run up even for a few hours to see how it goes with her. Under the tuition of Mrs. Key, nothing can go ill with that large, happy company of young life and activity. The school was never so prosperous as now, and its inmates make up a community of most interesting folk. It makes one feel better to go under those roofs, look at that concourse of young womanhood undergoing preparation for future usefulness, and to see the interest that Mrs. Key and her co-workers are taking in the welfare of this Church school and those committed to her keeping. The holiday vacation was still on, but quite a number of the young ladies remained and they made things lively about the premises. The incoming five months promise an increase of attendance. In fact, several new pupils had already arrived.

Bishop Key was at home and in fine

health. While he has had several very large conferences to preside over, and much traveling to do in order to reach them, nevertheless he is none the worse for wear. He speaks hopefully of the work of the Church throughout his territory. He is one of our most painstaking and businesslike Bishops. As a host about his home, no man knows better than he how to dispense whole-souled hospitality.

We quietly ventured out to Travis Street Church to enjoy the service conducted by Rev. I. W. Clark, the pastor. Though the service had begun when we arrived, still he laid violent hands upon us and thrust us into work. We had a pleasant occasion. Brother Clark has taken hold of his people with a loving grip and they are responsive to his efforts. We heard nothing but the most favorable account of his beginning. A short term in the presiding eldership has only whetted his appetite for renewed work in the pastorate. We predict for him and his people a most successful year's work. He is an able preacher and an active pastor.

THE BRANCH BOOK HOUSE.

The Publishing House edition of the Advocate has had fine effect upon the interest of our Branch House. We are not at liberty to give accurate figures in this connection, as they will go out through the proper channel and at the proper time, but the result is highly satisfactory. From all over Texas orders upon orders have come in for our publications. We accidentally happened to see the order table down there, where the order mail is placed, and the bulk of letters piled up was somewhat astounding. The preachers and people throughout the State are now thoroughly convinced that there is nothing tentative in this movement. They know that the enterprise is a fixture and they are rallying around it with their patronage in a way to gratify all concerned. The Branch House is a success, and its outlook is most promising. The place in which the business is being done was thought in the beginning to be sufficient for at least four or five years, but it now turns out that before very long increased facilities will be imperative. But the success of the business is not limited to the order department; it has gone into the retail trade as well. The management did not look for much from this department, but they reckoned without their host. It is understood that during the month of December nearly \$3,000 in cash was received purely from the retail business. Of course, this was the month including the holidays, but it shows what there is in this department if properly developed. The Branch House has Texas in its favor, and its local business is in the forefront of the city book trade. All of the above we have incidentally gathered up and we give it to our readers upon our own responsibility. We want them to know that this enterprise is booming.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We were pleased to have a visit last week from Mrs. Erminger and little daughter, of this city.

Rev. W. A. Shelton, of the Indian Mission Conference, was in the city and called to see us last week.

Rev. E. R. Edwards, of Chico, made us a pleasant visit the past week. He is serving that congregation his second year.

Since our last issue we were favored with a call from Rev. R. N. Brown and his wife and daughter, of Aubrey, Texas.

Rev. J. L. Brooks, who is a student in Drew Seminary, has been at home in Oak Cliff spending the holidays with his family. He preached an admirable

sermon at the First Methodist Church a few Sunday nights back. He was a welcome caller at this office last Monday.

We appreciate a letter from Bro. H. B. Otis, whom we knew years ago in Georgia. He is now living in Montague, Texas.

Rev. J. W. Rowlett, of Oak Cliff, has made a fine beginning and his people are very much pleased with him as a preacher and a pastor.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, at Trinity Church, this city, is moving things. His congregations have so increased that they need more room.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Howell, of this city, have just returned from a delightful visit to Crockett, where they spent the holidays with friends.

Rev. Sam Ashburn, of Plano, brightened this office with his good cheer last Monday. He says that he has the best appointment in Texas.

Prof. Landon, of the Landon Conservatory of Music, in this city, has charge of the choir at First Methodist Church. He has had much experience in work of that character.

Rev. J. J. Morgan and his accomplished wife were in to see us last Tuesday. She is the daughter of our lamented Dr. John, and Brother Morgan is the pastor at Oak Lawn. They are well adapted to their work.

We were delighted to have Mrs. Julius C. Howell, of this city, to pay us a visit this week. She is up in years, but young in spirit and strong in religious experience. She is one of the most faithful members of First Methodist Church.

We are pained to announce the recent death of Judge Thos. P. Hughes, of Georgetown. He was an eminent jurist and a staunch member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a fine citizen, and a great friend to our University. Prof. Cody, of the University, married his daughter. The Advocate extends sympathy to the family.

JUDGE JOHN BOOKHOUT.

We were pleased indeed to have our old friend, Judge Bookhout, to call to see us the past week. He lives in this city and he is a member of the Court of Civil Appeals for this judicial district. He is also a member of First Methodist Church and an admirable Christian gentleman. We were his pastor for two years and learned to esteem him very highly as a man of fine scholarship, wide reading and pleasing address. He is an eminent lawyer and splendidly equipped for the high position which he holds. When such men occupy the bench, laws will be righteously administered and justice will be meted out to all alike. An intimate acquaintance with him of three years leads us to a high appreciation of his character and great ability. His visit was a delightful one and we trust that he will repeat it time and again.

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BOOKS FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL HELP.

We are now supplied with all of the special helps necessary to master the the Sunday-school lessons of the day.

Among those sent us we note the following:

Peloubet's Select Notes.—This is a standard work of great merit. For years it has been one of the leading books of this character. For 1900 it is equal to its previous record, and it even goes beyond anything hitherto accomplished. The lessons are treated thoroughly in all of their phases, and nothing worth knowing about them is left untold.

Practical Commentary on Sunday-School Lessons.—This work is edited by a number of excellent writers and Bible scholars, and published by the Fleming H. Revell Company. It is to all intents and purposes a real commentary and it treats each lesson very exhaustively. To the earnest Sunday-school teacher and student it is an invaluable help.

Vest Pocket Commentary.—This is an admirable little volume of excellent comments upon the Sunday-school lessons for the year; and it is put up in such shape as to occupy very little space, even in the vest pocket. It is convenient and can always be kept at hand. It is the work of Dr. De Loss M. Tompkins.

The Gist of the Lessons.—This is another vest pocket edition on the lessons issued by Fleming H. Revell Company, but produced by R. A. Torrey. It is the handiest thing of the kind that has fallen under our observation. It is a concise commentary, so small that you can carry it around in your pocket like a small note book. Yet it is good print and ready to hand.

LITERARY.

Scribner's Magazine is before us for the present month and its pages are laden with matter of special interest for its wide circle of readers. Governor Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, begins a series of articles on "Oliver Cromwell," and if the first one is to be taken for a sample we may expect a profitable course. He has made quite a reputation as a popular writer, and he says things in a way to attract attention. Then there follow other articles from well-known writers of merit and value.

We were afraid that the failure of the great Harper House would interfere with many of its popular periodicals and we dreaded the possibility of such a calamity; but in this our fears were not well grounded, for we have "Harper's New Monthly Magazine," and if any odds, it is an improvement over any of its predecessors. It treats a variety of popular and instructive topics in a highly entertaining manner. It is a continued pleasure to go through its pages.

We are in receipt of McClure's Magazine for January. It is a beautifully gotten out number, and among its many attractions it has begun the publication of "The Life of the Master," by Rev. John Watson, D. D., the author of "Beside the Bonnie Briar

Bush." The first chapter is taken up with "The Childhood and Youth of Christ." This is demonstration of the fact that the life of Christ is possessed of inexhaustible charms for the reading public. The series will prove doubly interesting to preachers and Christian people, and it is a happy stroke for the magazine. Dr. Watson is one of the most attractive writers of the day, and the publishers are sparing no money in their effort to embellish the articles with beautiful illustrations. The cost of the magazine is only a trifle.

The Century Magazine for January is a thing of beauty. The very first page is handsomely illustrated, and it opens with a well written article from the pen of Jno. M. Oskison on "Only the Master Shall Praise." It is a prize story. "The New Antarctic Discoveries," by Frederic Cook, is possessed of special interest. Jno. Morley continues his serial on Oliver Cromwell. And many other subjects are delightfully treated and splendidly illustrated.

"THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WORLD."

The above heading is the title of a delightful little volume written by our old friend, the Rev. W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference. Inside of the fly-leaf is written the compliments of the author. We picked up the booklet and glanced at the contents, and we felt sure that there was something between those lids worthy of a reading. The index contained the following list of subjects: "Home Force," "Social Force," "Educational Force," "Moulding Force," and "Personal Force." We went into the pages and soon we were deeply interested in the rich mines of thought which the author had carefully wrought out. Were we disappointed? Nay, verily, but we were delighted. The subjects mentioned indicate the matter discussed and brought forth. It is a book for fathers and mothers especially, and for children as well. It deals with domestic duty and obligation, then it branches out to the duty of society, of the school and the wider range of human influence as all of these touch and fix the character of the child, the boy and the man. Last, it is shown that after all the inherent worth of the life as found in the personality is tested by all of these currents of influence. The little volume ought to be in all of our homes. Fathers and mothers need it and childhood will be benefited by its teachings.

JOHN W. TALLEY.

In a late issue of the Advocate we read with surprise and deep interest the obituary of Mrs. Rosetta Talley, relict of John W. Talley, an old Georgia preacher, whose body rests at Corsicana, Texas, and now his aged wife by his side. The record was by the pen of Augusta Glover Johnson, and was by odds the best written obituary I have ever read in the Advocate. John W. Talley's name has been familiar to me for fifty years. That Mrs. Talley, though confirmed as an Episcopalian, was converted under the ministry of Col. Ignatius Few, brought up another train of memories connected with that noble and remarkable man, some of which may be mentioned in another article. John W. Talley had been two years in the ministry at meeting of the Georgia Conference at Columbus, S. C., January 30, 1830, the States of Georgia and South Carolina at that time being in the same conference. This was the last year the two States were together in one conference. They had been united since 1794. In 1830 Georgia and Florida remained together, and Talley was sent to Pensacola Mission, a long distance through the wilderness. Bishop Soule presided over the conference. There was no church building at Pensacola, but it was a vigorous trading town, but one of the hardest fields in the South. The wilderness through which he passed was inhabited by Indians. The first Methodist he met in Pensacola was a colored barber. He soon found quarters with an Englishman and family. He tells us in his personal

recollections that in his Sunday-school in Pensacola was a bright young girl, Octavia Walton, afterwards Mrs. Le Vert, the distinguished authoress. John W. Talley was stationed at Macon, Ga., in after years, and during his pastorate, assisted by the Pierces, he held a great revival meeting. At the close of the meeting Elijah Sinclair arose and proposed a subscription for the erection of a female college for the higher education of women. There the first step was taken in the erection of Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga., probably the oldest and finest female school in the South. George F. Pierce, who helped in the meeting, was made its first President, and Sinclair another preacher, its first agent. It is said Sinclair was inspired with the idea of this college by a speech delivered by a young man at Culloden, in that State, and it is also said that Alex. Stephens' maiden speech in the Georgia Legislature was in advocacy of the charter of this college.

John W. Talley served on stations, districts and circuits until after the war, when he and his wife came to Texas in 1878 to live with a daughter at Corsicana. This old couple, from their youth, were heroes in the itinerancy of the olden type. When Corsicana Methodists stand at the grave of John W. and Rosetta Talley let them remember that this old couple—whose dust is away out here in Texas—were the companions of Bishops Soule, Capers, Andrew; of Lovick and George Pierce; of Stephen Olin and Ignatius Few; of A. B. Longstreet and Jesse Boring; of Sam Anthony and Caleb W. Key; that in their day and generation an heroism was required and displayed as noble as ever inspired the most self-sacrificing man and woman in the wilds of the West—a story unwritten, except in human hearts and on high.

H. G. H.

A CORRECTION—A CRITICISM.

1. From some cause or other the report of Peaster Circuit, Weatherford District, Northwest Texas Conference, in passing through the mills got most horribly mutilated. Let me say just here that every claim on the general collections was paid in full and so reported, as my receipt from Conference Teller will show. But the journal shows \$13.00 for domestic missions when it should read \$34.15 assessed, paid \$34.15. Journal shows for church extension \$7.00, whereas it should be, assessed \$13.40, paid \$13.40. For education the journal shows a blank. It should show \$7.50 assessed and \$7.50 paid. For Bishop's fund the journal gives \$7.00 assessed and paid, which should read \$7.85 in both places. I am sorry these errors have occurred. Peaster Circuit, the two years I served it, made a clear record on the collections ordered by the Annual Conference. But some one has said: "We are not glad there are thorns among the roses; but we are glad there are some roses among the thorns." The present journal is a model. Bro. Jerome deserves a rising vote of thanks. We might have said "a rousing vote." How we all regret the absence of so many faces dear to our hearts.

2. Why don't our blanks for statistical reports, first, second and third columns, mean what they say, or else say what they mean? As they stand they say (or some of us, at least, think so): 1st, No. Local Preachers; 2d, No. of Members; 3d, Total Members. Does 2d include 1st? If so, why say "Total Members?" It is evident no others can be included. In other words, if "No. of Members" is meant to include the local preachers, which of course would be the total membership why, then, repeat the total by saying "Total Members," when there can be nothing gained by it? I reported local preachers 2, members 405, total members 405. But the journal has my report: Local preachers 2, members 405, total 405. Which is right? I am bewildered. I notice all the other reports are in keeping with the disposition that has been made of mine. So I wonder if mine

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A DEBATE.

Rev. D. T. Brown, of Winnsboro, Texas, and Elder James H. Bennett, Baptist, of Kaufman, Texas, will have a four days' debate at Valley View Baptist Church, in Kaufman County, beginning February 6, at 10 o'clock a. m. All who may desire to attend from a distance can reach the place either from Forney or Rockwall. Elder Bennett is considered by his Church as an able exponent of their doctrines, hence a good debate is expected.

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A CORRECTION.

By some means, doubtless by oversight of the writer, the amount paid by South Temple last year for the Orphanage does not appear in the conference journal. Seven dollars and forty-five cents is the amount, as shown by receipt in hand.

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The National Live Stock Association and the Texas Real Estate Association will hold conventions at Fort Worth January 16 to 18, 1900. For these occasions the Santa Fe Route will sell excursion tickets at nominal rates. No rate higher than \$5.00. Tickets on sale January 15 and 16, limited January 19. W. S. Keenan, G. P. A.

Sunday-School Department.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON I, JAN. 7.

BIRTH OF JESUS. Luke 2:1-16.

Golden Text: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matt. 1:21.

We now return to the study of the life and teachings of Christ after six months of work in the Old Testament Scriptures. In this department of study we will remain during the whole of the present year. The present lesson begins with the beginning. Time, last of December B. C., four years before our Christian era. We must remember that it was centuries after the birth of Christ that men began to date history from that event, and the monk, Dionysius Exiguus, who first published the calculation in A. D. 526, made a mistake of about four years. But with this mistake the gospels have nothing to do, and for it they are in no way responsible. The place of the lesson is in Bethlehem of Judea, six miles south of Jerusalem. At that time Augustus Caesar was Emperor of Rome, and Herod the Great was King of Judea. We copy the exposition of this lesson from Professor W. C. Moorehead, D.D., in the International Evangel:

"A decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world . . . taxed." He was the first Emperor of Rome, after Julius Caesar; Octavianus was his name. By his edict an enrollment or census of the Empire was made in order to impose taxes on all the subjects.

V. 2. "And this taxing was first made," i. e., enrollment. Much debate has arisen over this statement. Cyrenius (Quirintus his Latin name) is known to have been governor of Syria ten years after Jesus' birth. For a long while objectors to the Bible affirmed that Luke here has made a mistake; but in the last few years it has been ascertained with almost complete certainty that Cyrenius was twice governor of Syria, and that his rule ten years after the Savior's birth was his second term of office. Thus Luke's accuracy as an historian is confirmed.

V. 3. "And all went to be taxed." This was a concession to Jewish prejudice. Ordinarily in the Empire each one was enrolled where he lived as is the custom of our country, but Jews regarded their ancestral city or town as their home. Hence each one went into his own city.

V. 4. "And Joseph went up . . . Bethlehem. He was a carpenter, yet the lineal descendant of the great king David. David's house had sunk into obscurity, but its family records were still preserved, and Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth, could easily prove his royal blood. As Bethlehem was David's birthplace, Joseph must repair thither for enrollment. Nazareth was in Galilee, and about sixty-five miles from Bethlehem.

V. 5. . . "With Mary, his espoused wife" . . . The Revised Version omits the word "wife," and reads, "who was betrothed to him." No doubt both felt that they must go to David's city, for an ancient prophecy (Micah 5:2) had announced that Messiah's birthplace was to be there and nowhere else in all the world.

V. 6. . . "The days were accomplished" . . . It is almost certain that our Lord was born four years earlier than the common date, for the Herod who was then the king was Herod the Great, and it is now ascertained he died about three years before our present date begins, and when the child Jesus was probably one year old. Our date of 1900 was formulated by a monk named Dionysius of the sixth century.

V. 7. . . "Wrapped him in swaddling clothes." There was no one to help her, stranger as she and Joseph both were here at Bethlehem. She wound the babe round and round with swathes with her own hands. What a lone entrance into the world the Redeemer, the Maker of earth and heaven, had! The poorest child in all the world could hardly have a humbler birth. "Laid him in a manger." A place where beasts of burden fed. The traditional pictures represent an ox and an ass in the stable where He laid. There is little or no ground for the notion. There are to this day, it is said, rooms or stalls cut out of the chalk hills that surround Bethlehem, which no doubt were used for the stabling of animals, and there is no improbability that Jesus was placed in the manger of such a stall by the hands of His mother. It was a necessity, for there was no room for them in the inn, the cara-

vansary, or public lodging-place, which at the time was crowded by people who had come on a like errand with themselves. The inn was very different from such places with us. In our modern hotels people are lodged, fed, etc., as guests. The "inn" of the East is only a public building for travelers with no accommodations whatever beyond that of bare lodging. But in such a place even, the Lord Jesus, Joseph and Mary could find no room. As to the time when He was born all is uncertainty. December 25th has no trace of observance, or of mention, earlier than the fourth century. Since no less than four years of known error are found in the date of our era, one is rather slow to accept this day as the true birth time of the Lord.

V. 8. "And there were in the same country," i. e., in the upland country round Bethlehem; it is not needful to suppose they were any distance from the town; they may have been but a few miles, perhaps not more than one mile. In this same region David had longed before watched his flock, and here again are shepherds employed in the same duty. No strong proof that it was the spring of the year when grass is plentiful can be urged from this verse. Jesus' birth may have been in winter, so far as this verse throws light on the time, or in the spring either.

V. 9. "The angel of the Lord," rather, an angel (for there is no article) which identifies him as one of the angelic host; "came upon them," a sudden appearance, startling also, no doubt; "and the glory of the Lord shone"—the Shekinah Cloud seems to be meant, which always betokens the Lord's presence; it is akin to the Cloud of the wilderness, the Cloud at the Transfiguration; hence they "were sore afraid." They knew what the presence of this shining glory meant, viz., the God of Israel was unmistakably at hand.

V. 10. . . "Fear not," how full the Bible is of this reassuring expression: "I bring you good tidings of great joy"—this gives the reason for the command. Fear not. He is not come with threats or warnings, as sometimes God's angels had to come to the people of Israel; his message now is one of joy and gladness. Note the double use of "good tidings," and "great joy," as if the angel could not express the mighty and thrilling blessedness for all people otherwise; he must double the idea of its joy.

V. 11. "For unto you is born . . . a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." These words contain the heart of the message. The Savior "is born;" He is verily a sharer in our nature, has become one with us, a little Child. "City of David," for He must be David's Son, and appear in David's city (Micah 5:2). "Savior," comp. Matt. 1:23. He will save His people from their sins; from death at last by raising them up; and glorify them with Himself. "Christ," i. e., Messiah, the Anointed One, the One foretold from of old; He comes, not self-appointed, but sent of God, commissioned by God, and hence has all right to act for His people: "The Lord;" therefore able to do for us up to the full measure of our need; the glorious Lord of the universe.

V. 12. . . "Ye shall find the babe . . . lying in a manger." The sign was, they should find the Babe in the manger. Perhaps He was the only babe found there at the time, and hence would be easy of identification. Angels of God announce the Savior's presence in the world, but they say He is to be found in a manger. It is a marvelous bringing together of strange events and places—the Son of God in that lowly shelter!

V. 13. . . "A multitude of the heavenly host." How many there may be of the angels no one knows. Daniel speaks of "ten thousand times ten thousand," and "thousand thousands" (Dan 7:10). Their occupation is, to serve God; they serve Him in praising, and they praise Him in their service.

V. 14. "Glory to God"—"Highest" seems to mean, the highest heavens; it may mean also, in the highest degree, with the utmost excellency of adoration and worship. The R. V. has at the close of this verse, "among men of good will," which is not so good nor so comprehensive as the common reading. God's mercy in the gift of His Son goes out toward all men of every race and clime.

V. 15. . . "Which the Lord hath made known unto us." The shepherds recognized the message of the angels as in reality God's tidings to them; and this it certainly was. V. 16 tells us they found the Babe as the angel had told them.

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January 7, 1900—Lesson Topic: "Prayer That Obtains."—Luke 11:5-13; 18:2-5.

We take the following notes on the lesson from an exchange:

1. There is more than one sort of prayer. This is suggested by our topic. For it is known that not all prayer obtains. There is a mechanical and lifeless form in which certain words are uttered by the tongue while the heart remains untouched. Such counterfeit prayer never obtains. It is an offense unto God, an abomination in His sight, and it never elicits a response. The child of God needs to exercise constant vigilance, to the end that the way between his soul and the Father may ever be kept open. A mere form of words, having no sincerity, and often leaving no impression upon the mind of the one who repeats it, is a deadly peril to the spiritual life. It is to be shunned as a pestilence would be shunned.

2. True prayer is the golden chain that binds the world to the throne of God. Some persons who have never received the truths of revelation declare that the doctrine that God hears and answers prayer is an absurd one. They allege that if there be a God he governs the universe by means of fixed and unchangeable laws, and that the prayers of men and women have no more effect upon him or his laws than the idle breeze of the summer day. But to him who remembers the wonderful mysteries of the universe that have been mastered by the ingenuity of man there is nothing incredible in the doctrine that God answers prayer. It will be recalled that when Professor Morse was begging the American Congress to make a small appropriation for the purpose of constructing an experimental line of telegraph between Washington and Baltimore many of the wise men of that generation denied the possibility of such a scheme, and it was with the utmost difficulty and after many weary delays the grant was obtained. Yet everybody now knows that the principle of the electric telegraph was a sound and feasible one. Then came the telephone. It was difficult to convince men that they could talk face to face with a friend a thousand miles away, yet it has now become so common that it no longer excites surprise. If such marvels can be wrought by man, who dare deny the possibility of communication between the soul of man and its Maker? The Christian knows that he may talk with his Father if he will fulfill the simple conditions. There need never be a sense of orphanage. Prayer is the medium whereby the soul and its Creator convey to each other messages fraught with immortal interest.

3. Prayer must be sincere, honest and earnest. There is no real prayer unless it be preceded by a sense of helplessness and of need. Prayer is the child of intense conviction. The man realizes his vital need and his entire helplessness. He has come to that point at which he understands that God is his only refuge. And in his extremity he casts himself upon the forbearance and mercy of the eternal Father. His words addressed to the throne of grace, if there be any words, arise from the depths of a longing heart. His prayer may be broken and incoherent—it probably will be—but it is the expression of his urgent need. It asks God in intensely earnest language for the thing it needs above all other things. Nothing in this or any other world is of any particular importance at the moment when compared with this desire of the whole man. He who utters a sincere prayer cares nothing about the circumstances under which it is uttered. He would tell the Lord what he wanted if all the dignitaries of earth surrounded him, nor would he give them an instant's thought.

4. The duty of importunity in prayer is taught in the reference verses. There was the householder who had retired for the night and had no intention of rising even to do his neighbor a favor. But the persistence of the neighbor caused him to change his mind. He concluded that self-interest would best be served by gratifying his neighbor, who seemed determined to knock until his demand met with a favorable reception. If the one in need had been content with a single request he would have received no bread that night. But he refused to take no for an answer and the result proved the wisdom of his importunity. Then there was the case of the unjust judge. He neither feared God nor regarded man. When the widow besought him to avenge her of her adversary he meant to pay no attention to her. What were wrongs of one obscure and uninfluential

widow to him? Yet when she kept importuning him he finally granted her prayer in order that he might rid himself of her importunities. If she had been easily discouraged her prayer would never have been answered.

5. If our earthly father delights to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give the best things to those who ask him. There are few men so depraved as not to love their offspring. It is incredible that a father should not love his child and give it the very best things within his power to obtain. His loving gifts are limited only by his ability. He would not give his little one a stone for bread, nor would he give a serpent instead of a fish. If this be so—and we all know that it is—how much more have we a right to expect the best things from God in answer to our petitions. So kind is our Father that when we ask for things that would do us harm instead of good he withholds them. It is true we are not always able to receive the dispensations of his providence with grace and composure, but our growth in the heavenly way will be greatly hastened when we have reached that stage of knowledge which enables us to ask with confidence for the things we desire, and to receive with thanksgiving whatever our Father chooses to send.

A short time ago there sailed from the port of Galveston the steamer "Concho," having on board Miss Irma Carlton, of Kyle charge, West Texas Conference, who goes to the Cuban mission work at Matanzas. Miss Carlton is a graduate of Coronado Institute, San Marcos, Texas, and is a young lady of rare Christian graces. We Texas Leaguers ought to feel proud of her as our representative in this great work, and while we pray for her success, let us not forget to contribute of our means to this particular field.

J. T. ELLIS.

Holland, Texas.

A STATEMENT.

A call was made from this office on October 2 for State League assessment on Local Chapters. The responses to this call have been very few. Will not our Leagues awaken to the importance of the need of finance and send in their respective assessments without further delay? Delay at this time will affect the operations of your State officers during the incoming year, hence the necessity of prompt action on your part. The rate of assessment is 50 cents for each twenty members or major fraction, on Senior and Junior Leagues alike. Now, let us have a generous compliance with this request as soon as possible. To each League remitting less than one dollar will be sent one copy of the booklet, "The Literary Department of the League; How to Organize and Conduct the Reading Course," by Prof. C. C. Cody; and to each League remitting one dollar or over will be sent the above named booklet and a copy of the E. L. Secretaries' Manual," by Gus W. Thomasson. Receipts are issued for all remittances, large and small, and a list will be published weekly, perhaps, in the paper in which this notice appears.

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AN APPEAL FROM BISHOP WILSON.

Dear Brethren.—In compliance with the request of the Board of Education. I call your attention to the movement in behalf of our educational work inaugurated by the General Conference at its session in Baltimore in May, 1898. It can hardly be necessary to say anything to men who occupy the positions in the Church to which our pastors have been called in advocacy of Christian education. It is no small part of their ministry, and is an obligation laid upon them on their admission to our ranks to induce all to whom they minister to secure the best and most thorough training, mental and spiritual, of which they are capable and which is within their reach. It is the duty as well as the privilege of the Church to provide, according to its ability, the means for such training.

The history of our Church furnishes ample proof that we have not been indifferent to this requirement. At the same time we are constrained to acknowledge that we have not met the demand made upon us to the full measure of our responsibility. Our people have been but indifferently instructed, and have largely failed to appreciate the worth and magnitude of this work. Material interests and purely secular concerns have engrossed their thought and care, while our educational institutions have been restricted in their work, and many of them have been painfully struggling for very existence for want of means that might, without hurt to any, be easily supplied from the resources which God, in his bounty, has given to us.

For some years, in successive sessions, this interest has engaged the attention of the General Conference. By the establishment of the Board of Education, entrusted with oversight and care of this business throughout the Church, and by the various appeals made and measures adopted by the Board with the sanction of the General Conference, it has been sought to bring the Church to a better understanding and a higher appreciation of the work. The exigencies of the situation seemed to call for some special effort; and, accordingly the last General Conference, moved by the same impulse that had stirred the entire body of Methodism in England and Canada, as well as in this country, made appeal in this behalf to the highest motives which can actuate us.

The century is coming to its close. It has been the richest in positive blessing in all our world's history. On the material side it has summed up, added to, and multiplied all that the ages gone before have known. It has opened up new realms of thought and spiritual life, and so enhanced the dignity and worth of the human life immeasurably. It has given us glimpses of a possible future in this world's history, and so broadened and enriched the world's hope beyond expression. The actual of experience in the hundred years just gone make the promise of the ages to come infinitely more real.

No enumeration of the benefits is possible in a brief call like this. Only bear in mind that our Church has had its full measure of this blessing. If we have contributed ought to the world's gain and the advancement of the Church in this period, it is because we have received largely. Remember the hole of the pit from which we were dug, and then look at the rock upon which our feet have been set and the rich inheritance into which we have fallen. Others have labored and we have entered into their labors.

Our highest and wisest representative body has urged us to consider these mercies of God, and by a special service and offering show our gratitude. We want, of course, first of all, a more intense and entire devotion of ourself to Christ. To present our bodies living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God, is the first, and indeed, only reasonable service in recognition of his mercies. Always conceding and insisting upon this, it is quite in agreement with it that the General Conference should beg you to provide for that need which is most urgent and most glaring. End this century by inducing your people to make an educational offering that shall give your schools and colleges freedom of movement for the next hundred years, and insure the training of a generation that shall do for Christ and his kingdom a work far in advance of any that we can do.

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A THANK OFFERING.

My Church has called for a Twentieth Century thank-offering to be used for Christian education. Now, I do not understand exactly what is meant by Christian education; but the Church knows, and it is my privilege to make a free-will offering to the Lord and to leave it with him and the Church as to what becomes of it after it is made.

Lately, when I think of education, I think of ignorance and then of something I dreamed. One night not long ago, while wandering in dreamland, I came to a group of people who were standing around like they were all sixes, except one. She was standing off to one side and seemed to have been condemned for something, and was trying to excuse herself by blaming her imagination. I said to her: "It's not your imagination; it's your ignorance." She looked at me and said something (I do not remember what), but I said: "Yes, it is your ignorance, but you are not yet too old to learn." She looked so pitiful that I turned to leave her. As I turned, I woke, saying: "That was me." I was just about ready to cry when I woke up, and I could not help saying: "Was that me?" Maybe it was; but I do not believe I ever did think I was too old to learn, though I have been too old to go to school for years.

I expect I dreamed that because I had written a little communication for the Advocate and sent to the postoffice. Well, when I read that week's Advocate I was sure that my thoughts had gone to the waste-basket for lack of dress. You see, I just sent my fact off with a little homespun slip on, and the editor just put it in the waste-basket. But he made some selections for the Advocate of the same fact as dressed by others, and it was dressed. I was ashamed that I had sent mine. When I read the next Advocate I was ashamed that the editor had seen my little undressed fact. And then I had thought that I had something new, but I did not. There is one place where my ignorance comes in. Well, before the next Advocate came I was looking through my scrap-book, and behold, to my joy and surprise, there was part of the supposed contents of the Advocate's waste-basket—my little communication. I was surely glad I had it in my possession; but after I thought about it, I didn't know whether to be glad or not, for maybe I was not a competent judge of my own work.

I wish I had been educated; then I might have written something that would have been worth reading. But as I was not, I will just have to do the best I can without it, and be glad that I know as much as I do, and repent that it is my fault that I do not know a little more than I do.

"O Lord, prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day," and prosper the Twentieth Century thank-offering until the Church says: "Stop; enough."
MRS. J. M. WHITEHEAD.

One year ago I subscribed for the Advocate just to keep friendly with my wife, and, like everything else that comes to my home in the way of reading matter, I had to look over it to see something about its composition. I read the first one through, and since that time I have been a constant reader and am a strong friend to the Advocate. Like the Constitution, the organ of my State, I could not keep house without it. Before it goes to press the type is covered with more brains than ink, and from a child I have been very fond of brains or anything flavored with them—even hog's brains. For fear this letter may prove too long to have the right flavor, I will say that I have had a great desire to see the man and—that something that Mulkey said "took the cake." I have been specially pleased with the way it said things. So just to see the editor of the greatest religious journal extant, and to take a peep into the Annual Conference, something I had never seen, and to see a Bishop, something else I had never seen, accordingly I and others just as ignorant as myself took the train Saturday night for Timpson to see our ideals and hear the Bishop. I must confess that I went more to study men than anything else.

There are some great men in the East Texas Conference, and they all seem to be in deep earnest and submissive. The Bishop was the very embodiment of meekness and pleasure combined, and is a large thinker. I was not surprised when the editor of our paper was pointed out to me, for as deep water runs smoothly, he was very quiet and very thoughtful. Not being satisfied with a long-distance view of the man, I modestly intruded myself upon him and shook his hand. You can readily see in him where America gets a great deal of her brains—from the Irish—potato. He is

a great man among a great people. Our dear Uncle Dick Thompson and others who are now the children of the conference are so nearly home that any man can see their reward. When they are gone their good works will live after them.

The preachers are a godly set of men, and it is wonderful to see their submissiveness in accepting their appointments as they are read out to them by the Bishop, when so many of them have large families, which they love like other men, and knowing, too, that there is but a meagre pittance in sight. Stand by them, for they are worthy and it is right.

R. F. HARNESBERGER, M. D.
Beckville, Texas.

I received the Journal of the Northwest Texas Conference (edited by Bro. T. J. Duncan's "young hopeful") this morning, and as it has rained all day have devoted the time in its perusal and study, and have no hesitancy in stating that it is the best arranged, most comprehensive and gives more information than any conference journal I ever read. Thanks to Brother "Jerome."
GEO. F. FAIR.
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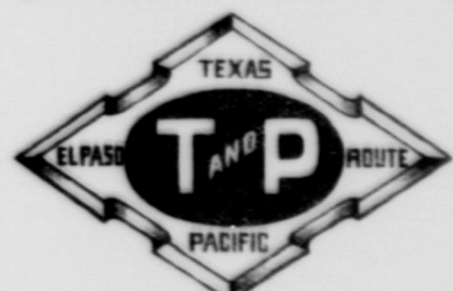
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—F. R. Havergal.

RALLY DAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1900! TWENTIETH CENTURY OFFERING.

The 6th of February, 1900, will be observed in the interest of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, and not as heretofore in the collection of loan funds. It is to be a grand rally day throughout the connection for raising the \$25,000 for educational and reformatory work of the Woman's Home-Mission Society. An urgent call is made to every conference and auxiliary officer, and to every individual member, to make this rally day the greatest in the history of the society. Every auxiliary, without exception, is expected to observe it. The programs furnished should be followed, except in special cases where such additions and modifications may be made as seem necessary or expedient. Results will show whether the Woman's Home-Mission Society of Southern Methodism will make itself a permanent place in the marvelous history of the twentieth century.

In behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions,

MRS. R. K. HARGROVE, General Secretary.

KNOWING OUR BIBLES.

The good old custom of "learning by heart" has fallen out of use in our families and Sunday-schools, and passages of the Bible are no longer memorized by the rising generation. But we should at least be able to find a passage, even if we cannot recite it. Here is a list of passages whose location should be familiar to every Christian:

- The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6). The Commandments (Exod. 20). The Beatitudes (Matt. 5). Paul's Conversion (Acts 9). Christ's Great Prayer (John 17). The Prodigal Son (Luke 15). The Ten Virgins (Matt. 25). Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25). Abiding Chapter (John 15). Resurrection Chapter (1 Cor. 15). Shepherd Chapter (John 10). Love Chapter (1 Cor. 13). Tongue Chapter (Jas. 3). Armor Chapter (Eph. 6). Traveler's Psalm (Psa. 121). Bible-Study Psalm (Psa. 119). Greatest Verse (John 3:16). Great Invitation (Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1). Rest Verse (Matt. 11:28). Worker's Verse (1 Tim. 2:15). Another Worker's Verse (Psa. 126:6). How to be Saved (Acts 16:31). Should I Confess Christ? (Rom. 10:9). Teacher's Verse (Dan. 12:3). The Great Commission (Mark 16:15). Christ's Last Command (Acts 1:8).

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY OFFERING—A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

During the past week I paid a visit to Gainesville and had a talk with our Conference President, Mrs. L. H. Potts. Up to date on all lines, she is thoroughly impressed with the importance of a forward movement. She will appoint a Secretary for the Educational Endowment Fund, and urges each auxiliary to begin in earnest to collect for this fund.

Our W. H. M. Society ought to raise one dollar per member with ease. How much would we have? Something over \$100,000.

If we can do this and fail, when so much depends on it, we would deserve the contempt of mankind.

We have talked long enough. Let us work. How much is your auxiliary

raising? But while at this, we must not forget the current expense of the Mission Home and Training School. If your auxiliary has not paid \$12 this year, we cannot pay our debts until you do so. Look into this matter. Many are paying up. Let all do so. MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, Dallas, Texas.

TREASURERS' REPORTS.

Summary of report of Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for the quarter ending December 13, 1899:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Dues (\$272.88), Educational loan fund (70.00), Mission Home current expense (87.60), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Cash on hand Dec. 13, 1899 (\$55.12), To amount in general treasury Sept. 29, 1899 (\$156.61), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Total cash Dec. 13, 1899 (\$223.17), Expended on local work— Station parsonage (\$525.50), Circuit parsonage (101.85), etc.

MRS. N. G. ROLLINS, Treas. Conf. Society.

Report of Treasurer of East Texas Conference W. F. M. Society for third quarter, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Marshall District— Marshall Aux., Miss Pyle's exp. (\$10.00), For pub. minutes (1.50), etc.

Total Marshall District \$43.05

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Tyler District— Troupe Aux. dues (\$5.35), San Augustine District— Thank-offering (5.60)

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Beaumont District— Livingston Aux. dues (2.20), Palestine District— Palestine Aux. dues (15.50), etc.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Miss Martha Pyle (\$31.00), To Mrs. McTyeire (58.25), Balance in treasury (14.35)

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At the home of the bride's father, Plainview, Texas, December 21, 1899, Mr. G. R. Bean, of Lubbock, and Miss Nora Hunt, Rev. Ben Hardy officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Houston, Texas, December 21, 1899, at 4:30 p. m., Prof. Jesse Wright and Miss Lizzie Bailey, Rev. A. B. Roberts officiating.

On December 10, 1899, at the home of the bride's parents, near Erath, Texas, Mr. F. S. White and Miss Anna Owens, Rev. C. S. Cameron officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents, near Erath, Texas, Mr. R. D. Clark and Miss Rosa Monerief, on December 21, 1899, Rev. C. S. Cameron officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Erath, Texas, on December 21, 1899, at 6 p. m., Mr. L. C. Griffin and Miss George Grimes, Rev. C. S. Cameron officiating.

At Zephyr, Texas, at the residence of R. N. Fulton, Mr. F. G. Petty and Miss Parrilla Miller, Rev. R. N. Fulton officiating.

At the home of the bride, in Ranquette, Texas, December 25, 1899, Mr. Hardie H.

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RHO Frank M. Sherwood reached here Decen did not reach here- ing to come from th Alderson, Holt and received many tok in the way of sausa bones, ham, beef, turkey, wood, etc. board of stewards for preacher in cha last year's assessm four loads of corn, in cash; so you can along on our ne Rhome, will do as R as she does right. V good year, and expe to that end.

CELESTE A E. B. Thompson, I with us has been 4. We have heard of no asters anyway with had services at Lan instant, at 11 a. m.; and 11 a. m., the 25 God was with us in evening of the 29 young ladies and gily men, young men cheered and complir presence at the pars ed with things goo for inner man. W voiced the stock on parture of our com how considerate. lessly expended, as Christmas times, bu tion of things nee now is a good time take of our hospita pitality of the kind How it happened we inevitable chicken roll call. Well, w should have a good especially remembe \$6.10 cash. God bl and everywhere. A

BLU H. P. Shrader, De a warm welcome on Blum charge. On W ber 13, the people able pounding. Ab Wade, of Lone Will a wagon-load—cort horse and cow, and for table, and soap poses. Also \$4.50 in for our baby. We fering very much. family needs. Ab wards Bros. Haley i Vista, drove up w flour, sugar, fruit lard, butter, eggs a buggy groaned bene Couch also presente cash. We greatly af fering. At night th Blum came with th of a number of arti After spending a fe conversation they homes. Sister Dye bered wife with a (the donors that the thanks.

BEN FRA J. B. Minnis, Jan. our conference at I name was read out. Well, as I had serve last year, and as th my return, I was not preacher ever serve than the people on work. We are starti new year. Well, in ing the preacher, I w is so common over preacher don't think the paper, as it wou space. I will just t almost every day something good to e has found its way i Three turkey gobbl the parsonage Chr just before, one mo will make five gobbl preacher can beat Last, but not least, a

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and thereby reach a higher plane in the divine life. This people and pastor love each other. "He that loveth is born of God." "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

RHOME.

Frank M. Sherwood, Jan. 2: We reached here December 6. Our things did not reach here until the 9th, having to come from the B. I. T., but were kindly received. Stopped with Bros. Alderson, Holt and Fairchild. Have received many tokens of appreciation in the way of sausage, spare-ribs, backbones, ham, beef, butter, preserves, turkey, wood, etc. Last Saturday my board of stewards met and assessed for preacher in charge \$450, \$129 over last year's assessment. Also brought four loads of corn, one of wood and \$1 in cash; so you can see we are moving along on our new year. Living in Rhome, will do as Rhome does, as long as she does right. We are hopeful of a good year, and expect to work and pray to that end.

CELESTE AND LANE.

E. B. Thompson, Dec. 30: Christmas with us has been quiet and peaceable. We have heard of no torn hands or disasters anyway within our charge. We had services at Lane Sunday, the 24th instant, at 11 a. m.; at Celeste 7 p. m. and 11 a. m., the 25th, at all of which God was with us in power. On the evening of the 29th elderly ladies, young ladies and girls, likewise elderly men, young men and boys greeted, cheered and complimented us by their presence at the parsonage, each laden with things good and substantial for inner man. Wife, son and I invoiced the stock on hand after the departure of our company and thought how considerate. Not a cent uselessly expended, as is frequently done Christmas times, but a due consideration of things needful. In a word, now is a good time to visit us to partake of our hospitality through the hospitality of the kind people of Celeste. How it happened we do not know, the inevitable chicken did not answer to roll call. Well, well, the chickens should have a good time. Wife was especially remembered by an extra \$6.10 cash. God bless all our people and everywhere. Amen.

BLUM.

H. P. Shrader, Dec. 28: We received a warm welcome on our return to the Blum charge. On Wednesday, December 13, the people gave us a respectable pounding. About 1 o'clock Bro. Wade, of Lone Willow, drove up with a wagon-load—corn, oats, hay for horse and cow, and meat, lard, coffee for table, and soap for laundry purposes. Also \$4.50 in cash and a dress for our baby. We appreciated his offering very much. He knows what a family needs. About an hour afterwards Bros. Haley and Couch, of Rio Vista, drove up with a buggy-load—flour, sugar, fruit, molasses, coffee, lard, butter, eggs and candies. Their buggy groaned beneath its load. Bro Couch also presented us with \$1 in cash. We greatly appreciate their offering. At night the young people of Blum came with their gifts, consisting of a number of articles for the table. After spending a few minutes in social conversation they dispersed to their homes. Sister Dyer kindly remembered wife with a dress. We assure the donors that they have our hearty thanks.

BEN FRANKLIN.

J. B. Minnis, Jan. 1: At the close of our conference at Honey Grove, my name was read out to Ben Franklin. Well, as I had served this good people last year, and as they had asked for my return, I was not disappointed. No preacher ever served a better people than the people on the Ben Franklin work. We are starting off well on the new year. Well, in regard to pounding the preacher, I want to say that it is so common over here that the preacher don't think to write it up in the paper, as it would take too much space. I will just take space to say, almost every day since conference something good to eat or nice to wear has found its way to the parsonage. Three turkey gobblers turned up at the parsonage Christmas week, one just before, one more coming, which will make five gobblers. Now, if some preacher can beat that, speak out. Last, but not least, a \$20 suit of clothes

—good enough for a Bishop—presented by the Ben Franklin Church. I am glad I am a Methodist preacher and on the Ben Franklin work. A happy New Year to all the readers of the Advocate.

HONEY GROVE.

J. A. Stafford, Jan. 1: Conference came and went. Our citizens all claim that they enjoyed entertaining the conference, and many of them are looking forward till another conference visit. We were content to remain, of course. Since conference we have received many kind greetings. The pounding appeared on time, with usual good cheer. Honey Grove understands the art of doing nice things in an elegant manner. Well, if they can't be creditable, they prefer not to be in it at all. Congregations fine and attentive. The outlook is very hopeful for a fine and profitable Church year. We had an old-fashioned watch-night meeting Sunday night, from 9:30 to 12:05. It was well attended and much enjoyed. Our new vocal organ is a success.

FORNEY.

W. M. Leatherwood: After a two hundred miles' move, my son Walker and myself making it in a buggy through mud and cold, we are comfortably housed in a good, well furnished parsonage, and feel that we are in safe hands. The ladies of the Home Mission Society have supplied the parsonage, from the bed rooms to the store room, with everything needful, and that that is nice, too. Almost immediately on our arrival these thoughtful stewards replenished our depleted purse, besides many nice things that came to the parsonage table. We have fairly entered upon our work, and find two good churches—Forney and Allen's Chapel—and a solid, intelligent and appreciative people. My predecessor, Rev. T. J. Beckham, has done a fine work here, and we will try to carry it forward. With the divine blessing and the co-operation of the people, we expect a year of prosperity.

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HUNTSVILLE.

S. H. Morgan: We are delighted with our work as Chaplain. The prisoners were given a fine Christmas dinner. Their entertainment on the afternoon and night of Christmas day was not so good as on some former occasions, but nevertheless was quite amusing. The proceeds were given to the library, hospital and the individual participants. We have some good services. We can truly say that the "spiritual state" of our charge is improving. Several packages of books, papers and pictures and a bucket of candy were received and given out to the prisoners. They were very grateful.

WILLIS.

Fred. L. Allen, Jan. 2: All right at Willis. Everybody seems to be pleased. Kindnesses to preacher and family innumerable. First Sunday we preached here we raised our Orphanage assessment. Last Sunday we raised our foreign missionary assessment. Seventy-five at prayer-meeting last Wednesday night. At least one hundred at watch-night service. It was a fine service. The people speak kindly of their former pastor, which speaks well for him and them. The lines still fall to us in pleasant places.

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TROUPE AND OVERTON.

H. B. Urquhart, Jan. 2: The writer has experienced days in the course of an eventful life when, though in the midst of human multitudes, he felt he could not reach forth his hand and laying hold on one, say this is my friend. Life then was like a desert waste. But the clouded day makes more radiant the unclouded. And so the sun of love and friendship, arising, pours forth a flood of sacred light and illumines with cheer on this new year occasion the hearts of this local preacher and his family. Footfalls and subdued tones borne from out the darkness admonish us of the approach of a throng upon some mission bent. A rap; the key turns, and in the open panel in bold relief against the dark background, as a picture set in frame, a soft light unveils a face glowing with the beams of friendship; while to the rear, here and there, are other faces mirroring forth from bright eyes and countenances the love that sets them shining. In they come. Around the room they range. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, under the leadership of the new pastor pressed into a willing service. He speaks: "Like myself, you

occupy only an humble position in the Church; that that deserves praise is not the position one occupies, but his fidelity to duty. These your friends, prompted by their appreciation for your faithfulness, have desired to express their regard by this impromptu call; and whatever else may be left in their wake, above all, let there remain the aroma of love to tell the story of their friendship." They came from out the darkness; to the darkness they return. But the roentgen rays of love penetrate the interposing folds and our home is bathed in light. The inventory reveals the deposit of many things, chiefest of which is the consciousness of their love and friendship. We are not worthy of this visitation; much less this departure from precedent in thus remembering a local preacher. It calls forth his deepest gratitude. May the God of all peace and love be with Bro. J. W. Johnson, our new pastor, and those good people who accompanied with him, both now and forever. Amen.

TIMPSON.

T. S. Garrison, Dec. 31: The Annual Conference has come and gone. Timpson feels proud of her guests and is ready at any time to entertain you again. Your coming to Timpson has been a benediction to us, and the preachers and delegates of the East Texas Conference will always have a cordial welcome at our homes. Bishop Hargrove is loved by all the people, and it was a blessing that he was with us. Our presiding elder, J. T. Smith, has gone to his work on Tyler District, and let me say to the good people of Tyler District that he will do you a fine work, and I feel that the appointment was divine. Bro. Smith is a rustler, and let me prophesy that he will bring up a better report from that district than they have ever had. Bro. Weeks, our new presiding elder, will be in this week, and we will see that he is cared for on the parsonage at Timpson. We predict for him a fine work in this district for this year, and we can't help from feeling that the Bishop was inspired when he made this appointment. We will take care of him. Bro. J. W. Downs, our pastor for the last three years, has gone to Pittsburg—really a better man than those people deserve. Bro. Downs is one of the very best men in East Texas Conference, and many tears were shed when he left us. Bro. Lon Morris, take care of him, or you know what your future will be. Bro. W. F. Davis, our new preacher, is here quietly domiciled in the station parsonage, and he has made a good start at Timpson. Our people feel proud of Bro. Davis, and we are going to keep Timpson up in line. He is not an entire stranger with us, and to know him is to love him. Now, Dr. Rankin, it is well enough you put in the few closing remarks about the "Windy" as I was just fixing to jump on you, and you must remember that it takes lots of money to build twenty miles of railroad without any bonds or debt accumulating. Many of our people say, in speaking of you, that it don't take the best looking man to preach the best sermon. Bro. Blaylock made quite an impression on our people, and we feel that his subscription at Timpson will be doubled this year. Bro. Everett of the Publishing House, is not forgotten for manner and the good talk that he gave us, and we do all say, come again.

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A READER.

Some people continue to be offensive, even when conferring favors.—Ram's Horn.

West Texas Conference.

NURSERY.

W. O. Shugart, Dec. 27: We reached our new home on November 28. We found a very good parsonage, furnished. The good people had bought two new stoves—a heater and one of the best cook stoves we ever found anywhere. We found sweet potatoes, turnips, Irish potatoes, sugar, coffee, flour and a number of other household articles, also corn and hay on hand. We have been well received and kindly treated. Our first Quarterly Conference past. The stewards made a liberal assessment for us. We are determined, by the grace of God, to do our best. We have visited all the appointments. Find Sunday-schools at every preaching place. One Epworth League. We are praying and working for an old-fashioned revival. May God bless the Advocate.

Beville District—Second Round.

Gollad cr. at Chaves, Jan. 13, 14
Blanco cr. at Normanna, Tues. Jan. 16
Floresville sta. at Floresville, Jan. 20, 21
Stowdale cr. at San Antonio, Jan. 23, 24
Laverda cr. at Soudby Elm, Jan. 27, 28
Kennedy cr. at Karnes, Feb. 3, 4
Runge and Helms, at Chisum, Feb. 10, 11
Alice cr. at San Diego, Feb. 17, 18
Laredo sta. at Laredo, Feb. 24, 25
Beville sta. at Beville, Mar. 3, 4
Oakville cr. at Oakville, Mar. 10, 11
Wade cr. at Skidmore, Mar. 17, 18
Corpus Christi sta. at Corpus Christi, Mar. 24, 25
Rockport and Aransas Pass, at Rockport, Mar. 31, Apr. 1
J. M. Alexander, P. E.

NOTICE.

Corsicana City Mission is supplied by Rev. W. C. Dunn.
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

Advertisement for Chin Pimples, Heiskell's Ointment, and Heiskell's Soap. Includes an illustration of a face with pimples.

Advertisement for Girls Get Beautiful, featuring a woman's face and text about skin care.

Advertisement for Burditt's Well, including the text "DO YOU THINK" and a list of ailments it treats.

Advertisement for The Illustrator and General Narrator, a 20-page monthly publication.

Vertical advertisement on the left edge for various products including diamonds, saws, and poultry.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: at the rate of ONE CENT PER WORD. Money should accompany all orders.

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SMITH, Ellen Eliza Smith was born June 1, 1838, and died November 3, 1899. She was the only child of Wm. H. and Nora Smith. We laid the baby to rest in the old family burying ground near Buffalo, Texas. May the great Father of us all comfort the bleeding hearts.

R. W. ALLEN.

ELGIN.—Arthur Elmo Elgin, the six-year-old son of James and Keziah Elgin, died of scarlet fever November 27, 1899. It was a weird, sad sight that night, as by the light of lanterns we laid the little casket to rest in the Buffalo Cemetery. On the fifth Sunday of last January these parents dedicated the little boy to God in baptism. As I administered the sacred rite, little did I think that I would be so soon called to say "dust to dust" over the bright, healthy boy then before me. There is a Paradise for whom we may come in the very darkest hour. May this consolation be with the bereaved family.

R. W. ALLEN, Pastor.

McDAVID.—Albert E. McDavid, son of J. E. and M. E. McDavid, was born in Cook County, Texas, March 18, 1876, and died in Coleman County, Texas, at Glen Cove, December 1, 1899. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the year 1892, under the ministry of Rev. R. W. Welborn. Albert lived a consistent life; was a noble young man; was generally in his place at church. He loved home very much, and is greatly missed. His father said to me: "Albert has always been with me, and it is so hard to give him up." A large concourse of friends and relatives followed him to his last resting place. Albert is not dead, but lives with God. Be faithful, dear father and mother, brothers and sisters, and you will meet your loved one in the sweet by and by.

G. W. TEMPLIN.

DAYTON.—Mrs. Nancy S. Dayton, nee Riley, was born in the State of Alabama January 10, 1832, and died near Kerens, Texas, November 27, 1899. After the death of her father she moved back to Alabama, settling in Wilcox County. She was married to Mr. A. Tennant when about 20 years of age. Of this union four children were born. Two have preceded her to the better land. Her husband enlisted in the Southern army and died a soldier fighting for his country. In 1860 she married Mr. William Dayton. Five children were born to them. Two have crossed over the river. Sister Dayton joined the Church when young, thus obeying the Divine injunction, "To seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." While the summons came without warning, doubtless she was ready when the Lord called. May the sorrowing husband find comfort in the fact that he can join her in the better land. May God's grace sustain him and the children that are left behind.

W. P. GARVIN.

BYNUM.—Miss Maud Bynum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Bynum, died November 18, 1899. Maud was a young girl just budding into womanhood. She professed religion when quite young and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a true Christian life until death called her from the world. She was sick only a short while, but her suffering was so great that nothing that kind friends and loving hands could do for her could stop her suffering, but God, in his all-wise providence, saw fit to take her from our midst. She was regular in attendance at church and could always be found in her Sunday school class. While her place will be vacant in her class she will be greatly missed by her classmates and teacher. In just a few days after her death three more of Mr. Bynum's family followed her on to that home above, where there will be no more pain and death. Mrs. Bynum died November 29, at her home near Terrell, Texas, July 31, 1899. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1849; was married to J. A. Mims September 21, 1853, who still survives. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom preceded her to their home above. A pure and noble woman has gone. She was a quiet, earnest Christian, always visiting the sick and ready to do good to others. She loved the Church and Sunday school, and for many years was a devoted teacher of a class of young ladies at College Mound. Our hearts are made sad when we think of no more beholding her sweet smile and hearing her words of instruction, but we shall ever cherish the memory of one so good and true. May God bless and comfort her sorrowing husband, daughter, and her family and help them to bear their trials bravely. Dear ones, be faithful and when the battle is over, the last victory shall be for you have crossed over the river, you will find your loved ones waiting to welcome you to the home prepared for you.

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JNO. B. PIRTLE.

Trenton, Texas.

BLEDSE.—The subject of this sketch, D. C. Bledsoe, died in Seguin on December 9, 1899. He was a native of Tennessee, and was 78 years old. For about forty-five years he has lived in Seguin and seen the country develop from a wilderness to a populous business center. Bro. Bledsoe was a life-long Methodist and took an active interest in all the services of his Church. He was a great lover of the young people and never heard him pray but that he mentioned them in his petition. He died trusting in the mighty, ever-living Christ, and was bewept by an aged wife and three daughters and a large number of other relatives. In that day when the confluent influences of all worlds and lives concentrate in final issues his life shall be tabulated. Till then we wait and hope with faith toward the morning looking for a last and lasting reunion of severed lives and hearts.

J. C. WILSON.

WHITE.—Truly a good man has gone from us. Dr. J. C. White was born near Huntington, Tennessee, February 10, 1826. He moved to Texas in 1884 and died at Crawford, McLennan County, Texas, May 8, 1899. Bro. White embraced religion in early life and joined the Methodist Church. His life was that of a truly consecrated man of God. He was a man of strong convictions and was free to express himself on subjects that looked to the betterment of humanity. He loved the house of God and was regular in attendance upon its services. His devotion to the Sunday-school was truly remarkable. His life was that of a true friend and preacher-counselor. While his pastor, the writer entered his home many times and was always benefited by being associated with him and his good family. More than once he said: "I am ready and waiting for God to call me home." For him to live was Christ, and to die was gain. He leaves an invalid wife, an son, and three daughters to mourn their loss.

N. M. McLAUGHLIN.

DeLeon, Texas.

DIBRELL.—Mrs. Sallie Lou Dibrell, nee Moore, wife of S. P. Dibrell, was born in Fayette County, Texas, November 25, 1868. She was the daughter of Jas. H. Moore, of Thomaston, and niece of Dr. T. W. Moore, of Seguin, C. W. Moore, of Fayette County, and Judge Dyer Moore, of Bastrop, Nathan Thomas, a member of the old Texas Congress, was her grandfather. Sister Dibrell was of Methodist ancestry and it was but to be expected that she should be a tenderly beautiful Christian in character and conduct. Her death of pneumonia on December 20, 1899, at her home in Seguin was a demonstration of the presence of His rod and staff in the life of the shadow. Sweetly, hopefully, triumphantly she fell "asleep in Jesus." She leaves a husband and three little children to follow her to the deathless world. Her mother died when she was but a child, and she was a mother to her younger brother and sisters. We shall look for her among the white-robed throng in heaven.

J. C. WILSON.

DALBY.—Miss Ella, daughter of B. B. and Bette S. Dalby, was born December 9, 1875. In early childhood she was "born again" and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she faithfully served her Master till among the children of men she could do nothing more, closing her earthly career in glorious triumph December 2, 1899. She was most happy when in God's service, serving as organist, Sunday-school teacher, and League worker. Almost at the end of her strength she performed at the organ at the church, her last time on Children's Day at Woodland the first Sunday in June, 1899. Her father preceded her only a few months. The Lord called her to his home and two sisters sad and lonely, to whom she was a great stay and comfort. Also many, many warm friends among the young and old. Miss Ella looked upon approaching death during the months of her suffering as one would contemplate a happy anticipated journey. Her parting words were: "How blessed to die the death of the righteous." Her former pastor.

J. L. SULLIVAN.

MIMS.—Mrs. A. E. Mims, nee Sorsby, was born in Alabama March 21, 1839, and died at her home near Terrell, Texas, July 31, 1899. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1849; was married to J. A. Mims September 21, 1853, who still survives. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom preceded her to their home above. A pure and noble woman has gone. She was a quiet, earnest Christian, always visiting the sick and ready to do good to others. She loved the Church and Sunday school, and for many years was a devoted teacher of a class of young ladies at College Mound. Our hearts are made sad when we think of no more beholding her sweet smile and hearing her words of instruction, but we shall ever cherish the memory of one so good and true. May God bless and comfort her sorrowing husband, daughter, and her family and help them to bear their trials bravely. Dear ones, be faithful and when the battle is over, the last victory shall be for you have crossed over the river, you will find your loved ones waiting to welcome you to the home prepared for you.

A FRIEND.

RAPE.—John N. Rape was born in Arkansas January 15, 1869, died near Covington, in Hill County, December 6, 1899. He came to Texas with his parents in 1867; was married to Fanny R. Lee on May 21, 1882. He was converted in August, 1891, under the ministry of Bro. R. A. Hall; joined the M. E. Church, South, at the same time, of which he remained an earnest member to the day of his death. Bro. Rape was loved by all who knew him. He was a good neighbor, a kind father, and a loving husband. He was sick for three months or more. During that time the writer was often at his bedside. His greatest desire was to have a perfect assurance that his name was written in heaven, and he got it. Several times when the writer was praying at his bedside, with wife, children, mother, and sister around him, he shouted the praises of the Savior, who loved and redeemed him with his blood. He desired to live for his dear wife and little ones, but was resigned to the will of God. His end was peace. He leaves a loving wife, six children, an aged mother and others to mourn his death. Cheer up, bereaved ones. Be faithful and meet him in heaven.

CHAS. DAVIS.

Aquilla, Texas.

BLY.—Margaret Bly, nee Slover, was born in Strasburg, Va., January 20, 1836; was married to James M. Bly December 4, 1861. Her heavenly Father called her to his home on high December 15, 1899. At the time of her death she was living at her home six miles south of Palo Pinto, Palo Pinto County, Texas. Sister Bly was converted at the early age of ten years, and joined the Presbyterian Church at Strasburg, Virginia; moved to Texas and settled in Parker County in 1876. In 1878 she united with the Presbyterian Church at Grindstone, of which she remained a faithful member for five years. Then moving to Palo Pinto in 1883, she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1895 she moved her church membership to the Presbyterian Church at Weatherford, Tex., where she held her membership at the time of her death. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," can certainly be said of the death of Sister Bly. All who knew her recognized in her a child of God. She loved to contemplate upon the grandeur and glory of heaven and often talked of her translation into the kingdom of God. For some years she had been very frail, and all the while she seemed conscious of her nearness to the glory land. She often talked of her approaching death with the confidence of a soul ready and anxiously awaiting the call of her Lord and Savior. We commend the loved ones left behind to her God and bid them look forward to when they may be reunited in the home of the blest.

C. J. MENESEE, P. C.

KINCADE.—Mrs. Louisa J. Kincade, nee Walker, was born in Campbell County, Tennessee, January 22, 1832. In her girlhood she professed religion and united with the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. J. R. Bellamy. She was married to Bro. J. H. Kincade August 14, 1856, and the same year moved with her husband to Texas, settling on the farm in Fannin County, where she resided until October 3, 1899, when God called her home. Sister Kincade was one of those saintly characters of whom it is hardly possible to say too much. To know her was to love and respect her. She was a model wife, a devoted mother, and a steadfast Methodist. For over forty years her home was the home of the Methodist preachers, and many of their wives will remember with gratitude the Christian hospitality of that home and the kind and motherly ministrations of our departed sister. "Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also and all praise her." For two years Sister Kincade was afflicted with much of the time confined to her room, yet she never complained or murmured, but uniformly and constantly displayed the greatest patience and resignation, frequently expressing her love and faith in Christ. At her dying bed stood her husband, daughter, and other relatives who saw her peacefully and gently fall asleep in Jesus, expressing to the last her faith and hope of life eternal. May her loved ones follow her as she followed Christ and meet her "where the weary are at rest." Her pastor.

CHAS. E. LAMB.

SANDERS.—Mr. George W. Sanders, who died in Tehuacana, Limestone County, Texas, November 29, 1899, was born November 11, 1862, in Alabama. He moved while quite a boy to Tehuacana, Texas, and all of his life was spent there and near Armour. Through his own efforts he educated himself. He was twice married. First to Miss Ida V. Farrar. Second to Miss Ella Sifton, who survives him. By his first wife he had two children, Stella and Marvin. Mr. Sanders had a large circle of friends and was true to all. He was a man of sterling qualities and had a great influence throughout the country in which he lived. In his home he was a model husband and a devoted father. In business he was painstaking and exact. Through his effort and economy he had accumulated a good competency. When thirteen years old he was happily converted and joined the Methodist Church, so that almost all his life was consecrated to God. Religiously, his life was a model. He was a man of prayer. The family altar was erected in his home and persistently kept up. He was faithful to God and his fellowman in all the relations of life. He was broad in his views of Church work; liberal in his support. "For him to live was Christ and to die was gain." His last words were: "I am going home." He lived right and had a triumphant death. A good and useful man has fallen. His place will be missed in home and Church. But what is our loss is heaven's gain. He was buried at Mexia, Texas.

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Brownwood District Glencoe, at Midway, Coleman, Comanche cr., at Sidney Comanche sta., Fleming, Bangs, at Thrift, Lometa, at Lometa, Zephyr, at Mullin, May, at Pleasant Valley Burket, at Burket, Santa Anna.

Gatesville District Oglesby, McGregot, Jonesboro, Corvill City, Evant, Hamilton, Bee House, Brookhaven, Coperns Cove, Lampson, Harmony, Valley Mills.

Weatherford District Feaster, Brockridge, Elkhaville, Santo, Palo Pinto, Millsap, Whitl, Aldeo, Springtown.

Dublin District—Glen Rose, at Glen Rose Fredell, etc., at Fredell, Duffau, at Duffau, Hico, at Hico, Cariton, at Center, Proctor, at Proctor, Carbon and Gorman, at Slpe Springs, at Maeced, Rising Star, etc., at De Leon, at New Ho, De Leon.

Ablene District—Roby, Sw-etwater, Merket, Clatremont, Rayner, Anson, Tenby, Kula, Buffalo Gap, Eastland, Cisco, Ahany and Moran, Fort Davis, Putnam, Abilene, Bald, Missionary Institute, at 11:30 a. m., January.

Waco District—Banquet at District par, Rosqueville at Greenwo, Waco, Elm Street, Waco, Morrow Street, Waco, Fifth Street, Sam.

Vernon District—(Corre) Seymour, at Seymour, Seymour cr., at Round, Throckmorton, at Throo.

Haskell, at Haskell, Benjumin, at Benjumin, Quanah sta., Kirkland, at Kirkland, Paducah, at Paducah, Childress, at Childress, Eldorado, at Eldorado, Mangum, at Mangum, Willow Vale, at Martha, Chillicothe, at Chillicothe, Farmer, at Farmer, Graham sta., Graham cr., at Upper T.

Corsicana District—Barry, at Cook's School, Kerens, at Prairie Poin, Rice, at Chatfield, Hester, at Hester, Wortham, at Bredston, Corsicana sta., at Corsi, Corsicana City mls., at C, Mexia sta., at Mexia, Corsicana cr., at Pleasant, Cotton Gin, at Campbell, Dawson, at Dawson, Hubbard City, at H. C., Horn Hill, at Nus, Groescheek, at Groesche, Thornton, at Bellvue, Armour, Bradton, Frost, Blooming Grove, at R, Dresden.

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CONFERENCE MINUTES.

I have been urged by several parties recently to write a paper for the Advocate on the reports of the several Annual Conferences held to date in Texas, and more particularly of our own conference. Now I shall undertake the task with a vivid remembrance of the stir created a few years ago over a meek criticism of the action of our Mission Board. We trust now to shun the breakers and smoothly sail into port without a ripple. There is evidently a mistake in the Statistical Secretary's report. In the number of losses from all causes the figures given show a small decrease. The fact is, when the additions reported are added together and the number of losses from all causes are deducted from the additions we have a net gain of 2965 instead of a loss of 4480. So our membership should be 69,816 instead of 66,867. A little more care in book-keeping and reporting is absolutely necessary among our preachers.

The reports show Corsicana District to be the banner district in Texas Methodism, paying a grand total for all purposes (not including the Twentieth Century Fund) of \$30,959. These results were brought about under the direction and increasing labor of Bro. Bailey, showing conclusively that he is fully capable of doing marvelous work, notwithstanding sixty-four years have almost passed away since he began to live. The number of conversions reached over 1500 and accessions 1471, a net increase of 495. Well done for Bailey, who spends his time on his district, neither fishing nor idling away a day. Next comes Fort Worth District, with a grand total of \$30,641. The minutes show additions to be 1238 and removals 744, which gives a net gain of 468 members on the district. A decrease of 540 is reported from Georgetown District, yet the figures show that there were 730 accessions and 938 removals, which shows that 222 members were not accounted for, and instead of a decrease of 540 there was only a loss of 298 members on that district. Corsicana District shows a gain of 495. Waxahachie 658. Waco is reported to have a loss of 110, while only a loss of 16 is shown by comparing minutes of 1898 with 1899. There is an increase reported from Clarendon, Vernon, Abilene, Waxahachie and Corsicana of 1788, while from the other districts a decrease of 1650 is reported. After comparing minutes of our two last conference reports, I find an increase in members of 2965 over last year's reports. More

care should be given to the making and recording of our statistics. Such carelessness as we sometimes see is inexcusable. Twelve presiding elders were paid \$18,397, including the missionary appropriation, which averages to each presiding elder \$1535. Two hundred and eight pastors received \$115,905, an average of \$557. This includes the missionary appropriation. Paid for missions, foreign and domestic, \$19,036, an increase of \$1245 over last year. From all sources for missions the sum of \$32,057, a per capita of 47 cents for missions. The grand total for all purposes amounts to \$271,072, a per capita of \$4.03. Dallas District, of the North Texas Conference, reports a grand total of \$30,764, while the conference reports for missions from all sources \$23,950, and a grand total of \$218,788. Per capita for missions of 50 cents, and for all purposes \$4.60 per member. West Texas Conference contributed for all purposes a grand total of \$73,720, a per capita of \$4.30, and for missions \$9462, being 55 cents per capita. So we bow to the West Texas, and give her all praise for the liberality of her collect \$10,000 by January, 1901, on people.

After the returns are all in, we may continue our write-up of the minutes. Fifty years ago to-day I crossed the Sabine River and became a citizen of the great State of Texas. Then the entire Methodist membership of our Church was only about 20,000. Now, counting all Methodists in the State, number near 300,000. "What hath God wrought," and what yet remains to be done by our Methodism? The field is white unto harvest, and an earnest effort upon the part of our ministry this year will result in grand achievements, and the beginning is auspicious. Already there is near \$6000 in sight for the Twentieth Century Fund, and those in charge of the fund expect to collect \$10,000 by January, 1901, on this district.

The pastors are all in place, and an advance in salaries is reported from nearly every Quarterly Conference to date on the first round. I am still a hopeless invalid, entirely dependent on others for everything. I trust it will not be long that I shall be a burden to my Church and friends. I am thankful for mental vigor and increasing faith, hope and love.

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MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

PROGRAM.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10 a. m.—Opening exercises, by the presiding elder; 10:30 a. m., "The District a Unit," Rev. E. A. Smith; 11 a. m., "The Last Year of the Century, What Shall it Be?" Rev. C. R. Wright; 11:30 a. m., "Clear the Decks," Rev. T. G. Whitten; 2:30 p. m., "Need of a Revival," Rev. S. C. Littlepage; 3 p. m., "Protracted Meetings," Rev. L. M. Broyles; 3:15 p. m., "Time to Hold Them," T. S. Armstrong; 3:30 p. m., general discussion of fifteen minutes; 7 p. m., Missionary sermon, Rev. G. C. Rankin.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 9 a. m.—Opening exercises, L. W. Carleton; 9:15 a. m., "Plans of the Board of Education," Rev. H. A. Bourland; 9:15 a. m., "Mass-meetings," discussion led by Rev. W. M. Lane; 11 a. m., Sermon by Rev. Seth Ward. Afternoon, general discussion.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Our District Missionary Institute will be held at Mulkey Memorial Church, Fort Worth, Thursday and Friday, January 25 and 26. The presence of every pastor in the district is desired and expected on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock for the opening session. Many important interests of the Church in the district are to be prayerfully considered. Come with your hearts full of religion and your heads full of well-matured plans, that we may compare, exchange and select the wisest and best, and then, with one accord, go back to our charges to prosecute successfully the work committed to our hands. B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Notice to the Board of Education and Presiding Elders of the West Texas Conference:

The Texas Conferences have secured the appointment of Rev. Seth Ward to take charge of the Twentieth Century Educational movement in that conference, and submit to us the proposition that if we will pay one-fourth of Bro. Ward's expenses that we may have one-fourth of his time in some work in our conference. For the purpose of considering the proposition mentioned, I call a meeting of the West Texas Conference Board of Education, to convene in Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, on Jan. 9, at 2:30 p. m. Also, the presiding elders of the West Texas Conference are invited and earnestly requested to meet with us.

J. D. SCOTT, President.
Beeville, Texas.

It is important that we have a full attendance of the Board of Education and presiding elders of the West Texas Conference at the time and place designated by Bro. Scott in his call.

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Rev. A. M. R. Branson, Argenta, Ark.
Rev. I. A. Thomas, Caddo Mills, Texas.
Rev. C. H. Adams, Franklin, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Dec. 28.—J. H. Trimble, sub. James M. Sherman, sub. J. T. Graham, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. P. C. Archer, sub. S. W. Miller, sub. W. P. Edwards, sub. Hinton Smith, sub. M. F. Daniel, sub. Chas. F. Smith, sub. W. S. P. McCulloch, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub. J. H. Trimble, sub. W. H. Crawford, change made. M. K. Fred, sub.
Dec. 29.—L. P. Smith, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. J. E. Turrentine, sub. J. M. Langston, sub. E. T. Bates, sub. M. H. Hudson, o. k.
Dec. 30.—R. A. Snoddy, sub. M. A. Smith, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. C. A. Tower, sub. M. L. Moody, has attention. W. O. Hightower, has attention. J. M. Sweeton, sub. G. W. Harris, o. k.
Jan. 1.—E. B. Thompson, sub. A. G. Nolen, has attention. W. T. Morrow, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. Geo. S. Shover, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. W. B. Ford, sub. J. T. McKeown, change made. R. F. Dunn, sub. J. L. Hollers, sub. J. T. Griswold, sub.

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THE ORPHANAGE.

CALL NO. 5.

Bro. Vaughan, the Manager of our Orphanage, has just written me that the new building for the girls has been furnished so nicely and up to date, he wants me to continue the calls for 25 apartments to furnish the old building, which is for the boys; that the old furniture is broken down and was thrown together in such haste six years ago, when it was furnished, that he is ashamed of it; so let us split on our hands, Leaguers, Sunday schools, societies generally, and say we will do much for the boys as we have for the girls. I suggest that the superintendents call on each class to subscribe so much, to be gotten up in thirty days, and to remit to me at Corsicana, in postoffice order or New York exchange. Those of you who will subscribe, let me know at once, so I can report it to the Advocate, which has been our best friend in advertising the regular fee. It would have amounted to \$500. ABE MULKEY.

Greenville, Texas, December 27, 1899.
Dear Bro. Mulkey—We wish you all a very happy New Year. Please find enclosed New York exchange for \$28.65, to furnish Room No. 1 in the old building for the boys. Certainly the boys' apartment must be as neat as the girls'. Respectfully,
WESLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Caldwell, Texas, December 27, 1899.
Rev. Abe Mulkey—Enclosed please find New York exchange for \$28.65 to furnish Room No. 2, old building. God bless the boys who occupy this apartment.
CALDWELL SUNDAY SCHOOL,
W. M. STONE, Secretary.

East Waco, Texas.
Dear Abe—Put us down for Apartment No. 3, old building for the boys. The idea of us making better preparations for the girls than the boys is all wrong. I claim, give the boy a good chair to sit in and good lights, good books and a good bed to lie in is the best recipe to make a bad boy a good boy.
EAST WACO LEAGUE,
J. A. Ruffner.

Corsicana, Texas, December 25, 1899.
Dear Abe—Please find enclosed \$50.00 for the Matron's room in the new building. Our Sunday-School have denied themselves the luxury of receiving and determined to test the Scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive. A merry Xmas and a happy New Year to you and the orphans."
L. M. HILLIARD, Sec. M. E. C. S. S.

Waco, Texas, December 30, 1899.
Dear Advocate—The cash balance on the Xmas Tree entertainment at the Orphanage at Waco amounts to \$30.00. I handed it to Mrs. Mulkey for the memorial window, with the consent of the friend who solicited it. I thought how nice this would be, as we had plenty of toys and presents. Toys and little trinkets break and are destroyed, but the window will perpetuate the memory of the little ones that have gone.
ABE MULKEY.

REQUESTING THE LORD'S PROTECTION.

Lord, guard, guide and direct us
All through coming life;
Lead us from all harm
And keep us from every strife.
Lord, guard us as along the rugged paths
we go,
Shield us, protect us and keep us from
every foe;
Make our hearts Thy temples,
And with us forever lodge.
Lord, guide us as You would
A faltering, sickly lamb—
For our feet are heavy,
And without Thee our efforts will be in
vain.
Lord, direct us and keep us from every
harm,
For without Thee we will be forever lost;
Take all praise unto Thy noble self—
For unto Thee it all doth belong.
Lord, receive this little offering of request,
For I Thy blessed name would like to
adore;
Lord, enter in my heart,
And there forever rule, reign and implore.
MINNIE L. FERRELL.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth
Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

An exchange suggests that when the flying machine is perfected we shall all be able to visit our castles in the air.

For the Texas Live Stock Convention at San Antonio, January 22 to 24, excursion tickets via Santa Fe Route will be sold January 20 and 21, limited to return January 25. No rate higher than \$5.00. Through sleepers and free reclining chair cars via Milano and I. & G. N. W. S. Keenan, General Passenger Agent.

Rev. Sainly—Tommy, have you ever been baptized?
Tommy—Yes; but it didn't take.

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