

ORPHANAGE.

...and respect, and we are most worthy Managers, so ardently yet lovingly, the pride of Methodist half of their own little to heaven.

...\$142.50. Some friends died thus far and have \$55. Will not some other as possible that we for it when it arrives? MRS. ABE MULKEY, Jan. 13, 1900.

...Mrs. Mulkey \$8.05 for in memory of little B. R. Vaughan. A gift of \$10.00. Made to the O. P. KIKER, Jan. 15, 1900.

...Blen, Texas, Jan. 12. Just handed Bro. Abe window in memory of n. Yours truly, J. M. WARRIN.

You will please find \$33.00, to pay for \$2000 new orphanage building. I am sorry when they put this We lift our hat to you and say: "Go it, bro. Yours fraternally, O. P. KIKER, Jan. 15, 1900.

Inclosed please find for \$5.50 toward fund of the Orphanage at the Junior League of Respectfully, R. WRIGHT, Supt. Jan. 11, 1900.

I please find \$2 - P. E. Augustine District. J. T. SMITH, P. E. II, 1900.

Inclosed please find orphan boys at Waco, New Year, MRS. M. COCKRILL, n. 6, 1900.

Twenty-five of the present have sent their \$2 for one of these sent \$5. So there are thirteen. There are thirteen (there are thirteen or more presiding elders) at once? Every apartment in the new building can't afford to fall illly your brother, ABE MULKEY, Jan. 12, 1900.

Chy, Jan. 6, 1900. Corisiana - Dear Bro.: money order for \$87.55, k in the walls of new

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Success in your labor GREER, Secretary.

First Round. List. 11 a. m., Jan. 20. 7:30 p. m., Feb. 6. 7:30 p. m., Feb. 8. P. Wright, P. E.

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EDITORIAL.

"WE ARE METHODISTS UP AT THE CHURCH."

Children who have not been taught the art of deception are perfectly honest in their conversations. Without any thought of the effect, they speak out, often to the embarrassment of their parents and older brothers and sisters. The heading to this article is a case in point. We were once invited to take a New Year's dinner with a family of high standing in the Church. There were two little twin girls in the home about four years of age. We went to the house in advance of the other guests, and for some time were being entertained by these bright little twins. They began to tell us the items on the bill of fare for dinner. First one and then the other would cry out: "We are going to have turkey for dinner." "Yes, and we are going to have cake." "And we are going to have boiled custard." And so they proceeded until the list was about exhausted, and then they began to get studious, as if they were trying to think of something else of which they had not spoken. After a moment's pause, the face of one of them brightened, and with a perfect glee she said: "Oh, yes, and we are going to have something else." We asked what that was, and she shouted out in an ecstasy: "Why, it is eggnog, and we have got a great big bowl full of it." We looked at the innocent little tot very seriously, and with an expression of astonishment said: "Why, you surprise me! Eggnog is made out of whisky, and it will make people drunk. And so you are all going to get drunk to-day! My! my! I thought you were Methodists." This staggered them for a moment and they looked embarrassed. But directly one of them rallied, and with a good deal of gusto said: "Oh, we are Methodists up at the Church."

Suffice it to say that it was not intended that we should know there was eggnog about the premises, for it was not brought out while we remained and the family made no reference to it. But these honest little tricks gave the secret away. They had nothing to hide; but in getting out of the dilemma, they gave utterance to a truth the general prevalence of which was and is wider than they had any knowledge. Most all members of the Church are Methodists and very consistent while at the Church service. We can not call up, in a ministry of a quarter of a century, a single instance where we ever saw anything inconsistent or grossly wrong in the outward conduct of a member while within the walls of the church building attending service. People are well dressed, in a good humor and pinks of perfection while sitting in the pew at the Sunday service. But how is it with a great many of them when they go home, take their Sunday clothes off, and get out of the sight of the church? The men go to their business in the store, on the marts of trade, in the field, in the shop, and in all of the vocations of life. How many things they permit to privately creep into their lives inconsistent with their professions, and then try to excuse themselves on the ground

that they are Methodists at the church. And the good women whose faces at the service are the expression of devoutness and placid tempers, how is it with them when they go into the quiet retreat of home life and privately deal with their children, husbands and servants? Do those church smiles and tempers abide when the congregation cease to look upon them? And when they get out into the social circle, do they bridle their speech like they did last Sunday while in the service of the sanctuary? Is it not a fact that the Sunday state of mind and practice is often forgotten when the people disperse and fall within the privacy of every-day life? And when conscience begins to make the spirit feel a trifle uneasy, how many of them try to get out of the dilemma by the reflection, "Oh, we are Methodists up at the church." Consistency and propriety are all right in the house of God, but to give them free course and let them run in the home and at business would add to them a wonderful potency. We ought to be Methodists everywhere. The very name ought to be a synonym for honesty, truthfulness, purity and heavenly-mindedness.

THE EVILS OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

To enumerate the evils of the liquor traffic would take more time and space than at the command of any one man. Their name is multiplied legions. They are interwoven in one way and another with nearly all of the moral ills that afflict humanity. Almost everything under the head of criminal infractions of law can be justly charged up to this source. Murder, theft, assaults and battery, gambling, licentiousness and vice are coupled with the whisky business. Our courthouses, jails, poor farms, peace officers and penitentiaries are made necessary on account of this colossal iniquity. And poverty, ignorance, vice and immorality follow along in its wake. In its lurid matrix is conceived all of these curses that rest upon the home and upon our society. Impoverished widowhood and hungry orphanage are the fruits of its woe-producing sphere. It is the unmitigated scourge of our civilization. Everything that is bad and sinful flourishes under its baneful tuition, and everything good and true and lovely withers and dies under its blight and mildew. It is God's worst enemy and the devil's best friend. It is as cruel as death and as insatiable as the grave. All forms of diabolism are inspired by its fumes and fostered by its co-operation. It laughs at woman's tears and shudders at manhood's hopes. By day and by night it sits in wait for its victims and gluts its greedy maw with the hard-earned money intended to make mothers comfortable and children happy. Into its turbulent maelstrom it flings youth, manhood and tottering age. It is a stranger to mercy and the companion of injustice, rapine and slaughter. There is nothing in it worthy of man's interest or of woman's weal. It is the veritable river of death upon whose murky bosom is borne the wreckage of human character and a nation's intellectual wealth.

But, notwithstanding all these indictments, it is authorized by our laws

and protected by our Christian civilization! It is given the right-of-way upon our streets and housed under the roofs of joints, dives, gilded fronts and stately domes. It is permitted to defy moral sentiment and outrage public opinion. We are forced to recognize it as one of our great American institutions and allow it to dominate our laws, our courts of justice, our politics, and the peace and order of society. Even some of our so-called good men vote to perpetuate it among the people. Yet the Christian manhood of this nation has the power to drive it from the land had the courage to back its sense of right. It is here because we permit it to stay amongst us. We elect the men who make the laws to perpetuate it. Year by year we send them to the Legislature and to the Congress and they do the biddings of the whisky fiend; so that the responsibility for all of these evils of the liquor business comes back to the precinct where we cast our votes. If we had the courage, the persistence, and the industry of the few men in the liquor business of every community we could wipe the monster from all of our cities and towns. When will this be done? Not until Christian men unite in their opposition to it and stand by the law of God concerning it. May that day soon come!

TEXAS WILL VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

Some time ago we spoke of the plethora of connectional men at the sessions of the Northwest and North Texas Conferences and the depletion of them at the other conferences in the State. We did this not that we felt them a "burden" at these two conferences, for the more of them we have present the greater our pleasure. Our purpose was not "benevolent," but a desire to give our three smaller conferences the benefit of the presence and service of these gifted brethren. None of them can complain of the freedom of the conferences tendered them upon the occasion of their annual visits. We are not only glad, but delighted to have them at these two large conferences, and our appreciation of their association with us is such that we want all of our Texas preachers to share in their visitations. We heard many regrets expressed, particularly at the East and Texas Conferences, that these distinguished brethren failed to do them the pleasure of a visit. We want them to continue their coming to the Northwest and North Texas Conferences, and also extend their swing around the circle until they touch the other three conferences as well. Among the members of these latter conferences are to be found the heroes of Texas Methodism. What they lack in numbers and in territory they make up in their devotion and consecration to the interests of our great Zion. The fact is, in many things they are ahead of their two larger sisters. In zeal, in consecration, in loyalty to our connectionalism, and in their efforts to save souls and build up the kingdom of Christ, the Texas, the West Texas and the East Texas Conferences are in the very forefront of the spiritual struggle.

Therefore the Advocate does not want them inadvertently neglected by the great men of the Church. We are glad that our little editorial in their behalf a while back hit the mark, for we aimed it with something of special precision. The Texas Advocate places the highest estimate upon the rights of these devoted conferences. It is therefore with pleasure that we quote the following paragraph from the last issue of the Nashville Advocate, for when we bag good game we always bring it home:

"Our friend and brother, Dr. Rankin, of the Texas Christian Advocate, must have got, during the recent sessions of the Northwest and North Texas Conferences, what the mountain folks would call his 'satisfy' of the connectional officers. He insists that hereafter they shall divide up, and go in part to the East Texas and Texas Conferences. This scheme has a look of benevolence on the face of it, but at bottom it is an effort to distribute the burden, which has long been borne with such magnanimous patience by the North and Northwest brethren. The point is well taken. We, therefore, rise to second the motion, and to add that we have already put down the East Texas and the Texas on our list for 1900."

THE I. & G. N. ROAD AND THE PREACHERS.

About all of the railroads in Texas have gone into the arrangement to grant clergymen in the regular work of the ministry a half-fare permit except the International, and we are frequently asked why we do not get after this road like we did the Central some time back. The International has always been so courteous and considerate to ministers that we concluded to write to the management direct and get their explanation. So we did, and we received a prompt reply. Mr. L. Trice, the gentlemanly Third Vice-President of the road, made the response, and among other things said:

"I understand from our passenger department that safeguards have been adopted in handling the general permit system, and we will likely adopt that system in the near future, which has been adopted by the balance of the roads, as there seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of ministers who do not travel over the I. & G. N. Road as to our policy. I believe that the ministers who travel over the I. & G. N. Railroad will bear me out in saying that there are only a few roads in the United States as liberal with ministers as the I. & G. N. Road is."

The above will prove highly satisfactory to all ministers, and it is just such a reply as we expected when we addressed Mr. Trice. There is no better or more accommodating road in the State than the I. & G. N., and in their dealings with ministers they have been uniformly liberal and obliging. Even in the absence of the half-permit system, ministers in regular work have been granted concessions whenever their wish in the matter has been made known. And all of them feel most kindly toward the International for these courtesies. The Advocate has always found this road one of the most accommodating in all of our dealings with those who have its interests in charge.

Good intentions do not bring things to pass, but a man does not often bring things to pass without intending to do something.—Sunday Magazine.



## COMMUNICATIONS.

## DANGER OF APOSTASY.

By W. H. Hughes.

We propose to state the question at issue between Calvinists and Arminians on this doctrine. The Presbyterian Confession of Faith says: "They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end and be eternally saved."

And it is frequently asserted by Calvinists: "If a man should apostatize, his restoration is impossible."

Both of these propositions are denied by Arminians, and the opposite is affirmed. These propositions present a far-reaching and a vital question in practical Christianity. No Calvinist can admit the possibility of apostasy without first relinquishing his Confession of Faith; and no Arminian can believe in the unconditional final perseverance of the saints unless he first renounces his own free moral agency, of which every man is self-conscious. If it be true when once a Christian we are infallibly sure of heaven, then there can be no sense in the admonition of Paul: "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." But if it be true "The Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy" (1 Tim. 4:1, 2) and like Hymeneus and Alexander, may make shipwreck of faith and like them be "delivered unto Satan," then it becomes us to look into these questions with a view to our final accountability.

This is an exceedingly serious question and ought not to be treated in a light, frivolous spirit. One has said: "A Methodist knows he has religion, and is afraid he will lose it; while a Presbyterian is afraid he has not got it, but knows if he has, he can not lose it." Thus sometimes this momentous subject, from the pulpit is jocularly dismissed as though no importance attached to it. To treat any sacred subject as a matter of merriment and fun is sacrilegious, and no Christian should be so irreverent.

This subject involves the possibilities in every Christian life for time and eternity. It should therefore call forth the serious and prayerful consideration of every follower of the Divine Master. Some have derisively said: "Arminians believe in apostasy because they advocate its possibility; but the fact remains they are the only people who foresee the danger and sound the alarm. The wise man, Solomon, says: 'A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.'"—Prov. 22:3.

In this investigation we waive and pass unnoticed the metaphysical mysticisms of Calvinism about the eternal decrees from "before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will."

We waive these because they are secret and belong to God, and while these counsels remain "secret," neither we nor our Calvinistic brethren can possibly know them.

We can not discuss the unknown and the unknowable. We also pass unnoticed the deception Calvinists would have us believe God practices in imputing the righteousness of his Son to us and our sins to him. Upon these two doctrines they rely to prove unconditional final perseverance, and until they prove they know God's "secret counsels" and show us one case in the Bible where God imputed the actions of one man to another, we beg to be allowed to remain silent on these two doctrines.

We recognize the fact that good men may honestly misconstrue and differ about the correct interpretation of abstract parts of Scripture on doctrine. But while this is true, the facts of history are inexorable, infallible, unalterable and explain themselves; and to these facts we shall appeal. An exemplified fact overwhelms all theories, however pretentious.

Therefore, if we can show from Bible history that angels and men, who were once good, have sinned, fallen and are lost, we may truthfully say in Bible language, notwithstanding all fine-spun theories to the contrary, "That which hath been is now, and that is to be hath already been" (Ecc. 3:15), and "The thing that hath been, is that which will be."—Ecc. 1:9. We propose, as far as may be, to take these historic examples in chronological order as found in the Authorized Version of the Bible.

First, then, we call attention to the fallen angels:

Angels are creatures, and under law as we are. It is true they are a higher

order and holier than man. Did they sin and fall and are forever lost? Job says, "His angels he charged with folly."—Job 4:18. Peter says, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."—II Peter 2:4. And Jude 6 says, "The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day."

If these holy ones fell, and are finally lost, ought we not to fear "lest a promise being left us, of entering into his rest any of you should seem to come short of it?"

(To be continued.)

## TWO BOOKS.

Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D.

Southern Methodism has produced two books within the last decade that deserve places in all of her libraries. One is "The Making of a Man," by Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., and the other "The Son of Man," by Rev. Gross Alexander, S. T. D. Dr. Lee produced his book while discharging his duties as a busy pastor, while Dr. Alexander wrought his while carrying the burdens of a heavy professorship. Both bear the unmistakable works of the student and investigator, and both can properly be called studies. One deals with questions common to the realm of philosophy, while the other belongs to Biblical research.

Dr. Alexander shows a thorough acquaintance with the vast amount of work that has been done by other scholars. However he impresses the reader that the results of his research are his own. He is not a mere echo of other men, but a thinker in his own right. His conclusions are not those of an ill-informed dogmatist, but rather those of a conscientious investigator for truth. When his readers differ from him it is with deference, because of the feeling that authority seems to rest in him. He has written not because of the desire to be an author, but because he had a message. The book is strong and healthy, full of stimulating suggestions to students of the life of Christ. It would prove valuable reading to the old preachers and the young men as well. It is a real book and will do any one good who reads with his mind and not with his prejudices.

Dr. Lee's "Making of a Man" has meat for the strong thinking man, but is liable to produce mental indigestion with those who have fed largely on trash. For those to whom "muddy-physical" is synonymous with metaphysical it would prove a valuable tonic though it might be a little "bad to take." It will not furnish ready material for sermons, but rather stuff for sermonizers. The object of the book is to make men and the men will make the sermons. Dr. Lee discusses the different phases of the nature of man with strength and charm. He presents the solid truth in a fascinating manner. He leaves his reader enthused, enriched, enlarged. The book must be classed with the very best that have been produced in this decade. It is a book to be read, reread and read again. It has been thoroughly revised recently, and some parts have been rewritten. I commend it because I believe I am conferring a favor on any one whom I may induce to read such a book.

The Southern Methodist Church ought to be proud of two such books as these by Dr. Lee and Dr. Alexander. They would do credit to any Church and will have sale in any market where thought products are sought. All Methodists are somewhat chagrined at the fact that they must go to other Churches to get their thought-provoking books of superior merit. Dr. Lee's book is not a treatise in philosophy, but it has more philosophy in it than any book from any other Southern Methodist pen that I have known. Any man who will produce a book on a par with the two here spoken of will render his Church a most magnificent service. May the day speedily come when Methodist libraries can be filled with volumes of the highest value the products of Methodist pens.

Travis Park Church, San Antonio.

## TWO PRAYERS.

John W. DeVilbiss, in his "Reminiscences," gives an account of a camp-meeting held in 1845 about five miles above the present site of Cuero, in which one live-oak furnished shade for the whole congregation. Jack Hays' rangers guarded the meeting from Indians. Chauncey Richardson, H. S. Thrall, John Crawford, other preachers

and himself were present. At the first call for penitents thirteen came up, and the same number and same persons continued to come until Monday night, without a conversion, when time came for the meeting to close. Everybody seemed sad at the condition of things. At last Richardson proposed that the thirteen penitents stand up while all joined in singing a consecration hymn. At the close of it he called on Mrs. DeVilbiss to lead in prayer. It was said to have been an extraordinary prayer. Eleven of the penitents were converted before the prayer was ended, another was converted on the grounds before the people got off, and the last one of the thirteen was converted after she got home the same night.

In 1859 we were on Uvalde Mission, reaching the then frontier village in January. We had not been there a day until the people told us of an extraordinary prayer prayed by John W. DeVilbiss at a night meeting held there some few weeks before. DeVilbiss was presiding elder of the German District, passed through the village one Sunday night, some one else doing the preaching, but he doing the praying. Sinners got under conviction during that prayer and fled the house. Some of the sisters shouted and others screamed. One old fellow said he almost felt the house shake, that he felt awful for all his sins passed in review before him. That prayer was the talk of the town for six months. Bro. DeVilbiss' first wife's name was Menifee, the one who did the praying near Cuero. She has been dead many years. She and her husband rest side by side at Oak Island Church, Medina County, within a few feet of the corner of the church and near the pulpit. This old couple had power with God. If there is a headstone or railing to mark their last resting place it has been put there since we stood at the spot. An iron fence or monument should be erected. DeVilbiss' songs and prayers always stirred up mighty feeling. He was God's man and God spoke through him. I have traveled hundreds of miles with him. He was ready to pray, sing, shout or preach on all occasions. The last time I saw the old man his shining face was luminous with glory as he turned toward Dr. D. C. Kelley, in Travis Park Church, and told him to preach on forever!

H. G. H.

## TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK-OFFERING—NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Summary of Reports for December.

Up to date, January 17, I have received reports from only thirty preachers! These are at work, or are planning to go to work, on the thank-offering movement. Some give very encouraging reports indeed. All pledge to do their best, and that means success. I shall make a detailed report for January. Of course it was not expected that a great deal could be done in December.

Now you brethren who have not reported listen: I did not seek the position as Secretary of Education for our conference. No one was more surprised at this appointment than I. But having received it I am going to do my duty. I am working under the approval and direction of Dr. Hammond, General Secretary of Education. He heartily approves the blank reports sent out to you and the letter. He urges me to push this plan. I am going to do it. If you will report promptly at the close of each month until you have completed the canvass in your charge you will lighten my labor, and the labor of the District Secretaries and also decrease the expense of the canvass, because we shall write you a card asking for the report if you do not send it in on time. We will begin this in February for January reports. If you have not reported for December do so at once.

## DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

I have appointed the following District Secretaries to assist me in the work. Some are the same I find that have been elected by District Executive Committees. Others are not. That makes no difference, however, as the work is separate and distinct: Dallas District Secretary, Rev. R. Gibbs Mood; Terrell District Secretary, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood; Greenville District Secretary, Rev. J. F. Pierce; Sulphur Springs District Secretary, Rev. E. B. Thompson; Paris District Secretary, Rev. J. J. Clark; Bonham District Secretary, Rev. S. C. Riddle; Sherman District Secretary, Rev. I. W. Clark; Gainesville District Secretary, Rev. J. Marvin Nichols; Bowie District Secretary, Rev. Lewis S. Barton.

## LITERATURE.

Many preachers have written me concerning literature relating to the work. I have sent all the pastors a leaflet entitled, "Suggestions to Pas-

tors." If you failed to get yours write me and I'll send you another. Also, through the District Secretaries, I have sent you leaflets for members entitled, "What can I do to help the Twentieth Century Fund?" If you have not received these write the Secretary of your district as given above. I also wrote Dr. Hammond to send you a number of sample copies of the "New Century Education." If you have not received these write to Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.

## BOOKS FOR PASTORS.

A number of preachers have asked me what books are helpful. I can most heartily commend the following on the subject of Christian Education in general, and therefore very helpful in this work and in your general work as a teacher and preacher of the Word of God:

1. History of Education, Painter.
2. The Arnolds, Fitch.
3. The Philosophy of Education, Rosenkranz.
4. Froebel, Bowen.
5. The Development of the Child, Oppenheim.
6. A Study of Child Nature, Harrison.
7. Hints on Child Training, H. Clay Trumbull.
8. Education of Man, Froebel.

If the editor of the Advocate will permit I will as soon as I can find time review these briefly in the Advocate, and others as well, so that you may have an idea of the contents and the value thereof.

I have plenty of roll books. Order from me if you need one. I have also a few more leaflets for members. If you did not receive enough to go round order from me. In your requests for help be specific. I can not always guess what you want. I can not leave my charge to go to individual charges to present the cause unless it be an exceptional case.

I am making out an itinerancy for the districts in which I hope to meet all the pastors and many members, and will publish it in the Advocate when completed. C. M. HARLESS, Secretary Education N. T. Conf.

## THE EVIL OF SUNDAY MARRIAGES.

Lest the little word "evil" in the above headline might suggest to some minds that matrimony is an evil, I hasten to enter my protest, and to say that those who fail to enter and occupy this happy relation fail of the richest blessings that belong to this life, save that religious fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. Those who live outside the kingdom of Christ, and therefore without religion and divine fellowship, and outside the realm of matrimony, and therefore without the fellowship of wedded hearts, miss the rarest and richest blessings that God in his wisdom has provided for his noblest creature, man, both for time and eternity. It were better for that man if he had never been born. Soon after man fell from the creative hand of God, he who made him said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Jesus and Paul recognized this great fact, and paid their compliments to the holy institution of matrimony. It is an honorable estate, instituted in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be enterprised or taken in hand unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly and in the fear of God.—Discipline. If this advice were heeded there would be less domestic infelicity and fewer divorces.

Nor would I have my readers think for a moment that it is any more wrong to get married on the holy Sabbath than any other day, but as God gave us the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship, rather than a day of weddings and revelry, it is evident that when it is so used it is more or less desecrated. A wedding, a "brilliant affair" in a city, in "high steeple church," the ceremony performed by some notable "giraffe," now and then, might be allowable. But even on occasions like that it is not likely that there is any true worship. The tendency is to dissipation and desecration. It ought not so to be. But in the small towns and country places it is still worse, because sometimes a couple get ready for the all-important occasion on a certain Sunday when the pastor is to be away at the other end of the circuit. The young fellow, who has been thinking and toiling, night and day, in an effort to win the heart and hand of his best girl for months or

even years, has no attention to preachers forgotten the run he ever knew the ceeded, the wedd Sunday at 10 o'clock may not be a me but on Saturday the "parson." It started to an ap fifteen miles in t If so, the young rather than the next day. If th to his appointm might say someth parson, I would l the ceremony for o'clock at Mr. J Brush Creek." T Is interested, and to perform the e I have an appoint at 11 o'clock, ten be at both places ford to disappoint The young fell pointed, says: "preached anywh thought maybe yo say the ceremon can't, I guess I. The preacher say can. You may h from Sunday-seh guess he will go. If the preacher ca and get to the Su is glad to do so; and work disqua tent at least, for and the minds a away from God the congregation in a community day wedding. I not desecrated. I Sunday weddings Nothing is more piate than the T ding, in a beauti orated parlor, friends are assem to the occasion made one. It is to be married " front of the par standing on the Creek," or than " miles from town Possum Creek o things be done d

Cumby, Texas.

## REV. W.

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even years, has not given much attention to preachers or preaching, and has forgotten the run of appointments, if he ever knew them; but having succeeded, the wedding is set for next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. He may or may not be a member of the Church, but on Saturday evening he comes for the "parson." It may be he has just started to an appointment twelve or fifteen miles in the opposite direction. If so, the young man gets the Justice rather than disappoint his girl the next day. If the preacher has not gone to his appointment, the young man might say something like this: "Well, parson, I would like to get you to say the ceremony for me to-morrow at 10 o'clock at Mr. Jones', over here on Brush Creek." The preacher, of course, is interested, and says: "I would like to perform the ceremony for you, but I have an appointment at Pine Ridge at 11 o'clock, ten miles away. I can't be at both places, and I can't well afford to disappoint my congregation." The young fellow, somewhat disappointed, says: "I didn't know you preached anywhere to-morrow, and I thought maybe you could come out and say the ceremony for me. But if you can't, I guess I can get the Justice." The preacher says: "Yes, I guess you can. You may have to take him away from Sunday-school or Church, but I guess he will go." But this is not all. If the preacher can fill his appointment and get to the Sunday wedding, too, he is glad to do so; but the extra thought and work disqualify him, to some extent at least, for his best pulpit work, and the minds and hearts are drawn away from God and worship, so that the congregation is not benefited much in a community where there is a Sunday wedding. The day is wasted, if not desecrated. Let us have done with Sunday weddings in Methodist circles. Nothing is more beautiful and appropriate than the Thursday evening wedding, in a beautifully lighted and decorated parlor, where relatives and friends are assembled and lend a charm to the occasion when two hearts are made one. It is infinitely better than to be married "sitting in a buggy in front of the parsonage gate," or than "standing on the bridge across Scatter Creek," or than "at the crossroads four miles from town. Both parties live in Possum Creek community." Let all things be done decently and in order. S. L. BALL.

REV. W. J. WILSON.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. W. J. Wilson, was born in South Carolina in the year 1808. His parents died when he was very young—so young that he never remembered them. He was taken care of by an uncle, with whom he moved to Mississippi in early boyhood. At the age of eighteen years he joined the M. E. Church, and four years later began to preach. As no account of his life has been preserved, very little is known of his labors as an itinerant preacher. However, it is well remembered that he served the Kemper Circuit in 1840, and had, in the meantime, been ordained by Bishop Soule. At this time he transferred to the Alabama Conference and served the Church until 1844, when he located and took a position as overseer, in which capacity he served until he moved to Texas, which was in the winter of 1845-46, his family following later in 1846. He married a Miss Drucilla Wood, in Wayne County, Miss. He settled at Retreat, Grimes County, which at that time was a portion of Montgomery County. He attended the Texas Annual Conference, in company with Rev. J. M. Wesson, of sainted memory, which met in Houston in 1846, and the following year served Wheelock Circuit as a supply. In 1849 he was senior preacher, and one Shegog was junior. He served as a supply the work comprising Old Wash-ton and Madisonville and the region between. He was on intimate terms with C. H. Brooks, J. W. Whipple, O. M. Addison, Robt. Alexander, Woodriddle and others.

In 1862 he joined the Confederate forces and served through the war, enduring hardships and privations that only those who have been similarly situated can realize. After the war he returned to his home on Reid's Prairie, Waller County, and continued his labors as a local preacher, supporting himself and family by the practice of medicine and farming until his demise, which was on March 22, 1884. He "re-joiced to see the end approach," for the end of his warfare was at hand, and he could say, with the apostle of old, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." He was married three times. The last wife still lives and resides near the old "Wilson homestead," honored and

respected by all the connection. J. J. Wilson, living on the old place, and Mrs. M. L. Conn, who lives in Blanco County, are the only surviving children. The son is now an old man, a staunch and loyal Methodist, having four children, three of whom are married, but all members of the Methodist Church, South. This is a family in whose home the Advocate has been a regular visitor, even when it was the "Wesleyan Banner."

GEORGE SOUTHWELL. FROM REV. J. W. CHALK.

The change of Church relations of the Rev. Mr. Graves was of his own motion. This, I think, he had an unquestionable right to do, at the same time it furnishes a good text, if not for a sermon, for a warm exhortation. I noticed last year he was very eulogistic of the Rev. J. M. Binkley, who was his presiding elder. At the time he was in full accord with the doctrine and polity of the M. E. Church, South. Took it all in, hoofs and horns; left nothing behind.

I was convinced long since that it was bad policy to undertake the job of making a traveling, an itinerant, preacher out of an old man. It is the next thing to an impossibility. I have had a very large opportunity to study and watch the tide of human events. I never saw a man licensed to preach after passing the age of fifty that was a success. I very reluctantly issued license once to a man fifty-five years old. He did us no good; went back to the world and was expelled from the Church. Old, erratic minds that have grown up with years and age and full to the overflowing of idiosyncrasies can never get in sympathy and adapt themselves to our polity as a Church. If it were even possible for them to succeed in a very few years at most they are relegated to the roll of honor. I have ever discouraged the admission of old men into our conference. We train young men not only to hold the fort, but carry forward the work to full completion. David could not wear the armor of Saul, the experienced warrior. It took years of training, beginning early in life, to make him the peerless chieftain. Hannibal took an oath at the age of nine that he would fight the Romans as long as he lived. His father was an experienced warrior and trained him in all the arts of war. He became the greatest military leader that the Carthaginians ever produced. In fact, he has had but few equals in the world's history. So much for the beginning; so much for the ending. Men who have gone to the front and won an enviable reputation are those who entered the ministry in early life. A few examples here will not be out of place. Fountain E. Pitts was licensed at sixteen. Bishop Marvin at eighteen. Bishop Granberry at eighteen. Our own L. F. Lively at about eighteen. W. H. Hughes entered at eighteen. These men of God have wrought well, won their way to places of preferment on hard circuits and short rations. These are types of the hundreds and thousands. One word and I will close: Guard well the doors of the conference. J. W. CHALK.

FROM R. R. RAYMOND.

I have had many letters of inquiry about this country, so I will write a concise statement to your paper as nearly all good Methodists in Texas read it, and the rest ought. As to land: Fruit land, unimproved, is worth from \$100 to \$250 per acre. Orchards, oranges, English walnuts and apricots, from \$200 to \$1000 per acre. Products on same this year from \$50 to \$500 per acre. I saw an orchard where the man had sold four acres of oranges, without handling, for \$350 per acre. Farm lands are from \$25 to \$500 per acre. I saw celery which sold for \$140 per acre in the field; the purchaser dug it. This land was worth \$150 per acre. Morally, Orange County is the best I have ever known, and Santa Ana, the county-seat, is the cleanest city morally I have ever been in, but it lacks a great deal of being what it ought to be. Our Church here is not as strong as some others, because most of these people are from the North. There are only about twenty-five negroes in this county, and they have, I expect, five thousand in the schools in this county, eight or ten of whom are negroes. In this county they have several Democrats in office. They have the finest schools I have ever seen, and everyone goes free until he or she can graduate, and then can take a post-graduate course. They have to have an eight months' free school in each district—most of them have nine months. Dr. J. W. Lowrey, of Navarro County, Texas, is here with me and says socially he has never seen such

people; and as to a Southern Methodist being looked down on here in this section, it is wholly untrue. They seldom have lightning and never any storms. They are not troubled with the big red ant, bedbug or lice. Absolutely no malaria, and no summer complaints among the children. They have no sickness, only such as is expected in a healthy country. Living is cheaper than I have ever known it, and wages better than in Texas. I have never heard any one say "times are hard" or "money scarce." More flowers here in January than I have ever seen in life. All kinds of vegetables in the garden at this writing: some strawberries. I want all who read this who are not subscribers to the Advocate to subscribe at once. God bless Texas! R. R. RAYMOND.

REFLECTIONS.

Reflections caused by reading the Texas Christian Advocate of January 4, 1890:

1. To my mind our Christian Advocate grows better all the time. When I came to Texas in the fall of 1874 Dr. I. G. John was editor. I subscribed for the paper because it represented our Church in this great State, my future home. I prized it for the high standard of Christianity and morality it maintained both for Church and State and the courage with which the editor maintained the right and condemned the wrong. Drs. Briggs, Campbell, Pierce and the present incumbent have kept up this high standard and fearlessly presented the truth and condemned the wrong in both high and low places until the Advocate is now considered one of the greatest powers for good of any periodical of the whole country. The editorials are of a high order of literature. The editorial on "The Perfections of Our System" is to the point. Thank you, Doctor.

2. I have read the "Field Notes," or "Notes from the Field," of this week's issue with unusual interest. I notice the pastors have been kindly received, their families provided for and most of them liberally pouched, and all write encouragingly of their work and hopefulness of success this year. In all of which I greatly rejoice, and, while I am comfortably housed and have the necessities of life, though suffering with rheumatism, I am happy to know that I belong to such a noble band of men as the Christian ministers of the M. E. Church, South, and the Northwest Texas Conference.

3. In June, 1868, I was licensed to preach. Received into the Arkansas Conference on trial that fall at Jack-sonport, Ark. Traveled six years; located and came to Texas; was local three years; was admitted into the Northwest Texas Conference in the fall of 1877, in which body I am still a member. I have received of my brethren considerations above my deservings, and now when in their judgment my name should be transferred from the effective list to the honor roll I make no protest. It is a great privilege to be permitted to rest. Though I am not old, I sometimes feel tired, and my health has declined during the past four years. I expect to preach when the weather and my health may permit and opportunities offer. I do not intend to become sour, but by divine grace I expect to keep in love with God and my brethren and in harmony with the Church. I pray and hope that this year may be the most fruitful year in the salvation of souls we have ever seen.

May the Lord bless the Advocate and its fearless editor. GEO. F. FAIR. Lometa, Texas.

THE GOSPEL AMONG THE MEXICANS.

I take pleasure in notifying the American Christian people and my brethren how my countrymen receive the precious gospel, and live from idolatry, and at the same time present a practical answer to an article written by Senor Du Ignacio Mariscal, Minister of Exterior Relations of our Government, for the Independent of New York a few days ago. In that paper he shows the lamentable ignorance in which he lives regarding the progress and work of the Protestant missionaries and the influence of the gospel among our people.

He states that "the Protestants pretend to make encouraging progress, and count 20,000 members." He also says that "the

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wise Mexicans believe the missionaries are deceived by the people, and that they only look to them for the physical assistance." I believe that Senor Mariscal is a wise and great man, but we have one more proof that a great man can make ignorant mistakes. The American people do not have to go to Mexico to see the absurdity of Senor Mariscal's statements; but those living here can find out the truth by looking into the work for the past year in charge of one as weak as myself. Then you can estimate what over 200 ministers have accomplished for the cause in the Republic, where, most of them, have been working, not for one year, but for the past twenty.

Let me give you a brief outline of some of the work accomplished in the past year in the Austin Circuit, San Antonio District, Mexican Border Mission Conference, of the M. E. Church, South, of which I am pastor. By the grace of God, I received 27 persons by profession of faith and baptism; all of them had been living in the error and 8th of their sins from childhood. I baptized also 29 children.

We organized two Epworth Leagues, the first in Evelyn, Texas, August 6, with 40 members, having for its President our good brother, Algeo Alvarado; the second organized in the city the last of the past year, with 32 members, with Bro. Noddy Falson as President.

When taken in consideration the hard and pressed condition of our people in this territory, the collection of over \$1000 (sixteen) reported in our conference, certainly is encouraging.

I can not keep silent when I think of the most important meetings in my work. The first at Evelyn, Texas, from July 30 to August 6; loving and happy days, prayers, sermons and singing with great joy, and hours of happiness for the salvation and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. But the most glorious moment was the last day, at 3 o'clock, when 31 adults and 10 children came to be baptized and confessing their sins.

At my residence, 312 Nueces Street, we closed the past year with one of the most helpful and encouraging meetings, extending from December 24 to December 31, previous days for our Mexican congregation and days of great joy for those poor souls who had been living a life of sin in stupid idolatry. Those who had been sitting in darkness and the shadow of death for the first time in their lives experienced the love of Jesus Christ, and good tidings of great joy were brought to 13 adults and 4 children, who were received into the Church and baptized. And as our Lord Jesus Christ delivered them out of the hands of their enemies, they promised to serve him with our fear in holiness and righteousness the rest of their lives.

Will not our Christian brethren cooperate with us in extending this good work here in Austin? We are very much in need of a place of worship in this city, as our congregation has grown too large to be accommodated in their present place of worship, and we ask you to help us build a church.

Any donations will be appreciated and thankfully received by your sincere brother, GREGORIE A. VELASQUEZ, 312 Nueces St., Austin, Texas, January 1, 1899.

DYSPEPSIA.

Geo. S. Scally, of 75 Nassau St., New York, says: "For years I have been troubled with rheumatism and dyspepsia, and I came to the conclusion to try your pills. I immediately found great relief from their use; I feel like a new man since I commenced taking them, and would not now be without them. The drowsy, sleepy feeling I used to have has entirely disappeared. The dyspepsia has left me and my rheumatism is gone entirely. I am satisfied if any one so afflicted will give Radway's Pills a trial they will surely cure them, for I believe it all comes from the system being out of order—the liver not doing its work."

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SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

In this column we give the latest news items for the especial benefit of our readers who do not take the daily papers. For the most part we condense and re-write the items in such way as to strip them of everything objectionable. Therefore, on this page will be found the current news for home reading, and it will always be reliable.

At Lone Oak, Texas, the other day, there was a severe rain and wind storm during which the Baptist Church building was struck by lightning and completely destroyed.

The Ways and Means Committee at Washington have been considering whether or not it will be possible to make any tariff reduction, but they have concluded to resist any effort in this direction by Congress. The brewers were very hopeful of getting the tariff of two dollars upon every barrel of beer reduced, but they have about given up the fight. In this they will lose nothing, as the people who drink the beer will pay the tax.

The Secretary of War has transmitted to Congress an estimate of \$250,000 deficiency in the appropriation for military posts requisite for the service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900. An army, however small, is an expensive piece of government. Fortunately for us, we have never had to maintain a large standing army.

One of the most extensive strikes known for years in the anthracite coal regions has been determined upon. About 40,000 miners are involved in the trouble, and much interest is centered in the result. A conference of those whose business is thus involved was held, but there seemed to be no way to prevent the men from going out.

The Maryland House of Delegates, which is overwhelmingly Democratic, recently refused to indorse W. J. Bryan as the leader of the party. They also killed a resolution introduced by a free silver advocate to invite Mr. Bryan to address that body. Maryland is not a large State.

Buller's forces have crossed the Tugela River, and they did so without opposition. This places him in the rear of the Boer forces besieging Ladysmith. Why the Boers permitted this is only a surmise, and that is to draw the English into another trap. If Buller defeats them they will retreat across the Klip River, between Ladysmith and Colenso, where their position will be perilous. But if the Boers defeat him, he will be in a worse position, for he will have a swollen river between him and the base of his operations. He has warned his men that the issue means glory or destruction.

The great National Stock Association, which met in Fort Worth last week, adjourned on Saturday. It was the largest gathering of the sort yet held, and representative stock men were present from almost every live stock State in the Union. A resolution was carried by a large majority favoring the leasing of government lands for ranging purposes.

Two reports from the committee on the Brigham Roberts case have been submitted to Congress. One of them is the majority report, denying him a place in that body; the minority report urges seating him, and then let Congress proceed in the regular way to dispose of the case. That body has not yet acted upon the reports. Roberts, of course, favors the minority report. He would rather get in and be expelled than be kept out altogether.

Col. D. J. Jenkins, for more than a quarter of a century managing editor of the Dallas and Galveston News, has tendered his resignation of that important trust. No man in the State has exercised a wider influence on Texas journalism than the retiring editor. This he has done in a quiet way. In fact, he has worked behind the scenes all these years, and the public has rarely ever noticed his name in print. Yet his hand has guided the editorial destiny of these two great papers. While some of us have had occasion to differ from some of his positions, yet his ability and character as a newspaper man have always been recognized by his fellow associates of the craft. The newspaper fraternity of the State part with him with regret.

Gov. Sayers has called an extra session of the Legislature, and that body is now in session at Austin. The main object of the called session is to pass some legislation about the tax question and a few other things. The city

of Dallas has asked that body to so amend the charter as to allow us to pass an ordinance to appropriate \$4000 annually to support the new Public Library, which is one of the conditions of the \$50,000 gift to that object by Mr. Carnegie.

The ninety-third anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee was celebrated the 19th inst. throughout the South generally. He is one of the few men who continue to grow larger and greater as the generations advance. His historic name is bright with the luster of an undimmed glory.

The Dallas City Council has again taken up the question of admitting Oak Cliff to this corporation. A larger Dallas is desired, so that the Census Supervisor will give us a greater population. Some time ago, when that question was up, the people over there voted against coming into Dallas, but a few of their citizens keep the matter agitated, and now the effort is on again.

The race between Senator Chilton and Mr. Bailey for the United States Senatorship grows warmer as the contest progresses. We notice some of the newspaper friends of the former are bringing the claims of the latter into a personal sphere. This paper is not in party politics, but we venture the assertion that the interest of one candidate will not be enhanced by striving to depreciate the character of another. The people believe in fair treatment, and they will usually take the side of the man whom his opponents are trying to traduce.

The number of textile mills constructed or contemplated in the United States for the last half of the year 1899, as reviewed by the American Wool and Cotton Reporter, amounts to 183, against 116 for the first half of the year. This makes a total of 299 mills for the year, against 262 for 1898, and 155 for 1897. The South still leads in the new mill construction, with a gain of fourteen mills over the number for the first of the year. The North has shown a greater increase, having an accession of fifty-three over the twenty-five reported the first six months in the year. This is a splendid showing, and is the result of the heavy demand for goods.

The old issue raised last year about the comparative merits of Sampson and Schley as naval heroes is being revived by Secretary Long, of the Navy Department. He has an idea that Sampson is the great hero of the war with Spain on this side of the water. But Congress did not agree with him, and he can not let the matter drop.

William J. Bryan, the Democratic leader and presidential candidate of 1896, says he is a firm believer in expansion, "wherever there is a people intelligent enough to form a part of this republic," but "the Filipinos are not such a people." The Democratic party, he says, has never advocated the acquisition of subject territory to be held under colonial government.

The sixty-four cotton mills of Fall River, Mass., have so far resisted the effort to bring them into the great cotton mill trust. This great octopus has back of it \$150,000,000 with which to force all producers of prints into its terms. How long the above mills can resist the effort to force them into the combine we do not know. Everything seems headed toward the trusts.

What with harrying the Celestials in China, bullying Santo Domingo, encroaching upon the Republic of Liberia in West Africa, and occupying disputed territory in North Africa, it looks as though France were decidedly taking advantage of England's troubles, in spite of assurances to the contrary.

From a dispatch we learn that the Nicaragua Canal bill has been favorably reported in the Lower House. It is practically the same measure as reported last Congress, but which failed to pass. Under this bill the United States Government is to build the canal, and \$140,000,000, or as much of it as needed, is appropriated for that purpose.

John Ruskin, the great writer, died last Saturday of influenza in London. He was in his eighty-first year and he has long figured in literary circles, particularly as a writer on esthetical and moral subjects.

Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, the author of "In His Steps," and who lives in Topeka, Kan., has long dreamed of inaugurating a religious daily paper.

Now the Topeka Daily Capital, one of the leading dailies in the State, has determined to turn its management over to him for one week in order that he may try the experiment. He is to conduct it as he thinks Jesus would were he here in the flesh. To every piece of news and to every advertisement he will add "What would Jesus do?" The outcome will be watched with interest.

Bryan has been in Washington the past week and the politicians in his party are apparently standing by him as the leader of their fortunes. Notwithstanding that the Maryland Legislature declined to endorse him as such and to invite him to address them, he went by invitation of the Democrats to Baltimore and addressed a great crowd at Music Hall.

Last October a German farmer living near Fort Scott, Kan., was murdered and three men—Ed Meeks, Geo. Silbee and Amos Phillips—were arrested for the crime, and the latter turned State's evidence. The trial came off a couple of weeks ago and Silbee and Meeks were convicted. On last Saturday night a mob of citizens met, broke down the jail doors, took the prisoners out and hanged them—that is the two convicted ones.

The English and the Boers clashed last Sunday off Ladysmith in several skirmishes with no definite advantage gained by either. The full outcome of the fight is not yet known, but the English are not yet boasting of any victory. The great conflict is now pending as the two forces are facing each other with but little distance between them.

An ugly tragedy occurred at Bremont the 20th instant in which Justice of the Peace M. H. Stelbauer was killed and M. P. Lang, a druggist, was severely wounded. The trouble grew out of a business dispute, with the above sad result.

Rev. James Mackinnis, a Congregational minister of Oakland, Cal., has left the ministry because the rules of the Church will not permit him to dance. He also wants the liberty to walk into a bar-room and take a drink whenever his conation needs it. So while he believes in Christianity he says he can not afford to be a preacher in a Church that abridges his liberty. Why does he not go to the Roman Church?

A heavy earthquake shock was felt in the City of Mexico last Saturday and much damage was done to property in several towns throughout the republic. The first disturbance occurred on Friday and it returned with greater violence on Saturday. Much alarm was felt in a number of localities.

The Cubans are very much pleased with Governor-General Wood, who has taken charge of affairs over there. "La Lucha," their leading paper, says: "Gen. Wood is a statesman rather than a soldier. This is exemplified in his latest decree, in which he softens the harsh and abrupt decrees of the military regime and aims to stimulate civil procedure as well as to avoid any confusion between the military and the civil authorities."

If the following dispatch is authentic, it means a great deal: "Rome, Jan. 22.—The Agenzia Italiana says that President Kruger's letter to President McKinley, through former Minister Macrum, who is now en route to Washington, asks for an American protectorate over the Transvaal Republic and Orange Free State." America is now one of the world powers and the eye of the people across the waters is upon our ability to take part in the national movements of that portion of the world.

At this writing (Wednesday morning) there is no definite news as to the great battle which most surely has been raging off Ladysmith between Gen. Buller and the Boers. The latter are wonderfully entrenched on a mountainous range and their equipment for fighting is complete. They have strong fortifications and arms and ammunition in abundance. The English are facing these frowning battlements and are forced to climb the declivities under an awful fire. Their forces below are trying to throw shells over the heads of their comrades into the lines of the enemy. What the result of the conflict is we can not predict. Buller is where he must have done something wonderful in warfare if successful, or he has been badly beaten. London is in a great state of

suspension and officials are hanging around the War Department day and night without sleep. In the meantime Germany and the other powers are strongly inclined to intervene just as soon as the fate of Ladysmith is known. Whether they will do this awaits to be seen. In any event, England so far has been worsted in the struggle and she has fully awoke to the fact that she has on her hands one of the most deplorable troubles with which she has had to contend within the last half century. These Boers are better fighters and better prepared for fighting than the British ever dreamed and things look squally for the great John Bull.

From an exchange we copy the following item concerning explosives:

Picric acid was discovered in 1788, and for 100 years its use was confined for the most part to the dyeing textile of fabrics and the adulteration of beer. One day a quantity of it was being melted over a fire, in a dye house at Manchester, England, when it ran over and flowed into some loose litharge, producing a violent explosion. As the immediate result of this accident we have four new explosives—lyddite, melinite, emmenite and theorite. Picric acid enters into the composition of at least three of these as the chief ingredient. The British prefer lyddite, the French melinite and the Americans are now experimenting with theorite. Lyddite not only has an explosive force six times as great as that of gunpowder, but it has the additional advantage of being perfectly safe to handle, as it requires a heavy detonator to explode it. The secret of the manufacture of all these explosives is carefully guarded.

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North Texas Conference.

ROSSSTON.

J. W. Tincher, Jan. 18: We are in a glorious revival of religion at Rosston. We thought we would close last night, but the interest was so great we could not. Six girls were converted at the altar; so we press on and pray that the interest may increase until many more may be brought to Christ. Pray for us.

BRYSAN AND SALT HILL.

J. D. Whitehead, Jan. 19: Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Our new presiding elder, Dr. Alderson, was on schedule time, and preached two most excellent sermons, and presided as if to the manner born. He has made a fine impression on my people. Altogether, we had an interesting Quarterly Conference. Now, if I can only get my people to build a church this year, I will be a thankful pastor.

NEVADA.

S. W. Miller, Jan. 22: Yesterday was a good day. Our Sunday-school showed marked signs of improvement, both in number and recitation of lessons. Large congregation at 11 o'clock, and very attentive. League service in the afternoon very interesting and spiritual. Service at night, large congregation, and the Spirit was with us in great power. We hope and expect to see results in the near future. Wife is improving slowly, and can walk across the house on her crutches, but can not bear any weight on her foot. My League has taken hold of the Century Educational interest at Nevada.

BELCHERVILLE.

W. H. Brown, Jan. 22: We are looking forward for a good revival in the very near future. Yesterday was indeed a great day with us. The outlook was never better for good times. The Church is moving up on holy ground, and all seem to be looking for the Lord to do wonders for us. We have been pounded almost constantly ever since we came. Among the many things we are thankful for is a dozen fine hens, presented to my wife by Sister John Witherspoon, and a half dozen by Sister Crawford, and kindness shown by Bros. Kirby, Lovelace, Hightower, Miller and others, for all of which our hearts overflow with gratitude. These people sure know how to make a preacher happy. God bless them all and save their children.

SUMNER.

J. A. Wyatt, Jan. 19: With my family, I arrived here at the capital of Emberson Circuit on the 2d of December ult., and entered at once upon my work. Have met fairly large congregations at each appointment (four), and have been very cordially received. My predecessors are mentioned in very high praise. This is very favorable. The Sumner community has already fallen into line in parsonage invasion, and liberally, too. If the other three communities do likewise, it would take a good while to starve this preacher. We left a fine people on the Houston Circuit, who expressed their appreciation of our work with two poundings, one just after conference, and in many other ways during the entire year. Notably among the last mentioned was a fine overcoat from Bro. C. R. Caldwell, to

supply the place of one stolen from the parsonage by some sneak thief in February last. While we left so appreciative a people, we have come to one just as good. On the first Sunday of this month I began preaching and otherwise working in the interest of the Twentieth Century thank-offering. Indications are favorable to a good showing when the canvass is complete.

NOCONA.

Charlie Martin, Jan. 21: Dr. Ditzler is delivering a series of doctrinal sermons at the Methodist Church in this place. Our efficient pastor, Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, is to be commended for securing the services of this able divine. Thus far Dr. Ditzler has discoursed upon the following subjects: "The New Birth," "The Church," "Matt. 18:18," "Made of Baptism," "Same Baptism," "Infant Baptism." He evidently speaks things plain. Large congregations greet him at each service. Methodism will be strengthened a great deal by his preaching in Nocona. When he enters the pulpit, he says things that will do to put down in your scrap-book for future reference.

BELCHER.

J. R. Miles, L. P., Jan. 15: Another great day in Belcher more hearts made glad by the power of God. Bro. Brown came home from Whitesboro to preach for us today. He doesn't forget his poor charge when away among the folks in the large towns. To-night one of the largest audiences ever gathered in Belcher heard him exhort men to lead better lives. How they did shout and praise God! Hardened sinners plead with Christians to pray for them, and strong men wept as they listened to the pleading words of their young pastor as, in his simple way, he told them of the better world. We haven't much money down here, but we have hearts full of love for him and his Master. Keep your eye on the Belcher Circuit. God's power, through his servant Brown, is beginning to awake the hearts of men to the true religion.

ERA.

C. L. Ballard, Jan. 15: We reached here the 5th of December, 1899. Found the good women at the parsonage to receive us, with dinner that would tempt a king. Yes, we have been pounded handsomely, and hardly a day passes but some token of appreciation comes to the parsonage. We have never received a warmer welcome. It amounts to an ovation. We preached to this people four years when on the Gainesville District, and years of separation have not diminished our love for each other. We missed Bro. Binkley at our Quarterly Conference the 13th and 14th. He was sick and could not be with us. We had a good meeting, spiritually and financially. The stewards raised the assessment for the preacher \$200 over their former assessments, which puts this circuit in the lead of the circuits of Texas. We are expecting great things from the Lord and for this people this year.

WHITEWRIGHT.

M. H. Neely, Jan. 16: At our last conference at Honey Grove Bishop Harzgrove read, and clearly and distinctly, "White-wright, M. H. Neely." So we made haste to pack and ship our goods and chattels to White-wright. We followed on the first train and reached our work in time to fill the pulpit on the first Sabbath after conference. We have, as best we could, filled every Sabbath since. The people turn out well, and listen attentively and

soon to be appreciative, which we take as a good indication. We have been treated with great kindness and made to feel that we were among a warm-hearted, Christian people. May God help us to do a good work this year. But what about the pounding? Well, we had escaped such treatment for several years and had about concluded that we were exempt by reason of age or something else from such visitations. But this people seemed determined to make a raid upon the parsonage; so the first week after our arrival they fixed upon a certain night to make the attack, but a heavy rain threw them into confusion, and there was no concert of action, yet there was a considerable skirmish brought on by a few of the more determined ones, who did not know that the main body had postponed the movement. They left substantial evidence of their purpose. But on New Year's eve the attack was vigorously renewed, and so general and well planned was the assault that we surrendered very soon. And they did pound us most fully and liberally. How did we take it? With great meekness. We thought of what David said: "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness." And we felt such a spirit of forgiveness that we were quite ready to turn the other cheek. When all was over and the forces had retired, the dining-room was a sight. Five sacks of flour, and the table loaded with sausage, lard, sugar, coffee, canned goods by the dozen, and various and sundry useful articles. Yes, sir, it was a genuine pounding, not to be forgotten soon. May God help us to be worthy of such kindness. I think it only right to speak of the noble action of one of my stewards, as it may provoke others to good works. He found out in advance how many widows lived in town and their places of residence, and also every minister of any Church, and New Year's Eve loaded up a wagon with flour and left a sack at every widow's home and every minister's home, distributing in all forty-eight sacks (2,400 pounds) of flour. Noble deed. No doubt he slept sweetly that night. Well, all in all, I am much pleased with my work. You may tell Sam Ashburn that he is just a little off when he says he has the best charge in Texas. He once served this charge and is kindly remembered; but he evidently does not know how it has prospered and developed under the leadership of such master workmen as Archer, Ripper, Stafford and Alderson. It is now first-class and stands at least equal to Plano. But more anon.

SHERMAN CIRCUIT.

Sam'l Weaver, Jan. 23: Our first Quarterly Conference has passed. All the Churches were represented, and a pretty fair report was made. J. R. Wagner was on hand, looking after the general interests of the Church. Our people gave us quite a nice dinner at the church, and everything went off very nicely; and I may say just here, while my charge has not given us a regular pounding, yet they have given us a good number of nice things and have received us very kindly; and while this is so, I find much to do on this charge, but be the help of the Church and the Lord we hope to do it.

East Texas Conference.

TYLER CIRCUIT.

S. N. Allen, Jan. 18: Here we are in the land of the living. The Bishop said for us to come back to this work, so we are here to make this the best year of our lives, by the help of the good Lord. We paid out last year, and we will do better this year. We don't want the brethren to think of us as not doing our duty. So, brethren, when you think of Tyler Circuit, we want you to think of it as one of the best works in Tyler District. We are determined to come up with our work, says the good people of Tyler Circuit. We have some as good people as ever lived. This is our second year, and if the Bishop says for us to stay here our four years all right. We are willing. We had an eight days' debate with our Campbellite friends at Starrville. A. A. Kidd did the work for us. He is a dandy. He ran Elder L. M. Owen out of the Bible and then got up on it, as it were, and flopped his wings and crowed for Methodism. God bless our dear old Advocate. It gets better all the time.

JEFFERSON.

L. A. Burk, Jan. 17: Bishop Harzgrove kindly returned this morn'g to Jefferson at the close of the East Texas Conference. Immediately on our return we began to receive expressions, not only in word but also in deed, of our good people's appreciation. The first was a nice overcoat for this preacher. Then other nice articles of wearing apparel, together with fruit, nuts, etc., followed each other in such quick succession and so numerous that our pockets of trambushes fall to reveal all. This offering was reached on the evening of Jan. 13. At an early hour, headed by Sister Kate Collins, the people began to pour into the parsonage, bringing with them good things for the physical man of every description. My, my! we were floured, sugar'd, soap'd, meat'd and cream'd. Besides all this, we were remembered in two boxes with nice donations of money. God bless these kind, good people. There are too many things for us to mention all. Our presiding elder was present and could not have enjoyed the pounding more if his own parsonage home had been the one visited. Oh! how unworthy we feel. The good Lord help us to give these dear people the best service of our lives.

DAINGERFIELD.

T. B. Vinson, Jan. 19: The Bishop and his Cabinet, at our last conference, assigned us to this charge, so in obedience to their golly judgment, we bade adieu to our many friends on the Edom Circuit, and turning our faces this way, we started for Daingerfield, arriving at this place on the evening of December 28, to find strange faces, yet true-hearted friends, awaiting to receive us into their hearts and homes. And here we are, busily at work in trying to meet the demands of this work as best we can, in an humble way, praying our divine Lord to direct us by his Spirit in that way that will be to the glory of his name and the salvation of this people. We find this to be a most excellent people, loyal to the Church and true to their preachers and their families. We have not heard so much as one word of harm spoken by any of this people

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of the preachers that have preceded us on this work. They speak of them and their in the kindest manner. We have gotten just half around the work up to this writing. Expect to meet with the good people of Hughes' Springs on the morning and Sunday. Now, let me say just here that they have and are, rounding us in the genuine Methodist way, and what is in the future the Lord and this good people only know. While I am penning these lines, the good lady receives a lot of nice sympathy from a good lady just across the street. Now, while this pounding is in a Methodist way, I want to say that it is not by Methodists only, not by any means, for the Baptists, Presbyterians, and in fact all the good people, regardless of name or denomination, and others that belong, have joined in with one accord, and oh, how they do it! They hit hard and fast, and keep on rounding us of the fact that they are ever mindful of their preacher and his family, and are ready and willing to meet the demands of the same. We are glad to find that all the Christian people of this town are working in peace and harmony with each other, and seem to be helpful and ready to help each other in their work. May the richest benedictions of heaven be poured upon this town and entire work is our prayer. We expect a glorious time in the Lord's work this year, and by divine grace we expect to do our best work for the Master in bringing souls to Christ. Oh, how sad to hear of the death of Rev. T. B. Smith. God bless and comfort his bereaved congregation. God bless the Advocate, and may it be instrumental in blessing us down this way.

Northwest Texas Conference.

SANTA ANNA.

B. A. Shoddy, Jan. 22: Had a great day at Santa Anna yesterday. A large attendance at Sunday-school. At the 11 o'clock preaching service the largest congregation in attendance for a number of years. The house was packed to overflowing. After the pastor preached, he received eighteen new members into the Church, six by certificate and twelve by baptism. Good service at night, and one addition to the Church. A rousing League service in the afternoon. Our League is growing. Rev. J. C. Dines, a preacher of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, conducted a good meeting here a few days since.

GLEN COVE CIRCUIT.

G. W. Tomplin, Jan. 15: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Midway January 6 and 7. Rev. O. F. Sossabough, our excellent presiding elder, was at his post looking after all the interests of the Church. He preached three splendid sermons. We raised \$50.55 in cash and gold.

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# Our Young Folks

[Written for the Advocate.]  
**LITTLE JERSEY.**

By Mrs. S. E. Heartsill.

Dimple Mabry and her two brothers, Luke and Henry, stood quietly surveying their little cow which was placidly eating her breakfast from a box nailed low to the side of a tree. The animal was a beauty! Just as fat as the golden balls of butter gathered each day from the rich milk she gave. Her eyes were as bright as the dew drop diamonds on the flowers; but full of soft gentleness and love. Dimple threw one arm over her broad back, saying in a pitiful voice:

"Oh, Luke, what will we do without our little Jersey? Mamma says we must give her up on the 12th, as the grocer holds a mortgage on her and he intends taking her then, as we can't raise the money. He said if we would only pay \$5 he would wait."

Luke's black eyes snapped, and he stamped the ground with one little bare foot: "I wish I was a man," said he, "I would throw that groceryman over the fence if he dared come for my cow, and he just shan't have Jersey, no how. I'll call the police."

Dimple knew there was no safety in that plan, so she only bowed her head to hide her tears from the boys; so low it went close down by Little Jersey's box that the fair curls almost brushed the ground.

Henry, a wee man of only four summers, asked: "Say, sister, when is she twef?"

"Only three days off, dear; then we must part from our darling pet, and poor mother will miss her more than all." Dimple's voice was full of tears and her eyes running over, for the large drops were fast falling on the little cow's neck now; but Jersey was enjoying her breakfast, all unconscious of this great sorrow on her account.

"Nebber mind, sister, don't you cry," Henry said: "I am going to say my prayers and beg Dad to keep dat do-ceryman at home till we get dem five moneys to pay him. I know Dad will, 'cause mamma says he listens to little boys prayers." Henry was here interrupted by the mother's voice calling from the door:

"Dimple, Dimple, child, come take these shirts home. Leave them at the hotel on the corner, and if you get the money bring me some meal and a package of coffee."

The girl caught up the basket and sped on her way. Her little feet made music on the hard pavement, and seemed as light as a fairy's; but all the time her heart was heavy with the thought of parting from Little Jersey. The wind played hide-and-seek among her long fair curls, which caused them to keep up a continual dance around her head.

Dimple reached her destination and happily received the money for the work. On descending the steps just at the bottom two young men were standing. Both were dressed in the height of fashion. One of them on seeing the little girl remarked: "What lovely curls that child has. They are worth \$5 a piece."

"Oh, sir," cried Dimple, rushing up near him, "you can have every one of them for that; then we can keep our Little Jersey."

"Who or what is Little Jersey?" "Our precious little cow. The grocerman is going to take her for a debt, but if you will buy my curls we can save her."

"As usual, Jack, you are in for it. So I will leave you," curtly said the other young man as he turned and went down the street; but Jack was equal to the emergency, and said:

"Well, miss, if I am to have those curls, let's go into the barber-shop and have them clipped." Dimple followed him into the strange place, trembling like a leaf. How she did wish for her brother Luke now; he was always so fearless; she would not have been afraid with him. When she was lifted into the large chair, her poor little face was as white as the tiny apron she wore.

The barber lifted one long curl, which seemed the fairest of its mates, and said:

"Cut these off! Why, I wouldn't part with them for a fortune." "But they are mine," the young man answered. "She sold them to me for five dollars; so go ahead."

The barber raised the large, glistening shears, and again taking up a curl, this time one of the careless, tiny ones close to her face. As the cold steel of the hungry scissors touched her, Dimple felt like she would faint. With one sharp click the first little curl was gone.

"Stay!" shouted the young man,

grasping the barber's arm. "She is a brave girl, and I will pay her the five dollars and let my curls stay on her head."

The barber threw the shears down and laughed long and loud, for joy. Dimple caught up her hair with both hands. Never before had it possessed so much value as in those short, trying moments. The tears fell thick and fast. She was so weak she could scarcely descend from the large chair. Jack pressed the five dollars in her hand, and observing her weakness called a hack and took her home.

Oh, what mingled joys were in that home when they heard Dimple's story. The mother pressed the dear head to her bosom, and kissed each fair ringlet. Henry and Luke bounced around like patented jumping jacks, and Henry said:

"I des knowed of I prayed to Dod, he would send dem five moneys and save our little Dersey, and he did, too."

The next day Jack Bradford and his mother came to see Dimple, for Jack said "he must be sure and look after his curls."

The entire debt was lifted from over Little Jersey's head, and ever after Jack and his mother were Dimple's fast friends. Jack says, "Who knows but some day he may own the heart and hand of the little maid, as well as the curls?" What does echo answer?

## POLLY'S BIRTHDAY.

Polly was a dear little girl who lived on a nice large farm with plenty of chickens, cows and horses; but Polly never thought much about how nice all these were, for her father and mother were always hard at work and Polly and the rest of the children had to help. Polly's two brothers worked with their father, her sister helped her mother in the house, and Polly washed the dishes, scoured the knives, fed the chickens and ran errands for the family and for all the summer-boarders besides.

One of the boarders, Miss Cary, was watching Polly shell peas one morning and thinking that she did a great deal of work for such a girl. Finally she said:

"How old are you, Polly?" "Seven," Polly answered.

"You're almost eight," said her mother.

"When is her birthday?" Miss Cary asked.

"Why, let me see; it's this month some time—the seventeenth—yes, the seventeenth of July. I decline, I'd have forgotten all about it if you hadn't a-spoke." And Mrs. Jones went on with her work again.

"What's a birthday?" Polly asked, shyly.

"Why, Polly," exclaimed Miss Cary, "don't you know? It's the anniversary of the day you were born. Didn't you ever have a birthday present, Polly?"

"No," said Polly, looking puzzled.

"We never have much time for those things," Polly's mother said. "It's 'bout all I can do to remember Christmas."

"Yes, I know," Miss Cary said; but she resolved that Polly should "have a birthday."

When she went down to breakfast the next morning, Miss Cary met Polly in the hall and, putting a little silk purse into her hand, said kindly:

"Here, Polly, is something for you to buy birthday presents with."

Polly opened the little bag and found in it eight bright silver quarters, and she ran as fast as she could to tell her mother.

"Land sakes, child!" her mother said, "that's too much money for you to spend. Better save it. It will buy you a pair of shoes and warm hood this winter."

Almost any little girl would have cried at this, and Polly's eyes did fill with tears; but, as her mother wanted her to help "put the breakfast on," Polly took the plate of muffins into the dining-room. Miss Cary noticed the wet lashes and said: "Mrs. Jones, please let Polly go down to the store to-day and spend her birthday money."

Mrs. Jones could not refuse this request. So, after she had put the baby to sleep, Polly was allowed to go to the store, which was a good two miles away; but the happy little girl would have willingly walked five miles to spend her precious two dollars.

It was late in the afternoon when she came back; and the boarders were lounging about, waiting for the supper-bell to ring. They all smiled at the little figure toiling up the road, with her arms full of bundles. Polly smiled radiantly through the dust that covered her round little face as she called to Miss Cary: "Oh, I've got such lots of things! Please come into the kitchen and see."

"No, it's too warm there," Miss Cary said. "Come into the parlor where it's cool, and we can all see."

So they went into the house, and Polly commenced to unwrap her packages and exhibit her purchases.

"There," she said, as she tore the paper from a queer-shaped bundle, "this is for ma," holding up an egg beater, cause it takes so long to beat eggs with a fork."

The boarders looked at each other in surprise, but Polly was too busy to notice. She fairly beamed as she held up a green glass necktie-pin for inspection. "Isn't it lovely?" she said. "It's for pa, so he'll wear a collar, like ma wants him to. Of course, he'll want to wear such an elegant pin; and then he'll have to wear a tie, and then he'll have to wear a collar."

"This isn't much," she continued, opening a small bundle; "only a rattle for baby. It only cost five cents."

The boarders looked on in silence as the busy little fingers untied strings. No one knew whether to laugh or feel sorry.

It was wonderful what two dollars would buy, and not strange that the little girl had spent a whole half day shopping. There was a blue tie for brother Dan and a pink one for Tim, a yellow hair-ribbon for sister Linda, some brass hairpins for grandma, a small bottle of cologne for Jake, the hired man, and then there was but one package left. Polly patted this lovingly as she opened it.

"This is the nicest of all, and it's for you," she said, as she handed Miss Cary a box of pink writing paper. "It seemed too bad that you only had plain white paper to write your letters on, when you write so lovely. So I got you this. Ain't it grand?"

"Why, it's beautiful, Polly, dear," Miss Cary said; "but what have you bought for your birthday present?"

"Why, these," said Polly—"these are all my presents. Presents are something we give away, aren't they?" And Polly looked around wondering why all were so still.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," said one of the ladies softly. The gentlemen looked out of the windows, and Miss Cary put her arms around Polly and kissed the hot dusty little face many times.

"It's been a lovely day," Polly said as she distributed her last gift. "I never had any presents to give away before, and I think birthdays are just lovely."

The next month, after Miss Cary had returned to the city, she had a birthday; and there came to Polly a most wonderful doll with lots of beautiful clothes and a card saying, "Polly, on my birthday, from Lena Cary," which, by the way, immediately beamed the doll's name.

And Miss Cary was not the only one who caught Polly's idea of a birthday, for the rest of the boarders remembered Polly's presents and through the year, as each one's birthday came, Polly received a gift to delight her generous little heart.

When the 17th of July came around again, though Miss Cary was not at the farm, she sent Polly a little silk bag with nine silver quarters in it, and Polly still thinks "birthdays are lovely." —Mrs. S. J. Maxwell, in Ladies' Home Journal.

## THREE LITTLE GIRLS.

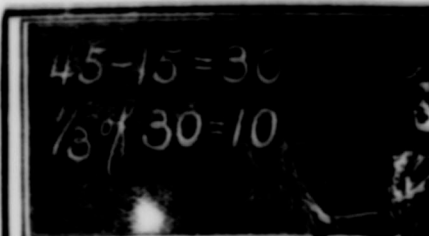
"I think a white dress is the very prettiest kind of a dress a dolly can have; don't you, Mamie?" Then Lucy added quickly, before giving Mamie a chance to answer: "Unless it is a brown dress. I think brown is a beautiful color. I hardly know which I like best—a white dress or a brown dress."

There was a happy look on the face of little Jenny Jones, whose plain china doll wore a dress of dark-brown print. She stroked it gently, hugged her dear dolly closer, and for a moment almost forgot how much she had envied the dainty white garments of the two handsome dolls of her companions.

But this was not all. Lucy's loving little heart was still beating fast, as she thought of the mistake she had so thoughtlessly made, or so nearly made, and she hastened to make further amends: "Why, your dolly is just about the size of mine; and its dress unbuttoned, I see, and mine does, too. Suppose we exchange dresses a little while. My doll has worn this one so long I am almost tired of it."

"Really? Do you truly want to change dresses?" The brown eyes opened wide and the cheeks flushed in joyous anticipation. Her beloved Bessie wearing that embroidered dress with its sash of real silk ribbon? It seemed too good to be true.

"Of course I do," said Lucy simply beginning to untie the tiny buttons. When the exchange had been made, Mamie entered into the spirit of the occasion and said, sweetly: "Why,



## Ten Lost Years.

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Lucy that brown is real becoming to your dolly's complexion! I should make her wear brown a good deal, if I were you.—Young Disciple.

"Papa," said four-year old Margie, "I think you are just the nicest man in the whole world." "And I think you are the nicest little girl in the world," replied her father. "Course I am," said Margie. "Ain't it queer how such nice people happened to get into the same family?"—Occident.

"It's too bad," said little Bessie, "that there isn't another little Peters boy." "They have six," said her mother; "I should consider that about enough." "Well," said the little girl, "they can all take each other's clothes as they grow up, but there isn't any one to take little Johnnie's, and he seems kind of wasteful."

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The sensation of being in fact we are moving in one direction a thousand, and in another thousand, is in evidence unreliability of our senses. The deception everything around; the maybe not a twig seems to be no wind going fast enough to an Aeolian harp. That we are standing vertically, whereas, we are up, the Chinese they are up, we are down or up, we are down. The whole earth seems resting upon solid ground, the stars and moon are to be moving; though, still, and we are moving solid, we rest in place," upon thin air depths fathomless. How that could devise a rest, of empty, for the comfort of an intelligent life, so complicated! And I power that could create up such a system of weariness or waning "ning" until now!

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# The Home Circle

SCIENCE AND FAITH.

The sensation of being at rest, when in fact we are moving through space in one direction a thousand miles an hour, and in another direction sixty thousand, is in evidence of the utter unreliability of our mental impressions. The deception is aided by everything around; the trees are quiet, maybe not a twig moves, for there seems to be no wind, though we are going fast enough to make all nature an Aeolian harp. Then, too, we think that we are standing upon our feet, vertically, whereas, we are like flies on the ceiling, walking feet upward; if we are up, the Chinese are down; if they are up, we are down; but whether up or down, we know no difference. The whole earth seems to be still and resting upon solid foundations, only the stars and moon and the sun seem to be moving; though, in fact, they are still, and we are moving. So far from being solid, we rest upon the "empty place," upon thin air, hung up over depths fathomless. How vast the wisdom that could devise a system of motion and rest, of emptiness and solidity, for the comfort and habitation of intelligent life, so complete and so complicate! And how infinite the power that could create, start and hold up such a system of worlds without weariness or waning from the "beginning" until now!

But how may one be sure that the astronomers are correct in all their statements in regard to the celestial mechanism, the roundness and motion of this earth? Why, by the almanac which tells in advance the month, day, hour, minute and second of an eclipse, a year before it takes place, indeed, many years before, if necessary. By telescopic observation and algebraic equation, by parallax and geometry, by mathematical calculation, Kepler and Newton, Laplace and Copernicus have fixed the shape of the orbits of planets, the rates of their motion, their distances, their measurements and solid contents. Yet they have stretched no lines, only imaginary ones, by which they arrive at these tremendous and accurate truths. What is the secret of their power? It is that the mathematics of the human mind corresponds to that of the heavens. The same One who created man, created the heavens and the earth. Nature was submitted to human thought, and man was endowed with powers of reason adequate to the sublime labor of discovering the wisdom and power and presence of God in nature.

It would seem impossible to apprehend the world, in all nature, and not be able to apprehend its Creator. "Canst thou by searching find out God; canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?" Yet such is the fact. St. Paul, in his history of faith (Heb. 11), sets forth, among its achievements, the ability to understand God's method of creating and framing all visible things out of that which does not appear—something out of nothing; that by his word the worlds were framed. The efforts of the most advanced scientific mind to conceive of creation is seen in the introduction of the principle of growth, as illustrative of the force which originated the universe. The difficulty seems to be the starting point of such a force. Was it an egg, a seed, or a jelly?

Not only an inability to discover the Almighty appears, but a desire not to know, lest it should prove a person! This personal knowledge, not speculation, that "he is" (Heb. 11:6) is declared to be a resultant upon the gift of faith, a supernatural personal apprehension of the divine person, the Maker of all things. To believe that God exists and is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him, is and was an absolute necessity at the earliest hour of human history; the hour when Abel obtained the witness that his sacrifice was accepted, the period of Enoch's translation, when before his disappearance he had the testimony that he pleased God; this was the instant when God added to man's natural powers the gift, potentially, of supernatural perception and conscious knowledge of the Almighty.

If there need be a mathematical correspondence between the human mind and the celestial universe to enable man to measure the mechanism of the skies, is it not reasonable to suppose that higher powers must needs be imparted to man to understand the heavenly things—the upper realm of intelligent being. To accept the personality of God, the Maker and upbuilder of all things, that he is the "Word of God"—the Christ; to believe that he has offered "one sacrifice for sins

forever;" that he has resided in the world, and now sits in heaven—a man a divine human person; that he has loved me, and died for me, and has, by his Spirit, witnessed the fact to me, all this can only be by a supernatural belief, which is natural belief raised to a higher power, by the "operation of God," and that is faith.

Whatever comes within the range of our natural powers is outside of the region of faith; for faith only exists in the region of the impossible. So long as the eye, or the mind can grasp the object, it belongs to the purely natural field of human intelligence, and is neither strictly invisible nor future. But "faith is the evidence of things not seen and the substance of things hoped for." It supplies the wants of a spiritual life, an apprehension of truths that no thought could discover and an experience that only the "spirit of truth" could reveal.

A consciousness of the personality of God would seem to lie entirely beyond the precincts of earth; but when we read that "he was in the world, and the world was made by him," the wonder is that "the world knew him not." Or when we learn that "he had by himself purged our sins," and that he now sits at the right hand of the majesty on high, the wonder is that a world of sinners is not drawn to him by the loadstone of a mighty love. The love of man's heart can only move toward a person, not toward a principle, however sublime, not toward height or depth, or angelic regions; not it maybe, toward the Creator, as only the Maker of all things, but toward him who is the Father of men, of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; toward him by whom we have received the atonement.

Faith would be worth little to us if it did not "work by love." We are made to love, to love persons; we were constituted with ties of blood, with relationships of protection and dependence, stronger than death, sweeter than life. These mysterious natural ties are but the prelude to the still more wonderful spiritual ties between us and our God; for "he is not a God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto him." How strongly are these ties accentuated in Christ's last interview and prayer for the disciples (John 14:17), "that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." "Father, I will that they also whom thou has given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me."—Bishop Keener, in Alabama Advocate.

### ABOUT TEMPTATION.

A misstep may destroy life. One sin may ruin your character. Did you ever reflect on the consequences of a single indulgence in vice? The best of men have fallen through the suggestion of another. How careful should you be, while in the freshness of your days, lest a blight fall on your character and ruin you forever! Abstain from the appearance of evil. If invited to places of resort, when it is difficult to decide, take the safe course—stay away and save your reputation. This is a jewel of inestimable value, too precious to be put in jeopardy.

No man ever regrets that he kept aloof from temptation, and to the close of life he expresses his joy that he was saved from the path of shame by giving a decided negative when the voice of pleasure beckoned him on. Be decided, and you will be saved. Yield, and you may be lost. Watch with diligence and guard every avenue through which sin may reach you. In no other way will you be sure to overcome the evil of the world. In no other way will you shield your character from a blemish, if it takes no worse injury, and build your life on a foundation which will stand every shock.—Weekly Bouquet.

### THE CRIME OF THE TONGUE.

The second most deadly instrument of destruction, says William George Jordan in "The Kinship of Self-Control," is the dynamite gun—the first is the human tongue. The gun merely kills bodies, the tongue kills reputations and, oftentimes, ruins characters. Each gun works alone; each loaded tongue has a hundred accomplices. The havoc of the gun is visible at once. The full evil of the tongue lives through all the years; even the eye of Omniscience might grow tired in tracing it to its finality.

The crimes of the tongue are words of unkindness, of anger, of malice, of harsh criticism, gossip, lying and scandal. Theft and murder are awful crimes, yet in any single year the aggregate sorrow, pain and suffering they cause in a nation is microscopic when compared

with the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue. Place in one of the scale-pans of justice the evils resulting from the acts of criminals, and in the other the grief and tears and suffering resulting from the crimes of respectability, and you will start back in amazement as you see the scale you thought the heavier shoot high in air.

At the hands of thief or murderer few of us suffer, even directly. But from the careless tongue of friend, the cruel tongue of enemy, who if free? No human being can live a life so true, so fair, so pure as to be beyond the reach of malice, or immune from the poisonous emanations of envy. The insidious attacks against one's reputation, the loathsome innuendoes, slurs, half-lies by which jealous mediocrity seeks to ruin its superiors, are like those insect parasites that kill the heart and life of a mighty oak. So cowardly is the method, so stealthy the shooting of the poisoned thorns, so insignificant the separate acts in their seeming, that one is not on guard against them. It is easier to dodge an elephant than a microbe.

### HUNGERING AND THIRSTING.

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst." Think of the picture which that suggests—the ravenous desire of a starving man, the most fierce longing of a parched throat. Is that a picture of the intensity, of the depth of our desires to be good? Do we professing Christian men and women long to be delivered from our evils, and to be clothed in righteousness, with an honesty and an earnestness and a continuity of longing which would make such words as these anything else, if applied to us, than the bitterest irony? Oh, one looks out over the Christian Church, and looks into one's own heart, and contrasts the tepid, the lazy, the occasional, and, I am afraid, the only half-sincere wishes to be better with the unmistakable earnestness and reality of our longings to be rich, or wise, or prosperous, or famous, or happy in our domestic relationships.—Alexander McLaren.

Let not him boast who puts his armor on As he who puts it off, the battle done. Study yourselves; and most of all note well Wherein kind Nature meant you to excel. —Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

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Some prayer-meetings die of heart failure, others of spiritual inanition, and we have known a few to die of the dry-rot.

Recently we had occasion to criticize an item taken from the Baptist Standard reflecting upon our form of Church government. In the last issue of that paper a correspondent noted for much volubility and nebulosity came out in a four or five column reply to us. In our criticism we were not dealing with that sort of compound, but with Dr. Cranfill, the writer of the item in question. He has nothing further to say, and we take it for granted that he knows we had just ground for taking him to task in a brotherly way; and now that we are even, the Standard and the Advocate have no further *casus belli*. We be brethren.

People owe it to themselves and to their pastor to be present, unless specially hindered, at all of the services of the Church. They need the spiritual helpfulness of these services and he needs the inspiration of their co-operation. This applies to the Sunday evening services, and those of the week particularly. It ought to be a matter of conscience with all of the families of the congregation not to have any sort of social entertainments at their homes on prayer-meeting evenings. These attractions may keep some from attending the service at the church and the very message which the pastor may have prepared for them falls of its purpose. If you can not go yourself, see to it that you do not offer inducements to keep others away. When the time comes to open your church doors for service, make an earnest effort to be there and get your part of the benefit of the worship. It makes no sort of difference what the attraction may be to go to some other Church or to participate in some other entertainment, your duty is to be in your own pew whenever your Church services are in progress. This sort of conscientious punctuality will make you a most helpful member of your spiritual fold. Next to your home, your Church ought to be your chief delight.

## EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Most men when they climb too high have swimming in the head.

A good sermon will bear repeating if it is worked over each time before using.

The man who has something to say rarely ever fails to have people present to hear him say it.

Blue milk is better than no milk at all, but rich cream is much more nourishing to the system.

The devil is like a roaring lion, but he never roars until you are so close to him that it frightens you into submission.

It is not wise to crawl into yourself and ignore the actual conditions of life as they exist all about you.

Every man has his special weakness, and if you associate with him long enough it will manifest itself sooner or later.

Liberality makes a man broad and generous, but miserliness will make a man narrow, and little, and mean, and thoroughly contemptible.

When you locate the pocket-book of most people you are most surely browsing around in the neighborhood of their hearts.

A missionary society is of great importance, and our women ought to belong to it, but it never was intended to supersede the duties of wife and mother.

It is not a good idea to scold your congregation. Frequently it is necessary to admonish them, and occasionally to expostulate with them as to certain duties; but to lambast them with a show of temper is out of place in the pulpit. A fussy preacher can make himself so disagreeable that his people will lessen their respect for him, and to that extent his influence suffers a deterioration. His relation, therefore, in the pulpit ought always to be that of an earnest, judicious and manly pastor. Then when he speaks his people will give heed to his words and value his counsels.

## A SUNDAY IN BOWIE.

For some time I have wanted to spend a Sunday at Bowie, so last Saturday evening I ran over to Fort Worth on the Texas and Pacific and took the Fort Worth and Denver and went northwest about seventy miles to my destination. As I passed over the first twenty miles of the way, cattle were abundant, and the wheat fields were as green as springtime. The rains have put the crop in fine condition, and as far as the eye could see, the prospect for a great yield was never better. After the level wheat country, came a broken section better adapted to fruits, vegetables, and perhaps corn. I reached Bowie after dark and was met by Rev. Jno. E. Vinson and Brother Cummings, and taken to the parsonage. Here I had a delightful welcome. The hospitality and warmth of a Methodist parsonage are unsurpassed. Brother and Sister Vinson have no children, so my abiding place was exceedingly quiet; but it lacked nothing in the way of comfort, and good cheer. The church structure is on the same lot and the property is valuable. The house of worship is a wooden structure, well built, and modern. When they get it carpeted and seated it will be a cozy building. It will seat about four hundred, and it is an easy room to speak in. The parsonage is a nice cottage home, and the preacher and his wife are well provided for by those good people. They have a membership of two hundred and fifty, and they are an in-

telligent and religious looking company of Christians. We had a good congregation on Sunday morning, and the services were spiritual. The Holy Ghost was present and we had a happy and joyous time. At night the house was packed, and a more attentive and responsive audience I have not addressed in many a day. God was with us, and it was good to be there. The singing was the most whole-souled that I have heard in a long time. The choir is led by Judge Savage, who has a fine private school in the town. He is a fine old Kentucky gentleman, and it was a treat to me to form his acquaintance. Brother Mathews has charge of the Sunday-school, and it is doing well under his direction. He is a merchant in the place and a nephew of Col. J. R. Cole, of Dallas. Wherever I go I meet East Tennesseans; so at Bowie I met Dr. Gaston, whom I used to know in Chattanooga. It was pleasant to find him up there doing well in his profession. Also Mrs. Judge Campbell, who used to teach school in Morristown, near my old home. She knows all of the old Holston preachers, and we had a delightful time talking over things of the past. We have a good list of subscribers up there, but it ought to be larger. Brother Vinson will do his best to put the Advocate among those who have not yet taken it. He is in fine favor with his people. They love the pastor and his good wife. His health is restored and he has the outlook for a good year. I did not meet Rev. E. W. Alderson, the presiding elder, as he was off on his district. But I heard a most cheering report of his start on his work. The people are pleased with him, and he will do them a valuable service.

Bowie is a good town of four thousand population. It is a young town comparatively. In 1882 there was not a house in the place, but now it has a thrifty community, good business buildings, elegant residences, nice churches, excellent schools, and two railroads. It is said that there are no vacant houses in the town. I never met a more agreeable people than those who compose its citizenship. It is not a county seat and hence no court house or public county buildings. Montague is the capital, and it is nine miles off in the country. The land about Bowie is sandy and they are not bothered much with mud, such as one finds in the black land. I could have spent a week most pleasantly in the town, but duty called me back to the tread mill of the Advocate office, so after an early breakfast I was off on the seven o'clock train and back at work by one. How these little excursions break the monotony of office work and refresh me for editorial duties!

## THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE AT WAXAHACHIE.

We had the pleasure of spending a few hours at the Pastors' Conference of the district at Waxahachie last week. Rev. Horace Bishop, the energetic presiding elder, had his preachers with him in force, only two or three being absent. They were there to plan for aggressive work in matters spiritual, educational and missionary. The meetings were open to all, and a number of the laymen were with them and took part in the services. This is one of the best districts in the Northwest Texas Conference, and those who man it are determined that all of its interests shall be pressed to the utmost extent possible during this year. They have even arranged for a called session of the pastors to meet in September and compare notes and see whose work is behind and to arrange to help at the weak points. This is a good idea and its effect will be seen at the next conference when the reports will have been submitted. At one of the services we talked on missions and the next night Rev. Seth Ward delivered

an address on the Twentieth Century Movement. The visit of Bro. Ward was not only pleasant and helpful to the brethren, but also delightful to himself, for just seventeen years ago last fall he was admitted into the Northwest Texas Conference at Waxahachie. At the close of that year he went to the Texas Conference and has labored there till this good day.

## REV. SAM P. JONES.

Rev. Sam P. Jones has been engaged by the Trinity Methodist congregation in this city to deliver a lecture for the benefit of the Church at the City Hall on the night of the 2d of next month. That will be Friday week. For some time those people have been carrying a debt upon their property, and they have it reduced to where they hope to lift it entirely by the proceeds of this lecture. Sam Jones is too well known in Dallas for us to have anything at length to say about him. He has not been here, however, for a long time, and his coming will afford an opportunity to the people to again hear this remarkable man. He has lost none of his snap and crisp way of putting things, and he will doubtless have a large hearing. We hope all of our Church people in the city will be present, and not only help out one of our congregations, but have a delightful evening as well.

"The Son of Man," is the title of a book produced by Rev. Gross Alexander, S. T. D., who is Professor of New Testament Greek, in Vanderbilt University. The position of Dr. Alexander in the Church is sufficient guarantee that this book is possessed of more than ordinary merit. He is one of our ripest scholars in his department, and the subjects which he here treats have been his special study for a number of years. He is a man of genius, and therefore he takes hold of the matter under investigation in an original way. At times one gets the impression as he proceeds that the author is slightly straining some of the familiar phases of the subject, but in the end his conclusions are reasonable, and his matter well thought out. All of the fourteen topics treated afford excellent reading, but a few of them are pre-eminently interesting—such as "The Equipment of Jesus," "The King, the Law, and the Kingdom," and "The Self-Consciousness of Jesus." The book is adapted especially to young ministers, but older ones as well will find in it much food for thoughtful study. It is meeting with a successful reading and is destined to take its place along with the "Man of Galilee" as a popular classic in literature of this character.

We are in receipt of a copy of the minutes of the North Texas Conference. We are glad to get this important document, for it is of great value to us in our Advocate work. Rev. R. G. Mood and his co-workers have done some good work on this publication, and it will be received with pleasure by the brethren.

The "Coca Cola" people of this city have presented us with a handsome calendar, which we thoroughly appreciate. It is six inches in length by five in width, surmounted with the months arranged by days and ornamented in the center with a well-regulated nickle-plated clock. The "Coca Cola" is a refreshing drink served at soda fountains. Thanks to the people who remembered us.

## TEXAS PERSONALS.

We have had an appreciated note from Rev. W. W. Graham, of Lindale. He speaks kindly of the work being done by the Advocate.

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in the canvass. This shows what can... be done when the preacher is in earnest... about the Advocate.

Bro. I. B. Johnson and G. W. Isbell, of Lawson, honored the Advocate... people with a pleasant visit this week.

Rev. Sam Hay, aided by Rev. Abe Mulkey, is having a great meeting in... Corsicana. Such a team as that will... always have a great meeting.

In a note from Rev. H. A. Boaz, of... Dublin, we learn that he has made a... good start in his new field. We would... love to visit him, but do not yet see a... date.

From the Lampasas Leader we notice... that Bro. Braswell, of that station, is... preaching to fine congregations and... that his work is meeting with great... favor.

Rev. T. C. Armstrong, of Italy, was... in to see us last week. He had been... attending the Pastors' Conference at... Waxahachie and came to the city on... business.

Rev. J. W. Chalk was in the city... the first of the week and made us a... pleasant visit. We are always... pleased to look into the faces of these... old heroes of the ministry.

Rev. W. H. Stephenson, of Reno, made... the Advocate a pleasant visit a... while back. He has been in the mud... for a while on account of the rains. His... work lies in the black lands.

In an item from Waco to the News... we notice that President Works, to... whom the matter was referred with... power to act, has announced that the... next State League Conference will be... held in Waco.

The last week's issue of the Epworth... Era has a cut with the pictures of thirty... of the prominent League workers of... Texas. They show off well. In all... things in general, and in pictures in... particular, the Era is a success.

Rev. J. J. Clark, Rev. O. S. Thomas, Rev. S. C. Riddle and Rev. C. M. Harless, members of the North... Texas Conference Board of Education, were... all in the city this week in consulta... tion on the interests of the Century... Movement.

Rev. Thos. G. Whitten, President of... Midlothian Institute, was in the city... last week and called to see us. He... reports his school in good condition and... says his prospects are bright for a... good spring term.

We have received a number of letters... commending the two editorials in last... issue, "The Power of the Gospel" and... "The Quarterly Conference." Among... them is a strong one from our old... friend, Rev. W. H. Moss.

Rev. T. H. Morris and other workers... are to be congratulated on their... victory won for local option at Decatur... and throughout the county a few days... ago. They made a gallant fight and... achieved a signal triumph.

While at Bowie last Sunday we had... the pleasure of meeting Rev. W. T. Keith, formerly of the Texas Confer... ence, but now a local preacher. He is... living in that town and he has the... deepest interest in its itinerant brethren.

Rev. R. W. Thompson, of this city, has... returned from Marshall, whither he... went to attend the funeral of the... late lamented Rev. T. P. Smith. A... number of the preachers were also... present to pay their respects to their... deceased comrade.

Miss Frankie Pierce, daughter of... Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Pierce, now at... the North Texas Female College, was... voted the popular place in the cata... logue by her associate students. Her... picture will appear on the front page... of that publication. She is deservedly... popular and one of the best all... round students in that excellent institu... tion.

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the right place, and the Terrell District... is fortunate in having him to preside... over her Churches during the present... conference year.

Rev. C. M. Harless, the Secretary... of the Board of Education for the... North Texas Conference, will address... the members of the various Churches... in Dallas next Monday night on the... Twentieth Century Movement at the... First Methodist Church.

We met Rev. Seth Ward, of the... Texas Conference, last week at Waxa... hachie. He was at Bro. Bishop's Pastors'... Conference and addressed the... gathering on the Twentieth Century... Movement. He reports progress in his... conference on that question.

In a note from Rev. J. Kilgore, of... Cameron, we learn of the death of Rev. James... Peeler, a superannuate of the... Northwest Texas Conference. He... passed peacefully away the 20th instant... in his eighty-third year. A suitable... notice will appear in due time.

In a note from Rev. F. A. Downs, of... Canton, we suspiciously infer that... by this time he has ventured into a... new order of life; but we have no... particulars as yet. Well, he is old enough... to act in matters of this sort, and we... commend his course to other bachelor... preachers.

Rev. C. M. Harless, of Denton, is... pushing the work on his new church... building, and he is also busy with... plans for the Twentieth Century Move... ment as Secretary of our Conference... Board of Education. He has a new... member of his household in the person... of a big boy.

August Beine, the venerable layman... in the German Church in Houston, has... handed to Rev. Seth Ward a check for... \$500 for the Twentieth Century Fund. Bro. Beine is one of the most devoted... members of the Church in Texas. When... anything worthy is coming his way, it... will always receive a helping hand.

Mrs. Jane Lilly, of Waco, one of the... oldest Methodists in the State, died... last Sunday. Her memory went back... to the days of Cartwright, and she used... often to talk of events connected with... the Creek and Black Hawk wars. Rev. J. R. Nelson attended her funeral. She... leaves a number of children and relatives... of high standing in the State.

The following item we clip from the... News with interest. Sexton is a success:

At Terrell, at the Methodist Church, its... pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, preached a... sermon on the new church, at the conclusion... of which he exhibited plans for a \$10,000... edifice. Subscriptions were called for and... \$7000 pledged toward its construction, which... insures its being built in a short time.

METHODIST NEWS.

Rev. M. V. Williams, pastor of our... Church at Maywood, Mo., recently died... under an operation for appendicitis. He... was a young man and full of promise.

Bishop Duncan has appointed Rev. G. A. Guice to the presiding eldership of... the Meridian District, Mississippi Conference, made vacant by the recent... death of Dr. C. G. Andrews.

The old Nashville Advocate in her... last issue was one of the best papers... ever issued from that office. The... editorials were of a high order and the... contributions were simply unsurpassed... in excellency.

The St. Louis Advocate recently offered... to give anybody a free trip to Europe... who would send that paper 100 subscribers, but the Advocate has... learned that the venture is a little too... expensive and has called it off.

A Methodist editor, whom we shall... not name, says that Methodism has no... distinctive doctrines, and then proceeds... to name the "distinctive doctrines" of... Methodism. In the first assumption he... is in error; in the second he is right.

United States Senator Beverage, of... Indiana, is a Methodist and his brethren... of the Church, North, are very proud... of him since he made his famous... speech in the Senate on the Philippine... question. He is comparatively a young... man.

We notice in an exchange that Prof. D. H. Bishop, of the Polytechnic... college, Fort Worth, will soon take a

position in Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. He is a scholarly and capable... young man, and a nephew of Rev. Horace... Bishop, of the Northwest Texas... Conference.

It is announced in a secular paper... in South Carolina that Dr. James H. Carlisle, who has been President of... Wofford College for twenty-five years... and connected with it as teacher for a... half century, has decided to resign at... the approaching commencement. He... thinks that the infirmities of age... necessitate this step, though he will remain... related in some nominal way to the... college.

TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee... of your Board of Education, together with... Rev. C. M. Harless, Conference Secretary... of Education, the following plan was adopted... for the furtherance of the Twentieth... Century Educational Movement:

1. That an Educational Rally be held as... soon as possible in each presiding elder's... district. There should be given to these... rallies at least one day and two nights, during... which time should be presented, as far... as possible, every phase of the work by the... best speakers obtainable. We urge the... pastors and laymen, who can do so, to attend... these meetings with a fixed purpose to... make them productive of large results.

The following rallies have been arranged... for: Sherman District, at Whitesboro, January 30; Dallas District, at Dallas, February 5; Terrell District, at Terrell, February 6; Greenville District, at Greenville, February 7, and at McLanney, February 8; Gainesville District, at Gainesville, February 14.

2. That we hold two Conference Rallies, one at... Greenville and the other at Gainesville, in... May or June, in which we will have Dr. Hammond and other representative... of the movement.

3. We have appointed as District Secretaries... of Education for their several districts, R. G. Mood, W. M. Leatherwood, J. F. Pierce, E. B. Thompson, J. J. Clark, S. C. Riddle, I. W. Clark, J. M. Nichols and L. S. Barton, whose duty it... shall be to do co-operation with the pastor... and his Twentieth Century Committee to... arrange for educational meetings in each... pastoral charge, and in co-operation with... the presiding elder, assist in the entire work... of the district.

4. We further urge the vigorous working... of the plan adopted at the last session of... our Annual Conference.

After studying the work as thoroughly as... we are capable, the above is the best plan... that we can now suggest, but we realize... that no plan or machinery is worth anything... unless it is worked. We have thought... and suggested and planned and hoped long... enough. Brethren, the time has come when... we must act, and act now, or else find ourselves... shamefully behind when the century closes. In the name of the great Head of the... Church, we call upon you to do your best.

O. S. THOMAS, J. J. CLARK, S. C. RIDDLE, C. M. HARLESS.

CLARENDON COLLEGE.

Our new school in the Panhandle moves... well. Yesterday closed the first half of... the session. Our enrollment to date in the... library department is ninety-seven, and in... all the departments 293. The work the past... two quarters is highly satisfactory. The... personnel of our student body is fine. The... Panhandle is thinly settled, but in the main... the people are educated and they hail with... delight the purpose of our Church to give... them a good school in their own climate. I... have never known a school with a better... outlook. At the opening, September 6, Dr. Sacking, President of the Board of Trustees, made an address, and as he spoke of... the outlook of our work, he said he hoped... to see the day when we would have a good... library in the college, and laid on the table... a volume which was to be numbered one. In... one hundred school days this has grown to... one hundred volumes. We now have the... Encyclopedia Britannica, 1891, seven bind... ing, and sixty volumes of history. Several... of our students are not religious. Bro. Benson, our pastor, begins a meeting tomorrow. How we long for the salvation of... these precious souls! We solicit a sympathetic... interest in this fast-developing country.

Clarendon, Texas.

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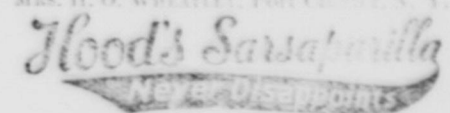
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Sunday-School Department.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON, 5 JAN. 28.

THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS.—Matt. 3:13 to 4:11.

Golden Text: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—Matt. 3:17.

Time: January, A. D. 27, and on into February.

Place: At Bethabara and in the wilderness.

Persons: John, Jesus, the Father, and Satan.

Doctrine: God's Word and discipline of righteousness.

The heart of the lesson is given by Dr. Edward Leigh Pell in the following:

1. In the baptism of Jesus we have a striking illustration of the truth that it becomes even the best of men to "fulfill all righteousness." Perhaps there is a pupil in the class who has been carefully trained by pious parents, and has never sown a handful of wild oats, who is puzzled to know why he should go through the same form of making a public profession of Christ that ordinary repenting sinners are required to make.

The question with Jesus was not whether he was superior to other men. Jesus believed in profession and he proposed to give it the force of his example. It was a time when men were asking, "Who is on the Lord's side?" and it was a time when it was important that all good men should show their colors.

2. In the account of the conflict in the wilderness we have the Master's method of dealing with temptation. This method is remarkable, not only for its simplicity, but for its brevity. A successful method with temptation must be a short one.

Jesus is our example in this as in all other things. To overcome temptation we must do as he did—we must turn our thoughts instantly toward the Father. We must drive the devil's thoughts out of our minds with the Father's thoughts.

Epworth League Department.

January 28.—Lesson Topic: "Lesson for Simon and Us."—Luke 7:36-50.

From the Western Christian Advocate we make the following extract in explanation of the lesson for the day:

The self-righteous Pharisees could not understand Jesus Christ. He was a constant puzzle. They soon concluded that he was not the expected Messiah; for he associated with the poor and ignorant, instead of with themselves, the lofty and holy, and he was constantly making the inexcusable error of talking, and even dining, with publicans and outcasts.

careful friend taken him to task for his lack of discrimination. But the Master had compassion on them.

Why did the Son of God call Zaccheus down from the tree, and why did he dine with him? Why did he permit this sinful woman to touch his person? Was it because he failed to understand, or was he not careful of his reputation? Did he not know their character? Aye, he understood far better than did those who criticised him: for he knew that under the external of sin there was a hidden man of goodness.

Many years ago a minister of the Methodist Church, afterwards a Bishop, was compelled to lay away his little three-year-old daughter. Besides the deep grief felt by the family, there was one regret that was particularly depressing: they possessed no picture of the little girl, except a baby one, and another more recent, but small, and in a family group, that was soiled and blurred.

There is a very old story concerning a block of marble, discarded and stained. The passing multitudes saw only a soiled block. One day a sculptor beheld it, and to his artist eye, within, hidden to the others, was an angel, a pure angel, and by toil and skill he brought it out that all might see.

Let us especially observe the Day of Prayer for Colleges. Yes, pray for the institutions and finances and faculties; but do not forget the boys! When a boy goes to college, as a rule, he is leaving the protecting influence of home for the first time, and is thrown largely on his own resources.

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Missionary TOURING OF THE GREAT. Nanjing was 1 daylight. Bro. H time, for with al or on the quart knows how to s last thing before was the voice of Nanjing calling with his wife at another boat. Doctor's skill an moment that h rushed, lantern hour through dar brink of the cat intercept him, and something kind-hearted ooc His had been a l that through the net got to speak three hours. Fr Liews and the Cl and millionaires turned into clini tress down to th in their great es to have some me not help thinking cian, and prayed scribed for the r ministry of heal to the salvation place with its 50.3 At 1 in the mo us announced the Our men at the afraid of robbers been killed a fev where from fifty from us, and ru \$2. They shook chattered, but w the information t ker had intercept agreed that the n the district was zing, but the stea him, and he had from Soochow. I (bedding) a little tion and gave hir in hand, in morn young elder was the gentle vibrati side to side, and es of song from not musical, but and fall of cade like the notes of canals of Venice. soon to be rudely In half an hour and from that tim light ineffectual a to sail. Never wil gotten. We were then on the other aganist a raft, kn things overboard, raised and lower times in order to bridges, each time ing occasion to y made hideous. This stood, but they pra on the low, thin l head until one dancing a waltz to hai Moody" or "Th popular native air had danced overbo it might have end release came unt Parker and I both had been under a st ing an occasional boatmen flying b chased them up at and finally for foo heads, which som mixed up with my China is not all bl the boat is an idea and the Epworth fortable, but all rul sional exceptions. The morning bro gion rich in mult secting golden rice, the pheasant and t blended with the k the bleating of shee upon the great far the south of the Gr o'clock were at the of Hoo-tsun. The intersecting canals sections. In one of rented chapel and p by Bro. Sung and l Tse Kia had arriv vance of us. Tw plain-looking count blue cotton jackets us at the door and rear of the chapel a of stairs. It was re we climbed, but on found an upper roranged, where we v vice with the two pr



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**TOURING OF THE "EPWORTH" IN THE GREAT LAKE REGION.**

Number 2.

Nanzing was left far behind us by daylight. Bro. Hearn and I made good time, for with almost any breeze, fair or on the quarter. "The Epworth" knows how to show her heels. The last thing before going to bed at 11 was the voice of a man on the bank at Nanzing calling for Dr. Park, who, with his wife and little Rita, was in another boat. He had heard of the Doctor's skill and finding at the last moment that he was in town, had rushed, lantern in hand, at that late hour through darkness and rain to the brink of the canal, hoping he might intercept him. A friend was sick and something must be done. The kind-hearted doctor could not refuse. His had been a busy day. So busy that through the afternoon we could not get to speak to him for nearly three hours. Friendly calls upon the Lieus and the Churs—former patients and millionaires of the town—had been turned into clinics. From the mistress down to the humblest slave girl in their great establishments, all had to have some medical advice. I could not help thinking of the Great Physician, and prayed while the doctor prescribed for the needy friend that his ministry of healing might be blessed to the salvation of this important place with its 50,000 inhabitants.

At 1 in the morning shouts ahead of us announced the presence of a boat. Our men at the oar were desperately afraid of robbers. An old man had been killed a few nights before anywhere from fifty to seventy-five miles from us, and rumor had it for only \$2. They shook until their teeth chattered, but were soon relieved by the information that Bro. R. A. Parker had intercepted us. It had been agreed that the new presiding elder of the district was to meet us at Nanzing, but the steam launch had failed him, and he had come by row boat from Soochow. I pushed my poo-kay (bedding) a little closer to the partition and gave him a welcome, candle in hand, in morning costume. The young elder was soon off, rocked by the gentle vibration of the boat from side to side, and soothed by the snatch of song from the men at the oar, not musical, but soothing in the rise and fall of cadence, and strangely like the notes of the gondolier on the canals of Venice. Alas! his rest was soon to be rudely broken.

In half an hour a breeze sprang up, and from that time on till broad daylight ineffectual attempts were made to sail. Never will those hours be forgotten. We were first on one bank then on the other. Once we crashed against a raft, knocking some of our things overboard. The mast was raised and lowered at least a dozen times in order to pass under stone bridges, each time the five boatmen taking occasion to yell until night was made hideous. This, even, we might have stood, but they pranced back and forth on the low, thin board roof over our head until one thought they were dancing a waltz to the tune of "Shanghai Moody" or "The wavin' bamboo"—popular native airs. If one of them had danced overboard for a cold bath it might have ended the ball, but no release came until the dawn. Bro. Parker and I both felt as though we had been under a stone roller, and during an occasional doze I dreamed of boatmen flying before robbers, who chased them up and down my limbs, and finally for footballs cut off their heads, which somehow got strangely mixed up with my own. Itineration in China is not all like this. As a rule, the boat is an ideal method of travel, and the Epworth is unusually comfortable, but all rules must have occasional exceptions.

The morning brought us into a region rich in mulberry groves, intersecting golden rice fields. The crow of the pheasant and the song of the lark blended with the lowing of cattle and the bleating of sheep. We had entered upon the great farming region well to the south of the Great Lake, and by 11 o'clock were at the large market town of Hoo-tsun. The place is divided by intersecting canals into four distinct sections. In one of these we found our rented chapel and parsonage, occupied by Bro. Sung and his wife. Bro. See Tse Kia had arrived one day in advance of us. Two stewards—both plain-looking countrymen, dressed in blue cotton jackets and trousers—met us at the door and guided us to the rear of the chapel and up a steep pair of stairs. It was really a ladder that we climbed, but once safely there we found an upper room, with seats arranged, where we were to hold a service with the two preachers and a few

members who had come in on short notice. The words of the Psalmist were richly fulfilled as we lifted up our hearts and mingled our prayers with the petitions of these sturdy countrymen: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart." The waiting in the upper room brought the promise of the Father, and with renewed strength we girded ourselves for the work.

The local preacher, Bro. Sung Shang Zee, who acts as a supply at this place, impressed me by his earnest, quiet spirit and his hospitality. Nor is he a man of mean ability. A fortune teller for years before his conversion, he studied hard to become familiar with Chinese literature. He was not received on trial into the conference this year because of his provincial accent, but he seems to make himself perfectly understood among the people of this district. Married to a cheerful, active woman of thirty-five—educated in the Presbyterian school in Hangchow—he is most efficiently aided by her in work among the women. Their hands are full, and their earnest plea for help should certainly stir the heart of the Church. He has forty members and thirty probationers, scattered in almost twenty towns and villages. Each village is a center for work, and this brother finds himself enabled to compass the field. There are eight villages within six miles of Hoo-tsun from which offers have come to houses to be set aside for preaching, but Bro. Sung cannot respond.

Truly the field is white unto the harvest. The grain is dead ripe. Who will come and thrust in the sickle? Given a force of five missionaries, with four ladies, in this section, solely for evangelistic work, with twenty native helpers, who would call this people to repentance as they passed from hamlet to hamlet, repeating their visits periodically in order to conserve their work, and it is safe to predict that within ten years there might be an ingathering of ten thousand souls.

I have never been so impressed with opportunity. Never has the field been so open to us. After years of toil and waiting, the Spirit of God has touched the hidden spring and hundreds of doors are thrown wide open. The true situation had not dawned upon me. The Church at home does not know that in upwards of thirty villages on the Soochow district places have been tendered us free of charge. It is not aware of the fact that the native preachers are now being entertained by the people as they make their rounds. Even the missionary has meals prepared for him, and his coming is the signal for the killing of the best chicken, while more than once a beef has been slaughtered in preparation for the Quarterly Conference and the presiding elder. This means the extension of that hospitality which for years has been withheld. It accompanies an acceptance into the social life of the people. It means that self-support is near at hand, and with it the growth of that spirit of self-respect which will lead to an aggressive, self-propagating Church. The day has come for a forward movement in our field work. We must occupy new centers and occupy this field with a large force. God help the Church at home to do her duty!

WALTER R. LAMBUTH.

**EARLY COLLECTIONS.**

I was much pleased with your editorial on early collections. I think it a subject of much importance in every respect, and more especially we preachers. Why should we delay a business of so much importance? By taking the collections early we get out of the way of the stewards, who are pushing their collections for the preacher in charge at the last of the year. I find that the people are glad for us to take our collections early—they think it the better plan. I go privately to men who have money and collect my foreign missionary money early in the year. I have this claim about all up now. I take up public collections, but not the first of the year. When I preach I am after lost souls, and I preach to that end. I want nothing between me and that. When the collections are gotten early there are no failures. Delays are dangerous just here—that is why so many of us come up with half of the collections. Some are indifferent and some are afraid it will interfere with the preacher's salary, and so they do not work at it; if at all, they touch it very lightly. There is not a work in the conference but what these claims could be raised if the preacher would work at it. I think it a shame and sin for some to fall behind as they do.

A. W. GIBSON.

Pottsville Texas.  
The Other Court.—She: "I suppose you were presented at court while in London?"  
He: "Yes, twice, but I was acquitted both times."—Chicago News.

**"TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION."**

**It Is Also Stronger Than Fiction.**

There is an old time story which serves to illustrate the saying that truth is stranger than fiction. A young sailor has come back from his first voyage, and is telling his fond and admiring mother the wonders he has seen during his long absence. "Why," says she, "when we were heaving up our anchor in the Red Sea, we brought up one of Pharaoh's chariot wheels on the anchor fluke." "I can believe it, Jack," said his mother, "for we all know that Pharaoh was drowned in the Red Sea and that his chariots and horsemen were 'whelmed in the tide, as the hymn says. But didn't you see anything really wonderful?"  
"Well mother, after being well-nigh wrecked in a tornado we made the West Indies, and there we sailed up a



river of pure rum to a mountain of solid sugar, and took aboard a cargo for the China Seas."

"I don't see anything remarkable about these things, Jack," said the old lady. "We all know that the sugar and rum come from the Indies, and land knows, there must be mountains of sugar and rivers of rum to keep up the supply all these years. Tell me of some strange and extraordinary thing you saw on your voyage."

Poor Jack was now puzzled. He had drawn on his imagination to the limit, and could think of nothing more, so he fell back on the truth. "Well, mother," he said, "a good many things are extraordinary on a first voyage. Perhaps the thing that struck me most was when we ran into a school of flying fish and saw them jump out of the water and fly away like a flock of birds."

The old lady threw up her hands in horror. "Jack," she said, "I don't want any of those sailor yarns here. I am surprised at your talking about fish flying and in a school, too. I can believe the chariot wheel got caught on the anchor, and that mountains of sugar and rivers of rum are found in the West Indies. Those things stand to reason. But to talk of fish flying is an insult to common sense."

"Truth is stranger than fiction," to many another besides the sailor's mother. To "strain out the gnat and swallow a camel" is still the popular practice. Let a man come from foreign shores with some unknown plant with a strange sounding name and everybody will be willing to believe in the miraculous cures attributed to the wonderful herb.

**JUST SUPPOSING.**

Suppose some explorer comes back from the heart of the Dark Continent, bringing a medicine composed of herbs gathered in that far off land. He says: "It is a really wonderful medicine. I've seen people so sick they could hardly crawl, made strong by it. I've seen gaunt, attenuated frames round out with healthy flesh and strong muscles by the use of it. I've seen men and women whose every breath was a sigh, who were coughing away their lungs, their lips dyed red with hemorrhages, their eyes hollow, their cheeks blazing with the hectic of life's autumn—I have seen these people, under the healing influence of this medicine, come back to robust health, hearty, hardy, men and women."

What a popular clamor there would be for such a medicine were it found. And yet there is not a claim made for this suppositious medicine that cannot be made for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and substantiated by facts. There are thousands, ten of thousands, hundreds of thousands of people who can testify to sick stomachs made well, weak lungs made strong, foul blood made pure by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery." Yet, because the medicine is on sale everywhere, instead of coming from some remote corner of the globe, and because its merits are testified to in the familiar speech of friends and neighbors, we

think there is nothing wonderful about it. There's nothing wonderful about a medicine which has cured Mrs. Brown or Mr. Smith. But if the claim is made of a cure of

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people talk of the miraculous medicine that did it. It's only when the disease is desperate, and doctors are helpless, that people learn the real value of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

"Some two years ago I was almost a helpless victim to that dreaded disease—consumption," writes Mr. Charles Fross, P. M., of Sitka, White Co., Ind. "I was confined to my room for several months; my friends and neighbors had given up all hope of my recovery, until one day a friend advised me to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and after I had taken the contents of the second bottle I began to improve. After taking six bottles I was, I honestly believe, delivered from the grave and entirely cured. I am now a strong and hearty man."

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**A REASONABLE PROPOSITION.**

The fact that "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak" lungs, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, obstinate, stubborn cough, is indisputable. It is also indisputable that unless these forms of disease are cured they often terminate in consumption. A consideration of the theory of Dr. Pierce's treatment will show at a glance that there is nothing unreasonable in the claim made by so many men and women, that they have been cured of consumption by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery."

Consumption means a consuming of tissues, a wasting away of the body. A body that is kept well nourished cannot waste away. An ill nourished body is always a marked feature of consumption. When the body is not adequately nourished it is generally due to the failure of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition to properly extract the nutritive elements from the food. The nutriment when extracted is often but imperfectly assimilated, and so every day sees a waste of tissue, which the nutrition received is insufficient to repair. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery heals diseases of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of the food received. Hence the waste of the body is repaired, the wasting away is stopped, and the wasting disease is cured naturally.

"I have taken one bottle of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for indigestion and liver complaints," writes Mr. C. M. Wilson, of Yaddin College, Davidson Co., N. C. "I have had no bay spells since I commenced taking your medicine—in fact, have not felt like the same man. Before I took the 'Golden Medical Discovery' I could not eat anything without awful distress, but now I can eat anything without having unpleasant feelings. Last summer our baby was teething and was so poor he was almost a skeleton. We gave him your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and now he is as healthy and well as any child."

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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To the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters: I write to remind you that our Woman's Board of Foreign Missions meets in Paris, Texas, next May, and Paris has very generously invited us to come and enjoy that meeting. This will be quite a coveted opportunity to many of us. So let us see that each auxiliary is well represented at that meeting. This is a privilege that we can not expect often in life, as the Board has only met in Texas one time since its organization. Do not let any trivial matter keep you away, for information and zeal in this work will be advanced in our Conference Society in proportion to the attendance on that meeting. Then we would urge you also in reference to the Twentieth Century offering that you ask for liberal donations from each member of your auxiliary. Our annual meeting will be soon after the meeting of the Board, so let us try to have a fine Twentieth Century offering to report at that time. "Getting without giving is absolutely disastrous," and the only way to prevent the disaster and avert the danger is to give constantly, systematically, abundantly, cheerfully and self-denyingly. "Fire that has no vent has soon no flame. If the flame can not get out, the fire goes out. The Christian life is the fire of which giving is the vent. It is the spring of which active benevolence is the stream." Thus if we heard that we have we cramp and cripple our better nature. Then suppose we begin this eventful year by giving largely, planning nobly, praying earnestly and doing with all our might, thus giving ourselves an opportunity to grow spiritually into stalwart Christians. Why not as a Conference Society show our gratitude to our Master by erecting a lasting monument to his glory and for the spread of the gospel in darkened Cuba? We have a small fund started by Texas donors to the establishment of a school in Havana, and since that fund was started something over \$1000 has been subscribed by personal donations. We can get a very desirable lot with a comfortable house to begin work in for \$3500 in the very center of Havana. I have written Mrs. Trueheart, the Secretary of the Woman's Board, and she assures me that the Board would be delighted to see us do this work, and she authorizes us as a Conference Society to set apart all of our Twentieth Century Fund to the Havana work if we like. Now, my dear sisters, let us as auxiliaries centralize our work for this year, and give all of our Twentieth Century offerings to the purchase of the Havana school. We have wished so long that the North Texas Conference might have the honor of doing something special, and this work ought to be dear to us. Cuba is our neighbor, and yet in heathen darkness. We have gone to their assistance in order to liberate them from physical bondage and sufferings. Why not be just as quick, and more so, to carry the tidings of a gospel that will set them free from the fetters of sin?

This is certainly a crisis in the cause of missions in Cuba. She might well be compared to a house without an occupant, "empty, swept and garnished." The people are tired of priest-craft and ignorance. They are flinging away their false faith and yearning for knowledge. When man is left without any religion, he is in greatest danger. Satan watches for such, with a greedy desire to enter in and take possession. Thus, while we are slumbering and loitering on our way, hoarding our wealth up in selfish pleasure, and rendering unto God the gold that is his own, Satan is entering the "open door" and sending his agents everywhere, poisoning the minds of the people with literature on skepticism and agnosticism, and at the same time flooding the country with drink, that greatest of curses.

"Opportunity never lingers but hastens on, and if it ever returns its price is more costly and its treasures are less." Cuba is looking to us for knowledge and light. Havana is a good location for a mission school. What we do must be done quickly; so let us, in the beginning of this new year, 1900, renew every energy of our being and work and give and pray as never before in life, for the evangelization of the world in our day and time. Let us give until we feel it; let us work for the Master until we are weary physically from exertion, as we have often been laboring for our own selfish pleasure and that of our children; let us pray un-

til we can feel that our prayers have formed a cable from earth to heaven. Then, and only then, can we begin to realize the answer to our prayers; and Cuba and the islands of the sea will "blossom as the rose."

Henry Martyn, as he went out, made this entry in his diary: "Now let me burn out for God." All through our North Texas Conference Society and through this fair land of ours we have women "burning out" their energies for pleasures of this world—"burning out" for self and the praise of this world. If all of these would be willing to "burn out" for the Master we could evangelize the world in this century.

That we may give the best of our talents, time, money and thoughts to the fulfillment of our Twentieth Century pledge as a society and Church, and in every service of the Master to which we are called, let us earnestly pray. When the final day of accounts shall come, and the records of 1900 shall be looked over by the great Judge, may it be said of each of us: "She hath done what she could."

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN, Pres. Conf. Society.

Plano, Texas.

NOTICE

The district meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the Houston District, Texas Conference, will be held at the Tabernacle Church, Houston, January 26 to 28.

RUBY L. DEALY, District Secretary.

Houston, Texas.

(The preceding notice came to hand too late for last week's issue. We hope its appearance this week may be in time to be of service to those especially concerned in the meeting.—Ed. W. Dept.)

To the W. H. M. Auxiliaries, North Texas Conference:

You are asked to observe February 6 as "Loan Fund Day." Do you know what that means to your society? It is to be a grand "Rally Day" for the purpose of taking subscriptions to our Twentieth Century Fund. Let us not forget that that is the important work before us now in our financial department. A generous response to this call means much needed funds for our Key West enterprise; for Friendsbury, our \$60,000 gift from Miss Baker, and for our own Mission Home and Training School at Dallas. Why shouldn't we, as home mission workers, exert every energy to make this "Rally Day" a success financially and spiritually? For who does not recall the promise in Malachi, and who can doubt that many blessings are withheld from us on account of our failure to bring in the tithes? Our withholding does not make God unwilling to give, but unfits us for receiving. If your President is slow about taking up this work, urge her to it, for it is to you as members that she must look for encouragement. I feel that, as a conference, we are heartily ashamed of our report for the "Week of Prayer." Let us redeem ourselves upon "Rally Day." I'm sure that many societies observed "Week of Prayer" that failed to get credit for same. I beg that you report promptly to me after your "Rally Day" service, so that I may have a full report for the General Secretary. If you think it best to hold your service on Sunday, I should recommend the 4th or 11th instead of 6th.

The least contribution that is expected from any member is \$1, and yet we know there are many in our ranks who, on account of their many blessings, will give \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25, if they are told of our needs and given the privilege of contributing thereto.

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MRS. H. A. EVANS, Cor. Sec. Conf. Society. Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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DUBLIN.

H. A. Bonz: No pastor in Texas has been more kindly received than the one at Dublin. Bro. C. E. Brown, the former pastor, was given up with many regrets, for he had wrought faithfully; but the new one was welcomed most heartily. From the first day he and his wife have felt at home among this loyal and hospitable people. Many expressions of appreciation have been given. The salary has been increased one hundred dollars, and monthly payment is made by the worthy Treasurer, Bro. M. C. Wheeler, who advances the money if not already collected by the stewards. Such a Treasurer is a blessing to the preacher. He was a friend and playmate of the present pastor in boyhood days. Our congregations are large and attentive. A good choir adds very much to the interest of the services. The Sunday school, under the efficient management of W. J. Clay, has recently nearly doubled its attendance. The Epworth League, under the wise leadership of T. K. McArthur, is active and growing. The missionary societies are all doing good work. The first pastoral round has been made and the first Quarterly Conference held. We are praying for and expecting a gracious revival, with many conversions and all departments of Church work strengthened. We are also hoping to build an elegant stone church this year. The Advocate's circulation must be increased. The editor is hereby invited to visit us at his earliest opportunity. The pastor is encouraged at present prospects and happy in his new charge.

Texas Conference.

MONTGOMERY.

W. W. Hornor, Jan. 16: I have completed the first round on this work since conference, and my people have welcomed me back very heartily and gladly for the second year. Montgomery is now a hot station, and I give two Sundays to this place and two to the country. Mink Prairie was added to this work at last conference, and I was met there by a fine congregation on the fifth Sunday in December. We are making a good start I think on the new year, and hope and pray that the Lord may revivify his work in this part of the moral vineyard.

West Texas Conference.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

I. T. Morris, P. E., Jan. 17: Our Church work has been interfered with some by the rain and mud for the last four weeks. The first Quarterly Conference for San Marcos Station was held Christmas week. Congregations here, as a rule, are large, and our Church well organized. I would make special mention of the Sunday-school. Bro. G. G. Johnson, aided by a splendid corps of teachers, is doing a fine work for the Church. The Epworth League is doing faithful work. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been long in operation here, and recently a Woman's Home Mission Society has been organized, which we trust will do well. Miss R. Malone has organized the children's auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The Board of Stewards have their work well in hand and made a good financial report. This congregation will respond to the Twentieth Century Fund in a sum not less than \$1,500. Almost this amount has been subscribed to date. Rev. M. S. Gardner, preacher in charge, doing well. The fifth Sunday in December was given to the Lockhart Circuit. The roads were very bad, weather cold and threatening, congregations not large. Quarterly Conference slimly attended, financial report small. Rev. J. J. Franks, preacher in charge, has had some trouble getting himself heated. He will make his headquarters in Lockhart soon, and no doubt things will move up all right. The first Sunday of the new year was given to the Belmont Circuit. Roads almost impassable, threatening rain every moment; only four officials present Saturday evening. Financial report rather small. Rev. W. L. King reported that when he reached his work he found the parsonage with roof off and chimney down. Kind friends were there, however, to take charge of him and wife. The brethren had not been idle or indifferent. Money and material had been collected, work on the parsonage went right ahead, and now they report a four-room parsonage in good condition. Oak Forest, one of the congregations on this charge, reported \$150 paid on Church debt. Second Sunday in this month was devoted to the Lockhart Station. Rev. L. C. Mathis is in his third year here, and is in favor with his people. He has one of the best organized Churches in the District. They have every organization here that the Discipline provides for. Read the societies mentioned in connection with the San Marcos Church and substitute a Junior League for the Children's Auxiliary and you will have Lockhart Station. J. T. Gillett, Jr., son of Rev. J. T. Gillett, of this conference, has charge of the Sunday school and is well supported by a band of consecrated teachers. This congregation is responding liberally to the Twentieth Century Fund. Lockhart and San Marcos will raise \$2,000. Certainly we can raise \$1,700 of the balance of the district. Let every Methodist lay this to his heart. This year closes the century. By the close of the next we will not be here. I want the children of the twentieth century to be the beneficiaries of a thank-offering which my own hands have laid on the altar of Christian education. I want this offering to mean self-denial.

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SONG OF THE BOER WOMAN

TREKKING.

Trekking! trekking! trekking! will never the trek be done? Will never the rest, will never the home be won, and forever won? Are we only as beasts of the jungle afoot for the fleeing prey— With a lair in the bush at midnight—on the veldt, a trackless way? Ever the word is "onward"—ever our white train goes Deeper and deeper northward beyond the grasp of our foes— Deeper and deeper northward our fathers went before— But the door of the veldt is closed—is closed!—Where can we trekk to more?

II.

Trekking! trekking! trekking! think you we love not our home? Think you my father prized not the farm of the yellow loam? And mother! see her weeping beside my brother tall. Turning and gazing northward beyond the mountain wall. The cattle, they seem to be standing dumb in a brute despair With a longing look at the pastures—they feel the trekk in the air! Even old Yok seems broken—he turns from the tempting home— I see him there in the corner, manlike, brooding alone!

III.

Trekking! trekking! trekking! through the Zululand we go. The midnight tiger stalking us, and ever the savage foe— Before—the savage foe to meet, the "red-coat" foe behind— What have we done to be blown about like a leaf upon the wind? Ah, over the Vaal we shall find our peace— over the rushing Vaal— The Lord has led us to rest at last—blindly we followed his call: The land he promised is ours to keep—is ours forever to keep— Piet, what noise is that in the fold—think you a wolf at the sheep?

IV.

Trekking! trekking! trekking! we have trekked till our tall strong men Have sworn an oath by our father's God, we shall never trekk again! The doors of the northward veldt are closed—the doors of our heart are strong— They shall open their lock to the brother's knock—but not to the threat of wrong! There is the gun your father bore when he climbed Majuba's Hill— 'Tis yours, Piet, to bear it now with your father's faith and will— For the land is ours—the land is ours—if ever a land was won— You go at the dawn, you say, my son! Yes—go at the dawn, my son!

JOHN JEROME ROONEY.

Explanatory Notes—Trekking means emigrating; veldt stands for "prairie"; Yok is the name of a shepherd dog; Vaal is the river dividing Transvaal and Orange Free State; Majuba Hill is the place of decisive battle fought between Transvaalers and the British in February, 1881.

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Proctor-Farris.—At the home of the bride's father, near Red's Mountain, November 26, 1899, at 2:30 P. M., Mr. Frank Proctor and Miss Lena Farris, Rev. D. L. Cain officiating.

Hatgrove-Oxshorn.—At the home of the bride's father, one mile from Garrison, December 9, 1899, Mr. Alfred Hatgrove and Miss Dora Oxshorn, Rev. D. L. Cain officiating.

Wilson-Kilne.—At the home of the bride's father in Garrison, Texas, December 21, 1899, Mr. H. R. Wilson and Miss Florence Kilne, Rev. D. L. Cain officiating.

Brown-Garrison.—At the home of the bride's father, four miles from Garrison, December 12, 1899, Mr. R. W. Brown and Miss Sadie Garrison, Rev. D. L. Cain officiating.

Thompson-Martin.—At the parsonage in Crowell, Texas, December 25, 1899, Mr. Joe H. Thompson and Miss L. E. Martin, Rev. C. E. Lindsey officiating.

Graves-Nunn.—In the Baptist Church in Ladonia, Texas, January 1, 1899, Mr. Henry L. Graves and Miss Mamie Nunn, Rev. S. C. Riddle officiating.

Smith-Williamson.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Mink Prairie, Montgomery County, Texas, Mr. J. W. Smith, of Waller County, and Miss Ida Williamson, December 31, 1899, Rev. W. W. Horner officiating.

Burgess-Morrison.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Montague County, Texas, on December 31, 1899, Mr. J. H. Burgess, of Norman, Okla., and Miss Ella Morrison, Rev. Atticus Webb officiating.

Harrel-Crozier.—December 11, 1899, at the home of the bride's mother, in Burnet, Texas, Mr. Frank Harrel and Miss Ethel Crozier, Rev. Jas. M. Sherman officiating.

Bibles-Fry.—In the Methodist Church in Marble Falls, Tex., December 24, 1899, Mr. James Bibles and Miss Lucy Fry, Rev. Jas. M. Sherman officiating.

Warnock-Ramsay.—At the residence of Col. Ramsay, the father of the bride, near Burnet, Texas, January 2, 1899, Mr. John B. Warnock, of McGregor, and Miss Cora Lee Ramsay, Rev. James M. Sherman officiating.

Porter-Scott.—By the Rev. S. S. Scott the Rev. David Knox Porter, of Kosse, (Texas Conference) and Miss Claud Hamilton Scott, of Gatesville, January 2, 1899.

Taylor-Porter.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Pilot Point, Denton County, Texas, December 17, 1899, Mr. Alva Taylor and Miss Alma Porter, Rev. R. N. Brown officiating.

Parker-Zumwalt.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Aubrey, Texas, December 24, 1899, Mr. Frank Parker and Miss Ella Zumwalt, Rev. R. N. Brown officiating.

Grigg-Connelly.—At the parsonage, Pilot Grove, Texas, January 7, 1899, Mr. W. W. Grigg and Miss Sue Connelly, Rev. W. F. Clark officiating.

Ramey-Gafford.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. T. M. Gafford, near Sulphur Springs, Texas, December 24, 1899, Mr. E. H. Ramey and Miss Lula Gafford, Rev. S. L. Ball officiating.

Bevil-Bridges.—At the residence of Dr. Townsend, December 24, 1899, by Rev. S. W. Jones, Mr. R. H. Bevil and Miss Minnie Lee Bridges; all of Camp County, Tex.

Hoopar-Landrum.—In the pastor's study, at Taylor Texas, December 27, 1899, Mr. I. M. Hooper and Miss Mollie Landrum, Rev. W. H. Matthews officiating.

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ADAMS—James Franklin, son of E. T. and L. C. Adams, was born near Weimar, in Colorado County, Texas, in 1885; was baptised in infancy by Rev. C. H. Brooks, and died at the home of his parents, in Walker county, July 22, 1899. He was so pure and affectionate that he especially endeared himself to each member of the family. Having become aware of his critical condition, he said to one of his nurses: "I will soon be in a better world than this." Calling another, he whispered: "To-morrow, after breakfast, we will all be singing, I hope, in our new home. Ere the morning comes the pure spirit of this sweet boy had flown to the realm of bliss, where, methinks, he was singing with the happy angels the song he loved so well. James was the pride and idol of his father's heart. About him clustered bright anticipations of a noble manhood, but alas! the death angel came with his message and took James up in heaven to dwell. May the God of mercy and love comfort the bereaved family and save them all in heaven. A FRIEND.

ADAMS—Lillian Louise, infant daughter of E. C. and Evelyn Adams, was born July 9, 1897, in Patterson, Texas, and died August 17, 1899, at the home of her parents in Brookshire, Texas, of scarlet fever, after a few days' illness. A little more than two years ago these young parents welcomed the arrival of their little brown-eyed baby. The little sister was full of joy that she would have a playmate, but alas! the angels loved her, too, and took her home with Jesus to dwell. The little flower has been transplanted in the celestial garden, where it will bloom forever. Jesus has gathered another jewel to himself, that will make heaven brighter by her presence. Grieve not, dear parents; the parting is not eternal. Your little Lillian is waiting for you at heaven's gate, with beckoning hands and lips that say, "Papa, mamma, come this way." God help them to meet her there, when their work here is ended. ONE WHO LOVED HER.

ADAMS—E. T. Adams was born near Dancyville, Haywood County, Tenn., January 18, 1852, and died December 15, 1899. He was reared in Tennessee, came to Texas at the age of twenty-one, and settled at Osage, Colorado County, in 1875. When the war came on he joined Tom Green's Brigade, and served as a faithful soldier four years. He was married to L. V. Carlton in 1867. The result of the union was eleven children, two of whom preceded him to the better world. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church under the ministry of Rev. A. L. P. Green, at the Osage camp-meeting in 1885. He and six of his children were baptised at the same time by Rev. J. C. Spencer. He moved to Walker county in 1887, where he resided until his death. He was a true friend to the afflicted and distressed. The fatherless and the widows were objects of deepest concern to him. He was a Mason in the fullest sense of the word. He lived the religion he professed. The grim messenger came without warning. His name was not admitted to say a word to his family. The great heart suddenly ceased to beat; there was not a struggle nor a groan, nor even the twitching of a muscle, to indicate suffering, but like a tired child he closed his eyes to earthly scenes, to awake in glory. A FRIEND.

BLASINGAME—W. A. Blasingame was born in 1822, in Madison County, Ala. He moved to Bell County, Texas, in 1859. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1881, in Weatherford, Bond, McClennan County, Texas, which was home until the day of his death with the exception of about one year in California. Among his last words were: "He was prepared to die, and that he was going to join his mother in the home of the blessed," which words will continue to be the most cherished by his mourning family, possibly of any that he has ever spoken in their midst. For some time before his death he was unable to attend Church because of feeble health and old age. He was a very devoted husband and father, which no one could doubt for a moment who knew the family. He left a wife, one daughter and one son, mourn their irreparable loss. Friends in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. To the family we extend hearty love and sympathy. China Spring, Texas. A. C. SMITH.

FOSTER—Lora May, youngest child of Wm. M. and Mattie R. Foster, was born in Chickasaw County, Miss., Feb. 18, 1891, and came to Texas with her parents two years later, and died of pneumonia in our rented parsonage in Alba, Wood County, Texas, January 19, 1900. Hardly had our hearts healed from the death of our little Morris when we were called upon to give up another dear one. Though so young, she was converted at our first protracted meeting for Golden charge last summer. While she was naturally sweet-tempered, religion helped her. She seemed impressed when she was first taken sick that she would soon join her brother in the sweet beyond. She told us that she was ready to go at any time, and was not afraid to die. After lingering thirty-seven days and nights, suffering intensely, she passed sweetly away, like the morning dew or rose fading before the rising sun. The millionaire or the hero of a score of battle fields, who know nothing of Jesus, tremble at the tread of death, yet the timid child of nine summers, with the love of Christ in the soul, says: "I am not afraid to die." While our hearts bleed, we look heavenward through the blinding tears and remember that the "Judge of all the earth will do right." The remains of the sweet child were laid to rest by the

dear brother's, four miles west of Tyler, Texas, in the presence of a number of friends, who mingled tears with ours. Brother S. N. Allen, of Tyler Circuit, performed the burial service in a most impressive manner. Our people and neighbors were very kind to us during the sickness, for which we are thankful. W. M. AND M. R. FOSTER. Alba, Texas.

RYNEM—William Albert Rynem, son of Asa and Winnie S. Rynem, was born May 15, 1879, in Ellis County, Texas, and died of typhoid fever December 3, 1899, at Oak, Ellis County, Texas. He professed religion and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at about the age of twelve, at Oak Branch Camp-ground, Ellis County, Texas. During the camp-meeting at Oak Branch last summer, Bro. Albert, feeling that he had grown cold and had lost the favor of God, was a seeker for restoration into the divine favor. Although he did not make a public profession of acceptance with God at that time, yet during his sickness he said he was all right, and that he was prepared to die. Several times he sang parts of songs, and seemed to be perfectly happy. So that we believe that he entered into rest when he died. This is encouraging and consoling to his relatives and friends. W. A. GILLELAND.

RYNEM—Berry S. Rynem, son of Asa and Winnie S. Rynem, was born in Blount County, Ala., October 13, 1867, and died at Oak, Ellis County, Texas, December 15, 1899. He was married to Miss Prucilla Armstrong July 21, 1890. He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at about the age of thirteen, at Oak Branch Camp-ground, in Ellis County, Texas. He was a true Christian gentleman, a loving husband, an affectionate father, a good and kind neighbor. He was always ready to care for the sick. He spent a large part of the last few months previous to his death waiting on his neighbors and relatives who were sick. He was at his father's, caring for his mother and other members of the family, who were sick with typhoid fever, when he was stricken down with the same disease, from which he died. Truly a good man has gone to his reward. He leaves a wife, two children and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Cheer up, bereaved ones, for your loss is heaven's gain. W. A. GILLELAND.

RYNEM—Maud Rynem, youngest daughter of Asa and Winnie S. Rynem, was born March 19, 1883, in Ellis County, Texas, and died from typhoid fever November 18, 1899, at Oak, Ellis County, Texas. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at about the age of ten, at Oak Branch Camp-ground, in Ellis County, Texas. Maud was a good girl. She lived a consistent Christian from the time of her conversion to the end of her life. Being the youngest of a large family, she was of course, in some sense, the favorite of the family, but that fact did not seem to spoil her in the least. She was obedient to her parents and kind to her brothers and sisters. She loved to attend all the services of the Church, whether preaching, prayer meeting, Sunday school or League, and to do her part in the same. During her sickness, when spoken to with reference to dying, she said she was not afraid to die. She did not become in the least excited when she knew death was near, because she was prepared. She lived right, and therefore died right. W. A. GILLELAND.

RYNEM—Winnie S. Rynem, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Murphree, was born in Blount County, Ala., May 12, 1844. She was united in marriage to Asa Rynem November 29, 1866. To this union there were born twelve children. Three of these died in infancy. Nine lived to be grown up, but of this number three have died recently. On November 29, 1899, Sister Rynem died at Oak, Ellis County, Texas, and went to be with those of her children who have gone to heaven. She was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at about eleven or twelve years of age, at Ebenezer Church, Blount County, Ala. She lived a faithful Christian life from the time of her conversion to the end of life. She lived religious at home as well as at Church. She was regular in her attendance at Church, and delighted in the services of God's house. She loved to have the preachers and other religious people at her home. Her home was the preacher's home. She will be greatly missed in her community, for she was held in high esteem by her relatives, friends and acquaintances. During the first of her sickness (slow fever) she frequently expressed herself as being perfectly happy. But the last few days before her death she was not in a condition to talk; but we were astonished to hear from her, for her life was sufficient. Her pastor, W. A. GILLELAND.

McBRAYER—Little Virgil McBreyer, infant son of K. and Cella McBreyer, was born August 15, 1899, and departed this life January 12, 1900. Parents and loving friends did all they could, but in vain. The good Lord saw fit to take him to that home where there is no sickness or death, and where all is joy and peace. The dear little one had been so good during the illness of his parents as to gain the love and respect of all who knew him. He will be missed by all, and will add a stranger tie to loved ones in heaven. That sweet face and those beautiful beckoning hands are at heaven's gate, calling to papa, mamma and friends to come up and enjoy the everlasting home, where we will part no more. GRANDPA.

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HOBBS—Mrs. Isadora Hobbs, of Florence, Texas, died January 4, 1900, after a long and very painful sickness. She was born in Asheville, Ala., December 20, 1838; professed religion in Mississippi; joined the Church at Florence, Texas, in 1872, and has been an earnest and helpful Christian wife to Bro. Hobbs, useful in society, a blessing to our Church. She said she had no fears but that she would have a happy admittance in heaven. What a history to meet conflicts and conquer through Christ. J. N. R. STEELE.

McBRAYER—Mark McBreyer, son of H. K. and Cella McBreyer, was born January 1, 1898, and died October 11, 1899. Little Mark has gone to be with Jesus, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." It is hard for parents to give up their children, but we know, when they die in infancy, they are all right; for they go immediately to the Paradise of God, and therefore escape the toils and troubles, and cares, and sorrows of this life. The bereaved parents have the consolation that some day, if they live Christian lives, possessing Christian characters to the end of life, they can go to their little one. W. A. GILLELAND.

RITCHIE—John Ritchie was born November 25, 1821, in Washington County, Pa. He professed religion and joined the Presbyterian Church when young. In 1845 he moved to West Virginia, and about this time joined the Methodist Church, and lived a consistent member of the same till death. He came to Texas in 1887, and has resided in Trinity County ever since, and died near Trinity January 14, 1900. He leaves one brother, a son, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, with a host of acquaintances and friends, to mourn their loss. But our loss is his eternal gain. He had fought under the flag of Prince Emmanuel for more than sixty years, died at his post, and of course died right. Another of the "old guard" gone. May his loved ones so live that they may have a reunion on the other side, where congregations never break up. His pastor, J. T. McCLURE.

ANSTAD—Mrs. Mary Anstad, daughter of Mr. Jas. H. and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Forbes, was born in Hays County, Texas, January 30, 1854, and died near Lakewood, Hill County, December 26, 1899, aged forty-five years, eleven months and four days. At the age of seventeen years she gave her heart to her Saviour and joined the Baptist Church, and the rest of her life lived up to its requirements. In the year 1879 she was married to Mr. John Anstad. To them were born seven children—six boys and one girl. Between these dates what a life of usefulness, lending her sweet spiritual influence to the community at large, a joy to her now distracted husband and children, a positive benediction to those who were in trouble and spiritual darkness. This writer feels a personal loss in the death of this saintly woman. Those she led to light and peace will bless her memory as ornament poured forth. Dear Bro. John, alone but not forsaken, there is no substitute for you in the family. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. R. W. HANKS.

WILLIAMSON—George W. Williamson was born May 15, 1845, in Butler County, Ala., and died January 5, 1900. He made a profession of religion in 1861, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and continued a member until his death. He leaves a wife and five children (two children having preceded him to heaven) and a great many relatives and friends that deeply feel their loss. The universal verdict is that he was a good man. He was one of the most faithful members of Lone Cedar Church, prominent in building the new church, and a valuable man every way in his community. The question is, "How shall we get along without him?" He was sick a little more than two days with heart affection, conscious all the time till a few minutes before he died, talking freely of his departure, though suffering intensely, saying "he would soon be at rest." God bless his dear companion and children, and give them a glorious reunion in the "sweet by and by." C. S. McCARVER.

RECTOR—Mrs. Isabelle Rector (nee Atkins) was born near Crab Orchard, Rock Castle County, Ky., September 10, 1808. In 1812 her parents moved to Missouri, where she grew to womanhood. In 1828, October 11, she was happily married to Charles Rector at Boonville, Mo. In the fall of 1833, she, in company with her husband and children, came to Texas and settled for a short while in the western portion of Collin County, removing in 1834 to near Little Elm, Denton County, Texas. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living. One has passed over the flood several years ago. Her husband was a true, noble, Christian gentleman. He went to his reward on high December 21, 1889. Sister Rector was a member of Cottonwood Re-bekah Lodge, No. 29, at Rector, Texas, at the time of her death. She was a noble, saintly woman. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church early in life, and when the division of the Church occurred in 1844 she adhered to the M. E. Church, South, and when she breathed her last, at 4:30 a. m., December 30, 1899, at the home of son-in-law, Lee Talkington, in McKinney, Texas, she had been a consistent member of the Church for seventy-five years. I have known Sister Rector since 1873, and I do not think that I have ever known a purer or better woman. She was kind and considerate to the poor and suffering, a good and kind neighbor, a devoted wife, a tender, loving mother. She loved her Church, her ministers. She and her husband in his lifetime took great pleasure in entertaining and caring for the preachers. In fact, their home was the home of the pastor and other preachers who came that way. They delighted in it. Sister Rector was a woman of good, strong intellect, retaining her mental vigor even down to the day she passed away. She said to the writer a week or so

before she died: "Brother Martin, I don't know why the Lord keeps me here so long." And when I said, "The Lord does all things for the best," her face brightened up and she was perfectly resigned. She fell in her room about two weeks before her death, the shock of which evidently hastened her departure. She made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Lee Talkington and wife, in McKinney, Texas, from which place she passed to her reward on high. She leaves seven children and a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who weep because she is gone. Her funeral service was conducted at the home by Rev. E. H. Casey, and at the Bethel Cemetery services were also conducted by Rev. Wm. Allen and J. W. Clifton. With her long warfare of life is over and she is at rest. Her sun went down without a cloud, to rise amid the golden splendors of a holier and brighter day. Farewell, grandma. We will meet again. Peace to her memory. D. J. MARTIN.

DEAN—Lemna, daughter of J. T. and M. Ellen Dean, was born February 25, 1880. She was consecrated to God in infancy by baptism. She was quiet and gentle. A most lovable child. She was loved by all who knew her. She was very affectionate. The pet and idol of the household. She was sick only one week, with that dread disease, scarlet fever. The golden cord was broken, and her pure spirit winged its flight to God December 15, 1899, to be forever in that world of love, a place well fitted for the affectionate nature of so loving a little girl. In that world of love she is safe from all the evils, dangers, toils and snares of this world. No sickness, pain, sorrow or death can ever enter there. By the grace of God we can join her there. May the Lord comfort those whom she loved so dearly, and gather them with her to himself in glory. CHAS. E. McLARTY.

DEAN—Died November 12, 1899, at her home near Hemphill, Sabine County, Texas. Miss Nancy Lula Curd; born December 7, 1880, being eighteen years, eleven months and five days old. Lula was a good girl, loved by every one that knew her. Her delight was in trying to please every one. She joined the Methodist Church at Pine Hill, with her mother, and lived a consecrated life until her death. Lula suffered a great deal with the dreaded disease, scarlet fever. The day she died she called up the loved ones to her and begged them to live for Jesus. She was the delight of her father, the comfort of her mother. What a sweet thought, when our children leave the assurance they have a home in heaven, to live with Jesus, as Lula left to her parents. She leaves a dear father and mother, two sisters and two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her death. Grieve not, friends, but strive to enter in the partly gate of heaven, there to clasp hands with your loved ones that have gone on before. WM. M. FULLER.

FARMER—Mrs. Bettie Farmer (nee Woods) was born May 25, 1872, and died at her home near Purdon, Texas, August 31, 1899. In early childhood her heart was committed to her Saviour, and the gift was never removed from the altar. She joined the M. E. Church, South, at 13 years of age, and proved herself a most faithful and efficient laborer in the Master's cause. The pastor found in her not only a friend, but a helper. Her prayers in the congregation were uplifting and edifying. Her gentle disposition, condescending nature, and loving heart, coupled with an abundant measure of God's saving and sanctifying grace, made her a character beautiful in life and triumphant in death. Her death was in a marked degree the triumph of a soul trusting in Jesus. As the eye grew dim to earth, the light of heaven flashed upon her ravished soul as she joined her own fatherly love with those who stood about her in rendering their favorite song, "Ready to go." Then kissing her first-born and waving her hands in triumph, she passed to the shores of a fairer clime. J. J. CANAFAN.

COLLIER—Caleb M. Collier was born in Burke County, N. C., July 26, 1825; moved when a child to Alabama, where he was married to Miss Mary Ann Brown, who preceded him to the spirit world in 1899. He was married in 1885 to Mrs. Alexander, who, with two sons and a daughter, with his first wife, remains behind to mourn her loss. Bro. Collier was a good man, having professed religion when a child. He was in bad health for years before his death; was confined to his bed for a few months before his translation, which occurred December 27, 1899. He loved the Church and was interested in her prosperity. "Collier's Chapel," near his home, stands as a monument, in a great measure at least, to his zeal for the cause of the Master. Shortly before his death he wanted to be raised up in bed that he might look out and see the church, which was being newly painted. But he said he could hardly see it, his eyes were so bad. In a few days after this he was permitted, with undimmed vision, to see the Church triumphant and to join the innumerable company. Brother pilgrims, let us overtake him after awhile. J. W. DICKINSON.

Forreston, Texas.

LILES—Mrs. Maude Liles, wife of Rev. Z. V. Liles and daughter of S. H. and Sarah Fox, peacefully fell on sleep at the home of her parents, in McKinney, Texas, January 7, 1900. She was born in Collin County, Texas, August 6, 1873; was united in marriage to Rev. Z. V. Liles March 12, 1895; joined the Christian Church at the age of fourteen, and remained a member of that Church till after her marriage, when she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Oak Lawn, Dallas, Texas, of which her husband was then the pastor. There remain to mourn their loss her husband, one child, father and mother, eight sisters, two brothers and a host of other relatives and affectionate friends. She was of a cheerful, sunny disposition, looking ever upon the bright side of life. The

language and ex- life are found to know that all good to them that are the called a. The deceased su time, but bore v sion her afflict. When asked by her happy spirit "sun bright, at Jesus, she wispi- ing upon the. "crossed the riv- reath the shade o- ough that loving- vate her sufferi- was faithfully- all things well- days before her- a minister of the- desire that he sh- ons, consoling- see, her her- upon God. Her- victory was, it s- tory." Her body- McKinney, while- the ransomed ho- well, but not for- again. We tend- deepest sympathy- sanctify this sad- dence to their e- sleep; hers is a- pose." Peace to l-

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- Cuero District—First Round. Morales, at Mossy Grove. 4th Sun. Jan.

- San Antonio District—First Round. Amphion. 4th Sun in Jan.

- San Marcos District—First Round. San Marcos cir. 4th Sun in Jan.

- Llano District—First Round. Center Point sta. 4th Sun in Jan.

- EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Tyler District—First Round. Tyler cir. at Pleasant Grove. Jan. 27, 28.

- Marshall District—First Round. Hallville sta. at Winterfield. Jan. 27, 28.

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ABE MULKEY.

Calvert, Texas, December 27, '99. Dear Bro. Mulkey—Please find five dollars to pay for one panel of the fence around the new Orphanage building. This is from Sunday school Class No. 11, Methodist Church, South, Calvert, Texas.

W. A. McMILLAN.

Houston, Texas, January 19, '00. Dear Brother—See my family down for one boys' apartment, \$28.65. God has been good to us. May his blessings follow you through the latter end of the nineteenth century. Respectfully yours,

BRO. AND SISTER GOWEN.

Crockett, Texas, January 18, '00. Rev. Abe Mulkey—Dear Sir: Enclosed find money order for \$28.65, the amount promised for your humble servant to furnish one room in the girls' building at Waco. As I said in my last to you, we would like for two sweet little girls to occupy this room, but will leave it all with you. I also enclose slip the way we would like to have it read on the memorial plate.

Very respectfully, J. A. McCONNELL.

Temple, Texas, January 18, '00. Dear Bro. Mulkey—Enclosed and Eula Childress will furnish an apartment in the new building. Will send you the money soon. Your work is certainly commendable. God's blessings upon you.

CHILDRESS.

Dallas, Texas, January 18, '00. Dear Bro. Mulkey—Please find enclosed \$1 for memorial window from one of the Sunday-school classes of the First Church, Dallas; also \$1 from a friend, and my \$5 for your fence. Dr. S. D. Throckton, C. O. Winn and S. H. Childs each will send you \$5 for the fence. God bless you in your good work.

R. C. AYERS.

Roagan, Texas, January 15, '00. Rev. Abe Mulkey, Corsicana, Texas—Dear Bro. Mulkey: Enclosed please find check for \$28.65, for an apartment in old building for boys. We are glad that we can do this much for the orphans. Yours for the orphans, REAGAN EPWORTH LEAGUE.

A. T. WALKER, President.

Belton, Texas, January 15, '00. Dear Brother—We are going to do our best to build the staircases from the basement to the third floor, which we learn will cost \$250. We would send you as a starter \$33.75. We have about \$10 more subscribed. Let the contract, and by the time the last nail is driven we will be there with the cash.

J. W. STORY.

Killeen, Texas, January 20, '00. Dear Bro. Mulkey—Please find enclosed \$2 to go towards furnishing the Presiding Elders' Guest Chamber under the call of one of the Wants to Be. Your brother,

O. P. KIKER, P. C.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND TWENTIETH CENTURY RALLY.

The preachers of the Calvert District, Texas Annual Conference, will meet at Franklin, Texas, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6-7, to hold Missionary Institute and Twentieth Century Meeting. All the pastors and others who can come are requested to be on hand at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, and come to make the meeting a glorious success. Bishop Key and Seth Ward will be with us. Let every one go to work at once to make this meeting such a success that we will generate enthusiasm enough to have a glorious revival on every charge and to pay every dollar of assessments on the district this year. I am very anxious to have a full attendance at this meeting of both preachers and laymen. All come and help us.

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FROM NATH THOMPSON.

I am having a right good time going round among the brethren, eating chicken and one thing and another. Haven't had any cold shoulder yet. The road has not been rough, but too soft and affectionate to travel at some places. An occasional country, after it has been baptized, "siteth closer than a brother."

This honor of traveling round and being company souter struck me at first, but my me, how homesick I am a getting. Some of you brethren, I expect, got kinder blue during this last rainy spell, because you couldn't do anything; but suppose you had been away from home, and couldn't get out or get back either?

Friends are fine, and I thank God for them; but "there is no place like home" yet. I aim to have a big one when I get to heaven, and I want you all to come to see me.

Smallpox and scarlet fever breaking out in some places changed my course, but Texas is so big I could drive around and go on. A revival broke out a little in Brenham, which delayed me very pleasantly a few days, but the rain came, cooled us off, and Dr. Messie let me go.

They told me Chappell Hill was a very little town, dried up, the people poor, wouldn't come to Church if the least nuddy, we had a little school there, etc., etc. Prof. Smith a fine fellow and a good place to stop. I found the first not true, and the last more than true. The town spreads out powerful, is not dried up, the folks come to meeting in the mud, and responded liberally. We have a splendid school here, the teachers make a fine impression as well as the girls, their uniforms and their manners.

No police power was seen, and yet all was order. The eating well, after all, brethren and sisters, that is no small item in one's existence. The eating was neat and sweet, well cooked and plenty. The proverbial hash and everlasting hominy were not seen. Everything was so good, the home-raised potatoes, preserves, meat, Jersey milk and butter, chickens, etc., etc. I thought maybe it was because company was there, but the girls declared it was common.

Prof. Smith and his wife have not left out the industrial feature in the female college, and, brethren, I think it is no bad idea. Muscle is mighty good, but mufins are, too. I believe in beauty, but I don't want it to stop before it gets to the biscuit. I know a preacher who said the eyes of his wife were to him still deep springs of sparkling love, and her lips sweeter than honey from the fairest flowers, but when she came to cooking she was no less divine. She had attended an industrial school, and good cooking comes in mighty handy, and a dainty home is next to heaven.

I expect I had better quit right here. Good-bye. Your big brother,

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"True Motherhood," by James C. Fernald. 12mo, white leatherette. Funk & Wagnalls Company. In the essays comprising "True Motherhood" Mr. Fernald, who is master of elegant and vigorous diction, treats all sides of the momentous question of present-day womanhood, and in such a delicate, considerate, and philosophical way that even those who might be inclined to oppose his views must read his argument with deep interest. The book is in harmony with a great movement. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union long had a department of "Mothers' Meetings." Now, the "National Congress of Mothers" has thrice met in the city of Washington, and has formed a contributory organization in almost every State. Many of the most gifted women of the country are giving their utmost power and influence to advance this great work. Not only the women, but the men of the nation, and among them our chief educators, are heartily engaging in the endeavor to glorify the mother's work, and to bring out its noblest and loveliest possibilities. To all such workers, as well as to the individual mothers in a multitude of homes, this little volume on "True Motherhood" will come with a store of helpfulness and inspiration.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Missionary Institute of Houston District, to be held at Richmond February 13, 14 and 15, 1900.

Tuesday—11 a. m., sermon, Rev. T. R. Cain, 2 p. m., "The Church's Obligation to the Unsaved World, Especially to the Nations of Heathenism," H. C. Willis; "The Work of Southern Methodism in Meeting This Obligation;" (a) Our Organization; (b) The Fields We Have Entered and the Progress We Have Made," S. W. Thomas; "Our Watchword for the New Century, Forward; Broader Views, Deeper Conviction, Larger Contributions;" (c) The Open Doors of the World—How They Should Impress Us," W. D. Bradford; (d) "Greater Sympathy with Christ's Plan for the Salvation of the World—How Shall We Acquire It?" C. J. Oxley; (e) "Larger Gifts and More Givers to the Cause of Missions—How Shall We Get Them?" J. R. Murray; open conference, 7:30 p. m., sermon, E. W. Solomon.

Wednesday—Preachers' conference, 9 a. m., devotional service; "A Called Ministry;" (a) God's Call, Its Nature and Meaning; (b) Our Response—How Much Does It Involve?" I. M. Bryce; "The Preacher in the Study and in the Pulpit," E. W. Solomon; "The Preacher in His Private Devotions and in the Homes of His People," R. J. Guess; "How I Prepare My Sermons—A Symposium," Stewart, Warner, Ward, Solomon and Oxley—five minute papers; "How Shall We Preach with Increasing Power or Regain Lost Power?" J. L. Russell; "Danger Points in the Personal Life of the Preacher," Seth Ward; "How Can We be Most Helpful to Each Other During the Year?" J. R. Warlick; "How May We Get the Best Results from the Mid-week Prayer-meeting?" G. T. Newberry; open conference, 2 p. m., devotional service; "The Preacher as a Pastor," J. J. Callaway; "The Preacher in the Sunday-school and Epworth League," J. R. Murray; "Church Finances—How to Manage Them," J. W. Harmon; "Do Full Collections Develop a Spirit of Liberty?" J. W. Borgia; "The Preacher as an Evangelist—How and When to Hold Revival Meetings," C. J. Oxley, 7:30 p. m., sermon, G. A. LeClere.

Thursday—Twentieth Century Day, 9 a. m., devotional service; "The Significance of a New Century," J. J. Cross; "The Work of Methodism in the Nineteenth Century—Our Reasons for Gratitude," J. E. Green; "The Mission of Methodism in the Twentieth Century—Our Obligation to the World," E. W. Solomon, 11 a. m., sermon, W. D. Bradford, 2 p. m., "Our Schools and Their Needs," Regent R. S. Hyer; "The Relation of Our Twentieth Century Movement to the Mission Work of Our Church," I. M. Bryce; "Our Plans—A Twentieth Century Rally in Every Charge and a Contribution from Each Member—How Shall We Work Them?" S. F. Chambers; "Now or Never," E. L. Ingram; open conference, 7:30 p. m., address, Seth Ward.

The trains reaching Richmond Tuesday morning will get there in time for the opening service.

O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute and Preachers' Meeting of the Weatherford District will be held in First Church, Weatherford, February 14 and 15. Every preacher on the district is earnestly requested to attend.

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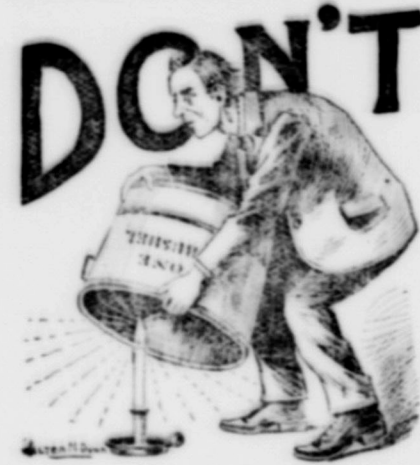
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